

Antioch College Village Charrette— Ideas, enthusiasm abound

By Diane Chiddister

- A variety of pathways on the Antioch College campus to promote walking and biking
- A diversity of housing models, including cottages, townhouses and co-housing
- Edible landscaping
- Places for children to play
- Incubator space for artists and tech businesses
- Buildings that promote interactions between people
- The highest green standards in design and construction
- Ways to encourage knowledge sharing between generations
- Affordable homes
- Hammocks and tree swings

These were only a few of the many ideas, both big and small, that emerged Sunday evening at the Antioch College Village Charrette. Organizers of the Antioch College Village, a proposed project to create about 160 homes on campus, had invited the community to join in this design activity, and the community responded: about 200 people attended the three-hour event on a cold and snowy night. A talk by Oberlin professor David Orr was canceled due to bad weather.

"We live in an interesting time. The dream of what a home looks like is being redefined," said design consultant Victor Dover of the firm Dover Kohl of Cora Gables, Fla., in opening remarks. The firm has hosted about 200 such design events, according to Dover.

Three other consulting groups also gave brief presentations: the international Integral Group, a "deep green" engineering firm; Biohabitats, a Baltimore interdisciplinary group that includes biologists, ecologists, civil engineers and landscape architects with a mission to "inspire ecological stewardship"; and Sandy Wiggins of Consilience, who is overseeing the Antioch College Village project.

ANTIOCH CHARRETTE WRAPS UP

The final event of the five-day Antioch College Village Charrette takes place March 5, at 6 p.m. in the South Gym. Designers will present their work so far on the project.

In introduction, Wiggins, the former head of the U.S. Green Building Council, emphasized the importance of environmental sustainability to the project. The Antioch College Village aims to use the Living Community Challenge as its framework, which calls for buildings not just "less bad" than traditional construction, but ones that "actually contribute to the health and vitality of natural systems," including net positive energy creation, he said.

The Sunday event featured small groups engaging with each other to identify priorities for the project, as well as locate potential sites for the homes. According to consultant Dover, the activity was "in the spirit of a barn-raising, neighbors getting together to help each other out." Later, spokespersons for each table reported on their "three big ideas" to the whole group.

On Monday, one participant, Toni Dosik, said she came away very impressed with the event, and with the Antioch College Board of Trustees for "choosing to spend what it must have cost to bring in such a professional team — it was a high caliber of consultants." Dosik was also impressed with the inclusiveness and transparency of the process, and disappointed only that the group lacked racial diversity.

Also impressed, Jane Baker said of the consultants running the event, "They figured out how to get the community involved, and to get feedback efficiently. It was very exciting, and something Yellow Springs are obviously enthusiastic about."

For Amy Magnus, the introductory remarks from



PHOTO BY AMY MAGNUS

About 200 villagers took part in last Sunday's Antioch College Village opening charrette event at the South Gym. Shown above are, clockwise from bottom left, Alex Melamed, Andrew Kline, Kevin Mulhall, Keith Kresge and a facilitator are shown engaged in an exercise to establish priorities for the project, which seeks to build homes on the college campus. The wrap-up event takes place March 5, at 6 p.m. in the South Gym.

the consultants helped to provide a framework for the participants to consider a wealth of ideas without arguing.

"It worked well in our group," Magnus said. "We were given good guidance."

Magnus was also impressed that organizers offered a variety of methods to identify preferences, including

drawing, writing and an oral report from each table. "They had a good way of capturing people's input," she said.

The five-day event continued Monday through Thursday, with a design studio in the South Gym

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Police-village ties a work in progress

POLICE MATTERS

This is the first in a series of articles examining the local police department and its relationship to the village.

By Lauren Heaton

On a recent call for medical service to a resident in the village, Yellow Springs Police officers responded, as is routine, with the Miami Township Fire-Rescue squad. The resident had broken his arm and needed to be transported to the hospital. Before heading off, the patient asked police if they could please take out his trash and start his car. They gladly helped the man, as police often do in a day's work in Yellow Springs.

There is an anecdotal tradition of community policing in the village that goes back at least to the 1970s, when police were considered trusted friends who helped and supported villagers, especially youth. And largely, still, villagers have a positive view of the local police department we employ to respond to us when we need help and to enforce the laws of the village.

But for at least a decade, according to former Human Relations Commission member Joan Chappelle, the local police have sometimes morphed into a more aggressive force of officers prone to stopping people with little cause and profiling at least two groups, African Americans and youth. And when the militarized response to the Paul E. Schenck shooting ended in that villager's death in 2013, another wave of distrust was born for the heavily armed tactics police chose over mediation in that instance.



PHOTO BY LAUREN HEATON

Yellow Springs Police Officer Brian Carlson talked to Brenda Donley at Tom's Market during a recent Tuesday afternoon business rounds drop-in. Village police do a lot of routine patrols and vacant house checks, in addition to responding to calls for service.

High turnover within the department over the past three years and the inappropriate aggression a senior officer displayed last fall against a villager also have served to undermine the rebuilding of trust between police and the community, several residents who spoke to the News this week said.

To address some of these issues, last

fall the Village Human Relations Commission held its first police-community forum, where residents gave input on the role of the police chief. On March 19 a second forum will focus on the Village's involvement with the Greene County ACE Task

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Village Council— Landlords protest policy

By Diane Chiddister

At Village Council's March 2 meeting, local landlords made clear that they are not happy with a proposed policy change that would hold them responsible for their tenants' unpaid utility bills.

"Look at the cause and effect. Landlords will not expose themselves to this type of liability. You'll get higher rents," said Dean Paliotta.

It's not fair to hold property owners responsible for their tenants' bills, according to John Cannon, because in the situation of a long-term renter, "the landlord is basically not in the picture. It doesn't make sense to do this."

Sam Young disagreed with a Council members' previous statement that landlords should be responsible because they are making money on their rental property.

"Whether someone is making or losing money is irrelevant to the issue," he said.

And Council could solve the problem by having a more effective process for collecting past-due bills, according to Bob Baldwin.

"If you do your job, this will not be a problem," he said.

All together, eight local landlords spoke to the issue. The topic was discussion only, and Council will continue the discussion at its March 16 meeting, before taking steps to change its current policy.

Currently, the Village holds only renters responsible for their utility bills, and if a bill is unpaid and the service turned off when a renter leaves, service will be reconnected when a new renter arrives, with the past-due amount remaining unpaid. However,

in recent months Council members have indicated interest in changing the policy to prevent continuing to lose revenue, after Village Finance Director Melissa Vanzant reported that in the past 25 years, the Village has lost almost \$500,000 due to unpaid utility bills. Much of that loss was due to renters leaving town without paying their bills, Vanzant said.

At Monday's meeting, Village Manager Patti Bates presented a proposed policy recommendation that would hold the property owner responsible for the renters' unpaid utility bills, assess delinquent accounts to the landlords' property taxes once a year and delay reinstatement of utility service until all bills are paid.

To aid property owners, the Village would contact them immediately after a tenants' bill is past due, so that the landlord could make sure the bill is paid, Bates said. Currently, a bill is past due 30 days after it is issued, and service is disconnected 60 days after the initial bill.

The proposed policy change is in line with the policy of other area towns and cities, according to Bates, who presented a survey of 33 municipalities. Out of that number, 25 municipalities, including Springfield, Dayton, Oakwood and Xenia, hold the property owners responsible for tenants' unpaid utility bills, and four others refuse to reinstate service until property owners pay up, which amounts to the same thing, according to Council President Karen Wintrow.

"About 90 percent of these towns hold the property owner responsible," she said. In response to the landlords' concerns,

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Antioch School fundraiser— Lord headlines comedy gala benefit

By Megan Bachman

While it's sometimes wise to avoid sitting in the front row at a comedy show, Leighann Lord will share laughs — not attacks — with her audience at a local fundraiser this weekend for a 93-year-old private school. The New York City comedian's stand-up routine touches on everything from aging parents to dating after divorce, but it's not mean. Instead, everyone will be laughing together.

"The closer you are, the more fun you're going to have," Lord promised.

Lord performs at the 19th annual Antioch School Comedy Show and Auction Gala at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 7, at the Antioch College Foundry Theater, 920 Corry St. It's the child-centered school's most important fundraiser of the year, with proceeds going towards need-based scholarships.

Tickets are \$55 per person and include entrance to the comedy performance, live and silent auctions, dinner and wine. To RSVP, call 767-7642 during school hours. Tickets will also be sold at the door. Almost 100 items from local and area businesses will be auctioned off at the event, including overnight stays at local B&Bs, gift cer-

tificates for restaurants and health and wellness services, local artwork and vacation rentals in California, Michigan and Hawaii. In addition, a cow that once adorned the top of The Clown's Mowing truck will be up for bid.

