



## WACO PLANES ARE COMING TO TROY

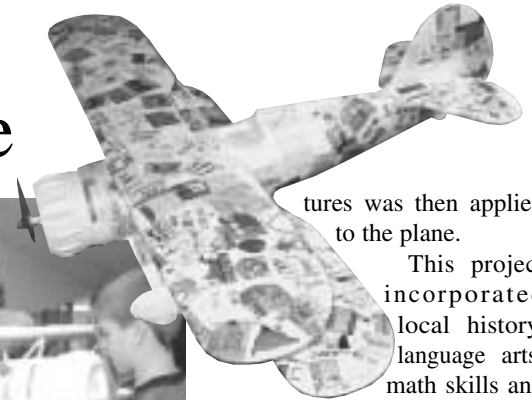
### VanCleve Students Decorate Model of Vintage WACO Plane

Fiberglass replicas of the famous WACO bi-plane are being featured during Troy's "Sculptures on the Square" this summer. With the help of **The Future Begins Today**, the WACO Historical Society and the Van Cleve art department, more than 370 Troy students and staff at Van Cleve 6th Grade School have decorated one of the 26 planes that are on display in the Troy Square.



Students apply their pieces of artwork to the plane. (photo by Mike Ullery)

Each student was asked to write about their hopes and dreams, and then illustrate them in art class. The collage of pic-



tures was then applied to the plane.

This project incorporated local history, language arts, math skills and art. The WACO airplanes will be on display May 20 through Labor Day.

The students named their plane "Dreams Take Flight".



**SUSAN THEODORELOS**, Dayton attorney, pilot and owner of 2 WACO vintage airplanes, spoke to the students and staff at Van Cleve 6th Grade School. She shared with them what it is like to fly a WACO. This program was part of **The Future Begins Today's** WACO Project at Van Cleve.



Karen Purke, Executive Director of WACO Historical Society and Jill Hartman, art teacher at Van Cleve 6th Grade School, were instrumental in pulling together the WACO project for **TFBT**. "Karen was focused on this from the start," said Cheryl Cotner. "What I envisioned was merely a WACO history presentation. Karen took the project to a much greater level of learning. Jill's willingness to incorporate the project into her art curriculum helped to make the finished product a huge success." 370 drawings are represented on the plane.

### Leadership Troy Program Assists TFBT

**The Future Begins Today** feels lucky again this year to be selected by the Leadership Troy Program to receive an intern from the Class of 2007. Mrs. Kimbe Lange is principal at Kyle Elementary School. Kimbe has been very supportive and enthusiastic about **TFBT** and will be instrumental in helping to plan for future activities with our elementary program. Kimbe will serve as a non-voting member of the Board from March thru October.



**Members of the Board of Trustees are volunteers** and are committed to the work and advancement of **TFBT**. Tami Baird Ganley, Linda Daniel, Tonya Dickerson, Clarice Francis, Robb Howell, Jane Johnson, Dan Kerber, David Levorchick, Donna McGraw, Steve Nolan, Ray Pruitt, Sally Redinbo, Janet Rhodes, Karen Rodgers, Ted Roller, Todd Severt, Brian Williamson, Jill Wilson, and Alan Zunke. *Honorary Trustees are:* Kay Lutz, Pat Robinson and Wanda Lukens



### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of **The Future Begins Today** program is to provide mentoring and support for Troy community students willing to commit themselves to the pursuit of educational goals that foster life-long opportunities for success.





# TROY STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Look for our booth at the Strawberry Festival and stop by to sample the delicious Strawberry Salsa. Winner of the 2004 Best Strawberry Culinary Award, all proceeds from salsa sales support *The Last Dollar Grant*. Pre-sale orders by the case are available May 22-23. Cost is \$55. For more information, visit [www.TheFutureBeginsToday.org](http://www.TheFutureBeginsToday.org) or call 332-0467.



## Festival Parade



Students, parents, Lunch Buddies, and Board Members will participate in building and riding on the float in the parade. The float design is a huge jar of Strawberry Salsa wearing a Graduation Mortar Board on the top. This symbolizes the program's goal to help students graduate and links the Strawberry Salsa to this program. Salsa sale proceeds go toward *Last Dollar Grants*. 42 grants were awarded in 2006-2007.

## Buy Strawberry Salsa and Help Support Programs



*Ethel Sullivan of Circle S Farm and Cheryl Comer collect berries for salsa.*

Winan's Fine Chocolates & Coffees.

Visit our web site for recipes and serving suggestions using the strawberry salsa.

<http://www.TheFutureBeginsToday.org>



If you miss the Strawberry Festival, you can still purchase the delicious Strawberry Salsa.

