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Development of Cornerstone continues in Centerville with new phases along Wilmington Pike and the completion of the Kroger store. This new retail building is part of Phase III. About \$170 million in sales are expected annually with 2,800 local jobs. TY GREENLEES / STAFF

JOBS & ECONOMY

CORNERSTONE GROWING

Several businesses will open at development in next few months.

By Kara Driscoll
Staff Writer

To see the Cornerstone of Centerville today, it's easy to forget the acres of farmland here that was the center of a contentious fight between developers and locals for nearly a decade. It may be even harder to remem-

ber in a few years. The property, once owned by the prominent Dille family, is in the midst of unyielding growth. Cornerstone has in just a few years transformed this area along the Wilmington Pike/Interstate 675 corridor. Backers of the development, which will have some huge new pieces this year, say it

will generate sales of \$170 million annually and create 2,800 jobs for the region. Several businesses will open their doors in the first half of 2017, marking the finish line for a majority of the retail and restaurant expansion for an emerging area, developers say. Chris Conley, president of the Oberer Commercial Real Estate Group, said he expects Cornerstone North to be completely built

BY THE NUMBERS

- 2,800 jobs** could be created by the Cornerstone of Centerville project
- 125 acres of land** will be developed by the project
- \$21.2M** will be invested in the new Kroger store

Market continued on A15

PUBLIC SAFETY

No ground zero in opioid fight

More than half of county's opioid deaths were outside of Dayton.

By Chris Stewart
Staff Writer

Jamie Haddix and Darrell E. Morgan were found dead at the same address on the same day – Christmas Eve. Both are suspected of overdosing on opioids, the all-encompassing term used to describe heroin and its more lethal cousins.

The place where they died, an apartment in a four-unit building on Wiltshire Boulevard in Kettering, isn't ground zero in the region's opioid crisis because there is no ground zero.

New information from the Montgomery County Coroner's Office shows an alarming increase in suspected drug overdose deaths in 2016 – more than in any prior year and exceeding 2015's total by nearly 100 deaths.

But it also shows the reach of the crisis. No part of the county was spared, including Brookville, Centerville, Germantown and Oakwood. Although Dayton by far had the most deaths, with 167, more than half of the suspected overdoses in the county occurred outside of Dayton.

A little after 3 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Harold Budde was rattled by pounding on a door across from his apartment on Wiltshire Boulevard.

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CONTINUING COVERAGE

Ohio key to abortion debate

Both sides of issue see recent legislation as significant nationally.

By Laura A. Bischoff
Columbus Bureau

COLUMBUS — Ohio is at the front-line in a battle over abortion rights that continues to rage on 44 years after the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark ruling in Roe versus Wade.

"I would argue, and we have the data to back this up, that Ohio and Texas are the key battleground states for the abortion debate. What happens in Ohio tends to trickle to other states," said Ohio Right to Life President Mike Gonidakis. "We are the test market,



Gov. John Kasich signed one abortion bill and vetoed another at the end of 2016.

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as well as Texas, for what we can and can't get done. It's exciting to be at the forefront." In the span of just 48 hours in early December, Ohio lawmakers passed a ban on abortions performed after 20 weeks gestation and a ban once a fetal heartbeat is detected, which can be as early as six-weeks – when many women don't even realize they're pregnant.

Abortion continued on A21



Protesters march in cities around the world

Protesters in Washington, D.C., around the U.S. and the world took to the streets Saturday to protest newly inaugurated President Donald Trump and raise awareness of women's rights. Half a million people were expected in Washington alone. Large events also took place in New York, Chicago, Boston and Los Angeles. About 3,000 took part in an event in Dayton. Check out our coverage on Pages A16-A17.



NATION & WORLD, A3
**Mississippi tornado
wreaks havoc, kills 4**

Across the tornado's devastating path, families were hugging friends and neighbors and grieving over the remains of their homes.

LOCAL & STATE, B1
**Soaring water bills
anger customers**

Miamisburg officials say customers' skepticism over questionably steep jumps in their water use is understandable.

SPORTS, C1
**Archdeacon: Life goes
on for Big Steve's 'sister'**

After leading UD to an OT victory Saturday, JaVonna Layfield was talking about the one person she wished had been there to see it.

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