



Mary Rutan Foundation provides \$72,000 in support to students pursuing medical careers

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Through the generous gifts of individual contributors, bequests and memorial donations to Mary Rutan Foundation's scholarship program, Mary Rutan Foundation provides financial support annually to local students majoring in healthcare-related programs.

Since 1992, Mary Rutan Foundation has awarded nearly \$2.6 million to local scholars. These funds have supported the education of over 1,200 current and future healthcare workers.

"The generous donors that have sup-



ported Mary Rutan Foundation's scholarship program make it possible to award scholarships to all local students that meet the eligibility requirements as well as provide scholarships to the students for multiple years during their programs of study," Mary Rutan Foundation Chief Operating Officer Tammy Gump said. "We are very pleased with the increase

in the number of applications we received this year and the various programs they chose to pursue.

For the 2025/2026 academic year, 55 recipients were selected and provided aid totaling \$72,000. This year's recipients include:

- **The Beach Medical Education Fund** — Quinn Allmon, Respiratory Therapy.
- **Marilyn A. Carnes Nursing Scholarship Fund** — Celeste Allen, Registered Nurse.
- **Dr. Evan Dixon Medical Education Fund** — Amy Fulmer, Doctor of

Medicine.

- **Zelma Nina Hertenstein Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund** — Celeste Allen, Registered Nurse.
- **Dr. Joseph C. & Florence C. Longfellow Memorial Scholarship Fund** — Jessica Clark, Avery Hankins, Gabrielle Hoon, Rachel Knight, Riley Leeper, Tori Miller, Anna Myers, Kailyn Newman, Britney Pond, Adeline Robinson, Registered Nursing; Ciara Lynch, Medical Assisting; and Adriana

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ANTIQUE TRACTORS PROVIDE GENERATIONS OF FUN



Several generations join together atop an International Harvester tractor Saturday morning, Aug. 30, for the West Liberty Labor Day Festival parade, which took place under sunny skies and featured many antique tractors, emergency vehicles, community clubs and groups and other unique vehicles. The parade began on the west side of town and concluded at Lions Park, where a variety of family-friendly activities took place over the long weekend during the 60th annual festival hosted by the West Liberty Lions Club. (EXAMINER PHOTO | MANDY LOEHR)



Buckeye bubbles

OSU Buckeye fans blow bubbles to entertain the crowd while enjoying a wagon ride hauled by a Farmall Super M tractor in the parade Saturday morning. (EXAMINER PHOTO | MANDY LOEHR)

Happy Farmer antique equipment

RIGHT: A 1915 Happy Farmer antique tractor hitches a ride in the parade Saturday morning. A sign on the float designated that the tractor has been owned by the same family for six generations. (EXAMINER PHOTO | MANDY LOEHR)



Honored veteran

Lt. Col. Paul Kari is the 2025 Lions Club Honored Veteran, pictured in Saturday's parade. (DAVID BOWDEN PHOTO)

Smith honored at ARC graduation for her encouraging spirit

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Judge Kevin P. Braig and Logan County Court of Common Pleas Adult Recovery Court (ARC) Team are pleased to announce the graduation of Cassandra Smith from the Logan County Adult Recovery Court.

"Cassie was a delight to have in the program," Judge Braig said. "She is hard working, responsible and fun to be around. She has remarkable depth to her character and personality."

"She was incredibly supportive of the other participants in the program. And she is one of the best paddlers we have ever had in a raft on the annual Rafting for Recovery trip on the New River in West Virginia."

The ARC treatment team works within the framework of the traditional Logan County Common Pleas Court.

The ARC's mission is to achieve specific, rehabilitative objectives. The objectives of the ARC are to monitor treatment for substance abuse disorder of ARC participants, encourage and incentivize ARC participants to achieve rehabilitation and personal accountability, and decrease criminal activity and the need for incarceration.

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

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



Cassandra Smith, right, is pictured at her recent graduation from the Adult Recovery Court program with Judge Kevin P. Braig. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Government shutdown looms as Congress returns after monthlong August recess

BY MARY CLARE JALONICK, KEVIN FREKING AND STEPHEN GROVES
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

Congressional Republicans scored a massive victory this summer when they passed President Donald Trump's tax and spending cuts without a single Democratic vote. But as they return to Washington this fall after a monthlong August recess, they will have to find a way to work with Democrats — or around them — as a government shutdown looms.

The annual spending battle will dominate the September agenda, along with a possible effort by Senate Republicans to change their chamber's rules to thwart Democratic stalling tactics on nomina-

tions. The Senate is also debating whether to move forward on legislation that would slap steep tariffs on some of Russia's trading partners as the U.S. presses Russian President Vladimir Putin on Ukraine.

In the House, Republicans will continue their investigations of former President Joe Biden while Speaker Mike Johnson navigates a split in his conference over whether the Trump administration should release more files in the Jeffrey Epstein investigation.

