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## VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

# Gunnery Sgt. Messner honored as featured speaker

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

**A 2011 Bellefontaine High School graduate and highly trained U.S. Marine Corps aviation technician will share his story Monday, Nov. 11, as the featured speaker for the Logan County Veterans Day ceremony.**

The ceremony begins at 11:11 a.m. in front of the Logan County Courthouse, and then moves into the Holland Theatre for the program. A free meal for veterans and families is served afterward at the American Legion Post 173, 120 Colton Ave., Bellefontaine.

Featured speaker Gunnery Sgt. Corbin J. Messner was born in Bellefontaine on April 29, 1993, a son of Joe and Angie Messner.

In March of 2013, he completed recruit training with the 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, Echo Company, MCRD Parris Island, S.C., and then attended Marine Combat Training, School of Infantry, at Camp Geiger from March to April 2013.

Gunnery Sgt. Messner then reported to Naval Air Station



in Pensacola, Fla., where he attended Aviation Electronics Mate Strand C1 A1 and Avionics Warfare Apprentice Training School.

In September 2013, the 2011 BHS graduate reported to the Marine Corps Air Station in New River, N.C., where he attended V-22 Avionics Schools, graduating in April 2014.

During November 2015, he received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for intervening and preventing an attempted suicide.

Then in January 2017, Gunnery Sgt. Messner reported to Marine Helicopter Squadron One in Quantico, Va., and was awarded the Presidential Service Badge on April 5, 2018.

In September 2018, he became a MV-22 Collateral Duty Quality Assurance Representative

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World War II veteran and long-time West Liberty resident Bill Figley holds his military banner, which now hangs at the corner of Runkle Street and U.S. Route 68. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

## YOUR NEIGHBOR

# Bill Figley: 'We were always in danger'

BY SHARYN KOPF  
EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

It's not easy to condense 98 years of a life into a 15-minute speech, or a 20-minute interview. You can't, actually. But it's certainly enough time to know why Bill Figley means so much to his community.

The U.S. Navy signalman shared some of his military experiences at the West Liberty Veterans Day Recognition Wednesday, Nov. 6. As one of the night's guest speakers, Bill talked about his role during World War II, then explained why the holiday matters.

Three months before he graduated from Glouster High School in 1944, Bill joined the Navy. Though he tried the Army first, "they didn't want me," he admitted.

"They made every attempt to find a place for me in the Navy," he said. Eventually, they made him a signalman. He was assigned to a landing ship medium or LSM, which would pull up onto a beach. Once there, they'd drop off items like troops, guns, ammunition, food, tanks, small trucks and Jeeps.

After training, Bill found himself sailing from San Francisco to Pearl Harbor one "very cold Easter morning." The base had been rebuilt a little bit after being decimated during the surprise attack on Dec. 7, 1941. From there, Bill's signal ship headed toward the Pacific Theater to fight against the Japanese.

During their commission, the ship endured two typhoons, one that lasted three days, four nights and another that went four days, three nights.

"It felt like the bottom was coming out of the ship, but it never did," Bill said.

Eventually they arrived at Okinawa, which was supposed to be secured and free from harm. It was anything but. Japanese bombers flew overhead several times a night for three weeks, sometimes dropping bombs.

But Bill and his team never stopped working. He estimated they hauled as much as \$3 million worth of equipment. Besides the weather, the men dealt with the imminent threat of enemy ships, submarines and airplanes.

"We were always in dan-

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William Figley, who served in the U.S. Navy as a signalman from 1944 to 1946, was a guest speaker during the Veterans Day Recognition Wednesday in the West Liberty Opera House. (EXAMINER PHOTO | SHARYN KOPF)



# Stricagnoli's guitar skills set for the Holland stage

BY MANDY LOEHR  
EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

An Italian virtuoso acoustic guitarist will perform his mesmerizing show next week during his first visit to the Holland Theatre, sure to impress audience members as he shares classic rock covers from AC/DC, current pop and contemporary favorites and his mind-bending originals.

Luca Stricagnoli, who invented instruments like the Reversed Triple Necked Guitar and the Reversed Slide Neck and also plays up to five guitars at once, is excited to share his energetic show at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13, at the theater.

"I'm looking forward to coming to Bellefontaine," he said this week. "I like to have fun with the audience and add in some comedy, too. My show is very interactive in between sets and I enjoy sharing all of the intricacies of the guitar and how it does certain things, kind of like a guitar workshop."

Now 33 years old, the Italian-born musician began dreaming big dreams at the age of 19 or 20, after being mesmerized by fingerstyle guitar playing on YouTube.

The classically-trained guitarist began playing



LUCA STRICAGNOLI  
Wednesday, Nov. 13, 7:30 PM

the instrument at age 10 and as a teen, studied at the prestigious Conservatory in Italy. In his later teen years, he took a short break from the guitar and thought about moving into a career away from music. However, watching the fingerstyle method

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## MAKING THEIR MARK



Marker, Inc. revealed the results of their internal United Way campaign at the company's Fall Service Awards Thursday night, Nov. 7, in Marysville. A total of \$94,020 was pledged by just over 100 associates and a 100 percent corporate match. The amount is a company record and pushes the countywide United Way of Logan County campaign over \$855,000. Pictured, from the left, are Dave Bezusko, United Way of Logan County executive director; Miranda Hickey, Marker human resources coordinator; Becca McGillis, United Way of Logan County interim director; Lexi Roby, Marker human resources manager; and Alison Marker, Marker president and CEO. The United Way is working to raise \$1 million this fall for its mission to support the health, education, financial stability of every person in Logan County. (UNITED WAY PHOTO)



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## ABE MARTIN



*"Lester Moots an' his wife have merged with her parents."*

Written prior, 1931, by Kin Hubbard, a world-famous newspaper humorist and father of late T.E. Hubbard, former Examiner owner/publisher

## LOGAN COUNTY BEAT

### SHERIFF & HIGHWAY PATROL WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP POLICE

#### Passenger arrested on drug charge, identity fraud

Andrew Gilbert, 36, of Urbana, was charged with multiple felony drug-related charges following a 4:54 p.m. traffic stop executed Monday, Nov. 6, by officers of the Washington Township Police Department in the area of State Route 235 near County Road 27.

Officers on patrol observed a vehicle with multiple equipment violations and initiated the stop. Upon making contact with the driver, criminal indicators were observed and the driver of the vehicle consented to a search. As Gilbert, a passenger, exited the vehicle, officers reportedly observed him throw a canister containing methamphetamine under the vehicle.

A search of the vehicle uncovered multiple Ohio driver's licenses and credit cards belonging to various individuals among Gilbert's belongings. He was charged with tampering with evidence, possession of drugs and identity fraud and was lodged in the Logan County Jail.

#### Semi driver passes away after Sunday's S.R. 117 crash

HARDIN COUNTY — The driver of a semi tractor-trailer that struck a residence in the 16000 block of State Route 117 in Hardin County on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 3, reportedly passed away Monday, Nov. 4. Gary Lee Campbell, 67, of Belle Center, died Monday at Lima Memorial Hospital, according to his obituary from Jennings Farley & Seeley Funeral Home.

He was transported by Alger EMS to Lima Memorial Hospital Sunday for treatment of suspected serious injuries after the semi struck the home around 2 p.m., deputies of the Hardin County Sheriff's Office previously reported.

Deputies said Campbell was operating a northbound 2008 Volvo 240 Series semi on S.R. 117 near County Road 180 when he went into the southbound lane of S.R. 117 and went off the left side of the road.

## 'Police-state officer conduct' grounds for Cobb acquittal

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

A defendant previously convicted in a jury trial of assaulting a police officer had his conviction overturned Wednesday, Nov. 6, upon appeal to the Logan County Common Pleas Court.

Marcus Cobb, 42, of Bellefontaine, was acquitted on two counts of assaulting a police officer, and two counts of obstructing official business, both fifth-degree felonies.

