

# CITYNotes

A PUBLICATION FOR THE CITIZENS OF SPRINGBORO

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## Interchange Makeover Project to Start Soon

The I-75 and SR73 intersection located in the City of Springboro and the City of Franklin is getting a makeover, thanks to a \$2.4 million Ohio Department of Transportation Safety Grant and a partnership between the two cities.

The safety upgrade portion of the project, to begin in 2023, includes adding turn lanes off the northbound exit ramp and widening SR 73 for additional lanes where it crosses under I-75. In addition, prior to the start of the safety project – Springboro and Franklin are partnering on an aesthetics project to upgrade both cities' gateways in that area.

Phase I of the aesthetics project includes planting trees along the exit and on-ramps on both the Springboro and Franklin sides of the interstate. Work on that phase is set to begin later this year. After the safety project is complete, Phase II of the aesthetics upgrade will include landscaping the Sharts Road area, the large “bowl area” near

the interchange, the on and exit-ramps for I-75 and under I-75. The Warren County Transportation Improvement District will manage the multi-phase project.

“First impressions are important to residents, visitors and businesses,” says City Manager Chris Pozzuto.

“Thousands of motorists utilize that interchange every day, and we’re glad they’ll enter into a safer, welcoming gateway, with easier access to come and go. We appreciate the City of Franklin and the state’s partnership to improve that area of the community.”



## City Continues Technology Upgrades

As Springboro continues its move toward a more connected community, the City now offers free Wi-Fi from Wright Station, at the intersection of Main Street and Central Avenue (St. Rts. 73 and 741), throughout our Historic downtown on S. Main Street. This is part of an overall “smart” technology plan that also includes a 17-mile fiber loop around the City and a fiber installation project to each Springboro neighborhood.

The City is partnering with Applied Information (AI) on a safety program that utilizes technology to help reduce emergency response times. A safety alert system will be installed on all traffic lights on St. Rts. 73 and 741. The preemption system combines cellular, radio transmission and GPS technology to give Clearcreek Township Fire District’s emergency vehicles a priority green light over the traffic lights in the other directions. The emergency vehicle’s lights and sirens trigger the system, giving it a green light and causing the other traffic lights to turn red.

Fiber installation continues in neighborhoods as Point Broadband is wrapping up work in several areas that will provide high-speed internet to individual households. Cincinnati Bell will begin a similar neighborhood fiber installation project later this year, giving our residents additional options for hi-speed internet. Residents will now have true choice when it comes to home internet options.

Additional “smart” innovations by the City include the installation of three live streaming cameras to monitor traffic—with video feed available on our website, [www.ci.springboro.oh.us](http://www.ci.springboro.oh.us), and most recently, the addition of Big Belly waste and recycling collection cans at Kacie Jane Park and Wright Station that compact trash and alert the Service Department when they are full.

These technology upgrades will improve public safety, attract new business and spur economic growth as well as better the City’s delivery of services, all of which will benefit residents, businesses and visitors.

# Grants Assist Homeowners With Exterior Improvements

In the spring of 2021, the City offered a second round of Home Improvement Grants, allotting \$100,000 for residential assistance. This program, which started in 2019, provides grants for qualifying home improvements to residential property owners in the Royal Oaks neighborhood. Grants helped pay for preapproved exterior improvements, reimbursing the homeowner up to 50 percent of the cost of the project, up to \$10,000. The maximum grant is \$5,000.

So far, 25 homeowners have applied and received approval, and approximately 21 homeowners have already received the grants for their completed projects.



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Your City Council Members meet monthly on the first and third Thursday at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers to pass legislation and authorize budgeted expenditures related to the management and operation of our City and the health, safety and welfare of our citizens. In 2021, City Council voted on 50 legislative items concerning capital improvements, planning and zoning, economic development, finance and general policies. Here are just a few agenda items recently approved by City Council.

