



## New technology in place

Mary Rutan Health now offers Automated Breast Ultrasound to help diagnose cancer

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Officials from the Mary Rutan Crawfis Imaging Center announced this week the implementation of a new technology at the center — Automated Breast Ultrasound (ABUS).

This is a cutting-edge diagnostic tool that helps detect small cancers that cannot be seen on a mammogram alone in women with dense breast tissue. Currently, the Mary Rutan Crawfis

Imaging Center, 120 Dowell Ave., Bellefontaine, is the only healthcare facility to offer Automated Breast Ultrasound within a 30-mile radius.

Automated Breast Ultrasound is a supplemental screening designed to be used in conjunction with traditional mammography screenings. ABUS is usually covered by insurance with a physician order in women with dense breasts. “Statistically, 40 percent of women have dense breast tissue, but if you include those women who have focal areas of dense tissue, an additional 10-20 percent of women could benefit from this exam,” explained Dr. Michael Barrows, radiolo-

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Mary Rutan Crawfis Imaging Center staff are pictured with the new diagnostic tool, the Automated Breast Ultrasound. (MARY RUTAN PHOTO)

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## Pastor leans in for a little divine inspiration for guitar entry



BY MANDY LOEHR | EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

**A** local pastor combined two of his hobbies that he enjoys outside of serving at Gretna Brethren Church — music and woodworking — into his unique entry into the 2025 Not So Bad Art by Good People contest.

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Gretna Brethren Church Pastor Rob Starnes assembles his guitar entry for the Not So Bad Art by Good People contest. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

## Extreme cold weather prompts school closures

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

An extreme arctic cold front has gripped the region, bringing with it dangerously low temperatures and an extended cold weather advisory that has prompted the closure of at least two local schools.

The National Weather Service in Wilmington has issued a cold weather advisory that remains in effect through 10 a.m.

Wednesday, as wind chills as low as -20°F are expected, creating hazardous conditions that can cause frostbite on exposed skin within 30 minutes and hypothermia with prolonged exposure.

In response to the bitter cold, Bellefontaine, Benjamin Logan, Indian

Lake and Riverside schools are closed Tuesday, Jan. 21. At press time early Monday evening, West Liberty-Salem Schools had called a two-hour delay for Tuesday, Jan. 21.

Riverside Schools also cancelled classes for Wednesday, Jan. 22. Bellefontaine and West Liberty-Salem are also on a two-hour delay Wednesday as well.

The frigid temperatures have also prompted warnings about heating efficiency and safety as heating systems work overtime to maintain indoor comfort.

Residents are urged to dress in layers, including hats, gloves and face masks, and to limit time outdoors. Pets should be kept indoors

whenever possible to prevent cold-related injuries.

Homeowners can improve heating efficiency by lowering thermostats by at least eight degrees while sleeping or away from home, sealing drafts with caulk or weather stripping, and insulating attics, basements and water pipes. Keeping heating vents clear of obstructions and setting ceiling fans to spin clockwise on low speed can also help circulate warm air.

Safety is paramount as heating systems run continuously in these conditions. Space heaters should be used with caution, placed away from flammable materials, and turned off when unattended. Residents are encouraged

to check smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to ensure they are working properly.

Emergency kits should be prepared with essentials such as food, water, blankets, flashlights, and batteries. A fully charged phone, power bank, and a battery-powered radio are vital in case of power outages. Residents can further manage indoor temperatures by opening curtains during the day to let sunlight in and closing them at night to retain heat.

The cold front is expected to linger, making preparation and caution essential. Residents are encouraged to monitor weather updates and adhere to local advisories to stay safe.

### STUDENT ACHIEVER

## Student recognized in Scholastic Art Competition

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Benjamin Logan Schools announces that Tony Tambaro, a talented artist from the Class of 2028, has been recognized in the prestigious Scholastic Art & Writing Awards competition for his outstanding creativity and dedication to the arts.

Tony submitted several original works, created on his own time, and received recognition for the following:

- “Fantasmi” – Gold Key Award (24 x 18 inches, acrylic paints and watercolors);
- “City of Life” – Silver Key Award (14 x 11 inches, acrylic paints);
- “Abducted” – Honorable Mention (16 x 20 inches, watercolor and acrylic paints); and
- “Speed of Sound” – Honorable Mention (18 x 24 inches, acrylic paints).

“Tony is truly gifted,” Jennifer Davis, Tony’s art teacher shared. “He has a remarkable ability to bring his imagination to life on the canvas.”

“These are artworks that Tony made on his own time. We shared them with his class. Join us in congratulating Tony on his well-deserved success. He makes Benjamin Logan Schools proud.”

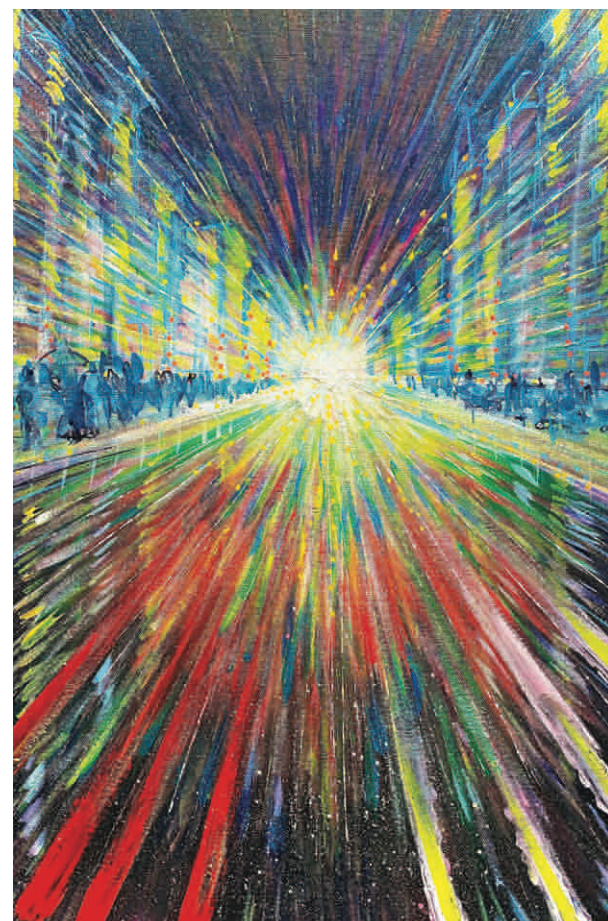
Tony’s award-winning works will be displayed at the K12 Gallery & TEJAS, located at 341 S. Jefferson St., Dayton, OH 45402. The exhibition will run from Jan. 20 to Feb. 21, showcasing the talents of young artists across the region.

The Scholastic Award Ceremony will take place at the gallery on Feb. 21, with a preview starting at 4:30 p.m. and the awards ceremony beginning at 5 p.m.

Benjamin Logan Schools congratulates Tony on his achievements and extends gratitude to Mrs. Davis for nurturing and celebrating the artistic talents of her students.

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards is one of the nation’s largest and most prestigious recognition programs for creative teens, showcasing excellence in the arts and inspiring future generations of artists and writers.

For more information, visit Scholastic Art & Writing Awards’ Miami Valley Art Region at [www.artandwriting.org/regions/OH008A](http://www.artandwriting.org/regions/OH008A).



Benjamin Logan High School student Tony Tambaro’s piece “Fantasmi” received a Gold Key Award in the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards competition. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

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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

## Ramaswamy mulls run for Ohio governor position

(AP) — The Department of Government Efficiency's first order of business was itself: It's now down to one leader.

Vivek Ramaswamy is no longer part of the commission that President Donald Trump championed, officials confirmed hours after the Republican took office Monday, and that leaves billionaire Elon Musk to run the cost-cutting operation alone.

Ramaswamy, a biotech entrepreneur who sought the GOP nomination for president in 2024, has signaled plans to run for governor of Ohio next year. A native of Cincinnati, Ramaswamy, 39, had shown interest in Vice President JD Vance's recently vacated Senate seat before Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine chose Lt. Gov. Jon Husted as Vance's successor.

"Vivek Ramaswamy played a critical role in helping us create DOGE,"

Anna Kelly, a spokesperson for the commission, said in a statement. "He intends to run for elected office soon, which requires him to remain outside of DOGE, based on the structure that we announced today. We thank him immensely for his contributions over the last 2 months and expect him to play a vital role in making America great again."

Trump picked Musk and Ramaswamy to lead DOGE, a nongovernmental task force that Trump has assigned to find ways to fire federal workers, cut programs and slash federal regulations — all part of what the new president calls his "Save America" agenda for his second term.

Musk's involvement in particular has raised ethics concerns because SpaceX, the company he founded and led, has massive defense contracts and competes for business from NASA. His Tesla

electric-car company and other business interests could also benefit from Trump decisions in office.

Ambitious efforts to reduce the size and scope of the federal government historically have run into resistance when the public is confronted with cuts to trusted programs that millions of Americans depend on for jobs, health care, military security and everyday needs.

One of the world's wealthiest millennials, Ramaswamy made a fortune in biotech before turning his attention to politics. He rose to prominence on the right as a fierce critic of identity politics and programs that advance diversity, equity and inclusion.

He has positioned himself as a thought leader of Trump's populist "Make America Great Again" movement. He endorsed Trump in the GOP primary after finishing fourth in Iowa's lead-off caucuses.

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gist at Mary Rutan Crawfis Imaging Center.

The difficulty radiologists experience when reading mammograms is that both dense tissue and cancer appear white on a mammogram.

With ABUS, suspicious masses appear black against the white

dense tissue.

"Mammography continues to be the gold standard for the detection of breast cancer; however, it doesn't work equally well in all women, particularly those with dense breast tissue," adds Dr. Barrows.

"Research shows that ABUS technology as an

adjunct to mammography has the potential to find 35.7 percent additional cancers that would not have been found with mammography alone."