Judge Kevin Braig agreed with a defense motion to acquit and release the defendant, ruling that officers of the Bellefontaine Police Department "rag-dolled" him and were unlawfully aggressive and confrontational with him during a Dec. 30, 2023 traffic stop. The judge compared the officer's actions and approach during that traffic stop to a "police state."

The stop was initiated when officers observed Cobb as a passenger in a SUV in the area of north Madriver Street. Officers were aware that Cobb had an arrest warrant from the Logan County Sheriff's Office for failure to appear.

When instructed to exit the vehicle, Cobb refused multiple times and Judge Braig noted that Cobb asked the officer five different times why they wanted him to get out of the vehicle and two times if the officer had a warrant.

Officers attempted to forcibly remove him from the vehicle and a struggle ensued.

Cobb punched one officer twice in the face and reportedly bit another. In response, officers deployed a Taser, subduing him after a second discharge. Judge Braig ultimately found there was insufficient evidence for a rational juror to find Cobb bit the officer.

Cobb was taken to Mary Rutan Hospital. He was treated for injuries sustained during the incident and later transported to the Logan County Jail.

Judge Braig's decision found that officers failed to inform Cobb about the warrant they were executing, which the judge said could have de-escalated the situation. Cobb repeatedly asked

the officers about the warrant, but they "snubbed him," the judge said.

Instead, they pulled him from the vehicle without explanation and used force against him. The judge noted that the State of Ohio did not charge Cobb with resisting arrest but instead pursued assault and obstruction charges.

"Resistance is defensive conduct. In contrast, assault is offensive conduct," Judge Braig wrote in his ruling. "The State failed to produce evidence upon which a rational juror could distinguish intent reflective of offensive assaultive force from intent reflective of defensive resistance."

The judge also concluded that the officers' actions violated Cobb's Fourth Amendment rights against unreasonable search and seizure. Judge Braig wrote that "a non-violent, non-resisting, or only passively resisting suspect who is not under arrest has a right to be free from an officer's use of force."

The ruling discharged Cobb from all charges and ordered the State of Ohio to pay court costs. The Logan County Prosecutor's Office later expressed strong disagreement with the decision.

"A jury of 12 Logan County citizens found the defendant guilty of assaulting a police officer," Prosecutor Eric Stewart said. "The jury also

rejected any argument that the defendant was acting in self-defense."

He warned that overturning the convictions "sets a dangerous precedent."

Stewart also pointed to a larger trend of increasing violence against law enforcement. According to FBI statistics, 2023 had the highest number of assaults on police officers in a decade, with 79,091 reported nationwide, Stewart said.

"This trend is deeply disturbing because it not only puts the safety of those who protect us at risk but also undermines the rule of law that holds our communities together," he said in a statement. "A society where violence against law enforcement becomes normalized is one where everyone's safety is threatened."

At trial, Cobb testified that he likely would have exited the vehicle if officers had informed him of the warrant. No evidence was presented to refute his claim. Judge Braig's ruling criticized the officers' approach, pointing out the encounter escalated unnecessarily because officers failed to communicate about the warrant.

"The City of Bellefontaine is not a 'police state' or even a 'police city,'" Judge Braig wrote. "But (the officer's) conduct at the scene reflected police-state officer conduct."

**I would like to thank all those that supported me in the 2024 election for Logan County Commissioner.**  
I will do my best to represent you well.  
- Greg Fitzpatrick

## VETERANS DAY EVENTS

• **Logan County Veterans Day ceremony** — 11:11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 11, in front of Logan County Courthouse; moves to Holland Theatre for a program, featured speaker: Gunnery Sgt. Corbin Messner from the U.S. Marine Corps; free meal for veterans and families served afterward at the American Legion Post 173, 120 Colton Ave., Bellefontaine, featuring beef Manhattan and mashed potatoes.

• **Benjamin Logan Schools** — Monday, Nov. 11; breakfast for local veterans at 8 a.m., followed by ceremony at 9 a.m., Benjamin Logan High School commons and auditorium; highlights include: Star-Spangled Banner performed by the high school chorale, "America the Beautiful" performed by high school chorale and seventh-, eighth-grade choir, "Do You Wanna Know Freedom" by the fourth-grade choir, "Armed Forces Salute" and "Taps" performed by high school band; event organized by BLHS Student Government; make reservations to hemmelgamt@benjaminlogan.org with your name and the number of guests attending, or call the high school office at (937) 592-1666.

• **Indian Lake Schools** — 12:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11, Indian Lake area veterans and their guests are invited to a day of celebration and recognition at Indian Lake High School; a full lunch will be served, followed by an assembly; make reservations with your name, branch of service and guests who will be attending, no later than Nov. 4, you may call the school at (937) 686-8851 ext. 4215 or the high school office with your information.

• **Riverside Schools** — Monday, Nov. 11, annual Veterans Day Breakfast and Assembly, breakfast in the cafeteria starts at 8 a.m., followed by assembly in the gymnasium at 9 a.m.; guests are asked to park in the east parking lot by the high school gym, enter through the high school gym doors to sign in; musical performances and a guest speaker are planned; all veterans and their spouses are welcome.

• **Bellefontaine City Schools' Veterans Day Field of Honor** — display Nov. 8-15, display will be showcased at Blue Jacket Park.



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## OBITUARIES

### Margaret C. Beatty

Margaret C. Beatty, 90, of DeGraff, went to her eternal home with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Saturday, November 2, 2024.

Margaret was born February 15, 1934 to the late D. Hall Cory & Estella Kathryn (Pence) Cory. On December 7, 1952, she married the love of her life, Charles L. Beatty who preceded her in death on December 15, 2021.

Margaret worked tirelessly beside her husband in faith and farming. Being a devoted wife and mother, she also spent years employed as an operator with the United Telephone Company and later retired from Walmart in Bellefontaine. In the early years she and Charles devoted themselves to discipleship in a few different area churches, teaching Sunday School and always bringing children home for lunch and afternoons on the farm.

Later in life she became a member of the Gretna Brethren Church and served her Lord well in VBS and church camp activities, Sunday School class, fellowship dinners and helping serve meals at Our Daily Bread. Reading, doing word searches and watching occasional college basketball games on TV filled a bit of her past time. But nothing brought her greater joy than to be with her family, attend her grandchildren's activities and watch her great grandchildren play on her knee and at her feet. God is so good.

Survivors include her children: Charles A. (Shela) Beatty, Philip H. Beatty, Thomas D. (Nancy Jo) Beatty, Mary Ann (Mark) Albright; grandchildren Amber (Kevin) Berger, Katie Beatty, Tori (Andrew) Buford, Tony (Crystal) Beatty, Stanley Beatty, Ashley (Adam Castin) Albright, Dylan (Kate) Albright; great grandchildren Jackson Berger, Emily Berger, Harriet Buford, Arlo Beatty and Carlee Beatty; several cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Chuck; daughter Faith Ann Beatty; daughter-in-law Beverly Beatty and granddaughter Sarah Beatty.

A Memorial Reception will be in the Fellowship Hall at Gretna Brethren Church, 1564 Township Rd 46 S. Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311, Saturday, November 16, from 1 to 3 p.m. A time to honor Margaret with shared memories will begin at 2 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Interim Healthcare Hospice, 3745 Shawnee Rd., Suite 108/109, Lima, Ohio 45806.

Arrangements are in the care of Jennings Farley & Seeley Funeral Home and Crematory. E-mail condolences may be directed to [www.jenningsfarley.com](http://www.jenningsfarley.com).

### Gary Lee Campbell

Gary Lee Campbell, 67, of Belle Center, Ohio passed away unexpectedly on Monday, November 4, 2024, at Lima Memorial Hospital.

He was born on December 1, 1956, to the Late William and Lucille Campbell in Bellefontaine, Ohio.

