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‘Examiner’ marks 134th year of publishing today

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Founded in 1891, the Examiner printed its first edition Dec. 14 of that year and, barring minor single copy disruptions caused only by inclement weather, has continued to publish continuously since, reaching its 134-year milestone today.

First established by brothers Edwin “E.O.” and Horace “H.K.” Hubbard, the newspaper was intended as an independent daily edition of the *Democratic Weekly Examiner* that had been published by their father, Thomas A. Hubbard since he and his brother, William

Hubbard returned from the Dayton area in 1868.

The younger brothers first began publishing on a Washington hand press in their father’s office on the second story of the People’s Building, located at the corner of Main Street and Columbus Avenue.

The original press, which required users to hand roll two pages of print at a time before changing plates and pressing the back side of the two pages, was succeeded by two additional presses that represented only slight advances in technology before a more-advanced Goss Comet was installed in 1911.

By that time, the *Daily Examiner* was located in its first real office at the corner of Opera Street and Court Avenue, and eventually the brothers hired their first full-time editor, Frank McCracken, to head the news desk.

Thomas A. Hubbard Sr. died in 1902 and E.O. Hubbard followed in 1917, and the newspaper became a joint ownership among the siblings of the family, which also included Josephine and Ada Hubbard, as well as noted local educator Thomas A. Hubbard Jr. and nationally-acclaimed humorist Frank McKinney Kin Hubbard who created the nationally syndicated Abe Martin character.

By 1927, the *Examiner’s* daily subscription had risen considerably from the original 200 being printed each day, and the family invested in a 16-page Duplex tubular plate press that saw the traditional way of producing newspapers advance to pouring hot lead to make cylindrical plates.

While the technique may sound antiquated, the press

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The Bellefontaine Examiner office moved to its current location — the PeakFiber facility at 1213 W. Sandusky Ave., Bellefontaine. (EXAMINER PHOTO | MANDY LOEHR)

LOCAL ACHIEVERS

Trio of Logan County officials elected to statewide offices

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Three Logan County officials have recently been elected to state posts for the upcoming year, which marks a milestone for the county to have three officials serving in this capacity.

Logan County Recorder Pat Myers was recently elected as the 2025 State Secretary of the Ohio Recorders Association.

The ORA is a cornerstone organization dedicated to serving Ohioans and its membership consists of recorders from all eighty-eight counties.

Myers has held the position of Logan County recorder since 2013. County recorders maintain a comprehensive, precise, and permanent record of all documents related to the transfer and encumbrance of land within the county.

Logan County Engineer Scott Coleman has been elected the 2025 State President of the County Engineers Association of Ohio at the group’s winter conference. The consortium works to unify its members in providing the highest quality transportation, drainage, surveying and land record keeping services.

From the safe and efficient movement of people, goods and services to continuing land development needs, CCAO strives to construct solutions for many challenges to Ohio’s local infrastructure. Coleman has held the position of Logan County engineer since 2002.

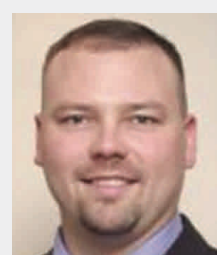
Logan County Commissioner Joe Antram was elected State Secretary of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio at their 144th Annual Winter Conference last week in Columbus.

The CCAO advances effective county government for Ohio through legislative advocacy, education and training, technical assistance and research, quality enterprise service programs, and greater citizen awareness and understanding of county government.

Antram has been a member of the CCAO State Board of Directors for three years and has served as Logan County Commissioner since 2017.



ANTRAM



COLEMAN



MYERS

Natural gas aggregations unable to extend offer for winter 2024-25

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

AGE has informed several area communities, including Bellefontaine, that they will be unable to restart their natural gas aggregation programs for the winter of 2024-2025.

The communities also include Ansonia, Bradford, Covington, Fort Loramie, Greenville, Jeffersonville, Newberry Township (unincorporated areas), Russia, Sidney and West Milton.

The previous gas aggregations for these communities ended on

Sept. 30, 2024. Constellation served the contracts previously, but had since informed AGE they are currently not signing or renewing any natural gas aggregation contracts within Ohio.

Other suppliers who have previously participated in bids for this group of communities were working to provide a new contract to the communities, but ultimately a PUCO decision last week to approve an increase in rates requested by CenterPoint has eliminated the desire for any suppliers to offer an aggregation program for the group that includes

service beginning this winter.

“It has been a series of untimely events, at no fault to any of our communities, that have led us to not being able to offer a natural gas aggregation program this winter,” said Jordan Haarmann, AGE’s director of procurement & business development.

Residents previously participating in the communities’ natural gas aggregation programs were dropped by Constellation at the end of September and assigned to a supplier through the Standard Choice Offer (SCO).

Residents have two options for

their natural gas supply for this winter:

- Remain a supply customer through the Standard Choice Offer. The SCO is a monthly variable rate and represents costs associated with securing natural gas for CenterPoint Energy customers. Customers remaining on the SCO rate will be assigned to one of three suppliers: AEP Energy, Direct Energy Services, LLC, or Spire Marketing, Inc. The SCO rate for December is set at \$0.4971 per ccf and in November it was \$0.381 per ccf.
- Customers can compare

fixed rate offers available to individual households through the PUCO’s Apples to Apples website: <https://www.energychoice.ohio.gov>. AGE cautions residents to be thorough in understanding the fees, rate structure, and term of any individual agreement a resident enters a contract for.

AGE is planning to reopen the bidding process for the communities’ natural gas aggregation programs in the Spring of 2025 and is confident a new agreement will be in place by the winter of 2025-26. For questions, contact AGE directly at (618)-203-8328.

Grand jury hands up December indictments

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Both suspects arrested last week following a joint drug investigation in the city are among the list of indictments handed up Tuesday, Dec. 10, by the Logan County grand jury.

Andrew Hughes, 40, of Bellefontaine, and Brittany Hartline, 35, of Russells Point, have been indicted by a grand jury on multiple charges following a joint drug investigation by the Bellefontaine Police Department and the Adult Parole Authority.

Hughes has been charged with: aggravated possession of drugs, a felony of the second degree; possession of cocaine, a felony of the second degree; tampering with evidence, a third-degree felony; obstructing official business, a felony of the fifth degree; and aggravated trafficking



HARTLINE



HUGHES

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Biden commutes roughly 1,500 sentences and pardons 39 people in biggest single-day act of clemency

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden is commuting the sentences of roughly 1,500 people who were released from prison and placed on home confinement during the coronavirus pandemic and is pardoning 39 Americans convicted of nonviolent crimes. It’s the largest single-day act of clemency in modern history.

The commutations announced Thursday are for people who have served out home confinement sentences

for at least one year after they were released. Prisons were uniquely bad for spreading the virus and some inmates were released in part to stop the spread. At one point, 1 in 5 prisoners had COVID-19, according to a tally kept by The Associated Press.

Biden said he would be taking more steps in the weeks ahead and would continue to review clemency petitions. The second largest single-day act of clemency was by Barack Obama, with

330, shortly before leaving office in 2017.

“America was built on the promise of possibility and second chances,” Biden said in a statement. “As president, I have the great privilege of extending mercy to people who have demonstrated remorse and rehabilitation, restoring opportunity for Americans to participate in daily life and contribute to their communities, and taking steps to remove sentencing disparities for non-violent offenders, especially those

convicted of drug offenses.”

The clemency follows a broad pardon for his son Hunter, who was prosecuted for gun and tax crimes. Biden is under pressure from advocacy groups to pardon broad swaths of people, including those on federal death row, before the Trump administration takes over in January. He’s also weighing whether to issue preemptive pardons to those who investigated Trump’s

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ABE MARTIN



"Nothin' softens us like a little dash o' real trouble."

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

BELLEFONTAINE BEAT

POLICE & FIRE

Driver dies after medically-related crash

A medical emergency is the preliminary cause of a single-vehicle crash Thursday, Dec. 12, that resulted in the death of one person. Officers of the Bellefontaine Police Department responded shortly before 6 p.m. to the scene of the crash that claimed the life of a driver near the intersection of north Madriver Street and east Williams Avenue.

Emergency units and medics were dispatched to that location after a caller reported a vehicle had veered off the

roadway, striking a signpost and a cross-walk signal post.

Upon arrival, first responders found the driver unresponsive inside the vehicle. Medics determined there were no signs of life, and the driver was pronounced deceased shortly afterward.

The Multi-County Crash Team responded to the scene and is conducting an investigation. Preliminary findings suggest that the driver may have suffered a medical emergency prior to the crash.