The Mary Rutan Crawfis Imaging Center team recommends that women get annual screening mammograms.

If they have been informed that they have dense breast tissue, they should talk to their doctor about their specific risk and additional screening tests that may be appropriate.

Call the Mary Rutan Crawfis Imaging Center to schedule your annual mammogram and to be screened for dense breast tissue at (937) 592-1883.

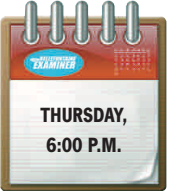
## LOCAL NOTES

### Top of Ohio Mended Hearts meeting

The Top of Ohio Mended Hearts chapter will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, at Mary Rutan Health Center, 1134 N. Main St., Bellefontaine in the 1st floor conference room.

The speaker is Taylor Newman, CPT, with the Mary Rutan Hospital Cardiac Department. Her program is "Staying Active: Home Exercises for Senior Cardiac Patients."

All meetings are open to the public and heart patients of all ages, caregivers and others interested in heart related health issues are encouraged to attend our monthly meetings. For more information, contact president Bruce Norris at (937) 919-7213.



### Planning Commission sets schedule

The Rushsylvania Planning Commission plans to meet every third Monday of the month for the year 2025, with the exception of January's meeting, which will take place Jan. 27.

All meetings will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the village council chambers for the purpose of discussing potential zoning ordinance changes and any other matters that may come before the commission.



### senior of the month

**KAMERON LOCKWOOD**  
PARENTS: MIKE AND ERIKA LOCKWOOD  
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS: BPA, Quiz Bowl, and Robotics (FTC).

*If I were principal for a day:* Honestly, if I were principal for a day, I have no idea what I would do. To me, there aren't really any glaring issues I would think to fix, except maybe I'd try to give the Robotics club a little more funding.

*Favorite school memory:* My favorite school memory is a tough choice, but I think I'll have to go with the time when our robotics team qualified for the State Championship after a very close match in the 2023-2024 school year.

*People who have inspired me include:* My Robotics coaches (Mrs. Kavanagh and Mr. Smith), my Quiz Bowl coach (Mr. Kettler), and my parents.

*Lately, I have been reading:* I have recently been reading the book "Santana" for my Spanish class, which I have been enjoying.

*My advice to parents:* Having a good, supportive relationship with your kids is key (environment as well), I would say. My parents have always supported and encouraged me in whatever I have chosen and I feel that that has really enabled me to do all of these things. Without that, the rest would certainly be harder.

*My biggest regret:* At the moment, I would say not taking Spanish sooner, as I absolutely love it, but I only started taking it as a sophomore.

*Next year I will be:* In college for Computer Science.

### senior of the month

**TAYTUM DANIELS**  
PARENTS: ARTHUR AND THE LATE KATIE DANIELS  
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS: Spanish Club President, Spanish National Honor Society President, National Honor Society Vice President, Student Government Representative, ROC Member, Student Section Co-Leader, CBC Honor Student, Prom Princess.

*If I were principal for a day:* I would put a 1-hour napping period into our schedules.

*Favorite school memory:* Mrs. Davis gave her art students the opportunity to have their artworks displayed at the Columbus College of Art and Design, and made a whole field trip out of it. We got to go to the Columbus Museum of Art, where I got to see my first Monet, along with visiting the Franklin Park Conservatory.

*People who have inspired me include:* My mom, dad, Mrs. Trisha Hemmelgarn, Mrs. Kelly Gibson, and Profa Hughes.

*Lately, I have been reading:* The Butterfly Garden by Dot Hutchison, and Don't Believe Everything You Think by Joseph Nguyen.

*My advice to parents:* You supported me through my ups and downs and I couldn't be more grateful. You tried hard and did well raising my siblings and I, and that's all that matters.

*My biggest regret:* Not participating in clubs sooner.

*Next year I will be:* Majoring in Psychology at either Miami University or The Ohio State University.

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### NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO OF THE DAYTON POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY D/B/A AES OHIO TO INCREASE ITS ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION RATES

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 4909.19, Revised Code, The Dayton Power and Light Company d/b/a ("AES Ohio" or the "Company") gives notice that on November 29, 2024, the Company filed with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission") an Application to increase its base rates for electric distribution service. The Application has been assigned Case Number 24-1009-EL-AIR by the Commission. AES Ohio is also seeking to obtain accounting authority in connection with the proposed rate increase and amend its tariffs, which have been assigned Case Numbers 24-1010-EL-AAM and 24-1011-EL-ATA. The Application directly affects AES Ohio's entire service territory, which includes all or parts of Auglaize, Brown, Butler, Champaign, Clark, Clinton, Darke, Delaware, Fayette, Greene, Hardin, Highland, Logan, Madison, Mercer, Miami, Montgomery, Pickaway, Preble, Ross, Shelby, Union, Van Wert, and Warren Counties.

Among other things, base distribution rates recover costs incurred for maintaining poles, wires and other distribution infrastructure that bring electric services into customer's homes and businesses. The last time AES Ohio asked the PUCO to review those rates was four years ago. Since that time, AES Ohio has made significant investments to benefit customers. These investments have enhanced the safety, reliability and resilience of our system, supported economic development that powers growth in West Central Ohio, and are modernizing the customer experience. The proposed rates in this case reflect investments in AES Ohio's distribution system and increased costs of operations and maintenance since 2020. The proposed rates would also assist the Company's continued implementation and support of the infrastructure necessary to continue providing safe and reliable distribution service to its customers. In reviewing the Application, the Commission will consider AES Ohio's cost to provide electric distribution service from June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025 and the value of AES Ohio's poles, wires and other equipment used to deliver distribution service, as of September 30, 2024.

The Application proposes a 14.2% increase for a typical residential customer using 1,000 kWh on the Company's Standard Service Offer.

The Company requests the following percentage increases in distribution service operating revenue, on a tariff class basis. These percentage increases do not reflect the Company's proposal to reduce other rates charged today through its Distribution Investment Rider.

Detailed typical bill impacts are included in the Company's Application:  
Total Residential Class (71.98%), Total Secondary Class (80.57%), Total Primary Class (89.58%), Primary Substation Class (122.78%), High Voltage Class (26.04%), Street Lighting Class (84.74%), and Private Outdoor Lighting Class (204.85%).

The proposals in the Application are subject to changes, including changes as to amount and form, by the Commission. Recommendations that differ from the filed Application may be made by the Staff of the Commission or by intervening parties and may be adopted by the Commission. Any person, firm, corporation, or association may file, pursuant to R.C. 4909.19, an objection to AES Ohio's Application, which may allege that such Application contains proposals that are unjust and discriminatory or unreasonable.

The Application and supporting documents are available at the office of AES Ohio, located at 1900 Dryden Road, Moraine, Ohio 45439, and at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. The Application and supporting documents are also available on the Commission's docketing information system at <http://www.puco.ohio.gov>, by selecting DIS, inputting 24-1009-EL-AIR in the case lookup box and selecting the date the application was filed on November 29, 2024.

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## OBITUARIES

### Elaine S. Cook

Elaine S. Cook, 80, of Kenton, died at 6:33 p.m., Friday, January 17, 2025, at St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima.

She was born on August 6, 1944, in Kenton to the late Bernard and Opal (Kurt) Sponsler. She married the love of her life, Frank "Skip" Cook on December 29, 2001, and they enjoyed 20 wonderful years together, until his passing on July 9, 2021.

Elaine is survived by her brother, Duane (Sharol) Sponsler of Seneca, SC; nephews: Jeff (Kathy) Sponsler of Marietta, GA, and Michael (Shannon) Sponsler of Denver, CO; 2 great-nieces and 2 great-nephews; her beloved friends: Barb, Carol, Kay, Elaine and her caretaker, Jackie.

Elaine retired as a Financial Analyst from Arvin-Meritor in Kenton after 37 years. She was a member of the Order the Eastern Star, Helen Mabrey Shoe Fund, Business Professional Women's group, Soroptimist International, and was the former Treasurer for Central Nickel Age Tour Group. She and Skip enjoyed touring the United States and Canada, and spending their winters in Ft. Myers, FL.

A funeral service will be at noon Friday, January 24, at Schindewolf-Stout-Crates Funeral Home, Kenton, where visitation will be two hours (10 a.m. - noon) prior to the service. Burial will be in Grove Cemetery, Kenton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.stoutcrates.com](http://www.stoutcrates.com).

### Karen Sue Kilburn

Karen Sue Kilburn, 74, of Cable, Ohio, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 17, 2025, at her daughter's house after a short but aggressive battle with cancer, surrounded by her loving family.

Karen was born in Hazard, Kentucky, on June 16, 1950, to the late Asberry and Lida (Campbell) Kilburn. She was preceded in death by brothers Wayne Kilburn and Asberry "Buddy" Kilburn Jr.

Karen is survived by her son Larry Joe (Michelle) Hurley of Zanesfield, and daughter Toni Hurley of De Graff; 5 grandchildren: Brittany Roby-Young, Dustin Roby, Marah Hurley, Dillon (Mackenzie) Hurley, and Kenzie (Dalton) Short; grandson-in-law Kyle Young; 5 great-grandchildren: Claire, Avery, Amelia, Talon, Sophia and one on the way; a very special friend and loving companion Steve Jolliff and his children Larry (Sarah) Jolliff and Luke (Valorie) Jolliff and grandchildren Lane and Piper; siblings: Glenna Moore, James (Sharon) Kilburn, Sandy Kilburn and Robbie (Pam) Kilburn; numerous nieces and nephews.

Karen worked for United Telephone Company/Sprint as an engineer for 22 years, and then went to work at First Financial Bank in Middletown as a security analyst before retiring. Karen had a love for anything outside and spent many hours of the day on her farm, cultivating the land, growing flowers, herbs and vegetable gardens as well as tending to her cats and cows. Karen also held a soft spot for any animal that ran freely on her farm and spoiled the deer, raccoons and possums with daily treats.