He is survived by his daughter: Chasidy (Tony) Pond, Son: Gary (Heather) Campbell II; Grandchildren Lee and Britney Pond, Gary Lee III and Weston Campbell, Zain Bailey, sisters Pam (Randy) Black, Cindy (Ron) Kohlrrieser, Beth (Mike) Tevis, numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his Daughter Shannyn Marie Campbell,

His parents, and his Brother Brian Campbell.

Gary enjoyed hunting and farming, attending concerts and meeting new people. In the most recent years, he enjoyed camping and sitting around campfires with his friends and family.

A celebration of life will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17, at Jennings Farley & Seeley Funeral Home, 5591 US Route 68 S., West Liberty, Ohio 43357. A memorial service will take place at 4 p.m. with Pastor Jeff Willetts of the Calvary Baptist Church officiating.

E-mail condolences may be directed to [www.jenningsfarley.com](http://www.jenningsfarley.com).

### Marilyn Rebecca Haas Hare

Marilyn Rebecca Haas Hare, 87, of Bellefontaine, passed away at her Bellefontaine residence.

She was born in Logan County, Ohio on September 2, 1937, the daughter of the late William R. and Cleo Lucille (Jones) Haas.



On April 13, 1992, she married James Wilford Hare, and he preceded her in death on January 10, 1997.

Marilyn was a licensed cosmetologist and had worked as a beautician at La Contoura Beauty Salon in Bellefontaine for many years. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Bellefontaine. Marilyn enjoyed working in her yard, traveling, and participating in activities at the Friendly Senior Center.

Pastor Joe Ziraldo will officiate a funeral service on Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 11:00am in the Eichholtz Daring & Sanford Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 321 N. Main St., Bellefontaine, Ohio. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Highland Memorial Cemetery, West Liberty.

Memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church, 201 N Main St, Bellefontaine, OH 43311.

Eichholtz Daring & Sanford Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Bellefontaine, is honored to serve the Hare family and encourages anyone to share a fond memory or message of condolence at [www.edsfh.com](http://www.edsfh.com).

### Sandra Lee Helgeson

Sandra Lee Stevens Helgeson of Lakeview went to her heavenly home on November 6, 2024, after a brief illness.

Born in 1943 to the late Floyd and Opal Stevens, Sandy was a graduate of Lewistown High School and a well-known

musician in the area, having served for many years as organist and music director at St. Mary of the Woods Church and the Logannaires Barbershop Chorus.

She also developed and directed Nashville Hitmakers, the annual fundraising concert to benefit the Indian Lake

Watershed Project. She loved reading, cooking, entertaining, traveling, and most of all spending time with her family and friends.

Sandy is survived by her beloved husband, Dave Helgeson; her son, Kent (Jennifer) Burnside; her grandchildren, Grant, Davis, Bennett, and Mina Burnside; her step-daughters, Katie (Adam) Cramer and Shelly (Zach) Wise; step-grandchildren, Gabe Cramer, Lauren Cramer, and Eugenia Wise; and her brother, Even (Korene) Stevens.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given in Sandy's memory to Indian Lake Watershed Project

Pastors Karen Blackburn and Jim Ellington will begin memorial services at 4:00 pm, Saturday, November 9, 2024, at Indian Lake Community Church, Russells Point with visiting from 2-4 pm. Memorial donations may be made to Indian Lake Watershed Project.

Arrangements are in the care of Shoffstall Funeral Home, Lakeview, OH. Condolences may be expressed at [shoffstallfuneralhome.com](http://shoffstallfuneralhome.com).

### Henry (Hank) Reinhardt, Jr.

Henry Robert Reinhardt, Jr., 75, of Lakeview, OH passed away on November 7, 2024, at Logan Acres Senior Community surrounded by his family.

Hank was born on October 2, 1949, in Dayton, OH, to the late Henry Reinhardt, Sr. and Marilyn (Aydelotte) Sacksteder. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his mother and father-in-law, Dewey and Margaret Harrison, brothers, Jim and Terry Sacksteder, and nephew, Ryan Williams.

Hank is survived by his wife, Marsha Reinhardt of Lakeview, OH, daughter Hilary Reinhardt, of Cleves, OH, sister Patricia (Tim) Williams of Muncie, IN, sister-in-law Connie (Tom) Burt of Westfield, IN, several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews including Kelly (John) Speidel of Carmel, IN (Allison and Emily Speidel), Brian (Mary) Burt of Noblesville, IN (Erin and Brandon Burt), Shane (Sally) Williams of Raleigh, NC (Blaine Williams), and Shawn (Kara) Williams of McCordsville, IN (Rylan, Kate, and Alex Williams), special friends, John and Terri Hummel of Lakeview, OH and many other family and friends, all of whom he loved dearly.

Hank was a 1967 graduate of Trotwood-Madison High School, a 1973 graduate of Ball State University where he

earned a B.S. in Business Administration and was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, and a 1978 graduate of The University of Dayton where he earned his M.B.A. He started working after college at Frigidaire in Moraine, OH, and continued his career there as it transitioned to Delco Air and Delphi until retiring after over 35 years of service. Hank was a member of the North Dayton Anglers Club, the NRA, and the Indian Lake Moose Lodge #1533. He also was a Free Mason and a member of the Scottish Rite. Hank was an avid hunter, fisher, and golfer and most of all enjoyed spending time with friends and family, whom he loved to make laugh. He also earned his Eagle Scout in 1964 with Troop 44 in the Northwest District of Ohio, a feat which he was very proud of achieving.

A celebration of Hank's life will be held 1-4 pm, Saturday, November 16, 2024, at St. Mary of the Woods Parish Hall, 455 Madison Ave., Russells Point.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given in Hank's memory to Universal Home Health & Hospice Care in Bellefontaine, OH at [www.uhcinc.org/donate](http://www.uhcinc.org/donate) or Logan Acres Senior Community at <http://www.loganacres.com>.

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CDQAR). He was transferred to a unit to work on Marine One helicopters in October 2018.

Gunnery Sgt. Messner earned his communication security qualification in April of 2019.

During his tour at Marine Helicopter Squadron One (HMX), the city native completed 18 Anacostia tours, 28 inter-continental tours and three tours abroad, including Presidential support in Normandy, France, and in Brussels, Belgium.

Gunnery Sgt. Messner received orders to Basic Recruiting Course in 2020,

and upon completion in the fall of 2021, he received orders to the Recruiting Station in Columbus.

During December 2021, he was assigned to the Recruiting Sub-Station in Heath and served as a canvassing recruiter, and later was reassigned during the merge of the RS Columbus and RS Cleveland as a station commander.

In February of 2024, he was promoted to his current rank of gunnery sergeant, and he currently serves as the RS Ohio Program specialist.

His personal decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with two gold stars.



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# SKILLS

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sparked a new energy in him that he began pouring back into his musical studies.

"I began to imagine pursuing a career in fingerstyle, and my teacher at the Conservatory encouraged me to do just that. I knew I would love to travel the world and play concerts," Stricagnoli said.

Just a few years later in 2014, his arrangement "The Last of the Mohicans" was picked up by Candyrat Records, and soon the streaming views reached into the millions. He was then asked to release his debut album, and the lead single, "Thunderstruck" went viral with 14 million views within just a few weeks.

He began to realize his dreams, as he was invited on tour with Derrin Naudendorf in 2014. Then

in 2015 and ever since, he has been touring as a solo artist, traveling to all corners of the globe, and now has performed in more than 30 countries.

"I'd never been out of Italy before that," he said. "After 'Thunderstruck' went viral, I began to get concert requests outside of the country, including in the U.S."

"The states have been so good to me and that's where a lot of my audience was when I first got started."

Now Stricagnoli, who moved to Nashville about 1



Luca Stricagnoli performs during October in China. (PHOTO VIA FACEBOOK)

½ years ago, also has been to China, Russia, Canada and many other locales, and has Korea and Japan on his concert itinerary next year.

"It has been a whirlwind; I've been on the road about 220 days during the last year," he said, remarking that thankfully, his wife, award-winning singer-songwriter Meg Pfeiffer, gets to join him on tour and onstage at times when she's not busy with her own projects.

