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OHP board accepts new member; discusses teacher mental health

BY SHARYN KOPF
EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

Due to the resignation of Charles Buck from the Ohio Hi-Point (OHP) Career Center Board of Education early this year, the Madison-Champaign Educational Service Center (ESC) appointed Tom Jess to take his place. Then the OHP board accepted Jess's appointment and swore him in at their regular meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 20.

Jess has experience as a chief financial officer, a chief executive officer and human resources manager. The ESC determined



he was qualified to consider the region's labor needs.

Because Buck resigned before the end of his term, Jess will cover what's left, which goes through Dec. 31, 2025.

Next, Craig Bales, satellite career supervisor, gave an overview of community service projects at OHP. These include helping with blood drives, a special Olympics bowl-a-thon and several holiday-focused efforts like a toy drive, breakfast with

Santa, and a Christmas adopt-a-family drive.

In another presentation, Scott Staley and Tonya Ramey told the board about CASEL—a social and emotional learning program. The two learned about it at a conference in Chicago and Staley said his "head was spinning" when he left. The program has five principles: self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision-making.

"We came back with lots of ideas for supporting our teach-

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Local student looking for donations to help area shelters

BY SHARYN KOPF
EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

When Hannah Goble asked her son, Noah, what he wanted for Christmas in 2023, his answer surprised her.

"I don't want Santa this year," he told her. "I just want to help others."

Out of that came Noah's Give Back, which works to gather items for area homeless shelters. And, according to Sarah Lewis, who sits on the board of the Peak of Hope Shelter, that kind of help is invaluable.

"When we're able to get donations, the grant money we receive can go toward case management and paying bills," Lewis said. "Since we're a nonprofit, ideally the money goes toward upkeep. If we don't have to buy necessities, we're so much more efficient."

So, for the second year, Noah is asking for donations of such items as blankets, pillows, twin bedding, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, nail clippers, body wash, soap, towels, washcloths, laundry detergent and clear 10-gallon totes.

Lewis, who met Noah when she served as his soccer coach, said there are two kinds of homelessness. The most common is literal homelessness, which means someone doesn't have a home at all. In this situation, people often find themselves living in their car or a tent or sleeping on the street.

"You probably pass them every day," Lewis admitted.

We also have people who are considered precariously housed. These individuals and families might be couch-surfing or staying in short-term housing but nothing permanent. If that keeps



Noah Goble, far right, a fifth-grader at Bellefontaine Intermediate School, is helping gather necessities for the Peak of Hope shelters, including this one for women and families in Bellefontaine. Also pictured, from left, are Shelley Harmon, Peak of Hope director; Sarah Lewis, on the shelter board; and Hannah Goble, Noah's mom. (EXAMINER PHOTO | SHARYN KOPF)

up, they will eventually end up literally homeless.

Peak of Hope runs two shelters—a women and families one on Madriver that holds two families downstairs and four single women upstairs, and a separate one for men on N. Detroit. They stay almost always full.

What stands out is the number of homeless youth in our community—over 60, Lewis said. "We have to think of these kids and getting them stable homes," she added.

Just a few days ago, the ministry finally obtained permanent housing for a 19-year-old who had been chronically homeless

for over a year. And they share many other similar stories, which make contributions like what Noah's doing even more important.

In 2023, Noah was able to gather three totes of items plus four pillows and two bottles of laundry soap. He wants to expand on that for 2024. And you can help.

To be a part of Noah's Give Back, contact Hannah at goble9227@gmail.com or you can message her through Facebook. You can also support the Peak of Hope Shelter directly through their Facebook page or call (937) 935-4292.



Members of the Community Health & Wellness Partners pharmacy team stand in front of the new pharmacy that will open Dec. 2 at the Bellefontaine Community Health Center, 212 E. Columbus Ave., Suite 1. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

CHWP set to open new pharmacy at Bellefontaine facility

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Community Health & Wellness Partners (CHWP) announced this week that the opening of its new community pharmacy is set for Monday, Dec. 2.

Located at their Bellefontaine Community Health Center, 212 E. Columbus Ave., Suite 1, the pharmacy will serve as an extension of the pharmacy services that CHWP has provided for over nine years.

Since 2015, patients have benefited from medication affordability, education and therapy. CHWP will continue to offer discounted pharmaceutical prices on qualifying medications, now with the additional convenience of an on-site location. Patients can also take advantage of delivery services, either directly to their home within Champaign or Logan County or a more convenient CHWP location for pick up, including one of their school-based health centers.

"Meeting our patients where they are and providing comprehensive care to all our patients is our driving force. We work hard to remove barriers and make care accessible to anyone and everyone," said Tara Bair, CHWP president and CEO. "We are the provider of choice for our community, so it only makes sense to further integrate our services with an on-site pharmacy. Because of our facilities and services, healthcare is more accessible, affordable and we can advocate for the wellbeing of our community."

Services will continue to grow to meet the needs of CHWP patients and the community. Unique to CHWP's Pharmacies, when a patient visits their provider, they can fill prescriptions in one convenient visit.

Additional services will include pharmacy consultation, medication box refills, and monitoring of chronic disease management such as heart disease, diabetes and hypertension.

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Bethny Ricks, mother of two and a West Liberty resident, recently published her first book, *Face Forward: Reclaiming Hope When Everything Falls Apart*. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Face Forward

West Liberty resident, former corporate executive shares 'hope without fluff' in new book

BY MANDY LOEHR
EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

Bethny Ricks breezed through high school and college, graduating from Bellefontaine High School in 2002 and Bluffton University in 2006, earning a degree in sociology and criminology.

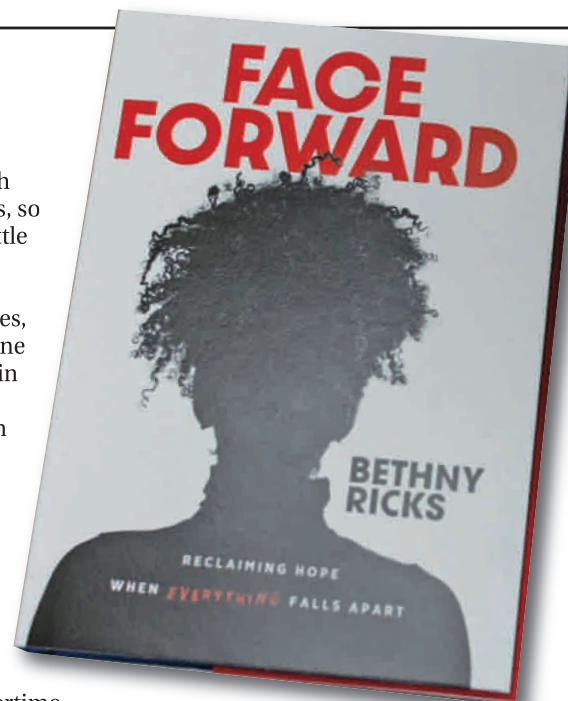
Her determined work ethic, zest for life and leadership, and aptitude for taking on a challenge soon made it a natural fit for her to begin climbing the ranks of the corporate ladder. At the young age of 27, she was promoted to a corporate vice president role. Bethny was typically the

youngest person in the room, with most of her colleagues in their 60s, so she would pretend to be "just a little older," she related.

Throughout her distinguished career spanning about two decades, Bethny was recognized twice as one of the top 100 African Americans in business and honored one of Ohio's Most Influential Women in Business.

In the midst of this success, the West Liberty resident was navigating her marriage and life with two young children, when her seemingly picture-perfect life began cracking under all the pressure.

Fast forward a few years to 2020 and Bethny was working overtime as the head of Human Resources for a global company, helping to lead the corporation through the many challenges of the COVID pandemic on the international level. She also was a newly single mother after her recent divorce.



During that pandemic year at the age of 37, she said she woke up one day in a hospital bed and learned that

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"Our idea of a long chance is takin' a girl at her face value."