Karen's true love was her family and friends, always praising her Lord for every day that he gave her on this earth, the good and the bad. She would often tell her daughter, "The moral of life is to never take anything for granted and the only thing guaranteed is this moment, so cherish each one as each one is a blessing from God."

Pastor Bryan Meadows will officiate Karen's memorial service on Thursday, January 23, at noon at Cornerstone Church at Huntsville, 6611 Fruit St. Huntsville, Ohio, where the family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at a later date in Huntsville Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be

made to a college fund for her granddaughter Marah Hurley, who is a PreVet/Animal Science major at the University of Findlay. One of Karen's greatest wishes in life was that there would be a Veterinarian in the family to take care of all of God's animals.

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

### Dr. Ian Pasco

Dr. Ian Pasco passed away at his home on January 16, 2025. Ian was born at St. Mary's Hospital, London, England, on Sept 3, 1938, to Vera Satchel and Kenneth Pasco of London, England.

Susie and Ian met in Edinburgh, Scotland in March of 1979. Following a whirlwind courtship, he married Susie Adams Taylor on August 1, 1979, at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.

Ian earned his doctorate in nuclear physics, and enjoyed a long successful career in optics. His passions were family, golf, travel, photography, and reading; and he loved studying all things science and history.

Ian leaves his wife Susie, and children Virginia Hall and John (Asli) Taylor of California; Marilyn (Charles) Misulia of Mississippi; grandchildren Katherine, Alexandra, Ellie, Emma, Madison, and

Hudson; sister-in-law Marilyn Coleman (Richwood); extended family Colemans, Taylors, and Pruntys; and special friends Rick and Jeanne Marmon (Bellefontaine); Karen Zacek (Hilliard); Howard Grose (Richwood); and John Yoch and family (Illinois).

We would like to thank EMS of Rush Creek and all of the volunteer first responders for the many times they have helped us, and their great efforts in coming to his aid.

Ian's family will receive friends on Thursday, January 23, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Eichholtz Daring & Sanford Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Bellefontaine. The family will have a celebration of Ian's life at a later date.

In lieu of flowers (PLEASE, NO LIVE FLOWERS DUE TO SEVERE ALLERGIES), please consider making a donation to Samaritan's Purse.

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

### Larry Dean Sparks

On a cold winter morning Jan 16, 2025, Larry, 80 reached for Jesus's hand. He was with his wife Linda of 58 years, who still survives. Larry was a member of the Middleburg Methodist church and enjoyed listening to special TV ministries.

Larry was born on February 21, 1944, at home to Walter and Thelma (Smith) Sparks in Pfifer Station, Hardin County. Larry was one of 7 children: Judy (Dick Crawford), deceased Madeline (Jim Osborn), Linda (Terry Wuethrich), deceased Kenny (Jayne), Cheryl (Greg Timmons) and Dennis Sparks (Pam).

Larry and Linda were blessed with 3 children: Deana (David Gibson), Cindy (Todd Dallas) and Tyler Sparks. These 3 babies created 7 awesome grandchildren Krystin and Wade Gibson, Garrett and Justin Dallas, Tyler Tillman, Trevor and Trenton Sparks for Larry to tease and love, as the idea caught on so, 7 great grandchildren to Larry complete his circle of love.

Larry served in the United Air Force Springfield Communication Squadron. One highlight of Staff Sergeant Larry Sparks was when he got to communicate with Astronaut John Glenn in outer space.

Larry started out as a farmer and worked at a factory, changing names several times (Bulldog, Gould, ITE)

Siemens retiring after 35 years. He loved to load up the camper with grandbabies and head out for some fishing, hiking, biking, swimming, campfire, etc. fun. Larry was a super charged avid fan of Ohio State University sports and Cleveland Browns. Entering the yearly Champaign County Fair in Floriculture competing against Linda was a highlighted time for them both.

Larry enjoyed animals, especially dogs. Hobbies consisted of gardening, helping kids show animals at the Fair, golfing, bowling, watching family members participate in sporting activities, card games, square dancing.

Arrangements are set for Friday, January 24, at Jennings-Farley-Seeley Funeral Home viewing from 2-4pm, with 4 p.m. starting the funeral service and no gravesite service at this time. Casual wear is encouraged (supporting your favorite sports team) and in lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to Macochee Joint Ambulance Service, &/or West Liberty Fire Department.

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

### DiAnn Weaver

DiAnn Weaver, 87 of Kenton passed away at The Blanchard Place on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, surrounded by her family.

She was born in Kenton to the late Gerald L. and Thelma L. (Pfeiffer) Hastings on April 12, 1937. She married H. Ross Weaver on March 6, 1960 and he preceded her in death on November 23, 2020. They were married for 60 wonderful years.

She is survived by three sons, LeVern (Nancy) of Kenton, Donovan (Kristi) of Ridgeway and DeWayne (Melissa) of Kenton, a daughter, Lucille (Robert)

Burden of West Liberty. She was a loving grandmother to 12 grandchildren, Natasha (Shawn) Dyer, Nathan (fiancee' Alyson Purcell) Weaver, Grant (Stephanie) Burden, Taylor (Seth) Weaver-Rosamilia, Benjamin Burden, Brady (Hannah) Weaver, Trevor Burden, Matthew (Lindsey) Weaver, Nicholas Burden, Gabrielle (fiance' James Shirley) Weaver, Alexandr Weaver and Raisa Weaver, along with six great-grandchildren and one on the way: Sydney and Levi Dyer, Clayton, Reed and Branch Weaver, and Natalie Burden.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, DeVern P. Hastings and Robert Hastings and her special aunt, Ruthella L. (Hastings) Morison Wetherill.

A member of the graduating Class of 1955 from Kenton High School, then onto Miami Valley School of Nursing for her RN degree in 1958. Thus began her 42 year career of caring for others at Hardin Memorial Hospital, Kenton, and she also became a School Nurse for Riverdale Schools during part of those years.

DiAnn & Ross owned and operated Candilane Farm where they had a Holstein Dairy Cow Herd, east of Kenton.

She was a member and held positions in many organizations such as: Rainbow for Girls-Kenton, Goshen Grange, Mother's of Twins Club, Wyandot Chapter & Latham Chapter of Ohio Eastern Star, Hardin Co. Dairy Service Unit, editor for the Taste of Home magazine and the last member of Hardin Co. Farm Bureau Council # 33 of Goshen Twp. Last and most important is St. John's Evangelical Church, Kenton, where she served on committees, Church Council, sang in the choir, attended Bible studies, Golden Buckeye Sunday School Class and loved the Lord.

Funeral services will be at Schindewolf-Stout-Crates Funeral Home, Saturday, January 25, at 11 a.m. with Rev. Dr. Randall Forester officiating. Burial will follow in Grove Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, January 24, with an Order of the Eastern Star service beginning at 3:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be made to the Hardin County Council on Aging and online condolences can be shared by visiting [stoutcrates.com](http://stoutcrates.com).

# Trump returns to power after unprecedented comeback, emboldened to reshape American institutions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump was sworn in as the 47th president Monday, returning to power with a promise to end America's decline and to "completely and totally reverse" the actions of the man who drove him from office four years ago.

Trump overcame impeachments, criminal indictments and a pair of assassination attempts to win another term in the White House, and he planned to act swiftly after the ceremony. Dozens of executive orders were prepared for his signature to clamp down on border crossings, increase fossil fuel development and end diversity and inclusion programs across the federal government.

The orders were the first step by the incoming Republican president to unravel the Democratic agenda of Joe Biden, whose term ended at noon, moments before Trump took the oath of office.

A desk was set up on stage at the Capitol One Arena so Trump could start signing the paperwork before an audience of cheering supporters wearing "Make America Great Again" hats. The celebratory event resembled one of Trump's campaign rallies, but with all the official fanfare of the presidency, including military bands.

Earlier in the day, Trump declared in his inaugural address that the government faces a "crisis of trust." Under his administration, he said, "our sovereignty will be reclaimed. Our safety will be restored. The scales of justice will be rebalanced."

Trump claimed "a mandate to completely and totally reverse a horrible betrayal," promising to "give the people back their faith, their wealth, their democracy and indeed their freedom."

"From this moment on," he added as Biden watched from the front row, "America's decline is over."

The executive orders are the first step in what Trump calls "the complete restoration of America and the revolution of common sense."

Other goals will prove more difficult, perhaps testing the patience of supporters who were promised quick success. Trump has talked about lowering prices after years of inflation, but his plans for tariffs on imports from foreign countries could have the opposite effect.

Frigid weather rewrote the pageantry of the day. Trump's swearing-in was moved indoors to the Capitol Rotunda — the first time that has happened in 40 years — and the inaugural parade was replaced by an event at a downtown arena. Trump supporters who descended on the city to watch the ceremony outside the Capitol from the National Mall were left to find other places to view the festivities.

At the Capitol, Vice President JD Vance was sworn in first, taking the oath read by Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh on a Bible given to him by his great-grandmother. Trump followed, using both a family Bible and the one used by President Abraham Lincoln at his 1861 inauguration. Chief Justice John Roberts administered his oath.

A cadre of billionaires and tech titans — including Mark Zuckerberg, Jeff Bezos, Tim Cook and Sundar Pichai — were given prominent positions in the Rotunda, mingling with Trump's incoming team before the ceremony began. Also there was Elon Musk, the world's richest man, who is expected to lead an effort to slash spending and federal employees.

Stopping at the White House on their way to the Capitol, Trump and his wife, Melania, were greeted by Biden and first lady Jill Biden for the customary tea and coffee reception. It was a stark departure from four years ago, when Trump refused to acknowledge Biden's victory or attend his inauguration.

"Welcome home," Biden said to Trump after the president-elect stepped out of the car. The two presidents, who have spent years bitterly criticizing each other, shared a limo to the Capitol. After the ceremony, Trump walked with Biden to the building's east side, where

Biden departed via helicopter to begin his post-presidential life.