A look at what Congress will be doing as lawmakers return from the August break:

The priority is to keep the government open

The most urgent task for Congress is to avoid a government shutdown on Sept. 30, when federal funding runs out. And it's so far unclear if Republicans and Democrats will be able to agree on how to do that.

Congress will have to pass a short-term spending measure to keep the government funded for a few weeks or months while they try to finish the full-year package. But Republicans will need Democratic votes to pass an extension, and Democrats will want significant concessions. Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer's vote with Republicans to avoid a shutdown in March prompted furious backlash within his party.

The Trump administration's efforts to

claw back previously approved spending could also complicate the negotiations. Republicans passed legislation this summer that rescinded about \$9 billion in foreign aid and public broadcasting funds and Trump notified Congress again on Friday that he will block \$4.9 billion in congressionally approved foreign aid.

Democrats have warned that such efforts could tank the broader negotiations. "Trump is rooting for a shutdown," Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., posted on social media Friday.

Senate nominations fight looms
 Senators are expected to return to

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"It takes a mighty crack college student to grab an education between football and basketball seasons."

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

RECOGNITION RECEIVED



During halftime of Friday night's football game, Indian Lake Athletic Director Jeff Courter presented Brenda Jackson and her husband, the late Sam Jackson, with the Ohio High School Athletic Association Award for Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity. Together, Sam and Brenda worked the ticket booths at Indian Lake Athletic events for 25 years, greeting Laker fans with smiles and getting to know the families of our athletes. Brenda is currently working on her 26th year. However, Sam passed away earlier this spring after his courageous battle with cancer. Sam was a lifelong Laker, a 1978 ILHS alum and respected member of the local agriculture community who we all dearly miss. Sam would have celebrated his 65th birthday last week. Brenda was joined on the field by their children and grandchildren. The award has been established by the OHSAA and is annually available to each member high school. The award is for a person or persons in the community who exemplify good sportsmanship, one who is a positive role model for others, a person who reflects a high level of ethics and integrity in dealings with students and the interscholastic athletic program, one who supports and demonstrates positive values, and a person who has contributed to the well-being of the youth of the local high school. (INDIAN LAKE SCHOOLS PHOTO)

Mary Rutan Health CEO appointed to OHA Board of Trustees

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

COLUMBUS — The Ohio Hospital Association, the voice of Ohio's 252 hospitals and 15 health systems, recently announced the appointment of Chad Ross, J.D., president and CEO of Mary Rutan Health, as a trustee-at-large for the OHA Board of Trustees.

The OHA board appointed Ross to fill a vacant position.

"This is an important time for health care in our state, and we are grateful for Chad's commitment to join our board as we continue to build our advocacy strategy that ensures a healthy Ohio," Mike

Abrams, OHA president and CEO, said in a release.

In 2021, Ross was appointed CEO of Mary Rutan. He previously served as the organization's chief operating officer from 2013 – 2021.

He earned his J.D. from Vanderbilt University Law School and a bachelor's degree in accountancy and finance from Miami University.

"It is truly an honor to be selected to serve on the Ohio Hospital Association Board of Trustees. I am proud to

represent Mary Rutan Health and to give a voice to rural healthcare providers across Ohio," Ross said.

"OHA serves institutions both large and small, and I look forward to doing my part to advance our industry and support the health and well-being of communities throughout our state."

The OHA Board sets policy and strategic direction for matters affecting hospitals throughout Ohio. The board includes representatives from small and large hospitals, urban and rural hospitals, teaching facilities and independent facilities and health care systems.



ROSS

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O'Brien, Licensed Practical Nurse.

- **Mary Rutan Foundation General Scholarship Fund** — Morgan Burden, Pharmacy; Katelyn Crabill, Speech Language Pathology & Audiology; Madison DeLong, Clinical Mental Health Counseling; Tatelyn Faraglia, Sonography; Isabella Hardwick, Medical Laboratory Science; Mckenzie Harrigan, Radiology; Cheyenne Hill, Athletic Training; Emily Hollar, Addison McAuley, Joslyn Robinson, Communication Sciences & Disorders; Megan Hollar, Wellness and Health Promotions; Rebekah Hudson, Psychology; Hailey Kennedy, Occupational Therapy Assistant; Cale Kline, Exercise Physiology; Kyndal Newkirk, Radiographic Imaging; Grace Pequignot, Exercise Science; Mamie Randall, Medical Laboratory Technology; Regan Ross, Hearing, Speech, & Language Sciences; Reagan Standley, Health and Rehabilitation Sciences; Katie Workman, Advanced Medical Imaging



Technology; and Jacob Zarnosky, Doctor of Physical Therapy.