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

Pair arrested for possession of drugs

Drugs were recovered and a driver and passenger each were arrested following a Nov. 20 traffic stop executed by officers of the Washington Township Police Department in the area of Township Road 239 near U.S. Route 33. At approximately 10:36 p.m., officers stopped a vehicle for expired registration and equipment violations. The driver, Christopher Lunsford, 44, of Milford, and passenger, Lori Cook, 60, of Owensville, were identified during the stop.

While interacting with the occupants, officers observed signs of drug use and requested K9 Hondo to assist. K9 Hondo alerted to the presence of illegal substances inside the vehicle, prompting a probable cause search. Officers recovered crack cocaine, Clonazepam (a Schedule IV controlled substance) and drug paraphernalia.

Both Lunsford and Cook were arrested and transported to the Logan County Jail. Cook faces charges of possession of drugs (crack cocaine), possession of drugs (Schedule IV), and possession of drug paraphernalia. Lunsford was charged with possession of drugs (crack cocaine) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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ers' mental health," Ramey stated. She went on to share statistics, including the fact that 8 percent of teachers leave the profession every year and 40 percent experience chronic stress.

In response, the team is focused on being intentional about how they support their teaching staff. This includes mentorship, professional development days and a full-time mental health counselor.

District Update

Dr. Rick Smith, superintendent, mentioned the work Matt Heaston, business operations supervisor, has accomplished, like making sure the vehicles are tested and inspected every year. "He's really stepped into that role," Smith said.

He also spoke about the failure of the Marysville school district levy, which didn't pass for the second year in a row. Though this will lead to significant cuts there, it shouldn't have any major impact on OHP programming.

Smith recognized the November Students of the Month (main campus) Elias Abrego, engineering, Bellefontaine High School and Andrew Stroud, health careers, Indian Lake High School.

Career Tech Update

In his report, Brad Richardson, assistant superintendent, began by stating it's a busy time of year, especially with a large number of students earning their certifications. Those in the Kenton and Marysville nursing program, for instance, are getting ready for their clinicals.

Richardson hoped the predicted snowstorm would hold back as he and his team had worked hard to prepare for Sophomore Experience Days on Nov. 21 and 22. They anticipated seeing over 1,300 students tour OHP over those two days.

Visiting sophomores would spend 30 minutes in each lab/program, then have the opportunity to submit their application to enroll for the 2025-2026 school year.

The campus recently held its senior interview contest, which gives students a chance to work on professional skills and public speaking. Some will then



Tom Jess, standing, right, is administered the oath of office at Wednesday's Ohio Hi-Point Career Center Board of Education meeting. (EXAMINER PHOTO | SHARYN KOPF)

get to compete in regional Career Tech Student Organization contests.

Richardson met with Rhodes State College in Lima about increasing OHP's college credit offerings.

"This would open up more opportunities for our students," he said.

They're also partnering with Creative Leadership Solutions (CLS).

"Last week the administration team sat down [with CLS] and took a deep dive into the master schedule to see what we can do differently to better meet the needs of our students," Richardson explained.

Finally, Richardson shared two job openings in health care and cyber security. Currently, they're relying on long-term substitute teachers to cover those classes.

Treasurer Action Items

On the recommendation of Caleb Lang, treasurer, the board approved the October 2024 financial statement.

Lang also said Staci McCully will start training with current assistant treasurer Patti Leiss in December. Marysville graduate Elyse Brown accepted the offer to take McCully's place as career tech financial assistant on Nov. 20. Brown will start on Dec. 9.

Lang gave the staff new health insurance information recently. With premiums going up, everyone had a choice between staying with the old plan, moving to the new one or waiving company insurance altogether.

In other action, the board approved or accepted:

- internship agreements with Contract Building Components, Marysville; Fierro Strength and Conditioning, Bellefontaine; Gingerbread House, Urbana; Harold E. Shuck Inc., Findlay;

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The CHWP pharmacy team will be made up of two clinical pharmacists, two community (retail) pharmacists and support staff.

"Offering all these services to our community helps us to remove barriers to care for patients here in Champaign and Logan County," said Erin Zurlinden, PharmD, CHWP community pharmacy manager.

"We are excited to meet and learn more about our patients and provide them with the kind of personal, convenient and quality pharmacy service they deserve."

Access to their knowledgeable team is growing

with the RxLocal app. While patients may continue to reach the pharmacy via phone, the RxLocal app provides patients with direct messaging capabilities, as well as the ability to manage all family prescriptions, request refills and set medicine reminders.

CHWP's Community Pharmacy will participate in the 340B discount drug program, transferring those cost savings on to their patients. Contracted pharmacy partnerships with Aries Pharmacy, C&R Pharmacy, Medicine Shoppe and existing community pharmacies in both Champaign and Logan County will also continue with the same benefits as before.

THANKSGIVING NOTES

• **An Evening of Thanksgiving** — 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24, Gretna Brethren Church, all are invited to join a time of fellowship, singing hymns, scripture reading and prayer, desserts will be provided.

• **Tri-Valley Fire District annual turkey raffle** — 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 25, 2568 Sandusky St., Zanesfield; 50/50 raffles and door prizes available, refreshments served, including coffee, hot chocolate and cookies; event supports the Volunteer Fire Department Association.

• **Riverside senior citizen Thanksgiving Dinner** — Monday, Nov. 25, free meal for seniors residing in the district, doors open at 4:30 p.m., the meal begins at 5 pm; Majesty Quartet set to perform.

• **22nd annual Thanksgiving Love Dinner** — Thursday, Nov. 28, noon to 3 p.m. First United Methodist Church, 201 N. Main St., Bellefontaine, meal served by delivery or dine-in; requests for delivery must be received before 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26, by calling the church office, (937) 592-9651 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday (do not leave a voicemail); donations are appreciated.

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OBITUARIES

Steven E. Ball

Steven E. Ball, age 65, of Dayton, joined his son Eric at their favorite fishing hole on November 20, 2024.

Steven was born in Okinawa, Japan on May 27, 1959, to the late Byron J. and Donna I. (Tuttle) Ball.

He graduated from Bellefontaine High School in 1977 and pursued a career in the Tool and Die industry. Steven loved his work, proudly laboring as a machinist for over 40 years.

In his free time, he could be found trap shooting or woodworking. Steven was a history buff, harboring a vast knowledge of planes and war trivia. He was a kind and patient man who loved with his whole heart. His family was everything to him, and he cherished every moment spent with them.

Steven was a proud American who was honored to have two grandsons serving in the military. He was deeply rooted in his faith and served as a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints since 1987. Steven was a gentle soul who will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his son, Eric Ball; and two brothers, Greg and Byron, Jr. Left to cherish his memory are his beloved wife, Margaret "Peggy" Ball. They enjoyed 45 years of marriage and 50 years together. He is also survived by his son, Matthew (Adrienne) Ball of Clinton, UT; daughter, Katie (Doyle) Robinson of Beaver Creek, OH; daughter-in-law, Michelle Ball, of Kettering; grandchildren, Loren, Margaret, Parker, Trenton, Sean, Eric II, Ethan, Drake, Sage, Hunter (Kamari), Austin, Ryleigh, and Zaydyn; several in-laws, nieces, and nephews; sister, Susan of Bellefontaine; and beloved dog Boo Boo.

Family will greet friends Monday, November 25, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Routsong Funeral Home, 81 N. Main St., Centerville. Funeral Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 26, at the funeral home. Steven will be laid to rest in David's Cemetery.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the Miami Valley Hospital ICU Unit and Hospice of Dayton for their excellent care of Steven, and to his dear friend, Dave Harrison, who was always by his side. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be made at www.routsong.com.

Gizella 'Gig' (Taylor) Bikacsan

Gizella "Gig" (Taylor) Bikacsan, 99, of DeGraff, walked into the arms of Jesus at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at Green Hills Care Center in West Liberty, Ohio. She was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on January 3, 1925, a daughter of the late Louis A. Taylor (Szabo) and Mary (Domjan) Taylor and, after Mary's passing, her stepmother, Suzanne Papp.