Pfeiffer also is instrumental in creating Stricagnoli's music videos that have garnered so much attention on YouTube and social media, exceeding 200 million views online.

Stricagnoli's guitar maker David Serrachi also brings the musician's unique instrument visions to life and the pair are able to collaborate to design the specialty guitars.

Now about a decade after gaining traction on YouTube and online platforms, Stricagnoli has released four albums and plays around 100 shows a year, from small concerts to massive shows at the Nokia Arena in Tel Aviv; to private events for clients like Formula 1 and Hard Rock Hotel and sold-out concerts in performing arts centers, philharmonics and theaters, according to his website, [www.lucas-tricagnoli.com](http://www.lucas-tricagnoli.com).

"I'm so grateful for this opportunity to realize my dreams and to share my love of the guitar and creating music with people around the world," he said.

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# BILL

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ger from the challenges we faced," Bill stated matter-of-factly.

About a year and a half after Bill entered service, on May 8, 1945, Germany surrendered, ending the war in Europe. Japan would sign formal surrender documents almost four months later on Sept. 2, 1945.

With the war over, Bill returned home ... but home had changed. While he was in service, his parents moved from Gloucester to West Liberty.

Bill went to college and studied pharmacy, earning his degree from Ohio Northern University in Ada. He then served as a West Liberty pharmacist for over 30 years.

During that time, he also married and had a family. Bill's wife, Sharyn, was the daughter of a lawyer who, according to Bill, was suspicious of everyone in the service.

"He didn't want her marrying a rough and rowdy sailor," Bill said, chuckling. "Well, she married a rough and rowdy sailor and had six rough and rowdy kids!"

Those six kids led to 21 grandchildren and 45 great-grandchildren. His daughter Chris lives the closest, with son Tracy not too far away in Xenia. One son died young due to pancreatic cancer. Bill's other children live in Virginia and Florida. Sharyn passed away in 2007.

But Bill's story wouldn't be complete without talking about his love of music. After leaving the pharmacy business, Bill became a pro-

fessional musician for the next 30 years. He still plays the piano and keyboard whenever he gets the chance.

Bill, who will turn 99 on June 30, 2025, recalled a fond memory: "On my ninety-fourth birthday, we had an outdoor patriotic concert out of my home with 65 people there. [The story] took up a third of the front page of the paper."

Playing mostly from memory, Bill claimed it would take weeks to go through his repertoire of over 1,200 songs. Though he loves folk music, his favorite melody is "Stardust" from the 1940s.

Of course he can read music, but, he added, "I haven't read the bass clef of a song for 50 years."

West Liberty has been a "good community" for Bill, and the village thanked him for his service by hanging his military banner at the corner of Runkle Street and Route 68.

As he concluded his speech Wednesday night, Bill spoke on behalf of veterans. He told the small crowd all they really want is to return to the old ways, where "all men are created equal." Individual liberty, he insisted, comes from Bible passages like Matthew 7:12 and Luke 6:21.

"Close your eyes," Bill said, "and try to imagine a flaming torch with an American flag beside it. That is the torch of liberty. We must bear it high like a beacon until others take it from us."

Then he lifted his hand in a salute and called, "Ten-hut!"

## Southern California firefighters gain ground over wildfire thanks to decreased winds

CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP) — Southern California firefighters gained ground Friday against a wildfire that has destroyed at least 132 structures, mostly houses, as favorable conditions were expected to continue through the weekend after two days of dangerous gusty winds.

Forecasters expect light winds over the weekend that will continue to aid firefighters. Meteorologists are monitoring a weather system that could hit Southern California next week but it is not expected to bring another round of extreme winds like earlier this week.

Ventura County Sheriff James Fryhoff said Friday that 3,500 houses have been repopulated, but residents of 2,000 homes still have not been able to go back.

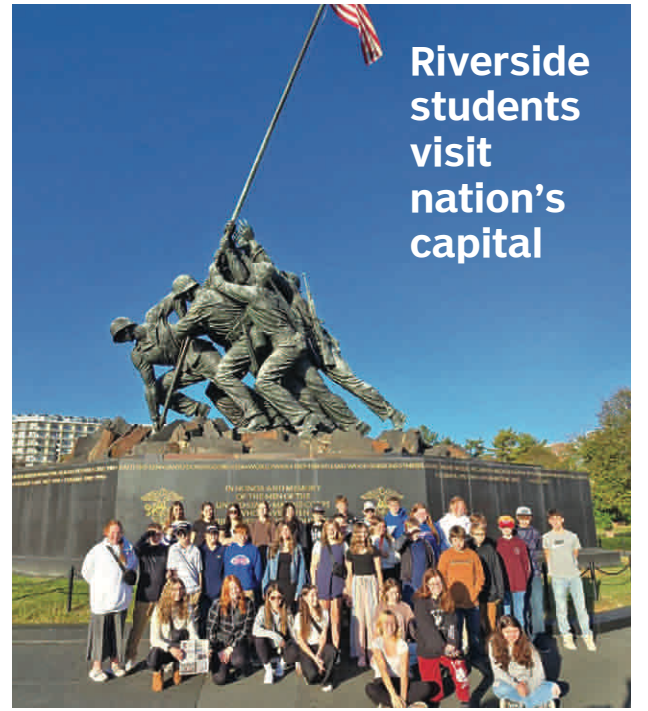
Maryanne Belote was among those who returned Friday to sift through the

charred remains of their properties. She went home to her hillside neighborhood in Camarillo, a city northwest of Los Angeles, after making a harrowing escape with her cat, her dog and her horses as the blaze raged in the area. The only thing standing was a rock wall she built.

"If I hadn't gotten the horses, I would have been devastated, but I have my family and I have my animals so, I'm OK. I will rebuild," she said standing outside the remains of her home of 50 years while her dog stayed in her car.

The Mountain Fire started Wednesday morning in Ventura County and had grown to 32 square miles (about 83 square kilometers). It was 14% contained Friday evening.

"We had no external or lateral movement today," Ventura County Fire Chief Dustin Gardner said Friday. "That is fantastic."



Riverside Schools seventh- and eighth-graders pose in front of the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima Memorial) during their travels to Washington, D.C., this week. (RIVERSIDE SCHOOLS PHOTO)

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## Lakers turn defense to offense to punch ticket to regional semifinal

BY MIKE FRANK  
EXAMINER SPORTS WRITER

CAMDEN — Indian Lake has reached uncharted territory.

The Lakers defeated Preble Shawnee 28-14 in Division V, Region 20 football Friday and did so with a big boost by the defense.

Indian Lake improves to 10-2 on the season and moves on to the regional semifinals against #1 seed Greeneview, which defeated Lima Bath 28-23.

After falling behind 7-0, the Lakers' defense took it up several notches in the second quarter.

A deflected punt, a fumble recovery and another stop led to three straight scores.

The Arrows had an interception and long return that led to a score. But the Lakers stood strong from there and kept that lead before icing it in the closing seconds.

"It's Week 13. No Indian Lake team has ever made it to week 13," said Lakers head coach Jonn Rapp. "So we're smelling Week 13 and it smells really really good."

"I'm super proud of them, the student body, the fans, everybody," he added, noting that everyone is pulling in the same direction.

Indian Lake quarterback Madden Lillard completed 18 of 27 passes for 177 yards, with one touchdown.

While Lillard threw three interceptions, he also made two. The Lakers also recovered three fumbles.

Drake Cosby ran 19 times for 48 yards, with

scores of three and two yards. Lillard ran 10 times for 34 yards, with a 19-yard score.

Quest Clay had 10 catches for 50 yards. Brodey Reisinger pulled in four, one of them for a 34 yard touchdown.

"It was a lot different than last week," said Rapp. "Last week, we played about perfect. We had a big burst of good (things), and then all of a sudden, the bad started. There was a few plays there where we were questioning things, and they stopped the bad and started the good."