The identity of the deceased was unavailable at press time, pending notification of next of kin.

LOGAN COUNTY BEAT

SHERIFF & HIGHWAY PATROL

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP POLICE

Driver in critical condition after crash

A Lakeview man is in critical condition following a collision with a semi-truck on Thursday morning, Dec. 12.

Ernest Brock, 38, sustained life-threatening injuries after his vehicle was struck on the driver's side by a west-bound semi tractor while traveling through the intersection of U.S. Route 33 and Township Road 239. The accident occurred at approximately 8:25 a.m., officers from the Washington Township Police Department report.

Brock was driving southbound on Township Road 239 and failed to stop at the traffic light at U.S. 33. As he entered the intersection, his vehicle collided with a semi operated by Kulchyi Valentyn, 48, of Delray Beach, Fla.

Emergency responders from Indian Joint Fire District and Lakeview Fire Department worked to extract Mr. Brock from the his vehicle. CareFlight transported Brock to Miami Valley Hospital, where he remains in critical condition.

The crash remains under investigation.

• A 69-year-old woman was arrested for

operating a vehicle under the influence after officers from the Washington Township Police Department responded Thursday, Dec. 11, to a report of reckless driving in the area of state routes 235 and 274.

Joyce Springer of Lakeview was charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs and for multiples marked lanes violations and was transported to the Logan County Jail following the stop.

Officers were notified around 7 p.m. following a call about a vehicle driving erratically. The caller reported that the vehicle was weaving across lanes and could not maintain its speed.

Officers located the vehicle and observed multiple marked lanes violations before initiating a traffic stop. The driver, identified as Supinger, exhibited signs of alcohol impairment and admitted to consuming alcohol before driving. Supinger refused to perform field sobriety tests at the scene and was taken into custody. She was transported to the jail, where she declined to submit to a breath test.

She has been charged with OVI and marked lanes violations and was later released to a sober driver.

The Logan County Sheriff's Office assisted.

PIRATE BEE CHAMPS



Maria Wick, right, won the Riverside Junior High School spelling bee Thursday, Jan. 12, by correctly spelling "ointment" in round 13. Samuel Jackson is the runner-up spelling bee champion. Both students will represent Riverside in Logan County's Spelling Bee at the Holland Theatre at 6 p.m. Jan. 14. (RIVERSIDE SCHOOLS PHOTO)

Marmon wins BLMS spelling bee

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Seventh-grader Macie Marmon emerged as the champion of the Benjamin Logan Middle School spelling bee Thursday, Dec. 12, correctly spelling the winning word in the 25th round.

Macie is a daughter of Logan and Tara Marmon. The runner-up was Laurel Smith, an eighth-grader and a daughter of Matt and Sarah Smith.

Assistant Principal Deepika Scheiderer served as the pronouncer for the event, while Susan Headings and Sally Stolly fulfilled the roles of judges. The event was organized and facilitated by fifth-grade language arts teacher Bobby Gill.

Both Macie and Laurel have qualified to represent Benjamin Logan Middle School at the Logan County Spelling Bee, slated for 6 p.m. Jan. 14 at the Holland Theatre.

The spelling bee featured students from grades 5-8. In addition to Macie and Laurel, participants included fifth-graders Si Allen, Avah Berry, Kes Blanton, Sophia Carpenter, Mia Collum, Oliver



MACIE MARMON

Fleming, Carter King, Amelia Morris, Jediah Tingley and Autumn Walls; sixth-graders Noah Brown, Jayla Bolling, Connor Collins, Lillian Bias, Brayden Wolf, Lila Franjesevic, Alexis Gootee, Juliana Meddings, Kolt Hays and Gemma Rutan; seventh-graders Abel Ostrander, Quinn Kuba, John Tingley, Amelia Marmon, Jackson Sutherin, Dax Elliot, Savannah Rogers, Annemarie Shaffer and Shelby Siefiring; and eighth-graders Gabby Thompson, Ashe Moorhouse, Miles Grandbois, Dallin Peterson, Elizabeth James, Sebastian Stokes, Landyn Shields and Emma Murray.

SENIORS OF THE MONTH

EVERY PERK

PARENTS: CHAD AND SHIRLEY PERK

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES & AWARDS: President of the community service group, Interact, student council, BPA, Pirate Advisory Committee, National Technical Honor Society, NHS, Student United Way, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Mary Rutan Health volunteer, Volleyball, Basketball, Softball.

If I were principal for a day: If I were principal for a day, I would let the students have a fun day full of different activities such as sports, crafts, movies, and study halls for catching up.

Favorite school memory: My favorite school memory was probably making movies in Mrs. Weadocks class and still being able to watch the time and memories made throughout the videos.

People who have inspired me include: Some people that have truly inspired me would be all my teachers and friends but specifically Mrs. Weadock, Mrs. Ryan, and Mrs. Fauley, my mom, and my best friend Carli. They have pushed me to take on challenges to become the best version of myself.

Lately, I have been reading: Atomic Habits

My advice to parents: My advice to parents is to instill dedication and caring habits in your children because my parents raised me to be full of love and to care for my future which has given me endless opportunities as I have grown.

My biggest regret: Not looking more into future sport and academic possibilities earlier.

Next year I will be: Attending college to pursue a career in business marketing and sports management.



BRICE KAUFFMAN

PARENTS: ERIC AND KELLY KAUFFMAN

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES & AWARDS: NHS, Student Council, Pirate Advisory Committee, Business Professionals of America member, National qualifier for Parliamentary Procedure, United Way Student Body, Football.

If I were principal for a day: I would cater Chipotle to school for lunch.

Favorite school memory: Winning the 2023 TRC championship in football.

People who have inspired me include: My parents, grandparents, Bryce and Tyler Hodge.

Lately, I have been reading: The Bible.

My advice to parents: They to put yourself in your kid's shoes to understand them better.

My biggest regret: Not playing baseball.

Next year I will be: Selling Senior Life Insurance.



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THE FORUM

Grange Solar – Beware of strangers bearing gifts!

I am writing to express my opposition to the Grange Solar Project owned by Open Road Renewables (ORR) and their unidentified clients.

I was raised in Russells Point and live in the Pirates Cove community on Indian Lake. My wife grew up on the farm where Mad River Mountain is located. We have relatives in the Indian Lake School District and Logan County. I receive no financial benefit from my opposition.

There are many confusing and distracting points about the solar farm— temporary jobs, permanent jobs, local jobs, remote jobs, direct versus indirect jobs, lost value, added value. Are solar farms ugly? Do they hurt property values? Do they improve air and water quality?

These points are important, but people who support or oppose this project should have a clear understanding of the main issue—the money—and look at the solar farm from this perspective.

In simple terms, ORR wants the Indian Lake Community to pay them \$13.3 million annually to help build, operate, and maintain a solar farm worth \$750 million serving 100,000 households and generating revenue of \$160 million per year for 40 years. The payment, value, and revenue will increase annually due to inflation. The average inflation rate for the property tax base in the Indian Lake School district since the year 2014 has been 4.56 percent per year.

The \$13.3 million will help ORR pay for:

- Designing, constructing, operating, and maintaining the solar farm
- Land rent and additional real estate taxes.
- Lawn mowing and vegetation management (i.e., the sheep farm)

~ All payments by ORR to landowners and sheep farmers will adjust for inflation.

Over 40 years, total payments adjusted for inflation to ORR will be \$1.44 billion.

ORR will provide a rebate of \$5.25 million per year for 40 years, totaling \$210 million. These funds will go to stakeholders and programs ORR has told the Indian Lake Community it needs.

This rebate reduces the net payment to ORR from \$13.3 million to \$8 million.

In exchange for the \$8 million payment, the Indian Lake region will receive:

- A 2,600-acre ORR owned solar farm next to Indian Lake producing electricity for another region, that won't improve air or water quality in the region. Logan County will not receive any additional financial benefit from the electricity produced.
- 8-12 new long-term permanent jobs, each paying

\$61,000 per year.
 ~ Costing the community \$669,000 to \$1,000,000 per job per year every year for 40 years
 > \$8Million divided by 8 jobs = \$1.0 million per job per year
 > \$8Million divided by 12 = \$699,000 per job per year

SUMMARY:

- ORR receives:
- Payments: \$13.3 million first year, \$1.44Billion over 40 years
 - Solar farm value: \$750 million first year, \$4.3Billion at 40 years
 - Annual revenue: \$160 million first year, \$740Million per year at 40 years
- IL receives:
- Rebate: \$5.25 million first year, \$210 million over 40 years
 - 8-12 jobs costing \$669,000 to \$1,000,000 per year per job.
 - A solar farm that ORR owns placed adjacent to Indian Lake

CONCLUSION:

This deal is grossly one-sided in favor of ORR and is not in the best interest of the community.