On June 15, 1946, Gig married Walter Paul Bikacsan in Akron, Ohio, and went into ministry together for 30 years. Rev. Bikacsan preceded her in death on September 19, 2010. She was also preceded in death by her son, Dennis M. Bikacsan, five siblings and four of their spouses. Her siblings were Louis (Annie) Taylor Jr., Elmer "Al" (Ruth) Taylor, Magdaline Taylor, Mary (Carl) Few, and Elsie Kilmer.

Gig is survived by two children, Sharon J. (Pastor Bill) Halter of DeGraff, Ohio, and Ronald W. Bikacsan of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee as well as her brother-in-law, Mervin Kilmer and numerous nieces and nephews.

Gig had attended the Cleveland Bible College (later known as Malone University) with her husband, Walt. Becoming a full-time mother and homemaker, she did her best to provide for her family while making the best use of a pastor's income. She shared her knowledge and experience with her children hoping to give them the foundation for a good life lived with God at the center. As a pastor's wife, Gig was often secretary and right-arm to Walt for the needs of the church and community.

Gig was also a trained musician and choir director. Classical music and foundational hymns of the church floated from the keys of any organ or piano she touched. She could play many pieces in any key without one note of music. There were also times she would grace an audience with her beloved accordion that began its use in her teen years with the family gospel singing group her father started.

Although given the nickname of Gig by her brothers, she was affectionately called "Giggy" in the past couple years by her loving caretakers at Green Hills. It made her heart smile. She knew they said it in love; and she loved them right back.

A visitation will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, November 24, at the First United Methodist Church, 201 N. Main Street in Bellefontaine, where Pastor Bill Halter will officiate a funeral service at 5 p.m. Burial will be at Northlawn Memorial Gardens in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made in Gig's memory to the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board, 475 Riverside Drive, #1700, New York, NY 10115.

Daring & Sanford Funeral Home, DeGraff, is honored to serve the Bikacsan family and encourages anyone to share a fond memory or message of condolence at www.edsfh.com.

Anglene D. Perry Cookston

Anglene D. Perry Cookston, 95, of Indianapolis, Indiana, and formerly of West Liberty, Ohio passed away Monday, November 11, 2024.

She was born April 30, 1929, in the Perry home near Urbana, Ohio to the late Kenneth Kermit and Hazel Christine (Johnson) Perry.

Anglene was a graduate of Cable High School. She married Gale Lewis Cookston (October 28, 1947) who preceded her in death March 3, 1994. Anglene was a former member of First Church of God in West Liberty, Ohio and a current member of Castleton Church of the Nazarene, Indianapolis, Indiana. She was active as a children's Sunday school teacher, worship service musician, and leader in local and state international missions' organizations. Among the most important things in her life were her faith, her church, and her family.

Anglene is survived by three sons and their families: Joseph (Merry) Cookston, Kenneth (Lynette) Cookston, and Charles (Cynthia) Cookston; grandchildren, Marlo Cookston (Michael Harner), Joel (Jessica) Cookston, Bethany (Antonio) Crispin, Cory (Rebekah) Cookston, Tyler (Stella) Cookston, and Danielle Sagers; brother, Ronald (Tonya) Perry; and 21 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brother, David (Betty) Perry; and two sisters, Ilo (Thomas) Wiant and Priscilla (Donald) Ogden.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, November 30, 2024 at 12:00 Noon at Jenkins Chapel Community Church, 7016 Urbana Woodstock Road, Cable, Ohio. Private burial was in Mount Tabor Cemetery, Champaign County, Ohio.

Eichholtz Daring & Sanford Funeral Home, West Liberty, is honored to serve the family of Anglene Perry Cookston and encourages anyone to share a fond memory or message of condolence at www.edsfh.com.

Nevada Cummins

Nevada Cummins, 93, of Bellefontaine, OH went to her eternal home on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, to join the many loved ones who awaited her arrival.

Nevada was born on May 4, 1931, in Floyd, KY, a daughter of the late Lazra and Minnie Pitts Prater. Nevada married the love of her life, Lowell Cummins, on September 23, 1950, and their love was evident to all who knew them for 61 years until his death on November 1, 2011. She was also preceded in death by two siblings, Banner Prater and Mary Alice Bowsher.

Nevada is survived by a son, Randy (Vicky) Cummins of Huntsville, OH, two grandchildren, Wade (Melinda) Cummins, and Kristy Crochran, three step-grandchildren, Aaron Nunn, April (Wes) Easton, and Jay (Katie) Nunn, great grandchildren, Ethan Frey, Kaitlyn Crochran, Cian Cummins, and Liam Cummins, and step-great grandchildren, Lauren Easton, Julia Easton, Gage Easton, Maryann Nunn, and Cameron Nunn.

Nevada was a 1949 graduate of Roundhead School. She handled accounting and finances for several companies over the years. She attended Russells Point Church of God her whole life. She loved traveling with Lowell, and they were members of Wally Byam Caravan Club, traveling throughout the United States, and taking several cruises. They also wintered in Florida for many years.

Nevada enjoyed crocheting and made Afghans for her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her family and her Lord Jesus Christ gave her purpose and joy every day. She was truly a "Godly woman" who set an example of how one should live such a life and treat others.

Pastors Jeremy Stout and Joe Angles will officiate funeral services at 1 p.m. Friday, November 29, at Russells Point Church of God, 430 State Route 708, Russells Point, with visitation from 11 am-1 pm. Burial will follow in Walnut Hill Cemetery, New Hampshire, OH.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given in Nevada's memory to Universal Home Health and Hospice Care, 921 Rush Ave, Ste 1, Bellefontaine, OH 43311.

Arrangements are in the care of Shoffstall Funeral Home, Lakeview, OH. Condolences may be expressed at shoffstallfuneralhome.com.

Kathleen Ann (Klopfenstein) Cantrell-Graber

Kathleen Ann (Klopfenstein) Cantrell-Graber, 94 of Greenville, Ohio, passed away on Tuesday November 19, 2024, at 7:40 a.m. at the Brethren Retirement Community. Kathy was born November 16, 1930 in Grabill, Indiana, the daughter of the late Howard J. and Mildred L. (King) Klopfenstein.

Kathy was a homemaker, sold Avon, and an accomplished pianist, she played for many of the community churches, nursing homes, she played accompaniment for several choirs. Kathy was a member of the Darke County Women's Club; Greenville Country Club, Welcome Wagon, and New Comers Club. She and her family had several moves in their life and she made every new place they lived a comfy home.

Kathy was a seamstress who sewed her children's clothes, she made cards for holidays, she was a cheerleader and organized the class reunions for her class.

Kathy is preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, James Paul Cantrell; her second husband, Dr. Harry Graber; her son-in-law, John Thomas; her sisters and brothers-in-law, Marjorie and Dick Kryder, and Marilyn and John Lee; her brother and sister-in-law, King and Evelyn Klopfenstein.

Kathy is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Ann Thomas, Candace and Max Sharp, Caroline and Larry Arnett; her grandchildren and spouses, Clayton Thomas, Seth & Kristi Thomas, Nathan and Michelle Thomas, Daniel and Rachel Thomas, Paul and Jenny Sharp, Justin Sharp, Paige and Tyler McCulley, Parker and Monica Arnett; and 14 great grandchildren.

Services will be Monday November 25, at noon at Zechar Bailey Funeral Home, Greenville, Ohio. Burial will follow in Abbottsville Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until noon Monday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Dr. Harry Graber Medical Education Fund in care of the Mary Rutan Foundation, 205 Palmer Avenue, Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.zecharbailey.com for the Cantrell-Graber family.

Jeanette Sue Kearns

Jeanette Sue Kearns, age 86, of Tiffin and formerly of Marion County, passed away Wednesday, November 20, 2024.

Sue was born August 12, 1938 in Logan County, OH, the daughter of Vaughn and Martha (Zupp) McAlexander. She was a 1956 graduate of Belle Center High School and then attended the Columbus Business College.

