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## Holland Theatre swings into the holidays



The cast of *A Swingin' Christmas: The Holiday Music of Tony Bennett* rehearse at the Holland Theatre in preparation for two performances this weekend—7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7, and Sunday afternoon, Dec. 8, at 2. Pictured, from left, are vocalists Ian Fullerton, Michael Mallory, Amanda Stephens and Charity Zimmerman. (EXAMINER PHOTO | SHARYN KOPF)

BY SHARYN KOPF  
EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

**Tony Bennett. Broadway. Christmas. It all goes together so nicely.**

This weekend's Windmill Production of *A Swingin' Christmas: The Holiday Music of Tony Bennett* at the Holland Theatre offers something for everyone. With local talent that sparkles like a star on the top of the tree, it's the kind of performance we've come to anticipate from the Holland.

You have two opportunities to catch *A Swingin' Christmas*—Saturday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 8, at 2.

Come enjoy this classy theatrical experience featuring Bennett standards like "Fly Me to the Moon" and "It Don't Mean a



**Tony Bennett tribute on the bill for this weekend**

"Thing" interspersed with plenty of Christmas classics. The four singers hit tight harmonies with holiday favorites from "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" to "Silent Night."

These talented local vocalists are familiar faces to many of us. In fact, three of them—Charity Zimmerman, Ian Fullerton and Michael Mallory—all held starring roles in this past summer's production of *My Fair Lady*.

Filling out the quartet is Amanda Stephens, who played Blanche in *Bonnie & Clyde*, Holland's 2023 musical.

Joining the singers onstage are three musicians—Dean Alstaetter, piano; Jesus R. Delgado, percussion; and Jeremy Laukhuf, bass. David Buchenroth took on the role of musical director with Suzanne Dennis serving as director and choreographer.

"Anyone who's a Tony Bennett fan will love this show," Buchenroth said, "and those who don't know his music will recognize the holiday classics. Jazz enthusiasts will enjoy it too."

"The charm of this show is the fabulous music, from Christmas to Frank Sinatra to the songs of Tony Bennett," Dennis added.

It's a Broadway-inspired production you won't want to miss. Tickets may be purchased at the-holland.org, or at the box office, 127 E. Columbus Avenue. For box office hours, visit the website or call (937) 592-9002.



Bellefontaine Police Department K9 "Pyro" appears with the cash and drugs he alerted fellow officers to during a Wednesday night traffic stop that led to the arrest of two suspects. (BPD PHOTO)

## 2 arrested in drug trafficking investigation

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Two people were arrested Wednesday, Dec. 4, on numerous charges following a joint drug investigation between officers of the Bellefontaine Police Department and the Adult Parole Authority.

Officers from the BPD criminal patrol and K9 units conducted a traffic stop around 9:30 p.m. in the 700 block of north Main Street.

The vehicle's occupants, Andrew Hughes, 40, of Bellefontaine, and Brittnay Hartline, 35, of Russells Point, reportedly were wanted for parole violations.

During the stop, Hughes attempted to flee on foot, but was apprehended after a short chase. A search of the vehicle, prompted by K9 Pyro's alert, revealed large quantities of illegal narcotics, including methamphetamine, cocaine and LSD, as well as drug paraphernalia.

A subsequent parolee search of Hughes' residence uncovered additional drugs, including psilocybin mushrooms.

Hughes was charged the parole violation, as well as trafficking in and possession of methamphetamine; trafficking in and possession of cocaine; tampering with evidence; trafficking in and possession of Schedule I drugs; obstructing official business; resisting arrest; and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Hartline was charged with the parole violation, as well as trafficking in and possession of methamphetamine; trafficking in and possession of cocaine; tampering with evidence; and trafficking in and possession of Schedule I drugs.

Both suspects were booked in the Logan County Jail, and additional charges are pending.



HARTLINE



HUGHES

## Mad River Valley Dulcimers, library harmonize for a winning combination

BY NIKKI BURKHAMER  
EXAMINER CONTRIBUTOR

Music was recently heard among the stacks at the Knowlton Library, 220 N. Main St., Bellefontaine, when a local dulcimer enthusiast, teacher, and strummer was caught playing a beautiful instrument that has strong ties to the Appalachian people.

Leanna George, a talented musician, has the wherewithal to play and teach many instruments, but she has a special love for the dulcimer, instruments with string and the piano.

She has taught those of many ages over the years, but she is dedicated to passing the playing of the dulcimer and other folk instruments to the younger generations. So, with open-hearted resolve, Leanna, along with the Mad River Valley Dulcimer Society, have donated many music books to the Logan County Libraries.

"Folk music is such a big part of our American history of music," Leanna proudly stated. "We need to get kids interested in music, and then we can encourage them to come to our music programs that will be offered at the Knowlton Library."

Holly Hollman, the newly posted children's librarian at the Knowlton Library, is thrilled to



From the left, Holly Hollman, Logan County Library's children's librarian; seated, Rebekah Heizer; Leanna George of the Mad River Valley Dulcimer Society, and Beverly Arlequeeuw, Logan County Libraries director, display books donated by the dulcimer society, which also performed this week at the library. The dulcimer society hosts a kids' introduction to folk music March 20 at the library as well. (EXAMINER PHOTO | NIKKI BURKHAMER)

have the beautiful musical books in her collection. The Mad River Dulcimer Society chose the books and Carol Burton, the adult services coordinator at LCL, purchased them with their donated funds.

"I can see the value in children being able to connect with whatever their passion is. In this case, these music books could spark a love between music and

reading," Hollman said with a pleased smile.

One student who has a love for music is Rebekah Heizer, a daughter of Jonathan and Melissa Heizer. She started playing the piano as a kindergartner, and then she went to the dulcimer. She enjoys the donated books and thinks that other young peo-

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## BUILDING UP EXCITEMENT



Despite chilly temperatures and wind chills in the teens, a large crowd turned out Friday night to enjoy the 2024 Bellefontaine Hometown Christmas parade. Ohio Hi-Point Career Construction Trades Academy students parade through the downtown area on their float, which featured a framed structure with colorful Christmas lights, building up anticipation for a fun-filled holiday season. (EXAMINER PHOTO | MANDY LOEHR)



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**ABE MARTIN**



"Mrs. Lufe Bud shot and seriously injured her husband yesterday fer usin' an embroidered guest towel."

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

**Icy roads contribute to crash**

Evan Borgerding, 18, of Urbana, was cited for failure to maintain assured clear distance ahead following a rear-end collision that occurred Thursday, Dec. 5, in the area of County Road 10 and Township Road 179 in Jefferson Township. Borgerding reportedly was northbound on T.R. 179 around 10 a.m. in a 2007 Honda Accord approaching the

four-way stop at C.R. 10, deputies of the Logan County Sheriff's Office report. Due to icy road conditions, Borgerding reportedly was unable to stop on the ice and crashed into the rear of a black 2011 Chrysler car operated by Brooklynn Dingedine, 18, of Urbana. Functional damage was reported to both vehicles, but they were not towed from the scene. No injuries were reported.