Lord is a popular guest co-host of Neil de Grasse Tyson's "Star Talk Radio" and has appeared on television in Lifetime's "Girls Night Out," The Original HBO "Def Comedy All Star Jam," ABC's "The View" and Comedy Central's "Premium Blend."

She received the NYC Black Comedy Award for "The Most Thought Provoking Black Female Comic" and was Harlem Rudew's official comedian for two consecutive years.

While all comedy makes fun of someone or something, Lord said her comedy is not hurtful. Instead she takes comedian George Carlin's advice to "never punch down, you always punch up," she said. Lord takes comic inspiration from Carlin, Rita Rudner, Franklin Ajaye, and more recently she has avoided politics in favor of more personal subjects, she said.

"I used to do political humor until the world stopped making sense," Lord said. "I registered to vote as an independent



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Leighann Lord, a New York City comedian inspired by George Carlin, Rita Rudner and Franklin Ajaye, will perform a stand-up routine at the Antioch School's 19th annual Auction Gala and Comedy Show Saturday, March 7, at the Antioch College Foundry Theater.

because I didn't know the difference [between Republicans and Democrats], and I watch Fox and CNN so I can be equally misinformed on a variety of subjects."

With more than half of the Antioch School's 53 students from pre-school to sixth grade receiving a scholarship, the annual fundraiser is critical to make sure those families who want an alternative education for their children can afford it, according to School Manager MJ Richlen this week. For nearly a century, the school has had no test or grades. Instead, children learn at their own pace in a "natural" learning process.

"We believe that children are natural learners," Richlen said. "It's not about the grade at the end of the quarter, instead we want it to be an internal process where the child is pleased to learn. Learning a wonderful journey — it's not about stickers or grades."

The cost to attend the Antioch School is \$9,503 per year, which includes tuition and fees. While the cost is considerably less than other non-sectarian private schools, according to the National Center for Education Statistics, it's also out of reach for many families struggling since the economic downturn, Richlen said. The goal of the comedy show and gala is to raise around \$30,000 towards its \$50,000 annual scholarship fund campaign, which directly helps local students, according to Development Coordinator Liz Griffin (two-thirds

of the school's students hail from Yellow Springs). It also helps keep one of the country's oldest democratic schools alive, she said.

"People think it's just a private school down the alley, but our history is so rich," Griffin said.

The Antioch School's roots stretch back to the founding of Antioch College by Horace Mann in 1853 when Mann created a preparatory academy to feed students into the college. When Arthur Morgan reorganized Antioch College at the dawn of his presidency in 1921, the Antioch Preparatory Academy was re-named the Antioch School and was re-conceived as a laboratory school to pioneer progressive teaching methods, a training ground for Antioch education majors and a high-quality school for the children of college faculty.

Today, the educational philosophy at the Antioch School is largely unchanged, with a curriculum built around student interest, creative exploration and free time. What was experimental one century ago has become a proven way to prepare children to be responsible, self-directed learners for the rest of their lives, parents and teachers have said. As a parent of two Antioch School students, Griffin has seen the impact of an Antioch School education. In fact, it was the school's unique approach to education that led Griffin and her husband to move to

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Ideas about at charrette

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open to the public. On Tuesday, consultant Wiggins reported that "things are going fabulously" at the event. Along with the enthusiastic participation on Sunday, many villagers have been stopping in to the weekday design studio, along with attending special meetings around the topics of housing, schools and business, among others, Wiggins said. "Participation is outstanding," he said.

The designers are working "late into the night" to capture ideas and at this point, "there's clearly a pattern of development emerging," he said.

Villagers are encouraged to attend the charrette's final session on Thursday, March 5, at 6 p.m. to hear from consultants about their work in progress.

Following the charrette, the designers will further refine their designs before doing a financial analysis of the project. Those will be presented to the Antioch College Board of Trustees in spring or early summer, "for their approval, and hopefully, we'll move forward," Wiggins said.

Little set in stone

The idea for the Antioch College Village emerged several years ago during a visit to renowned architect and Antioch alum Robert Davis, the creator of the planned community Seaside, Fla., according to Antioch College President Mark Roosevelt in his opening remarks Sunday evening. Davis urged Roosevelt to find ways to incorporate adults into the college community because, according to Davis, "integrating adults into your campus is the next big thing in American higher education."

The concept resonated with Roosevelt,

who initially saw the project as targeted toward "next chapter people," those in their mid-50s to their 80s who "want to belong, want to be active, want to be part of something that matters," he said. Many of that demographic came of age in the 60s and 70s, a time of great idealism and, "we've been pretty disappointed," Roosevelt said. "Many would like to spend their later years together, reaffirming those values."

When Roosevelt has asked "next chapter" alums and others if they find such a concept appealing, the response has been overwhelmingly favorable, he said. And to the organizers' surprise, a feasibility study indicated that the Antioch College Village attracts not only Baby Boomers, but those of diverse age groups, so that the original market has broadened.

Little of the Antioch College Village is "set in stone" at this point, according to Roosevelt, but one thing is clear. The project has to be income-producing in a way that benefits students at the college, which has a far smaller endowment than most liberal arts colleges.

"We need to think creatively about other sources of revenue," he said.

So it makes sense to consider the assets of Antioch College, including Glen Helen, WYSO Public Radio and a close relationship with the village, as attributes that might also meet the needs of "next chapter" individuals, along with the financial needs of students, Roosevelt said.

"Our vision is to bring together people interested in finding new and better ways of living together and on the planet," he said. "And to help support students."

The news will have a story next week on the March 5 Charrette wrap-up session.

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Landlords protest utility debt policy

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Council member Gerry Simms suggested that the Village make sure that it is doing sufficient due diligence regarding the collection of unpaid bills. However, Council member Brian Housh questioned the time and expense incurred by the Village if it takes on new collection responsibilities.

"We need balance" between the needs of the landlords and those of the Village, he said.

Council member Marianne MacQueen suggested that the issue of unpaid bills should be a mutual concern of landlords and the Village.

"Properties wouldn't be valuable without utilities," she said. "I don't think it's fair that the Village has to eat" the tenants' debt.

The question should be, what's most equitable, according to Wintrow, who questioned whether it's fair that all Village residents, rather than landlords, are currently paying the bills of some delinquent tenants. And while some of the landlords urged Council to run the Village more like a business, a municipality is not strictly speaking a business, she said.

"We're in the business of providing services, not making a profit," Wintrow said. Council tasked Manager Bates with researching some of the questions raised by the landlords. Council will revisit the discussion at its next meeting, and move ahead with new legislation sometime after that.

Other items on Council's March 2 agenda will be in next week's News.

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Antioch School gala benefit

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Yellow Springs several years ago.

"Kids can pursue the things that are most interesting and intriguing to them," Griffin said. "They were learning so much through their play and were accomplishing more than what a teacher could set up for them in a day."

At the Antioch School, the teacher is more like the "wind in the sail" while the child "guides the boat," Griffin added. The school's symbol, the unicycle, captures this philosophy well, since riding a unicycle cannot be taught — it's something students have to learn on their own.

"That's the way that a lot of life lessons are — you learn it, love it, fall down and get back up again," Griffin said.

This year the Antioch School hopes to raise \$85,000 of its approximately half-million dollar budget, since tuition revenues don't cover the school's operating costs, according to figures provided by the school. In recent years the Antioch School has also worked hard to keep costs low by depending on the families of students to volunteer 20 hours each year at the school, and it hasn't raised tuition or staff salaries in two years, Richlen said. After the financial crisis in 2008, private school enrollment dropped nationwide. At Antioch School enrollment is also down, with an ideal population of about 65 students, she added.

Despite the struggles, the Antioch School has persevered before, and will

again, school officials said. The town, not to mention the world, still needs the Antioch School, its supporters believe. On the subject, Griffin relayed the words of Antioch School director Hida Hughes, who said in 1946:

"The primary aim of The Antioch School is to create out of each child the best kind of being he can be and to make him as effective and dynamic as he can be in building the future of the world."

For more information about the gala, call Griffin at 937-767-7642.

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Karen Wintrow, executive director of the Yellow Springs Chamber of Commerce, was pleased to present Donna Saraga of Greene Memorial Hospital and Soin Medical Center with \$650 to benefit Greene Medical Foundation's Circle of Victory Cancer Awareness Walk. The Chamber has also directed the same amount into their own YS Chamber Scholarship Fund to support a local graduating senior. The donations were made possible by the large number of generous attendees at the Chamber's recent Annual Meeting held at Antioch University Midwest. A record amount was raised through a 50/50 raffle and the support of event sponsors.