- **The Annual Appropriations Ordinance.** This ordinance authorizes budgeted expenditures for the calendar year 2022 totaling \$67.3 million for all City capital and operating expenses. City Council reviewed and approved the City's capital program and annual budget in November.
- **A contract to construct the Remick Boulevard Pedestrian Crossing.** This recently completed project included the installation of flashing beacons and a pedestrian refuge island near the entrance to the YMCA to improve pedestrian safety in this busy area of town.
- **An agreement with the Miami Valley Educational Computer Association for the design and construction of a conduit & fiber optic lines system to connect all City-owned water and sewer facilities and related infrastructure to the City's main fiber optic system.** These connections will increase operating efficiency and eliminate the expense of current radio communications between facilities.
- **A contract to construct a public parking area at 323/325 East Street.** Currently under construction, this project consists of a lighted parking lot with 29 spaces to provide off-street parking for visitors to our downtown business district.
- **An amendment to the intergovernmental agreement with the Warren County Transportation Improvement District (WCTID) and the City of Franklin for the I-75/SR73 Interchange Project.** The roadway improvements are fully funded by a state transportation safety grant awarded to the City in the amount of \$2.4 million. See page 1 for details.

## New Businesses

A big Boro Welcome to these businesses that opened doors in the past few months:

- **Sweet Tooth** – N. Main St.
- **CoWo (U.B. Properties, LLC)** – shared working space – Commercial Way
- **Prime IV Hydration** – N. Main St.
- **937 Nutrition** – W. Central Ave.
- **New Kroger** – W. Central Ave.
- **Springboro Women's Health Office, The Christ Hospital** – W. Central Ave.
- **Lily & Lace Boutique** – N. Main St.
- **Eterna Body Spa and Matt C Group** – W. Central Ave.
- **Farmers Insurance** – N. Main St.
- **Matrix5 Development** – Advanced Dr.
- **Wildflower LLC** – W. Central Ave
- **Atlantic Emergency** – 260 Advanced Dr.



Opening Soon:

- **Biggby Coffee** – Gardener Road
- **Farmers & Merchants Bank** – Gardner Road

When you support local, you're supporting your community.

## Springboro City Council Meetings

Springboro City Council meets the first and third Thursday of each month beginning with a Work Session at 6 p.m. followed by a Regular Meeting at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers. All meetings are open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend or watch the live broadcast on Spectrum cable channel 6 or live stream [www.mvcc.net](http://www.mvcc.net). Schedule changes will be posted at [www.ci.springboro.oh.us](http://www.ci.springboro.oh.us). Council will meet on the following dates:

February	3 & 17	August	4 & 18
March	3 & 17	September	1 & 15
April	7 & 21	October	6 & 20
May	5 & 19	November	3 & 17
June	2 & 16	December	1 & 15
July	7 & 21		

# From Mayor John Agenbroad

Over the past two years we've experienced heartache, uncertainty and transition while we continue to do our best to operate during a pandemic. Yet our spirits and resolve remain strong. As I reflect on 2021, I am proud of how our citizens came together to support our schools, neighbors and businesses. The City worked with our churches and other organizations on outreach programs. We were the first community in the area to utilize federal ARPA funds to provide DIRECT assistance to city residents and businesses by using those monies to pay all water, sewer and trash bills for the month of May. Once again, Springboro pulled together, as a community to help each other.

As we welcome 2022, I am excited and encouraged by the many exciting projects happening in our city. We've embarked on a \$2.4 million Fiber to the Home project, giving our residents and businesses the opportunity for options for hi-speed internet and connectivity. We'll welcome several new businesses and business expansions, start the road improvement projects and begin a design for a water softening system. We'll host a variety of activities at Wright Station and North Park, including our popular concert series. We will continue to move forward — and I hope you will join us.

A quick snapshot of our 2022 budget shows expenses projected to be \$67 million for capital and operations with stable year-end projections in total fund balances. We plan to expand our Capital Improvement Program and eliminate some outstanding debt. As is our City Council practice, we budget in a conservative manner, so it is likely we will finish the year with a positive annual cash flow. Look for specific financial and budget details in our Annual Report, mailed to every home in March and available at that time on our website.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve you, our residents. Your support of our businesses, schools, non-profit organizations and City services are what makes Springboro the community we all love! It is indeed a great place to Live. Work. Play. Learn and Grow.

Please accept my very best wishes for your health, safety and happiness in this New Year.