## Hill, Hoberty show resilience in ARC Program

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Judge Kevin P. Braig and Logan County Court of Common Pleas Adult Recovery Court (ARC) Team celebrated the graduation of Greg Hill and Julie Hoberty from the Logan County Adult Recovery Court during a ceremony Nov. 18.

"Julie and Greg were a delight in the program," Judge Braig said. "Not only did they complete all the requirements successfully, but they reached out and helped their fellow participants and set an example for anyone who is on the path to recovery. They are intelligent, determined and strong people. They have faced adversity without flinching. I am very proud of them."

Hoberty lives in the Indian Lake area. The tornado in March of 2024 presented an unexpected challenge to her and her family. But she stayed on the recovery path through that trying time. She enjoys spending her free time with her dogs, Kevin and Kyle.

During his time in ARC, Hill started his own business and worked diligently satisfy his obligation to make restitution for his offenses.

"What stood out about Julie and Greg was their willingness to take personal responsibility for the consequences of their past actions," Judge Braig said. "The treatment team worked hard with them to



From the left, Greg Hill, Judge Kevin P. Braig and Julie Hoberty are pictured during the Logan County Adult Recovery Court graduation ceremony Nov. 18. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

develop plans to address and satisfy their obligations. They did so without making excuses or resisting. Recovery is hard. Cleaning up after yourself is hard. They excelled in both areas. I think they both have bright futures."

The ARC treatment team works within the framework of the traditional Logan County Common Pleas Court. The ARC's mission is to achieve specific, rehabilitative objectives.

The objectives of the ARC are to monitor treatment for substance abuse disorder of ARC participants, encourage and incentivize ARC participants to achieve rehabilitation and personal accountability, and decrease criminal activity and the need for incarceration. The ARC provides its participants with the sup-

port of Judge Braig, Treatment Coordinator and Program Manager Annette Deao, Compliance Officers Jim Pleasant, Mandy Wilber, and Gary Ledford, Logan County Jail liaisons Doug Boggs and Amber Pickford, and treatment providers from TCN Behavioral Health Services, Community Health Wellness, the Justice Reinvestment Grant, Logan County Assistant Prosecutor Erin Rosen, local attorneys Natalie Bahan and Greg Harvey, and others.

The members of the ARC Team share the goals of: empowering ARC participants through treatment, accountability, and responsibility; assisting ARC participants in achieving recovery from substance abuse disorder; and helping ARC participants lead useful and productive lives.

## Officials release bodycam video of police shooting that killed 15-year-old Ohio boy

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — The mayor and police chief in an Ohio city where a 15-year-old boy was fatally shot by police on Thanksgiving night said bodycam video of the shooting raises questions that must be addressed. The boy's family said Friday that they want answers, too.

Police have said that Jazmir Tucker was carrying a loaded weapon when he was shot. They said two patrol officers heard nearby gunshots just after 11 p.m. on Nov. 28 and got out of their parked cruiser to investigate. They encountered Tucker and

ran after him. One of the officers then fired from his long gun, striking the teen, who was given first aid and then taken to a hospital where he was pronounced dead. No officers were injured.

The video released by police on Thursday lacks some of the details that often factor into police shooting investigations. The shooting officer's arms and long gun block his camera's view, obscuring whatever Tucker was doing in the moments before the shooting. Another officer's camera, however, recorded police unzipping the

jacket pocket of the mortally wounded teenager and pulling out a handgun.



## Former school administrator jailed for sex crime

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF



Former Spencerville City Schools Superintendent Dennis Fuge, 66, was sentenced Monday, Dec. 2, in Bellefontaine Municipal Court on one count of sexual imposition.

Fuge will spend 45 days in the Logan County Jail, and was sentenced to a \$400 fine, and two years of probation. As part of his probation, Fuge must follow several conditions, including no contact with the victim and no unsupervised contact with minors outside his family.

He has also been classified as a Tier I sex offender, requiring him to register his address annually with the state for the next 15 years.

The sentencing follows a plea agreement reached last month. Fuge had been indicted on two counts of gross sexual imposition and two counts of attempted sexual battery, all fourth-degree felonies. The charges stemmed from an incident in March involving a Spencerville student at his RV near Indian Lake.

Fuge retired as Spencerville's superintendent in 2019 and is listed as a substitute teacher. His conviction bars him from unsupervised interactions with minors.

## LOCAL NOTES

### Logan County PERI meets Tuesday, Dec. 10

Logan County Public Employee Retirement meets Tuesday, Dec. 10, at the American Legion.

Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. and the meeting begins at noon.

The guest speaker is Sue Clem from the Logan County Friendly Senior Center.

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**HOLIDAY TUNES**



The Benjamin Logan High School Jazz Band delivered a festive performance this week as part of the Rhodes Tower Lunchtime Holiday Concert Series, hosted by the Ohio Department of Administrative Services. Performing in the lively lobby of Rhodes Tower, the students entertained an audience of visitors, employees, and those passing through for lunch or appointments. This performance offered a wonderful opportunity for the talented students to showcase the jazz program and emphasize the importance of music education in Ohio schools. "The students thoroughly enjoyed the chance to perform in such a unique setting," said Myles Bowers, the band's director. "It's a great way to share their passion for music while highlighting the incredible benefits of music education." (BENJAMIN LOGAN PHOTO)

**AROUND THE WORLD LUNCH BUDDIES**



The Riverside High School Interact Club helped kindergartners discover unique Christmas customs from different continents on Friday, Dec. 6, during "Christmas Around the World." This is a long-standing tradition each year at Riverside. Kindergarten students and Interact students all look forward to this fun day exploring how different cultures celebrate the holiday season. This year, they learned about Costa Rica, Brazil, Ukraine, Italy, Australia, Iceland, Germany, Greenland and Mexico. Not only did the high school students teach kindergartner about people from other countries, but they also participated in recess and lunch with them. Members of the Riverside Interact Club are Maddy Bower, Adalynn Calaway, Miah Carman, Molly Carman, Riley Dillon, Taylor Dillon, Randi Doyle, Lei Hurley, Kara Klingler, Gillian Knight, Whitney Leatherman, Kailyn Lemly, Keira Manahan, Evie McGill, Julia Meade, Avery Perk, Aairikanna Robinson, Emilee Robinson, Morgan Shockey, Abigail Strayer and Emma Strayer. Their adviser is Debbie Hughes Gonterman. (RIVERSIDE SCHOOLS PHOTO)

**OBITUARIES**

**Shirley A. Clark**

Shirley A. Clark, 80, of Russells Point, OH, passed away peacefully in the loving care of her daughters.