Trump followed Biden's departure with freewheeling remarks to supporters, revisiting a litany of conspiracy theories about voter fraud and grievances against perceived enemies such as former Republican Rep. Liz Cheney, whom he called "a crying lunatic."

He spoke for even longer than in his inaugural address, saying, "I think this is a better speech than the one I gave upstairs."

Trump's inauguration realized a political comeback without precedent in American history. Four years ago, he was voted out of the White House during an economic collapse caused by the deadly COVID-19 pandemic. Trump denied his defeat and tried to cling to power. He directed his supporters to march on the Capitol while lawmakers were certifying the election results, sparking a riot that interrupted the country's tradition of the peaceful transfer of power.

But Trump never lost his grip on the Republican Party and was undeterred by criminal cases and two assassination attempts as he steamrolled rivals and harnessed voters' exasperation with inflation and illegal immigration.

Trump used his inaugural address to repeat his claims that he was targeted by political prosecutions, and he promised to begin "fair, equal and impartial justice." He also acknowledged that he was taking office on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, which honors the slain civil rights hero. "We will strive together to make his dream a reality," he said.

Now Trump is the first person convicted of a felony — for falsifying business records related to hush money payments — to serve as president. He pledged to "preserve, protect and defend" the Constitution from the same spot that was overrun by his supporters on Jan. 6, 2021. He's said that one of his first acts in office will be to pardon many of those who participated in the riot, and he referred to them as "hostages" on Monday.

"It's action, not words, that count, and you're going to see a lot of action," Trump said.

Eight years after he first entered the White House as a political newcomer, Trump is far more familiar with the operations of federal government and emboldened to bend it to his vision. Trump wants to bring quick change by curtailing immigration, enacting tariffs on imports and rolling back Democrats' climate and social initiatives.

He has also promised retribution against his political opponents and critics, and placed personal loyalty as a prime qualification for appointments to his administration.

With minutes to go before leaving office, Biden issued preemptive pardons to his siblings and their spouses to shield them from the possibility of prosecution. Earlier in the day, he also pardoned current and former government officials who have been the target of Trump's anger. Biden said "these are exceptional circumstances, and I cannot in good conscience do nothing."

Trump has pledged to go further and move faster in enacting his agenda than during his first term, and already the country's political, business and technology leaders have realigned themselves to accommodate him.

Democrats who once formed a "resistance" are now divided over whether to work with Trump or defy him. Billionaires have lined up to meet with Trump as they acknowledge his unrivaled power in Washington and his ability to wield the levers of government to help or hurt their interests.

Long skeptical of American alliances, Trump's "America First" foreign policy is being watched warily at home and abroad as Russia's invasion of Ukraine will soon enter its third year, and a fragile ceasefire appears to be holding in Gaza after more than 15 months of war between Israel and Hamas. Trump, who had promised to end the Ukraine war even before he was sworn in, did not mention the conflict in his inaugural address.

# Raiders, Lady Chiefs win Kings Classic

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The annual Kings Classic bowling tournament was held Monday at T-P Lanes in Bellefontaine.

The format used was three regular games and six Baker games.

Benjamin Logan's boys continued their strong season with a first-place finish in the boys division.

The team had conventional game scores of 1,084, 1,022 and 1,056, then rolled six Baker games with a total of 1,223 for an overall total of 4,365.

Jarrett Buckenroth had a 697 series (253-233-211), the second-highest by just one pin and making the all-tournament team.

Landon Stoodt had a 640 (244-172-224), followed by Dylan Stewart 618 (183-220-215), Caleb Knight 614 (202-198-215) and Nate Davis 573 (202-179-192).



The Benjamin Logan boys bowling team took first place at the Kings Classic tournament Monday at T-P Lanes. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

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## ROUNDUP

### Tigers fall to River Valley in Battle of 614 invite

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The West Liberty-Salem boys basketball team lost to River Valley 76-50 on Monday afternoon at Ohio Dominican University in the Battle of the 614 event.

Troy Christison had 11 points and Caleb Hershberger scored nine for the Tigers.

River Valley led 21-9 after one period. A low-scoring second left them ahead 30-16. They outscored the Tigers by 10 in the third. The fourth saw both teams get hot, with 26 points for River Valley and 24 by the Tigers.

West Liberty-Salem (7-3 OHC, 7-6 overall) is scheduled to host Urbana this evening and Mechanicsburg on Friday.

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

#### Lakers down Shawnee

Indian Lake earned a 56-47 win over visiting Shawnee in CBC play on Saturday night.

The Lakers jumped ahead by double digits in the first and led 34-16 at the half. They scored 11 in each of the other two periods to maintain the

advantage.

Brodey Reisinger had 24 points and 11 rebounds for the Lakers. Cooper Hall scored 10 and made three steals. Madden Lillard and Avery Pequignot each scored six, with Lillard making seven assists. Colin Bendler had seven rebounds.

Indian Lake (5-1 CBC, 6-6 overall) faces London on the road tonight.

#### Spartans fall to ECA

Calvary Christian lost to Emmanuel Christian Academy 59-49 on Saturday.

Philip Davie had 15 points, and Zeke Wylie added 14 for the Spartans. Davie also had four rebounds, three steals, and three assists. Wylie had three boards, two steals and three assists.

Christian Rogan scored seven points, with four assists. Daniel Young had five points and four assists and Evan Schmidt chipped in four points and five rebounds.

#### Riverside loses to Arcanum

Riverside lost 79-72 to Arcanum in nonleague

play on Saturday night.

The Trojans led by eight after one and were up 36-31 at the break. They pulled out to a big lead after three quarters. Riverside scored 25 points in the fourth, but came up just short.

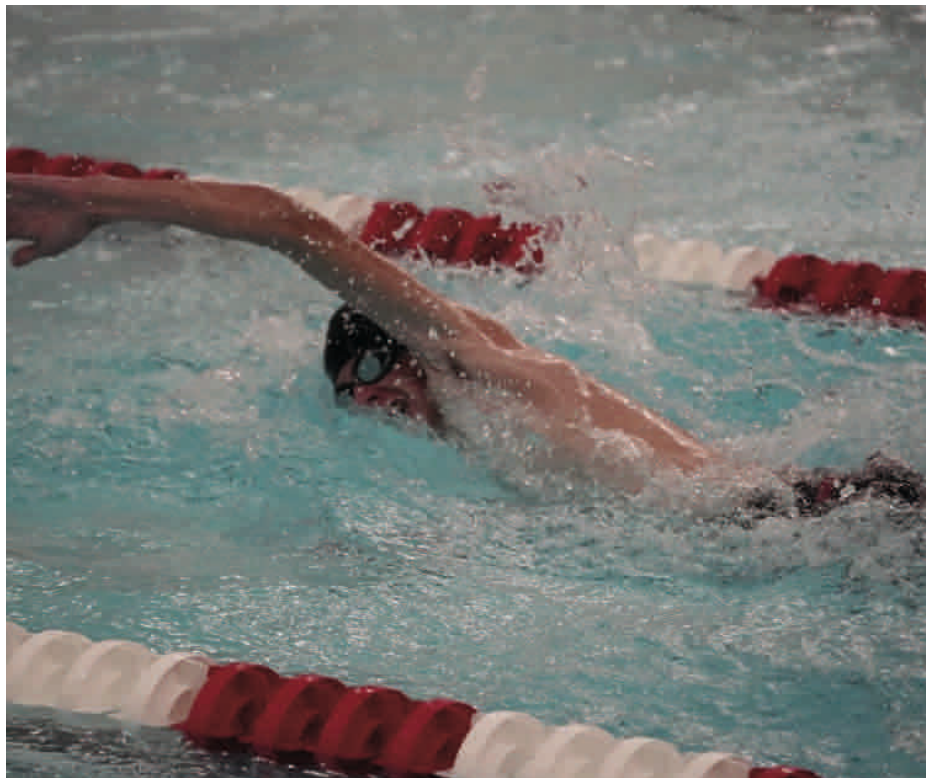
Jaxon Woods had 25 points and 11 rebounds for a double-double, along with four assists and three blocks. Gavin Orsborne scored 18. Hayden Sanford had 10, with Brody Orsborne (eight) and Blaine Shoe (seven) chipping in as well.

The JV squad lost 75-46. Blaine Shoe had 10 points and David Gross eight. Other scoring: Syler Clark 6, Justin Mazariegos 5, Hayden McCully 5, and Grady Jenkins 5. Jenkins also had seven rebounds.

Arcanum won the freshman game 50-20. Gabe Steineman had nine points and six rebounds. Laithen Snyder got seven points and Aiden Fout had six rebounds.

Riverside (1-7 TRC, 3-11 overall) hosts Northridge tonight.

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Will Myers of Bellefontaine swims in an event for the Chieftains this past weekend. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

### Indian Lake wrestlers take top honors at tournament

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Indian Lake's boys wrestling team took part in a duals tournament hosted by Archbold on Saturday.

The Lakers went 5-0 in their matches, defeating the hosts 34-30 in the championship.

Individuals going unbeaten for the Lakers were Jordan Henderson (120); Bronx Dickson (132); Czar Dickson (157), Tristan Shoffner (190), Owen Pummel and Aaron Rapp (both 215) and Christopher Timms (285).

J.J. Shirk and Brayden Riffle (both 113), Keyshawn Blackwell (126) and Gavin Henry (144) had four wins.

Cash Scott (106), Dawson Stevenson (150) and Taylor Clem (165) all had three wins, and Draden Stevenson (138) picked up two victories on the day.

The Lakers are back in action Friday and Saturday to compete in the Sam Ridder Invitational at Eaton High School.

#### WL-S girls in tourneys

West Liberty-Salem's girls wrestlers traveled to Northmont and Mechanicsburg this weekend to participate in tournaments.

At Northmont, Chloe Griffith went 3-1 with three pins to finish second at 110 pounds. Shelby Vincent competed at 125 pounds.

