

## Ex-Oakwood police chief facing federal child porn charges following arrest in Wisconsin

Former Oakwood police chief Alex P. Bebris, 49, is facing federal child pornography charges following his arrest after authorities served a search warrant on his Wisconsin home on Dec. 19.

Bebris, who resigned after an 11-year tenure as chief of the Oakwood Public Safety Department in November 2017, faces at least 10 state charges of possession of child pornography filed by the Wisconsin Department of Justice in addition to the federal charges brought by the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Wisconsin. If convicted, the charges carry a minimum sentence of five years, or the possibility of up to 20 years, in a federal prison. At a court appearance in Wisconsin, Bebris was determined to be a flight risk and a judge ordered him held without bail.

Facebook reportedly notified the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in September that one of its users had sent images of child pornography to another account utilizing the Facebook Messenger app. That prompted an investigation by the Wisconsin Department of Justice Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce, which concluded that the images were sent from the IP, or Internet Protocol, address

traced to Bebris's home in Neenah, Wisc.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant on Bebris's home on Dec. 19. Authorities said a forensic analysis of the hard drive found on Bebris's computer uncovered images of child pornography involving minors ranging from 1 to 10 years of age.

Oakwood officials said they have no indication that Bebris was involved in any illegal activity while employed by the city.

"We are shocked by the recent arrest of former employee Alex Bebris," Oakwood City Manager Norb Klopsch said. "Mr. Bebris separated from employment with the City of Oakwood on November 10, 2017. We have no additional information regarding the facts or circumstances surrounding Mr. Bebris's arrest, nor do we have any reason to believe that Mr. Bebris engaged in any inappropriate or illegal behavior while employed in Oakwood. As this is a pending matter with our federal government and in the State of Wisconsin, the City of Oakwood will have no further comments." City Law Director Rob Jacques reiterated that no wrongdoing is suspected during Bebris's time with the Public Safety Department, but noted



Oakwood Public Safety Dept. Former Oakwood Public Safety Department Chief Alex Bebris resigned from the department in November 2017.



Winnebago County Sheriff's Dept.

that officials are being taking precautions to protect any forensic data, if needed as part of the investigation.

"City computers are networked and monitored with industry-standard protocols and professional [information technology] oversight, and we have no reason to suspect that illegal conduct occurred on city computers," Jacques stated. "However, we have taken steps to secure and preserve all hardware that could be of evidentiary value, and stand ready to cooperate with federal authorities in any way as this case and any related investigation may unfold."

At the time he left his position

as director of the Oakwood Public Safety Department, Bebris, who was hired by the city in 2006, said he would be accepting a position with the National Criminal Justice Training Center, a consulting firm working with small police forces around the country. Some of the center's training initiatives focus on online crimes against children and exploited children. Within weeks of resigning, however, Bebris was seeking the top cop job as chief of police in Hortonville, a town of 2,700 in Wisconsin, and later ran unsuccessfully as a candidate in the Republican primary for county sher-

iff of Outagamie County, Wisc.

Bebris was offered the position of police chief in Hortonville in February 2018, three months after leaving Oakwood, but reportedly failed a background check required by the city. That investigation caused the Hortonville Village Board to rescind its employment offer to Bebris on March 6.

The background check conducted by Diversified Investigations found that Bebris had applied to nine different agencies in six states in 2016 and 2017. The background check also indicated that Bebris had signed a terms of resignation agreement with Oakwood and previous law enforcement agencies. The agreement with Oakwood, signed on Aug. 8, 2017, included provisions for the city to pay Bebris's monthly health insurance premiums through December 2017, to pay the former chief for all accrued and unused vacation benefits at the time of his departure, and stipulated that the City of Oakwood "will respond to any and all reference requests from prospective employers by providing a positive assessment" of Bebris' tenure in Oakwood.

"We found some discrepancies that we didn't like," Hortonville

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## Oakwood approves leash law, raises refuse rates, okays low-speed vehicles in city

Dog walkers will be required to have their canine companions on a leash following a vote Monday by Oakwood City Council that updates the city's pet laws and imposes stiff penalties for offenders.

The proposal to require owners to keep dogs leashed when not in a homeowner's yard drew criticism from two residents. "I believe in keeping all dogs under control, but I'm curious what problem we're trying to solve," John Clarke asked city

lawmakers. "I've never encountered a problem with this."

"Obviously there are dogs mishandled by irresponsible people, why not just deal with them?" dog-owner Don Eiler said in objecting to the new leash law, adding that he walks his trained canine several times a day in the city without a lead or leash. "If my dog were not under control he would not be with me. I'm beginning to feel the community is not as pleasant as it used to be."

Oakwood Public Safety Chief Alan Hill said the change in city law is driven by public safety, noting that there are some 1,000 dogs registered in Oakwood across 3,800 residences. Hill said his department has responded to 127 dog-related calls in the past five years in Oakwood, with 37 of those being dog bites. "Thirty-seven dog bites is a significant number," Hill told Council. "From an enforcement standpoint, this ordinance is designed with pub-

lic safety in mind." Hill also noted that both neighboring municipalities of Dayton and Kettering have leash laws, some more stringent than Oakwood's new ordinance.

Hill said Public Safety officers will take a "soft" enforcement approach, encouraging verbal warnings for first-time offenders or those unaware of the change in city regulations.

Dogs are now required to be on a physical leash while walking in the

city, but are permitted off lead if in the fenced-in dog park at Creager Field. Fines for failing to control a dog will increase from \$25 to \$50 for a second offense, from \$50 to \$75 for a third offense, from \$75 to \$100 in event of a fourth offense and from \$100 to \$125 for fifth and subsequent offenses within a 12-month period. Service dogs are permitted off of an owner's property while in performance of their duties,

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# Oakwood engineer earns AF honor, will compete nationally

By Donna Lindner  
Air Force Research Laboratory

The National Society of Professional Engineers recently awarded Oakwood's Bob Ware the agency-level Federal Engineer of the Year Award. Ware, who works for the Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright-Patterson, will compete for the Federal Engineer of the Year Award, the organization's highest-level award, in February.

The award is sponsored by the Professional Engineers in Government, which is an advocacy group of the NSPE. The distinction honors engineers employed by a federal agency that employs at least 50 engineers worldwide.

Ware is a principal failure analyst in the Systems Support Division at AFRL. He supports Air Force safety investigations to identify the root cause of each failure, enabling him to advocate for the corrective actions that will prevent recurrence of each mishap.

In addition to his role as a safety investigator, Ware regularly supports routine materials and processing questions that arise during aircraft production.

Ware's award nomination covers 30 years of contributions to determining root cause of incidences and lessons learned to prevent future incidences.

Within the last three years, Ware directly supported more than 30 Air Force Safety Investigation Boards in which he determined the failure



U.S. Air Force photo  
Bob Ware

modes of mishap-related aerospace components, developed appropriate corrective actions and advocated for their use to mitigate safety critical issues endangering more than 25,000 combat airmen and the availability of key Air Force assets.

"My teammates and I consider it an honor to be entrusted with such an important mission," said Ware. "I'm amazed by how many different ways engineers in the AF and across federal service contribute, and I am humbled to be recognized among them."

Segrid Harris, Materials Integrity Branch chief of the Materials and Manufacturing Directorate, nominated Ware and said, "Ware's name immediately came to mind when I saw the nomination package. He's a phenomenal engineer with a meticulous eye for detail."

Ware, along with 31 other recipients from 13 agencies across the federal government, will compete for the NSPE Federal Engineer of the Year Award on Feb. 22 in Washington, D.C.

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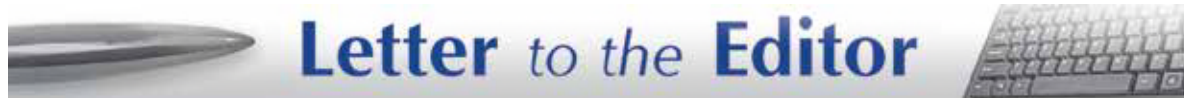
Village Board President Al Habeck told the *Appleton Post Crescent* after rescinding the offer to hire Bebris. "There was no real smoking gun, but it was questionable as to why he left the Milwaukee Police Department and the Adams County Sheriff's Office."

Bebris had previously worked for the Milwaukee Police Department, the Adams County, Wisc., Sheriff's Office, where he was a chief deputy, and the Town of Menasha, Wisc., Police Department, where he was a lieutenant, before joining the Oakwood Public Safety Department. The background check reportedly raised concerns about Bebris's fail-

ure to disclose information and questions surrounding the circumstances of his leaving the Milwaukee Police Department. Bebris also signed earlier separation agreements with both the Menasha Police Department and the Adams County Sheriff's Office, according to the background check.

After leaving Oakwood, Bebris established a private security firm under the name Primus Security & Investigations in Appleton, Wisc. The background check by Diversified Investigations revealed that Bebris also was the owner or registered agent of six distinct companies in both Ohio and Wisconsin, which Bebris said had been incorporated for business or tax purposes.

