

Letter Carriers' Annual Food Drive set for Saturday

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) will conduct its annual national food drive Saturday, May 10.

NALC's food drive, first held in 1993, helps feed millions of Americans.

Locally, residents can simply leave their donation of non-perishable food items next to their mailbox on Saturday.

Letter carriers will collect these food donations on that day as they deliver mail along their postal routes and distribute them to the Second Harvest Food Bank (SHFB) and its partner agencies in Clark, Champaign and Logan Counties.

"We're excited to once again be

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LOCAL NOTES

Logan County Democrats meet May 14

Logan County Democrats will host their open monthly meeting from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, in the Marketplace, 130 S. Main St., Bellefontaine.

For more information on community resources, visit logan-dems.com and click on "who we are" and scroll down to resources.

Blessing of the Boats offered May 24

St. Mary of the Woods Church in Russells Point hosts a Blessing of the Boats Saturday, May 24, at the historical Sandy Beach Bridge at Indian Lake.

Beginning at 6 p.m., music and hot dogs will be available at the bridge. Then at 7:15 p.m., there will be a ceremony to honor veterans.

From 7:30 to 8 p.m., Father Jarred Kohn will provide blessings from atop the bridge as boats proceed under.

Indian Lake Schools open enrollment

Fiscal year 2026 open enrollment renewal forms are being mailed on May 1 to students who are currently open enrolled to Indian Lake Local Schools.

If students wish to continue attending Indian Lake Schools under the provisions of open enrollment, the form must be signed by the parent/legal guardian and returned to the student's school office by the last day of school or to the superintendent's office by June 1.

Upon receipt of the signed renewal form, students are considered approved and will not receive an additional acceptance letter.

Students living outside of the district who wish to open enroll to Indian Lake Local Schools for the first time may request an Open Enrollment application from the superintendent's office by calling (937) 686-8004.

New open enrollment applicants will be approved on a first-come basis, according to program availability. New applicants will receive a letter in the mail notifying them of their acceptance or denial by Aug. 1.

The deadline to apply for open enrollment is Oct. 1, 2025.

Ohio Hi-Point prepares for 2025 Convocation Ceremony

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Ohio Hi-Point Career Center hosts its 2025 Convocation Ceremony on Wednesday, May 21, at Ohio Hi-Point Career Center, graduating 322 seniors with certificates of completion from their respective career programs.

The event will begin at 6:30 p.m., and doors will open at 5 p.m. for families and friends.

The following seniors will serve as student speakers for the ceremony:

- Karson Instine, HVAC, West Liberty-Salem;
- Elias Abrego, Engineering Academy, Bellefontaine;
- Laila Lynch, Graphic and Media Arts Academy, Indian Lake;
- Hayley Deitsch, Health Careers Academy, Benjamin Logan; and
- Travis Brooks, Welding and Fabrication, Riverside.

Students in Ohio Hi-Point's Class of 2025 include:



• **Animal Science, Instructor: Brooke Sizemore** — Taylor Arthur, Lilliana Diaz, Lisa Eastman, Trinity Fink, Lillianne Fitak, Bexley Greek, Shelby Hall, Samantha Hutchison, Talena Kuhn, Briella Mackesy, Clara Mitchell, Ahyleace Neer, Camryn Neill, Kameron Oglesbee, Kyle Sherman, Ashlynn Spangler, Brittany Stallard, Madison Steinhelfer, Riley Stickney, Reigan Thomas, Alexis VanSchoyck, and Madison Wells.

• **Automotive Academy, Instructor: Rodney Peterson** — Jacob Bland, Camilyn Bridenstine, Colin Bright, Aiden Broadstone, Lydia Carpenter, Alexander Cavanaugh, Brayson Dafler, Sean Davis, Kenneth Feasel, Gavin Hamm, Charles Harrington, Fredy Hernandez, Carson Kerns, Skyler Knox,

Harley Linton, Aidden Manning, Tyler Shefbuch, Jude Slonecker, Luke Steiner, and Joshua Thomas.

• **Construction Trades, Instructor: David Marsteller** — Gavin Boyle, Zane Epperson, Reese Fanaff, Aiden Fink, Jordan Hensley, Wesley Horn, Bobby Hubbard, Dylan LaFollette, Stacey Lovett, Aaron Molands, Carson Payne, Keeton Pierce, Chase Ritz, Ian Schmidt, Zane Stevens, Nathaniel Stevens, Tobias Thornburg, and Candin Watson.

• **Cosmetology, Instructors: Cindy Harlan and Ginger Shellenberger** — Zoie Armbruster, Elisabeth Bump, Olivia Clark, Jazmyne Doty, Autumn Frazee, Lakyn Gilmore, Laycee Hatcher, Zoie Jeski, Aries Large, Gracie McGriff, Madisyn Pitts, Kassondra Prine, Victoria Shahan, Taryn Tate, Lillian Titus, Kiley Ullery, Paige Williams, Bailee Wright, and Miabelle

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• **Criminal Justice, Instructor: Ben Brockway** — Rhyllie Armes, Dalton Bateman, Johnathan Current, Shasta Dunn, Kahne Ferguson, Michiah Flagler, Sylvia Garcia, Tyson Gorham, Kendra Kern, Derek Miller, Caleb Parker, Alex Rhoden, Travis Roberts, Brayden Swearingin, Kayden Taylor, Dominick Trimble, and Samuel Varian.