In Mechanicsburg, Griffith had a 4-2 record with four pins and finished in fifth place. Vincent was in action at 125.

The girls will compete at home against Madison Plains on Wednesday, then take part in a tournament at Bellefontaine this weekend.

#### Raiders do well at tourney

Benjamin Logan traveled to North Union for the Don Wasserbeck Classic Saturday.

Owen Weeks (144), Hayden Hites (165) and Owen Jordan (190) all finished first in their respective weight classes.

Taking second place were Cooper Buck (126), Kyle Kibler (138) and Ethan

Carpenter (175). Carter Buck was third at 132, and Charles Neer finished sixth at 120.

Also in action were Bode Clapsaddle (138), Maxwell Troth (150), Cole Somerlot (157) and Levi Achor (215).

The Raiders will host an invitational Saturday starting at 9 a.m.

#### WL-S splits at tri-meet

The West Liberty-Salem boys faced Winton Woods and Reynoldsburg in a tri-meet at Reynoldsburg Saturday.

The Tigers defeated Winton Woods 65-16. Getting pins were Wyatt Shoemaker (106), Zaden Shafer (113), Madden Kilgore (120), Lucas Merriman (126), Derek Wall (144), Silas Krabill (165), Sam Bradford (190), and Maverick Reames (215).

Lance Saylor (132) got a tech fall, and Tyler Langhardt (138) and Tim Krabill (175) won by forfeit.

Reynoldsburg edged WL-S 43-35. The Tigers won four matches by forfeit (Kilgore, Merriman, Saylor and Shoemaker). Langhardt won by tech fall at 138 and Silas Krabill got a pin at 165. WL-S hosts Madison Plains on Wednesday at 6 p.m. This weekend, they will take part in the Thunderbird Invitational at Lima Central Catholic.

#### SWIMMING

#### Bellefontaine hits the road in bellefontaine for CBC meet

The Bellefontaine swim teams took part in two meets this weekend.

On Saturday and Sunday, they were at the Southwest Ohio Classic at St. Xavier in Cincinnati.

Elias Abrego got first place in the 50 freestyle and 50 butterfly, and second in the 100 freestyle.

Brooklyne Kuntz won the 100 butterfly, and was second in the 200 freestyle and 200 backstroke.

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### Ohio State outlasts Notre Dame to win seventh national title

BY EDDIE PELLIS  
AP NATIONAL WRITER

ATLANTA — Instead of crying over another collapse, Ohio State can celebrate another national title after holding off a Notre Dame comeback bid Monday night to walk away with a nailbiter of a 34-23 victory over the Fighting Irish.

Will Howard hit big-play receiver Jeremiah Smith for 56 yards on a late third-and-11 to lock down a game that had been a laughter, then turned into something else.

Trailing 31-7, Notre Dame scored two touchdowns and two 2-point conversions to make it a one-score game late in the fourth

quarter.

The Irish stopped Ohio State on the first two plays of the next drive and used their timeouts. But on third down, Howard found Smith in single coverage on the right sideline and dropped his best pass of the season into the hands of the second-team All-American.

It set up a field goal that started the celebration in earnest (and helped Ohio State cover the 8 1/2-point spread), closing out a seven-week climb from the depths of a loss to 20-point underdog Michigan to the top of college football. Ohio State will bring its sixth "natty" and first since the 2014 season back to

the Horseshoe in Columbus.

Howard, a transfer-portal success story from Kansas State, threw for 231 yards and two scores, but nothing will beat the pass to Smith with everything on the line.

The receiver, who had been bottled up by Texas in the semifinals then fairly quiet for most of this game, finally got loose for the kind of play he's been making all year. He finished with five catches for 88 yards.

Ohio State scored touchdowns on its first four possessions, then added a field goal on its fifth.

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## Hoops

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### GIRLS BASKETBALL

#### WL-S gets pair of league wins

West Liberty-Salem took on Greeneview Monday and got a 45-32 win.

WL-S had double digits in the first two periods, and led 23-11 at the halftime break. They scored 11 in the third and fourth. Greeneview had one point less in the third and matched it in the fourth.

Ava Astorino had 11, Maddie McGill 10 and Addie Wallen nine for West Liberty-Salem.

There was no JV game. On Saturday, the Lady Tigers got a 44-35 victory over visiting West Jefferson.

The Lady Tigers led 16-10 after the first, and were up 28-19 at the half. They maintained that lead in the second half.

Addi Wallen led with 16 points and Ava Astorino had 12.

The Tigers also won the JV game 30-10. Isla Leichty and Delaney Anne-Sefah had six points each.

West Liberty-Salem (7-3 OHC, 10-4 overall) is at Mechanicsburg on Thursday.

#### Riverside girls fall to Troy Christian

Riverside lost to Troy Christian 55-44 in Three Rivers Conference play on Saturday.

Troy Christian led 27-13 at the half.

Miah Carman had 12 points, Kenna Johnson 10, and Avery Perk and Aubree Huston scored nine each.

The JV game outscored Troy Christian 11-3 in two quarters. Randy Doyle had three points.

Riverside (1-9 TRC, 4-11 overall) is at Lehman Catholic on Thursday.

#### Lakers down Graham

Indian Lake defeated Graham 57-51 on Saturday in Central Buckeye Conference action.

Carly Strayer led the team with 23 points, eight rebounds and three steals. Mackenzie Dixon had 16 points and nine rebounds, along with five assists.

Other scoring: Kennedy Schwaderer 6, Rya Pequignot 5, Courtney Altstaetter 5,

Alivia Kinney 2. Altstaetter also had 14 rebounds.

The junior varsity won 37-33, with Terra Beltz scoring 12 and Brylee Buyer 10.

Indian Lake (7-1 CBC, 12-5 overall) is back in action Saturday at Northwestern.

#### Cardinals win over Northeastern

Triad defeated Northeastern 50-22 in OHC action on Saturday.

Mia LeMay racked up 20 points and 17 rebounds. Gracie Martin had 12 points. Bre Parsons had seven points and five rebounds. Abbey Overfield scored seven, got rebounds and made four assists.

Triad (3-10 OHC, 4-13 overall) travels to Fairbanks on Wednesday.

#### Raiders edged by Northwestern

Benjamin Logan lost 39-35 to visiting Northwestern in CBC play on Saturday.

Lahna Cook had 10 points, Adilynne Gregg got seven and Kaylee Hays had six. Gregg had 10 rebounds, and Kylie Harner grabbed eight.

Each team scored 10 in the first, with Northwestern going ahead 22-6 at the half. Ben Logan had a good third, with a 12-3 edge, but Northwestern rallied back in the final period.

The junior varsity team won 49-27. Molly Siefring led with 12 points, while Lexi Lovett and Madison Shields had eight points apiece.

Ben Logan (0-8 CBC, 1-14 overall) is set to host West Jefferson this evening.

#### London downs Chieftains

Bellefontaine lost 51-46 to host London in league play Saturday.

Tiffany Boop led with 13 points, and also had five steals. Quin Zedeker had nine points, seven rebounds and five assists. Lila Butler got eight points and five rebounds. Hailee Lamb added six points.

Bellefontaine had the edge in the first half, outscoring the Red Raiders 27-23. But London had a 15-point advantage in the third and fourth to pull out the win.

Bellefontaine (5-2 CBC, 10-6 overall) is at Harvest Prep on Thursday night.

## junior high

#### Lakers 7th grade girls win

The Indian Lake seventh grade girls basketball team defeated Tecumseh 29-12 on Jan. 16. Abby Bihn had 12 points and four assists. Addison Hartings scored eight. Samantha Altstaetter had four points. Caroline Jones got 12 rebounds and Teighan Mackesy made six steals.

#### Pirates boys lose

Riverside's seventh grade boys lost to Northridge 49-33 on Jan. 16. Burchett had 12 points. Other scoring: Doty 7, Harshbarger 6, Savage 5, Olinger 2 and Castallante 1.

The eighth graders lost 55-9. Scoring for Riverside: Burchett 3, Lattimer 2, Manning 2, and Woods 2.

#### Tigers eighth grade boys win

West Liberty-Salem defeated West Jefferson 56-42 on Jan. 16. Brandel Sullivan had 23 points, and Grant Krabill had 13. Other scoring: Isaiyah Barth 5, Tyler Hershberger 5, Nate Shivley 5, Ryan Leichty 3, and Eli Jones 2.

The Tigers also won 40-37 over Madison Plains on Saturday. Sullivan had 15 points, Barth 14, Krabill nine and Shively two.

#### Bellefontaine boys split with NW

The Bellefontaine eighth grade boys lost to Northwestern 46-26 on Jan. 16. Tyrin Johnson had 15 points.

The Chiefs seventh graders won 41-18. Scoring leaders were Sennett Stolly with 14 and Sammy Strayer with nine.

#### Chiefs girls earn split decision

Bellefontaine's seventh grade girls defeated Northwestern 26-22 on Jan. 16. Kennedy Hairston had 11 points and five rebounds. Other scoring: Alexis Hogan 5, Zyannia Bean-Breaston 4, Gianna Davis 4, and Samantha Bricker 2.

The eighth grade team lost 36-21. Lexey Brown had eight points. Other scoring: Allie Myers 4, Paxton Stewart 3, Rylie Crabtree 3, Cameo Greene 2, Leila Hammond 1.

#### Chiefs girls defeat Lakers

On Saturday, they seventh grade team defeated Indian Lake 21-2. Annie Gallaway and Kennedy Hairston combined for 20 rebounds. Hairston had 11 points and Gallaway had three. Bricker, Davis and Bean-Breaston combined for seven points. Samantha Altstaetter scored for the Lakers.

Bellefontaine won the eighth grade game 42-11.