Villager Jacob Snoddy recently won the Ohio High School Division II Wrestling Sectional Tournament held at Washington Court House High School. The Greenon High School senior will wrestle for the district title this Friday night and Saturday morning at Chillicothe Southeastern High School.

SPIRITUAL EVENTS

Quakers to discuss Dharma Center

The YS Friends Meeting will meet for early worship on Sunday, March 8, at 8:30 a.m., at Rockford Chapel. Throughout the month of March, Friends will focus on the importance of interfaith dialogue during the 10 a.m. Adult Meeting for Learning. Katie Egart will be the guest speaker on Sunday, March 8, sharing information and current projects of the YS Dharma Center. The Meeting for Worship will be held at 11 a.m., followed by a potluck lunch.

Talk Charles Darwin at UUP

On Sunday, March 8, the topic of the 10 a.m. service at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship will be "The Spiritual Evolution of Charles Darwin: from Unitarian to Anglican, from Believer to Moral Deist to Benign Agnostic." The Rev. Martha Kline's talk will explore the letters and other writings of Charles Darwin.

Religious education classes are available for youth in preschool to sixth grade, beginning at 10 a.m.

Presbyterians to meet for worship

All are welcome to worship at the First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 8, beginning at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Aaron Maurice Saari will deliver the sermon "Letting Go of Anger, Picking Up Righteousness."

Local author Ed Davis will introduce and read from his new, award-winning novel, "The Psalms of Israel Jones," on Saturday, March 21, 2-3 p.m., at the Beaver Creek Barnes and Noble. The novel dramatizes the redemptive journey of an aging rock star father and his estranged pastor son. Published by West Virginia University Press, the book won the Hackney Award for an unpublished novel in 2010. A West Virginia native, Davis taught writing, literature and humanities at Sinclair Community College for 35 years and founded the literary magazine Flights.



Pam Geisel, of Yellow Springs, is a semifinalist for the 2015 American Quilter's Society Quilt Week in Lancaster, Pa, March 11-14. Pam's quilt "Lavender Diamonds" will be exhibited, along with 200 others in this AQ's contest. Quilts were entered in this international contest from 36 U.S. states and nine other countries. The American Quilter's Society hosts several shows annually, each with its own quilt contest. Besides the Lancaster show, AQ's hosts other prestigious shows in six other locations across the country.

First-year student Sage Hale Wolfe was recently named to the fall semester dean's list at Earlham College in Richmond, Ind. High school sophomore Sawyer Hale Wolfe was named to the second quarter honor roll at Springfield High School.

Central State University Theatre Arts 2015 will present "The Pirates of Penzance" on March 13, 14 and 15 in CSU's Robeson Auditorium. The production, directed by villager John Fleming, will feature Central State students, along with YSKP members Malaya Booth, Malik Booth, Carina Basora, Malcolm Blunt and Lucy Dennis. For more information, contact Jennifer Hathaway at 376-6403 or jhathaway@centralstate.edu.

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What do we owe?

Serving on Village Council is always a demanding job, but the current challenges facing Council members seem especially daunting. Along with a full plate of operational issues, Council is drilling down on perhaps its most difficult challenge: how to maintain a fiscally sustainable town in a time of dwindling state funding. Looking for ways to shore up finances, Finance Director Melissa Vanzant recently pointed out that the Village lost almost a half million dollars in recent decades due to nonpayment of utility bills. Most of these bills came from tenants who left town without paying, and unlike most other area municipalities, the Village doesn't hold landlords responsible for these losses. So Council recently began considering a new policy that requires landlords to cover their tenants' delinquent utility bills.

The response from local landlords at this Monday's Council meeting was troubling. (Full disclosure: I'm a landlord too, although a tiny one, with only one tenant.) One after another, the landlords protested the change, citing the wrongheadedness of targeting landlords who are barely relevant to the lives of their tenants (except, presumably, to collect rent); and the general unfairness of holding property owners responsible for what takes place on their property. No one stepped up to say, hey, you might have a point, this is my responsibility. This is the Village's problem, some said, and the Village should do a better job collecting its debts. Most troubling, several copped an attitude of indignation that Council could even consider this change. Prejudices were made that rents will rise and affordability will suffer if the new policy goes into effect, because landlords certainly can't be expected to swallow more expense. After all, several said, "it's business!"

What does that phrase even mean? The implication seems to be that profits are the only acceptable bottom line. The landlords in question are good people; like the rest of us, no doubt, they're concerned about making a living. But something seems out of whack when "it's business" is considered a meaningful phrase that trumps everything else, including our connectedness to each other.

So let's try another phrase: "it's community." We're in this together. Landlords, tenants, property owners, seniors, business owners, young adults — something is required of each of us. How do we contribute so that our village remains financially viable, affordable, robust and compassionate? The solutions are not clear and not easy. But perhaps if we say, "it's community!" often enough, we'll begin finding our way to the answers.

—Diane Chiddister



IN A PICKLE YOURSELF LATELY?

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Witness to magical moment

I was part of something wonderful today. It happened in a public junior/senior high school serving children from all walks of life. It happened on a sub-zero day when thoughts ran from bus schedules to test schedules. Adult minds were busy with matters of consequence. As a boy finished his lunch, he offered the assistant principal his last cookie. As the assistant principal took the cookie and thanked the boy, the boy said he would need half of it back for his teacher. This boy has communication deficits. He is known to have been explosive in the past. He points and growls a lot. The boy brought his teacher the half cookie.

The teacher did wonder if the cookie was bitten or broken, but at it anyway. The quiet smile on the boy's face caused all to go silent in the teacher's overtaxed head. She was transformed to a place and time where a child is more than a test score, where how one arrives at an answer is more important than getting the right one, and where success is measured by treating people better than one did before. The bell rang. I am part of something wonderful every day, but more and more I wonder how many such moments are lost in pursuit of a test score.

—Laura Ann Ellison

A YELLOW SPRINGS ALMANACK BY BILL FELKER

MARCH 6-12

*Lord and gentle Maker,
Move the Axis of the Season
From the troubled Winter.
Wake the fertile Beauty
Of the tawny Flowers,
And restore your Pleasure
To the Pastures of the Spring.*
—Vespers Hymn,
Tuesday before Ash Wednesday
The Third Week of Early Spring
The Fifteenth Week of the Natural Cycle
The Third Week of the
Flowering Moss Moon

The Flowering Moss Moon waxes throughout the period, entering its last quarter on March 13 at 12:48 p.m. Rising near the middle of the night and setting in the middle of the day, this moon travels above Yellow Springs in the early morning.
Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday,

March 8, at 2:00 a.m. On that date, morning will come at the same time it did in January, but the evenings will last like they do in late September, still offering a little light near 8:00 p.m.

The cold February (more than ten degrees below normal) has reset the clock of Virginia bluebells, which almost always emerge from the ground this week. During the first ten days of March, snowdrops, anemones, bittercress, snow crocus and lamium usually flower throughout the village; pussy willow catkins stretch; red and silver maples bloom — but probably not this year.

And this is the week that the robin chorus ordinarily starts before dawn. Robins waited until the 18th last year (another below-normal spring). They may wait until even later in 2015.

First Times

When I began to take notes about what I saw in nature (as I tried to beat my addiction to nicotine), I kept finding things that so many other people had found and discovered years ago — maybe centuries ago. I spent my first tobacco-free spring identifying the wildflowers I came across in the woods: skunk cabbage, bloodroot, hepatica, anemone and dozens and dozens of others. Placing their names in my notebook and the shapes and scents in my memory, I accumulated a new universe of living things and ideas. Guided by books and photographs that others had made long before this odyssey of mine, I took on a different character that belonged just to me.

There was no objective originality in the naming that I did, and what did it matter: I was enchanted by the world of first times. The floor of the woods was not so much uncharted where I walked; the mysterious tabula rasa was, instead, my own mind. I wrote separate messages to myself from first sight, first touch, first understanding. There was no context except my own desire and excitement. There was no way I needed to (or could) connect all the dots of ecology and botany and biology. Everything was free and finite. Meaning was simple. Everything was what it appeared to be.