- **Mary Rutan Foundation Medical Student Loan Program** — Amy Fulmer, Doctor of Medicine.
- **Roy G. Metz & Miriam A. Metz Nursing Scholarship Fund** — Brynn Shelton, Registered Nurse.
- **Charlotte L. and Norman R. Miller Memorial Medical Scholarship Fund** — Quinn Allmon, Respiratory Therapy; Helena Burns, Psychology/Cognitive Neuroscience; Madison Christman, Health Sciences; Cassidy Crockett, Speech-Language Pathology; Mackenzie Dixon, Medical Diagnostic Sonography; Caleb Epp, Exercise Science; Khierstan Ferguson, Radiographic Imaging; Skybree Knotts, Psychology; Sydnee Payer, Meng Wang, Pharmacy; Avery Perk,

Health Promotion, Nutrition & Exercise Science; Makenna Smith, Biomedical Engineering; Taylor Spencer, Dietetics; Kennedy Wallace, Radiation Therapy.

- **James F. Milroy Fund** — Joseph LaRoche, Taylor Spencer, Dietetics.
- **Grace K. Orr/Dr. Edwin Pratt Memorial Medical Scholarship Fund** — Jacob Palmer, Registered Nurse
- **Rita Riedmiller Memorial Scholarship Fund** — Danielle Widmark, Exercise Physiology.
- **Walter and Janet Sack Medical Memorial Fund** — Morgan Burden, Pharmacy.
- **Dwight Spencer Medical Scholarship Fund** — Kelley Forsythe, Health Sciences.
- **Richard T. Wolever Medical Scholarship Fund** — Halea Hudson, Doctor of Medicine.

For additional information about Mary Rutan Foundation's scholarship programs or to inquire about how you may make a financial contribution, visit the website at foundation.maryrutan.org or contact Mary Rutan Foundation at (937)599-7003.

LOCAL NOTES

Annual ham, bean lunch planned for Sept. 13

A ham and bean lunch is served beginning at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at Helen Wonders Blue Park in Zanesfield.

Beans are cooked over an open fire and enjoyed with all the fixings and cornbread.

The event is sponsored by the Ebenezer Zane Cabin Committee and any donations received will be used toward cabin restoration.

Mary Rutan Foundation Wellness Grant applications accepted through Oct. 8

Applications are now being accepted for the 2025-2026 Mary Rutan Foundation Community Wellness Grant program.

The purpose of the grant program is to foster community partnerships in the promotion and support of a healthier Logan County, by addressing areas of health-related risk and need in the community.

Mental health continues to be identified as one of the highest priorities in Logan County in periodic Community Health Assessments. Additionally, the majority of respondents of the survey named obesity and healthy lifestyle choices as a moderate or very serious issue.

To address these concerns, youth mental health and youth healthy living were selected as the focus areas for grant requests ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 during the 2025-2026 grant cycle.

Applications and all required documentation must be submitted by midnight Oct. 8. The application may be accessed on the Mary Rutan Health website at <https://www.maryrutan.org/forms/community-wellness-grant-application/> and must be submitted electronically.

Questions regarding the grant or qualification guidelines may be directed to Mary Rutan Foundation at (937) 599-7003 or via email at tammy.gump@maryrutan.org.

CLASS REUNION



60th reunion celebrated

The Bellefontaine High School Class of 1965 celebrated their 60th class reunion during July with a gathering at the American Legion, 120 Colton Ave., Bellefontaine. Pictured are, from the left, first row: Pam Wagner Peltonen, Sherilyn Wilgus Fast, Sheryl Beck Ewing, Judy Owings Alexander, Cheryl Young Kramer, Carol Arbogast Hahn, Kathy Lakin Shiveley, Janet Delong Roberts, Cheri Wilde Cooper and Carl McMullen; second row: Dean Jackson, Cathie Ellis Hubbard, Paula Cole Kuempel, Beth Maier Dicks, Martha Carnes Kerns, Betty Maxson Core, Jean Levan Wedding, Nancy Kerns Ward, Linda Smith Krisher, Louise Emmons Gould, Sandy Holderman Hodges, Jane Ayres Welsheimer, Janet Irwin McMullen, Choyce Jenkins Earick and Linda Kerns Hilliker; and third row: Bill Weaver, Steve Earick, Marion Enoch, Ron Starks, Alan Galvez, Tom Dugan, Gary Kegg, John Kaylor, Randy Diener, Denny Dyer, Bud Alexander, Lou Perry, Jim Hilliker and Joe Wood. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

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1.2 million immigrants are gone from the US labor force under Trump

BY COREY WILLIAMS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

It's tomato season and Lidia is harvesting on farms in California's Central Valley.

She is also anxious. Attention from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement could upend her life more than 23 years after she illegally crossed the U.S.-Mexico border as a teenager.

"The worry is they'll pull you over when you're driving and ask for your papers," said Lidia, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition that only her first name be used because of her fears of deportation. "We need to work. We need to feed our families and pay our rent."