The Arrows' season ends at 10-2. Brody Morton completed 8 of 21 throws for just 37 yards, was sacked twice, and had two picked off.

On the ground, Morton ran 17 times for 57 yards, scoring both of his team's touchdowns, on runs of one and three yards. Lane Lovely gained 49 yards on 10 carries.

The first two Lakers drives ended in punts. The second one resulted in the Arrows starting at their own seven.

They proceeded to march slowly but surely down the field, chewing up nearly all of the time left in the first quarter. Midway in the drive, Morton had a big gain to convert a third down and get to the Lakers 47.

Alternating between him and Lovely, they finally reached the end zone with exactly one minute to go in the quarter. The PAT made it 7-0.

After another Indian



Quest Clay of Indian Lake rushes past a defender for Preble Shawnee during the first half of Friday's playoff game. (EXAMINER PHOTO | MIKE FRANK)

Lake punt, the defense held the Arrows to three-and-out. The punt was deflected and set the Lakers up at Shawnee's 18.

After an incompletion, a run and a pass got nine yards. Cosby then took it on fourth down getting six yards on a sweep, then punching it across on the next snap. With the point-after, things were all even with 7:27 to play.

Shawnee gained ground

on three plays. But on a reverse by Reece Smith, Lillard ripped the ball away and sped down the sideline to the Arrows' 5.

Two cracks by Crosby got it over the line and made it 14-7 following the PAT.

Shawnee started at its 19, and moved the chains once. They were then forced to punt and the Lakers set up at their own 35.

After advancing to the 45, Lillard connected for 18 yards to Bryce Burton and three yards to Clay. On the next play, he was forced to roll out to the right. He then reared back and heaved a deep ball to a wide open Reisinger in the front corner of the end zone with 1:18 left in the half and the Lakers were now up 21-7.

The Lakers forced a fumble on the ensuing kickoff to further excite their fans.

A couple of penalties pushed them back, and a long throw by Lillard was grabbed by the Arrows just in front of the end zone, effectively ending the half.

The Lakers' defense kept things rolling with a sack by Aaron Rapp to open the third period, then forcing and recovering another fumble after a completion by Shawnee.

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## Tigers race into regional semis with convincing win over Miami East

BY NATE SMITH  
EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

A season-high offensive output powered West Liberty-Salem Friday past Miami East 62-28 in a Division V, Region 20 quarterfinal playoff game.

The Tigers (11-1) returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown and never looked back en route to a convincing victory and an appearance next week against Waynesville in a semifinal game at a neutral site to be determined.

Jacob Evans fielded a high, end-over-end kick around his own 20-yard line and weaved between defenders 80 yards along the far sideline for a touchdown that put the Tigers up 7-0 seconds into the game following a successful PAT from Gideon Cole.

WL-S was nearly perfect offensively all night. Three different Tigers scored two touchdowns as part of an offensive onslaught that racked up 546 yards of total offense, nearly perfectly divided between run and pass. The Tigers threw 22 times for 271 yards to go along with 35 rushes for 275 yards for the game.

"Things really clicked well for us offensively tonight," Tigers head coach Dan McGill said. "We played complimentary football all night."

WL-S scored touchdowns on each of their first four possessions of the game as they built up a 27-7 lead after the first quarter.

Josh Wilcoxon and Josiah Stidham combined for three touchdown runs in the first quarter as the Tigers built an early 20-point lead. Wilcoxon scored the first two offensive touchdowns for WL-S, finding the end zone from 1- and 5-yards out. Stidham also scored on a 1-



Quarterback Nick Shifflet delivers a pass Friday between two defenders in a 62-28 victory over Miami East in a Division V, Region 20 playoff game. (EXAMINER PHOTO | TONY BARRETT)

yard TD plunge.

A handful of splash plays kept Miami East close for a while. On the first play from scrimmage for Miami East after Wilcoxon's first TD run made the score 14-0, quarterback Bishop Cartwright connected with Jack Hamaker on a 56-yard catch-and-run that got the Vikings on the scoreboard.

"Miami East does a lot of good things on offense and so we know we were going to give up some plays and that's OK," McGill said.

But as was the case all night: Anytime the Vikings threatened at all, the Tigers took back control.

WL-S quarterback Nick Shifflet handled a shotgun snap on the first play for the Tigers on their ensuing possession and worked his way

between the tackles for a 57-yard run that set up Wilcoxon's second TD. Shifflet accounted for 456 all-purpose yards and five touchdowns for the Tigers in the game, including 10 rushes for 165 yards.

The teams traded scores through the second quarter, as the Vikings found their footing. A 1-yard touchdown run from KJ Gustin drew Miami East closer. The successful PAT pulled the score to 27-14 in the opening minutes of the second quarter.

The Tigers responded with a touchdown of their own on their next possession — this time through the air. Jack Bahan out-jumped a Miami East defender for a 21-yard TD reception on a well-thrown

ball from Shifflet near the far pylon. The PAT was good and the Tigers built a 34-14 lead midway through the second quarter.

The Vikings answered back with a touchdown drive of their own on the next possession. Cartwright and Hamaker connected again for a Miami East touchdown, this time on a 19-yard scoring throw that again pulled the Vikings to within two scores, 34-21.

After a second touchdown in as many possessions, the Vikings defense forced a WL-S punt. Miami East had the ball on their own side of the field with around two minutes to go in the first half, looking to pull to within single-digits.

The Tigers defense had other ideas. Reese Oder

intercepted a deep pass near midfield to give the ball back to the offense with a chance to score before halftime.

WL-S capitalized on the turnover. Shifflet scored on a 3-yard TD run late in the first half to again put the Tigers ahead by 20 points at halftime, 41-21.

The Vikings tried to keep it close after halftime, but ultimately could not keep up. Hamaker caught his third touchdown pass of the game for Miami East on the opening possession of the second half. The 39-yard TD catch from Cartwright drew Miami East to 41-28 in the opening minutes of the third quarter.

Miami East would get no closer, as the Tigers delivered a back-breaking touch-

down on the first next snap from scrimmage. Shifflet handled a snap and broke free through a big hole on the left side of the offensive line, running untouched 60 yards for a touchdown that put the Tigers ahead 48-28 following Cole's made PAT.

Just as they had in the opening quarter, WL-S scored on each of its first three offensive possessions after halftime to put the game out of reach.

Shifflet threw two more touchdown passes in the third quarter as the Tigers pulled away. Taran Logwood scored on a 13-yard catch-and-run that gave the Tigers their biggest lead of the game, 55-28 following Cole's PAT.

Bahan caught his second TD pass of the game in the final seconds of the first quarter. A 23-yard TD throw put the Tigers ahead 62-28 and closed the scoring.

With the outcome no longer in doubt, the Tigers were able to recognize their 17 outgoing seniors who played their last home game on Friday. The Tigers took an intentional illegal substitution penalty on offense midway through the fourth quarter as all 17 WL-S seniors lined up in formation. The WL-S sideline called a timeout following the penalty and the crowd offered a loud ovation for the senior class.

"I can't say enough about this senior class," McGill said. "They have become not just great football players, but phenomenal young men and I'm very, very proud of them."

Bahan caught seven passes for 126 yards along with his two TDs to lead the Tigers receivers. Evans caught five passes for 93 yards, Taran Logwood logged five catches for 45 yards.

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## Lakers

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Indian Lake drove from the Arrows' 33, twice converting on fourth down with runs by Lillard. After getting inside the five, a throw over the middle was picked off by Lovely. He found a lane along the sideline, and got some blocks, racing all the way to the opposite end, before being knocked down at the three.

Two snaps later, Morton took it over with 5:43 to go and pulled it back to a one-score margin.

Shawnee then executed an onside kick, with the Arrows recovering at their own 46. But it went for naught, as they couldn't move the chains.

The Arrows had another chance after an interception by Smith near midfield. They Lakers held once again, forcing a turnover on downs as the third quarter ended, still nursing the 21-14 lead.