The use of the P.I.L.O.T. tax abatement program is the cause of this one-sided deal.

While the Ohio Power Sitting Board (OPSB) can approve the building and location of the Grange Solar Farm, only the Logan County Commissioners can approve the use of the PILOT program on this solar farm.

I urge the Logan County Commissioners to immediately reject the use of PILOT for this solar farm and make this decision known to ORR and the OPSB.

Before ORR's involvement:

- The Indian Lake School District was not underfunded or underperforming.
- The community did not lack social services.
- There was no electricity shortage in Logan County.

Rejecting the project will not harm the community's well-being. The Indian Lake region will continue to thrive as a rural farming and recreation destination, supported by its manufacturing base.

If you have questions, you can contact me on Facebook.

Chuck Mallory
 Russells Point

■ OBITUARIES

Frankie Lynn Fitzpatrick

Frankie Lynn Fitzpatrick, 66, of Bellefontaine, passed away Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, East Campus, Columbus.

She was born on March 27, 1958, in Bellefontaine, Ohio, the daughter of the late Arthur Franklin and Karen Kay (Jones) Moon.

On April 21, 1979, she married Jerry Fitzpatrick, and he survives.

She is also survived by a son, Jeramy (MacKenzie) Fitzpatrick, a grandson, Leo Fitzpatrick, her three siblings; Joni 'Dee' (Keith) Huffman of Bellefontaine, Jill (Jay) Storz of Florida, and Scott (Becky) Moon of Huntsville, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a grandson in 2022, Malcolm MacKenzie Fitzpatrick and her grandpup, Larkin.

Lynn was a 1977 graduate of Bellefontaine High School and worked as a receptionist for the Bellefontaine Examiner for many years before her retirement. She was the recipient of an organ (kidney) transplant almost 40 years ago with the donor being her sister, Joni 'Dee'.

There are no planned services at this time.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation by visiting, <https://give.kidneyfund.org/page/71566/donate>.

Eichholtz Daring & Sanford Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Bellefontaine,

is honored to serve the Fitzpatrick family and encourages anyone to share a fond memory or message of condolence at www.edsfh.com.



James Arthur Hollis

James Arthur Hollis, 78, of Jeffersonville passed away peacefully Wednesday, November 27, 2024, at Audubon Hospital Louisville, with loved ones by his side.

He was born in Bellefontaine, Ohio, on July 29, 1946 to the late Juanita Benton Hollis. He graduated from Bellefontaine High School Class of 1964.

Jim is preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters.

He is survived by his high school sweetheart and love of his life for 58 years,

Frances (Fran) Smith Hollis and their two daughters, Lori McGunn (Edward) and René Eckstein (Adam) and four grandchildren: Dalton Collins, Dharma Scott (Noah), Mary Kate McGunn St. Lawrence (Nick), and Edward Arthur McGunn and one great-grandson Finnegan James St. Lawrence, surviving, brother Robert Hollis and a sister, followed by a number of nieces and nephews.

Jim had many interests throughout his life, including planes, trains and automobiles. He

enjoyed working on the railroad for 18 years as a brakeman and conductor. Jim earned his pilot license and enjoyed flying for many years. He loved driving all types of cars and watching NHRA. Jim's favorite car was his 1928 Ford Roadster. Jim and Fran were active members of the Falls City Model A Club in Louisville and enjoyed many trips together.

A Celebration of Life will be at the Fire Dept Union Hall, 1040 Mechanic Street, Jeffersonville, from 2 to 6 p.m. Jan. 25.

New Jersey governor wants more federal resources for probe into drone sightings

TOMS RIVER, N.J. (AP) — Gov. Phil Murphy has asked the Biden administration to put more resources into an investigation of mysterious drone sightings that have been reported in New Jersey and nearby states.

Murphy, a Democrat, made the request in a letter Thursday, noting that state and local law enforcement remain "hamstrung" by existing laws and policies in their efforts to successfully counteract any nefarious activity of unmanned aircraft. He posted a copy of the letter on the social media platform X.

"This leaves action surrounding the (drones) squarely on the shoulders of the federal government," Murphy said. "More federal resources are needed to understand what is behind this activity."

Murphy and other offi-

cial have repeatedly stressed that there is no evidence that the aircraft pose a national security or a public safety threat, or have a foreign nexus. The Pentagon also has said they are not U.S. military drones.

The drones have drawn intense public concern and curiosity since residents first reported seeing them last month.



SENIOR OF THE MONTH

ERIC HUGHES
 PARENTS: Jamison & Nelly Hughes

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS: Soccer, Track, Swim, Cross Country, NHS-County President, Tri-M, Spanish Club, Citizenship Award, 1st team in CC and Soccer, Regional qualifier in CC.

If I were principal for a day: I would stage a parking lot track for racing. (With safety, of course).

Favorite school memory: Creating Maintenance Man in 8th grade

People who have inspired me include: Many people for many different reasons but I think the major ones are my parents and my uncle. I also found Larry Connor, Tom Brady, and Jeremy Clarkson as inspiration.

Lately, I have been reading: Flight manuals

My advice to parents: Be there for your children, take time to take care of their needs, support and love them, and most importantly do as well as you can because your children look up to you.

My biggest regret: I try not to have regrets because they don't help me move forward or stay positive. I've learned to appreciate and deal with life's ups and downs.

Next year I will be: Attending Bowling Green University for Aviation.

SENIOR OF THE MONTH

MIA STAHLER
 PARENTS: Chad & Amy Stahler

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS: Class President, Student Government Vice President, ROC, ROOTS, NHS, FCA, Volleyball, POTY, First Team, All State, All District.

If I were principal for a day: I would host a movie and popcorn gathering in the gym for the students.

Favorite school memory: My favorite school memory is probably going to athletic events with all of my friends and then going out to eat afterwards.

People who have inspired me include: My family members are my biggest inspirations because they each have taught me something valuable.

Lately, I have been reading: A Little Life

My advice to parents: My advice to parents would be to check in with your children more often about real topics, instead of short little conversations. Also, go on more adventures and make more memories before they graduate.

My biggest regret: I don't think I have anything I regret; I believe everything I have done and experienced has led me to where I am today and I wouldn't want to change any of it.

Next year I will be: Attending The Ohio State University to continue my athletic career in volleyball and pursue a major in Biology to become either a Pediatrician or a Pediatric Physician Assistant.

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Lakers rally for win in opener

BY MIKE FRANK
EXAMINER SPORTS WRITER

It was worth the wait. The Indian Lake boys basketball team opened its season Friday with a come-from-behind 64-47 win over visiting Graham.

The Lakers' debut was pushed back due to the football team making a historic run to the regional final.

They showed some jitters in the first half against the Falcons, and were behind by 11 at the half and as much as 16 in the third before storming back.

They took the lead with six minutes left and held Graham to just nine points (and only two baskets) to get the victory.

"We started out really slow, we dug ourselves a pretty deep hole," said Lakers coach Zach Overturf. "I kind of figured that might happen. This is game number six for (Graham), this is game number one for us. They had their varsity legs under them."

He noted the Lakers had some players making their debut at the varsity level. "Overall, I'm really proud of how these guys fought back and executed late. That's a huge momentum builder and experience builder for us."

Indian Lake was led by Brodey Reisinger's 23 points. They also got 15 from Avery Pequignot and 10 by Cooper Hall. Colin Bendler nearly made it four in double figures, finishing with nine.

For Graham, now 0-1 in the Central Buckeye Conference and 2-4 overall, Breyton Reisinger had 22 points and Brody Jenkins had 21.

Graham got things rolling with a basket by Reisinger and a three-pointer by Izaiah Smith.

Indian Lake's Reisinger got his side's first couple of scores, with one by the Falcons in between.

Three straight scores by the Falcons put them ahead 13-4 with 3:15 to play.

But the Lakers fought back with a pair of free throws by Reisinger, a trey by Madden Lillard and a layup from Pequignot. Tyler Tidwell knocked one down

with under 30 seconds to go, leaving it even at 13 on Friday the 13th.

Things stayed close through the first couple minutes of the second period.

With the Falcons ahead 19-18, Jenkins heated up, hitting a three from the side, then getting fouled on another 3-point shot and scoring the points one at a time. He scored again, followed by Reisinger to make it a 29-20 lead with three minutes to play.