Mia Brown led

Bellefontaine with 20 points, five rebounds and nine steals. Other stats: Cameo Greene 9 points, 4 steals; Rylee Crabtree 6 points, 4 rebounds; Paxton Stewart 6 rebounds, three steals; Allie Myers 7 rebounds; Lexey Brown 5 rebounds. Annie Clem 2 points; Leila Hammond 3 rebounds.

For Indian Lake, it was Laura Metzger with six, Kyler Carruthers three and Claire Tidwell two points. Carruthers had three steals and Tidwell got five rebounds.

#### Raiders boys fall

Benjamin Logan lost to Jonathan Alder on Jan. 17.

The eighth graders lost 41-35. Micah Gregg had 14 points. Brantley Karn had 7, Carrick Spriggs 6, Gabe Predmore 4, and Karson McCoy 4. Spriggs had nine rebounds and Predmore eight.

The seventh grade Raiders lost 52-11. Nevada Coleman scored four, Luke Long three, with two each by Preston Mikes and Carter Nangle.

#### Spartans girls lose

Calvary Christian's junior high girls lost to Emmanuel Christian 24-18 on Saturday. Madelyn Carter had seven points, Caroline Moore 6, Destiny Mathys 3, and

Eden Lechrone 2. Mathys had nine rebounds.

#### WLS seventh grade girls win

West Liberty-Salem defeated Madison Plains 52-14 in seventh grade girls hoops Saturday to remain undefeated.

Rylee Falloon had 17 points, Avery Randall scored 10 and Avery Brown added nine.

#### Tigers sixth grade girls win

West Liberty-Salem defeated Graham 25-10 and Urbana 22-20 in overtime this weekend in sixth grade girls basketball.

Against Graham, Zoey Richardson had 14 points and Izzy Jones had seven.

Richardson scored 11, Jones six and Chloe Staten scored late in the win over Urbana.

#### Raiders wrestlers third in tourney

Ben Logan placed third at a tournament at Lima Shawnee on Saturday.

At 80 pounds, Owen Marshall was first, Cayde Buck fourth and Liam Brown sixth. Kaleb Linkenhoker (86), Rhett Newman (142), and Emerson Carpenter (160) were first, Ethan Tynan (110) and Konnor Barns (150) fourth, Eli Carpenter (134) and William Bingham (245) fifth, and Danielle Hoagland (106) was sixth.

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Taking third were Kate Myers in the 500 freestyle, Elaina Ullom in the 50 breaststroke, Cody Hudson in the 50 breaststroke, Kuntz in the 200 individual medley and the boys 400 medley relay (Beckham Harman, Hudson, Abrego, Ryan Alexander).

A large number of

personal best times were achieved as well.

At the Team Champ Invitational on Sunday, the girls placed second and the boys were fourth in the 14-team field.

Harman has second in the 100 backstroke and third in the 200 IM. Hudson was fifth in the 100 breaststroke and 10th in the 100 freestyle.

Ella Fultz took fourth in the 100 butterfly and sixth in the 500 freestyle. Maddie Ullom was fifth in the 100 free and sixth in the 200 free.

In relays, the boys 200 medley (Harman, Hudson, Grady Feasel, Will Myers) was third and the girls 200 free (M. Ullom, Kaidi Freeman, Gillian Steele, E. Ullom)

took second.

"I'm proud of our athletes for embracing each opportunity to race. We came out of the weekend with a lot of new best times and a few new things to focus on," said Coach Sharon Lewis.

Bellefontaine will compete in the league championships on Saturday at Wright State University.

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When Quinshon Judkins (100 yards, 11 carries, three TDs), a transfer from Mississippi who highlighted Ohio State's judicious use of the ever-growing portal, busted a 70-yard run to set up the score that made it 28-7, this game looked over.

It wasn't, and now Irish coach Marcus Freeman will have to

answer a few tough questions — one about the failed fake punt in the third quarter that turned into a field goal for a 31-7 lead, the other about sending Mitch Jeter in for a short field goal attempt while down 16 and facing fourth-and-goal from the 9. It might have looked like a better call had Jeter's kick not clanged off the left upright.

Really, though, Ohio State was

the better team. The Buckeyes out-gained Notre Dame 445 yards to 308. Howard completed his first 13 passes and never really got stopped. The proof: Ohio State punted a grand total of once.

The Buckeyes rolled through four games in the new, 12-team playoff — what great timing for Ohio State — by a combined score of 145-85.

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### GIRLS

The Lady Chieftains took first place in the girls division with 3,980 pins. Graham was second (3,867) and Benjamin Logan (3,623) took third place.

There were 11 varsity and three JV teams in the field.

Bellefontaine's JV was seventh (3,299) and Indian Lake (3,102) was 11th.

Bellefontaine had 2,822 in the regular section and 1,158 in Baker games.

Haylee Yelton's 602 (178-183-241), and Gracie Hood's 602 (194-170-238) tied for the team's high series and both made the all-tourney team. Chloe Heminger had a 551 (183-212-156), Nevaeh LaFollette had 546 (171-188-192), and Avery Mullins knocked down 521 (156-187-193).

For Ben Logan, Hunter McColloch had a 571 series (168-201-202) and made the all-tourney team. Aubrey Zedlitz had a 529 (171-155-203), followed by Maddy Hamm at 511 (181-178-152). They averaged 184 in the Baker games.

The JV Lady Chiefs scores included Isabelle Gunnett's 564 (180-186-198); Addison Prosser's 500 (191-168-141) and Kyrh Moon's 496 (206-146-144). Other game scores were 139 and 158 by Shelby Hoffman and 111 by Kinzie Bernard.

#### Lady Chiefs second at tourney

Bellefontaine traveled to Columbus for a tournament Saturday and finished second out of a big 22-team field.

They had 4,637 pins in total, just 27 behind first place Celina (4,664). There were three regular games and 10 Baker games.

The Chieftains' regular game totals were 868, 842 and 1,067 for 2,777. The Baker total was 1,860, which included a 254, the highest of the day.

Gracie Hood had a 672 series (190-203-279) and made the all-tournament team. Haylee Yelton had 575 (158-223-180), Chloe Heminger had 569 (181-163-225), Rylee Anderson had a 190 game and Avery Mullins got a 163 game.

The junior varsity finished first among six teams with 3,370 pins. The team scores were 646, 606 and 741. The Baker total was 1,381. Isabelle Gunnett had a 465 series (159-150-156), Addison Prosser had 455 (169-131-155), and Kyrh Moon rolled 413 (119-120-174). All three made the all-tournament team. Kinzie Bernard added a 156 game.



The Bellefontaine girls were winners at the Kings Classic on Monday. They were also second at a tourney on Saturday. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

# entertainment

## Al Capone called it his sweetheart. The pistol that saved his life is coming to Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP) — It was on a school playground where she learned her last name carries weight, when another girl pointed a finger at her and ordered the other kids to follow her.

"Let's go," the girl said. "That's a Capone."

Diane Capone Pette is the granddaughter of Al Capone, one of the most infamous mobsters in American history who was nicknamed "Scarface" for a slash he got in a fight. His legacy in the public eye is marked by violence, prison time and crime. His reign starting in the 1920s over the Chicago Outfit has inspired dozens of shows and movies, including the 1983 film "Scarface" starring Al Pacino.

At home, Pette said Capone led a very different life.

"He was not one-dimensional. He was a man of many facets," Pette told The Associated Press. "He seemed to have the capacity to be quite ruthless and aggressive,"

and on the other hand, she said, "this was also a man who was incredibly loving and loyal to family and friends."

A rare glimpse into that part of Capone's life will be on display for the public in a new exhibit, "The First Public Enemy," opening Wednesday at the Mob Museum in downtown Las Vegas. For the first time, the public can get an up-close look at Capone's favorite personal weapon and a short home movie shot by the mob boss himself in 1929.

After Capone's death in 1947 of natural causes, his belongings stayed in the family for decades. First with his wife and son, and then after their deaths, with his four granddaughters. Two including Pette are still alive.

Pette, 81, and her sisters auctioned some of their grandfather's belongings a few years ago, afraid they might lose them to the wildfires common in California where they now live, or that the items

would be lost or forgotten after their own deaths.

One of their most treasured hand-me-downs was Capone's favorite weapon, a Colt 1911 .45-caliber pistol that was popular during World War I.

"He called her — we refer to it as a her — his sweetheart," Pette said.

In family lore, the pistol has taken on its own identity as a faithful companion to Capone, credited with saving the mobster more than once.

"She saved him, and so she was very special to him and so very special to us," Pette said.

Geoff Schumacher, historian and vice president of exhibits and programs at the museum, said the artifacts from the Capone family collection are one of a kind. Most of the items already sold by the family at auction went to personal collectors, he said, adding, "this a slice of life that you can get nowhere else except at the muse-

um."

In 1929, a few years before Capone was convicted of federal tax evasion and sent to prison for seven years, he filmed a short home movie at his Miami waterfront mansion.

Capone is behind the camera and never appears in the black-and-white silent film, but it showcases a day with friends by the pool and on a boat. Two of those friends are fellow mobsters Lucky Luciano and Frank Costello.

The Mob Museum has the only physical copy of the 12-minute and 20-second home movie, which was captured on 16mm film. A shorter version of the film will play at the museum.

In it, Luciano is on the high dive above the pool with a towel around his neck while Costello sits poolside, watching people take turns jumping into the water. Later, they get on a boat, and Capone's footage captures Luciano and Costello sitting together, smiling.

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After Capone was released from prison in 1939, he retired from mob life and spent his final years in the Miami mansion.

Pette was 3 when her grandfather died, but some of her earliest memories are with her "Papa." Their January birthdays were days apart, and she can remember sitting on his lap while blowing out the candles together on their cake.

Her last and most vivid memory of him was just before his death. Capone was sick and in bed, and Pette's father — Capone's only son — placed her on the bed to say goodbye.

Pette kissed the mobster's cheek. Capone said, "I love you, baby girl."

"And that was the last thing he said to me," Pette said.