I came to know there is only one traveller

Basketball thanks

I'd like to thank everyone involved with making the YS Bulldog Youth Basketball League a giant success. Matt Housh in particular. From the amazing staff at the Bryan Center, to the YSPD and their generosity, volunteers who refereed and helped in a variety of ways and to the committed parents who brought their kids out every Saturday morning in pretty unpleasant weather, this season was absolutely wonderful! It was my honor to coach and I'm continually impressed with the kids in our village. I saw so much kindness, fun and a healthy sense of competition. Every player demonstrated improvement on a weekly basis and they tried their very best. Just another reason I'm so grateful to be a part of our village. Thanks, Matt, and my fellow coaches. See you next season!

—Erin George

Please shove!

Dear residents of West South College, Please shovel your sidewalks! If you can't do it, ask a neighbor or hire a service. Many middle and high school kids walk to school and have nowhere to step but the icy road. This morning while taking my kids to school I had to navigate my car around kids walking on the icy road. Traction was not good in places and I was very concerned for their safety. Thank you.

—Jackie Mulhall

Landlord's duty

As a lessor, I feel that it is my duty to ensure that the taxpayers and ratepayers do not pick up the tab if one of my tenants fails to pay public utility bills. I have control over this situation by charging an adequate security deposit and through lease provisions. The public does not share in the profits of my business and I do not expect them to share my losses. I expect to be responsible for utility usage charges related to my property. The delinquency rate will become even more urgent when the Village has to raise water rates significantly in order to pay for a new water plant rather than rate stabilization through sharing water production costs with a larger jurisdiction.

—Laura Curtis

SUBMIT A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The News welcomes letters from readers on topics of current interest. In submitting them, please observe these guidelines:

- Letters must be signed and include a daytime phone number and an address for verification.
- Letters over 350 words may be edited for length.
- The deadline is 5 p.m. Monday, the week of publication, though we cannot guarantee that the letter will be published the same week.
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Ah, heavens! Don't care much about them either way. They are industrious little mice but, as designated by the state, a "nuisance" capable of doing considerable damage.

A numbers of years ago I was working in a southern Ohio city of modest size on an economic development project which became the first Japanese auto "feeder plant" in Ohio. Obviously, I was working closely with the mayor and service director. On one trip I found the director deeply troubled. He told me that the city's water supply, a lake fed by streams, was threatened by beavers and dams. This problem dragged on for months as he tore down dams, they reappeared, and he consulted with the state, all manner of NGOs, and others. Nobody had an answer that was going to solve the problem. Nothing worked to really solve the problem.

On a following trip, he finally seemed upbeat. "I think we have a solution," he

Children are being hurt

Being abused sexually is among the most damaging things that can happen to a child, leading to lifelong struggles with trust and intimacy, low self-esteem, anxiety, depression and sometimes addiction, self-mutilation, dissociative disorders and suicide. It ranks right up there on the short list of what can destroy a person's life.

As the investigation into this tragedy continues, we can only hope that none of our local children were harmed. It would also be helpful to extend our compassion to all those nameless children who are the defenseless victims of international child pornography.

—Abigail Cobb

Not a victimless crime

I am sure I speak for others in the community when I say that I was absolutely stunned to read last week's letter describing child pornography charges of a local teacher as "unethical." The charges themselves are not unethical, but child pornography is. I believe the YS News story was fair and accurate and relevant to the members of the community. Whether or not he is guilty is up to the court to decide, but it sounds as if there had been an ongoing investigation for a period of months and one can assume there was ample evidence to move forward with a warrant for his arrest. Has this teacher been publicly shamed by his actions? Probably. Did he know that the behavior he has alleged to be doing was breaking the law and that his professional life would be at risk? Without a doubt. In her letter the writer states, "What a person does privately and without hurting anyone, whatever his occupation, is not relevant to the job he/she is doing." Her naive portrayal of this situation suggests that child pornography is a victimless crime, when nothing could be further from the truth.

This is not a private matter of sexual preferences or practices among consenting adults. Children whose naked bodies are portrayed or shown in sexual acts for the sexual pleasure of adults have been victimized, traumatized and have had their innocence permanently taken away from

them. Often they are runaways or victims of human trafficking. These children are frequently lured, drugged, manipulated and forced into prostitution by adults who seek to profit from their exploitation. The students and families of our community have also been victimized by this situation. What an enormous breach of trust. Imagine having to explain to your child why his teacher has left under these circumstances abruptly in the middle of the school year. I also take issue that what a person does in their private life should have no bearing on their profession. Society's laws to protect the most vulnerable and holds professionals who work with those who are vulnerable to a high standard for a reason. The reason is that we don't want people who are in a position of trust and power to abuse that power over those who are exploited and could be hurt, injured or violated. I would strongly encourage the writer (as well as anyone else who thinks that this is a harmless activity) to educate herself on the subject of child sexual exploitation. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, the National Human Trafficking Resource Center, or the "Innocence Lost National Initiative" by the FBI are good places to go for more information. In the meantime, I hope that all of those who have been affected by this situation can find a way to heal.

—Danielle Novits-Tucker

Maybe trapping is answer

He opened his bottom desk drawer revealing what appeared to be a bunch of flares. Flares were good of dynamite. We have military and mining folks who know how to use this stuff. A few weeks later I was back and asked about his problem. He beamed! "Solved! Dynamite gone! Dams gone! Beavers gone! Water flowing!"

See! Not all difficult, complicated, intractable, seemingly unsolvable problems are really that. Some folks just make them seem that way. Some have really simple quick solutions. All that is required is the will to use them.

Not going to happen here. However, if the problem becomes a serious threat to local houses the answer is obvious; trap them and, since you can't buy love, move them. Unfortunately, the meat is, supposedly, not all that tasty. Homeless shelter could use otherwise.

—Fritz Leighty

Landlords need to step up

The topic of who is responsible for unpaid utility bills just floors me. As a rental property owner in another municipality, if we, as owners, attempt to ignore bills tied to our properties, the utilities are shut off. No new tenants are allowed to have the utilities turned on, until the responsible owners take care of the property in full. Investing in the business of owning rental property is investing in a business. That means the possibility of incurring a loss is a landlord's understood risk. Not the neighbor's, nor the city/village government, nor the utility company, nor anyone else. To protect themselves, this is where the landlord's right to run a credit check on prospective tenants comes into play, before agreeing to rent the property out to particulars and taking any risk.

There are several options landlords can take on tenants who skip out on bills, a few being report the incident on the tenant's credit this will follow the tenant until the bill is paid, no matter where they move, and this will alert future landlords to the tenant's irresponsible behavior; take the tenant to small claims court (the court costs can be charged to the tenant, if the landlord wins the case and the judge agrees); withhold the amount of the unpaid bills from the security deposit; even evict the tenant if they see that unpaid bills are mounting and such a violation is part of the lease agreement.

Now, as far as the legal aspect of the unpaid bills being paid for by the property owner and taking responsibility for his or her own property instead of passing the burden onto fellow taxpayers: the federal government has already taken action on such situations and allows these type of losses to be deducted on the rental property owner's federal tax return (Schedule E, Supplemental Income and Loss, Line 17, the Cost of Utilities), just like any other loss that is incurred in business. This being said, it would appear holding the property owner/investor responsible for his investment losses/gains isn't "illegal" in the eyes of the Federal Government. As a side note, property owners could also look into the

cost of sidewalk repair and how to find a possible deduction for that responsibility, as well (Federal Tax Deduction for Property Owners Itemized Deductions, Schedule A, Line 6 Instructions "... a charge not deductible if it is used only to maintain an existing public facility in service"; for example, a charge to repair an existing sidewalk, and any interest included in that charge).

Regarding the "contract" required by the Village for each resident: an adjustment of procedure would take care of that. Perhaps looking into how neighboring municipalities handle such topics would be a good place to start. Also, regarding the topic of tenants who "shamelessly" use up utilities on heating/cooling matters, it's a fact that all knowledgeable property owners realize: If the house is cared for properly and effective materials are implemented when repairing/maintaining the property, then there would be little need for open windows to balance out heating issues or over-run air conditioner to cool sauna-type rooms in the dead of summer. I've replaced two cooling/heating systems with an updated single system in one property of mine and saw an instant improvement in the functioning of the house and comfortability was suddenly easy to maintain. But this requires preventive costs on the landlord's part and out-of-pocket initial investments.

To summarize: yes, landlords can pocket their money by passing along the cost of running a rental business to the taxpayers around them and to the Village in which their business exists. This is how one makes money and lives at the expense of others. Yes, this responsibility of ownership could increase rents for tenants (which would keep all that profit in the landlord's pockets, again passing the cost of their investment onto the lower income individuals around them and the Village supplying them with property and utilities in the first place). Or landlords could step up. Repair their properties. Pay their bills. And stop complaining about the business they individually opted to be a part of.