Also known as "Sweet Heat" it was introduced at the 2004 Troy Strawberry Festival. It has quickly become a successful way for the community to support **The Future Begins Today**. Three businesses in Troy are selling the delicious salsa: Fulton's Farm, Bakehouse Bread & Cookie Co, and

# Tim Horton's Children's Foundation



*Curtis Johnson attended camp the summer of 2006.*

Tim Horton's Children's Foundation pays all expenses to send about 10,000 children to camps in Canada and Kentucky every summer. The Troy restaurant, owned by Ryan and Alison Holland, and Stella Davies, has selected boys and girls from **TFBT** for the past two summers.

This summer 2 boys will go to Kentucky for a full week of pure fun. They will be treated to swimming, hiking, canoeing, kayaking, water skiing, tubing, pontoon cruises and overnight camping. About 300 kids attend each session and the camps are intended to mentor children who would never have a camp opportunity. Along with normal camp activities, the program also builds self esteem and confidence in the children.

Each restaurant has camp boxes at the registers for donations of change. In addition, each store has a Camp Day in the spring and all coffee sales go toward sending the kids to camp. **Mark your calendar this year for Wednesday, June 6, and support the Tim Horton's Camp Day.**

## FORMS Program New to TFBT



The **FORMS** Program (**F**illing **O**ut **R**equired **M**aterials for Students) is designed to assist Troy parents and their students who are planning to attend a college, university or trade school next year. **FORMS** will provide help

in completing the FAFSA Application.

Amy Barnhart, Director of Student Financial Services at Urbana University, conducted two sessions in January at Troy High School on how to fill out the FAFSA on line. The large turn out of students and parents who packed into the computer room proves that this is an area where they want help.



The **FORMS** Program is a new component of **TFBT**. This is one more way Urbana University has partnered with us to assist in educating the students of Troy.

## E-MAIL US "YOUR" FAVORITE WAY TO USE STRAWBERRY SALSA

mail to: [ccotner@TheFutureBeginsToday.org](mailto:ccotner@TheFutureBeginsToday.org)

# Urbana University Scholarship

It is not too late to apply for the Urbana University scholarship. One of the most exciting things to happen to **TFBT** is the partnership with Urbana University. It offers one tuition and room scholarship to a qualified *Last Dollar Grant* recipient planning to attend Urbana. “**The Future Begins Today** is an outstanding organization with a meaningful mission of assisting youth in their quest for a quality education,” President, Dr. Head commented. “Urbana University is pleased to have this partnership with **The Future Begins Today** by offering an annual scholarship to one of its outstanding students.” Current scholarship winners are Junior, Carmen Chavis and Sophomore, Mary Jo Weisenbarger.



Weisenbarger and Chavis

Criteria and Applications are available from **TFBT** office or on web site at <http://www.TheFutureBeginsToday.org>

## College Day Visit Comes to Students This Year

Troy’s 6th grade students spent a morning learning what college is all about. In partnership with **TFBT**, Urbana University turned the annual activity around this year and sent Urbana students and admissions counselors to Van Cleve School. Their program gave all 6th graders the experience of learning what it is like to go to college. Carmen Chavis, THS graduate who receives the Urbana / **TFBT** Scholarship, told the students how important their education is and that they must stay focused and get good grades. “This is just one more example of the wonderful partnership Urbana University has formed with **TFBT**. For many of the students this is their first introduction to college.” said Linda Bozick, Van Cleve counselor who helped co-ordinate the activity.



## Time to Apply for Last Dollar Grant



Applications are now being accepted for the *Last Dollar Grant* to college and are due before **June 30th**. To qualify for the grant the student must be a graduate of THS or TCHS within the last 5 years. He/she must have a 2.0 grade point and show with official documentation the financial need for the grant. After the student has acquired the other monies thru loans, grants, scholarship, work, parents, etc, *The Last Dollar Grant* can help to narrow the gap with up to \$1200 needed to pay the tuition, room and board at the school of choice. Past grant recipients are encouraged to apply each year.

42 *Last Dollar Grants* totaling over \$47,000 were awarded for the 2006-2007 academic year. For more information and an application, visit <http://www.TheFutureBeginsToday.org> or call 332-0467.

## SUPPORT THE FUTURE WITH A GIFT TO TROY STUDENTS

YES, I want to support the important work that **The Future Begins Today** is doing! Here is my tax-deductible contribution. If you would like to make your gift in honor or in memory of someone special, please indicate below.

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No tax dollars support **The Future Begins Today**. All donations directly benefit students and are used for the Lunch Buddies and Homework Helper Elementary Program, as well as the Jr. High and High School Programs and The Last Dollar Scholarship Grants. **The Future Begins Today** is a 501 ( c ) ( 3 ) tax-exempt, publicly supported organization. Contributions are tax-deductible.