After a punt for each side, Indian Lake started at the 26. A huge 28-yard throw to Burton got into Arrows' territory at the 41. Lillard then found Noah Shirk for 16 yards on 3rd-and-long to get to the 25.

The Arrows then began calling timeouts, using their final one with 3:08 still to go and stopped the Lakers on fourth down.

Getting the ball back at their own 21, Morton threw long three times, but came up empty. After a false start, he did complete a pass for 12 yards, but that was not enough for a first down.

Indian Lake took over and Lillard broke free for a 19-yard TD run through the left side. That and the PAT accounted for the final margin.

"We talk to them about 'never too high, never too low'," explained Rapp. "This deep in the playoffs and moving forward, it's going to be super important that we continue to do that because you're going to play really good opponents."

Next Friday, Greeneview and Indian Lake will meet at a neutral site to be announced by the OHSAA on Sunday.



Madden Lillard of Indian Lake returns a fumble during Friday's game at Preble Shawnee. Lillard also had two interceptions in the win. (EXAMINER PHOTO | MIKE FRANK)

## Tigers



A swarm of WL-S defenders converge for a tackle Friday (EXAMINER PHOTO | TONY BARRETT)

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Wilcoxon carried 12 times for 69 yards and Stidham added carries for 28 yards. Cole connected on eight of nine PATs for WL-S.

Defensively, the Tigers totaled four sacks and forced two interceptions. Logwood had a pair of sacks for the Tigers. Stidham was credited for nine tackles. Wilcoxon and Silas King each had five tackles.

Friday's victory also sets up a chance at history, as the Tigers will be looking for their 12th win, which would be the most in school history.

"We've never had a team here win 12 (games in a season) and so that's our goal," McGill said. We're not worried about 13 or anything beyond that. Let's go get 12 and see what happens."



TOP LEFT: Josh Wilcoxon stiff arms a Miami East defender Friday. TOP RIGHT: Jack Bahan looks to work past a Vikings defender. (EXAMINER PHOTOS | TONY BARRETT)

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## Beyoncé leads the 2025 Grammy noms, becoming the most nominated artist in the show's history

NEW YORK (AP) — Welcome to Beyoncé country. When it comes to the 2025 Grammy Award nominations, "Cowboy Carter" rules the nation. She leads the nods with 11, bringing her career total to 99 nominations. That makes her the most nominated artist in Grammy history.

"Cowboy Carter" is up for album and country album of the year, and "Texas Hold 'Em" is nominated for record, song and country song of the year. She also received nominations in a wide swath of genres, including pop, country, Americana and melodic rap performance categories.

This is her first time receiving nominations in the country and Americana categories. Previously, she and her husband Jay-Z were tied for most career nominations, at 88.

If Beyoncé wins the album of the year, she'll become the first Black woman to do so in the 21st century. Lauryn Hill last won in 1999 for "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill," joining Natalie Cole and Whitney Houston as the only Black women to take home the Grammys' top prize.

Post Malone also received his first ever nominations in the country categories this year, having released his debut country album "F-1 Trillion" in August. That one is up for country album and "I Had Some Help," his collaboration with Morgan Wallen, is nominated for country song and country duo/group performance. They are Wallen's first ever Grammy nominations.

Malone is just behind Beyoncé, with seven nominations, tied with Billie Eilish, Kendrick Lamar and Charli XCX, who earned her first nominations as a solo artist.

Lamar's ubiquitous diss track released during his feud with Drake, "Not Like Us," is nominated for record and song of the year, rap song, music video as well as best rap performance. He has two simultaneous entries in the latter category, a career first: Future & Metro Boomin featuring Lamar, "Like That" is up for best rap performance and best rap song.

This is his third time receiving two simultaneous nominations for best rap song. Taylor Swift and first-time

nominees Sabrina Carpenter and Chappell Roan boast of six nominations each.

Last year, women artists dominated the major categories. This year, that continues somewhat, but the main trend seems to be a variance of genre. In the album of the year category, alongside "Cowboy Carter" is André 3000's new age, alt-jazz "New Blue Sun" and multi-instrumentalist Jacob Collier's "Djesse Vol. 4." Rising pop stars Carpenter and Roan round it out, with "Short n' Sweet" and "The Rise and Fall of a Midwest Princess" respectively, as well as Swift's "The Tortured Poets Department," Eilish's "Hit Me Hard and Soft," and Charli XCX's rave-ready "BRAT."

Eilish is the only artist to have her first three albums become nominated for album of the year.

Last year, Swift won album of the year for "Midnights," breaking the record for most wins in the category with four. This year, she becomes the first ever woman to seven career nominations in the category.

"The breadth and the variety of genres represented in the general field feels new and really exciting," says the Recording Academy CEO and President Harvey Mason Jr. He credits an active and evolving voting body for its success. "We've been very intentional in how we looked at and tried to rebalance our membership. So not just gender or people of color, different racial makeup, but also genre equity and trying to make sure that all different types of music in different regions and different locations are being represented in every way possible."

Only recordings commercially released in the U.S. between Sept. 16, 2023 through Aug. 30, 2024 were eligible for nominations. The final round of Grammy voting, which determines its winners, will take place Dec. 12 through January 3.

In the best new artist category, Carpenter and Roan will go head-to-head, alongside Benson Boone, Doechii, Khruangbin, RAYE, Shaboozey and Teddy Swims.

In the song of the year category, Beyoncé is joined by

Eilish with "Birds of a Feather," Swift and Post Malone with "Fortnight," Roan's "Good Luck, Babe!," Carpenter's "Please Please Please," Lamar's "Not Like Us," Lady Gaga and Bruno Mars' "Die With A Smile," and Shaboozey's "A Bar Song (Tipsy)."

Shaboozey is also a first-time nominee. His "A Bar Song (Tipsy)" is the biggest song of the year, having spent more weeks at No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 than any other — it is so popular, a remix of the track is also up for remixed recording.

Elsewhere, Shaboozey is nominated in the melodic rap performance category for his feature on Beyoncé's "SPAGHETTII." Linda Martell, the first commercially-successful Black woman musician in country, is also featured on the song, delivering the 83-year-old artist her first Grammy nomination.

For record of the year, "Texas Hold 'Em" will compete against Swift and Post Malone's "Fortnight," Eilish's "Birds of a Father," Lamar's "Not Like Us," Roan's "Good

Luck, Babe!," Carpenter's "Espresso," Charli XCX's "360," and the Beatles last new song, the AI-assisted "Now and Then."

"We're trying to make sure we're keeping up with how music creators and our community are using technology. And in this case, AI enhanced the record and allowed it to be eligible in the categories that it was eligible in," Mason Jr explains.

Dolly Parton scored her 55th career nomination in the audio book, narration, and storytelling recording category for her "Behind the Seams: My Life in Rhinestones," news The Associated Press broke to the country music legend Friday morning. "No! What did I get nominated for?" she cheered over the phone. "Oh, well, that's cool. I thought it would be for my rock album, I'd take it."

"It feels good. I'm always appreciative of everything. I don't work for that, but it's always good to say 'you've done good work,' and for somebody to acknowledge that. So, I'm always proud of every award I get and every mention I get."