—Babette O'Reilly

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Ideas about at charrette

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open to the public. On Tuesday, consultant Wiggins reported that "things are going fabulously" at the event. Along with the enthusiastic participation on Sunday, many villagers have been stopping in to the weekday design studio, along with attending special meetings around the topics of housing, schools and business, among others, Wiggins said. "Participation is outstanding," he said.

The designers are working "late into the night" to capture ideas and at this point, "there's clearly a pattern of development emerging," he said.

Villagers are encouraged to attend the charrette's final session on Thursday, March 5, at 6 p.m. to hear from consultants about their work in progress.

Following the charrette, the designers will further refine their designs before doing a financial analysis of the project. Those will be presented to the Antioch College Board of Trustees in spring or early summer, "for their approval, and hopefully, we'll move forward," Wiggins said.

Little set in stone

The idea for the Antioch College Village emerged several years ago during a visit to renowned architect and Antioch alum Robert Davis, the creator of the planned community Seaside, Fla., according to Antioch College President Mark Roosevelt in his opening remarks Sunday evening. Davis urged Roosevelt to find ways to incorporate adults into the college community because, according to Davis, "integrating adults into your campus is the next big thing in American higher education."

The concept resonated with Roosevelt,

who initially saw the project as targeted toward "next chapter people," those in their mid-50s to their 80s who "want to belong, want to be active, want to be part of something that matters," he said. Many of that demographic came of age in the 60s and 70s, a time of great idealism and, "we've been pretty disappointed," Roosevelt said. "Many would like to spend their later years together, reaffirming those values."

When Roosevelt has asked "next chapter" alums and others if they find such a concept appealing, the response has been overwhelmingly favorable, he said. And to the organizers' surprise, a feasibility study indicated that the Antioch College Village attracts not only Baby Boomers, but those of diverse age groups, so that the original market has broadened.

Little of the Antioch College Village is "set in stone" at this point, according to Roosevelt, but one thing is clear. The project has to be income-producing in a way that benefits students at the college, which has a far smaller endowment than most liberal arts colleges.

"We need to think creatively about other sources of revenue," he said.

So it makes sense to consider the assets of Antioch College, including Glen Helen, WYSO Public Radio and a close relationship with the village, as attributes that might also meet the needs of "next chapter" individuals, along with the financial needs of students, Roosevelt said.

"Our vision is to bring together people interested in finding new and better ways of living together and on the planet," he said. "And to help support students."

The news will have a story next week on the March 5 Charrette wrap-up session.

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Landlords protest utility debt policy

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Council member Gerry Simms suggested that the Village make sure that it is doing sufficient due diligence regarding the collection of unpaid bills. However, Council member Brian Housh questioned the time and expense incurred by the Village if it takes on new collection responsibilities.

"We need balance" between the needs of the landlords and those of the Village, he said.

Council member Marianne MacQueen suggested that the issue of unpaid bills should be a mutual concern of landlords and the Village.

"Properties wouldn't be valuable without utilities," she said. "I don't think it's fair that the Village has to eat" the tenants' debt.

The question should be, what's most equitable, according to Wintrow, who questioned whether it's fair that all Village residents, rather than landlords, are currently paying the bills of some delinquent tenants. And while some of the landlords urged Council to run the Village more like a business, a municipality is not strictly speaking a business, she said.

"We're in the business of providing services, not making a profit," Wintrow said. Council tasked Manager Bates with researching some of the questions raised by the landlords. Council will revisit the discussion at its next meeting, and move ahead with new legislation sometime after that.

Other items on Council's March 2 agenda will be in next week's News.

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Antioch School gala benefit

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Yellow Springs several years ago.

"Kids can pursue the things that are most interesting and intriguing to them," Griffin said. "They were learning so much through their play and were accomplishing more than what a teacher could set up for them in a day."

At the Antioch School, the teacher is more like the "wind in the sail" while the child "guides the boat," Griffin added. The school's symbol, the unicycle, captures this philosophy well, since riding a unicycle cannot be taught — it's something students have to learn on their own.

"That's the way that a lot of life lessons are — you learn it, love it, fall down and get back up again," Griffin said.

This year the Antioch School hopes to raise \$85,000 of its approximately half-million dollar budget, since tuition revenues don't cover the school's operating costs, according to figures provided by the school. In recent years the Antioch School has also worked hard to keep costs low by depending on the families of students to volunteer 20 hours each year at the school, and it hasn't raised tuition or staff salaries in two years, Richlen said. After the financial crisis in 2008, private school enrollment dropped nationwide. At Antioch School enrollment is also down, with an ideal population of about 65 students, she added.

Despite the struggles, the Antioch School has persevered before, and will

again, school officials said. The town, not to mention the world, still needs the Antioch School, its supporters believe. On the subject, Griffin relayed the words of Antioch School director Hida Hughes, who said in 1946:

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Police-village ties a work in progress

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Force on drugs and new policies Chief David Hale has added to the department.

At the same time, the YS News will be taking a deeper look at policing issues in the village with a series of articles beginning this week and extending through the spring. Story topics will include a closer look at the Village's participation in the drug Task Force, a look at the history of policing in the village, crime statistics, YSPD's approach to drug enforcement in the village, a report on a day in the life of a Yellow Springs officer, as well as police-community relations.

The first installment will focus on the state of the police department and the current sense of trust between police and the community at large.

YSPD's approach to policing

As might be expected in a village the size of Yellow Springs, the local police department deals with low crime numbers and very little violent crime, Chief Hale said this week. As such, the vast majority of officers' time is spent on routine tasks such as business walk-throughs, neighborhood patrols and aiding villagers who have been locked out of their cars or homes.

"For officers here, it's 90 percent boredom and 2 percent excitement," Hale said. "The trick is when WestBanco is robbed, we have to go from being an Andy Griffith cop to being assertive and ready to solve a crime." YSPD saw a total of 129 reported offenses last year, of which 60 were classified as thefts, 17 were considered criminal damage, 15 were misdemeanor assaults and 15 were operating a vehicle while intoxicated. Incidents involving motor vehicle theft, burglary, breaking and entering and felonious assault were all in the single digits.

According to Hale, the size of the local department is based less on the crime rates than on the community's desire to have a local dispatch team and one to two police officers on duty 24-hours, seven days a week. To cover all the shifts, the department keeps 22 people on staff, including a chief, 10 full-time police officers, five part-time officers, three full-time dispatchers and five part-time dispatchers. The staffing and operational needs of the department cost the Village \$1.43 million in 2014, or 45 percent of the general fund budget.

Because they have time between actual criminal offenses, Yellow Springs officers routinely do the kind of community policing that villagers have said recently they want in their local department, according to Chief Hale. Villagers said, for example, that they wanted friendly officers who are there to help people. Recently a Yellow Springs officer responded to a call from a villager who was locked out of her home. Police arrived but couldn't use any other doors or windows to gain entry into the house. So the officer managed to squeeze himself through the cat door to let the resident back into her home. And officers routinely perform business and vacant property checks, support students at the Mills Lawn morning drop-off, and help people who call when they are locked out of their vehicles or need a jump start.

Villagers have also said they wanted a department that would employ the principles of restorative justice. On another recent investigation, several businesses downtown called police about some local teenagers who were throwing stink bombs into their shops. Police contacted the youth and their parents, who decided to have the youth speak with each of the business owners to figure out a solution. According to Hale, none of the businesses pressed charges, and one barred the youth from trespassing on the property. The issue was handled in a personal way that was commensurate with the nature and magnitude of the offense, as it often is in the village, he said.

But the village does occasionally see some of the more serious crime that Hale believes is connected to the illegal drug trade, which

no city or town is immune to. He attributes most of the thefts, stolen vehicles, forgeries to activity to support drug habits.

"A lot of crimes go back to getting money or manipulating people to get drugs," he said. "Drugs are still illegal, and if we don't put some pressure on them, if there's no enforcement, it leads to elements far worse than a 5-cent bag of weed—I mean violence."

Partly for that reason, YSPD currently pays for one staff member to work full-time at the Task Force. While Yellow Springs, one of the smallest members of the force, would still benefit from the work of the Task Force without being a member, Hale said the officers also benefit from the intense, long-term training experience the Task Force offers them.

"For officers here, it's 90 percent boredom and 2 percent excitement. The trick is when WestBanco is robbed, we have to go from being an Andy Griffith cop to being assertive and ready to solve a crime."