On January 18, 1958 she was united in marriage to Daniel F. Kearns in Belle

Center. He preceded her in death on November 16, 2006.

Sue was employed with Hills Department Store where she worked until her retirement. She was a member of the Forest Lawn Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her children: Beverly Best and John (Melissa) Kearns; daughter-in-law Aimee Kearns; grandchildren: Matthew, Noel (Curtis), Daniel F. (Laurie) III, Ashley (Mike), Blae (Taylor), Kylie (Cody), and Katelyn (Patrick); great grandchildren: Silas, Kaylor, Brady, Dutton, Allison, Wiley and 3 on the way; sister Yvonne (the late Jerry) Elliott; siblings-in-law: Dave (the late Nancy) Kearns, Frank (Karen) Kearns, Betty Hildreth, Mary (Ron) Keller; and many special nieces

and nephews.

Sue is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Daniel F. Kearns, Sr; children: Daniel F. Kearns, Jr. and Bryan Kearns; siblings-in-law: Marshall (Elizabeth), Steven (Karen), and Lowell Kearns.

Visitation will be Tuesday, November 26, at Snyder Funeral Homes, Denzer Chapel, 360 East Center St., Marion from 10 a.m. to noon; funeral service will follow at noon; burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Belle Center.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Courtyard Assisted Living Activities Fund, 781 Greenfield Street, Tiffin, OH 44883.

The Snyder Funeral Homes of Marion are honored to serve Sue's family; condolences may be expressed to the family by visiting www.SnyderFuneralHomes.com.

David Jay King

David Jay King, 72, of Quincy passed away Sunday, November 17, 2024 at 11:51 p.m. at Kettering Medical Center after a brief illness. He was born on February 9, 1952 in Sidney, Ohio, the son of the late Joseph and Patsy (Brewer) King.

He left behind Kate Patton, who was the light of his life and siblings, Steve (Judy Gilfillen) King of Quincy, Mark (Susan) King of Sidney and Terri Roediger of Sidney. Numerous nephews and nieces, great nephews and nieces, and Kate's family, who were considered as his family too.

Dave farmed all his life around the Quincy area. He enjoyed being outside, taking trips and playing cards. Dave looked forward to the King's Thanksgiving where there are 4 generations of cousins coming together for fellowship and good food. He was a great one for teasing and being teased. Dave really didn't know a stranger. He enjoyed being with family.

There will be a celebration of life at a later date. In keeping with Dave's wishes, there will be no visitation.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the organization of donor's choice in honor of Dave.

Arrangements are in the care of Cromes-Edwards Funeral Home 302 S. Main Ave. Condolences may be expressed to the King family at our website, www.cromesfh.com.

Diana Lee Swincher

Diana Lee Swincher, 63, of Marysville, OH, formerly of Lakeview, OH, passed away Wednesday morning, November 20, 2024, at OSU Wexner Medical Center, Columbus, OH.

Diana was born on January 3, 1961, in Columbus, a daughter of the late Delores Jean Powers Gease and Dave Gease, who survives in Lakeview. She married Tom Swincher on July 15, 1983, in Columbus, and he preceded her in death on January 31, 2024. She is also preceded in death by a brother, Timothy Gease.

Diana is survived by two daughters, Brittiny Swincher and Tiffany (Chad) McCarty, six grandchildren, three sisters-in-law, and several aunts and uncles, who all loved her dearly.

Diana was a 1979 graduate of Dublin High School where she was a cheerleader. She was a member of Maryville Moose Lodge #107. She enjoyed watching Sci-Fi and historical based movies and was an avid Elvis fan. Diana had a wonderful sense of humor and loved being around people.

Inurnment will be 1 p.m. July 15, 2025, in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Columbus, OH.

Arrangements are in the care of Shoffstall Funeral Home, Lakeview, OH. Condolences may be expressed at shoffstallfuneralhome.com.

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she had suffered a mini stroke or TIA (trans-ischemic attack) brought on by all of the stress.

Her doctors told her that the TIA was a “warning signal” that something needed to change.

“God, how did I get here?” she writes in her newly published book, *Face Forward: Reclaiming Hope When Everything Falls Apart*. “This wasn’t a part of the plan, not even close. I was in the middle of a work crisis and living through a global pandemic. This was not a part of my plan and it could not be a part of God’s plan.”

However, Bethny said this serious medical issue helped her to take a step back and recalibrate her life, with the help of her Heavenly Father. What did she want to do with the rest of her life?

Toward the end of 2021, the BHS graduate stepped down from her corporate position and set to work on her new book, which was published in October 2024 by Zondervan Reflections.

After previously publishing a book of poetry, “An Inconvenient Journey,” she



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was been approached by her literary agent, who was interested in Bethny sharing her deeply personal experiences and penning a book about fear and failure.

Writing the book was a major change of pace from the previous rhythm of Bethny’s corporate work life.

“When you’re used to leading a project and a team, sitting down to write 50,000 words by yourself is quite daunting. It’s just you and a computer screen,” she said.

“Through this writing process, I gained a deep appreciation for what I’ve been through. God has been so faithful.

“I wanted to expose not only what I got wrong, but how to overcome fear and failure and make it relevant for the reader. I call it ‘hope without fluff;’ it has sub-

stance.” Bethny rose to that challenge, and said in August of 2023, she completed the manuscript for her book. Now since its release last month, she has been busy promoting *Face Forward* through various interviews with magazines, podcasts and booking conferences.

She also has been enjoying some of her days working from home and spending time with her son, Zion, and daughter, Londyn, both of whom attend Calvary Christian School, and her husband, Joseph, whom she married in January.

“It’s so exciting to now have it (*Face Forward*) out in the world,” said Bethny, a daughter of Robin and Sheila Ricks of Bellefontaine. The book is dedicated to her parents, along with her siblings, Norlin, Collin, Dayna and Jamie.

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Throughout the book, Bethny shares particularly trying times and pivotal moments in her life, and applies God’s truth, invaluable insights and practical steps to propel the reader forward.

For instance, Chapter 2,

“Hurdles: Overcoming,” opens with the author’s experience on a business trip to Oregon, where her former colleague made some jaw-dropping comments to her shortly after they arrived.

“Who invited you? I don’t even know why we need you here,” he said.

“Well, I guess you’re about to find out,” Bethny said in response.

The author noted while each hurdle we face is different, it’s imperative that we are able to answer three key questions: Who am I? Do I belong? And Who decides my worth?

“We all face situations where we feel like we don’t belong or measure up,” she said. “But you have to put yourself back in place and believe in yourself and what God says about you.”

Face Forward is available at local retailers and many online booksellers, including *Amazon.com*, *Target*, *Barnes & Noble*, *Christianbook.com* and *Churchsource.com*. Bethny enjoys signing books for local readers while she’s out and about, including her frequent stops at Sweet Aromas Coffee in Bellefontaine.

Storm inundates Northern California with rain, heavy snow

HEALDSBURG, Calif. (AP) — Heavy downpours fell over much of Northern California on Friday, causing small landslides, overflowing a river and flooding some streets, including in parts of San Francisco. Meanwhile tens of thousands of people were still without power in the Seattle area after several days in the dark.

The storm arrived in the Pacific Northwest earlier this week, killing two people and knocking out power to hundreds of thousands, mostly in the Seattle area, before moving through Northern California, where several roads were closed due to flooding and strong winds toppled trees.

Forecasters warned about the risk of flash flooding and rockslides in areas north of San Francisco from this season’s strongest atmospheric river — a long plume of moisture that forms over an ocean and flows through the sky over land.

On the East Coast, another storm brought much-

needed rain to New York and New Jersey, where rare wildfires have raged in recent weeks. The rain eased the fire danger for the rest of the year and was a boost for ski resorts preparing to open in the weeks ahead. Parts of West Virginia were under a blizzard warning through Saturday morning, with up to 2 feet (61 centimeters) of snow and high winds making travel treacherous.

