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Celebrity birthdays for this week:

March 25: Aretha Franklin (71), Sarah Jessica Parker (48), Laz Alonso (39); **March 26:** Kenny Chesley (45), Keira Knightley (28), Leonard Nimoy (82); **March 27:** Mariah Carey (43), Brenda Song (25), Pauley Perrette (44); **March 28:** Reba McEntire (58), Vince Vaughn (43), Julia Stiles (32); **March 29:** Jennifer Capriati (37), Jessica Chastain (32), Lucy Lawless (45); **March 30:** M C Hammer (51), Warren Beatty (76), Paul Reiser (56), Mark Consuelos (42)); **March 31:** Ewan McGregor (42), Shirley Jones (79), Rhea Perlman (65)



Community Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday at 1 p.m.
on front lawn of Village Hall 3

7-Day Forecast

Thursday: Hi: 43° Lo: 27° Mostly cloudy. Winds NW at 9 mph. 0% chance of precipitation.

Friday: Hi: 47° Lo: 29° Partly cloudy. Winds NW at 6 mph. 0% chance of precipitation.

Saturday: Hi: 50° Lo: 34° Partly cloudy. Winds W at 7 mph. 0% chance of precipitation.

Sunday: Hi: 52° Lo: 29° Rain. Winds SW at 13 mph. 40% chance of precipitation.

Monday: Hi: 45° Lo: 35° Sunny. Winds W at 11 mph. 0% chance of precipitation.

Tuesday: Hi: 52° Lo: 35° Showers. Winds E at 7 mph. 20% chance of precipitation.

Wednesday: Hi: 60° Lo: 50° Showers. Winds SE at 18 mph. 70% chance of precipitation.

Sheriff completes training

Williams County Sheriff Steven M. Towns recently completed training allowing him to instruct school and business leaders in proactive survival strategies should a violent intruder gain entrance to one of their buildings.

Sheriff Towns notes that a survival mentality is the first and best defense once a violent intruder has gained entry to a school or business. Understanding and implementing survival strategies is a proven component for surviving a violent attack while awaiting law enforcement response. In most cases, these strategies will just enhance what is already in place at the building.

Sheriff Towns looks forward to offering this training to school leaders as well as the business community. He can be contacted at the Williams County Sheriff's Office at 419-636-3151 or at towns@williamscosheriff.com



Ground breaking ceremony held

A special service was held Palm Sunday as the congregation of the Edgerton United Methodist Church breaks ground as they prepare to rebuild after the over than 150 year old building that sits on the corner of North Michigan Avenue and Hull Street was partially

destroyed by fire on July 17, 2012. Pictured at the ceremony are, from the left: EUM pastor Rev. Rick Barnett, Rev. Steve Bennett, Bishop Gregory Palmer, architect Megan Crites, Fire Chief Scott Blue, Mayor Lance Bowsher, and EUM lay-leader Karlyn McPike.

Twist of Fate Mother and daughter team up

By Cindy Thiel

A lengthy love affair with writing has found the mother daughter team of Genilee Parente and F. Sharon Swope co-authoring *Twist of Fate*, the first of four books based on Detective Sam Osborne.

Spectacle Publishing Media Group (SPMG) released the book which is on pace to be one of Spectacle's best-selling books of all time.

Twist of Fate chronicles

the love story between Casey Lewis, a 20-year old wheelchair bound woman who is the target of an assassin and Danny Jones, a young homeless man who wanders into her life and helps her survive a brutal snow storm and several murder attempts. Over time, their feelings for one another grow deeper, something both are surprised to find happening. Private Detective Sam Osborne,

who is hired by Lewis, tries to figure out who wants Lewis dead before they are successful in their attempt on her life and cut her romance with ones short.

"This piece is a work of devotion," said Eric Staggs, Chief Executive Officer, "the mother daughter team of Sharon and Genilee have transformed a tangential plot line into a full-powered drama fueled by the human emotions we all understand."

Both authors spent over a year perfecting the novel, working with SPMG editors on constructing a compelling novel that would capture their audiences' attention and leave them yearning for the next book in the series.

"Their devotion to the project was not only inspiring as a writer, but refreshing and fulfilling as publisher," Staggs said.

Writing since the age of 10, Sharon as some of our readers may remember, wrote a weekly column in *The Edgerton Earth* entitled *Apron Strings...tied by Sharon*. With the exception of her weekly column Swope did not seek publication until recently. Sharon and her husband Robert, raised four children, all who came to love books, reading and writing.

A couple of years ago, Sharon's youngest daughter Allyn Stotz published her first children's book, *The Pea in Peanut Butter*. At that time, Sharon was 82 and realized if she was going to write the books that had been swirling around in her mind all those years, she'd better get started.

Sharon suffers from macular degeneration but has not allowed that to deter from her goal. She has learned to use different programs that talk to her and tells her what's on the computer screen.

Even though *Twist of Fate* is her first published book, Sharon has had several

short stories published in magazines. Sharon and her husband Robert, of 64 years, live in Woodbridge, Va.