— DAVE HALE, Police Chief

Trust in the department

According to longtime villager and former HRC member Chappelle, a majority of village residents seem to trust the police and feel supported and protected by them. Though Steve Eddington would like to know more of the officers personally, he values their service as the owner of a late night business, the Dayton Street Gulch, and has always had favorable reviews of their intervention skills. Local resident Lee Ferguson also has had very positive interactions with police on two recent occasions, one involving a medical call, during which the responding officer was "very soothing," and another in which the officer successfully mediated a situation involving a business in town. And Tony Seimer, who grew up in town and whose family works and goes to school in the village, also has a positive impression of local officers, who in recent dealings with him have been "fair, polite and thoughtful."

"Being on the Task Force doesn't benefit us financially and it seems to represent something that Yellow Springs is not."

— KATE HAMILTON, HRC member

Others also see that the police have a "tough job," especially at a time of negative national press and in a village as vocal as Yellow Springs, said villager Janet Murie, who feels not critical but unfamiliar with the police. Others, including 50-year resident Thomas Watkins and Cassandra Courtney, said similarly that they had faith in local police but wished they would get out and get to know villagers better.

But many representatives from two particular populations, African Americans and youth, have voiced concerns that for at least a decade, the more aggressive practices of some local police have sometimes inspired fear and resentment. And some villagers also have concerns that Yellow Springs police have been affected by a more national movement to militarize local forces — a fear that was compounded by the SWAT response that ended in a villager's death in 2013. A handful of villagers shared their experiences along these lines.

Twice in the past six months, Julius Eason, a young African American who moved to the village in 2013, was stopped by local officers and treated in a manner he felt was not commensurate to his offenses. The first time, he was pulled over at night for expired tags, but even after assuring the officer that the beer he consumed hours earlier did not impair his driving, he was given a field sobriety test anyway. Soon, two backup cruisers arrived and four to five officers were shining flashlights into his vehicle. He

was released with the simple traffic citation. The second time he was stopped, Eason was putting his bicycle into the trunk of his car in Tom's Market lot when an officer spotted him. Though he was doing nothing wrong, Eason was not surprised to find the officer followed him five turns home and asked to see his driver's license, which, it turned out, had been suspended.

Though he couldn't prove it, which is why he never reported the incidents to the Village, "it was hard to shake the feeling of being profiled," he said in an interview this week.

Steve McQueen, another African-American resident, has also felt "profiled" to some extent by local officers, who for several years had him "on some kind of radar," and thought that because he was "black and popular I must be doing drugs." Police often stopped him and asked for his ID, asked him who he was, and acted suspicious of him until they got to know him. Then a wave of new officers would get hired, and they would do the same thing, until they figured it out as well.

Talis X, an African-American resident whose official name is Talis Gage, has had similar experiences. Shortly after he moved to the village three years ago, an officer followed him on foot from Speedway, stopping to talk to him for no apparent reason at the Little Art Theatre.

"He was a friendliest officer I had ever met," Talis said. But he was subsequently stopped several other times for no reason at all, including once on foot while carrying signs for a local Black Lives Matter event and once while he was driving, when an officer accused him of driving under suspension and later apologized for confusing him with another person.

The police are also just recovering from a period of some public distrust marked by the resignation of a chief last August who served largely part-time for two years due to injury and was rarely seen outside his office, the recent turnover of exactly half of the full-time officers, the shooting death of a villager and the missteps of Sergeant Naomí Penrod in grabbing a camera from a disabled villager. Especially because the senior officers within the department were the ones who called the SWAT team in response to the Schenck incident and used poor judgement in grabbing the camera, villager Curtis Cobbs said he feared that those senior officers had been training younger officers to follow their aggressive lead. The result is that Cobbs has been afraid to call the department when he or her family members needed help.

Villager and HRC member Kate Hamilton voiced concern that officers should be using great discretion with their power to cite villagers into court, using it only if needed, and not for drug enforcement. She believes that Yellow Springs should withdraw from the Greene County ACE Task Force.

"The drug war is over, it's been proven that that type of aggression doesn't work to keep people from abusing drugs," she said. "Being on the Task Force doesn't benefit us financially and it seems to represent something that Yellow Springs is not."

And though Ferguson's personal experience with local officers has been positive, she also worries that the militarization displayed during the 2013 shooting and especially the lack of mental health resources for the officers is a dangerous deficit for the local department. If there are enough resources for SWAT, there should be more resources for rehabilitative support systems, she believes.

What's going right

There are signs of greater accountability from police over the past six months, evidenced by the visibility of Chief Hale and his presence at public venues such as public meetings and events, according to both Hamilton and Cobbs. The disciplinary actions the Village took against Sergeant Penrod in December were transparent and showed that the department is serious about reining in officers who exercise undue force, several said.

According to Hale, accountability will continue with him. He aims to set a tone of fairness and friendliness for his sergeants and officers and encourages them to get out, walk around and get to know people personally, he said. He welcomes those with complaints to contact him about any grievances they might have. Regarding crimes that involve a victim, such as a vandalized homeowner, Hale supports the victim's option to pursue his or her own charges. With victimless offenses, however, such as a single marijuana use or disorderly conduct from an intoxicated resident, Hale does support officer discretion in guiding the outcome. According to Hale, "the idea is not to take the person to jail—that would be the last alternative...but you also can't spend forever talking. And especially if you display aggressive tendencies, I'm only going to back up so far."

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Palatable palette

Industrial farming got you down? How about gazing at the perfectly spring green shoots of a locally grown pea plant photographed by artist Dennie Eagleson? Or helping to cultivate a hydroponic garden of swiss chard by artist Jeff Schmuki? Or tasting the fruits of the Antioch Farm carefully prepared by the kitchen staff?

In a newest installation, "Agricuture" at the Herndon Gallery at Antioch College, artists with deep connections to the land are taking back the farm on their own human scale. With works that illustrate the devastation that herbicides and pesticides have had on bee colony collapse, for instance, as well as pieces that celebrate the simple beauty of an heirloom seed, the exhibit addresses the issues that students are investigating in their

Global Seminar on Food.

An opening reception takes place tonight, March 5, 6-9 p.m. and will feature some local foods prepared by the kitchen.

The show also features photos of artist Sarah Christianson's family farm in North Dakota, where fracking now takes place. Ann Noble uses photographs to capture the wings of dead bees. Two MFA students Jeni Hansen Gard and Allison Roe Smith contributed with an interactive table setting for a meal shared between strangers and a bank of seeds that fall from their place in braille. The show also includes a piece by gallery curator Jennifer Wenker, who uses food packages to create a USDA food pyramid that suffers from "Not Enough Greens."

Upcoming events

• The Herndon Gallery at Antioch College is pleased to announce the opening of its newest exhibition, "Agricuture." An opening reception will be held Thursday, March 5, 6-9 p.m., in collaboration with Antioch Farm and Kitchens. The exhibition examines and responds to critical social, political and environmental justice issues arising as a direct result of unsustainable contemporary agricultural production practices. The exhibition will continue through May 15, when a closing reception will be held, 7-9 p.m. The closing reception will feature a public talk by visiting artist and sculptor, Jeff Schmuki, who will invite the public to harvest and help cook the fresh greens in his hydroponic sculptural work, "Homestead III." All events are free and open to the public.

• "#YSgram," a photographic essay of Yellow Springs by eight local Instagram

photographers, will debut at an opening reception at the YS Arts Council Gallery on Friday, March 20, 6-9 p.m. The exhibition will feature photos taken and shared via the social networking service Instagram by Amy Hable, Corinne Bayraktaroglu, Talitha Green, Sandi Sharp, Steve Ali, Lori Gravelle, Julius Eason and Adrian Cosby, and will be on display March 20-April 12.

Exhibits currently on display

• "Family and Other Animals," the YSAC member show, is currently on display at the YSAC Community Gallery. The show will be on display through March 15.

• Yellow Springs Brewery currently features a photography exhibit by Dan Cummings titled "(after)image." The taproom gallery is open Wednesday-Friday, 3-10 p.m.; Saturday, 1-10 p.m. and Sunday, 1-6 p.m. The exhibit will be on display through March 15.

• The Mohl-Hill Gallery, located at 1227 Xenia Ave., is currently hosting an exhibition in honor of Black History Month. The exhibition features three works by Sharon Mohler: "Church Hat Ladies," "The Baptizing" and "Good Neighbors."

• "Sketches from the Artist's Nature Diary," a collection of original artwork by local artist Penelope S. Adamson, is currently on display at the Emporium. The collection includes sketches of animals and plants native to Glen Helen, including owls, herons, sycamore, fox, deer and more. The exhibition will be on display through April 5.