In California’s Humboldt County, the sheriff’s office downgraded evacuation orders to warnings for people near the Eel River after forecasters said the waterway would see moderate but not major flooding. Officials urged residents to prepare for storm impacts throughout the week.

Flooding closed scenic Highway 1, also known as the Pacific Coast Highway, in neighboring Mendocino County north of Point Arena near the Garcia River, and there was no estimate for when it would reopen, according to the California Department of Transportation.

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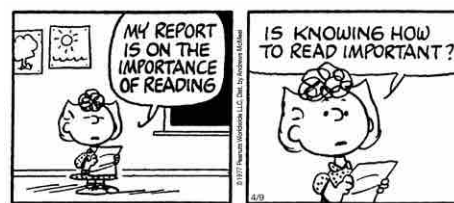


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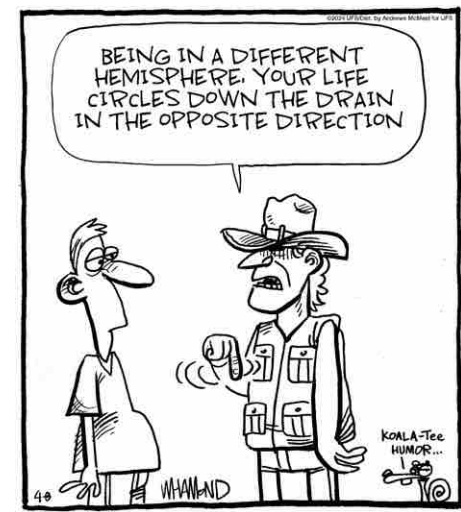


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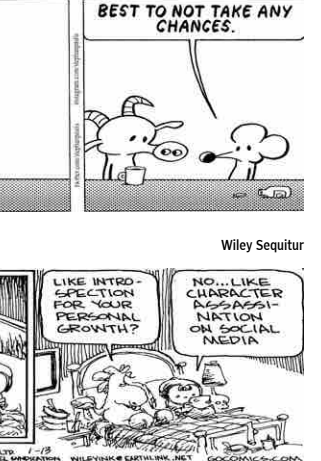
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Horoscopes

ROYAL STARS | FROM KING FEATURES SYNDICATE

By Georgia Nicols

Practical matters come into sharp focus, and we’re ready to cross off those difficult tasks on our to-do lists. Today’s Moon in Virgo invites a down-to-earth approach, making it an ideal time to get organized and put the finishing touches on projects. Whether it’s sorting through paperwork, cleaning up our workspaces or tackling home repairs, the urge to get streamlined in our lives is powerful. We’re also encouraged to look inward and assess our own well-being, paying attention to nutrition, quality rest and physical activity as part of our self-care routine. This is a great time to reinforce the positive habits that shape our day-to-day lives and tweak or refine them. Additionally, it’s an opportunity to evaluate where we might be overextending ourselves or expecting too much from others. By doing so, we can create more harmonious connections and ensure our energy is respected and replenished.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) **★★★★** This is a lovely day! In particular, it will make you feel good to get better organized. Those of you who are working today will appreciate the help of co-workers. In fact, a work-related flirtation or romance might begin today. Travel or get away somewhere if you can. Tonight: Good vibes.

TARUS (April 20-May 20) **★★★★** It’s a playful, fun-loving Saturday! Definitely make time today for some fun events. Meet a friend for a social outing. Travel. Enjoy sports events and playful activities with kids. Anything to do with the theater, the entertainment world or the hospitality industry will delight you. Enjoy your day! Tonight: Party!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **★★★★** This is the perfect day to kick back and relax at home. Hang out in your robe, have a second cup of coffee and indulge yourself. This is a pleasant,

lazy day. It’s also a romantic day filled with affectionate, passionate promise. Discussions with partners and spouses might be lively. Tonight: Entertain.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **★★★★** Make plans to hang out with someone today or to do something interesting with a spouse, partner or close friend. It’s a very pleasant day, and you feel sociable. You want to get out and see what’s happening. You are still primed to work hard, so you might combine work and pleasure. Tonight: Conversations!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **★★★★** You have high energy this weekend from Mars; plus, the Sun and Mercury are urging you to enjoy yourself! Take a vacation. It’s a great time for social outings, the theater, the entertainment world, sports events and fun activities with kids. Tonight: Check your assets.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **★★★★** Today the Moon is in your sign dancing beautifully with fair Venus, which heightens your appreciation of beauty. It also makes today an excellent time for romance or any social gathering, because you will enjoy the company of others. Plan a party! Tonight: You’re strong.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **★★★★** You are the most social sign in the zodiac, and today is a wonderful day to entertain at home. However, because the Moon is “hiding” in your chart, you might want it to be an intimate, small gathering — perhaps even one friend visiting. It’s definitely a romantic day as well. Tonight: Privacy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **★★★★** Get out and be active with friends and groups today, especially people exploring athletic, outdoor activity. This will make you feel pumped. You’re eager to socialize. Friendly vibes and flirtations might push a platonic friendship into something romantic. Tonight: Schmooze.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **★★★★** Today you are high-viz, which means not only do people notice you more than usual, some people even

know personal details about your private life. Do be aware of this in case you have to do some damage control. Money or moneymaking ideas might come your way today. Tonight: You shine!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **★★★★** You’re up for some adventure or a change of scenery today, which is why this is the perfect day to do something different. Get out of town if you can. If not, explore your own city. Go somewhere you’ve never been before. Talk to new people; educate yourself about other cultures. Learn something new! Tonight: Be ready.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **★★★★** Privacy; secret liaisons and hidden love affairs are issues that concern many Aquarians today. Nevertheless, this is also a great day to schmooze, especially younger people. Do be patient with spouses, partners and close friends while Mars is opposite your sign. Tonight: Check your finances.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **★★★★** This is an excellent day to enjoy good times with friends. You will also enjoy the arts, good food and drink, and beautiful surroundings, which is why some of you might want to improve your home and make it look more attractive. Tonight: Listen.

If your birthday is Nov. 23: You are a truth seeker with humanitarian values. You have many interests that you pursue with passion. This is a year of service, especially to family. Therefore, take care of yourself so you can be a resource to others. Take time to rejuvenate yourself. Is it time for a makeover?

BORN TODAY
TV personality Robin Roberts (1960), actor Vincent Cassel (1966), chef Rick Bayless (1953) ***

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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. Madriver 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 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

LEGAL NOTICE
Co-Developer, Real Estate and Development Activities-Solicitation 2024-03; Logan County Metropolitan Housing Authority (LCMHA) is soliciting Requests for Proposals (RFP) for co-developer for Construction, Real Estate, and Development Activities and will receive proposals until Thursday, November

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29th, no later than 10:00 A.M. (Local Time) at 116 North Everett Street, Bellefontaine, OH 43311. The RFP and related documents may be obtained by emailing jones@lcmha.com Questions concerning this RFP may be directed to Josh Jones at jjones@lcmha.com.
Nov. 16, 23, 2024

IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO FAMILY COURT DIVISION

ADOPTION OF Alissa LeeAnn Bailey Child's name if adoption is granted Alissa LeeAnn Butler Child's current name CASE NO: 24-AD-11
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADOPTION
To: Nicholas B. Close, last known address: 928 N. Main Street, Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311
You are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of May, 2024 Paul Richard Bailey filed in this Court a Petition for Adoption of Alissa LeeAnn Butler, a minor, whose date of birth is November 15, 2007, and to have the name of the minor changed to Alissa LeeAnn Bailey. This Court, located at the Logan County Courthouse, 101 S. Main Street, Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311, will hear the petition on the 29th day of January, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. It is alleged in the Petition, pursuant to R.C. 3107.07, that the consent of Nicholas B. Close is not required due to the following:
X-The parent has failed without justifiable cause to provide more than de minimis contact with the minor for a period of at least one year immediately preceding the filing of the adoption petition or placement of the minor in the home of the petitioner.
X-The parent has failed without justifiable cause to provide for the maintenance and support of the minor as required by law or judicial decree for a period of at least one year immediately preceding the filing of the adoption petition or the placement of the minor in the home of the petitioner.
A FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION, IF GRANTED, WILL RELIEVE YOU OF ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO CONTACT THE MINOR, AND, EXCEPT WITH RESPECT TO A SPOUSE OF THE ADOPTING PETITIONER AND RELATIVES OF THAT SPOUSE, TERMINATE ALL LEGAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE MINOR AND YOU AND THE MINOR'S OTHER RELATIVES, SO THAT THE MINOR THEREAFTER IS A STRANGER TO YOU AND THE MINOR'S FORMER RELATIVES FOR ALL PURPOSES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF DIVISION (A)(1)(b) OF SECTION 3107.15 OF THE REVISED CODE. IF YOU WISH TO CONTEST THE ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE AN OBJECTION TO THE PETITION WITHIN FOURTEEN (14) DAYS AFTER PROOF OF SERVICE OF NOTICE OF THE FILING OF THE PETITION AND OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING IS GIVEN TO YOU. IF YOU WISH TO CONTEST THE ADOPTION, YOU MUST ALSO APPEAR AT THE HEARING. A FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION MAY BE ENTERED IF YOU FAIL TO FILE AN OBJECTION TO THE ADOPTION PETITION OR APPEAR AT THE HEARING (R.C. 2107.07)
RIGHT TO COUNSEL: You have the right to be represented by an attorney of your choice. If you cannot afford an attorney, you must immediately make application. An indigent parent who is facing the loss of parental rights and who wishes to contest or object to the adoption will be appointed and attorney upon determination of indigency. If you believe you are indigent and cannot afford an attorney, complete and file (personally or by US mail) a "Financial Disclosure Form" to the Probate Clerk's office in the Logan County Courthouse at 101 South Main Street, Bellefontaine, OH 43311 immediately but not later than the date set for hearing. Upon receipt of the form, the Court will review the information and determine whether you qualify for court-appointed services. A hearing may be held if your application is incomplete or unclear. The State Public Defender requires that you pay an application fee of \$25.00. This fee may be added as costs at the conclusion of this case if you do not pay at the time of presenting your affidavit of indigency. Please read the affidavit carefully because it contains important information about the

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potential recoupment process. You have the right to represent yourself at a pro se litigant. Please take notice that you are presumed to have knowledge of the law and correct legal procedures. Therefore, you remain subject to the same rules and procedures to which represented litigants are bound. You are not given greater rights than represented parties and must bear the consequences of your mistakes (Williams v. First Merit Bank, N.A., 9th Dist. No. 24011, 2008-Ohio-5038). Pleadings MUST be reduced to writing and presented to the Court in person or by mail. You are responsible for providing a copy of the pleadings to all parties of record.
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CALL 937-599-7252, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.
WARNING: A REQUEST FOR COURT APPOINTED COUNSEL DOES NOT POSTPONE THE 14-DAY DEADLINE FOR FILING AN OBJECTION TO THE ADOPTION.
By: Alisa Geboy
Deputy Clerk
Nov. 16, 23, 30, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Village of Lakeview, Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing for a Variance application, Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2024, at 5:30 PM at the Village of Lakeview Fire Department Building, located at 540 CR 270, Lakeview, OH 43331. Joseph LaMonte is requesting a variance to build an accessory building on parcel, 47-017-18-13-005-000, located at 315 W. Harrison St., in Lakeview, OH 43331, which is zoned R-2, a medium-density residential district. There is no single-family dwelling on this parcel which is why a variance is needed. He has a land purchase agreement in place with the parcel owner, Jordan Bush. Village of Lakeview Zoning Appeals Board
Shari Stevens, Chair
Nov. 16, 2024

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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 26th day of December 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 \$10,000.00, but additionally, the successful bidder shall be required to pay the cost of legal advertising for this sale.
Nov. 23, 30; Dec. 7, 14, 21, 2024

LEGAL NOTICE

Fair Housing Informational Meeting
LUC Regional Planning Commission will hold a meeting to provide fair housing information for the citizens of Logan County. This informational meeting will be held at the Quincy Community Building (503 Carlisle St.) on December 9 from 3-4 PM. A representative will provide information about Fair Housing, discuss fair housing questions, and provide information on how to protect yourself from discrimination. Residents and social service providers are encouraged to attend.
Nov. 23, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held in Council Chambers before the Bellefontaine City Board of Zoning Appeals on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. for the following requests.
David Barr of 5948 St Rt 245, West Liberty, OH 43357 and representing Kerry Ullom, 1321 Glenview Circle, Bellefontaine, OH is requesting a variance to replace the existing deck on the rear of the home that would be 28 feet from the rear property line instead of the required 40 feet. This property is zoned R-1, One Family Residence District.
Tod Johnson, 1141 TR 216, Bellefontaine is requesting a rear yard variance for the 30' x 60' pole barn which has recently been

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built to raise livestock. This variance would allow the new barn to be 185' from the lot line as opposed to the 200' presently required. This property is zoned R-1, One Family Residence District.
The application forms, maps and other pertinent information are on file in the office of the City Engineer for public inspection Monday through Friday, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
Nov. 23, 2024

IN THE LOGAN COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO

WILLIAM ASMAN, TRUSTEE OF THE MARYSVILLE SUBDIVISION PROPERTY OWNERS, Plaintiff, vs. JOHN A. DOOLAS, EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT DOOLAS, ET AL., Defendants. Case No.: CV 24 07 0207

LEGAL NOTICE
Defendant, John A. Doolas, Executor of the Estate of Robert Doolas, whose residence is unknown, will take notice that on the day of July, 2024, Plaintiff William Asman, Trustee of the Marysville Subdivision Property Owners ("Plaintiff") filed his Complaint in the Common Pleas Court of Logan County, Ohio, 101 S. Main St., Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311, in Case Number CV 24 07 0207, known as William Asman, Trustee of the Marysville Subdivision Property Owners, Plaintiff, -vs- John A. Doolas, Executor of the Estate of Robert Doolas, Et AL., Defendants, demanding that certain piece of land more particularly described real estate be partitioned and that all Defendants, including the above named Defendants or anyone claiming by or through them, be forever barred from asserting any interest in the hereinafter described real estate, and for such other and further relief as may be just and proper. The last known address of the Defendant is as follows: 4585 W. Wenger Road, Clayton, Ohio 45315
Description of Real Estate:
Situated in the Township of Richland, in the County of Logan, in the State of Ohio, and bounded and described as follows: Being in VMS 9968: Beginning at a point on the west side of Hardin Road as the same is known and designated on the plat of Marysville Allotment in said Township, 50 feet north-easterly of the intersection of Hardin Road and Park Road; thence along the West side of the said Hardin Road north-easterly 50 feet; thence westerly 90 feet to a point on the east side of Ottie's land, which point is directly opposite of the northeast corner of the Lot No. 10 in Marysville Allotment; thence south-westerly along the East side of Ottie's land 50 feet to a point; thence south-westerly 90 feet to the place of beginning. It being the intention of this deed to convey Lot No. 19 in Marysville Allotment as it was originally laid out, but which has since been vacated. Containing 0.100 as per tax duplicate. The within deed is executed and delivered by the Grantor and accepted by Grantee, and the within conveyance is made subject to the conditions and restrictions set forth in the deed from Thomas E. O'Connor to Robert L. Harmout and Clara R. Harmout, recorded in Vol. 157 at page 331 of the Deed Records of Logan County, Ohio.
Parcel No.: 37-019-10-05-009
Prior Instrument:
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COMPLETE LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE LOGAN COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE (ORC 2703.141)
Said Defendants are required to answer 28 days from last date of publication which is December 23, 2024 or the demand of the Complaint will be granted. Respectfully submitted,
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Tigers hold on to beat Lakers in back-and-forth tussle to advance to state semifinals for first time

BY NATE SMITH
 EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

PIQUA — West Liberty-Salem trailed early, tied the game before halftime, and lost a second-half lead before a touchdown in the game's final minutes put the Tigers ahead for good in a 21-14 back-and-forth victory over Indian Lake Friday in a Division V, Region 20 final.