Oakwood has been linked with several high-profile sex offenders in recent years. In 2013, former Oakwood Board of Education President Dr. James K. Uphoff was sentenced to federal prison after child pornography was discovered on his computer at Wright State University, and in 2016 former standout Oakwood High School swimmer and Olympic hopeful Brock Turner was convicted of sexually assaulting an intoxicated woman following a frat party at Stanford University in a case that attracted national media attention. Uphoff was released from federal prison in 2015. Turner served just three months of a six-month sentence in a California jail.



## CARE Walk looking for Team Members, Sponsors

Our homegrown, grassroots 18th annual Breast Cancer 5K CARE Walk will be held here in Oakwood on Saturday, May 11, 2019, at Oakwood High School.

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If you are interested in joining our team as a volunteer, we have many different ways you can help from home or at the walk. Starting

in March before the walk, our team mails flyers, hangs posters, sells pink ribbon cookies, and promotes support from neighbors and friends. On the day of the walk, we need people to greet walkers, prepare refreshments, help with registration, direct walkers along the route, and set up and tear down tables for the event. These are just a few of the many tasks available. If you are interested in helping, we can find something that suits your abilities.

If your organization would like to sponsor CARE Walk, we have several levels of sponsorship beginning at \$350. Some of our walkers have sponsored teams in honor of a breast cancer survivor/thriver. The deadline to have your logo or team

name on our promotional materials is January 31. All contributions to CARE Walk are tax-deductible and stay in the Miami Valley.

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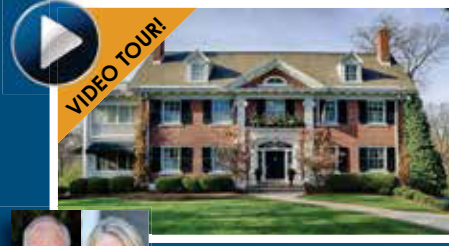


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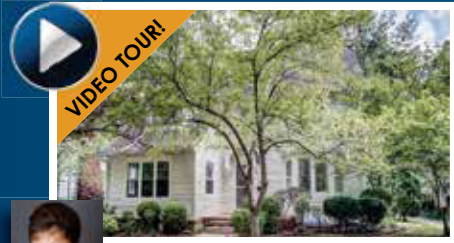
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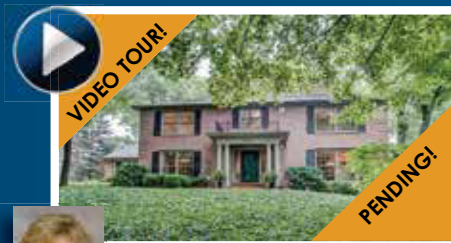
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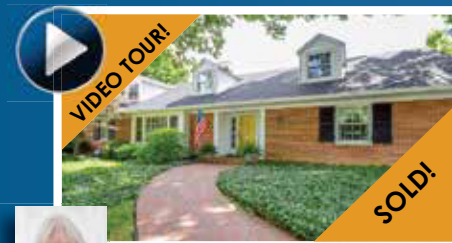
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# Obituaries

## Joshua Bradley Few

age 33, passed away suddenly on Friday, December 14, 2018. He was a believer in Christ and a member of Phillips Temple CME Church. Joshua attended Oakwood Schools for much of his life and continued to pursue his education by attending the University of Toledo before moving to Chicago to fulfill his lifelong passion for cooking by studying at Kendall College of Culinary Arts. Joshua loved to laugh and had a smile that could light up a room. He was an expert chef who got so much joy from creating delicious dishes at a moments notice for family and friends. From the time he was a young boy, Joshua enjoyed music, movies,

friends and sports...especially fantasy football supporting his favorite team, the Chicago Bears. He really loved to share his passions with others and brought so much love and joy to those around him. He was a sweet, kind-hearted boy who grew to be a wonderfully strong and humorous young man. No matter what the challenge, Joshua continued to push forward and reminded us that he loved us in spite of it all. Joshua was born in Dayton, Ohio, on May 9, 1985, and was the son of Desiree Dickinson and David L. Few, Jr. In addition to his parents, Joshua is survived by his stepfather Nathan Anderson, stepmother Penny Few, sisters,

Kellie (Few) Pean, Desja Few, Lauren Few, Alexandria Anderson, brother Anthony Anderson, as well as his brother-in-law, Shawn Pean, nieces Olivia Pean and Nora Wittmer, nephews, Shawn M. Pean and Brayden Wittmer, grandfather, David L. Few Sr., grandmothers Joan C. Few and Patricia B. Matthews. He also is survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins. Those who knew Joshua, even just a little, lost a shining light in their lives. We take comfort knowing that he is without pain and is now at rest in God's arms. Joshua's family extends their heartfelt thanks for all of the love, support, outreach and prayers people have offered.

## Ellen M. Gleason

age 86, of Oakwood passed away Thursday, December 27, 2018, at Bethany Village. She was preceded in death by her husband James J. Gleason, and a son, James A. Gleason. Survivors include her children John (Sylvia) Gleason, Mary (Tom) Bartlett, Catherine (Jim) Lawler, Ellen (Jim) McElwain; daughter-in-law Lauren Gleason; a brother, David Bourke; 18 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren

and numerous nieces and nephews. Ellen retired from the Kettering Public School System where she was a Special Education Tutor. She graduated from St. Mary of the Springs, now Ohio Dominican, and later received her Master's degree from Wright State University. Visitation was Wednesday, January 2, at Tobias Funeral Home on Far Hills Avenue. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated

on Thursday, January 3, at Holy Angels Church, 1322 Brown Street in Dayton. Burial in Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to The Alzheimer's Association or Hospice of Dayton. The family would like to thank the staff of Bethany Village and Hospice of Dayton for their loving care. Online condolences may be sent to www.tobiasfuneralhome.com

## Eugenia Faye Martin

83, passed away peacefully on December 28, in Cincinnati, Ohio. She was born November 1, 1935. She is preceded in death by Russell Kent Martin, her husband of 47 years, and her parents, Pauline and Marion Satterfield, of Franklin, Ohio. Faye is survived by her daughters, Karin L. Martin, Mindy Martin Weigel, her son-in-law, W. Breck Weigel, and her grandchildren, Matthew and Gretchen Weigel, all of Cincinnati. She leaves behind a sister, Barbara Pogue, of Columbus, Ohio, and her nephews, Robert Cain and Lieutenant Colonel Dan Cain, of Oakdale, California and Columbus, respectively. Faye Martin was raised first in Kentucky, then Franklin, Ohio, where she met her future husband while they attended Franklin High School. After graduating, Faye went on to attend Ohio State University on a full scholarship to study education. She was actively involved in her Phi Mu sorority, serving as rush chairman for two years. It was at OSU that she met Doris Olt, her friend of 65 years. Faye and Kent were married on July 21, 1956 and graduated from Ohio State in June of 1957. Starting a family in Middletown, Kent began his career as a Sorg Paper Co. executive, which took them to Hinsdale, Illinois, then on to Ridgefield, Connecticut, where Faye, with love and devotion, taught kindergarten for five years. Faye and her family eventually moved back to Ohio in 1974, where they resided on Lookout Dr. for 22 years. They ended up becoming life-long friends with Chuck and Lois Ross, who lived across the street. Faye had a true talent for knitting and needlepoint,



and opened The Yarn Garden in 1976. It was there she shared her passion, teaching her craft to numerous women in the Dayton area. At the age of 50, Faye decided to get a realtor's license, which began a notable career in real estate. She was named "Rookie of the Year" in the greater Dayton area, her first year as a Realtor at Keyes Gateway, (the family called it Faye's Gateway) and went on to win numerous awards yearly. Faye and Kent moved to Country Club of the North in 1996, where Faye, now with Remax, was given the coveted contract to sell the luxury homes in her CCN community. Faye also loved to spend time at their property in Hilton Head, where they owned a condominium in Harbor Town. Their family visited every summer, and the grandkids were especially fond of Greg Russell, The Man in the Tree. A huge Buckeye fan, Faye traveled to the Horseshoe for games with dear friends,

Lois Ross and Doris Olt. Her grandson Matt was their invaluable escort and driver; the four could be found lunching at The Blackwell Hotel, an enthusiastic pre-game tradition. Every January and Fourth of July, Faye vacationed with her gal pals up North, visiting Jane Rapp, Mimi Greer and others who had homes in Northern Michigan. The girls also took a yearly trip to Niagara Falls for the Summer Shakespeare Festival. Faye joined Le Club; the ladies were always busy with meetings, and participating in activities around town. Between Mahjong, Bridge and Investment Club, someone was entertaining most nights. When Kent passed, Faye left Country Club of the North for a wonderfully tight knit neighborhood in Oakwood on Hadley Rd. Once again, Faye rocked it, fast becoming a popular addition to the Hadley block bunch. Living across the street from Ed and Susie Rodabaugh was a blessing; they were always there when she needed them. Known lovingly as Foo to her family, Faye Martin was a valuable member of every community she lived in, especially in Oakwood, where she had so many remarkable friends. Gracious, honest and kind, Faye was known for her impeccable taste and beautiful smile. We will miss her greatly. A memorial service was held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Oakwood on Monday, January 7, followed by a gathering at Dayton Country Club, where the family received guests. The family would like to thank Collette Sercu, Faye's devout caregiver and friend, during her time in Cincinnati.