• **Culinary Arts, Instructor: Chef Jason Cobb** — Keisha Anderson, William Cordle, Samantha Devore, Victoria Doyle, Autumn Durlflinger, Kingston Evilsizor, Alexander Gallagher, Jeffrey Knotts, Karter Kuhn, Brendan McGee, Chase Nelson, Allison Pinet, Angel Morales, Aurora Sherrer, Rachel Tappendorf, and Zek Wedertz.

• **Diesel Technology, Instructor: Paul Morton** — Jarrett Buckenroth, Eli Corwin, Cyrus Cummins, Weston Decker, Landon Dunifon, Austen Gerlach, Nicholas Hess, Dillon Hooker, Jacob Horton, Jacob King, Nevaeh Lafollette, Jackson Linger, Cassie Neeley, Aaron Rhodes, Adam Shively, Allen Simpson, Landon Tipton, and Tyler Wireman.

• **Education Academy, Instructor: Angie Walls** — Allie Baker, Riley Banks, Melody Banning, Summer Durlflinger, Susan Hempker, Taylor Judd, Gabrielle Koon, Grace Martin, Laila McClure, Drew Moore, Mallory Pummell, and Sarah Russell.

• **EMT, Instructor: Shelby Clem** — Megan Cochensparger, Caymen Courter, Trinity Einsele, Danielle Gamble, Haley Horn, Michelle Roberts, Jaidin Ruiz, Cliff Woomeer, and Airiana Young.

• **Engineering Academy, Instructor: Zach Balch** — Elias Abrego, Hailie Ball, Daniel Callender, Bradley Cooley, William Dulebohn, Donald Dunn III, Nickolas Goodin, Michael Hawkins, Shelby Hoffman, Nikolas Leistriz, Vance Queen, Dean Reames, Emin Sejfovic, Leiland Walker, and Naomi Washburn.

• **Exercise Science, Instructor: Heather Smith** — Jessica Bernardi, Hayden Beswick, Ayden Clary, Alexander Crabill, Timothy Holly II, Carter Hunt, Zaidan Johnson, Chelsea Jordan, Kaydin Lenhart, Malichi Morales, Kylie Shreve, Landyn Thompson, and Kelsi Wall.

• **Graphic and Media Arts Academy, Instructors: Justin Silver and Jayne Jones** — Milo Albritton, Dillon Biddle, Paige Bilimek, Eliza Blosser, Tristan Bogard, Evan Borgerding, Kaydence Bothel, Thomas Brockmeier, Novalee Chuck, Hannah Estep, June Fosnaugh, Colton Gaidusek, Tanner Green, Weston Helman, Ethen Hewett, Jacob Hill, Jaiden Hinkle, Skyler Hodge, Christopher Kretzmann, Dakota Lemons, Karla Lopez, Laila Lynch, Cassandra Mason, Alexia Murrish,

Xavier Napper, Foster Noreiga, Devin Prescenzi, Codi Ross, Abbigale Scherer, Rachel Shannon, Xavier Spain, William Stover, Adam Van Tassell, Sabian White, Szander Wigal, Ace Williams, and Katelynn Wireman.

• **Health Careers Academy, Instructors: Megan Lacher and Tammy Newland** — Latasha Alig, Taya Bennett, Haley Blackburn, Reagan Bradford, Elizabeth Brown, Devona Burger, Emma Campbell, Kavon Carr, Katlyn Corral, Justice Davis, Hayley Deitsch, Brooklynn Dingedine, Jordyn Green, McKenzie Harrigan, Laylah Helton, Conleigh High, Johnathan Hoffman, Gabrielle Hoon, Hailey Hunter, Alexander Impson, Cheyenne Inskip, Haylee Jones, Haylie Jordan, Mary-Jane Kimmel, Isabella Lavitchka, Marialaura Machado Araujo, Alyssa Mueller, Kailyn Newman, Rylie Reames, Alyse Regier, Madison Rutherford, Gianna Saunders, Tatyanna Sayles, Mysti Seaunier, Angel Shook, Jailynn Slayback, Jeffrey Smith, Andrew Stroud, Lorena Thomas, Haeleigh Trainer-Donohoe, Harlee Van Hoose, Ivelisse Walcutt, Destiny Whitmore, and Quinlan Zedecker.

• **Heavy Equipment Operations, Instructor: Cole Carpenter** — Layne Blackburn, Grant Breitigam, Chase Champ, Mason Cook, Wyatt Cordell, Hunter Cramer, Landen Elliott, Jordan Gossard, Jaxon Hall, Russell House, Jonathan Hunter, Zachary Maser, Drew McComas, Aubrey Mendenhall, Andrew Putman, William Riley, Korina Sciacca, Wyatt Spitler, Talon Strayer, and Dylan Wells.