Nick Shifflet punched in the winning touchdown for WL-S from 1-yard out with 4:57 left in the fourth quarter to send the Tigers (13-1) to their first state semifinal appearance in school history.

"This was a hard fought game tonight and it really could have gone either way, and we just made enough plays at the end to win," Tigers head coach Dan McGill said. "I want to thank the boys. Every week we go out and pray for good safety and pray they play hard, and they did that. I'm very very thankful."

WL-S advances to play Ironton next week at a site to be determined.

Ironton defeated Wheelersburg 55-0 to advance to the final four.

Josh Wilcoxon rushed 19 times for 130 yards, and Shifflet had 25 carries for 86 yards including a pair of go-ahead rushing touchdowns in the second half to help the Tigers grind out the victory.

Indian Lake (12-2) carried play throughout the first quarter and led for all but two seconds in the first half.

"It was a great game, but obviously we're disappointed with the outcome," Lakers coach Jonn Rapp said. "I thought the guys played hard. We just made too many mistakes when we couldn't afford to make those mistakes and didn't capitalize when we had some chances to capitalize."

Madden Lillard connected with Quest Clay on a 13-yard touchdown pass at the 4:18 mark in the first quarter to give the Lakers a 7-0 lead following the extra point by Kolton Cummins.

The Lakers received the opening kickoff of the game and drove from their own 18-yard line down to around the 33-yard line of WL-S before giving up possession on a turnover on downs.

The Tigers fumbled on their first snap of the game and the Lakers recovery helped set up the opening touchdown. Indian Lake's scoring drive came on a short field set up after the Lakers defense recovered the fumble at the WL-S 33-yard line.

Lillard's touchdown pass to Clay came on a fourth-down one play after an offensive procedural penalty negated a passing touchdown the previous snap.

The teams alternated defensive stops in the latter stages of the first and into the second quarter. A stubborn, cold drizzle combined with a stiff, steady breeze to make passing the ball difficult, and both defenses dug in.

Indian Lake on successive offensive possessions in the first half could not convert third-and-two or less and was forced to punt.

WL-S successfully faked a punt with a direct-around run up the middle around the eight-minute mark of the second quarter to convert a fourth-and-short. That possession ultimately resulted in a turnover on downs at the Indian Lake



31-yard line with the Lakers still ahead 7-0 with around five minutes to go in the first half.

West Liberty-Salem's Nick Shifflet dives for the end zone in the third quarter of Friday's game against Indian Lake. (EXAMINER PHOTO | TONY BARRETT)

After a Lakers three-and-out, the Tigers' offense took over at their own 45-yard line with just over three minutes to play in the second quarter. WL-S faced a 3rd-and-15 on the Lakers 38-yard line with about a minute left in the first half. Wilcoxon took a well-designed handoff on a draw play, broke an initial set of tacklers and rushed 33 yards to give the Tigers a first-and-goal inside the Indian Lake five-yard line with seconds to play in the first half.

WL-S tied the game on a 4-yard pass from Shifflet to Carson Poppe on a throw to the middle of the end zone. Poppe lined up as an H-back/tight end, motioned across the formation and lined up tight off the left side of the line, ran upfield at the snap, got lost in the shuffle and was wide open in the end zone for the TD pass.

Gideon Cole kicked the PAT and WL-S tied the game at 7-7 with two seconds left in the second quarter.

"Just some missed tackles here and there. We focused all season on alignment and making sure we get lined up right, because if we get lined up right and we carry out our assignment with the proper technique we're gonna make it hard," Rapp said. "Two or three times we didn't get lined up right and didn't use the proper technique and missed the tackles."

The Tigers pulled ahead in the third quarter.

After a WL-S punt on the opening possession of the second half, Indian Lake took over at their own 20-yard line.

Jacob Evans got the ball right back for the WL-S offense. Evans high-pointed a contested pass in front of the Tigers sideline and came down with a leaping interception near midfield.

The Tigers offense paid off the turnover minutes later. Shifflet found the end zone on a 4-yard rushing touchdown that gave the Tigers their first lead of the game at 14-7 with 2:18 to go in the third quarter.

Another short field helped set up Indian Lake's second touchdown.

WL-S was set up to punt near its own 20-yard line the opening moments of



Josh Wilcoxon of West Liberty-Salem carries the ball during Friday's game against Indian Lake. Wilcoxon had 127 yards on the night. (EXAMINER PHOTO | TONY BARRETT)

the fourth quarter, when the punt went off the side of the foot and about eight yards outfield before going out of bounds at the Tigers 28-yard line.

Indian Lake wasted little time paying off the good field position. Lillard connected with Clay on a 27-yard reception to set up a goal-to-go opportunity for the Lakers. Clay hauled in the catch on a sprawling dive, getting his foot down and keeping possession in front of the near pylon.

Cosby punched in the tying touchdown on a 1-yard TD run with 9:49 left in the fourth quarter to tie the game at 14-14.

"We had several self-inflicted wounds that seemed to really bite us and whether it's early turnovers, maybe not the greatest of punts, different things like that, and yet we found a way to overcome," McGill said.

The score was not tied for long.

WL-S scored the game-winning touchdown on the ensuing possession, a 61-

yard drive capped off by Shifflet's second TD of the game. WL-S converted a 3rd-and-10 along the way to keep the drive going. Shifflet found Evans on an in-breaking route for 11 yards to help set up the game-clinching score.

"We knew not everything was going to go our way tonight," McGill said. "This is a championship game. The team that responds to adversity will win. And that ended up being true."

The Lakers drove down the field and threatened in their final position.

The final Indian Lake drive started with a sack that put the offense made the chains. A big scramble by Lillard set up the Lakers with a third-down and short play they converted to stay alive. A completion to Brodey Reisinger also helped along the possession.

The Lakers were able to overcome one sack at the start of the possession, a second sack proved too much. Indian Lake was left

with a 4th-and-17 around the WL-S 30-yard line. An incomplete pass gave the ball back to the Tigers with 58 seconds to go.

The Lakers still had all three timeouts, but were unable to keep WL-S from converting a first down as the Tigers ran out the clock.

The Lakers were a total of 4-13 as a team offensively on third and fourth downs during the game.

Lillard completed seven of 13 passes for 78 yards and a touchdown. He also rushed 12 times for 43 yards. Clay had four catches for 53 yards. Cosby rushed 13 times for 40 yards.

"I'm so thankful for the seniors and everything that they did, and the young guys, we got some really good motivators going into the off season and into next year," Rapp said.

For a WL-S team averaging 40-plus points per game in the playoffs, Friday's roadmap to victory was a little different. The Tigers allowed 188 total yards defensively in the game.

"Compliments to Indian Lake. That's a fantastic team. Coach Rapp does an amazing job. He and his whole staff," McGill said. "I'm proud of my guys. I'm proud of the community. I'm very very thankful to the Lord."



INDIAN LAKE 14				
WEST LIBERTY-SALEM 21				
LAKERS	7	0	0	7
TIGERS	0	7	7	7

TEAM STATS	INDIAN LAKE	WL-S
First Downs	10	18
Total Net Yards	187	265
Rushes/Yards	30-111	47-244
Passing Yards	76	21
Comp.-Att.-Int.	6-12-1	8-13-0
Punts/avg.	3/26.7	2/23
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties/Yards	4-20	2-20

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Stahler to play volleyball for OSU

BY MIKE FRANK
 EXAMINER SPORTS WRITER

Senior Mia Stahler of Benjamin Logan officially signed a letter of intent to continue her volleyball career at Ohio State University earlier this week.

Stahler is a libero and defensive specialist for the Lady Raiders. Ben Logan finished this season at 16-8 and 9-1 in the Central Buckeye Conference.

In the postseason, they defeated Greenon in three sets, then lost to Archbishop McNicholas in the district final in three sets.

