

Greene County to hold National Day of Prayer

By Anna Dembowski
For Greene County News

BEAVERCREEK — Beaver Creek's Christian Life Center will host "Celebrate Freedom" May 3, a kick-off event for the National Day of Prayer on May 7.

Greene County coordinator for the National Day of Prayer Kay Bond said the event is a way to come together to remember the nation's foundation.

"Our event is really trying to encourage the community to remember our heritage and where our freedom came from in America," she said. "And just how important it is to unite together in prayer for our nation and as well as our heritage, especially for this younger generation."

Bond, also the Greene County Prayer Coalition director, said she approached the Christian Life Center about hosting the kick-off event that Bond and her team had been praying for the past few years.

"I just felt strongly we needed something to pull our community leaders as well as the pastors together as well as the citizens to come together, not just for a prayer event," Bond said.

Former Ohio House of Representatives member Seth Morgan will speak at the event. Morgan said he is planning to draw from principles in his book "It's About Liberty, Stupid!", focusing on the role of the individual and the church and its relationship to the civil government.

He said the importance of an event like the May 3 kick off lies in it being the duty of Americans to seek God.

"I think anytime a community through its own volition gathers to seek the blessing of God, I think it's an important event. This is part of our rich history

as Americans," Morgan said. "And certainly as a person of faith personally, I think it's incumbent upon all people of faith to be seeking God as the scripture commands us to – to pray for our leaders, to certainly submit to the authority – it's just authority – and to understand our role that we play in the American form of government and how that fits with our civil authority that's over us today."

Bond said she expects the event to draw a crowd of about 250 to 300 individuals. The May 3 event, which is free and open to the public, will be held 6:30-8 p.m. at 1321 Research Park Blvd. Greene County's National Day of Prayer event will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m. May 7 for all to attend at the 9/11 Memorial on North Fairfield Road.

Bond said the National Day of Prayer outlines seven areas of prayer: family, church, education, media, military, business and government.

Though the National Day of Prayer wasn't set as the first Thursday of every May until 1988, with Reagan's signature, Bond said praying for the nation goes back to America's roots.

"The founders of this nation, they weren't all Christian, but they respected that there was a God, and they knew that God brought America together," Bond said.

This year's theme for the National Day of Prayer is "Lord, hear our cry," based on 1 Kings 8:28.

"We just see this coming together out of concern for our nation. It's just a time we hope for, like, a revival for what our nation's all about, what our freedom's all about. We've gotta fight for that," said Bond.

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OBITUARIES

JAMES B. HEININGER

XENIA — James B. Heininger - A graveside service for Rev. James B. Heininger, 90, of Granville be held on Friday, May 1, 2015 at 11:30 A.M. at Maplewood Cemetery in Spencerville, OH with full military honors. The family will receive friends Thursday, April 30, 2015 from 6 to 8 P.M. at the McPeck-Hoekstra Funeral Home, 133 S. Prospect St., Granville. At a later date, a memorial service celebrating the life of Rev. Heininger will be held, May 9, 2015 at 2:30 P.M. at Centenary United Methodist Church, 102 E. Broadway, in Granville with Rev. Stephen J. Cramer as celebrant. The family will receive friends prior to the service at the church from 1:00 P.M. until the time of service. Rev. Heininger died Sunday, April 26, 2015 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born in Indianapolis, IN to the late Dr. Charles and Lulabelle (McKinney) Heininger. A veteran of the United States Army, James served in the 125th American Anti-Aircraft Division during World War II. Later in life, he would author and publish those experiences in his book, Name, Rank and Serial Number, My 1000 Days Working for Uncle Sam. After WWII, he earned a BA from Bowling Green State University and Masters of Divinity from the Seminary at Oberlin College. He became an ordained Methodist Pastor in 1953. He served in the West Ohio United Methodist Conference and pastored for over 44