*City Council recognized Springboro resident Jim Crabtree for his 16 years of volunteer service as Park Board member, helping lead the tremendous growth of our park system. During the January meeting, Council's representative to the Park Board Jim Chmiel presented a service award to Mr. Crabtree.*

## Master Plan Ready for Review

The City is nearing the completion of the process to adopt a new Master Plan. The plan will guide long-range development and redevelopment in the City and replaces a similar document adopted in 2009. The process has been guided by a steering committee that has been meeting since summer 2020, conducting meetings in person and virtually through the pandemic, with support from City staff and a consulting team lead by MKSK. At its December 14, 2021 meeting, the steering committee recommended adoption of the plan, incorporating changes made at a public open house. The plan was recently adopted by Planning Commission and will now go before City Council for approval. For the most recent updates to the plan, visit <https://springboromasterplan.com/>.

The website features a green header with the text "SPRINGBORO MASTER PLAN" and navigation links for "HOME", "PARTICIPATE", and "UPDATES". Below the header is a "FEATURED" image showing a church and surrounding buildings. A call-to-action button says "View the Updated Draft Springboro Master Plan". A small note at the bottom right says "Thank you to all who have participated in the planning process so far. The updated draft Springboro Master Plan that incorporates feedback from stakeholders and the community can be downloaded at the link below. View [...]".



*Springboro High School government students visited the Springboro City Building in December to learn more about their local government. The students attended Mayor's Court and met with the Magistrate Kent DePoorter and City Prosecutor Mark Webb. In addition, they toured the Police Department and learned about City operations and services from Mayor John Agenbroad and Springboro department heads.*



*Springboro City Council members Dale Brunner, Janie Ridd, Jack Hanson and Jim Chmiel take the oath of office. All four incumbent council members were reelected in November and will serve four-year terms. The swearing-in ceremony, conducted by Gerald McDonald, Springboro Law Director, was held in December.*



## New Tenants Fill Buildings at Wright Station

Two new tenants are set to open at Wright Station, the City of Springboro and Mills Development partnership at the intersection of state routes 73 and 741.

**Bubbakoo's Burritos**, offering fresh, made-to-order burritos, bowls, tacos, tater tots and wings, will open soon on N. Main Street, located in the same building as Cassano's.

**RE/MAX Victory + Affiliates** has signed on for the building that hosts Jersey Mike's Subs and Luminous Nails.

All four buildings are now filled with a variety of tenants, offering food, craft beer, services and the arts.

Wright Station is also home to Warped Wing and the Springboro Performing Arts Center. The area is a DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area), which allows patrons to carry alcoholic beverages in designated cups throughout Wright Station. In addition, Wright Station offers free Wi-Fi.

## Free Shred Day

Saturday, May 21 at  
North Park

It's time to get rid of those old bills, checkbooks and other papers that you've been saving! Bring the items to the City of Springboro and Clearcreek Township Free Shred-It Day, 9 a.m. – noon –or until trucks are full-- Saturday, May 21 at North Park, 195 Tamarack Trail. For more information, call 937-748-4343 or visit [ci.springboro.oh.us](http://ci.springboro.oh.us).



## Host of Events and Concerts Planned for 2022

We're planning to bring your family all the fun activities you've come to expect in your hometown. Touch a Truck is May 14, our signature Concerts in the Park kick off in late June, and summer entertainment is scheduled at both Wright Station and Rotary Park. Look for the complete schedule in our next issue.

## Auto Pay and E-Billing Available for Utilities Payments

Take away the stress of finding a stamp and mailing your utilities payment. Springboro water, sewer and trash customers can pay the bill through Auto Pay and never worry about missing a due date. Customers also have the option to pay bills online using a credit card with NO FEE. You can also receive a notification when your utility bill is ready to view, through e-billing. For more information, visit [www.ci.springboro.oh.us](http://www.ci.springboro.oh.us) Utility Services or call 937-748-4343.

## Tax Filing Deadline is May 2, 2022

The City's normal filing deadline is April 30; since that falls on a weekend in 2022, you'll have until Monday, May 2 to file. Our relaxed filing deadline allows you to focus on getting your Federal return filed by the IRS' April 18 deadline. (Remember, you'll need to file a copy of the first page of your Federal Form 1040 with your completed City return.)