After trading scores and a Lakers timeout, Jenkins hit another deep shot with 1:40 left. Following a wild scramble near midcourt for possession, Bendler managed to score for the Lakers. One more scoring exchange left Graham ahead 37-26 at the intermission.

Coming out of the break, Graham's Reisinger scored four of his side's first five baskets, one from 3-point range. While Indian Lake was not totally shut out, it did push the gap to 16 points at 48-32.

Brodey Reisinger started the rally with a score and drew a foul. He missed the shot, but Pequignot grabbed the rebound and put it in for two. The Lakers spread things around with scores by Cooper Hall, Reisinger and Bendler. The last came with a nice assist by Lillard. A free throw for the Lakers would cut the gap down to five, 48-43, going to the fourth quarter.

Pequignot hit to open the scoring, then Reisinger tied it with a 3-pointer from the side 90 seconds in.

Pequignot drew a whistle, and made one of two for the Lakers' first lead of the night.

The defenses clamped down at both ends as the intensity rose. A free throw from Bendler and a jumper by Lillard made it 52-48 Lakers with just 2 1/2 minutes to go.

Graham went cold from the field, getting only three points on free throws. A putback by Bendler and a shot by Hall pushed the lead to seven with 1:12 to go.

Graham briefly got within three, but foul shots by Pequignot, Reisinger and Hall nailed it down.



Brodey Reisinger of Indian Lake goes up for a shot during the third quarter of Friday's game against Graham. Pictured for the Falcons are Adam Levy (22) and Jackson Traylor (5). (EXAMINER PHOTO | MIKE FRANK)

In the JV contest, Indian Lake defeated Graham 44-25. Scoring for the Lakers: Grant Wickline 9, Reed Strayer 8, Braden Tussing 7, Skyler Haas 7, Hayden Hoffman 5, Brady Golliday 4, Blake Sell 3, and Tristan Taylor 1.

Indian Lake (1-0 CBC, 1-0) is back on the court tonight when they will host Ottawa-Glandorf. JV play begins at 6 p.m.

INDIAN LAKE 64, GRAHAM 57

FALCONS	13	24	11	9	-	57
LAKERS	13	13	17	21	-	64

GRAHAM (0-1, 2-4)

Brody Jenkins 7 3-4 21; Izaiah Smith 2 0-0 5; Breyton Reisinger 10 2-2 22; Jackson Traylor 1 0-0 2; Caleb McLean 0 0-0 0; Levi Hollingsworth 0 0-2 0; Adam Levy 2 3-4 7.

TOTALS 22 8-12 57.

INDIAN LAKE (1-0, 1-0)

Weston Campbell 0 0-0 0; Madden Lillard 2 0-0 5; Brodey Reisinger 8 6-10 23; Cooper Hall 4 2-2 10; Avery Pequignot 6 3-5 15; Jaxon Snipes 0 0-0 0; Colin Bendler 4 1-4 9; Tyler Tidwell 1 0-0 2.

TOTALS 25 12-21 64.



Indian Lake's Avery Pequignot (12) turns to drive with the ball during the first half of Friday's game. Pictured in the background are Madden Lillard of the Lakers and Brody Jenkins of Graham. (EXAMINER PHOTO | MIKE FRANK)

Chiefs fall in overtime

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Bellefontaine lost to Urbana 66-61 in overtime Friday in Central Buckeye Conference play.

The Chieftains are now 0-2 on the season and 0-1 in league action.

Bellefontaine's leading scorer was Braylon Newcomb with 18 points. Jair Mundy had 10.

The junior varsity won 42-32, with 13 points by Spencer Stolly and Blake Loomis adding 10.

The freshman squad got a 56-36 victory. Leading scorers were Sam Jenkins with 20 and Reign St. Clair with 16.

Bellefontaine hosts Benjamin Logan on Tuesday night.

In other area boys basketball play Friday:

Riverside falls to Eagles

Troy Christian defeated host Riverside 69-61 in Three Rivers Conference play.

Hayden Sanford had 17 points, with Landon Purtee and Jaxon Woods each scoring 12. Brody Orsborne added nine.

Woods had eight rebounds and two blocks.

See **BOYS** on Page 5



Braylon Newcomb of Bellefontaine goes up to the basket during Friday's game against Urbana. (EXAMINER PHOTO | TONY BARRETT)

Bellefontaine bowlers split with Urbana

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The Bellefontaine boys and girls bowling teams traveled to Urbana Thursday for Central Buckeye Conference contests, with the teams earning a split.

The Chieftains boys were outscored 2,886 to 2,603.

Alex Moon led Bellefontaine with a 438 series (210-228), followed by Alex Williams with 376 (174-202), David Allen 373 (213-160), and Rory Pierce 359 (186-173). Also figuring in the team score were Robert Spain (166 game) and Jacob Lynch (161 game).

They had 1,873 pins in conventional action and 730 in the Baker games.

For Urbana, John Michael Dale had a 500 series, followed by Draden Belt 458, Kohldon Belt 384, Connor Arnette 380 and Michael Benefiel 372. They had 2,094 in regular games and a Baker games total of 792.

Leading the JV Chieftains was Brandon Pinkerston with a 373 series (180-193) and Paul LaFollette with a 200 game. The Baker game scores

were 162, 160, 198 and 114.

Lanes today.

BOWLING

West Liberty-Salem swept by Greenon

The West Liberty-Salem bowlers faced Greenon in Ohio Heritage Conference action Thursday, with the Knights taking both contests.

Greenon won the boys' match with 2,643 to the Tigers' 2,453.

The high series for West Liberty-Salem was rolled by Tucker Searles with 449 (212-237), followed by Zander Gluckle at 429 (203-226). Next was Devon Jones at 357 (180-177), followed by Luke Thomas at 324 (168-156). Also part of the team scoring were Jerome Cordrey (146 game) and Evan Borgerding (141 game). They had 1,846 in regular games and 607 in Baker games.

Scores for Greenon were Zachary Grubbs 414, Daniel Stacy 414, Caden Rudy 377, Noah Cornish 374 and Colten Houseman 288. Their split was 1,867 and 776.

See **ROUNDUP** on Page 5

In the girls' match, Bellefontaine defeated Urbana 2,763 to 2,525.

Chloe Heminger led the Lady Chieftains with a 450 series (213-237). Also breaking 400 were Haylee Yelton with 417 (215-202) and Gracie Hood at 410 (203-207). Nevaeh LaFollette had 388 (170-218). Also contributing were Avery Mullins with a 189 game and Rylee Anderson with a 154 game.

Bellefontaine had 2,008 pins in the regular games and 755 in Baker games.

For Urbana, scores were Jazmyn Scott 438, Riley Smith 433, Emily Fisher 392, Mallory Stokes 348, Audrie Williams 155 game, and Natalie Turner 138 game.

They had 1,904 in conventional games and 721 in the Baker games.

Bellefontaine also won the JV match, 1,805 to 1,288. Scores for Bellefontaine included Rhiana Bear 309 (258-151) and Kinzie Bernard 285 (136-149) and Addison Prosser with a 146 game.

Both teams will take part in the first Merry Monarch Mashup Tournament at T-P

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St. Clair honored



Tavien St. Clair of Bellefontaine was presented with a Navy All-American jersey at half-time of Friday's boys basketball game against Urbana. (EXAMINER PHOTO | TONY BARRETT)

Heisman finalists have different vibe

BY MIKE FITZPATRICK
 AP SPORTS WRITER

NEW YORK — Same iconic statue, very different race.

With two-way star Travis Hunter of Colorado and Boise State running back Ashton Jeanty leading the field, these certainly aren't your typical Heisman Trophy contenders.

Sure, veteran quarterbacks Dillon Gabriel from top-ranked Oregon and Cam Ward of No. 15 Miami are finalists for college football's most prestigious award as well, but the 90th annual ceremony coming up Saturday night at Lincoln Center in New York City offers a fresh flavor this year.

To start with, none of the four are from the powerhouse SEC, which has produced four of the past five Heisman winners — two each from Alabama and LSU.

Jeanty, who played his home games for a Group of Five team on that peculiar blue turf in Idaho more than 2,100 miles from Manhattan, is the first running back even invited to the Heisman party since 2017. After leading the country with 2,497 yards rushing and 29 touchdowns, he joined quarterback Kellen Moore (2010) as the

only Boise State player to be named a finalist.