Shirley was born on April 4, 1944, to Kenneth and Myrtle Palmer. She was the youngest of seven children.

Shirley is survived by her children, Mike (Cindy) Clark, Lori (Jeff) Herring, Kim (John) Wells, and Scott (Josette) Clark, six grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren.

Shirley retired from Honda Transmission Manufacturing after ten years. She enjoyed gardening, and her home life. A special thank you to the staff of Universal Home Health and Hospice Care for all of their loving care and support.

A Celebration of her life will be conducted at a later date.

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

**Jeffrey Mills**

Jeffrey Mills, 72 of De Graff passed away Friday, November 29, 2024 at the OSU Wexner Medical Center in Columbus surrounded by his close family.

Jeff was born December 12, 1951, in Akron, OH to the late Walter Henry and Vivian Jean (Byers) Mills. On November 25, 2016, in Galion, OH he married Gregory M. Seyer, who survives.

Jeff was a computer programmer and operated a very successful business. He worked on the west coast for years programming the telephone lines. Jeff was a very educated man who loved to read. He had a lovely voice and liked to sing karaoke with family and friends. Jeff enjoyed traveling across the US in his RV, entertaining his friends and family, crocheting and making things for people. His favorite place to visit in the US while traveling was Devils Tower. He also enjoyed Broadway shows, listening to music and sitting on the back patio looking at the variety of birds that he liked to feed and take pictures of.

He was a dedicated and a top member in the light -o-Roma group for Christmas lights and he loved putting on a great display for the community. Jeff fell in love with body art (tattoo) at the age of 70 and had many art pieces completed over the years. He was an avid gardener and loved his beautiful gardens so much. Jeff was very big into ancestry and was an advocate for the ancestry community. Jeff loved watching cheesy sci-fi shows and American Idol. His favorite show was Oak Island, and his favorite movie was Twister.

Jeff was a very supportive, giving, loving husband who was a very social, lovable, big-hearted man; he loved others and was full of life. He will be missed by all who had the privilege to get to know him.

"We had a wonderful 18 years together and I love you. I miss you every day and your puppy Bailey misses you too." - Greg.

Jeff is survived by his loving husband of 8 years and loving companion of 18 years, Gregory Seyer; sister, Dana (Mike) Easterling, adopted sister, Stacy Mills; mother-in-law, Deb (Doyle) Gross; brothers-in-law, Jim Seyer, Nathan Baxter, Terry Gross II; many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Jeff is preceded in death by his parents. A Celebration of life will take place Thursday, December 12, at 6 p.m. at Jennings Farley & Seeley Funeral Home & Crematory. Visitation will take place from 3 p.m. until the time of the service.

Online Condolences may be expressed at [www.jenningsfarley.com](http://www.jenningsfarley.com).

**Karen Eileen (Baker) Primavera**

Karen Eileen (Baker) Primavera passed away Friday, Nov. 29, 2024, in Hamilton, Ohio.

Karen was born in Bellefontaine, Ohio, on Dec. 22, 1952, to the late Donald Eugene and Phyllis Eileen (Jenkins) Baker.

She also was preceded in death by her beloved cousins, Debbie Benedict and Michael Weller and many, many other beloved family members.

Karen graduated from Bellefontaine High School, where she was elected homecoming queen of her senior class. We felt she received that honor not because of her beauty, but because she was always kind to everyone!

After school, she entered the work force until she married her loving husband, Tom Primavera of Columbus, Ohio, on Dec. 29, 1984.

They resided briefly in Cincinnati, Ohio, and then moved to Hamilton, Ohio, where Tom started his jewelry business, "T & K Casting."

Karen worked outside the home initially, but later on worked with Tom as his helper-assistant in his jewelry business.

Karen's greatest regret about not overcoming this cancer was having to leave Tom. He, in turn, has been devastated to lose Karen. Theirs was a happy and loving union.

Karen is survived by her loving husband Tom Primavera of Hamilton. Also surviving are sisters Anne (Baker) Heinlen and Mary Jane Baker of Bellefontaine; and many, many wonderful cousins on both sides of our family trees, especially cousins John and Suzan Weller and family of Bellefontaine. She will truly be missed by all.

Karen's remains will be interred at a later date at Huntsville Cemetery, Huntsville, Ohio, near our mother and dad's final resting place. There are no plans at this time for a service.

Arrangements are handled by Eichholtz Daring & Sanford Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Bellefontaine. Contributions in Karen's memory may be made to the Logan County Cancer Society.

**Richard "Rick" Keith Reames**

Richard "Rick" Keith Reames, aged 70, of Columbus, Ohio, passed away peacefully on November 30, 2024, after a courageous battle with glioblastoma.

Born on September 26, 1954, Rick was a man of unwavering kindness, a deep love for learning, and a heart devoted to his family and community.

Rick graduated from Ben Logan High School in 1973 before answering the call to serve his country. From 1974 to 1978, he proudly served in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany, where he drove tanks and forged bonds of camaraderie that lasted a lifetime.

After his military service, Rick attended the Auto Desile Mechanic's College. After several jobs, Rick ultimately pursued a career in nursing, embodying his passion for helping others and leaving a lasting impact on countless lives.

Rick was the beloved son of Carl and Coral Reames, who preceded him in death. He was cherished by his uncles, Roger and Phil Bullock, and was a beloved brother to Harland, Charlie, Mike, Chris, and Doug Reames.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Melinda Reames, and their children: Keenan; Ethan and his wife Chelsea; Valerie and her husband Glen; and Caitlyn and her wife Onna. Rick was the proud grandfather of Mariah, Deja, Josh, Andrew, Vision, George, Zion, Lavon, Reign, Freedom, and Rowen, who will forever carry his memory in their hearts.

Rick was a man of many passions. Known for his ever-present Hawaiian shirts, he brought joy and warmth wherever he went. He was an avid reader, a history enthusiast, and a dedicated movie buff who loved exploring new places through his travels. Above all, Rick will be remembered for his selfless spirit, his love of learning, and the unconditional love he gave to his family and friends.

Rick's life was a testament to service, kindness, and the pursuit of knowledge. Though his journey ended too soon, the legacy he leaves behind is one of love, generosity, and an enduring zest for life.

A celebration of Rick's life will be December 22 at Bella Vino in Bellefontaine from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with a family meal afterwards. In honor of Rick feel free to wear a Hawaiian shirt and/or a kilt to the celebration.

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# Is this the end of Christmas cards?