**If you need assistance with your return, here's how we can help:**

- Schedule an appointment and we'll prepare your return for free:** If you would like to have a staff member prepare your return while you wait, schedule an appointment online at [www.ci.springboro.oh.us](http://www.ci.springboro.oh.us) or call 937-748-9701. Appointments are available Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM – 3:45 PM. Note: You MUST have an appointment to have your return prepared; walk-in service is NOT available.
- Ask us to prepare your return remotely:** Submit your documents (W-2s and page 1 of your Federal Form 1040) and we'll prepare your return for you. You can mail your documents, upload them to the electronic dropbox on our website, or put them in the physical drop box at the municipal building. Be sure to include a submission form with your documents so that we may call or email you with questions; submission forms can be found at our electronic dropbox or on the tax forms page of our website.
- Schedule a Zoom appointment:** We will be happy to chat with you virtually over Zoom and answer your tax questions. If you submit your tax documents at least 24 hours in advance of your appointment, we'll even prepare the return and discuss the results during the Zoom call.

You may schedule a Zoom appointment Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 AM – 3:45 PM. To make an appointment, call the Tax Department or use our online scheduler. We're here to help. If you have questions, call us at 937-748-9701. Or, refer to the frequently asked questions on our website.



## Help Us Keep Neighborhood Roads Clear

When snow is predicted, please remove parked cars from the street and portable basketball hoops from cul-de-sacs so that our crews can do a better job of plowing curb to curb.

## Roadway and Infrastructure Projects

Streets in the 2022 Street Resurfacing Program include: Greenwood Lane, South Pioneer Blvd. (from SR 73 to the south exit of the Post Office), Dogwood Court and Evergreen Drive (extending approximately 300 feet in each direction from the intersection of Dogwood Court), Lemonwood Court, Foliage Drive (from Whispering Pines to Tamarack Trail), Heston Drive (from the intersection of Fairway Drive to the east), Stillwater Court, Wedgewood Court, Pembrook Court, Millbrook Court, Springmill Drive (from Reed Road to Millbrook Court), Arbor Hills Drive, Balsam Court, Timberrill Court, Lexington Court, Brighton Court, Beckley Farm Way (from Beckworth Way to the west), Pasture Court, Wheatmore Court, Edinburgh Drive, Devon Court, and the north/south alley on the east side of South Main Street. Work also includes concrete repairs to curbs, sidewalk and driveway aprons. Construction is anticipated to begin in the summer and completed early fall.

### 2022 Water Main Improvements

New 8" water mains will be constructed on Fairway Drive and Clove Court to replace aging and deteriorating 6" water main. Construction is anticipated to begin in late summer.



## Permits Needed For Building Or Remodeling

Residents planning to remodel, build or add-on to any structure must first obtain a permit from the City of Springboro Building/Zoning Department. This would include the construction of decks, fences, patio covers, enclosures, accessory buildings, installation of irrigation systems, etc. Any remodeling to existing houses such as basements or any unfinished area in a home requires building plans to be filed with the City along with a building application. Applications may be obtained at 320 W. Central Ave. or downloaded from the City website, [www.ci.springboro.oh.us](http://www.ci.springboro.oh.us). The new fee schedule went into effect on January 1, 2022.

Double fees are charged for work completed without a permit and some work may need to be removed and redone. It is very important to apply for the appropriate permit prior to work being started. Problems have developed when residents put their house on the market without proper inspection records on file with the Building Department. Contact the Building/Zoning Department, 937-748-9791, with questions.

## Multiuse Trail Connecting Two Parks is Complete

Construction is complete on a 2,500-foot multiuse trail that connects E. Milo Beck Park to Clearcreek Park. Both parks are located on Lower Springboro Road. The project received \$250,000 in grant funding from the state of Ohio.

The ten-foot-wide asphalt trail begins at the parking lot of E. Milo Beck Park, descends the hillside at the park overlook, crosses a wooded area along Clear Creek, and then crosses West Lower Springboro Road with a pedestrian beacon similar to those found in Historic Springboro.

The Clearcreek Park to Hazelwoods Park connection will be constructed and eventually connect to the City of Franklin's bike trail system. By the end of 2023, the project will connect 3.5 miles of trails under development in Springboro and Franklin that will extend to near downtown Franklin.

The trail connection is a recommendation from the City's 2020 Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan, that will eventually connect six Springboro parks and City trails with the Miami Valley regional system of 350 miles of trails, the nation's largest paved trail network.

Springboro continues to seek grant funding for future bike trails. For more on the City's plan, visit <https://walkbike.info/springboro/>.



# Keep Your Swing in Shape

Weather is unpredictable! Keep your clubs handy and your swing in shape.