*This story was first published on Jan. 14, 2025. It was updated on Jan. 19, 2025, to correct the name of the Mob Museum's vice president of exhibits and programs. He is Geoff Schumacher, not Geoff Schumacher.*

# comics

### MODERATELY CONFUSED

Jeff Stahl



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Hank Ketcham



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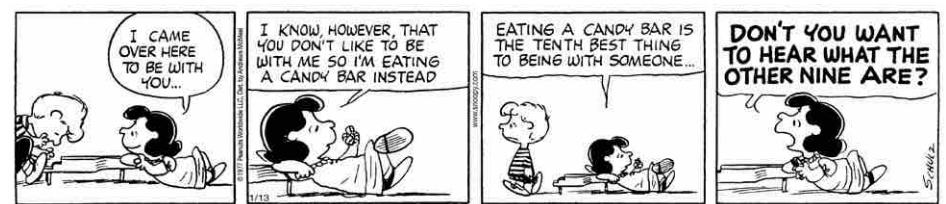
### RUBES

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### PEANUTS

Charles Schulz



### PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

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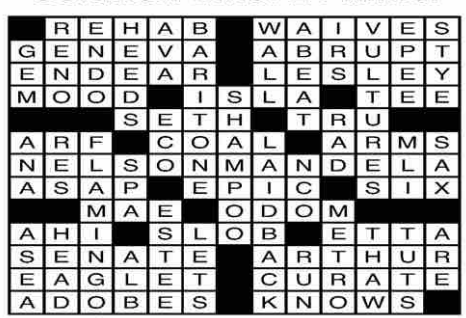
- ACROSS**
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  - 8 Grate
  - 12 Sprint
  - 13 Geological period
  - 14 Intro studio class
  - 15 Met melody
  - 16 Knee cartilage
  - 18 Cough drop flavor
  - 20 Valerie Harper sitcom
  - 21 Light brown
  - 22 Fluffy neck-piece
  - 23 Strep of "The Post"
  - 26 Patching up
  - 30 Lab eggs
  - 31 Witty one
  - 32 Wrigley product
  - 33 Protégés
  - 36 Accra's country
  - 38 Stein filler

- 39 Zadora of "Hair-spray"
- 40 Huge success
- 43 H.L. — (The Sage of Baltimore)
- 47 Cites
- 49 Comic Danny
- 50 Okla-homa tribe
- 51 Non-sense
- 52 French 101 verb
- 53 Military VIPs
- 54 GI's address
- 55 Marsh plant

- DOWN**
- 1 Dutch cheese
  - 2 Exceptional
  - 3 "The doctor —"
  - 4 Talkative
  - 5 Fiend
  - 6 Pitcher Hershiser
  - 7 Solo in space
  - 8 Actress Phylicia
  - 9 With the bow, musically
  - 10 Poker type
  - 11 Galileo's birthplace
  - 17 Pressing need
  - 19 Actor Linden
  - 22 Plead

- 23 Soccer —
- 24 Prior night
- 25 Campaigned
- 26 More, to Manuel
- 27 Polish tennis star
- 28 Convent head
- 29 "Today" rival, briefly
- 31 Pint-sized
- 34 Flavors
- 35 K thru 12
- 36 Tom Collins liquor
- 37 Website invader
- 39 Green sauce
- 40 Urban haze
- 41 Apportion
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- 48 British singer Rita

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## HOROSCOPES

ROYAL STARS | FROM KING FEATURES SYNDICATE By Georgia Nicols

Today's Scorpio Moon moves through its last quarter phase, pushing us to take accountability for our actions. This lunar phase can bring clarity, urging us to reflect on recent choices and make adjustments where necessary. It's a time for transformation and growth, not by starting something new but by tying up loose ends and resolving what's already in motion. Scorpio's energy demands honesty, especially with ourselves. Avoid the temptation to deflect responsibility or sidestep deeper emotions. Instead, lean into introspection and ask yourself what needs resolution. Conversations may feel intense, but they're an opportunity for healing and understanding if approached with patience and authenticity. This is an excellent day for tackling tasks that require focus and determination. Whether it's resolving a lingering issue, organizing your space or diving into research, the Scorpio Moon supports efforts that lead to meaningful progress. Emotionally, the day might feel heavy, but it's also rich with potential for growth. Take time to ground yourself with rituals, journaling or moments of quiet. By evening, you may notice a sense of release and empowerment, knowing you're taking steps to align your actions with your values. Trust the process — growth often comes through the challenges we're willing to face.

**Moon Alert:** Avoid shopping or important decisions until 11:45 a.m. EST today (8:45 a.m. PST). After that, the Moon moves from Libra into Scorpio.

**The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:** 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-Slow; 1-Difficult.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
 ★★ Interactions with friends and groups could be intense today, because disputes about shared property or shared responsibilities might arise. Nevertheless, with Mercury high in your chart, you can make plans for your professional life. It's also a good time to talk to bosses. (Be gentle.)  
 Tonight: Check your finances.  
**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
 ★★ This is a poor day to convince parents or bosses about your ideas, because you could meet with opposition. Fortunately, relations with friends

and groups are positive. This is also an excellent time to make travel plans for the future or explore studying or learning something new. Tonight: Cooperative.  
**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
 ★★ Avoid controversial subjects today, especially about politics and religion, because you have strong opinions and you might be on your soapbox. (Who, me?) Look for little ways that you can be helpful and supportive to others. Fortunately, bosses and parents will be supportive to you. Tonight: Work.  
**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
 ★★ Discussions about shared property, shared responsibilities, taxes and debt, including shared costs for raising kids, will be intense today. It might be wise to table these discussions for another time. Meanwhile, do something different today! Take a day trip. Make travel plans. Ideas? Tonight: Socialize!  
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
 ★★ Today you are best served by being low-key and hunkering down at home to relax. Even then, discussions with partners, spouses and close friends could be contentious. People have strong opinions and strong feelings today. Meanwhile, intimacy will be affectionate. Tonight: Cocoon.  
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
 ★★ You might try to do something to improve your job or the way you handle your daily duties today. You might even want to improve your health. (This is always a high priority for you.) Don't try to convince others to agree with you. Instead, enjoy learning something new today. Tonight: Discussions.  
**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Sept. 22)**  
 ★★ You might try to do something to repair a romantic relationship, or perhaps to improve relations with your kids. Treat carefully, because people have strong feelings about practically everything today, which means you have to respect this. Fortunately, work can be pleasant and productive. Tonight: check your belongings.  
**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
 ★★ Discussions with parents and family members will be intense today. People are keen about finding a better way of doing things — even a better way of relating to each other. With the Moon in your sign, you'll have strong feelings about whatever occurs.

Meanwhile, this is a great day to socialize! Tonight: You win!  
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
 ★★ You're interested in a variety of things, and today you'll be convincing about sharing your ideas with others. Some might not agree. (There are none so deaf as those who are wearing headphones.) Focus on making your home more attractive. Why not entertain? Tonight: Solitude.  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
 ★★ You're never casual about money. Today you might have strong opinions about something related to your finances or your possessions. It could be about earnings or how you share something with a friend or an organization. With Venus in your House of Communications, you'll be charming and diplomatic. Tonight: Schmooze.  
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
 ★★ Today the Sun is lined up with Pluto in your sign, which will make all your experiences more intense. You might want to fix or repair something. You also might have to deal with someone who is coming on like gangbusters, and this forces you to defend yourself. Patience is your best ally. Tonight: You're respected; explore!

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
 ★★ It's a mixed bag today. In one way, you have strong feelings about everything, and yet you might keep your feelings and thoughts to yourself. Simplicity is the key to life for you this year. It's time to create solid foundations and take charge of your health. It's also time to work and build structures both externally and internally.

**BORN TODAY**  
 Actress Geena Davis (1956), golf legend Jack Nicklaus (1940), actor Luke Jickels (1984) \*\*\*

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# PASTOR

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Pastor Rob Starnes has been busy working on his piece, a guitar fashioned out of a combination of wood, fabric and epoxy resin, using a series of power tools in his garage for the past several months.

It's currently on display with the works from eight other celebrity artists in the Logan County Art League contest and fundraiser at Citizens Federal Savings & Loan, 100 N. Main St., Bellefontaine, through Jan. 31. People can vote on their favorite piece(s) by placing a \$1 in the artist's box.

A native of Worthington who has served in his current role at the rural Bellefontaine church since Easter Sunday 2017, Pastor Starnes said he when he received a call from an Art League member, asking him if he'd consider contributing some type of artwork to the contest, his first thoughts were something along the lines of, "I think you have the wrong number."

"You see, God has not blessed me with artistic talent. I am in awe of those with such natural talent and honed skills. Truth be known, my lovely wife Heather would have been a much better candidate, but here we are," he quipped, relating that the "Not So Bad Art" in the title convinced him that he should still give it a shot.

As for the medium for the piece, he was able to build on his woodworking skills to create a guitar featuring a marbled design and with a body is similar in shape to a Fender Jazzmaster.

"I'm both a mediocre guitar player, and a questionable woodworker. I spend more time creating sawdust than I do items of value, but I enjoy the process of learning new skills and have been blessed to have a few projects turn out OK. We won't even get into the lack of musical talent, accept to say that I enjoy making noise in the comfort of my home and office," said Pastor Starnes, who also is a graduate of The Ohio State University.

"That said, it seemed appropriate to combine these two hobbies in hopes of benefiting others."

A few years (and a career change) after his graduation from OSU, Starnes said he moved to Indianapolis for a job, and then met his wife Heather, and they started a family. The call to ministry changed their life about 15 years prior to the family's arrival in the Bellefontaine area.

"Since then, God has taken us on a wonderful ride serving him," the pastor said. "Before coming to Logan County, we lived and worked with a small church in St. Paul, Minn. We were there for about five years. Prior to that, we were in Searcy, Ark. God has certainly kept us moving.