## City announces Holiday Decorating Awards

The City of Oakwood announced its 2018 Holiday Decorating Award winners as Mayor William Duncan presented winning homeowners with a certificate at the City Council meeting on Monday, Jan. 7.

Both day and night decoration winners were selected from each of the six districts in the city, as well as two local businesses which were honored for their holiday decorations.

John & Marilyn Reed	525 Ridgewood Ave.	Day Award
Johnathan & Julia Lamb	437 Volusia Ave.	Night Award
Bart & Linda Weprin	600 Garden Way	Day Award
Ian & Karlee Ferrier	29 Wisteria Dr.	Night Award
Elizabeth & Matthew Kussman	226 Telford Ave.	Day Award
Lawrence & Nancy Welch	423 Wiltshire Blvd.	Night Award
John & Vail McGuire	360 East Dr.	Day Award
Jacob & Sarah Chocholous	416 East Dr.	Night Award
Nancy Kussman	2408 Hilltop Ave.	Day Award
Brian & Maria Beecher	25 Grandon Rd.	Night Award
Patrick & Jennifer Prikkel	930 Harman Ave.	Day Award
David & Judith Duwell	1492 Ridgeway Rd.	Night Award

### Business Winners

Blue Turtle Toys - Cathy Tapogna, 2314 Far Hills Ave.,	Day Award
Lula Bell Whimsical Art & Stationery - Amy Gantt, 23 Park Ave.,	Night Award



# 'Round Town

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By Gary Mitchner

If I led the data-driven life, I would continue that title to infinity; I would go back and count how many columns that I wrote in 2018; or I would count the number of bolded names that I mentioned in those columns; and, perhaps, who would come out on top as the most mentioned names ("the loving spouse"?). But let's forego data and concentrate on the numbers of holiday parties - just kidding.

Let's just say that the holidays were basically uneventful and that was good. All the usuals: family, friends, gifts, food glorious food, a little snow, and visits to museums: Columbus Art and Dayton Art Institute (saw the **Kiewitz** family at the **Mikalene Thomas** exhibit). I saw several good films: *Boy Erased*, *The Favourite*, *Wildlife*, and *Roma* (with plans this week to see *Mary Queen of Scots*) at The Neon.

After Christmas, half the family drove to Toronto, going to the CN



New Year's Eve at the Schuster Center

Tower, the Royal Ontario Museum, Eaton Centre for Boxing Day retail sales, a local natatorium for the hot tub, the St. Lawrence Market, the TORONTO sign, High Tea at the Royal York Hotel (drank a cranberry mule, delicious) and several good restaurants.

On the way back in Detroit, we had lunch with former Oakwoodite **Dee Ann Durbin Hurley**. I had just enough time to put on my Peruvian poncho to attend **Neal Gittleman's** "Fiesta" at the Schuster Center for

New Year's Eve. Saw many people there, but now that it's the Epiphany (January 6), I cannot remember. Only the audience punching balloons as if it were a high school graduation with hundreds of beach balls pierces my 2019 mind. I did eat the traditional pork and sauerkraut (no black eye peas this year) but up in Troy; I did not see "the ball drop;" I did not make any resolutions (what for?); and I did not drink any Veuve Clicquot. So let's move on.

## Sally Cotter on stage at Oakwood Junior High

Mark your calendars for Oakwood Junior High School's production of *Sally Cotter and the Censored Stone* which will take the stage Jan. 18-19, with showtimes at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. each day. Thirty-three OJHS students will bring the hilarious spoof to life on the OHS Auditorium stage.

When Sally falls asleep while reading books about a certain juve-



nile wizard, she dreams she is a student at Frogbull Academy of

Sorcery. Danger is lurking, and it's up to Sally and her new friends Dave and Harmonica to defeat the schemes of the evil Lord Murderdeath.

Will she become the hero like the one in her favorite series? You'll need to catch this fun show to find out!

Tickets will be on sale at the door, \$8 for adults and \$5 for students.

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provided they remain under direct control of an owner or a keeper.

Council voted to increase the city's monthly refuse collection fee from \$27 to \$30 a month for single-family homes, from \$54 to \$60 a month for duplexes, from \$81 to \$90 per month for triplexes, from \$108 to \$120 a month for four-unit apartment buildings. Structures with multiple units will see their rates increase from \$27 a month to \$30 a month for each residential unit.

City lawmakers on Monday adopted regulations authorizing the use of low-speed and under-speed vehicles, including golf carts, on city streets with posted speed limits not greater than 25 miles per hour. Under-speed vehicles are defined as those capable of a top speed of not more than 20 miles per hour, while low-speed vehicles can have a maximum speed of up to 25 mph. Such vehicles will be banned from travel on Far Hills and Shroyer, although low- and under-speed vehicles are permitted to cross those streets at intersections.

The city will require licensed operators to register, properly title and insure low- or under-speed vehicles, and pass a city inspection and speed test. Low-speed vehicles are required to have headlights, turn signals, rear-view mirrors, seat belts, a rear license plate light and a vehicle

identification number. Under-speed vehicles operating on city streets must have a windshield, brakes, brake lights, a properly working steering mechanism, rear-view mirrors and appropriate tires.

"We're not adding any requirements beyond those required by state law," City Law Director Rob Jacques told Council.

Council members recognized Dr. Richard Garrison, MD, who retired as Oakwood Health Commissioner on Dec. 31 after 10 years. Prior to being appointed health commissioner for the city, Garrison served as assistant health commissioner and as volunteer medical director from 1983 to 2009 for the Oakwood Public Safety Department, where he provided oversight of the city's EMS services and is credited with guiding the department in improving the quality of emergency medical response and pre-hospital care.

"Being both a citizen and a volunteer at Oakwood gave me a real appreciation for the excellent city services and employees," said Garrison. "Working with the Oakwood Public Safety and Health Departments was always a satisfying opportunity to help my community."

"Dr. Garrison served the city of Oakwood with distinction for 35 years," said City Manager Norbert Klopsch. "His passion for service and keen understanding of the needs

of the Oakwood community was recognized in all of his work and made him an invaluable asset to our community."

With Garrison's retirement, Dr. Stephen Enseleit, MD, would be stepping into the role of City Health Commissioner. Enseleit is an emergency medicine physician serving in the emergency department at Kettering Medical Center. He holds a medical degree from the University of Cincinnati and is licensed by the American Board of Emergency Medicine.

"We are pleased to appoint Dr. Enseleit to the Health Commissioner position and look forward to working with him in addressing the public health issues that arise in our community," said Klopsch. "Dr. Enseleit has strong credentials and, as a resident of Oakwood, has a good understanding of our community needs."

Also on Monday, Montgomery County Auditor Karl Keith presented the Jesse Haines Award to Oakwood Assistant Finance Director Alice Young, who has worked in the city Finance Department since 1978. The presentation was in recognition of Young's contributions to the community. City Finance Director Cindy Stafford, who nominated Young for the honor, characterized her as "an ideal public servant who puts community first."

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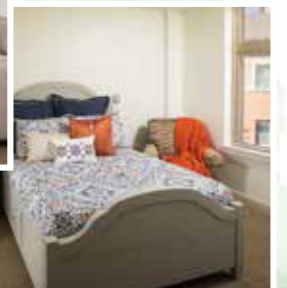
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## Tax info session at Library will discuss 2018 tax changes

Join William Duncan, C.P.A., for an informational session on what to expect as you prepare your 2018 taxes at Wright Memorial Public Library at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10.

The presentation will cover the 2018 tax changes, the substantial revisions to I.R.S. Form 1040, and tax planning opportunities for individuals and small businesses. Duncan will also answer questions from the audience.

Duncan has worked in the

accounting industry since 1974. He provides a wide variety of accounting, tax and business consulting services to his clients. His primary focus is with closely held companies in the construction, real estate and manufacturing/distribution industries. Duncan, who also serves as mayor of Oakwood, is a member of the American Institute of Certified Accountants and the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants.



## Two on OHS Speech & Debate team earn State tournament bids at Beavercreek Invitational

After the first speech and debate tournament of the New Year, two more Oakwood High School students have earned their way to the State tournament. Cameron Hendrix and Charlie Almoney both collected their fourth bids at the Beavercreek Phoenix Invitational tournament held on Saturday, Jan. 5, at Beavercreek High School. Hendrix won the International Extemporaneous category, with Almoney placing third in U.S. Extemporaneous.