years in various communities. He was strongly committed to his walk with Christ and lived an outward example of his faith. Rev. Heininger was a member of Kiwanis, Jaycees, Grange, Vintage Voices, Centenary United Methodist Church Choir, and the Masonic Lodge. Never knowing a stranger, Rev. Heininger had a genuine interest in others and quickly became a friend to all he encountered. He had a positive outlook on life and could see God's beauty and wonder everywhere he went. He enjoyed gardening, camping, and the love of family. Surviving are his wife of 67 years, Nancy (Sutton) Heininger of Granville; sons, and daughter-in-law, James Heininger of Xenia, and Andrew (Marie) Heininger of Bellville; daughters and son-in-law, Amy Lu Heininger of Garwood, TX, and Julie (Jeff) German of Granville; grandchildren, Nathanael, Gordon, Samuel, Katherine, Carol, Sarah, and Abigail; and one great-granddaughter, Hazel. In addition to his parents, James was preceded in death by one brother, Charles Heininger; and three sisters, Helen Bernard, Martha Crabbe, and Kathryn Freed. Memorial contributions may be made to Christian Lighthouse Church at 291 E Mark St, Marion, Ohio 43302, or Centenary United Methodist Church 102 E Broadway, Granville, OH 43023. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mcpeekhoekstra.com.

GOLDIA B. EDWARDS

JAMESTOWN — Goldia B. Edwards, age 94, passed away April 27, 2015 in Troy, Ohio. She was born to the late James and Minnie Back on April 15, 1921 in Seitz, Kentucky. Goldia enjoyed gardening, quilting, flowers and cooking. She and her husband, Charles sold vegetables at Yellow Springs Farmers Market for many years. Goldia is survived by her three children Ellen (Michael) Donley of Fort Myers, Florida, C. Michael (Wanda) Edwards of Jamestown, Ohio, Tim (Diana) Edwards of Union, Ohio; 7 grandchildren; 14

great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Charles Edwards; infant daughter Angela Kay and brother Green Back. Visitation will be at Newcomer Funeral Home Beaver Creek Chapel on Thursday, April 30, 2015 from 4pm-8pm with a funeral service to follow on Friday, May 1, 2015 at 10am. Burial will be at Woodland Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Easter Seals of Piqua, Ohio. www.NewcomerDayton.com.

BETTY R. WEST

WASHINGTON C.H. — Betty Rachel West, 60, of Washington C.H. passed away on Friday, April 24, 2015 at her residence. She was born April 15, 1955 to the late Ralph and Margie (Warner) McGraw of Greenfield, Ohio. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Ralph McGraw and sisters Ruby East, Dorothy Merritt, Donna Tackett, Patty McGraw, Kathleen McGraw and Ruth Evelyn

McGraw. She leaves to cherish memories, Brothers, Ronnie (Lisa) McGraw of Hillsboro, Ed McGraw of Rainsboro, Benny (Lisa) McGraw of Rainsboro, Her sisters, Judy Gragg of Greenfield, Vada McGraw of Chillicothe and numerous Neices and nephews also best friend Glen Glispie. A private family service will be held on a later date. Arrangements by Morrow Funeral Home Washington C.H.

IN BRIEF

Ice cream to be destroyed

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams is destroying more than 265 tons of ice cream after listeria was found in the production facility and in products last week.

CEO John Lowe says in a statement Tuesday that the product to be destroyed amounts to 15 tractor-trailer loads on more than 300 pal-

lets. It will cost the Columbus, Ohio-based company more than \$2.5 million.

The company said last week that it had recalled all its products from retailers and closed ice cream shops in six states over concerns about possible listeria contamination.

Also last week, Texas-based Blue Bell Creameries closed facilities in three states for intensive cleaning after listeria was discovered.

EMILY C. SMITH

XENIA — Emily C. Smith, age 92, of Xenia, passed away Monday, April 27, 2015. She was born August 24, 1922, in Niobe, NY, the daughter of Claude and Ada (Razor) Crumb. Emily attended Baptist Bible Seminary in New York. She married her husband, Lawrence R. Smith on July 2, 1948. She enjoyed being a homemaker and farmer's wife, until his passing in 1989. Several years following his death, she moved to Xenia to be near her son. She was a member of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Xenia and volunteered with Xenia Christian School. Emily enjoyed gardening, and could be seen working in her garden daily during warm weather. She enjoyed corresponding with her family throughout the winter to keep herself occupied. Emily's prayer support of her family and friends will be missed. In addition to her parents and husband, Emily was preceded in death by her daughter, Elizabeth E. Smith in 2010; and daughter-in-law: Jane Marie Smith in 2004. She was also preceded

