

St. Marys lot to be offered to veteran support group

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ST. MARYS — A lot acquired by the city of St. Marys via donation could one day be a home for a veteran.

Members of the St. Marys Community Improvement Corporation Tuesday afternoon unanimously approved a motion to offer the lot located at 220 Lynn St. to Lots for Soldiers at a price of \$6,000. The offer has a six-month window to allow for Lots for Soldiers to raise the necessary funding to purchase the lot. The organization, which purchases lots and builds homes for veterans, recently built a home in Celina.

"I don't think they'll have any problems with that because St. Marys is a generous

community and we want to be involved in stuff like that," Safety-Service Director Greg Foxhoven said.

When the bank donated the property to the city, it came with \$7,000 as well. The city removed the structure, transfered the property to the CIC and has been marketing the property for sale with little interest. Selling the parcel to Lots for Soldiers plus the \$7,000 would net the city \$13,000 for the lot.

St. Marys Development Manager Susan Crotty said Lots for Soldiers is looking for parcels in St. Marys. Once a lot is found, the group starts to raise money to purchase the parcel.

"It's a great lot," Foxhoven said. "It's in a nice location, a nice neighborhood. A lot

of people will donate to the cause."

For more information on Lots for Soldiers, visit LotsForSoldiers.com.

Crotty said she plans to present the St. Marys Board of Education with lease renewal agreement next week for use of the district offices on Spring Street, which is set to expire soon. The renewal will be the same as the current deal — five years at \$1,000 per month. The matter is expected to be on the agenda at next week's school board meeting.

"We've spent quite a bit of money renovating those offices," CIC President Kraig Noble said. "We certainly anticipated they would be there for a while. We have no indication they won't be."

Upon renewal of the lease, the CIC will

update the awning — a topic that was authorized in the past.

"If they agree to renew the lease, that aluminum awning will be replaced with a typical awning that will more match the historical nature of the building — maybe in the school colors," Noble said. "We have a quote on that for about \$5,000."

Noble also gave an update on the recent acquisition of 207 E. Spring St. — the former Party Shoppe building. The city recently agreed the loan the CIC money to purchase the property, which would then be leased out to Arts Place. An upstairs apartment would also be leased out, generating additional income for the CIC to repay the city's loan.

An inspection of

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Armstrong birthday of numerical significance

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Editor's note: The following was provided to the Wapakoneta Daily News in honor of what would have been Neil Armstrong's 85th birthday today.

American astronaut Neil Alden Armstrong was the first of two humans who landed on the Moon in the Apollo 11 spacecraft on July 20, 1969, at 20:18 UTC. When Armstrong put his left boot on the lunar surface, he spoke the famous words, "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind."

Today marks Neil Armstrong's 85th birthday and interestingly enough, if the number 85 is interpreted as the calendar date 8-5, it signifies his birth date, August 5. Isn't this a unique coincidence?

In addition, if numbers 1 to 26 are assigned to the letters of the English alphabet as A being 1, B is 2, C = 3, etc., 85 corresponds to the difference of the sum of the numbers assigned to the letters of "Neil" and "Armstrong"

(which are 40 and 125 respectively). Also, the product of the digits of 85 yields $8 \times 5 = 40$, which coincides with the sum of the numbers assigned to the letters of Armstrong's first name, "Neil". (Also, the difference between 40 and its reverse (04) results in 36, which corresponds to the sum of the numbers assigned to the letters of Armstrong's middle name, "Alden".)

Number 85 expressed in binary number system equal 1010101, a palindrome number. Interestingly enough, the sum of the numbers assigned to the letters of "Neil Armstrong" is 165 and if this number is also expressed in binary, it equals 10100101, another palindrome number having an extra zero digit in the middle of 1010101. Doesn't this make Armstrong's 85th birthday even more special? Happy 85th birthday to the great honorable man, Neil Armstrong.

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Class of 1940 reunion



Staff photo/Laura Germann

Four class of 1940 graduates of Blume High School in Wapakoneta gathered for their 75th high school reunion at RJ's Coffey Cup on Saturday. From left, Gene Rhoades, 92; Bernice Helmlinger Ruck, 92; Esther Elsass Tirey, 93; and Nellie Lietz Montgomery, 93, pose together for a photo. Guests at the reunion, not pictured, were Sheri Sherman, Sis Rhoades and Nelson Klopfenstein.

The above is being rerun from Page 7B of Tuesday's newspaper to make name corrections.

Medical condition cited in truck crash

By LAURA GERMANN
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At 1:05 p.m. on Monday, a driver crashed a truck belonging to Kinstle Truck Center into a house in the 17000 block of state Route 198 in Wapakoneta.

According to Sergeant Westerfield of the Ohio State Highway Patrol Wapakoneta Post, the driver, Glen Farley, 41, of Wapakoneta, blacked out while driving due to a medical issue and did not regain awareness

until after the crash. A witness indicated the truck's engine caught fire soon after colliding with the building.

At the scene were members of the Auglaize County Sheriff Department, Buckland Fire

Department, Wapakoneta EMS and Sergeant Westerfield of the Highway Patrol. The Wapakoneta Fire Department confirmed that the EMS transported the driver from the scene. His condition was not released.



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