OHS had two other category winners. Marley Weimers won Original Oratory, with Grace Hutton and Myra Hamilton placing first in Duo Interpretation.

Other top finishers for OHS were: Sam Miller fourth place, Ashton Tucker third place and Claire Agular second place in Congressional Debate; Allie Wilson fifth place in Dramatic Interpretation; Toni Moore and Keara Connolly fourth place and Alexx Anderson and Izzy Caruso third place in Duo Interpretation;

Dana Clark sixth place in Humorous Interpretation; Bryn Cortez fifth place in Informative Speaking; Alex Mayer fifth place and Charlie Ross fourth place in International Extemporaneous; Canaan Smith fifth place in Lincoln Douglas Debate; Lauren Hamiel sixth place and Lauren O'Connell fifth place in Original Oratory; and Brenna Campbell sixth place, Lane Bokros fourth place and Shayla Frederic third place in Program Oral Interpretation.

## Oakwood Rotary offers pick-up service Jan. 26

Oakwood Rotary volunteers will offer home pick-up service on Saturday, Jan. 26, to collect materials that cannot be picked up by weekly trash and recycling routes, such as paint cans, stains, thinners, pesticides, and batteries.

Please ensure that containers are easily accessible, not leaking, with secure lids. If you have pick-

up items, call 296-5155 and leave your name and address before 12 noon on Friday, Jan. 25. Items to be collected need to be ready by 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26.

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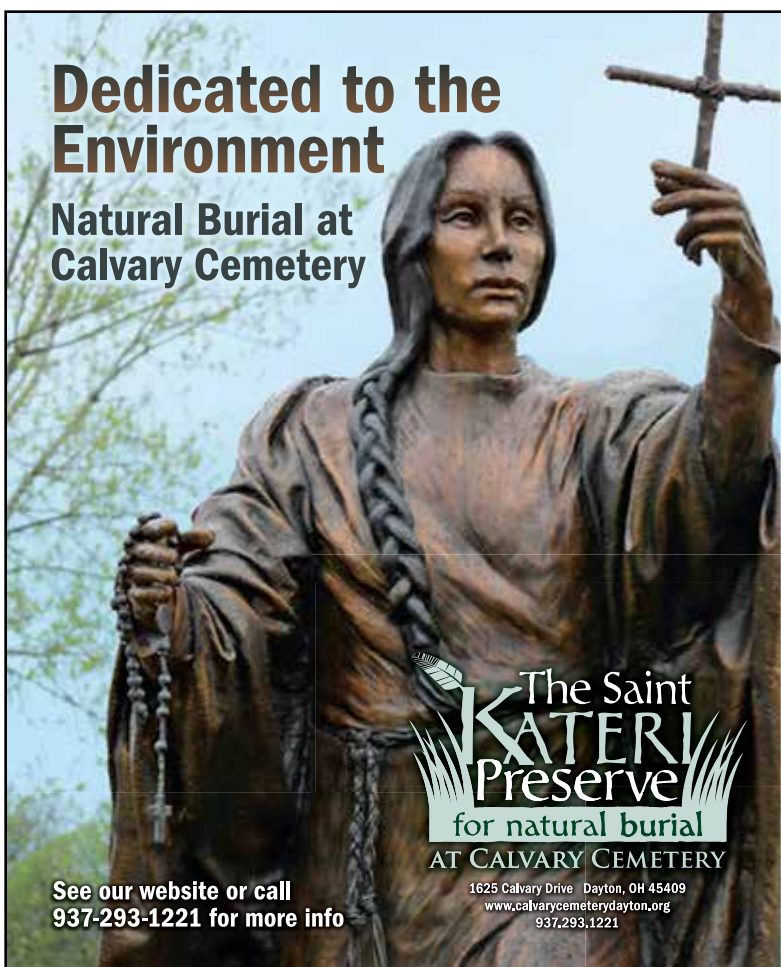


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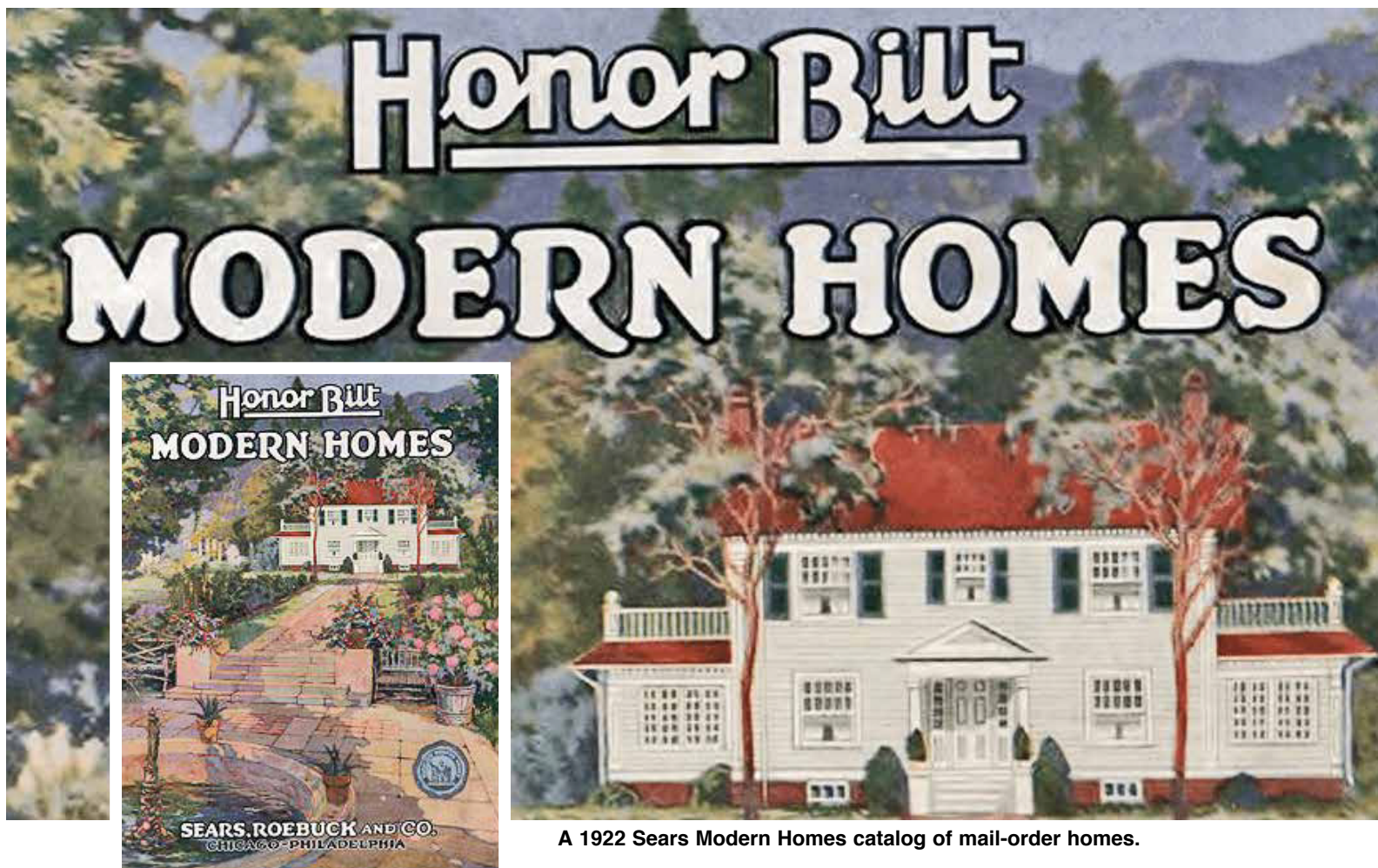
# Once popular 'ready cut' kit homes sold by Sears Roebuck still line local streets

Sears department stores may be little more than a fast-fading memory in the Miami Valley, but the once great mail-order company – often characterized to later generations as “the Amazon of its day” – has left an indelible footprint in neighborhoods across Dayton and its suburbs, including Oakwood.

Once the best-known purveyor of mail-order kit homes, Sears Roebuck and Company houses still dot streetscapes from Florida to Illinois and New York to California. Nationally, Sears homeowners have established preservation groups and online communities in an effort to identify as-yet undiscovered examples of kit home architecture.

Marketed in three grades as “Honor Bilt Ready-Cut” premium homes, “Standard Bilt” and “Simplex Sectional” cottages, sheds and garages, Sears maintained an exhibit office featuring its mail-order homes in the Columbia Building at 49 East Second Street in Dayton – one of more than a dozen such centers across the country selling kit homes to an aspiring, expanding middle class during the stock

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A 1922 Sears Modern Homes catalog of mail-order homes.

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# The Elmwood: Modern Home No. 162



Marketed by Sears from 1911 to 1921, the Elmwood sold for \$832 when it was first introduced. Later models sold for up to \$2,492.