## 5 creative ways to spread holiday cheer without the mailbox

(AP) — Are Christmas cards fading away? With social media and texting at our fingertips, many wonder if the tradition of sending handwritten holiday greetings is on its way out. However, many families still cherish the joy of sending and receiving Christmas cards, keeping this heartwarming tradition alive.

Before you ditch the card aisle this year, consider the charm, nostalgia and personal touch that only a real Christmas card can deliver. So, is this the end of

Christmas cards - or could this tradition be due for a holiday comeback?

How Christmas cards became a holiday tradition According to the Postal Museum, the tradition of mailing Christmas cards dates back to mid-19th-century England when the first commercial Christmas card was created by Sir Henry Cole, a civil servant involved in modernizing the British postal system. Sir Cole's creation quickly resulted in a growing greeting card industry in England and the spread of Christmas cards to America by the 1870s.

In America, holiday greetings have changed with the times. As printing technology improved, cards became more affordable, and the imagery and sentiments changed. National Army Museum mentions that families and soldiers mailed cards with patriotic themes during World Wars I and II. A Morning Call article states that in the late 1960s, cards featured psychedelic art and non-traditional colors to reflect popular culture.

Today, Christmas cards are a global tradition. However, digital options and social media have introduced

new ways for people to send holiday greetings, leading to a decline in the number of cards sent each year.

### The decline of Christmas cards

In the early 2000s, TIME reported that Americans sent around 2.9 billion Christmas cards each year. But when social media platforms like Facebook were made available starting in 2004, holiday cards began declining, with the United States Postal Service reporting 1.1 billion Christmas cards now sent annually.

Several reasons are behind this decline, ranging from social media availability and texting to environmental concerns and the rising cost of postage stamps. The increased commitments and risks of a holiday meltdown also factor in.

Casey Rooney, a mother of three and the owner of Get On My Plate struggled with the decision, sharing, "Last year, several things came up around the holidays and I just could not get Christmas cards out. When I decided a card wouldn't go out, it was a huge weight lifted."

Despite their decline in popularity over the last two decades, Christmas cards

don't need a eulogy just yet. According to the New York Post, more than half of American families still mail holiday greetings due to tradition and nostalgia, with most Americans preferring physical, customized cards regardless of their age.

Ashley Wali, luxury family travel writer at Wanderlux, mails about 50 customized cards each holiday season for reasons beyond tradition, explaining, "I've found myself sharing less online in recent years, which makes holiday cards that much more important. They allow me to share big updates from the year and stay in touch with long-distance friends and family."

For Wali, mailing holiday cards is more than just supporting lasting connections. She explains, "Holiday cards are a chance for me to step back and reflect on the year. I write them as much for my friends and family as I do for myself."

Creative ways to spread holiday cheer beyond a card

Love connecting with family and friends during the holidays but don't have the time or energy to send out traditional Christmas cards? You're not alone. Many people find it difficult to keep up with the

tradition of mailing cards.

Fortunately, there are plenty of thoughtful, creative ways to share holiday cheer without stuffing envelopes or buying stamps. Whether through a quick email, festive social media post or small, in-person gestures, there's a modern way for everyone to spread joy this season.

### Share a holiday greeting on social media

The original intent of mailing holiday greetings was to nurture connections from afar. With the advent of social media, keeping social connections is easier than ever. Posting holiday greetings on social media can be a fun, creative and eco-friendly alternative to mailing traditional cards.

Start by designing a festive image or using a family photo with holiday-themed graphics or frames in design apps like Canva or Adobe Express. For a distinctive touch, include a heartfelt caption or a year-in-review update to share highlights from the past year.

### Deliver homemade treats locally

Delivering homemade treats or festive holiday foods to nearby friends and family offers a thoughtful alternative

to traditional Christmas cards. Instead of mailing a greeting, one can prepare a batch of cookies or spiced nuts packaged in decorative tins or holiday-themed wrapping.

Purchased treats, like holiday chocolates, artisanal jams or charcuterie boxes also make excellent options for those who prefer not to cook. Adding a small note with a warm holiday message makes the gift.

### Donate in honor of loved ones

Minted explains that with the average family ordering 50 to 100 holiday cards each year, opting out can lead to substantial savings. Families might consider donating the amount saved to a charitable organization of their choice in honor of family and friends.

Send greetings via email Sending an email or e-newsletter instead of a traditional Christmas card offers a quick, eco-friendly and cost-effective way to spread holiday cheer. The email can include personalized messages, festive images or holiday videos. For families that prefer a newsletter-style greeting, an e-newsletter allows extensive sharing of family news.



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Tavien St. Clair of Bellefontaine scores a touchdown during the playoff game against Chaminade-Julienne. St. Clair was the runner-up for the Ohio Mr. Football award. (EXAMINER PHOTO TONY BARRETT)

## Chiefs' St. Clair runnerup for Mr. Football award

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Quarterback Matt Ponatoski of Archbishop Moeller has been named the Ohio Mr. Football Award winner for 2024. Ponatoski is the second straight winner from Moeller, following running back Jordan Marshall in 2023. Tavien St. Clair of Bellefontaine was the runner-up for the award. St. Clair officially committed to play for Ohio

State on Wednesday.

The award is the result of voting by members of the Ohio Prep Sports Media Association.

Ponatoski finished with 70 points, while St. Clair had 60 and quarterback Bodpegn Miller of Ontario was third with 57.

The Mr. Football Award has been presented since 1987. The All-Ohio teams will be announced next week.

## Raiders fall to Northwestern

SPRINGFIELD — Ben Logan lost to Northwestern 56-46 Friday night in Central Buckeye Conference boys basketball action.

It was the first league game of the season for the Raiders. They are now 0-4 overall.

Camden Spriggs had 15 points and Peyton Vermillion finished with 10 for Ben Logan.

After an even first quarter, Northwestern led by one, 14-13. The hosts dominated in the second, outscoring Ben Logan by nine for a 29-19 lead.

The Raiders got 16 in the third to close the gap to four points at 39-35. But the Warriors had the edge by six in the final period to secure the win.

In junior varsity play, Ben Logan won 43-9, while the freshmen team won 52-12.

Ben Logan hosts Northeastern this evening. JV play begins at 6.

### Spartans fall to Jets

The Calvary Christian boys lost to Franklin Monroe 54-32 Friday.

### •NORTHWESTERN 56, BL 46

RAIDERS	13	6	16	11	-	46
WARRIORS	14	15	10	17	-	56

### •BEN LOGAN (0-4)

•Collin Powell 4 0-0 8; Ethan Miller 2 1-2 5; Clayden Brown 1 2-6 5; Clayton Jenkins 0 0-0 0; Maddox Vermillion 1 0-0 3; Roman Maxwell 0 0-0 0; Camden Spriggs 7 1-2 15; Peyton Vermillion 5 0-1 10.

