Family files suit after firetruck hits, kills Ohio woman

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TIFFIN — The family of an Ohio woman struck and killed by a firetruck that was backing up after firefighters rescued two people from a reservoir have filed a lawsuit against the volunteer fire department and the driver.

Green Springs firefighters were responding in June to a capsized boat and had pulled two people from the water when one of the firefighters began backing up the truck.

Lorri Riehm, 53, of Tiffin, was walking on a path along the reservoir at the time; she was wearing headphones and was struck from behind by the truck, authorities said.

The lawsuit, filed in Seneca County this week, said Riehm often jogged and walked on the path because it was closed off to traffic. It said that the firetruck had equipment that obstructed the rear view and that the driver didn’t use reasonable care while backing up, failing to use a spotter to help him.

A message seeking comment was left with the Green Springs fire department Wednesday.

Prosecutors this month announced they were not filing charges against the firefighter who was driving the truck. Seneca County Prosecutor Derek DeVine said no drugs, alcohol or reckless driving was involved.

New medical marijuana plan headed to Troy council
A new medical marijuana proposal is heading to the Troy City Council for consideration after the city Planning Commission voted Wednesday to recommend the city ban medical marijuana cultivation and processing but allow up to three dispensaries in the city highway business zoning district.

The Planning Commission previously recommended a similar proposal allowing up to five dispensaries in three business zoning districts outside the downtown and historic districts. That proposal was amended at the council level to impose a ban as well on dispensaries. Council failed to get enough votes to support a ban.

Patrick Titterington, city service and safety director, said from the council discussion his understanding was council wanted one business district where dispensing would be allowed.

“The highway district keeps it away from neighbors and downtown but still allows some limited dispensing,” he said.
Aviation Hall of Fame ceremony moving to Texas from Dayton

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The Aviation Hall of Fame ceremony is leaving Dayton and going to Fort Worth, Texas for 2017, board members decided today.

No decision has been made for future years.
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National Aviation Hall of Fame enshrinement director Ron Kaplan gives an update on what’s next for the future of the induction ceremony of aviation notables in Dayton. Video produced by Barrie Barber.

The ceremony dubbed the “Oscars night in aviation” has drawn hundreds to the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force in recent years. The enshrinement has brought aviation legends and industry titans every year to Dayton since the ceremony launched in 1962.

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The black-tie ceremony has lost money in recent years and organizers had weighed relocating the event out of state.

The Hall of Fame Board of Trustees postponed a decision Dec. 1 when lawmakers and boosters, including Ohio House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger, lobbied it to keep the enshrinement in Dayton.

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“There’s been a strong measure of community support offered to the Hall of Fame to keep the enshrinement here,” Tony Sculimbren, executive director of the National Aviation Hall of Fame, said prior to the decision. “We’ve been scrambling since (the NAHF board) delayed the decision to get a number of actions.”

Sculimbren said NAHA and regional tourism leaders pledged to increase exposure of the event with electronic billboard messages and radio ads, personalized invitations to attendees, tours of historic aviation sites in the region for enshrinees and help with travel arrangements to come to Dayton, among other things.
Looking back at MLK’s visits to Dayton

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (center) received an honorary degree from Central State University in 1958. DAYTON DAILY NEWS ARCHIVES

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The annual Dayton Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration program will include:

- Interfaith Prayer Breakfast: 7:30 a.m., Christ Church, 20 W. First St.
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CLOSINGS AND DELAYS:
- MLK Memorial March: 10 a.m., assemble at 1323 W. Third St. (near Drew Health Center)
- MLK Memorial Rally: 11 a.m., Dayton Convention Center, 22 E. Fifth St.
- MLK Celebration Banquet: 6 p.m., Dayton Convention Center, 22 E. Fifth St. The banquet will feature an address by Johnny Ford, the mayor of Tuskegee, Al and a founder of the National Conference of Black Mayors.

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Despite protesters — and even a failed assassination plot — Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. succeeded in heartening local communities during numerous visits to the Miami Valley in the midst of the Civil Rights movement.

"It's a great time to be alive," Dr. King told the 172 graduates gathered at Central State University's commencement in 1958. "You are graduating at the time of the dying of an old world and the birth of a new one."

Just weeks after being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize and months after Congress passed the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Dr. King made a speech at the University of Dayton fieldhouse.

More than a dozen protesters from the National States Rights party paraded outside with signs condemning the Civil Rights Act and charging King with association with the Communist party.

City Commissioner Don L. Crawford presented Dr. King with a key to the city on arrival and told him, "In this city there are some doors neither this key nor my persuasion can open to you."

Over 6,500 people attend the speech, which was interrupted by applause 26 times. Dr. King told the crowd, "Negroes have come a long, long way but we have a long, long way to go."

"We stand on the borderline. The system of segregation is on its deathbed. The only uncertainty is how costly the segregationists will make the funeral," he said.

The following year Dr. King made two visits to the area. In an address to graduates at Wilberforce University's 107th commencement on June 9, 1965, Dr. King "called on the graduates to battle three evils — racial injustice, poverty and war," according to a story in the next morning's Dayton Daily News. "Racial injustice is still the Negroes' burden and America's shame."

Less than two weeks later Dr. King addressed 296 graduates at the 113th commencement at Antioch College in Yellow Springs. He was accompanied by his wife, Coretta Scott King, a former Antioch student.

Of Antioch, King said, "All men of good will are indebted to this institution for its heritage. I am indebted to Antioch for having given me a marvelous wife."

Unbeknownst that day, Dr. King had been targeted for an assassination attempt during the visit to Antioch.

Daniel Wagner, a 19-year-old from Baltimore with a history of juvenile arrests, testified to the House Un-American Activities Committee in Washington, D.C. in Feb. 1966 that he had been part of plot to kill Dr.
King with a Savage rifle purchased from Eloise Witte of Cincinnati.

Wagner told the committee that Witte was to furnish the rifle to Dr. King. ‘We selected the outdoor commencement while he would shoot Dr. King according to a story published in the Dayton Daily News on Feb. 11, 1966.

Witte, however, cancelled the assassination plot a few minutes later when she received a phone call from her husband because she couldn’t find the rifle for the event because of her work at a factory in Dayton. She was a member of the Ku Klux Klan near South End Park, which was the site of the shooting.

This year communities in the Dayton region will again mark King’s birthday. “I’m Still Here” is the theme for the largest commemoration in Dayton.

King ended his speech to the Antioch graduates with these words: “A new order of justice and freedom is coming into being. We must work with vigor and determination to erase poverty from the earth. A great nation is a compassionate nation.”

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Montgomery County auditor projects rising housing values in 2017

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Montgomery County could see the biggest increase in housing values in 10 years in 2017, Auditor Karl Keith said today.

“Last time we updated values in 2014, we saw a 4 percent decline,” Keith said, noting 2017 preliminary numbers project a 3-5 percent increase. “That seems to have swung back the other way, so in ’17 we’re looking at things to be a little better.”

New construction in Montgomery County reached $141 million in 2016, Keith said. Residential construction made up $75.9 million of that new value, with $41.5 million in new residential construction happening in Washington Twp.

“It certainly is a big turn around from the housing crisis we went through,” Keith said. “We went through some hard times, and now the pendulum seems to be going the other way and we’re seeing signs of rebound.”

Still, some area communities faced declining residential values. There was a $7.7 million decline in residential value in Dayton and a $3.9 million reduction of value in Trotwood.

“This is based on preliminary data,” Keith said. “The inner core of the county, those are the areas that were hardest hit in the housing crisis and will be the slowest to rebound.”
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