Billed as a two-story, five-room Craftsman-style bungalow, the home was available in both Yellow Pine and Oak finishes and required a 35-foot lot to accommodate. A full-width front porch is supported by tapered square columns. The first floor features a large living room, kitchen and dining room with built-in sideboards in the dining room and a fireplace with oak mantel in the living room. The upstairs consists of two bedrooms and a bath. The second-story front porch was designed as an open-air sleeping balcony in an era before air conditioning.

Risley has identified one possible example in the 300-block of Corona in Oakwood. Other known instances of the home are found in Cleveland, Ohio; Washington, D.C.; Caldwell, Idaho; Bloomington, Illinois; Gary, Indiana; Calmar, Iowa;

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## ► Sears from page 8

market boom of the Roaring 1920s. Other sales sites included Akron, Cincinnati, Columbus, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, New York City, Detroit, Washington, Kansas City, Camden, N.J., and two each in Philadelphia and Chicago, where Sears was headquartered. There was even a five-room "Dayton" model mail-order home offered by Sears in 1934.

Sold at price points ranging from \$500 to \$5,000, and marketed to prospective buyers with payment plans from \$15 to \$75 a month, kit homes proved particularly popular in the Midwest, as evidenced by the five Sears model home exhibit centers in Ohio. "Honor Bilt" was Sears's top-of-the-line home models, followed by the more reasonably priced "Standard Built" models and the economical "Simplex" cottages and cabins.

But Sears was hardly alone in marketing kit homes to buyers in the prosperous, pre-Depression 1920s. Tens of thousands of pre-cut homes were sold from the early 1900s through the 1980s by such companies as Aladdin, Gordon-Van Tine, Lewis, Pacific Homes, Harris Brothers and Montgomery Ward, a direct competitor to Sears.

Sears sold homes to customers in at least 43 states, with the largest number of mail-order homes going up in Illinois, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania and Indiana. Shipped by railcar, and sometimes boat, the kits contained everything needed to construct a substantial home — pre-cut frames, sashes and optional plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures at a time when many homes in the Midwest lacked running water, indoor plumbing or electricity.

Each kit contained anywhere from 10,000 to 30,000 pieces and a 75-page instruction book on assembling the home. The largest of the kits — including several hundred pounds of nails — required two boxcars to ship to a

waiting lot.

Coupled with company financing and mortgages, Sears homes proved popular with many aspiring homeowners. And, according to the promotional literature, Sears homes could be a comparative bargain. In 1908, when they first entered the market, Sears reckoned that a carpenter would charge \$450 to build its two-story Foursquare kit home typical of the day, but also noted that a man with a basic understanding of carpentry would be capable of assembling such a house. In 1921, a company brochure estimated that one of its smaller pre-cut homes could be assembled in just over 280 hours — a 40 percent savings in labor costs compared to the estimated 509 hours it would take to build a similar home using traditional construction methods.

"In the days before home power tools, pre-cut homes represented an enormous saving in labor and materials for the home-buyer," says architectural historian and author Rebecca Hunter, who has helped authenticate more than 400 mail-order homes across 29 states.

Sears offered more than 450 mail-order home models in various price ranges from 1908 to 1940, when the company sold its lumbermill. Of the estimated 75,000 Sears homes built in America, a handful (and possibly more) ended up in Oakwood. Mark Risley, who lectures on local architecture as part of the Far Hills Speaker Series sponsored by the Oakwood Historical Society and Wright Memorial Library, has identified at least five Sears homes in the city. Risley points to three Sears homes on Telford — two "Sunbeam" and an "Elsmer" model, a possible "Elmwood" Sears home on Corona, and a stately "Martha Washington" Sears home at the corner of Forrer and Shafer Boulevards. Risley also identified a Spanish Revival model marketed by Blue Ribbon Home,

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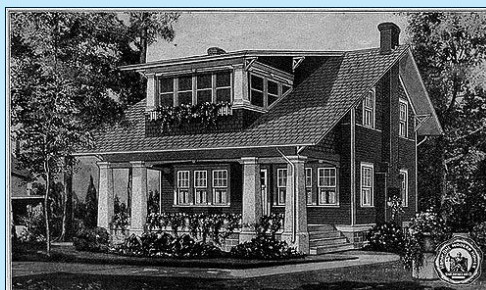


Taking its cue from the earlier Elmwood, the Sears Sunbeam enclosed the second-story balcony as a screened-in porch.

The Sunbeam was known to be offered by Sears Roebuck and Co. from 1922 to 1926 for a price ranging from \$2,425 to \$2,707.

The Sunbeam floorplan mirrored that of its earlier cousin, and included an “ever ready” built-in ironing board.

There are two examples on Telford in Oakwood, at 20 Telford and 224 Telford, according to Risley.



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► **Sears** from page 9 another 1920s-era mail-order home manufacturer, on Claranna. And there may well be more in the city, he says.

“Sears made everything from modest cottages to mansions, apartments and commercial buildings,” Risley notes. “I’ve identified several in Oakwood, but have never done a complete survey of all of the potential homes. I suspect there are many, many more out there, particularly in east Oakwood.” The company even marketed a two-story six-classroom brick schoolhouse

with an auditorium for \$11,500.

With an upsurge in interest in Sears homes in recent decades, the task of correctly identifying a mail-order home often falls to such local architectural sleuths who pursue kit homes with a passion.

Hunter says accurately identifying a mail-order or kit home can be challenging, noting that most mail-order homes mimicked many of the best-selling construction styles of the day.

“These houses were usually not distinctive architectural designs. It is difficult to identify kit homes

visually as the models were copies of popular designs,” says Hunter, who has written three books on mail-order homes and crisscrossed the country searching for kit home communities. “About half of those who have a kit home are unaware of it, and about half of those who think they have a mail-order house actually do not.”

Other experts put the estimate of undiscovered or misidentified mail-order homes as high as 80 percent, noting that many who see a visual similarity between their

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# The Elsmore: Refinement & Comfort



Featured in Sears catalogs over a 10-year period from 1916 to 1926, the Elsmore – available in two floor plans featuring spacious rooms, a living room fireplace, large front porch and a kitchen which overlooked the backyard – was a favorite among mail-order home buyers.

The original home included a 25-foot porch, two first-floor bedrooms with a bathroom between, a 10-by-10 foot reception room immediately inside the entryway, and a combined

living room and dining room – a precursor to today’s open living concept. An alternate floor plan dropped the reception room in favor of a separate kitchen and formal dining room

The home also featured extra room in the attic, which could be converted into living space or an additional bedroom.

Prices for the Elsmore ranged from \$858 to \$2,391. In 1919, the 1,100-square-foot home sold for \$1,528.

Local architectural histori-

an Mark Risley has identified example the home at 148 Telford Avenue in Oakwood. Other known examples of the home can be found in New Philadelphia, Ohio; Fox Lake, Wisconsin; Chicago, Brookfield, Logan Park Ridge and Rockford, Indiana; Clinton and LaPorte, Indiana; Des Moines and Farnhamville, Iowa; Cohasset, Massachusetts; Crystal Falls, Michigan; Bertrand, Missouri; Albany, New York; and Glenshaw, Pennsylvania.

► **Sears** from page 10 home and a Sears catalog illustration mistakenly jump to the conclusion that it must be a mail-order home.

Though by far the most visible of the kit home manufacturers, Sears was not the first, nor the only, nor the most prolific company to offer kit homes in America. Eight major manufacturers, including Blue Ribbon, Aladdin, Lewis,

and Gordon-Van Tine, marketed similar kit homes from the early 1900s onwards. Even Sears’s arch-nemesis in the mail-order catalog business, Montgomery Ward, got into the trade for a short time, says Hunter, an architectural historian whose books include *Mail-Order Homes* and *Putting Sears Homes on the Map: 1908-1940*.

An early pioneer in the industry was Harris Brothers, located

in Sears’s hometown of Chicago, Ill. The company was founded in 1892 as an architectural salvage company and incorporated in 1893 as the Chicago House Wrecking Company. The four Harris brothers secured contracts for the demolition of exhibitions such as the 1893 World Columbian Exhibition in Chicago, and the 1904 St. Louis World Fair. By 1908, they began

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► **Sears** from page 12  
 turn-of-the-century designs, many by architect William Radford. Wards apparently never owned or operated housing production facilities, and Hunter says there is evidence that the company's early homes were manufactured in Bay City, Mich., at International Mill and Timber, a later competitor. Beginning in 1917, Gordon-Van Tine provided the materials for the homes marketed by Montgomery Wards. Pre-cut home kits were introduced in 1918. The brand name "Wardway Homes" was used from 1918 until 1931, featuring a "ready-cut" system. Most of the Montgomery Ward homes are virtually identical to Gordon-Van Tine models from corresponding years - only the model names and prices differ. Like Sears, Wards offered mortgage financing until 1931 when it closed its housing division, having sold an estimated 30,000 homes nationwide.

notice and followed suit two years later. By 1913 Aladdin's lumber supplier, the Lewis Company, also in Bay City, began printing its own catalog of mail-order homes based on Aladdin's designs. Sovereign and his brother soon turned to another supplier, International Mill and Timber, which quickly followed Lewis' lead and marketed its own line of kit homes in 1915. A third Aladdin derivative, the Sterling Company, came on the market in the 1920s.