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### •NORTHWESTERN (1-1)

•McDermott 4 10-15 18; Smith 4 3-5 13; Ernst 0 0-0 0; B. Spencer 1 0-0 2; Fultz 1 0-0 2; Bishop 3 3-6 10; Bechtel 2 0-2 5; Thomas 0 2-2 2; Hornberger 0 0-0 0; Taylor 1 0-6 2; Estep 1 0-0 2.

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### GIRLS BASKETBALL

### Riverside loses league opener

Riverside lost to Northridge 72-53 in Three Rivers Conference play on Thursday.

Philip Davie led the Spartans with 17 points. Evan Schmidt had eight points, Christian Rogan three, and Zeeke Wylie and Daniel Young added two apiece.

Davie, Wylie and Schmidt each had four rebounds. Rogan had three steals and Young had two.

The Spartans are 0-3 on the year. They will travel to Ridgmont on Tuesday.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

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Northridge led 23-9 after one, and 33-23 at the half.

For Riverside, Miah Carman had 19 points, Avery Perk scored 17 and Aubree Huston scored 13.

Northridge won the JV game 29-12. Chloe Purtee and Molly Carman had three points apiece.

Riverside (0-1 TRC, 2-2) will host Troy Christian today at noon.

### Lady Tigers down Miami East

West Liberty-Salem defeated Miami East 41-23 in nonconference play on Thursday at home.

WL-S took a seven point lead, 17-10, after one period. They scored 10 in the second and held the visitors to two points. The third period saw just five points for Miami East and two for the Lady Tigers. WL-S secured it with 12 points in the fourth, with six for the Lady Vikings.

Ava Astorino led West Liberty-Salem with 17 points and Addi Wallen had 12.

WL-S won the JV game 36-31, with Lucy Cole scoring 15 points.

West Liberty-Salem (1-0 OHC, 3-1) will host Greenon on Monday night.

### Lady Chieftains get road win

Bellefontaine defeated Northwestern 64-47 in Central Buckeye Conference play Wednesday. They are now 2-1 on the season.

Tiffany Boop had 28 points on the night, with Rylie Reames getting 11 and Gabbe Hoon adding 10, all of which were career highs. Quinlan Zedeker had nine points and nine assists.

Top rebounders were Boop with seven, Hoon with five, and Laila Butler with four.

The first quarter was high scoring with Bellefontaine taking an 18-14 lead. They doubled up Northwestern 16-8 in the second. The Chieftains kept firing in the third with 18, then added 12 in the fourth.

Bellefontaine's JV team won 22-11. Emma Whitaker had seven points.

The Lady Chieftains travel to Tri-Village today. JV (two quarters) begins at 1 p.m., followed by varsity action at about 2.

## PSU's Franklin seeks Big Ten championship

BY EDDIE PELLIS  
AP NATIONAL WRITER

INDIANAPOLIS — The empty trophy case that stares back at the players in the Penn State team meeting room says as much about the program as it does about its coach.

James Franklin was in on the decision to place it there. With one exception in 2016, there hasn't been much to put in it since Franklin arrived a decade back to restore solidness, if not greatness, to one of the nation's most storied but also troubled programs.

The Nittany Lions and their 52-year-old coach have a chance to place something in the empty case — first if they can win the Big Ten title game Saturday against No. 1 and undefeated Oregon, then again in the College Football Playoff — a 12-team affair that No. 3 Penn State is virtually certain be part of, win or lose, against the Ducks.

"We've wanted to fill up one of our cases that we have empty on purpose, and that's just the next thing ahead," sophomore linebacker Tony Rojas said. "The Big Ten championship, it starts with Coach Franklin and us."

In 11 seasons, Franklin has amassed numbers most would be jealous of

At first glance, the numbers are impressive. The 99-40 record, the five finishes among the AP's top 15, the regular appearances in big-time bowl games — Rose, Cotton, Fiesta — put Franklin in with company almost any college coach would envy.

Franklin is the quintessential coach who treats players like family, does his best to hold them accountable on and off the field and does things "the right way." That's something that carries weight everywhere, but especially at Penn State.

He came to Happy Valley from Vanderbilt, where he turned that SEC straggler into a winner, two seasons after the sex-abuse scandal involving Joe Paterno's assistant, Jerry Sandusky, delivered a near-fatal blow to a program that had long been revered as a buttoned-down bastion of success.

Franklin, from the Philadelphia suburbs and a

self-described "Pennsylvania boy with a Penn State heart," figured out the delicate balance between respecting Paterno and his 56 years at the school (45 as head coach) without deifying him.

"We'll do everything we can to bring this community back together," the new coach said when he arrived in 2014, "and really take pride in this program."

Living up to the standard has always been tough in Happy Valley

But thanks more to the standard Paterno set than the program he left, there are bigger expectations at Penn State than simply being solid.

This is a program that won national titles (1982, 1986), had perfect seasons (five) and even won the Big Ten three times under JoePa after coming out of its century-plus stance as an independent in 1993.

That's the prism through which a lot of the school's diehards view Franklin's 1-10 record against Ohio State. That's how they view his 3-18 record in games against teams in the AP top 10. That's why they look sideways at the fact that the coach is on his sixth offensive coordinator in 11 years. It's why they say that, yes, Franklin wins lots of games — just not the big ones.

"I understand the frustration for sure," said Steelers tight end Pat Freiermuth, who played for Franklin from 2018-20.

Others see that, but also look at the task Franklin took on in 2014, when the team was coming off a post-season ban, massive scholarship losses and a backlash against what many felt had become an untethered sports program in the wake of the abuse scandal.

This will mark the first time since the early 1980s that Penn State has strung together three straight seasons with double-digit wins.

"He takes over a team with bare cupboards," Nittany Lion great LaVar Arrington said in an interview with the Reading Eagle earlier this year. "He comes here and brings in recruits. For him to turn Penn State back into a very, very reputable and respectable place to play football was probably a job that very few people realize how daunting a task it was."

## Bieber to stay with Guardians

BY TOM WITHERS  
AP SPORTS WRITER

CLEVELAND — Shane Bieber's first venture into free agency turned into a return trip.

The 2020 AL Cy Young Award winner agreed Friday to rejoin the Cleveland Guardians after making just two starts last season before undergoing Tommy John surgery.

Bieber had been expected to leave the AL Central champions. But he's coming back after agreeing to a one-year, \$14 million contract that includes a \$16 million player option for 2026, said the person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal had not been announced.

Bieber's deal will pay him \$10 million in salary and includes a \$4 million buyout.