Heatherwoode Golf Club is waiting for you! Open to the public, stop in for a top of the line experience with fantastic amenities and unbeatable customer service. Need a custom club fitting? Heatherwoode carries all the fitting accessories for Titleist, Callaway, Taylor Made, Ping and Mizuno. Book your golf outings for 2022 and 2023. For more information and to book tee times, visit [golfheatherwoode.com](http://golfheatherwoode.com) or call 937-748-3222.



## Heatherwoode Makes Events Memorable

Heatherwoode Golf Club offers a unique and beautiful setting for your next special event. With two lovely banquet rooms, a covered deck and spacious outdoor pavilion overlooking the golf course, Heatherwoode offers numerous possibilities--inside or outdoors.

Along with a gorgeous location and extensive catering menu, the customer-oriented staff will ensure your experience is absolutely outstanding. Heatherwoode is the perfect setting for a business meeting, luncheon, company party, anniversary party, wedding, graduation party and other special events. For more information, contact Staci Fox, 937-748-3222 Ext.106, email [staci@cityofspringboro.com](mailto:staci@cityofspringboro.com) or visit [golfheatherwoode.com](http://golfheatherwoode.com).



## City Employees Recognized For Service

The City recognized 11 employees for reaching a milestone in service during the annual Employee Recognition luncheon in December. City Manager Chris Pozzuto presented the awards. Parks maintenance supervisor Jon Brown, Police detective Terry Dunkel and Police dispatcher Cathy Lang received 20-year awards. Receiving 15-year awards were Beth Eaton, Assistant Finance Director, Police Officer Bryan Hawk and Tim Leonard, Ryan Michel and Steve Morgan, all from Public Service. Staci Fox, Heatherwoode events coordinator, along with Police dispatcher Andrea Mosley and Police Officer Antwaun Scott received 10-year awards.

"Our City is honored to have employees who have dedicated their careers to serving the residents of Springboro," said Pozzuto. "We appreciate the efforts and talents all of our employees bring each day to their respective positions."

## City Relying More on Income Tax, Springboro Property Tax Rate is Lowest in Region

Income tax generated from employee withholdings, taxes on the earnings of Springboro businesses and taxes paid by individuals-- is the largest single source of revenue for the City, comprising 82 percent of the General Fund. As Columbus continues to cut funding to cities, Springboro has increased its reliance on local income tax revenue.

**Our municipal property tax rate-- at 1.11 mills—is the lowest in the region.** Your Springboro municipal government realizes just over two cents from every property tax dollar collected. Of the balance, 73 cents support the schools, 18 cents are allocated to Clearcreek Township, Special Districts (Warren-Clinton Community Health, Warren County Health District and Franklin-Springboro Public Library) and the Warren County Career Center each receive about 4 cents and Warren County receives 3 cents.

With those tax dollars, your City protects its citizens and property, provides quality road maintenance and offers an array of quality-of-life features that truly make our community unique. As our City's landscape expands and changes, our residents and businesses can continue to expect quality services delivered in a professional manner.



**Springboro has the lowest property tax in the region.** Springboro property taxes for a \$300,000 home in 2021 average 32% lower than neighboring communities.



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\$4,603	\$8,510	\$5,273	\$5,259	\$7,855
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Jon Brown - 20 Years



Tim Leonard - 15 Years



Beth Eaton - 15 Years



Antwaun Scott - 10 Years



## Enjoy Community Theater's Upcoming Shows

There's nothing like a live performance—whether you are on stage or in the audience! Check out the Springboro Community Theatre's upcoming schedule. All performances take place in the Premier Health Theatre, located in the Springboro Performing Arts Center, 115 Wright Station Way. For more information, visit [www.borotheatre.org](http://www.borotheatre.org).

- Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap", March 4 - 6 and March 11 - 13
- "The Drowsy Chaperone", April 29 - May 1 and May 6 - May 8

## Operation Santa Celebrates 23 Years

Each year, the Springboro Police Department raises funds and collects donations for Operation Santa, a program that supports families in need in the City. In December, Santa visited five families-- and a total of 17 children-- delivering gifts and holiday cheer as part of the program. Operation Santa began in 1998 by three Springboro officers with \$100 and five children to assist. The program has grown over the years with the support of the business community, sponsors and individuals contributing to this community event.