"The running back position has been overlooked for a while now," said Jeanty, who plans to enter the 2025 NFL draft.

"There's been a lot of great running backs before me that should have been here in New York, so to kind of carry on the legacy of the running back position I think is great. ... I feel as if I'm representing the whole position."

With the votes already in, all four finalists spent Friday conducting interviews and sightseeing in the Big Apple. They were given custom, commemorative watches to mark their achievement.

"I'm not a watch guy, but I like it," said Hunter, flashing a smile.

The players also took photos beneath the massive billboards in Times Square and later posed with the famous Heisman Trophy, handed out since 1935 to the nation's most outstanding performer.

Hunter, the heavy favorite, made sure not to touch it yet.

A dominant player on both offense and defense who rarely comes off the field, the wide receiver/cornerback is a throwback to generations gone by and the first full-time, true two-way star in decades.

On offense, he had 92 catches for 1,152 yards and 14 touchdowns this season to help the 20th-ranked Buffaloes (9-3) earn their first bowl bid in four years. On defense, he made four interceptions, broke up 11 passes and forced a critical fumble that secured an overtime victory against Baylor.

Hunter played 688 defensive snaps and 672 more on offense — the only Power Four conference player with 30-plus snaps on both sides of the ball, according to Colorado research.

Call him college football's answer to baseball unicorn Shohei Ohtani.

"I think I laid the ground for more people to come in and go two ways," Hunter said. "It starts with your mindset. If you believe you can do it, then you'll be able to do it. And also, I do a lot of treatment. I keep up with my body. I get a lot of recovery."

Hunter is Colorado's first Heisman finalist in 30 years. The junior from Suwanee, Georgia, followed flashy coach Deion Sanders from Jackson State, an HBCU that plays in the lower level FCS, to the Rocky Mountains and has already racked up a staggering combination of accolades this week.

Roundup

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Scores for the junior varsity boys were Austin Markin 181, Brock Mills 179, Carson Kerns 144, Xzavier Nicol 120, Carson Instine 115, and Patrick Brooks 65.

The Greenon girls had 2,519 pins to 1,680 for the Lady Tigers.

WL-S was led by Elli Ullery with 320 (152-168), followed by Kathy Roehm at 294 (140-154), Sadie Paul 264 (158-106), Lilly Gearheart 258 (131-127) and Jenny Reprogie 183 (71-112). They had 1,319 in conventional games and 361 in the Baker round.

Greenon's scores were Haley Ivon 402, Autumn Johnson 337, Madison Blair 335, Madison Cowan 287, Laurali Donnaker 151 game and Lily North 148 game. The split was 1,660 and 859.

West Liberty-Salem will be in the Southwest Shootout today at the Southwest Bowling Center.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Pirates get victory

Riverside defeated Lehman Catholic 41-30 in Three Rivers Conference action Thursday.

Miah Carman had 14 points, Kenna Johnson got 10 and Avery Perk added eight.

Riverside led by three after one, and was up 20-15 at halftime. They kept that lead in the remainder of the contest.

Riverside (1-2 TRC, 3-3 overall) travels to Miami East today for a game at 11 a.m.

West Liberty-Salem

loses on road

West Liberty-Salem lost to Fairbanks 43-36 in an Ohio Heritage Conference matchup Thursday.

The first half was close, with the Lady Tigers ahead 15-13 at halftime. Fairbanks then had a 16-5 edge in the third. WL-S got 16 in the fourth, but Fairbanks had 14 to secure the win.

Ava Astorino led WL-S with 13 points, Maddie McGill had eight and Addi Wallen scored seven. Rounding things out were Ava Johnson three, Ava Poppe two, Belle Sarver two and Arianna Weaver one.

Fairbanks won the junior varsity game 53-13. Addie Wallen had six points.

West Liberty-Salem (2-1 OHC, 4-2 overall) hosts Triad at 7 p.m. tonight.

Ben Logan falls to Kenton Ridge

Ben Logan lost to Kenton Ridge 42-33 in Central Buckeye Conference play on Wednesday.

Adilynne Gregg had 14 points, Daylin Varnier scored nine and Elliott Butler had five.

The Lady Raiders had six points in each of the first two periods, nine in the third and 12 in the fourth. Kenton Ridge led 19-12 at the break. They had 14 in the third to widen their lead and nine in the final frame.

The junior varsity game was two quarters, with Ben Logan winning 18-12. Aubrey Harris had seven and Bonnie Brunson scored four. The team was 13 of 18 at the free throw line.

Ben Logan will host North Union today. JV play begins at noon.

SWIMMING

Raiders swimmers in action at Trotwood

Ben Logan's swim teams competed at a meet at Trotwood on Wednesday. There were nine teams in action.

For the girls, Annika Chappell took first place in the 100 yard backstroke (1:12).

The 200 free relay team of Chappell, Annika Schmidt, Junah Tingley and Lottie Bodin had a time of 1:49. In the 400 free relay it was Fiona Sweeney, Winnie Bodin, Schmidt and Chappell (4:48).

Earning second places were Chappell in the 200 freestyle (2:28) and Sweeney in the 200 individual medley (2:51) and 50 freestyle (28.98).

Lottie Bodin was third in the 100 butterfly (1:24) and Winnie Bodin took third in the 100 freestyle (1:10).

On the boys' side, event winners were Liam Sweeney in the 100 butterfly (1:04) and Carter Daniels in the 100 backstroke (1:11), as well as the 400 free relay team of Landon Braddock, Jerrick Stephens, Utah Coleman and Liam Sweeney (4:07).

Coming in second was Sweeney in the 200 freestyle (2:15) and the 200 free relay combo of Sweeney, Stephens, Daniels and Braddock (1:41).

Coleman was third in the 200 IM (2:45) and 500 freestyle (6:47), while Braddock was third in the 50 freestyle (25.41) and 100 backstroke (1:17).

The Raiders will be in action Thursday for a meet at Urbancrest.

JUNIOR HIGH

Bellefontaine girls lose

The Bellefontaine eighth grade girls basketball lost to North Union 48-17 on Thursday. Mia Brown had 10 points and Lexey Brown got seven.

North Union won the seventh grade game 28-22. Annie Galloway had eight points. Gianna Davis had six points and five rebounds. Alexis Hogan had three points and three assists. Brookelyn Oaks, Alexis Skaggs and Kennedy Hairston combined for five points.

WL-S seventh grade girls win

West Liberty-Salem's seventh grade girls team defeated Mechanicsburg 28-26 Thursday. Lilly Yeater and Avery Randall each had nine points,

Bella Johnson had eight and Avery Brown added two.

Riverside boys lose

The Riverside eighth grade boys basketball lost to Lehman Catholic 68-17, and the seventh grade boys lost 42-37 on Thursday.

Boys

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Troy Christian led by one, 19-18 after the first. Riverside had 11 in the second to the Eagles' 10, making it 29-all at halftime.

Troy Christian then had a two-point edge in the third and outscored the Pirates by six in the final frame.

In the JV contest, Riverside lost 59-34. Camden Shoe had 12 points, Syler Clark had six, and David Gross and Cooper Crouch each scored five.

Riverside (0-3 TRC, 2-4 overall) hosts Lehman

Catholic on Tuesday.

Raiders lose to North Union

North Union defeated Benjamin Logan 60-46 in Central Buckeye Conference play.

Cayden Brown had 15 points and Ethan Miller 13 for the Raiders.

Ben Logan was held to 10 points in the first half, while North Union had 25. The Raiders then had 13 in the third and 23 in the fourth, but could not catch up.

The junior varsity lost 39-32. Diesel Baughman had 15 points and Xavier

Allen put in five.

The freshman squad won 47-34. Offensive leaders were Owen Stratton with 18 and Caden Powell with 14.

Ben Logan (0-2 CBC, 1-6 overall) is at Bellefontaine Tuesday night.

West Liberty-Salem falls to Indians

West Liberty-Salem lost to Mechanicsburg in Ohio Heritage Conference action.

No further information was available at press time.

The Tigers (1-1 OHC, 1-1 overall) host Madison Plains on Tuesday night.

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Entertainment

How Timothée Chalamet transformed into Bob Dylan for 'A Complete Unknown'

NEW YORK (AP) — How many roads must a man walk down to play Bob Dylan?

Quite a few, at least, if you're Timothée Chalamet. Off and on for some six years, Chalamet has been obsessively working toward his performance in "A Complete Unknown." He has visited Dylan's childhood home, learned how to play the guitar (and the harmonica) and immersed himself in the early '60s New York that Dylan emerged out of — even if much of it has faded with history by now.