The 29-year-old only pitched twice in 2024 before having the surgery on his elbow that bothered

him during the previous campaign. Bieber felt discomfort in his start on opening day against the Oakland Athletics and again when he faced the Seattle Mariners his next outing.

Bieber didn't allow a run in either start, and the club had been encouraged by his velocity and dominance (20 strikeouts). But the elbow became too painful and Bieber elected to have the ligament-replacement surgery.

If his recovery follows a normal timeline, Bieber should be back in Cleveland's rotation within the first three months of next season.

The Guardians feared his loss would hurt them last season, but the club got off to a fast start under first-year manager Stephen Vogt and ran away with the division title. Cleveland eliminated Detroit in the AL Division Series before losing the ALCS to the

New York Yankees in five games.

Bieber spent chunks of last season with the team and he received a huge ovation at Progressive Field when he was introduced before the postseason series.

The two-time All-Star has spent all seven of his big league seasons with Cleveland, which had contemplated trading him before his elbow issues in 2023 limited him to 21 starts.

During the shortened COVID-19 season in 2020, Bieber went 8-1 with a 1.63 ERA over 12 starts and 77 1/3 innings with 122 strikeouts. He led the majors in wins, ERA and strikeouts and finished fourth in AL MVP voting.

He was selected by Cleveland in the fourth round of the 2016 amateur draft out of UC Santa Barbara and made his major league debut two years later.

## WL-S bowlers stay unbeaten on year

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The West Liberty-Salem bowlers remained undefeated on the season with the boys and girls getting wins over Emmanuel Christian on Thursday.

Both squads are now 4-0. In the boys match, the Tigers won 2,270 to 2,235. Luke Thomas had a 425 series (211-214), followed by Zander Glucke 380 (156-224), Devon Jones 370 (199-171), and Evan Borgerding 264 (130-134). Other game scores were Carson Kerns 131 and Jerome Cordrey 111.

WL-S had 1,681 in regular games and 589 in Baker games.

Junior varsity scores were Carson Instine 183, Brock Mills 154, Austin Markin 142, Xzavior Nichol 96, and Patrick Brooks 82.

The Lady Tigers defeated Emmanuel Christian 1,885

## ROUNDUP

to 1,444.

Elli Ullery had the high series with 334 (148-186), with Alyssa Mueller at 329 (194-135), Sadie Paul with 303 (136-167), and Lilly Gearheart with 278 (160-118). Other scores were Jenny Repragle 111 and Kathy Roehm 105.

The regular game total was 1,460, with 425 in the Baker games.

West Liberty-Salem will face Southeastern on Monday.

### Riverside bowlers lose to Bethel

The Riverside boys bowling team lost to Bethel 1,950 to 1,862 in a match at Rollhouse Lanes in Huber Heights on Thursday.

Cooper Crouch had a

409 series and Jace Lemly rolled a game of 180 for the Pirates.

### Bellefontaine falls to Shawnee

The Bellefontaine boys bowling team lost to Shawnee in a match at Victory Lanes in Springfield on Thursday.

Shawnee had a total of 2,575 to the Chieftains' 2,433 pins.

Alex Williams led Bellefontaine with a 364 series (130-234). Robert Spain had a 361 (201-160), followed by Alex Moon 360 (149-211), Rory Pierce 352 (184-168) and David Allen 350 (183-167). They had 1,787 in regular games and Baker games of 193, 181, 114 and 158 for a total of 646.

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# PREP SPORTS ACTION

## Bowling

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Shawnee scores were Ayden Haynes 420 (184-236); Zayne Green 410 (196-214); Craig Ruf 392 (159-233); and Elijah Vince 336 (184-152). Game scores were Storm Fuller 204 and Eric Walters 129.

Bellefontaine is at Urbana on Dec. 12 at 4 p.m.

### Ben Logan splits matches

Ben Logan's girls bowlers lost to Tecumseh 2,213 to 2,145 on Thursday at Victory Lanes in Springfield.

Aubrey Zedlitz had a 340 series (161-179) and Kaelyn Corwin had a 309 (158-151), plus Maddy Hamm 306 (148-158) and Lorall Klopfenstein 294 (157-137). Reigan Thomas had a 157 game and Hunter McCulloch rolled a 135.

The regular game total was 1,541 with 604 in the Baker games.

Tecumseh scores were Morgan Haught 378 (168-210), Isabella Fowler 334 (178-156), Shelby Frappier 318 (158-160), Shyla Thomson 296 (161-135). Emma Crist had a 130 game and Sondra Miller had a 127.

Tecumseh also won the JV match, 1,730

to 1,462. Jacey Koehler had a 281 series (145-136) and Gi Saunders had a 159 game.

Raiders boys win  
In the boys match, Ben Logan defeated Tecumseh with a total of 2,876 to the Arrows' 2,661.

Leading Ben Logan was Nate Davis with a 453 series (200-253), followed by Caleb Knight 437 (245-192), Landon Stoodt 398 (227-171), Dylan Stewart 396 (171-225) and Jarrett Buckenroth 381 (167-214).

They had 2,065 in regular games and 811 in the Baker games.

Scores for Tecumseh were Brendan

Cook 480 (233-247), Ethan Moore 439 (182-257), Mason Sowards 418 (206-212), Jared Chaplin 344 (143-201), and Jackson Hill 266 (142-124).

In JV action, Ben Logan won 1,961 to 1,519. Scores for the Raiders were Conner Chambers 320 (157-173), Colton Klopfenstein 296 (159-137), Jace Lyons 277 (134-143), Wyatt Levan 264 (142-122), and Pierce Jenkins 229 (107-122).

The boys will take part in the Division 2 Kickoff Tournament in Columbus today.

On Monday, both teams will host Urbana at T-P Lanes at 4 p.m.

## JUNIOR HIGH

### Bellefontaine falls on road to London

Bellefontaine's eighth grade girls basketball team lost in a game at London 38-19 on Thursday.

Mia Brown and Cameo Greene had six points each, Lexi Brown had four and Rylee Crabtree scored two. Mia Brown, Paxton Stewart and Lexi Brown combined for 14 rebounds, with Allie

Myers, Leila Hammond and Annie Clem contributing minutes.

London won the seventh grade contest 26-14. Gianna Davis had six points, five rebounds and four steals. Alexis Hogan made a 3-pointer and had two steals. Kennedy Hairston scored three points. Alexis Skaggs, Zyanina Bean-Breaston and Samantha Bricker helped out on defense.

### Indian Lake loses

The Indian Lake eighth grade girls basketball team lost to Shawnee 32-13 on Thursday. Tyler Carruthers had eight points, Makayla Clary had four points and Audra Harford had seven rebounds.

Shawnee won the seventh grade game 22-11. Abby Bihn had seven points. Addison Headings

had four points and seven steals, and Teighan Mackesy grabbed nine rebounds.