Despite the competition from its own suppliers, Aladdin was the most prolific producer of the mail-order home manufacturers, shipping an estimated 100,000 kit homes across America, Canada, England and Africa before closing its doors in 1983. Lewis, which also operated under the name Liberty Homes, sold about 60,000 kit homes before going bankrupt in 1973. Sterling sold some 35,000 mail-order homes by the time it closed in 1971.

The Aladdin Company of Bay City, Michigan, was the first large mail-order supplier of kit homes, offering its first kit in 1906 when William Sovereign, an advertising executive, saw an advertisement for a pre-cut kit boat. Reasoning that a similar concept could be applied to home building, Sovereign teamed up with his brother, an Ohio lawyer, to form the Aladdin Company, and the two tested their theory with an initial offering of a pre-cut boathouse kit, followed by a series of small cottages. Sears soon took

Taking its cue from Aladdin and other early manufacturers, Sears Roebuck and Company of Chicago came onto the mail-order home market in 1908. From 1908 to 1915 Sears sold only plans and bulk materials, introducing its pre-cut, kit homes in its later Modern Homes Catalog. In 1916, Sears published a small catalog of "Ready-Made" Simplex sectional buildings. In the fall of 1917, Sears began to offer mortgages in hopes of attracting customers who did



A Sears mail-order bungalow located on Avalon Ave., off of West Schantz, in Kettering.

not have the cash to purchase a more costly Aladdin or Gordon-Van Tine home, says Hunter. Sears soon discovered that the mortgage business was even more profitable than the housing business. However, due to financial losses during the Depression, Sears discontinued mortgage financing in 1933, and continued to market pre-cut homes of simplified design and lesser quality until 1940. Sears sold an estimated 60,000 to 70,000 homes from 1908 to 1940.

A later set of 12 building plans titled "Sears Modern Homes" with a 1941 date has been discovered, and some of these were apparently built in Elyria, Ohio, says Turner.

In later years, Sears began marketing a limited run of sectional models under the brand name "Homart" - the name taken from Homan and ARThington streets, where the main Sears Chicago office was located - from 1949 to 1951. Although no later catalogs have been found by researchers,

Hunter says several Homart homes built between 1954 and 1965 have been discovered in areas around Chicago.

*Editor's Note: This is the first of a two-part series on mail-order homes in Oakwood. The second article in the series, with tips on identifying mail-order or kit homes by various manufacturers, will be published in the Distinctive Homes section in the Feb. 6 edition of The Oakwood Register.*

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4533 SOUTHERN BLVD	\$630,000.00	DAY TIMOTHY L TR	MCCARTHY LORA L TR
4451 ROYAL RIDGE WAY	\$470,000.00	JUAREZ SANTOS A	RALSTON RANDALL
4625 SOUTHERN BLVD	\$400,000.00	BRASIER SUSAN CO TRUSTEE	HAINES RONALD C
1931 TAIT CIRCLE RD	\$375,000.00	BOYLES KARLA D	CRUSEY DAVID J
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## 'Fiesta' rings in New Year as Dayton Ballet, Philharmonic takes the stage at Schuster

Burt Saidel



The universal beginning of 2019 did not coincide with the not-so universal beginning of *The Oakwood Register's* year. No matter, we can relive those gala evenings together in review.

The annual New Year's Eve concert is always a delight. The music of the Philharmonic artists is augmented by guest instrumentalists who provide a holiday hiatus for some orchestra members. All responded to Maestro Neal Gittleman's baton to perfection.

The sold-out audience also responded Neal's effervescent wit. Neal has fun and passes it along to all. The enthusiasm is ubiquitous.

Fiesta was the theme and Spanish-flavored music was the result. Neal was quick to point out that the program contained music by Chabrier, Bizet, Bernstein, Minkus, Ravel, Massenet, and, of course Vienna's Strauss family. None of these composers were Spanish.

Neal explained that a former Phil-

harmonic's Concertmaster was an actual Spaniard, Lucas Aleman. He asked Lucas how he felt about the most famous "Spanish" music in the repertory not being by Spaniards. Lucas' response - that was "tourist music."

Whatever classification used, I call the selections for the "Fiesta" program uniformly brilliant and completely wonderful. And, played to perfection.

The special features of the program began with Concertmaster Jessica Hung. Looking radiant, Jessica is a new mother. I'm sure her daughter will be very talented, as well.

Jessica, also a frequent soloist, played Spaniard Pablo de Sarasate's "Caprice Basque." Described as a virtuosic work for violin, I call that an understatement. It is listed among the most difficult violin pieces.

Hung, a master of her instrument, never shrinks from a challenge. She made this complex work a thing of beauty and vibrant energy. The special virtuoso challenges include double-stopping, two notes at once. The music was glorious and captivating..

Next we heard soprano Zulimar López-Hernández with some soaring examples of "tourist music." She began with the familiar Micaela's Act 3 aria from Bizet's *Carmen*. It

is a plaintive and powerful prayer for guidance. Micaela is risking all to save her love from the grasp of thieving gypsies and Carmen's temptress wiles. Zulimar held the audience spellbound.

Zulimar then sang a completely unfamiliar work, a part of "Songfest" by Leonard Bernstein. Hearing the one poem "A Julia de Bourgos," I can guarantee it will not remain unheard. The complete "Songfest" contains poems by many familiar poets. In "Julia" he harnessed Burgos strident and challenging manifesto into music that holds the listener with a vice-grip. This is chapter one of my personal campaign to have the entire work on a future Philharmonic program.

Zulimar, in command musically, can only be described as magnificent and powerful. I was fraught with anticipation for her second appearance after intermission.

Two dances from the opera *Don Quixote* introduced four Dayton Ballet dancers. Margot Aknin and Claire Bergman paired with Isaac Jones and Evan Pitts. Ripe with fathomless talent, they brought the joy of dance to the Gala. Claire and Evan shared the choreography with original works for the New Year's celebration.

The famous ballet by Ludwig Minkus was recreated by the quartet. In a casual flirtation, they expressed joy and freedom in most refreshing and free movements. The memories of Minkus' more formal creation yielded to youth and beauty.

To close the first half of the concert, Maestro Neal selected Ravel's incredible "Bolero." Michael LaMattina left his familiar post at the rear of the orchestra and became the solo focus, the continuous, unrelenting drum beat, that is the "Bolero."

Intermission means sparkling wine. We were meeting friends in various parts of the Wintergarden. Tables of filled champagne glasses were inescapable.

Feeling great, we took our seats for the second half of the gala. The DPO's love affair with Lennie Bernstein continued with the excitement of "Mambo" from *West Side Story*. The orchestra members play and then shout, on key, "mambo" at frequent intervals. While the mambo was still pulsating, deFalla's "Ritual Fire Dance" added to the fervor.

What followed continued the celebration. Massenet's opera *Le Cid* is full of exciting music. I have followed it from the breakable 78 rpm record days. We were fortunate to see a full performance, years ago, at

Washington Opera. The cast: Placido Domingo as the legendary hero and our daughter Beth Saidel as one of the principal dancers. There were other singers and dancers but they didn't matter.

Dayton Ballet's marvelous quartet returned to make this an amazing experience. Four dancers with the energy of a full company, created a triumph.

Roberto Sierra is authentically Hispanic, born in Puerto Rico. That gave Neal the opportunity to feature his "Let's Do a Symphony." Not really Hispanic, nor really symphonic, this piece is aimed to delight young audiences, and it did just that for the "mature" Gala audience

The return of soprano Zulimar was greeted by thunderous applause. With two familiar and spirited songs, "Estrellita" and "Granada," soprano and orchestra, made the Fiesta complete.

The program, closed with a work by Juan Ramo II. Who is that? His piece, "El Hermoso Danubio Azul" required only the first three notes to reveal that Neal was having fun. It was the "Beautiful Blue Danube," Then, the ensuing Radetzky March and balloon drop completed a great evening and the start of a great

See **Burt** on page 18 ►

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# SPORTS



## Six Junior High wrestlers place at Franklin meet; Baumgardner wins, Jarrett second in Invitational

The Oakwood Junior High wrestling team placed sixth in the Franklin Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 5.

The team took 11 wrestlers with eight eligible to score team points. OJHS finished the meet with 84 points.

Six junior high wrestlers

placed in their respective weight classes. Eighth-grader Carson Baumgardner won the 122-pound category. Seventh-grader Aiden Jarrett placed second in the 80-pound weight class.

Eighth-grader Aaron Cunningham placed third at 116 pounds and seventh-grader Nate Wertz was

third in the 142-pound class. Seventh-grader Garrett Meador placed fourth at 92 pounds and eighth-grader Thoren Meira was fourth at 142 pounds.