"Cafe Wha? was funny because they have Jimi Hendrix and Bob Dylan painted along the staircase and everything but now it's just, like, Aerosmith covers," Chalamet says, chuckling. "I was like: I don't think this is what it was like when Bob was here."

Chalamet has been building his Bob Dylan for so long that he's been seen playing Dylan songs while in costume as Willy Wonka and on the set of "Dune." His "Dune" co-star, Oscar Isaac (who

famously played a fictional Dylan-adjacent folk musician in "Inside Llewyn Davis"), said, "My first thought, it sounded like a really bad idea."

Isaac certainly wasn't the only one to doubt whether Chalamet, or anyone, could tackle someone as iconic and enigmatic as Dylan. But Chalamet's performance — complete with singing and guitar playing — in the James Mangold-directed film, which opens in theaters Dec. 25, has drawn near-universal praise.

Chalamet, in an interview, recently spoke about how he navigated the biggest acting challenge of his career.

AP: There might not be a much more daunting undertaking for an actor than playing Dylan. How did you decide you wanted to do it?

CHALAMET: I obviously felt like you can't go near that if you're not ready to do it. Equally, I had five years to work on this, or six, so there was no truncated process at any point. If you play any real-life figure, it's sort of a gift. There's the reality of how

it happened. But with a musician, your education becomes twofold, or tenfold, because there's not only the record of what he went through in his work, but the feeling he can give you as a person — which for me, with Bob's music, was exponential.

AP: Where did you begin?

CHALAMET: Weirdly, it was the press conferences. This came to me in an email in 2018. Bob Dylan, to me, was limited to the good friend of my father's in New York, growing up, who had a striking black-and-white portrait of Dylan on his apartment wall. I didn't know much of his music. You know, stuff like "Blowing in the Wind" or "Time's They Are a-Changin'" are so woven in American culture that, of course, I knew those. I just went up YouTube and before songs popped up, the San Francisco press conference popped up in '65. I was just so fascinated to see an artist who was a definitive figure of the '60s, but who clearly was as much a thinker as he was a forward-facing entertainer.

AP: Did you get anything from the D.A. Pennebaker documentary 'Don't Look Back'?

CHALAMET: The great thing about "Don't Look Back" is it's just really raw. There aren't the talking heads. It's what's great about Suze Rotolo's book. It's really raw. It's more raw than a lot of the other books about Bob Dylan. It's very clear-sighted about the young relationship she had with Bob. With an artist of such reverence, it's important as an actor not to simply revere him. Then you'll do justice to the people that already revere him, but to everyone else in the room, they won't get it.

AP: When do you first pick up a guitar?

CHALAMET: I picked up a guitar on "Call Me By Your Name" because I pluck out the chords of a song in that film. So I had, like, a really rudimentary experience with that. I think sometime in 2018 I had my first lesson with this great guitar teacher named Larry Saltzman who at some point became less of a teacher

and more of a co-sanity artist through COVID. I think we were keeping each other sane. We would Zoom three, four times a week and doing songs that never made it into the movie.

AP: What songs did you gravitate toward?

CHALAMET: All of it. I really liked all of it. I like the more intimate songs like "Girl From the North Country" or "Boots of Spanish Leather" or "One Too Many Mornings" or "Tomorrow Is a Long Time." But then I also liked "North Country Blues" and "Rocks and Gravel" or "Ballad of Hollis Brown" — things where you hear the iron ore in Bob's voice, the North Country in Minnesota, the Hibbing.

AP: So much of the movie is about the onset of fame for Dylan and his rejection of the expectations others have for him. Were you able to connect with that experience?

CHALAMET: Yeah, absolutely, in ways that are more unspoken than I could be definitive about. I just do. I don't know how to use more words than that. And it was

empowering to play someone that really just bucked off all pressure.

AP: You haven't met Dylan, but have you thought about what you'd ask him if you did?

CHALAMET: I think I'd just say thank you, really. Not thank you for the opportunity to meet, or thank you for the opportunity to play the role. Thank you for his music and his art and his work.

AP: You sound altered by this experience. Did it in some way shift your DNA as an actor?

CHALAMET: I feel changed by the experience. I can't speak about the actual film. The process of it, the years long endeavor into it, the dignity in playing something that actually happened. Those were new facets to my experience as an artist. Beyond that, people will make of it what they will, which is totally fair. I think that's a great Bob worldview, too. Do with it what you want.

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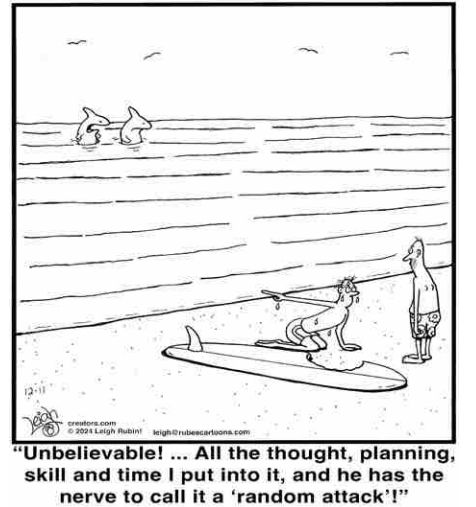
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Difficulty: ★★★★★ 12/12

Horoscopes

ROYAL STARS | FROM KING FEATURES SYNDICATE By Georgia Nicols

MOON ALERT: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Gemini.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024: You spirited, versatile and intelligent. Your sense of adventure takes you to new places. You're also down to earth. This is a year of learning and teaching. It's also time to renew your spiritual or religious beliefs. Explore meditation, yoga or philosophies that help you get a better self-awareness.

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) ★★★★★ Today you have a wonderful, positive outlook on life! Furthermore, you're finding it easy to see the big picture. Meanwhile, this is a good day to focus on gratitude. It's also a wonderful day to focus on future success! Share your joy with others. Live it up! Tonight: Learn!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You are the financial wizard of the zodiac, and today the Moon is in your Money House lined up with lucky, moneybags Jupiter. This is good news! By all means, look for ways to boost your income. Gifts, goodies and favors from others might come your way. Purchases will please you. Tonight: Check your finances.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign lined up with Jupiter. This is favorable! This is why you feel warm and openhearted to others. In particular, you will enjoy practicing kindness and being generous to others. It makes you feel good. Plus, what goes around, comes around. Tonight: Partnerships.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Today it's easy for you to feel fortunate and appreciative. You're happy to be in your own skin. These positive feelings might encourage you to explore mystical ideas or information about spirituality or religion. You want to connect with your higher aspirations. Tonight: Boost your health.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ This is a fabulous day to schmooze with friends and to interact with clubs, groups and organizations, because you're enthusiastic and positive-minded! Your energy will attract others to you, which will make you feel successful. In fact, this is a great day to set some goals. Tonight: Socialize!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You look fabulous in the eyes of others today! People see you as successful, generous, broad-minded and wise. (Go with the flow and don't do anything to ruin this great press.) People might ask for your approval or advice. Remember that you're in the public eye. Tonight: Home and family.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ This is a wonderful day to travel or do something to get a change of scenery. If you can't travel, then be a tourist in your own neighborhood. You will also love to learn something new. You might like to study. You might talk to people from different backgrounds and other cultures. It's a good day for legal and medical matters. Tonight: Conversations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Keep your pockets open, because the universe will favor you today. You'll be laughing all the way to the bank. However, this is also a good day to be generous to others. You will feel a sense of warm satisfaction and increased self-respect. Tonight: Money

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Relations with partners, spouses and even members of the general public will be warm and friendly today, which is why you will enjoy socializing with others, including group activities. Very likely, someone will inspire or uplift you, which is a wonderful perk. Tonight: You shine.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Work-related travel will be on the books for some of you today. You'll be pleased to do anything that widens your world and expands your knowledge. Work with groups today to be the most productive. Connect with others and explore new ideas! Tonight: Privacy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Accept all invitations to socialize today. You'll have fun! It's a great day for sports events, the theater, anything to do with the hospitality industry, plus playful activities with children. You will find it rewarding to spread joy to others. Tonight: Old friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ This is a great day to entertain at home. Invite the gang over for good food and drink. Any gathering at your home will be a successful, upbeat event! By extension, this can also be a profitable and favorable day for real estate. Tonight: You're admired.

BORN TODAY
Actress Vanessa Hudgens (1988), actress Natascha McElhone (1969), actress, comedian Miranda Hart (1972)

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HELP WANTED

OFFICE HELP WANTED
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Need your grass cut?
Call Cool Stripes
937-935-6837

YARD MACHINE 20hp Briggs & Stratton, 42" cut, needs battery & safety start switch. \$250 cash. Call 937-414-7984 leave message.