### WL-S wins

The West Liberty-Salem seventh grade girls defeated Triad 32-11 Thursday.

Rylee Falloon had 18 points. Other scoring was Lilly Yeater 5, Bella Johnson 4, Elin Leichty 3 and Emily Leas 2.

### Calvary Christian girls open season

The Calvary Christian junior high girls basketball team began play this week with three games.

They lost to Legacy Christian 39-9 on Monday. Madelyn Carter had seven points and Destiny Mathys had two.

Spring Valley Academy downed Calvary 18-8 on

Tuesday. Caroline Moore had four points, with two each by Mathys and Leah White. Carter had seven rebounds.

On Thursday, the Spartans got their first win, 17-11, over Sidney Christian. Moore, Mathys and Avery Rogers had four points each. Eden LeCrone scored three and Carter had two.

## COMICS

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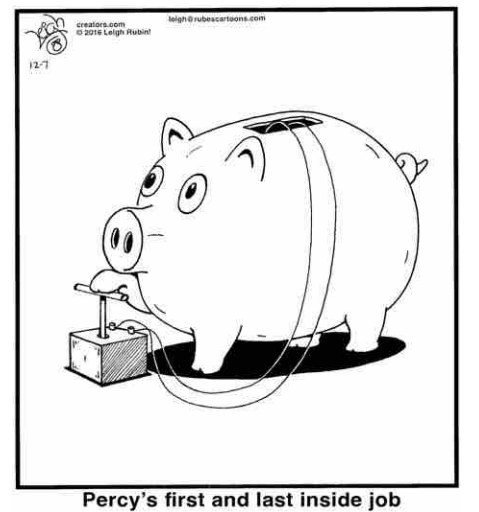
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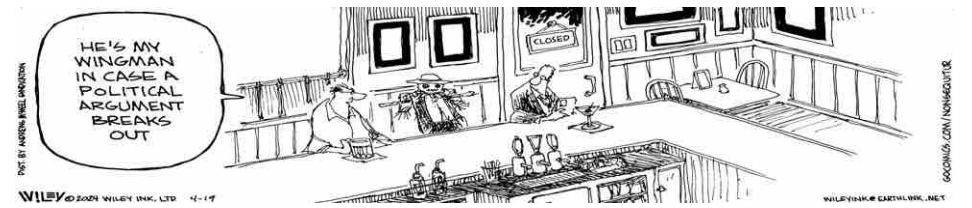
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## Horoscopes

ROYAL STARS | FROM KING FEATURES SYNDICATE By Georgia Nicols

**MOON ALERT:** After 5:15 a.m. EST today (2:15 a.m. PST), there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. The Moon is in Pisces.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024: You are forever youthful, playful and mischievous. You love to learn and share your knowledge. This is the final year of a nine-year cycle for you, which means it's time to take inventory of your life, and let go of people, places and things from the past and have held you back.

**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) ★★★★★ This is a passionate, exuberant day for you! You're full of big plans for travel, publishing, medicine, the law and higher education. In fact, your challenge will be to remain realistic. Strong feelings about a friend (possibly romantic) exist today. Tonight: Solitude.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Be careful today. Because you make such a powerful, intense impression on others (very much to your advantage), you might be tempted to go overboard with financial negotiations, arrangements or deals. This is not like you, but things do look promising. Tonight: Friendships.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Romance with someone "different" might take place today. This kind of connection is deep and memorable! Meanwhile, relations with partners, spouses and close friends are upbeat and optimistic. Some of you are excited about having contact with someone from your past. Tonight: You're noticed!

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Today you have intense, passionate feelings that might be expressed in private, intimate ways, or they might be expressed through financial negotiations and discussions about shared property. You might choose to rethink some financial choices, which is your prerogative. You like to be prepared. Tonight: Explore!

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Relations with partners and close friends are intense and powerful today — certainly memorable. This could be why romantic connections are so upbeat and optimistic. You'll enjoy social outings and fun diversions, especially related to sports, the entertainment world and children. Dress the part. Tonight: Check your finances.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Relations with parents, bosses and authority figures are excellent today; however, be sure that you're not going overboard in your interpretation of something. It's easy for something to look better than it is today. A work colleague will help you. Tonight: Cooperate.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Your positive attitude and sense of optimism will carry this day for you. Meanwhile, romantic passion is powerful. You might use this passion to parents, bosses or authority figures today. (Because it will be easy to do this.) Meanwhile, a passionate, secret love affair will be taking place for many of you. (Serious diary fodder.) Tonight: You win!

**BORN TODAY** Actress Emily Browning (1988), actor Nicholas Hoult (1989), academic, social critic Noam Chomsky (1928) ★★★★★

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# Headings wins ILMS spelling bee for second time

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Calin Headings is the back-to-back Indian Lake Middle School Spelling Bee Champion.

The sixth-grader recently won the ILMS Spelling Bee for the second year in a row. Seventh-grader Grady Zielinski was the runner-up.

After 15 rounds of intense competition, Calin correctly spelled the word



Calin Headings won the Indian Lake Middle School spelling bee for the second time this week. (IL SCHOOLS PHOTO)

"embroiled" to take the crown.

In total, 20 other students, who were all chosen from Language Arts classes, participated in the bee. Pupils were provided spelling words from the Scripps National Spelling Bee List.

Calin and Grady both advance to the Logan County Spelling Bee in January at the Holland Theatre.

# Vollrath captures BMS Spelling Bee

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Bellefontaine Middle School eighth-grader Blakely Vollrath correctly spelled "ocelot" to become the champion of the school's spelling bee Wednesday, Dec. 4.

Classmate Holland Hower was runner-up.

A total of 31 students in grades 6-8 competed in the bee, which went for 20 rounds in the school library.



Blakely Vollrath, left, and Holland Hower. (BCS PHOTO)

Both Blakely and Holland have qualified for the Logan County Spelling Bee at the Holland Theatre

at 6 p.m. Jan. 14.

Blakely will also take an online spelling and vocabulary test to advance toward the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

Blakely is a daughter of Ben and Jacey Vollrath, and Holland is a daughter of Julia Hower and Jason Hower.

Lindy Martin was the moderator at BMS. Stephanie Fissel and Angie Horvath were the judges.

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Nov. 23, 30; Dec. 7, 14, 21, 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

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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 Otie's land, which point is directly opposite of the northeast corner of Lot No. 10 in Marysville Allotment; thence south-westerly along the East side of Otie'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 delinquent. 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. Harmount and Clara R. Harmount, recorded in Vol. 157 at page 331 of the Deed Records of Logan County, Ohio.

