

# Agency Offers Insurance, Financial Services To Area Residents

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The Insurance Agencies of the Maumee Valley are in the Whitehouse Chamber of Commerce spotlight this month.

Owner Bob Keogh worked for the Boy Scouts of America for 12 years before he started in Jay Dennis' insurance and real estate agency in 1976.

Dennis had started the business in Whitehouse in 1946. Keogh bought the insurance agency in 1980.

A couple of years later, Keogh changed the name to the Insurance Agencies of Maumee Valley and in 1987, moved to the current location on Providence Street.

Keogh soon added income tax service to the agency and in 1991, he and Deana DeLong bought Spring Valley Financial

Services in Holland.

The financial services business operated in Whitehouse and Holland until 2002 when everything was moved to the Whitehouse location.

The independent agency now offers all kinds of professional and private insurance including property, casualty, life, health, home, auto and umbrellas as well as securities, investments and income tax preparation.

Raab Insurance in Berkey became part of the agency two years ago, and Rowley Agency in Swanton was added this year.

David Raab and Bob Rowley are now active agents in the Insurance Agencies of the Maumee Valley.

The agency is a member of the Independent Agents Association of Ohio.

Keogh is a past president

of the Waterville Area Rotary Club and the Anthony Wayne band boosters, an active member of Community of Christ Lutheran Church, a 20-year volunteer at the Jamie Farr Owens Corning Golf Classic and an active member of the chamber of commerce.

He spent 53 years with the Boy Scouts from the time he began as a Cub Scout to the time he stopped being a volunteer three years ago.

Keogh's wife Norma worked as a substitute teacher in the Anthony Wayne schools for 19 years and their two children graduated from Anthony Wayne High School.

Norma is also an active member of the community and volunteers at the Whitehouse Library.

Carolyn Strayer started as an agent at the Insurance Agencies of the Maumee Valley in 1996 and she now manages the agency.

Strayer's family has lived in the Whitehouse area since the late 1700s, and her two children graduated from AWHHS.

Strayer is a tutor for the TAP program at Whitehouse Primary School, an American Legion member for over 30 years, a team leader for the Relay for Life benefiting the American Cancer Society and a mem-



**Deena Hollerbach (left), Carolyn Strayer and Bob Keogh are ready to serve customers' insurance needs at the Insurance Agencies of the Maumee Valley in Whitehouse.**

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ber of the Insurance Women of Toledo and DRAW.

"The big thing about our agency is service," Strayer said. "We are available to our customers."

"We can meet people at night and on weekends — whatever needs to be done to get the job done," Keogh said.

Keogh said it is the people of Whitehouse who have

kept him in the village all these years.

"Whitehouse is a great place to raise kids and we have always enjoyed the community," Keogh said. "We like working in a small town atmosphere."

"The community has been good to us. We have doubled the size of our business five times since we have been here and we are contin-

uing to grow."

The agency's team includes full-time customer service representative and licensed agent Deena Hollerbach and Louann Artiaga, who runs the Spring Valley Financial Services office.

The Insurance Agencies of the Maumee Valley can be reached at (419) 877-0436 and Spring Valley Financial Services at (419) 877-9704.

## WATERVILLE LIBRARY NEWS

### Children Invited To Library Programs

**"Dragon Deeds and Royal Reads Summer Reading Club,"** through Friday, August 6 — Preschool children through those entering sixth grade read one hour to start their reading club folder to earn prizes this summer.

**"Medieval Puppets,"** Wednesday, June 29 at 2:00 p.m. — Puppeteer Joyce Davis will perform "Dragons Come Too Seldom." Registration is under way

**"Royal Romp,"** Wednesday, July 6 at 2:00 p.m. — Come and be kings and queens for a day. Enjoy grand games and majestic makings fit for royalty. Registration begins on Monday, June 27.

**"Preschool Story Time,"** Thursdays through August 4 at 10:00 a.m. — For children ages 3 to 5, this 30-minute program is packed full of stories, music and finger plays. Registration is under way.

**"Tales for Tots Story Time,"** Wednesdays through August 3 at 10:00 a.m. — This 20-minute program is for 2-year-olds and an adult companion. Registration is under way.