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APTS., ROOMS, HOUSES starting at \$400.00. Call or Text 937-407-2126, 441-2243.

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lished in this newspaper are subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 which makes it illegal to advertise discrimination based on race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age (including children), handicap or familial status. This also includes limitation to number of persons desired. The Bellefontaine Examiner will not knowingly accept advertising which is in violation of the law.

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All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18. This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in the newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination call HUD toll free at 1-800-669-9777. The toll free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.

FINANCIAL

NOTICE LENDING OPPORTUNITIES
Borrow Smart. Contact the Ohio Division of Financial Institutions' Office of Consumer Affairs BEFORE you refinance your home or obtain a loan. BEWARE of requests for any large advance payment of fees or insurance. Call the Office of Consumer Affairs toll free at 1-866-278-0003 to learn if the mortgage broker or lender is properly licensed. (This notice is a public service of the Bellefontaine Examiner.)

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NOTICE
The Bellefontaine Examiner does not knowingly accept Help Wanted ads from employers covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act if they offer less than the legal minimum wage or fail to pay at least time and one-half for overtime hours.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT
The Village of Belle Center, Ohio is the owner of property described as follows: Being Permanent Parcel No. 39-022-06-10-001-000 and being 0.134 acres, more or less, located in VMS 9972, and part of Lot 161 of the Village of Belle Center, Ohio and further being located in the Village of Belle Center, the Township of Richland, the County of Logan and the State of Ohio. The property is described by metes and bounds legal description in OR 1421, Pages 4494-4496 of the Logan County recorder's Office. The Village of Belle Center, Ohio will accept sealed bids for the property which must be delivered to the Village Fiscal Officer located at 101 Keller Ave, Belle Center, open Monday to Thursday 8am to 2 pm, on or before the 26th day of December 2024. The property will thereafter

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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

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 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 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. 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
Prior Instrument: Vol. 4 Page 469 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)

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November 23, 30;
December 7, 14, 21, 28

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO
PennyMac Loan Services, LLC Plaintiff
Vs
Unknown Heirs, Legatees, Devises, 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, Devises, 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 alleged that the Defendants have or may have an interest in this Real Estate. The Defendants, Unknown Heirs, Legatees, Devises, 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, Devises, 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

Legal Notice
The Village of Belle Center, Ohio is the owner of the property for sale described as follows: Being Permanent Parcel No. 39-022-05-04-010-000 at 104 W Buckeye St and being part of Lot 4 of the Village of Belle Center, Ohio and being the same property acquired from Millisor Chevrolet Company on November 5, 1969 as described in Deed Volume 328, Page 422 of the Logan County Real Estate Records. A meets and bounds description could be obtained by reference to the deed. The Village of Belle Center, Ohio will accept sealed bids for the property which must be delivered to the Village Clerk's Office located at the Depot Building, 101 Keller Ave, Belle Center, Ohio 43310 on or before the 13th day of January 2025. The property will thereafter sell to the highest bidder who makes a bid of at least the minimum acceptable bid price, which is the amount of \$50,000.00, but additionally the successful bidder shall be required to pay the cost of legal advertising for this sale.
Dec. 14, 21, 28; Jan. 4, 11, 2025

Legal Notice
The Village of Belle Center, Ohio

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is the owner of the property for sale described as follows: Being Permanent Parcel No. 39-022-05-01-017-000 which is listed on the Logan County Auditor's site as being 3.138-acre tract and which is described by metes and bonds in Official Record Volume 1084, Page 464-469 of the Logan County Recorder's Office records. The property being sold herein, however, is only going to be part of that property and can be described as 50 feet of frontage on Buckeye Street and 150 feet depth, but which will require a new survey to properly describe and locate the exact property. The Village of Belle Center, Ohio will accept sealed bids for the property which must be delivered to the Village Clerk's Office located at the Depot Building, 101 Keller Ave, Belle Center, Ohio 43310 on or before the 13th day of January 2025. The property will thereafter sell to the highest bidder who makes a bid of at least the minimum acceptable bid price, which is the amount of \$12,000.00, but additionally the successful bidder shall be required to pay the cost of legal advertising for this sale.
Dec. 14, 21, 28; Jan. 4, 11, 2025

LEGAL NOTICE
Union Township will hold a year end meeting on December 30, 2024 at 6PM at the Township House. Vendors are reminded to turn in any bills and invoices prior to December 30, 2024 for Union Township.
Dec. 14, 2024

Notice of Public Meeting

The Lake Township Board of Zoning Appeals and the Lake Township Board of Zoning Commission will hold their reorganization meetings for the year 2025 on the 14th day of January, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. at the Lake Township House, 900 South Detroit Street, in Logan County, Ohio.
Dec. 14, 2024

Notice of Public Meetings

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Lake Township Trustees will regularly meet in 2025 on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Building located at 900 South Detroit Street, Bellefontaine, Ohio.
Dec. 14, 2024

LEGAL NOTICE
The Jefferson Township Trustees will meet on Monday December 30th at 10:00 AM at the Tri Valley Fire Department to reorganize for the upcoming 2025 year.

By Order of Jefferson Township Trustees
Dec. 14, 2024

LEGAL NOTICE
The Bloomfield Township Zoning Board will meet January 13, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. The Bloomfield Township Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on January 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. The Bloomfield Township Trustees will meet on January 13, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. with the reorganizational meeting to follow. All meetings will be held at the Bloomfield Township Building at 5726 Co Rd. 21 Levistown, Ohio.
Dec. 14, 2024

Public Notice
Washington Township Trustees will hold a special meeting on Monday, December 16, 2024 at 10:00 AM for the purpose of paying end of year invoices and planning for 2025. All outstanding invoices should be sent to the Township Fiscal Officer at PO Box 127, Russells Point, OH 43348 by Monday, December 16, 2024 at 8:00 AM.

Regular meetings for 2025 will remain the same, the second Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Township Hall, 7464 CR 91, Levistown, OH. Placed by order of the Washington Township Trustees
Lisa Miller, Fiscal Officer
Dec. 14, 2024

BELLEFONTAINE EXAMINER

BETTER WAY TO SAVE

CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE

• BELLEFONTAINE'S BEST CAR WASH	
\$14 ("BEST" Car Wash)	\$9
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• CLANCY'S (SIDNEY)	
\$6	\$4
• DONATOS PIZZA, SUBS, SALADS	
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• DONUT SHOP & BAKERY (RUSSELLS PT.)	
\$10	\$7
\$20	\$13
• EASTON WATER	
\$30	\$18
*NOTE: (Limit 2-per purchase)	
• INDIAN LAKE ROLLARENA	
\$6 (Fri & Sat 7-10:30 p.m.).....	\$4.50
• KIRK MONT CENTER HABITAT HOUSE	
\$100 (Good for (1) night rental)	\$70
\$600 (Good for (1) week rental)	\$420
• KNEAD MORE MASSAGE	
\$85 (Good for (1) ONE HOUR MASSAGE)	\$52
(Only 3 available per month)	
• LEE'S COMFORT SHOES	
\$20 (Only 25 per month, 5 per customer)	\$14
• McDONALDS (BFN. NORTH & SOUTH)	
\$10	\$8
\$20	\$15
• OHIO FITNESS & MARTIAL ARTS	
\$39.99	\$28
(Good for (1) Month Gym Membership)	
\$70	\$49
(Good for (1) Month Family Gym Membership)	
\$79.99	\$59
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BUSINESSES INTERESTED IN JOINING THE PROGRAM CALL 937-592-3060 TO FIND OUT HOW!

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RIVERSIDE REMEMBRANCE TREES



The Riverside Interact Club recently provided an opportunity for all students and staff to honor their loved ones this holiday season. The holidays can be hard for people who have experienced loss, so members of the Interact Club purchased materials needed to create ornaments remembering their special person. Ornaments were hung on the Remembrance Trees. Students and staff who created an ornament will receive their ornament to take home before Christmas break. (RIVERSIDE SCHOOLS PHOTO)

Marks

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served the *Examiner* until 1976, when the newspaper's final on-site press was installed.

But other changes occurred over the intervening years.

In 1930, future publisher Thomas T.E. Hubbard joined the editorial staff, and by 1936, when H.K. Hubbard passed away, he had gained some financial interest in the business.