in death by her sisters: Frances Crumb, Marion Goodrich, Clara deRosset and Alice Crumb; and brothers, John and David Crumb. She is survived by her sons: James L. (Claudia) Smith of NC; Philip J. (Ruby) Smith of AZ; Daniel L. (Linda) Smith of KS and Benjamin P. Smith of Xenia, with whom she made her home; as well as numerous grandchildren; great grandchildren and nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held at 2 PM Friday, May 1st at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1120 S. Detroit St., Xenia, Ohio, with Dr. Greg Couser officiating. A visitation will be held before the funeral at the church beginning at 12:30 PM Friday. She will be buried beside her husband in Panama Union Cemetery, near Jamestown, NY at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Baptist Mid-Missions Foundation, PO Box 308011, Cleveland, OH 44130-8011. Online condolences can be made at www.mccolaughfuneralhome.com. Services in care of McColaugh Funeral Home, Inc.

JANET A. HARGRAVE

XENIA — Janet Alberta Hargrave, departed this life after a brief time of illness at Hospice of Dayton on April 27, 2015. Janet was born November 11, 1944, the fifth child and second daughter of daughter of Helen Elizabeth Hargrave and Benson D. Hargrave. Janet graduated from Xenia City Schools where she performed in the Drama Department productions. After high school she was consistently employed for over 35 years thru the Albers/Kroger Co., City loan, and Revco as a Pharmacy Technician. Janet was baptized and saved at age 16 under the late pastor Rev. Joel Lee Allen of the Church of God E. 2nd St. Xenia. From the day of her salvation until her life's end she loved and served Jesus with passion and boldness. Janet loved singing,

prayer and exhortation of the scriptures. Janet was preceded in death by her parents Helen E. and Benson D. Hargrave; four brothers James F., Benson E., Herschell H., John D. Sr. Hargrave and 2 sisters Linda S. Hargrave and Priscilla V. Simpson. She is remembered by one

brother: Edward L. Hargrave (Louise) and 3 sisters: Lela J. Hargrave, Marva D. Hargrave, and Gayenelle L. Sloan (Kevin), also a host of nieces, nephews, neighbors, saints

and friends. Funeral services will be held 1:00 PM Friday May 1, 2015 at the McColaugh Funeral Home Inc. 826 N. Detroit St. Xenia, Ohio 45385 with Bishop Gideon Thompson officiating. The family will receive friends 12:00 PM until the time of service Friday May 1, 2015 at the funeral home. Online condolences can be made at www.mccolaughfuneralhome.com.



DOROTHY C. HENDRICKSON

FAIRBORN — Dorothy Catherine Hendrickson, 83, of Fairborn, passed away peacefully on April 26, 2015, at Hospice of Dayton. Dottie was born in Connersville, IN to Walter and Mary Crowell on January 16, 1932. She went to Connersville High School in Connersville, IN, and worked as a candy stripper at the local hospital. In 1954 she moved to Springfield, Oh and started her career at Wright Patterson AFB, where she retired in 1990. Past President of the American Business Women's Association, she was very active in the Starborn Chapter for 40 years. An avid sports fan, she loved her Indian Hoosiers, Reds, and Bengals, and was a regular golfer with her team at Wright Patt, and help teach both her boys how to throw a baseball. She never missed a football, soccer, or basketball game that her sons played in and was always one of the most vocal cheerers on the sideline. And through the years that her sons

were growing up, many boys knew her as "mom". In the latter years of life she helped raise two granddaughters and a great-grandson, and spent as much time as she could with her two grandsons. Dottie is survived by her loving husband of 57

years, Leroy, her two sons, David of Fairborn, and Jeff of New York City, four grandchildren- Miles, Amanda, Dylan,

and Ashley. One great-grandson Dominic, two sisters- Ester Burger and Grace Bradburn, both of Frankton, IN, two brothers- Mike Crowell of Connersville, IN, and Bob Crowell of Frankton, IN. She is also survived by many nephews, nieces, great-nephews, and great-nieces. Friends may call on Friday, May 1, 2015 from 10AM – 11AM at Burcham Jennings Funeral Home 119 E. Main St. Fairborn, Ohio, with a funeral service following at 11. Interment will follow at Byron Cemetery. Online condolences may be left at www.BurchamJennings.com.



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