### Library Offers Programs For Teenagers

**"Dragon Deeds and Royal Reads Summer Reading Club,"** through Friday, August 6 — Students in seventh through 12th grade can fill out an entry blank for books read over the summer for a chance to win prizes. Prizes include Cedar Point tickets, Showcase Cinema passes and a Meijer gift certificate.

**"Ye Olde Wacky Tournament,"** Monday, June 27 at 2:00 p.m. — Students in grades six through 12 enjoy an afternoon of crazy tournament fun. A catapult competition with marshmallows will begin the festivities. Participants should dress to get messy. Registration is under way.

**"The University of Toledo Recreation Day Tickets,"** Tuesday, July 5 through Saturday, July 9 — Club 7-12 members should pick up tickets to attend the UT Summer Fun Day on Wednesday, July 13 from noon to 2:00 p.m. Tickets are only available for members of Club 7-12.

**"The University of Toledo Recreation Day,"** Wednesday, July 13 from noon to 3:00 p.m. — Members of Club 7-12 enjoy an afternoon of swimming, playing basketball, climbing the rock wall and more. Tickets and a permission slip are required. Transportation is not provided.

**"Medieval Treasure Pouch,"** Monday, July 11 at 2:00 p.m. — Learn the art of looping to create your own medieval treasure pouch. Registration begins on Monday, June 27.

**"American Red Cross Babysitting Clinics,"** Thursday and Friday, July 14 and 15 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. — All participants must be 11 years of age or older. There is a \$25.00 fee covering the course and handbook that must be paid at the time of registration. An optional babysitting first aid kit is available for an additional \$15.00. Registration is limited and begins on Thursday, June 2.

### Adult Programs Scheduled At Library

**"Dragon Deeds and Royal Reads Summer Reading Club,"** through Friday, August 6 — Fill out an entry blank for books read over the summer for a chance to win prizes.

To register for these events held at the Waterville Branch Library, located at 800 Michigan Ave., call (419) 878-3055.



**The Insurance Agencies of the Maumee Valley have been located on Providence Street since 1987.**

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## AW STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

■ **Lindsay Young**, the daughter of Squire Young, of Maumee, and Delores Young, of Waterville, was named to the dean's list for the second semester of the 2004-05 school year at Hope College in Holland, Mich.

■ **Sean Daugherty**, the son of David and Darlene Daugherty of Swanton, was named to the Ohio Northern University dean's list for the spring quarter 2004-05. He is a sophomore majoring in computer engineering.

■ **Christie Meyer**, the daughter of Bruce and Karen Meyer of Waterville, was named to the Ohio

Northern University dean's list for the spring quarter 2004-05. She is a junior majoring in communication arts.

■ **Lindsay Muntz**, the daughter of Gary and Mary Muntz of Waterville, was named to the Ohio Northern University dean's list for the spring quarter 2004-05. She is a senior majoring in early childhood education and psychology.

■ **Tracy Lehman**, of Whitehouse, received academic all-conference honors from the Ohio Community College Athletic Association. Lehman plays women's softball for Owens Community College and

achieved a 3.89 grade point average for the 2004-05 school year.

■ **Ashley Mathewson** and **Kayla Mathewson**, both of Whitehouse, were named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Anderson University for achieving a 3.5 GPA or higher.

■ **Kristen Guzman**, a physical therapy major, has enrolled as a freshman at The University of Findlay for the 2005-06 academic year. Guzman was awarded the President's Scholarship from the university. A 2005 graduate of Anthony Wayne High School, she is the daughter of Tim and Deb Guzman, of Waterville.

## GENERALLY SPEAKING

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buildings, including the central administrative office, will run through August 19. Daily hours will be 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Friday.

In addition, Monclova, Waterville and Whitehouse Primaries and AWJHS will be closed for the month of July. Normal office hours for all school buildings will resume on Monday, August 22.

### Waterville Seniors Meet In Summer

The Waterville Senior Citizens Group has changed to its summer meeting schedule. The group will be at 11:30 a.m. on July 7 at Smokey Bones on Dussel Drive in Maumee. A potluck picnic is scheduled on August 4.

Reservations are required the Tuesday prior to the meeting. For more information, call Pat at (419) 87804486.

The first fall meeting will be held on September 15 at the Whitehouse Inn at 11:30 a.m. Meetings will then return to the first and third Thursday of each month.

**The deadline for the June 30 edition is Friday, June 24.**