### COMICS

#### MODERATELY CONFUSED

Jeff Stahlter



#### DENNIS THE MENACE

Hank Ketcham



#### REALITY CHECK

Dave Whamond



#### RUBES

Leigh Rubin



#### PEANUTS

Charles Schulz



#### PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

Stephan Pastis



### CROSSWORD

Sheffer

- 1 Creates origami
- 6 Venice waterway
- 11 Breakfast bowlful
- 12 Aviator Earhart
- 14 Melodious
- 15 Humble
- 16 Expert
- 17 Abodes
- 19 Educ. group
- 20 Morays
- 22 Standard
- 23 Abbr. on a phone
- 24 Rose parts
- 26 Pasta brand
- 28 "— Town"
- 30 "The Matrix" role
- 31 Pi preceder
- 35 Poker pot starters
- 39 Gambler's aid
- 40 Zilch
- 42 Ms. Bombeck

- 43 Ruby of Hollywood
- 44 Hackneyed
- 46 Choose
- 47 Jordan's neighbor
- 49 Woodstock attendee
- 51 Dodged
- 52 Stun guns
- 53 Creative muse, slangily
- 54 "Still —" (Angelou poem)

- 3 Zodiac feline
- 4 Sprint
- 5 Sailing vessel
- 6 "Titanic" director James
- 7 Novelist Oz
- 8 Actor Beatty
- 9 Syrian city
- 10 "Hear me out"
- 11 Cod and May
- 13 Arcade pioneer
- 18 Scratch the surface
- 21 Painter's garb

- 23 Atmospheric layer
- 25 California's Big —
- 27 PBS funder
- 29 Soccer star Cristiano
- 31 Nostalgic song
- 32 Swiss breakfast mix
- 33 Post-winter thaw
- 34 Diarist Anaïs
- 36 Figures of speech
- 37 Realm
- 38 Fills up
- 41 Christine of "Chicago Hope"
- 44 Pager sound
- 45 Deceitful type
- 48 TV spots
- 50 "— Love You" (Beatles hit)

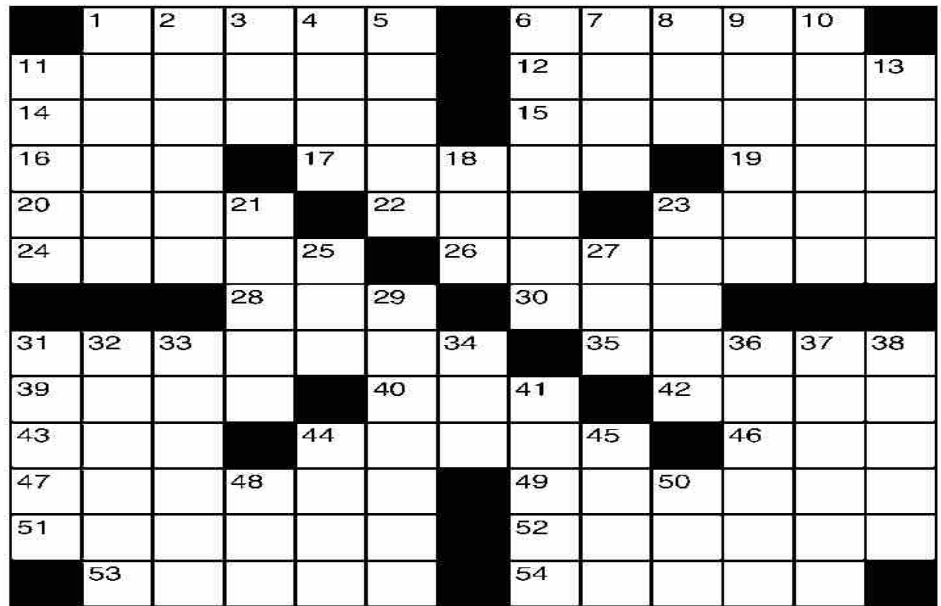
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- 1 Polecat's kin
- 2 Baltimore player

Solution time: 25 mins.



Yesterday's answer 11-15



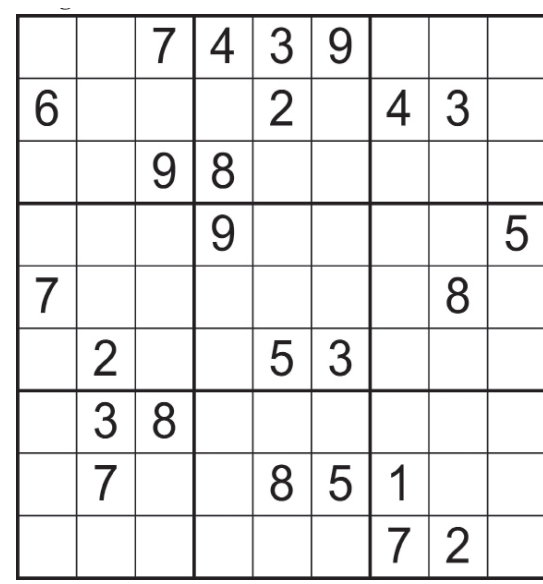
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### SUDOKU

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Difficulty: ★★★★★ 11/16

### Horoscopes

ROYAL STARS | FROM KING FEATURES SYNDICATE By Georgia Nicols

**Moon Alert:** After 2:30 a.m. EST today, there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. The Moon is in Gemini.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024: You are wise, perceptive and strong-willed. You are also sensuous, sensitive and highly intuitive. Above all, you are individualistic. This is a powerful year for you. You will get recognition. Expect a promotion, a raise, kudos, awards — some kind of acknowledgment for your efforts. Bravo!

**THE STARS SHOW** the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) ★★ Double-check financial issues, especially related to the wealth of others, as well as your own finances. For example, check details related to mortgages, banking, inheritances and shared property, because something unexpected might throw you for a loop. (Yikes!) Tonight: Stay positive.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★ Relations with spouses, partners and close friends are unpredictable today. That's because you (or someone else) might spontaneously say or do something out of the blue. You might rebel against agreed-upon arrangements. You also might attract someone very unusual into your world. Tonight: Be sensible.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★ You have strong emotions today because the Moon is in your sign. Do be aware that issues related to your job, your health and your pet are up for grabs and completely unpredictable. Pet owners should be extra vigilant to avoid accidents. You might want to quit your job. Who knows? Tonight: Stay chill.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★ Parents should be vigilant, because today this is an accident-prone day for your kids. Meanwhile, romance might be on the rocks. Expect surprises and sudden interruptions. Likewise, social plans might suddenly change. Be aware that this is the classic time for sports accidents as well. It's a crash-shoot! Tonight: Things are better than they look.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★ Today is full of unexpected arguments, changes and delays. Your home routine might be interrupted. Issues with parents and bosses might take off in a new direction. Small appliances might break down or a minor breakage could occur. Stock the fridge so you're ready for anything. Tonight: Be understanding.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★ Pay attention to everything you say and do, because this is an accident-prone day! Your daily plans might change. Siblings, neighbors and relatives might surprise you. Unexpected news might catch you off guard. New faces, new places and new ideas could excite you. Be alert. Tonight: Show respect.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★ Keep an eye on your money and finances, because it's a crashshoot today. For example, you might find money, you might lose money. Be smart and protect what you own against loss, theft or damage. Be leery of investments. If shopping, keep your receipts, and the box. Tonight: Avoid controversy.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★ Today the Sun in your sign opposes unpredictable Uranus, which will create surprises in your one-on-one encounters. An argument might erupt. People might do or say things that are radically different and unexpected. Someone might demand more freedom in the relationship. Guard against accidents. Tonight: Check your finances.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★ Today you feel restless, as if you're waiting for the other shoe to drop. No doubt you will voice your feelings to someone, and some might even seek out shopping therapy. You're interested in buying pretty things for yourself and others. Travel will appeal to you. Take things slowly today. Tonight: Cooperate.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★ The energy today is unpredictable and impulsive, which is why you might be surprised by the words or actions of a friend or a member of a group. You might suddenly want to break free of this association. "These are not my people." Think twice before you act. Tonight: Work.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★ Don't ask parents, bosses or authority figures for permission or approval today, because their response will likely be, "Talk to the hand!" Relations with people in power are unpredictable. In turn, this could make you feel rebellious. Don't do anything you will later regret. Tonight: Relax.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★ This is an accident-prone day for you, so pay attention to everything you say and do. Go slowly and gently, and be mindful. Steer clear of touchy subjects like politics and religion, because they could be explosive. Instead, focus on warm friendships. Stay chill. Tonight: Be forgiving, tolerant

**BORN TODAY** Actress Maggie Gyllenhaal (1977), singer-songwriter, pianist Diana Krall (1964), actress Lisa Bonet (1967)