## Hometown Expo is a Sure Sign of Spring!

The Springboro Chamber of Commerce annual Hometown Expo, "That Spring Thing," presented by Wade Insurance Agency, is 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Saturday, March 19 at Springboro High School.

With over 220 exhibits featuring Springboro area small businesses and nonprofit organizations, Hometown EXPO is Warren County's Largest Business Expo. The event is free to attend and gives Springboro residents the opportunity to meet directly with the Springboro business community. Find a doctor, an attorney, an insurance agent or an electrician-- all in one day.

Residents can enter to win hundreds of door prizes, taste a variety of foods at the Expo Food Court and enjoy local entertainment throughout the day.



## Scavenger Hunts and Wellness Program Continue

Each month, the City hides Springboro gift bags filled with goodies in various parks. Clues are posted on our Facebook page for five lucky winners to discover. Bags are filled with games, treats and other cool items. So far, 40 bags have been found since May.

Give us 10 or 30 is our citywide Wellness Program. Get out in the parks or wherever you like to walk or bicycle. Walk ten miles or cycle 30 in one month, upload a snapshot of your achievement to our website to be eligible for terrific prizes! Visit [ci.springboro.oh.us](http://ci.springboro.oh.us) for details.



## Historical Society "Brings History to Life"

The Springboro Area Historical Society is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year! Open to the public, the society brings to life a different slice of History each month. With a wide range of topics from the Quaker & Shaker Cultures to Mothers of U.S. Presidents, each presentation is sure to inspire, educate and entertain. A March 10 presentation is set for 7 p.m. at the South Dayton Church of Christ meeting room, while the topic was not available at press time, expect a thought-provoking presentation mixed with a little whimsy. For more information, contact [springboromuseum@gmail.com](mailto:springboromuseum@gmail.com) or the society's Facebook page.



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Council Member - At Large ..... 937-470-1812  
105 Dalfaber Lane

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Council Member - Ward 1 ..... 937-748-0370  
440 Queensgate Road

**Dale Brunner**  
Council Member - Ward 2 ..... 937-867-0306  
28 Pinehurst Place

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Council Member - Ward 3 ..... 937-219-1669  
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Utility Department ..... 937-748-4343  
Tax Department ..... 937-748-9701  
Building & Zoning ..... 937-748-9791

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askus@cityofspringboro.com



## Little Free Library at Kacie Jane Park

Book lovers of all ages can pick up a great read from the latest addition to Kacie Jane Park, a Little Free Library, a donation from Lori Hausfeld and friends Tim and Annita Tschanz, Toni Jasper and Cindy Kunk. The group also built and painted the library. "So many families visit the park all year to play," says Lori Hausfeld, "now they can take a book home with them, too."

The library is located under the shelter. Visitors are welcomed to take a book and leave one for others to enjoy.

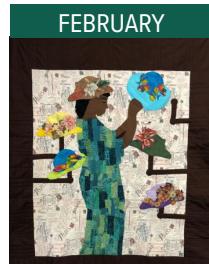
Kacie Jane Park opened in 2019. Featuring a splash pad, playground equipment and interactive electronic playground system, it is named in memory of Kacie and Tom Hausfeld and made possible through a generous donation from the Hausfeld families.

"Kacie wanted to be a teacher and she especially loved young kids. I think she would have been thrilled to see the library and how many kids have used it and are enjoying the books," says Hausfeld.



## Art Gallery Showcases Textiles, Mixed Media and Photography

The February exhibit at the Springboro Performing Arts Center Art Gallery, 115 Wright Station Way, showcases Maxine Thomas' art quilts. The textile artist utilizes yardage, threads and dyes to create fabrics to paint textile art pieces. Her work can be found in juried shows, invitational shows and solo exhibitions in the United States and around the world.



Loretta Wikstrom's work will be featured during the month of March. Wikstrom paints in mixed-media such as watercolor, acrylic, inks and colored pencils mixed with hand-colored rice paper. Much of her work focuses on nature and she has exhibited in juried shows across the country.



The April show will feature photography by Tom Croce. A self-taught photographer with over 30 years' experience, his subjects include nature, landscape, wildlife and wildflowers.

Exhibits change monthly. Gallery Hours are 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday through Friday with some extended hours on evenings and weekends or by appointment by calling 937-748-5774.