## OUR HEARTFELT APPRECIATION



### THE TROY FOUNDATION

Since 1924 The Troy Foundation has been of unique service to the community by awarding grants for various needs. **The Future Begins Today** is grateful to receive a generous grant from The Troy Foundation to assist with our programs. Other contributions come to **TFBT** from donors who give to us thru The Troy Foundation. Last fall **TFBT** established an Endowment Fund within The Troy Foundation. Donations may now be made directly to this fund.



### UNITED WAY OF TROY

Thank you to everyone who has designated **The Future Begins Today** for your contributions to 2007 Campaign for United Way of Troy. As a designated United Way agency, **TFBT** will receive 100% of your donation.

### MIAMI COUNTY FOUNDATION

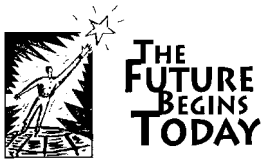


The Miami County Foundation has recently awarded **TFBT** with a grant to offset the printing and mailing costs for this newsletter. “We are extremely grateful to the Miami County Foundation for recognizing the importance of this grant to us.” said Cheryl Cotner, Executive Director. “It will allow us to continue to serve the educational needs of the community.”

### WE TIP OUR HATS TO:

**The Paul G. Duke Foundation and the Duke-Robinson Fund** which generously continue to assist with programs and scholarships.

**Troy High School Class of 1956** who donated their surplus money from the 50th Class Reunion to **The Future Begins Today**.



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TFBT has once again partnered with the Senior Marketing class at Edison Community College. This is the capstone class for students who are marketing majors. Senior student Ron Bennett has worked countless hours and helped to redesign TFBT web site so that it is more user friendly for our students and site visitors. Mrs. Ruth Barney, Associate Professor and instructor of the class, believes this opportunity gives her students some necessary on the job training with real purpose. TFBT is very pleased to continue this relationship with Edison Community College.

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### GINGERBREAD HOUSE FAMILY ACTIVITY

Students got into the Christmas spirit in December when the popular Gingerbread House Family Activity was held at Forest School. 139 people, including the students, parents, grandparents, and siblings, came together to create their own unique houses. One student offered her house to be sent in a care package to troops in Iraq. The activity was sponsored by Kroger's, and through a grant from Project G.I.F.T. associated with Teen Leadership of Troy.



### BECOME A LUNCH BUDDY

Lunch Buddies are always welcome to mentor an elementary student at lunch once a month. Often the Buddies take a more active role and become a positive and encouraging person to help the student succeed in school. If you are interested, call 332-0467 or email [cotner@TheFutureBeginsToday.org](mailto:cotner@TheFutureBeginsToday.org)

## Pardon Our Pride....

### WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Last Dollar Grant Recipients Succeed With Help From TFBT



**AMY MCCULLA**, 2004 Capital University: has completed her Master thesis on AIDS at Cape Town, South Africa. She has been recruited by a program associated with the Desman Tutu Foundation to work on AIDS education. She is waiting for funding of the program and her Visa, and hopes to be back in South Africa this spring.

**JOSH SMITH**, 2005 Bowling Green: "I am working at Piqua Junior High School as a teacher of Emotional Disorder / Severe Behavior Handicapped Students. I enjoy the work although it can be a little difficult at times. I enjoy working with the students and the staff here at the Junior High. I also coached the eighth grade football team in Piqua this year. As always thanks for everything."

**KYLE HINKELMAN**, 2006 Ball State: attends OSU grad school for two Master's Degrees, one in Urban Planning and one in Public Administration. He serves on OSU Student Representative Council and works for City of Westerville. Kyle was married in July 2006, and his wife is in Medical School at Wright State. His father, Paul, continues to volunteer for TFBT.



**MEGAN SHERWOOD**, 2006 Wright State, teaches in Xenia at a school for handicapped children who have ADHD and Aspersers Syndrome. In addition, she coaches girls' gymnastics at a private gymnastic club. Her mother, Mary Siegel, volunteers for TFBT.

**Give Hope and Help** — Established in 1993, **The Future Begins Today** is a non-profit program focused on helping Troy children succeed with their education and to become active citizens within their communities. Your financial support for **The Future Begins Today** is essential to continue giving **hope and help** to students, parents, counselors, and teachers. **TFBT** does not receive any public money. Funding comes from private donations and various foundations and grants, including Dream Builders Group, Duke-Robinson Fund, Illinois Tool Works Foundation, The Miami County Foundation, The Paul G. Duke Foundation, The Troy Foundation, Thomas E. and Patricia D. Robinson Fund and the United Way of Troy. *Your tax-deductible contribution will always stay in Troy.*

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