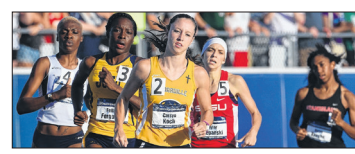


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# Clark St. agriculture program gets \$400K

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The Springfield News-Sun digs into important stories about the use of unmanned aircraft in Clark County, including recent coverage of how drones could affect jobs and the economy. Follow stories like this, plus find local postings at [Springfield NewsSun.com/jobs](http://SpringfieldNewsSun.com/jobs)



Clark State Community College precision agriculture student Logan Dyer (right) talks with Ohio State University associate professor James Jasinski on Tuesday about a drone they've been using to map a pumpkin field at the OSU Research Farm. BILL LACKEY / STAFF

## National Science Foundation grant to go toward recruiting students.

By Jeff Gilbert  
Contributing Writer

Clark State Community College's fledgling precision agriculture program will likely grow more quickly with the award of a \$400,000 grant from the National Science Foundation. One in seven jobs in Ohio are related directly or indirectly to agriculture, said Aimee Belanger-Haas, Clark State dean of business and applied technologies, and the state faces a shortage of skilled agriculture workers. The No. 1 goal for the new grant

is to create a pipeline for recruiting students for the program entering its third year, she said. Of the 100 students in the agriculture program, 15 are studying the field of precision. "It's really getting the word out about what it is," she said. "The high school ag teachers really don't have a good understanding." Starting this summer, teachers from a nearly 50-mile radius will be invited to attend workshops designed to educate them about

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### BY THE NUMBERS

**\$400,000**

Grant from the National Science Foundation for Clark State's precision agriculture program

**100**

Students in all of Clark State's agriculture programs

**15**

Students in Clark State's precision agriculture program

## CLOSER LOOK HOLIDAY TRAVEL

# Record traveling seen for holiday weekend

Lowest gas prices since 2005 help spur Fourth of July enthusiasm.

By Steve Bennish and Ed Richter  
Staff Writers

A record number of travelers for the Fourth of July weekend — nearly 43 million — will be hitting the nation's highways and airports, according to AAA, spurred on by some of the lowest gas prices in more than a decade.

More than 1.5 million Ohioans plan to drive to destinations more than 50 miles from their homes, an increase of 2.4 percent from last year.

"People are traveling with an enthusiasm we haven't seen in

### TRAFFIC COVERAGE

On TV: Sgt. Mark Bowron has traffic updates to help you with your commute every 10 minutes in the morning Monday-Friday from 5-7 a.m. on WHIO-TV Channel 7. Online: Watch traffic cameras and find out where the cheap gas is on our online traffic page at WHIO.com.

years," AAA of the Miami Valley spokeswoman Cindy Antrican said.

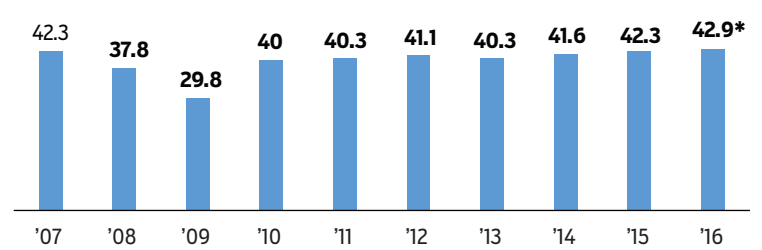
The lowest gas prices since 2005 have saved U.S. drivers about

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## Record number of travelers

Nearly 43 million Americans — including 1.7 million Ohioans — are expected to travel at least 50 miles from home over the Fourth of July weekend. That's a record for the holiday.

### Number of travelers (in millions)



\*Estimate for Fourth of July weekend  
Source: AAA

LINDA SCOTT / STAFF

## NEW DETAILS

# Turkey, Islamic State may be headed to war

Extremists' deadly attack on airport could lead to open warfare.

By Erin Cunningham  
Washington Post

ISTANBUL — A brazen assault by three suicide bombers on Istanbul's Ataturk Airport has set the stage for a more violent conflict between Turkey and the Islamic State, a development that would deepen Turkish involvement in the Syrian war.

There has been no claim of responsibility for Tuesday's carnage, but Turkish officials blamed the Sunni extremists for the attack, which killed 41 people and injured at least 239.

The raid marked the fifth bombing attack in Istanbul this year, and struck the country's most



Officers patrol Ataturk Airport on Wednesday in Istanbul, Turkey. Three suicide bombers opened fire before blowing themselves up there Tuesday. DEFNE KARADENIZ / GETTY IMAGES

important transportation hub. While Kurdish militants have also recently attacked targets in Istanbul, analysts said the operation bore all the hallmarks of

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## GOVERNMENT SPENDING

# Audit: Dead Ohioans got food stamps

By Brian Kollars  
Staff Writer

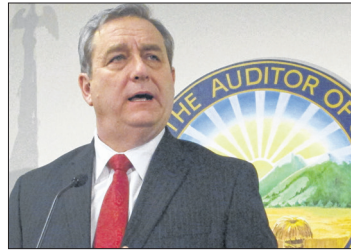
A state audit released this week outlines abuses of Ohio's food stamp program, including more than 1,800 instances of dead people receiving aid.

The study of Ohio's \$2.5 billion Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, covered the first six months of 2015. Problems uncovered, which included recip-

ients carrying large balances on benefit cards and spending large sums outside the state, "clearly suggest there is fraud occurring in this program," Ohio Auditor Dave Yost said.

When a food stamp recipient dies, benefits often continue for a short time until the system catches up. But the audit found 36 instances in which recipients died prior to

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"There needs to be tighter controls over these dollars," state Auditor David Yost says. ANDREW WELSH-HUGGIN / AP 2013



## LOCAL & STATE, B1 Springfield students explore photography

Area students explored a photography studio as part of a summer internship program.



## LOCAL & STATE, B1 Clark makes dog wardens full time

Clark County commissioners agreed to make dog wardens full-time county employees.

## LOCAL & STATE, B1 Police searching for New Carlisle man

The search for Joshua Kiser, who eluded capture by police Monday, entered its third day.

## BUSINESS, A8 Stocks begin to recoup losses from Brexit

Banks and other financial companies led another broad surge in U.S. stocks Wednesday.



## LIFE, D1 Woman has been to all 50 arts festivals

Springfield's Nancy Henderson has been to all 50 Summer Arts Festivals, as performer and patron.

## SPORTS, C1 Late football player made impression on Witt coach

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