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See the Spring Lawn & Garden section in today's *Daily Call* for tips on landscaping, lawn care and other outdoor projects.

**PHS prom meeting slated**

PIQUA — The next Piqua High School prom meeting for parents of juniors will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the high school. Organizers report they need parents to help construct decorations.

**www.dailycall.com Poll Results**

The following are the results of this week's *Daily Call* online poll:  
*Did viewing the video tour of the Fort Piqua Hotel on Public Access change your opinion on the city's proposed restoration project?*  
**Yes:** 40%  
**No:** 60%

**Moments in Time**

After a tragic gas explosion at the Ohio and Indiana Gas Co. pumping station in January of 1896, Piqua's heavy commercial users were cut off from their gas supplies. The Plaza Hotel on the square switched to burning wood.  
Courtesy of the Flesh Public Library

**Lottery**

CLEVELAND (AP) — Here are Friday's winning Ohio Lottery numbers:  
**Night drawings:**  
**Rolling Cash 5:** 11-12-21-22-37  
**Pick 3 Numbers:** 6-7-9  
**Pick 4 Numbers:** 3-3-4-8  
**Day drawings:**  
**Pick 3 Numbers:** 5-9-0  
**Pick 4 Numbers:** 4-7-3-9

**Mega Millions**

ATLANTA (AP) — Here are the winning Mega Millions numbers for Friday night:  
**2-4-7-27-41**  
**Mega Ball:** +4  
**Kicker:** 7-4-8-1-1-3

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## FALLEN OFFICERS RECOGNIZED



JAMES E. MAHAN/STAFF PHOTO

Steve Supinger with Piqua Granite adjusts a stone bearing the name of fallen Piqua Police Department Detective Robert Taylor while adding it to the county's Police Memorial outside the Miami County Courthouse in Troy on Friday. Also added to the memorial was the name of Piqua Police Lt. Noah D. Studebaker. With the addition of the two names, seven Miami County officers who have died in the line of duty are listed on the memorial. Mr. Taylor suffered a heart attack while participating in strenuous police training Nov. 3, 1982, and later died. Mr. Studebaker suffered shotgun blasts to the face, neck and chest area, while dispatched to a burglary in process May 29, 1949. He died Oct. 17, 1957, of complications of the wounds. The sacrifices of both men were never fully recognized until last year, when Piqua Police succeeded in getting the names of both men on the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington D.C. as a line of duty deaths. Piqua Police officers will attend the national ceremony next month. The annual Miami County Police Memorial Day Service is set for noon May 5 on the courthouse plaza.

## Piqua post office to host passport fair

Documents will soon be required to travel to Canada, other nations

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PIQUA — The U.S. Postal Service is encouraging customers to beat the passport rush by attending a special Passport Fair at the Piqua Post Office, 220 N. Wayne St., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29.  
 To help expedite the process, applications may be picked up in advance at the

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post office from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday of next week.  
 According to Piqua Postmaster Jay Skidmore, travelers to and from the Americas, the Caribbean and Bermuda will soon be required to have a passport to enter or re-enter the United States.  
 Passports also will be required for all air and sea travel to and from Mexico, Canada, Central and South America, the Caribbean and Bermuda by Dec. 31.  
 The U.S. Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 will likely require that by Jan. 1, 2008, travelers to and from Mexico, Canada, Caribbean,

Bermuda and Panama will need a passport to enter or re-enter the United States. This procedure is scheduled to change Dec. 21 of this year for air and sea entry and Dec. 31, 2007 for land entry.  
 A passport is an internationally recognized travel document verifying the identity and nationality of the bearer. A valid U.S. passport is required to enter and leave most foreign countries. A passport is good for 10 years. You must apply in person if you are applying for a U.S. passport for the first time, if your expired U.S. passport is not in your possession, if your previous U.S. passport

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## ■ Miami County County plans events

Government Week activities focus on disaster prevention

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TROY — This year's National Government Week, which begins Monday and runs through Friday, aims to promote the role of county government and to recognize county employees, as it has since its creation in 1990. However, this year's theme promotes something else — protecting area communities.

The theme focuses on recognizing the ways counties prepare for and work to prevent natural disasters, terrorist attacks, crime and drug abuse. Fittingly, the theme also shows how some county agencies work to protect children and families from crime. The week of April 24 also is National Crime Victim Right's Week.

For Commissioner Ann Baird, this will be her 12th County Government Week as a member of the Miami County Commission. She said she is glad she has been a part of the past county government weeks.

Baird, serving her third, four-year term on commission, was first elected in 1994. She was the first woman elected to the Miami County Commission.

National County Government Week is an annual celebration of county government that seeks to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of counties across the nation, according to the National Association of Counties' Web site, www.naco.org.

Baird also said the event helps promote not only the

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## City fifth-graders D.A.R.E. to have great time

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PIQUA — The walls of Roosevelt Field House came alive Friday as nearly 300 Piqua fifth-graders screamed and cheered their way through the D.A.R.E. Day Rally.

The annual event for the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program is planned by officers from the Piqua Police Department and featured raffles, live entertainment, a D.A.R.E. Memories video presentation, music and entertainment by Basketball Jones and ventriloquist and comedian Mark Wade.

"We do pretty much the same thing every year," said Officer Wil Benson. "All the kids come and have a great time. They root each other on. It's a fun day for the work they do all year for D.A.R.E." Benson said the D.A.R.E. Day Rally would not be possible without the local community.  
 "Everything going on today

*"All the kids come and have a great time. They root each other on. It's a fun day for the work they do all year for D.A.R.E."*

— Officer Will Benson

is because of community support," he said.

From bicycles and a computer to pizza coupons and money donated to the Piqua Juvenile Education fund, the support from the community is vital for the police department to provide the D.A.R.E. education curriculum and programs for the city's fifth-graders.

Students from all three Piqua intermediate schools, including Wilder, Bennett and Washington, as well as fifth-graders from Piqua Catholic participated in Friday's event.

Piqua High School also had a presence at D.A.R.E. Day. Sixteen high school D.A.R.E. role models helped with the

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JAMES E. MAHAN/STAFF PHOTO

Piqua City School students watch Jim "Basketball" Jones as he spins a ball on his finger. Jones performed tricks, played games, and shared his personal story with fifth-graders attending the annual D.A.R.E. Day Rally at Roosevelt Field House.