The Oakwood Junior High wrestling team will be back in action on Thursday, Jan. 10, versus Brookville.

## Police Report

### DECEMBER 10

**Incident**

Information investigation on the 2400 block of Far Hills Ave.

**Accident**

Unit#2 (black 2007 Ford Escape) was parked on the 200 block of Hadley Rd. facing westbound and was struck on the left side and left front by an unknown vehicle.

### DECEMBER 11

**Citations**

Courtne L. Fields, speeding  
Eric A. Knorr, parking within 30 feet of a traffic control device  
Kerri A. Nicholson, speeding in school zone  
Marcedes A. Lawrence, driving under suspension  
Gary S. Beeber, speeding in school zone

### DECEMBER 12

**Citation**

Christina M. Hall, speeding

### DECEMBER 13

**Citations**

Michael A. Woodward, speeding, driving under suspension  
Phillip H. Walker, driving under suspension, no driver's license  
Allan S. Crasto, following too closely

**Incident**

Warrant arrest on the 2300 block of Far Hills Ave.

### DECEMBER 14

**Citations**

Lutacia Fountaine-Hunter, driving under suspension  
Reyhan Motlagh, speeding

**Incident**

Information investigation on the 200 block of Monterey Ave.

### DECEMBER 15

**Citation**

Shauntaya J. Smith, driving under suspension

**Incident**

Information investigation on the 2600 block of Shafor Blvd.

### DECEMBER 16

**Citations**

Mark E. Ennis, no driver's license

**Incident**

Obstructing official business on the 600 block of Harman Ave.

### DECEMBER 17

**Citations**

Amber R. Whiteside, expired plates  
Davion J. Locklin, speeding  
Daniel W. Koivula, speeding in school zone  
Jordan M. McIntosh, speeding in school zone

**Incidents**

Information investigation on the 200 block of Northview Rd.  
Information investigation on the 100 block of Greenmount Blvd.  
Information investigation on the 1200 block of Far Hills Ave.  
Theft on the 2000 block of Shroyer Rd.  
Accident and information exchange on Far Hills Ave.  
Arrest for driving under suspension on the 600 block of Harman Ave.

### DECEMBER 18

**Incidents**

Found property on the 300 block of Schenck Ave. and Glendora



## Weekly Astrological Forecast

By Jeraldine Saunders

**ARIES** (Mar 21-Apr. 19): Pleasure comes before business. Social interactions might come more naturally than trying to make headway with work or career matters in the week to come. A close companion knows how to make you smile.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20-May 20): Keep it to yourself. Be friendly and courteous with those you encounter but avoid giving away too much personal information. Passion and conviction can rally others to join your cause in the week ahead.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Stick with what works. This is not the week to test radical new ideas because if you rock the boat you may create headaches. Focus your attention on activities that inspire and bring enjoyment in the week ahead.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Do your own thing. You will be at your best when you think and act independently, so you may want to choose your own path in the week ahead. This could be an ideal time to make changes or upgrades.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep it simple. Overanalyzing a situation could make things more difficult than they need to be. Stick with tried and true methods in the week ahead as you may find the latest time saving technique to be confusing.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Say it like you mean it. Being too subtle about your intentions may leave those around you confused about what you want. Get right to the point, without being contentious, and you'll avoid unnecessary mistakes.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22.): Romance goes into full bloom. Favorable circumstances may help a relationship reach a whole new level of understanding. Your personal charm and magnetism make it easy to have your way this week.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Logic falls to the wayside. You may find the going easier if you go with your gut instinct rather than trying to compute all the facts. Be sure to give a romantic partner all the time he or she deserves this week.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't beat a dead horse. Agree to disagree as constantly trying to change someone's mind will just have you running in endless circles. Put the needs of family and friends above all else this week.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Seize the opportunity. Stay alert in the week ahead as you may have a chance to make the big move you desire. Buying a new outfit or trying a different hairstyle could provide some much-needed confidence.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The sky belongs to the stars. You'll feel like a star this week as your popularity will put you in high demand in both business and romantic venues. If you have need of a favor, you'll likely get it with ease.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Have it your way. Your personality and charm will have others eating out of the palm of your hand and make you the center of attention as the week unfolds. Meeting new people may be worth your while.





## Airborne



Photo by Leon Chuck, Pressbox Photo  
**A Waynesville defender got there too late and watches as Oakwood senior James Galvin scores on a layup. Galvin finished the game with 6 points as the Jacks lost 57-68 to a physical Waynesville team. The game high scorer was Darren Rubin with 15 points, followed by Jacob Sargent with 14.**

## Hapgood hits 1,000; Jills fall to Monroe, Valley View, best Milton-Union

The Jills traveled to Monroe on Dec. 22 for their last game before the holiday break.

Oakwood was done by 16 and rallied back in the third quarter but fell short, losing 53-52. Lauren Hapgood was high-scorer with 23 points going 14-of-14 from the line to hit her 1,000th high school career. Margie Conrath netted 18 points and Kylie Neff pulled down 11 rebounds.

The Jills hosted Milton-Union after the holiday break on Thursday, Jan. 3. The Jills trailed the Bulldogs going into the fourth quarter, but the Jills outscored the Bulldogs 22 to 10 behind Hapgood's 16 points in the fourth to close out for the win 51-44. Hapgood led all scores with 31 points and 8 rebounds. Neff grabbed 14 rebounds and Conrath added 12 points.

The Jills dropped a game to Valley View on Saturday, Jan. 5, 65-52 at the Pit. Hapgood and Neff had 14 points. The Jills will host Waynesville on Tuesday, January 8 at the Pit.

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### Across

- 1 Stage segments
- 5 Apiece
- 9 Fur fighters, initially
- 13 Revealed
- 15 Slushy treat
- 16 Lumberjack
- 17 "Lone Survivor" actor Hirsch
- 18 Strike site
- 20 LBJ, for one
- 21 Champs-Elysees sights
- 23 Shady garden denizen
- 24 Go through again
- 26 Counter alternatives
- 27 Strike site
- 30 Signature scent since 1968
- 31 Place for an anvil
- 32 Works at Museo del Prado
- 36 Sailor's pronoun
- 37 Company with a crocodile logo
- 41 Pitching stat
- 42 Banks on some magazine covers
- 44 Golfer Woosnam
- 45 Spikes
- 47 Strike site
- 51 Insect that may live for 17 years
- 54 Live-in helper
- 55 Psychologist May
- 56 Date bk. listings
- 58 Peoples of "Walker, Texas Ranger"
- 60 Strike site
- 62 Unspoiled spots
- 64 Vikings' home: Abbr.
- 65 Opinion
- 66 Mournful music
- 67 Get too much sun
- 68 Hand-me-down
- 69 It's often spoken with one hand at the edge of one's mouth

### Down

- 1 Retired
- 2 Resisting being taken?
- 3 Academic term
- 4 Poirve's tablemate
- 5 Statue of Liberty architect
- 6 One of 640 in a square mile
- 7 Top suits
- 8 Tom's mate
- 9 LummoX
- 10 Live and breathe
- 11 Mahler's last symphony
- 12 Fields
- 14 Loudness measure
- 19 God with a hammer
- 22 Co-star of Burt in "The Killers"
- 25 Author Harper
- 26 D.C. : Metro :: S.F. : \_\_\_
- 27 Nonpareil
- 28 Tea of "Madam Secretary"
- 29 Strasbourg step
- 33 They're often found in dens
- 34 Forest age indicators
- 35 "Duck soup!"
- 38 Electronics brand relaunched in 2015
- 39 19-time All-Star Ripken
- 40 Went by
- 43 Rock-clinging mollusk
- 46 \_\_\_ carte
- 48 Have too much, briefly
- 49 Took a snooze
- 50 Inner, as a feeling
- 51 Bit of Hansel's trail
- 52 Land of ancient Asia Minor
- 53 Toast-making sound
- 56 Cries of discovery
- 57 Elbow
- 59 "I'd hate to break up \_\_\_"
- 61 Good name for a cook?
- 63 Guacamole, e.g.