"I've been blessed to serve at Gretna since Easter Sunday 2017. What I enjoy most is seeing people come to know Jesus, and grow in their faith."

The art participant said his wife helped him pick out the fabric and color combinations for the guitar, and encouraged him when he was frustrated. He related that the guitar's body was made from sections of a construction grade 2x10.

*"At times I was both excited and frustrated with this build, but in the end, I genuinely believe God made sure it came together."*

**PASTOR ROB STARNES**  
Contestant



Rob Starnes utilizes tools in his garage for his woodworking guitar piece. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

"The neck is roasted maple, with a dyed fretboard & medium/jumbo stainless steel frets. The electronics are similar to a Telecaster, and push/pull tone knob toggles the two humbuckers in and out of phase. The scale length is a standard Fender length (25.5).

"At times I was both excited and frustrated with this build, but in the end, I genuinely believe God made sure it came together. I'm pretty sure without Him, it would still be sitting in my garage unfinished. My hope is that it will bless someone in some small way — either directly or indirectly through the Logan County Art League."

The contest culminates with a celebration event and dinner starting at 5 p.m. Jan. 31 at Honey Birch Farm, 550 E. Township Road 30, West Liberty, where each of the works of art will be auctioned off. All proceeds from the votes and the auction will go to the Logan County Art League. Tickets for food and drinks, including dinner at 6 p.m., can be purchased online for \$30. Reservations are due by Friday, Jan. 24.

Pastor Starnes said he enjoyed the process of learning and stretching himself, and advised future contest participants to be patient with themselves when trying something new.

"I'm already considering how I would improve if I were to do it again," he said. "Be prepared to make mistakes, and have to figure out how to correct them (that's really where the challenge is). If you are going to use power tools for the first time — or any time, really — take the time to wear safety equipment and learn best practices. It's fun, but it's not worth losing a finger over."

"I nervously jumped into this simply because a friend asked if I would be will to do so. It's been fun to learn new techniques, and watch God bring things together."

## NEW SCHOOL EXPLORATION



Calvary Christian School celebrated their new building at 1673 County Road 9, Bellefontaine, with an open house on Friday, Jan. 10. Guests had a chance to tour the halls and classrooms, check out the gym and explore the library/media resource center. Classes, which were scheduled to begin today, Tuesday, Jan. 21, have been postponed due to the extreme cold weather in the region. (EXAMINER PHOTO | SHARYN KOPF)

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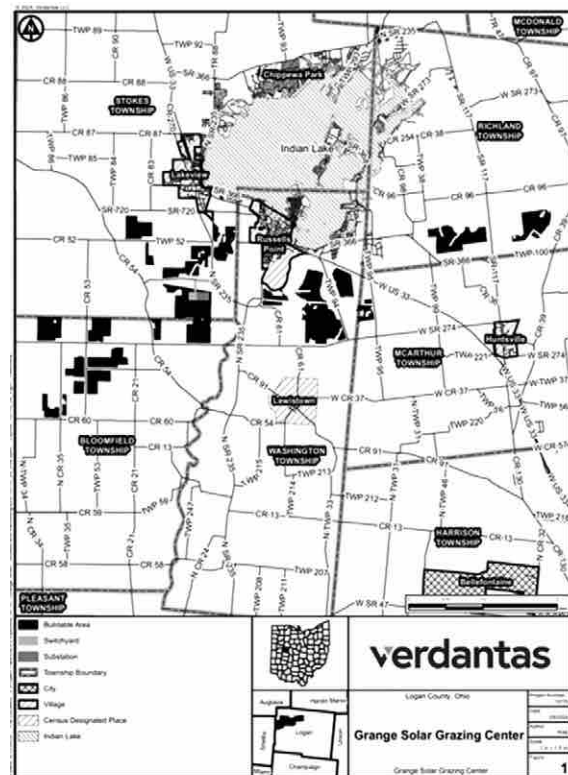
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## Notice of Proposed Major Utility Facility

### Description of the Project

The Project will combine up to 500 megawatts of solar-powered electric generation with sheep pasture and grazing. The general purpose of the Project is to maximize energy production from solar resources in order to deliver clean, renewable electricity to the regional transmission system to serve the needs of electric utilities and their customers while supporting and growing livestock agriculture in Washington, Stokes, Richland, McArthur, Bloomfield Townships, and the Village of Russells Point, Logan County, Ohio.

The Project will be located on approximately 2,584 acres of privately owned land and consist of arrays of solar panels on racking, along with inverters, electric collection cables, a collection substation, a short electric interconnection line, access roads, an operation and maintenance building, pyranometers, laydown areas for construction staging, and livestock-related infrastructure. All above-ground structures and equipment will be fenced for safety and security, as well as to confine the livestock and exclude predators. Grange plans to begin construction in the second quarter of 2026, and begin commercial operation in the fourth quarter of 2027.



### Application Now Pending

Grange has an application now pending before the Ohio Power Siting Board (the "Application") to construct, operate, and maintain a solar-powered electric generation with sheep pasture and grazing. The assigned docket number for the Application is Case No. 24-0801-EL-BGN. A copy of the Application along with copies of all filings in the case are located at the Ohio Power Siting Board website at <https://dis.puc.state.oh.us/CaseRecord.aspx?CaseNo=24-801&x=0&y=0>. To view the filings, click the date of the document you wish to review.

### Public Officials Served With Copies of the Application

The following public officials were served with a copy of the Application: Mike Yoder, Mark Robinson, Joe Antram, Logan County Board of Commissioners; Kent Zimmerly, Steve Terrill, Tim Hart, Stokes Township Board of Trustees; Don Lewis, Jason Faulder, Tucker Berg, Washington Township Board of Trustees; Kelly Copeland, Kyle Knief, Andy Kipker, Bloomfield Township Board of Trustees; Gary Carson, Tracy Baker, Greg Fitzpatrick, Richland Township Board of Trustees; John Cummins, Russel Hurley, Will Volbrecht, McArthur Township Board of Trustees; Scott Coleman, Logan County Engineer; Kelsey Cummins, Steve Seanson, Allison Fowler, Lyndon Roof, Logan Soil & Water Conservation District; Brad Bodenmiller, Director of LUC Regional Planning Commission Board; and Robin Reames, Mayor of the Village of Russells Point. A digital copy of the Application is available online at [www.grange.solar/application](http://www.grange.solar/application), and a physical copy of the Application is also available for public inspection at the Lakeview Branch Library, 120 N Main Street, Lakeview Ohio 43331. In addition, the Board can make a copy of the Application available for public inspection by visiting <https://opsb.ohio.gov/cases/24-0801-el-bgn>, or calling (800) 686-7826, or visiting the Board's office at 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

### Ohio Power Siting Board Application Review Criteria

The criteria the Board must use to review the application are as follows:

- (1) the basis of the need for the facility if the facility is an electric transmission line or gas pipeline;
- (2) the nature of the probable environmental impact;
- (3) that the facility represents the minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the state of available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives, and other pertinent considerations;
- (4) in the case of an electric transmission line, that the facility is consistent with regional plans for expansion of the electric power grid of the electric systems serving this state and interconnected utility systems and that the facility will serve the interests of electric system economy and reliability;
- (5) that the facility will comply with Chapters 3704, 3734, and 6111 of the Revised Code and all rules and standards adopted under those chapters and under Sections 1501.33, 1501.34 and 4561.32 of the Revised Code;
- (6) that the facility will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity;
- (7) the impact on the viability as agricultural land of any land in an existing agricultural district established under Chapter 929 of the Revised Code that is located within the site and alternative site of the proposed major utility facility;
- (8) that the facility incorporates maximum feasible water conservation practices as determined by the Board, considering available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives.

### Statement Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 4906.07

Upon the receipt of an application complying with Section 4906.06 of the Revised Code, the Ohio Power Siting Board shall promptly fix a date for a public hearing thereon, not less than sixty nor more than ninety days after such receipt, and shall conclude the proceeding as expeditiously as practicable. The public hearing for this case shall consist of two parts and will be held **in-person**:

1. A local public hearing, pursuant to R.C. 4906.08(C), where the Board shall accept oral testimony from any person on **March 10, 2025 in a session beginning at 5:00 p.m.**

The local public hearing in this matter shall be held on **March 10, 2025** where the Board shall accept written and oral sworn testimony from any person in a session beginning at 5:00 p.m., at the Indian Lake High School, 6210 State Route 235 N., Lewistown, Ohio 43333.

2. An evidentiary hearing commencing on **April 7, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.**

The evidentiary hearing will commence on April 7, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission), Hearing Room 11-A, 11th Floor, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. The purpose of the adjudicatory hearing is for Applicant, the staff of the Power Siting Board, and any intervenors to provide evidence regarding the Application. Parties and attendees should register at the lobby desk and then proceed to the 11th floor to participate in the hearing.

The chairman of the Ohio Power Siting Board shall cause each application filed with the Board to be investigated and shall, not less than fifteen days prior to the date any application is set for hearing, submit a written report to the Board and to the applicant. A copy of such report shall be made available to any person upon request. Such report shall set forth the nature of the investigation, and the report shall contain recommended findings with regard to division (A) of Section 4906.10 of the Revised Code and shall become part of the record and served upon all parties to the proceeding.

### Statement of Ohio Revised Code Section 4906.08(C)

The Board shall accept written or oral testimony from any person at the public hearing, but the right to call and examine witnesses shall be reserved for parties. However, the Board may adopt rules to exclude repetitive, immaterial, or irrelevant testimony. Petitions to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing will be accepted by the Board up to 30 days following service of the notice required by R.C. 4906.06(C) and Ohio Adm.Code 4606-3-09, or February 21, 2025, whichever is later. However, the Board strongly encourages interested persons who wish to intervene in the adjudicatory hearing to file their petitions as soon as possible. Petitions should be addressed to Docketing Division, the Ohio Power Siting Board, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215 and cite Case No. 24-0801-EL-BGN.