For her four-year career, Stahler had 121 kills, with 109 of them in her junior year. She also had 1,758 digs and averaged 2.40 points on serve/receive.

She also had 457 aces, with 261 in her junior year and 73 this season.

"I chose Ohio State because ever since I can remember it has been my dream to play there," Stahler said. "The atmosphere, culture, team, coaching staff, and campus were exactly what I was looking for and it could not have been a better fit for me. I also chose OSU because it meant that I have the opportunity to represent my state while also being close to my family and friends. Plus, OSU has everything that I was looking for in a college academically."

Stahler was named to the first team for the Central Buckeye Conference, and was the



Mia Stahler, a senior at Benjamin Logan, recently signed a letter of intent to play volleyball for Ohio State. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Mad River Division player of the year. She was also selected for the first team in District 9, and was on the third team for all-Ohio.

One of the assistant coaches for Ohio State is Nicole Fawcett. Fawcett is a Ben Logan graduate, who attended and played for Penn State from 2005 to 2008. She has been with the OSU staff since 2020, and full time since January of 2022.

"(Mia) is a phenomenal libero," said Ben Logan coach Jackie Cline. "She has all the tools to succeed at the Big Ten level. She is going to thrive in the Ohio

State traditions. I am excited to see her perform at that level."

Stahler said that her favorite memory from playing at Ben Logan was the game against Jonathan Alder in her freshman year.

"The Jonathan Alder game was such an amazing experience because we got the whole school to come and the gym was packed. Jonathan Alder has always had a good program and the years prior (during middle school) we had always fallen short in the championship games, so this year I was really looking forward to playing them. The gym

has an electrifying energy and we ended up going into five sets with them. We were down I believe maybe 11-14 and Lily Blackburn served us back into the game until the score was 14-14. Then next thing I knew I was back at the line as the score was 16-15 and ended up serving a game winning ace! The student section rushed the court and cheered with us as we beat Jonathan Alder for the first time ever."

Stahler plans to major in biology or health science and to have a career as a pediatrician or pediatric physician assistant.

Lady Chiefs bowlers open with victories

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

ROUNDUP

The Bellefontaine girls bowling team opened the 2024-25 season with a pair of wins.

On Wednesday, they defeated North Union in action at T-P Lanes.

The Lady Chiefs set a school record with 2,759 pins. North Union had a total of 2,152.

Leaders for Bellefontaine were Gracie Hood 448 (217-231), Chloe Heminger 438 (202-236), Nevaeh LaFollette 433 (198-235), and Haylee Yelton 389 (188-201).

The Baker game totals were 190-204-191-188 for a total of 773. Regular game totals were 960 and 1,026. The total broke the record by 57 pins.

In the JV match, Bellefontaine won 1,695 to 1,407. Individual scores were Isabelle Gunnett 297 (147-148), Kinzie Bernard 289 (159-130), Rhiana Bear 131 game and Addison Prosser 129 game.

On Friday, Bellefontaine defeated Tecumseh 2,492 to 2,337 at T-P Lanes.

LaFollette had the high series of 405 (196-209) for Bellefontaine. Hood had a 399 total (184-215), followed by Haylee Yelton at 358 (175-183). Chloe Heminger had a game of 181 and Rylee Anderson had a game of 171.

Tecumseh won the JV match 1,853 to 1,792. Scores included Isabelle Gunnett 327 (165-163), Addison Prosser 271 (135-136), and Kyrach Moon had a 169 game.

Bellefontaine will host Graham at T-P Lanes on Tuesday.

In other action, the Benjamin Logan boys bowling team opened the season

with a loss to Jonathan Alder on Wednesday at T-P Lanes. Alder had 2,820 total pins to Ben Logan's 2,771.

For the Raiders, Jarrett Buckenroth had a 466 series (245-221), Nate Davis had 427 (214-213), Landon Stodt had 391 (209-182), Dylan Stewart 385 (171-214) and Caleb Knight 346 (190-156).

The teams split in the Baker games.

In the junior varsity match, Benjamin Logan won with 2,181 pins to Alder's 1,985.

Scores for Ben Logan were Colton Klopfenstein with a 348 series (170-178), followed by Conner Chambers 344 (146-198), Asher Wade 325 (177-148), Pierce Jenkins 311 (166-145), and Jace Lyons 291 (156-135).

Alder won three of the four Baker games.

Ben Logan next faces Shawnee at Victory Lanes in Springfield at 4 p.m. on Monday.

The Benjamin Logan girls defeated Jonathan Alder girls 2,268 to 2,249.

For the Lady Raiders, Aubrey Zedlitz had a 399 series (218-181). Kaelyn Corwin had a 355 (193-162) and Maddy Hamm had a game of 171.

Ben Logan also won the JV match, 1,636 to 1,312. Scores included Jacey Koehler 304 (171-133), Gi Saunders 284 (137-147), and a 152 game for Kaydon Wilber.

The girls will have a rematch with Alder on Tuesday at Plain City Lanes. Action begins at 4 p.m.

Royals acquire second baseman Jonathan India from Reds

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Kansas City Royals acquired second baseman Jonathan India from the Cincinnati Reds on Friday, adding a dependable leadoff hitter and middle infielder to play alongside star shortstop Bobby Witt Jr.

As part of the deal, the Royals also acquired outfielder Joey Wiemer while sending right-hander Brady Singer to Cincinnati.

The 27-year-old India was the NL Rookie of the Year in 2021 and batted .248 with 15 homers and 58 RBIs

in 2024. He played in a career-best 151 games and drew 80 walks, tied for fifth most in the majors. He has batted leadoff in 341 of his 523 career games.

Under contract for \$5.45 million next season, India is eligible for free agency in 2027.

India was drafted fifth overall by Cincinnati in 2018, 13 spots ahead of Singer. They were college teammates at Florida.

The 28-year-old Singer has been a regular in the Royals' starting rotation since his debut in the pan-

demic-shortened 2020 season. He went 9-13 with a 3.71 ERA in a career-best 179 2/3 innings in 2024, helping the Royals earn an AL wild-card playoff berth.

Singer is 36-44 with a 4.28 ERA in 127 appearances, including 124 starts. He's eligible for arbitration in 2025 and free agency in 2027.

Wiemer was acquired by Cincinnati along with pitcher Jakob Junis in the July trade that sent pitcher Frankie Montas to Milwaukee. The 25-year-old outfielder played in two

games for the Reds and ended the season with Triple-A Louisville.

Ohio State to keep all sports, add 91 scholarships in new college landscape

BY EDDIE PELLIS
 AP NATIONAL WRITER

Ohio State's athletic director says the school will add 91 scholarships for the next school year as college sports programs start adjusting to a changing landscape that includes paying players and new roster limits across all sports.

In a letter this week to the Ohio State community,

Ross Bjork, who oversees one of the nation's biggest athletic departments, said the Buckeyes would share with players the full \$20.5 million allowed as part of an agreement negotiated in the lawsuit settlement forcing major changes to the college sports model.

He said the school would keep all 36 of its sports programs.

"We firmly believe this

new investment will allow our programs to continue to compete for and win championships and keep excellence at the forefront of our mission," Bjork wrote.

As part of the House settlement, current scholarship limits are being replaced by roster sizes, and schools will be able to offer scholarships to all players on their rosters.

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Carson Poppe catches a touchdown pass in the second quarter of West Liberty-Salem's playoff win against Indian Lake. (EXAMINER PHOTO | TONY BARRETT)



Indian Lake's Quest Clay reacts as he crosses the goal line to score for the Lakers in Friday's regional final against West Liberty-Salem. (EXAMINER PHOTO | TONY BARRETT)



Indian Lake's Brodey Reisinger (21), Madden Lillard (3) and Quest Clay (4) look to make a tackle during Friday's game. (EXAMINER PHOTO | TONY BARRETT)



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NOTE:

- No photocopies accepted. Each board must be completed with all 12 pieces to qualify for prizes. Winners will be selected in a random drawing. Enter as many times as you like.

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