New design award

The Village Public Art Commission is pleased to announce the Village of Yellow Springs VIDA — Village Inspiration and Design Award. Nominations are currently being accepted for this community beautification award, which will be given up to four times per year. The award is presented to either a resident or local business owner who creatively enhances the overall appearance of Yellow Springs and makes a positive contribution or improvement to the village. The goal is to recognize inspirational art, architecture, landscaping and design.

Nominated enhancements must be easily visible to the public and located in the village; nominations may be submitted by any resident to pac@vilyellowsprings.org. Nominations received by the end of February, May, August and November are reviewed in the subsequent Public Art Commission meeting, which is held the second Wednesday of each month.

Recipients will receive a certificate of recognition, a window sticker with the VIDA logo and a traveling trophy to display at their residence or business until the next VIDA is awarded.

AT THE LIBRARY

Reading and fun for the littlest ones

Baby and toddler play time will be held Thursdays, March 5 and 12, 2-3 p.m.

Preschool story time will be held Fridays, March 6 and 13, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Have lunch with the librarian

"Lunch With the Librarian" will be held Monday, March 9, 12:30-1:15 p.m. Home-schoolers are invited to bring a lunch and anything they've been reading to discuss with the librarian.

Book group for tweens to meet

The "Twins Read" book group will meet Tuesday, March 10, 3-3:45 p.m. The group will discuss "Because of Mr. Terupt" by Rob

Buyea, which focuses on seven fifth graders and their teacher, Mr. Terupt. The group will also have snacks and a trivia contest and make a mini-book charm. Kids can pick up a copy of the book at the library front desk, take it home, read it and come back for book club, and then keep the book.

Library goes to the dogs (and a cat)

"Read to the Dogs!" will be held Thursday, March 12, 3-3:45 p.m. Kids can visit with furry friends from Miami Valley Pet Therapy. Dogs (and maybe a cat) will be in the children's area, where kids can read to them and pet them.

Book groups gear up to discuss

The Mystery Discussion Group will

hold its next meeting on Thursday, March 12, 12:30-1:30 p.m., discussing "Mallory's Oracle" by Carol O'Connell.

The YS Book Discussion group will meet on Monday, March 16, 6:30-8 p.m., discussing "The Art Forger," by B.A. Shapiro.

The time has come again for it's time for The Big Read — an annual community reading project that brings neighbors, friends, family, and students in the Miami Valley together to read and discuss the same book. This year's book is "The Rosie Project" by Graeme Simsion, which was chosen by vote last year. Readers will gather at the Yellow Springs library on Saturday, March 28, 2-3:15 p.m., to discuss the book.

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— Public Notice —

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SERVICE CHARGES REGARDING WATER RATES
ORDINANCE NO. 2015-04, VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO

Interested persons will take note that the Village Council of Yellow Springs on Monday, March 2, 2015, gave first reading to an ordinance, text to follow.

Council will consider said ordinance for a second reading and a public hearing to begin at 7:10 p.m., Monday, March 16, 2015, in the Bryan Community Center, 100 Dayton St.

WHEREAS, the Village water fund is the least healthy of the various Village funds, and

WHEREAS, foreseeable capital improvement requirements will further stress the resources of the water fund, and

WHEREAS, scheduled rate increases established in 2014 are proving insufficient to fund the needs of the water utility,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO DOES HEREBY ORDAIN THAT:

Section 1. The rate increase previously enacted on April 1, 2014 is hereby repealed.

Section 2. In its place, a new rate to take effect on May 1, 2015 is hereby enacted as follows:

Monthly readiness for service charge: \$6.80
Consumption charge per 1000 gallons: \$5.77

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect 30 days following its adoption by Council.

Karen Wintrow, *President*

— Public Notice —

AN ORDINANCE VACATING ALLEY ON ANTIOCH COLLEGE CAMPUS
ORDINANCE NO. 2015-03, VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO

Interested persons will take note that the Village Council of Yellow Springs on Monday, March 2, 2015, gave first reading to an ordinance, text to follow.

Council will consider said ordinance for a second reading and a public hearing to begin at 7:10 p.m., Monday, March 16, 2015, in the Bryan Community Center, 100 Dayton St.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 723.05 the Village Council has determined that there is good cause for vacating an alley located east of Livermore Street between E. South College Street and Marshall Street, as depicted on Attachment "A" ("Alley"), and that such vacation will not be detrimental to the general interest; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Yellow Springs Ordinance 1224.02, the Yellow Springs Planning Commission gave notice of a public hearing regarding vacation of this Alley, ten (10) days in advance, in the local newspaper. All abutting property owners to the right-of-way in question were notified of the public hearing by mail; and

WHEREAS, at the public hearing on this matter no abutting property owners appeared to oppose the vacation and the Yellow Springs Planning Commission has recommended vacation of this Alley to the Council of the Village of Yellow Springs.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO, GREENE COUNTY, HEREBY ORDAINS THAT:

Section 1. The Council of the Village of Yellow Springs hereby accepts the recommendation of Planning Commission and finds there is good cause for vacation of the Alley and said vacation is not detrimental to the general interest of the public.

Section 2. The Council hereby orders the Alley be vacated.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall go into effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

Karen Wintrow, *President*



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Science, observed and applied

ABOVE: Mills Lawn School held its annual Math and Science Night, with a good number of students putting their hands on everything from edible plants to hovercrafts to a time-space simulator. Above, Jonah Simon and Vivian Grushon examine various items up closer with magnifying glasses at the optics station. BELOW: Last month, the revitalized local Cub Scout Pack 578 held its inaugural Pinewood Derby; 25 children competed. Watching confidently as his car wins yet another

race is Loren George, center right, the eventual champion of the official bracket. Pictured are, left to right: Juliet Creighton, Leslee Creighton, Jonah Simon, Evan Galarza, Chris Wyatt, Loren George, Timmy George and Mitch George. The Pinewood Derby is the officially-sanctioned BSA event wherein Cub Scouts build and race small wooden cars.

More photos of the Pinewood Derby races and the Mills Lawn School Math and Science night are at ysnews.com.



Tour Sugar Shack

Tecumseh Land Trust members and friends are invited to join local farmers Michele Burns and John DeWine of Flying Mouse Farms for the sixth annual Sugar Shack open house on Sunday, March 15, 2-4 p.m. The event was originally scheduled for March 1, but was rescheduled due to weather. Attendees will learn about the process of how sap becomes syrup, and check out a year-round vegetable operation. After the tour, local storytellers Jonathan and Harold Wright will share tales by a warm fire. Admission is free, and all ages are welcome. For more information, visit www.tecumsehlandtrust.org or 767-9490.

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IN THE GLEN

**Unless otherwise noted, Glen Helen events are free for Glen Helen Association members, and \$4 per person for non-members.*

Meet reptiles at Trillside

Volunteer naturalist Deborah Dillon-Bloch will introduce Trillside Museum's resident snake and box turtle on Saturday, March 7, beginning at 11 a.m. This event is free.

Celebrate full moon with olive oil, hike

On Saturday, March 7, volunteer naturalist Paul Sampson will host an olive oil tasting, followed by a hike through the Glen by the light of the full moon. The tasting begins at Trillside Museum at 8:30 p.m. Registration is required; email tspscencer@glenhelen.org in advance to register.

SENIOR EVENTS

Older and Bolder group to meet

The Older and Bolder group will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 10:30 a.m.-noon, in the fireplace room at the Senior Center. Jane Brown will lead the discussion of "Ways We Cope When Things Go Wrong." All are welcome to attend.

Lunch Bunch to visit The Amber Rose


The Lunch Bunch group will take a trip to The Amber Rose, which serves traditional Eastern European specialties, on Thursday, March 12. The group will depart from the Bryan Center parking lot at 11:15 a.m. Call 767-5751 by March 10 to sign up.

Simple taxes prepared for free

Trained tax preparer volunteers are ready to assist the public in filing uncomplicated tax forms at the Senior Center on Mondays through April 6. Appointments are held at 4:30 and 6 p.m. Call 767-5751 to make an appointment and find out what to bring.

Support nature preserves

Nature lovers can help support their favorite preserves by checking "State nature preserves" on their Ohio income tax returns, providing greatly needed support for Ohio's natural areas. Ohioans can donate all or part of their state income tax refund by checking line 27d of the 2014 1040 Individual Income Tax Return (line 20d of the 1040 EZ form). Contributions made to Ohio State Nature Preserves are tax deductible.