By 1970, T.E. Hubbard would gain full ownership of the newspaper. The times also saw Dalton Young replace Mr. McCracken as editor and in 1968, Arthur E. Gene Marine stepped in to fill Mr. Young's shoes.

As editor in 1976, Mr. Marine oversaw the newsroom's transition to a brand new building at 127 E. Chillicothe Ave., while other employees, including pressroom foreman Everett Culp trained his staff to operate the high-speed Rockwell offset press that was in use until modern cost concerns led the business owners to begin printing the daily product off site.

T.E. Hubbard worked with Bellefontaine-based Thomas & Marker

Construction to build the 11,500 square-foot office and printing facility on east Chillicothe Avenue to replace the paper's former home at 130-136 Court St.

"Bellefontaine, and the rest of the country, was experiencing a rough economic period in the early 70s, prior to Honda and other manufacturing companies locating here," Tom's grandson, and current *Examiner* publisher/owner, Thomas "T.J." Hubbard said.

"Part of my grandfather's motivation to build a large, strong-looking brick facility in the downtown was to help give the community that he loved a boost."

Computer technology continued to advance the newspaper's information gathering and production capabilities under T.E. Hubbard's leadership, although he himself typed news notes on a manual typewriter until his death in December 2001.

Since the death of Mrs. Thomas Hubbard in 2015 and her son Jon Hubbard in March of 2023, the ownership passed to Thomas "T.J." Hubbard, who continues to operate the business today.

This year, the *Examiner* marked another milestone when it moved to a new location Aug. 1 at 1213 W. Sandusky Ave., Bellefontaine, after spending nearly 50 years at the east Chillicothe Avenue facility.

The *Examiner* moved into the PeakFiber building, a modern office space located across from the former Western Elementary School. More than a mere physical location change, the move to west Sandusky Avenue is a collaboration between the 133-year-old newspaper and PeakFiber Broadband, the only locally-owned and operated broadband service provider in Logan County.

The *Bellefontaine Examiner* hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house Friday, Sept. 20, with the help of the Logan County Chamber of Commerce. Family, friends and elected officials dropped by for the celebration in conjunction with PeakFiber's staff at the shared office space for the two businesses.

Examiner customers and subscribers can visit the office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

People return to Malibu homes as weather conditions improve and help firefighters battle blaze

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) — More than 3,700 residents have returned to their Malibu homes as weather conditions improved enough to help firefighters battling a Southern California blaze. Calmer winds and rising humidity

aided firefighters as they climbed through steep canyons to fight the Franklin Fire. The weather improved so much that meteorologists said all red flag warnings were discontinued. The sheriff's department lifted some mandato-

ry evacuation orders on Thursday, though others remain in place. The Franklin Fire was still only 20% contained at over 6 square miles. Officials say four homes have been destroyed and at least six others have been damaged.

INDICTMENTS

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in drugs, a felony of the second degree.

Hartline was indicted on charges, including: aggravated possession of drugs, a felony of the second degree; possession of cocaine, a felony of the second degree; tampering with evidence, a third-degree felony; and aggravated trafficking in drugs, a felony of the second degree.

The two were arrested Wednesday, Dec. 4, following a traffic stop conducted around 9:30 p.m. in the 700 block of North Main Street by officers from the Bellefontaine Police Department's criminal patrol and K9 units.

Both individuals were wanted for parole violations at the time of the stop. Hughes attempted to flee on foot but was apprehended after a brief chase. K9 Pyro's alert during the stop led officers to search the vehicle, uncovering significant amounts of illegal narcotics, including methamphetamine, cocaine, LSD and drug paraphernalia.

A subsequent parole search of Hughes' residence revealed additional drugs, including psilocybin mushrooms.

Others indicted were: Michelle Butcher, 45, of Russells Point: possession of cocaine, a fifth-degree felony; illegal use or possession of drug paraphernalia,



a misdemeanor of the fourth degree;

Kimberly Carnes, 46, of Bellefontaine: trafficking in cocaine, a fourth-degree felony; corrupting another with drugs, a felony of the second degree;

Lori Cook, 60, of Milford: possession of cocaine, a felony of the fifth degree; possession of drugs, a misdemeanor of the first degree; illegal use or possession of drug paraphernalia, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree;

Clinton Daines, 33, of Bellefontaine: possession of heroin, a felony of the fourth degree;

Carl Dennin Jr., 33, of Springfield: possession of a fentanyl-related compound, a fifth-degree felony; possession of cocaine, a fifth-degree felony;

Ashley Diles, 34, of Columbus: possession of cocaine, a felony of the fourth degree; possessing drug abuse instruments, a misdemeanor of the first degree; illegal use or possession of drug paraphernalia, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree;

Ricki Downing, 27, of

West Liberty: escape, a felony of the third degree;

Katelyn Dugan, 31, of Lakeview: aggravated possession of drugs, a felony of the fifth degree; possession of cocaine, a felony of the fifth degree;

Justin Edlen, 32, of Alger: Three counts of rape, a felony of the first degree; two counts of pandering sexually-oriented matter involving a minor or impaired person, a felony of the second degree; two counts of pandering sexually-oriented matter involving a minor or impaired person, a felony of the fourth degree; illegal use of a minor or impaired person in nudity-oriented material or performance, a fifth-degree felony;

Christopher Lunsford, 44, of Milford: possession of cocaine, a felony of the fifth degree; illegal use or possession of drug paraphernalia, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree;

Olivia Silone, 23, of Lima: trafficking in cocaine, a felony of the fourth degree; corrupting another with drugs, a second-degree felony.

Paul Shoffner, 47, of Belle Center: aggravated possession of drugs, a fifth-degree felony; illegal use or possession of drug paraphernalia, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree; and

Mark White, 57, of Lima: theft, a felony of the fifth degree.

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effort to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election and are facing possible retribution when he takes office.

Clemency is the term for the power the president has to pardon, in which a person is relieved of guilt and punishment, or to commute a sentence, which reduces or eliminates the punishment but doesn't exonerate the wrongdoing. It's customary for a president to grant mercy at the end of his term, using the power of the office to wipe away records or end prison terms.

Those pardoned Thursday range in age from 36 to 75. About half are men and half are women, and they had been convicted of nonviolent crimes such as drug offenses, fraud or theft and turned their lives around, White House lawyers said. They include a woman who led emergency response teams during natural disasters; a church deacon who has worked as an addiction counselor and youth counselor; a doctoral student in molecular biosciences; and a decorated military veteran.

Louisiana resident Trynitha Fulton, 46, was one of the pardons; she pleaded guilty to participating in a payroll fraud scheme while serving as a New Orleans middle school teacher in the early 2000s. She was sentenced to three years of probation in 2008.

"The pardon gives me a sense of freedom," Fulton said in a written statement to the AP. "The conviction has served as a mental barrier for me, limiting my ability to live a full life."

"The pardon gives me inspiration to make more impactful decisions personally and professionally," she added.

After her conviction, Fulton went on to earn a master's degree. She helps lead the nonprofit Skyliners-Youth Outreach, which supports New Orleans youth by providing hot meals, clothing, shelter and mental health referrals.

The president had previously issued 122 commutations and 21 other pardons. He's also broadly pardoned those convicted of use and simple possession of marijuana on federal lands and in the District of Columbia, and pardoned former U.S. service members convicted of violating a now-repealed military ban on consensual gay sex.

Rep. Jim McGovern, D-Mass., and 34 other lawmakers are urging the president to pardon environmental and human rights lawyer Steven Donziger, who was imprisoned or under house arrest for three years because of a contempt of court charge related to his work representing Indigenous farmers in a lawsuit against Chevron.

Others are advocating for Biden to commute the sentences of federal death row

prisoners. His attorney general, Merrick Garland, paused federal executions. Biden had said on the campaign trail in 2020 that he wanted to end the death penalty but he never did, and now, with Trump coming back into office, it's likely executions will resume. During his first term, Trump presided over an unprecedented number of federal executions, carried out during the height of the pandemic.

More clemency grants are coming before Biden leaves office on Jan. 20, but it's not clear whether he'll take action to guard against possible prosecution by Trump, an untested use of the power. The president has been taking the idea seriously and has been thinking about it for as much as six months — before the presidential election — but has been concerned about the precedent it would set, according to people familiar with the matter who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity to discuss internal discussions.

But those who received the pardons would have to accept them. New California Sen. Adam Schiff, who was a part of the House committee that investigated the violent Jan. 6 insurrection, said such a pardon from Biden would be "unnecessary," and that the president shouldn't be spending his waning days in office worrying about this.

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