**Parcel No.: 37-019-10-05-009**  
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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 28, 2024 or the demand of the Complaint will be granted. Respectfully submitted, THOMPSON, DUNLAP & HEYDINGER, LTD. Terrence G. Stolly (#0073266) Gabriel Wickline (#0078340) 1111 Rush Ave., P.O. Box 68 Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311 Telephone: (937-593-6065 Facsimile: (937) 593-9978 Email: tstolly@tdhlaw.com gwickline@tdhlaw.com Attorneys for Plaintiff Jackie Prater Logan County Clerk of Courts 101 S. Main St., Room 218 Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311 November 23, 30; December 7, 14, 21, 28

**Public Notice**  
The December meeting of the Board of Directors for the B.M.R.T. Ambulance District has been changed to 7 PM, Tuesday December 17th, held at 615 N. Center St, Belle Center, Oh. Questions please contact 937-464-2163.  
Dec. 7, 2024

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**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO PennyMac Loan Services, LLC Plaintiff Vs Unknown Heirs, Legatees, Devisees, Executors, Administrators and Assigns and their Spouses, if any, of James S. Woodruff, et al Defendants**  
**Case Number: CV 24 11 0365**

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
The Defendants, Unknown Heirs, Legatees, Devisees, Executors, Administrators and Assigns and their Spouses, if any, of James S. Woodruff, whose current addresses are unknown, will take notice that on November 5, 2024, the Plaintiff, PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, filed its Complaint in Case No. CV 24 11 0365, in the Court of Common Pleas of Logan County, Ohio, seeking a foreclosure of its mortgage interest in the real property located at 2569 Mountcrest Dr., Bellefontaine, OH 43311, Permanent Parcel No. 12-108-13-03-011-001, ("Real Estate"), and

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alleged that the Defendants have or may have an interest in this Real Estate. The Defendants, Unknown Heirs, Legatees, Devisees, Executors, Administrators and Assigns and their Spouses, if any, of James S. Woodruff, are required to answer the Plaintiffs Complaint within twenty-eight (28) days after the last publication of this notice. In the event that the Defendants, Unknown Heirs, Legatees, Devisees, Executors, Administrators and Assigns and their Spouses, if any, of James S. Woodruff, failed to respond in the allotted time, judgment by default can be entered against them for the relief requested in the Plaintiffs Complaint. Last publication date is December 21, 2024. Carrie L. Davis (0083281) Michael R. Brinkman (0040079) Yanking Marilyn Ramirez (0074242) Aaron M. Cole (0091673) Attorney for Plaintiff Ohio 3962 Red Bank Road Cincinnati, OH 45227 voice: 513-322-7000 Facsimile: 513-322-7099 Dec. 7, 14, 21, 2024

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# COMBINATION

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ple should come to the library to check them out. "I started playing the dulcimer this year," Rebekah said. "I love playing the dulcimer for other people, and I love playing Christmas music most," she beamed. Rebekah will be showcasing her talents at the Logan County History Center at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, during the Christmas at the

History Center event. In times past, Leanna assisted with a homeschool group called 'Homestrings.' "Well, Beth Davie and Rachel Moreland were very helpful, as homeschool moms, to help me facilitate the group," Leanna recalled. "But, kids grow, and I am getting older. The mantle needs to be passed." A cooperative agreement to buy music books for the children and adults in our

community was born from the concern to pass this dying art on to future generations. The plan is for the Mad River Valley Dulcimer Society to make a yearly contribution of books, live performances and offerings of music classes for the patrons of the Logan County Libraries. Thursday, Dec. 5, the group performed inside the library, offering as a serene time for patrons to stop in to look for books and enjoy the talents of dulcimer players from the community. The group will also be sharing their music with second through sixth-graders at 6 p.m. March 20, in a program that will allow these young people to explore

instruments such as the dulcimer, instrumental bells, mandolin, and harp. Call LCL's Knowlton Library at (937) 599-4189 for more information and to ask about the required registration for this class. Beverly Arlequeuw, Logan County Libraries director, is excited about the donations of books and music provided by the Mad River Valley Dulcimer Society. "The library is the perfect setting to showcase live music and partner with local organizations to perform, teach and inspire community members. "These live music events at the library allow artists to connect with audience



Holly Hollman stands behind many of the books that have recently been donated to the Logan County Libraries by the Mad River Valley Dulcimer Society. (EXAMINER PHOTO BY NIKKI BURKHAMER)

members, providing insight into the musical process and answering questions. Taking time to explain the history of an instrument or the inspiration behind a favorite song creates an exceptional experience. "So, the next time you visit the library; don't be surprised if you hear music floating through the stacks."

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## Indian Lake business leaders, volunteers recognized during annual dinner

BY NATE SMITH  
EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

The resiliency of the Indian Lake community was showcased Thursday, Dec. 5, during the annual dinner of the Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce. The efforts and volunteer hours put in by leaders in the business and not-profit sectors were recognized as normal during the annual dinner, but the event took on a little more meaning this year as the awards for citizen and volunteer of the year centered around work done in the wake of the devastating March tornado. Amy Musil, operator of LuLu's Diner, was named the 2024 Citizen of the Year for her extraordinary efforts to support the community in the aftermath of the tornado. Musil's contributions included providing free meals daily to those in need, collecting and distributing supplies for victims, hosting community recovery events and using a delivery van to assist those unable to reach the restaurant. Musil's commitment




Amy Musil, left, poses with Amber Fagan, Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce president, after she was named 2024 Citizen of the Year during the annual Indian Lake chamber dinner.


exemplified the compassion and strength of the Indian Lake community. Her actions brought comfort and aid to many during a challenging time and underscored the vital role local businesses play in fostering community resilience. Randy Sullivan, head of volunteers for the Indian Lake Development

Corporation (ILDC), was honored as the 2024 Volunteer of the Year. Introduced by Dale Frymyer of Choice Properties, Sullivan was recognized for his tireless efforts maintaining the shoreline and grounds of Indian Lake State Park. "He's the reason our shorelines look as good as

they do," Frymyer said. Sullivan's dedication extended to tornado relief, where he played a significant role in cleanup efforts. "He challenges me and holds me accountable to make sure I'm giving back to Indian Lake," Frymyer added. Sullivan's selfless commitment to volunteering embodies the spirit of service that defines the community, Frymyer said. Pam Fischer, owner of Harbor View Designs & Gifts, accepted the Emerging Business of the Year award for her shop located at 222 E. Main St. in Russells Point. The business has quickly become a staple of the community, offering unique designs and gifts that celebrate the beauty and spirit of Indian Lake. The Brown Bean Coffee Shop was honored with the Indian Lake Beautification Award for its contributions to enhancing the area's visual appeal. The coffee shop's commitment to creating a welcoming and attractive environment has made it a favorite spot for locals and visitors alike.

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