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Rabbit test

After more than a year of political lobbying and document preparation, on Friday Yellow Springs school district submitted a proposal to be exempted from much of the standardized testing currently mandated by the State of Ohio. The district has worked closely with the Springfield City School District on the assessment waiver process, and on Friday, Superintendents Mario Basora of Yellow Springs and David Estrop of Springfield hand delivered their applications, along with one from Springfield's Global Impact STEM Academy, to the State School Superintendent's office in Columbus. They expect to hear whether their waivers are granted by April 2.

Before heading to Columbus Friday,

the two district leaders demonstrated the magic they've put into their alternative solution to the "overabundance of testing" by pulling out of a hat a stuffed rabbit holding the waiver applications.

In general, the waivers propose a 70 percent reduction in standardized testing for students in grades K-12 for up to five years. The Yellow Springs district requests waivers for kindergarten readiness assessments, PARCC reading and math tests for grades 3-8, high school end of course exams and 11th grade national assessments. As alternatives, the district proposes, for teachers, the OTES performance evaluation, and for students, Stanford's SCALE & SCOPE performance based assessment and the ACT college admissions tests.

OBITUARIES

Evan Dawson

Evan R. Dawson, son of the late J. Dudley and Leona Dawson of Yellow Springs, died suddenly on Feb. 3, in New York City. He was 81. Evan was a 1951 graduate of Bryan High School. He graduated from Harvard College in 1955 and from Harvard Law School in 1958. He practiced law in New York City for over 50 years, first as a partner in the law firm of White and Case and then in private practice. His wife, Sue Duff Dawson, preceded him in death on Nov. 2, 2014. He is survived by his daughter, Julia Dawson, son-in-law Ethan Ravage, and granddaughter Charlotte Ravage of San Francisco, Calif.; and by his brothers, John, of Lee, N.H., and Darrell of Santa Fe, N.M. Evan and Sue loved classical music and theater and traveled extensively across every continent to experience the diversity of nature and other cultures. No services will be held. Contributions in his name may be made to Antioch College, to the Leopold Scheppe Foundation in New York City or to a charity of your choice.

Bernadine Young

Bernadine O. Young, born July 23, 1925, passed away peacefully on Feb. 22, in Brunswick, Maine. "Bernie" was preceded in death by her husband, Edward T. Young, and is survived by her seven children, Carol Young, Bo Young, Nancy Mahoney, Linda Young, Debby Young, Kathleen Evans and John Young; and 12 grandchildren. Bernie and Ed attended Antioch College and raised their family in Yellow Springs from 1950 until 1964.

Morgan memorial

Mary M. Morgan died on Jan. 30 at Friends Care Center. A celebration of Mary's life will be held on Sunday, March 8, 2 p.m., in the Senior Center great room. The day is International Women's Day, significant for Mary, who was a committed feminist and peace activist. In lieu of flowers, Mary requested that donations in her honor be given to any county Humane Society; the Glen Helen Ecology Institute at 405 Corry St., Yellow Springs, OH 45387; or to RESIST, a national organization that funds grass roots activist groups across the country, at 259 Elm St. #201, Somerville, MA 02144.

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Robert Crauder

Robert T. Crauder, of State College, Pa., passed away Feb. 24, at Foxdale Village. He was 90. Services will be held Saturday, April 4, 1:30 p.m., in the auditorium at Foxdale Village in State College.

MAYOR'S COURT

The following cases were heard in Village Mayor's Court on Feb. 23:

Abigail A. Clark, Dayton, pled no contest to failure to yield right of way with an accident and was fined \$150 plus court costs. \$80 of the fine was suspended.

Melinda E. Miller, Cedarville, pled guilty to failure to assure clear distance with an accident and was fined \$150 plus court costs. \$80 of the fine was suspended.

Robert Mannering, Springfield, pled guilty to speeding and was fined \$150 plus court costs. A related vehicle registration violation was dismissed.

Elise Miller, Yellow Springs, pled no contest to stop sign violation with an accident and was fined \$150 plus court costs. \$80 of the fine was suspended.

Dismissed by Mayor Foubert: Paul Christianson, Yellow Springs, expired license plates (now valid); Daniel Behnken, Dayton, expired license plates (now valid); Maria Thornton, Yellow Springs, driving under suspension (license was valid at time of citation); tall light illumination (repairs purchased).

The following fines were paid through the Traffic Violations Bureau: —for speeding: Shawn Keller, Bellbrook, \$110; Lisa Bednarczyk, New Carlisle, \$105; Joseph Roberts, Bellefontaine, \$110; N. Dewayne Jackson, Xenia, \$110; Andrew Malincon, Cedarville, \$125; Diana Sutherin, Springfield, \$105; —for stop sign violation: Jesse Deister, Bellbrook, \$105; —for expired license plates: Jason Stangel, Paqua, \$95; Michael Jackson, Yellow Springs, \$95; Rhett Folck, Springfield, \$95; —for littering from vehicle: Joseph Roberts, Bellefontaine, \$150; miscellaneous parking fees: \$95.

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POLICE REPORT

According to police records:

On Monday, Feb. 23, a caller reported that someone had stolen her dog, and that the person who stole the dog admitted to stealing it but would not give it back. Police referred the complaint to police in the caller's jurisdiction.

On Feb. 23 a caller reported seeing footprints in the snow leading to a window of his house. Police traced the prints back to a juvenile neighbor, who said he came into the adjacent yard to retrieve his dog.

On Feb. 23 a caller requested a peace officer to calm his teenage daughter who was screaming and throwing items in the house. Police spoke to the family about the ability of parents to charge their children with unruliness.

On Feb. 23 two callers reported that a dog had been barking for the past two hours at the end of Stewart Drive. An officer warned the dog's owner that a citation could be issued for the disturbance.

On Tuesday, Feb. 24, a social worker requested that police perform a welfare check on a Lawson Place resident.

On Wednesday, Feb. 25, a caller reported that a resident of Friends Care Community had left the facility and was attempting to flag down a vehicle on Xenia Avenue. Police assisted with the squad's response to the mental health patient.

On Thursday, Feb. 26, the Yellow Springs High School reported that a juvenile student had assaulted another student at school. The school requested that police remove the offending juvenile and transport him home, but he was kept in in-school suspension.

On Feb. 26 a local business owner shared information with police about a person who used a counterfeit bill at that business.

On Friday, Feb. 27, a North Winter Street resident reported a theft.

On Feb. 27 a local resident reported being menaced by someone who was calling her cell phone. Police took a report.

On Feb. 27 a Corry Street resident reported an incident of harassment.

At 10 p.m. on Feb. 27 a caller reported that an elderly female was sitting outside the Emporium near a snowbank. Police found that the woman was intoxicated.

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and the squad transported her to Greene Memorial Hospital.

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On Feb. 28 a caller reported that a patient had left Friends Care and refused to return and was heading out to the highway. Police shut down Xenia Avenue temporarily and transported the patient to the hospital.

On Sunday, March 1, police stopped Jeffery Ratcliffe, Springfield, for a break light violation on Xenia Avenue and found that he was also driving under suspension.

At 1 a.m. on March 1 a caller reported that he had struck a deer at the corner of South High and West Herman streets. Police found heavy damage to the vehicle and escorted the driver home.

At the same corner later in the morning of March 1, a motorist slid off the roadway and got stuck in the snow.

On March 1 the same patient at Friends Care who had caused two earlier incidents with police again left the facility, whose personnel called police for assistance retrieving her.

On March 1 police served a warrant to Jeremy Coyle at the Xenia jail.

On March 1 a Suncrest Drive resident reported that a neighbor was pacing in a nearby apartment. Police found that the resident was walking indoors to get exercise in the poor weather.

On March 1 Wellness Center staff found a purse on the property. Police took custody of the property and contacted its owner.

Citations—for speeding: Hannah Frey, Lebanon; Samuel Vanarsdall, Springfield; for stop sign violation: Sarah Badger, Beavercreek.

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Instruction

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Events (cont.)

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Card of thanks (cont.)

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- Star Pediatrics, Ltd., 1659 W. Second Street, Xenia, 376-KIDS (5437)
- Nancy Hesz, M.D. Theodore Triplett, M.D.
- Wright State Physicians, 725 University Blvd., Dayton 937-458-6700, 937-245-7200, WrightStatePhysicians.org
- Yellow Springs OB/GYN, Keith A. Watson, M.D., 100 Kahoe Lane, 767-7311

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- YS Community Children's Center, preschool, day care, 320 Corry St., 767-7236, infoysccc@gmail.com

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- Yellow Springs Schools, 201 S. Walnut St., 767-7381, www.yschools.org
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