Sharon's collaborator in the book, her daughter Genilee has made her living writing and editing since she graduated from Ohio State University in Journalism in 1977.

"I have always been a writer by trade," said Genilee. Her dad, the former editor of *The Edgerton Earth*, was her first boss. She worked for the newspaper when they were affiliated with the Montpelier and Edon papers. Genilee has worked in public information offices for a university and a politician and managed the periodicals for several trade associations.

Since 1991 she has been a freelance consultant writing, editing and running magazines and newsletters for her clients.

Having taken up writing as a young girl of 10, Genilee is currently writing her own novel series for young adults. Her inspiration she said came from former Edgerton High School teacher Richard Smith. She lives in Dumfries, Va. with her husband Ray of 20 years and her teenage daughter Christina.

Since Sharon was not a writer by trade, she and Genilee collaborated on the series. The publisher has the

second book, *Wretched Fate*, in production.

The duo have had several book signing, concentrating on retirement communities as the book was printed in large type. They have also been asked to speak before two mystery club readers groups. Their book will also be featured at the Manassas Bull Run Regional Library author's Fair in May.

The book has received good reviews and selling well on both amazon.com and Barbes & Noble's web sites. The book came out first as an electronic book via those sites but is now available in print.

Sharon and Genilee meet once a week at a local restaurant to "fine tune the plots of the novels," said Genilee. Sharon usually writes the first draft then hands it off to her daughter who adds the polish...the descriptions, etc. The wait staff at the restaurant have been privy to some off the wall discussions as the mother and daughter duo discuss ways to kill off people. "We get a few strange looks when we start discussing the effects of poisons or what a certain model of a gun will do to a person," said Genilee.

Sharon and Genilee find it hard to believe that five years ago they would be at this fork in the road.

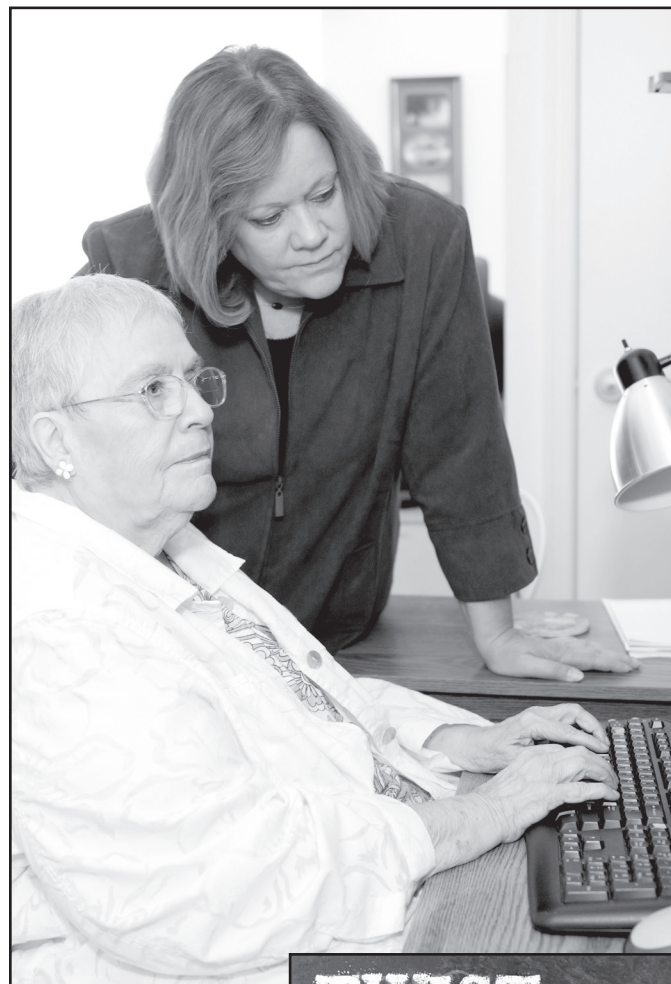
Pond clinic set for Thursday, April 11th

A Pond Clinic is planned for Thursday, April 11, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Williams County Agricultural Services Meeting Room. The Ohio State University Extension Williams County and Williams Soil and Water Conservation District will be hosting the event.

Eugene C. Braig IV, Program Director of Aquatic Eco System at Ohio State University School of

Environment and Natural Resources will be the speaker. He will be covering how to "Cope with Aquatic Plants and Algae" and "Improving Pond Health with Aeration".

Hotdogs will be served at 5:30 p.m. with the program to begin at 6:00 p.m. To make reservation for the program contact the OSU Extension at 419-636-5608 or SWCD at 419-636-9395.



F. Sharon Swope (seated) and daughter Genilee Parente have published their first book, *Twist of Fate*, the first in the Sam Osborne mystery series released by Spectacle Publishing Media Group.

Former residents of Edgerton and past employees of *The Earth*, the pair are currently both living in Virginia.

To the right: Front jacket of the book.