# What's Up This Week

### 1/10 Thursday

**Skinner Pipe Organ Performance 1-2pm** Informal performance on the museum's recently restored Skinner Pipe Organ, one of only a handful of such instruments still in existence. *Dayton Art Institute, Mimi and Stuart Rose Auditorium, 456 Belmonte Park North, Dayton 223-4278*

**MetroParks Ice Rink 2:30-5pm** Enjoy some outdoor fun for all ages! Beginners' lessons, open skating, broomball and curling. Hot chocolate, music and outdoor heaters. See website for complete schedule. *RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Dr., Dayton 278-2607 www.metroarks.org/ice-rink*

**Tax Informational Session 7pm** Join William Duncan, CPA as he shares information to help you prepare your taxes. Session includes tax changes, information for individuals and small business and Q and A. *Wright Memorial Library, 1776 Far Hills Ave., Oakwood 294-7171*

**Intro to Brewing 7pm** Enjoy an evening of fermentation education including sanitization, extract: dry vs. liquid, steeping and much more! Attendees receive 10% off equipment or kits. *BrewTensils, 2617 S. Smithville Rd., Dayton 252-7910*

### 1/11 Friday

**Chair Yoga for Strength and Balance 3-4pm** Enjoy a free class as introduction to Chair Yoga where you will learn to move safely with the support of a chair. Registration required. *Inner Dance Yoga, Room 313, 22600 Far Hills Ave., Oakwood 609-9642*

**Top 40s Hit Skate: MetroParks Ice Rink 2:30-10pm** (See 1/10)

**Opening Reception Emerging: The Biennial Art and Design Student Show 6-8pm** Featuring the best student work from local college and universities. *Thru 2/9. The Contemporary, 118 N. Jefferson St., Dayton*

**Griminelli: Flautista Italiano 8pm** La Giza Ladra, The Thieving Magpie. Also 1/12. *Schuster Center, 1 W. 2nd St., Dayton 228-3630*

### 1/12 Saturday

**Gluten Free Breads: It Is Possible! 9am** Amber

with the Neighborhood Nest will be back in the kitchen delivering delicious gluten free breads.

Registration required. \$65. *Once Upon a Thyme Bookstore, 1275 Fairfield Rd., Beavercreek 320-9446*

**Figure Drawing 9:30am-12pm** Nude figure drawing session with Michael as our model. \$5. *Dayton Society of Artists, 48 High St., Dayton 228-4532*

**Casual Fly-tying Session 10am-12pm** Join in a casual session to tie flies, tell stories or drink coffee. Featured fly is the Hood Rat, perfect for big aggressive fish. Bring your own equipment. Online registration required. Free. *Great Miami Outfitters, Cross Point Shopping Center, 101 E. Alex-Bell, Centerville www.greatmiamioutfitters.com*

**Coffee Crawl 11am-3pm** A coffee tasting event featuring different local roasts and a tasting challenge. Win door prizes. Free seminars offered by Boston Stoker. *Washington Square Dorothy Lane Market, 6177 Far Hills Ave., Centerville*

**WagsInn Meet and Greet 12-2pm** Take a drive out to the country and meet your new best friend! See the dogs available for adoption. *WagsInn Lodging, 3190 Cortsville Rd., South Charleston 265-5178*  
**Griminelli: Flautista Italiano 8pm** (See 1/11)  
**MetroParks Ice Rink 11am-10pm** (See 1/10)

### 1/13 Sunday

**Pet Adoption Event 11am-2pm** Give a pet a second chance, adopt! *PetPeople, 1044 Miami-Centerville Rd., Centerville 434-4680*

**Winter Chores 12-4pm** Winter is the time to catch up on farm chores. Depending on the weather, harvest ice from our lake or grind feed for the animals. *Carriage Hill MetroPark, 7850 E. Shull Rd., Dayton 275-7275*

**Science, Discovery and Family Fun Day 1-4pm** Interactive science and technology displays and demonstrations. Air Force Band of Flight performs at 2:30. *National Museum of the Air Force, 1100 Spaatz St., WPAFB*

**MetroParks Ice Rink 1-5pm** (See 1/10)

**Story Thyme 3pm** Enjoy winter and food based stories during January. *Once Upon a Thyme*

*Bookstore, 1275 Fairfield Rd., Beavercreek*

### 1/14 Monday

**Miami Valley Hospital Job Fair 3-7pm** Find a career where you can make a real difference. Bring multiple copies of your resume. Parking available at former fairgrounds location. *Miami Valley Hospital, 1 Wyoming St., Dayton*

**Oakwood High School Art Open House 6-7:30** See the art and meet the artists! *Wright Memorial Library, 1776 Far Hills Ave., Oakwood 294-7171*

**MetroParks Ice Rink 2:30-5pm** (See 1/10)

### 1/15 Tuesday

**John Oates with the Good Road Band 7:30pm**

One half of the best selling duo of all time, Hall and Oates. Oates describes his sound as Dixieland dipped in bluegrass and salted with Delta blues. *Victoria Theatre, 138 N. Main St., Dayton 228-3630*  
**Finding Neverland 8pm** The incredible story behind one of the world's most beloved characters, Peter Pan. Audience Choice Award for Best Musical. *Thru 1/20. Schuster Center, 1 W. 2nd St., Dayton 228-3630*

**MetroParks Ice Rink 2:30-5pm** (See 1/10)

### 1/16 Wednesday

**6-Week Series: Chair Yoga for Strength and Balance 11:15am** Replace your yoga mat with a chair and learn how to move safely while you build strength and stamina and develop balance and body awareness. Registration required. \$60. *Inner Dance Yoga, Room 313, 2600 Far Hills Ave., Oakwood 609-9642*

**ASL for Kids Ages 5-12 4pm** A four-week course with hands-on activities focusing on vocabulary, grammar and deaf culture. *Deaf Community Resource Center, 732 S. Ludlow St., Dayton 222-2434*

**Sneak Peek at Restaurant Week 6-9pm** Be the first to sample the Winter Restaurant Week menus. Tickets available at [www.universe.com](http://www.universe.com). *The Steam Plant, 617 E. 3rd St., Dayton*  
**Finding Neverland 8pm** (See 1/15)

## Assistant Finance Director Alice Young honored

Alice Young, assistant finance director for the City of Oakwood, was recognized with the Jesse Haines Award honoring her long and exemplary career as a government finance official. Montgomery County Auditor Karl Keith presented her with the award at the Oakwood City council meeting on Monday.

Keith said the award acknowledges local government finance professionals who have served their organization and community with distinction and integrity. Young has served the City of Oakwood for more than 40 years and will retire in September 2019. During her career, she has worked with three city managers and four finance directors. According to



From left to right, Oakwood Finance Director Cindy Stafford, Mayor Bill Duncan, Alice Young, and Montgomery County Auditor Karl Keith.

Oakwood Finance Director Cindy Stafford, Young has helped the finance department evolve from paper ledgers to sophisticated

computer programs, helping test and implement new financial software.

"Alice Young committed her career to serving the Oakwood community with vision and integrity," said Keith. "It is clear she has served as the backbone of the Oakwood finance department for many years, and has gone above and beyond in her service to the Oakwood community."

The award is named in honor of Jesse Haines, the longest-serving as Montgomery County Auditor. Haines is also immortalized in the National Baseball Hall of Fame. He was a pitcher for the St. Louis Cardinals, pitched a no-hitter and played on three World Series teams before becoming county auditor.

### ► Burt from page 15 year – Welcome 2019!

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And now for something completely different. A reviewer should not use a rehearsal as the source for an event. This time, I am reviewing a rehearsal, and it was an event.

On the last Saturday of the year, the DPAA presented "John Denver Rocky Mountain Christmas." Other commitments prevented us from attending. I was surprised to find that the "dress" rehearsal, with full orchestra, was Saturday afternoon, just before the concert.

I know how hard our musicians and other performers work, but this seemed extreme. I was elated to take advantage of their mega-commitment and experience the rehearsal.

Everyone seems to know that I

am a classical music devotee. Dr. Kim Goldenberg, former WSU president, once named me a classical music nerd. I plead guilty as charged.

Nevertheless, I am a real devotee of the song style of John Denver. Under the tutelage of daughter, Beth, I was given lecture-demonstrations of Denver's music, Cat Stephens and a few others Beth picked to become my "cross-over" experiences

I remember taking both daughters, then high schoolers, to the John Denver concert at Memorial Hall. Denver, backed by a combo, inspired the sold-out audience, and me, with the richness of his songs and their deep meaning of love.

Now, the late John Denver is memorialized in tribute concerts

by Jim Curry. Curry delivers Denver's music from the same well of an emotional and artistic treasure-house as did his inspiration. They were backed by the Philharmonic artists under the baton of Maestro Patrick Reynolds, joined with versatile guest artists, who also sang. Each song struck the unforgettable chords I remember and relish. Friends who were able to attend the concert added their raves. I was grateful to have such a private preview and will never forget it.

Denver's musical excellence is matched by his literary depth and moment. One phrase, "You fill up my senses," from "Annie's Song," is an unforgettable literary pinnacle.

Thank you, John Denver, and thank you, Jim Curry, for this tribute and experience.



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**By Marika H. December 28, 2018**

The process from start to finish was better than I expected. I was pleased with the constant communication and professionalism from Jill, Kathryn, and Lisa. But most of all, how fast

the property sold! Would DEFINITELY recommend Jill Aldineh, and will ask her to be my realtor in the future! Thank you Jill, Kathryn, and Lisa!

**By Sonja S. December 15, 2018**

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**By Edith M. December 11, 2018**

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**By Richard P. December 5, 2018**

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**By Alva B. November 30, 2018**

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