• **HVAC/Electrical, Instructor: Robert Carder** — Colton Bailey, Isaac Bender, Lucas Bopp, Cullen Davis, Landon Detwiler, Mckalee Hayes, Carson Instine, Samir Kumar, Cody LeVan, Jacob McDaniel, Charles Neer, Gabriel Pack, Andrew Putman, Cayden Ridgeway, Aiden Roberts, Nash Schneider, Evan Short, Dillion Sweeney, Aulden Thomas, Jason Timple, and Henry Wall.

• **Spa Tech, Instructors: Cindy Harlan and Ginger Shellenberger** — Jai Abhyankar, Elyncia Allen, Leigha Cox, Haylei Elkins, Valerie Huffman, and Tyana Young.

• **Welding & Fabrication, Instructor: Mark Barger** — Travis Brooks, Richard Burden, Raef Callender, Zoe Florence, Kaidi Freeman, Zackary Goodin, Zane Hampton, Seth Herr, Skylar Kidder, Ivan King, Carson Langford, Preston Leatherman, Trent Marcinko, Jenna Peterson, Caiden Richardson, Kyran Roland, Jacob Schiffer, Jackson Scott, Tucker Thompson, Mason Thompson, Kyle Valencia, Robert Wilkinson, Powel Willoby, and Haylee Yelton.

In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will move to Bellefontaine High School. More information can be found at www.ohiohighpoint.com/convocation.

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a part of this food drive,” said Procurement Manager Toni Tayloe-Haddix. “It not only brings the community together for a day of giving, but it also helps us prepare to meet the increased need for food assistance during the summer months when children are out of school.”

Saturday, as they deliver mail, the nation’s 200,000 letter carriers will collect the donations that residents have left near their mailboxes.

People are encouraged to leave a sturdy bag (or bags) containing non-perishable foods, such as canned soup, canned vegetables, canned meats, pasta, rice, or cereal near their mailbox ahead of the regular mail delivery Saturday. The food donations stay in our community, going to help local neighbors.

Last year, 10,499 pounds of food was collected to support SHFB, which translates to 8,749 meals for neighbors in need.

As part of NALC’s support, a \$2,000 check was presented to SHFB by NALC Branch 45 President, Brian DeWell.

“Stamp Out Hunger isn’t just about collecting food; it’s about making sure no one in our community goes hungry,” DeWell said.

If your letter carrier is unable to pick up your donation, take it the SHFB warehouse at 31 N. Sycamore St. this Saturday between 11 a.m. and 5 pm, or Monday to Friday, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

People who have questions about the drive should inquire with their local letter carrier, contact their local county post offices, or go to nalc.org/food-drive.

TIGER PROM ROYALTY



West Liberty-Salem High School celebrated its 2025 prom with an “Enchanted Evening” theme, transforming the night into a magical experience for students. The highlight of the evening came with the announcement of this year’s prom royalty. Pictured, Teagan Boyd was crowned prom queen, and Isaiah Reames was honored as prom king. Joining them in the royal court were Tori Douthwaite, named prom princess, and Taryn Bradley, who was crowned prom prince. The event was made possible by the hard work and dedication of faculty, parent volunteers and student organizers, who helped bring the theme to life. (WL-S PHOTO)

Local competitors shine at CBC Cup

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The fifth Central Buckeye Cup event was held Friday at North Union High School, providing a day of inclusive competition for students with special needs from across the conference.

Athletes from Benjamin Logan were Caleb Ammons, Colton Bays, Ava Reffitt, Camden Staley, Rebecca Voiles and Katelyn Wade.

Voiles was named the Sportsmanship Award winner for Ben Logan.

Buddies and student coaches were Paityn Anspach, Lahna Cook, Grace Frangis, Addilynne Gregg, Kate Gulick, Hailey Kennedy and Madi Oakes.

Those taking part for Bellefontaine were athletes Jasine Wright, Matt Finch, Gavin Van Buskirk, Shane Steffey, Addie Knotts, Brad Johnson, Sarah Morris, Tanner Ballinger, Tonya Price, Taylor Clary, Ethan Riley, Jace Durst, Jacob McNutt and Aloni Smith. Finch was the Sportsmanship Award winner for BHS.

Student coaches were Jacob Salyer, Jayden Temple, Callie Shumaker, Maelee Van Buskirk, Grace Brown, Presley Vigansky, Blake Loomis, Jamison Clement,



Carter Caudill, Karsen Drake, Kylie Adams, Ava Reeves, Ava Layman, Lyrehc Bensman, Chloe Stolly, Emma Whitaker, and Kaeleigh Flora.

Students participated in football toss, cornhole, 40 yard dash, soccer goal kick, home run derby, bowling, putt putt golf, obstacle course, shot put and discus throw, high jump and free throws.