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**LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT**  
The Village of Belle Center, Ohio is the owner of property described as follows: Being Permanent Parcel No. 39-022-06-10-001-000 and being 0.134 acres, more or less, located in VMS 9972, and part of Lot 161 of the Village of Belle Center, Ohio and further being located in the Village of Belle Center, the Township of Richland, the County of Logan and the State of Ohio. The property is described by metes and bounds legal description in OR 1421, Pages 4494-4496 of the Logan County recorder's Office. The Village of Belle Center, Ohio will accept sealed bids for the property which must be delivered to the Village Fiscal Officer located at 101 Keller Ave, Belle Center, open Monday to Thursday 8am to 2 pm, on or before the 23rd day of November 2024. The property will thereafter sell to the highest bidder who makes a bid of at least the minimum acceptable bid price, which is in the amount of \$15,000.00, but additionally, the successful bidder shall be required to pay the cost of legal advertising for this sale.  
Oct. 19, 26; Nov. 2, 9, 16, 2024

**Legal Notice**  
Logan County Ohio Court of Common Pleas Case No. CV 23 08 0234 - CIVISTA BANK V. ADMIN. OF THE ESTATE OF CHRISTINE COOPER, et al. Randall L. Barcus, Potential Heir of Christine Cooper fka Christine Rice, whose last known address is 8890 Township Road 239 # 30, Lakeview, Ohio 43331; Unknown Spouse of Randall L. Barcus, whose last known address is 8890 Township Road 239 # 30, Lakeview, Ohio 43331; Christine Steffes, Potential Heir of Christine Cooper fka Christine Rice, whose last known address is 13411 Eagle Path, Lakeview, Ohio 43331; Unknown Spouse of Christine Steffes, whose last known address is 13411 Eagle Path, Lakeview, Ohio 43331; Michael Barcus, Potential Heir of Christine Cooper fka Christine Rice, whose last known address is 5350 Camelot Dr., Apt. 26, Fairfield, Ohio 45014; and Unknown Spouse of Michael Barcus, whose last known address is 5350 Camelot Dr., Apt. 26, Fairfield, Ohio 45014; and otherwise whose addresses are unknown, will take notice that on August 8, 2023, the undersigned, Civista Bank, filed its complaint in the Logan County, Ohio Court of Common Pleas, 101 S Main St., Room 205, Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311, alleging that the defendants named above have or may claim to have an interest in the following described real property to wit: **Permanent Parcel No. 43-005-13-02-001-000 & 43-005-13-02-001-001**  
Address: 11387 Kootenay Path, Lakeview, Ohio 43331  
A copy of the full legal description may be obtained from the Logan County Auditor's Office, 100 S. Mद्रriver Street, Room 103, Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311. The undersigned plaintiff alleges that it is the holder of a certain promissory note secured by a mortgage against said real property. The plaintiff further alleges that it is entitled to the foreclosure of said mortgage. The undersigned plaintiff prays that the defendants named above be required to answer and set up his or her interest in said real property, or be forever barred from asserting the same, for foreclosure of said mortgage, the marshaling of liens, and the sale of said real property, and the proceeds of said sale applied to the

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payment of the plaintiff's claim in the proper order of its priority and for such other and further relief as is just and equitable. The above-named defendants shall have twenty-eight (28) days from the date of this publication to appear or respond in this matter.  
**CIVISTA BANK**  
By Jeffrey J. Madison, Esq., Park Street Law Group, LLC, 612 Park Street, Suite 300, Columbus, Ohio 43215; (614) 569-4951; Attorney for Plaintiff.  
Oct. 19, 26; Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK Plaintiff vs. KRISTIN MARIE CARMEAN Defendants CASE NO. CV 24 09 0295 Judge: Kevin P. Braig**

**LEGAL NOTICE IN SUIT FOR FORECLOSURE OF MORTGAGE**  
Defendant Jane Doe(s), Name(s) Unknown, the Unknown heirs, devisees, legatees, beneficiaries of Mark A. Carmean and their unknown spouses and creditors; and the unknown spouse of Mark A. Carmean, if any, whose current address is unknown, will take notice that on September 23, 2024 the Plaintiff, The Huntington National Bank, filed its Complaint in the Court of Common Pleas of Logan County, Ohio, in Case No. CV 24 09 0295, seeking foreclosure of its mortgage lien in the following described real estate to wit: Property Address: 110 Ravin Place, West Liberty, OH 43357 Situated in the Village of West Liberty, Township of Liberty, County of Logan, and State of Ohio, to-wit: Being Lot Number Six Hundred Thirty-Eight (638) as the same is known and designated on the recorded plat of said Village, Plat Book 4, Volume D, Page 93, in Section 27, Town 5, Range 13, being in the Hostetter Allotment to said Village.  
**Parcel No.: 20-144-16-02-003-000**  
The above named Defendants are required to answer the Plaintiff's Complaint within twenty-eight (28) days after the last date of publication of this notice, which shall be published once a week for three consecutive weeks. In the event that the above-named Defendants fail to respond in the allotted time, judgment by default can be entered against them for the relief requested in the Plaintiff's Complaint without further hearing. Last date of Publication is November 16, 2024. The Law Office of Sarah A. Okrzynski, LLC PO Box 18638 Erlanger, KY 41018 Ph: 859-360-2250 Fax: 888-803-3259 foreclosure@saolawoffice.com Nov. 2, 9, 16, 2024

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
On Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 7:00 P.M., the Russells Point Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) will meet in Council Chambers at 433 St. Rt. 708, Russells Point, Ohio, to hear the following cases:  
A Variance Application filed by Lawrence and Kelly Stock, 106 Brads Way, Russells Point, Ohio, Parcel No. 52-032-05-12-014-000, Lot 0002 36-6-8, in an R-2 Medium Density Residential District.  
The Applicant is seeking relief from the Front Setback Regulation of 25 feet from the property line and Minimum Lot Width of 60 feet, for construction of a replacement home due to tornado damage. The subject parcel is not located within the Special Flood Hazard Area.  
A Variance Application filed by Jeffrey and Theresa Honnold (Paradise View Cottages, LLC), 406 Maple Street, Russells Point, Ohio, Parcel No. 52-032-05-04-012-000, Lot Nos. 0004 181 PT and 182 PT, in a B-2 Business District with a Permitted Use of a residential, single-family dwelling under R-2 Medium Density Residential regulations.  
The Applicant is seeking relief from Minimum Lot Size of 3,400 S.F., Minimum Lot Width of 60 feet, Maximum Percentage of Lot Occupancy of 25%; Front Setback Regulation of 25 feet; and Side Setback Regulations with a Minimum of one side at 4 feet and the Sum of Side yards at 10 feet, for construction of a replacement home due to tornado damage. The subject parcel is not located

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within the Special Flood Hazard Area. Documentation is available for public inspection during normal work hours at the Russells Point Municipal Building at 433 State Route 708, Russells Point, Ohio from 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.  
Board of Zoning Appeals  
Village of Russells Point  
Nov. 9, 2024

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**DATE CHANGE**  
This is a date correction of the public hearing notice that ran on Nov. 5, 2024 stating the date of the 18th instead of the 19th. The Washington Township Zoning Appeals Board, Logan County, OH, will hold a public hearing concerning two variance applications on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, starting at 6 PM at the Washington Township Hall. The building address is 7464 County Rd. 91, Lewistown, Ohio 43333. The first proposed variance, from Danny P. & Sherry B. McFadden is requesting a rear & side setback variance; minimum lot size variance; road frontage variance at parcel 51-032-06-25-001-000, located at 9041 Chestnut St., Lakeview OH 43331. The second proposed variance starting at 6:30 PM, from Brandee M. Cooper is requesting a side setback variance at parcel 51-033-09-03-019-000, located at 7700 S R 366, Private Drive, Unit 50, Russells Point, OH 43348. Zoning Appeals Board Steve Strauser, Chair Gary L. Bias, Zoning Inspector Nov. 9, 2024

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