As parades and other events celebrating the contributions of workers in the U.S. are held Monday for the Labor Day holiday,

experts say President Donald Trump's stepped-up immigration policies are impacting the nation's labor force.

More than 1.2 million immigrants disappeared from the labor force from January through the end of July, according to preliminary Census Bureau data analyzed by the Pew Research Center. That includes people who are in the country illegally as well as legal residents.

Immigrants make up almost 20% of the U.S. workforce and that data shows 45% of workers in farming, fishing and forestry are immigrants, according to Pew senior researcher Stephanie Kramer. About 30% of all construction workers are immigrants and 24% of service workers are immigrants, she added.

The loss in immigrant workers comes as the

nation is seeing the first decline in the overall immigrant population after the number of people in the U.S. illegally reached an all-time high of 14 million in 2023.

"It's unclear how much of the decline we've seen since January is due to voluntary departures to pursue other opportunities or avoid deportation, removals, underreporting or other technical issues," Kramer said. "However, we don't believe that the preliminary numbers indicating net-negative migration are so far off that the decline isn't real."

Trump campaigned on a promise to deport millions of immigrants working in the U.S. illegally. He has said he is focusing deportation efforts on "dangerous criminals," but most people detained by ICE have no criminal convictions. At the

same time, the number of illegal border crossings has plunged under his policies.

Pia Orrenius, a labor economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, said immigrants normally contribute at least 50% of job growth in the U.S.

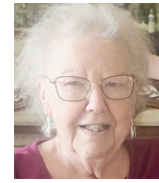
"The influx across the border from what we can tell is essentially stopped, and that's where we were getting millions and millions of migrants over the last four years," she said. "That has had a huge impact on the ability to create jobs."

'Crops did go to waste' Just across the border from Mexico in McAllen, Texas, corn and cotton fields are about ready for harvesting. Elizabeth Rodriguez worries there won't be enough workers available for the gins and other machinery once the fields are cleared.

OBITUARIES

Keitha Ann Dugan

Keitha Ann Dugan, 82, of Bellefontaine, Ohio, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on August 29th, 2025. Born January 13, 1943, in Urbana, Ohio, she was a proud Wilmington College graduate and a lifelong educator and mentor.



Keitha embodied quiet strength and unwavering resilience. She was a stoic presence in the lives of her family and friends - steady, grounded and unflinching in the face of life's challenges. Her strength wasn't loud or boastful; it showed in her ability to endure hardship with grace, and to offer sharp insight with kindness.

She is survived by her husband, Harry T. Dugan; sons, Thomas J. Bennett III (Jill) and Daniel L. Bennett (Misty); and grandchildren, Bryn, Ava, Eric, and Major Bennett.

Keitha was known for her strong will, quick wit, independent spirit, her love of cats, and her passion for shopping. She brought fierce wisdom to every conversation and left a lasting impression on all who had the privilege of knowing her.

A private family service will take place at Otterbein Cemetery in Mt. Victory. The Price-McElroy Funeral Home in Mt. Victory is assisting the family with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Keitha's honor may be made to Not By Choice in Kenton. Online condolences may be expressed at pricefh.net.

Shutdown

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Washington right where they left off in early August — fighting over Trump's nominees.

Exasperated Republicans fled Washington for the month after making little headway with Senate Democrats over their nominations blockade, which has forced delays in confirmations and angered Trump as many of his administration's positions remain unfilled. Republican leaders called it quits after a rare Saturday session that ended with a breakdown in bipartisan negotiations and Trump posting on social media that Chuck Schumer could "GO TO HELL!"

Republicans now say they're ready to try and change Senate rules to get around the Democratic delays, and they are expected to spend the next several weeks discussing how that might work.

Stiffer Russia sanctions are sought

Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, one of Trump's closest congressional allies, has pushed the president for months to support his sweeping bipartisan sanctions bill that would impose steep tariffs on countries that are fueling Russia's invasion of Ukraine by buying its oil, gas, uranium, and other exports. The legislation has the backing of 85 senators, but Trump has yet to endorse it, and Republican leaders have so far said they won't move without him.

Graham has stepped up his calls after Trump met with Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy last month in hopes of a peace deal. Since then, Russia has continued to

step up attacks on Ukraine.

"If we don't have this thing moving in the right direction by the time we get back, then I think that plan B needs to kick in," Graham said of his bill in an interview with The Associated Press last month.

Senate panel awaits RFK Jr. appearance

Health and Human Service Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. will appear before the Senate Finance Committee to discuss his health care agenda on Thursday, less than a week after he ousted Susan Monarez as director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Several other top officials also resigned in protest.

Kennedy has tried to advance anti-vaccine policies that are contradicted by decades of scientific research. Monarez's lawyers said she refused "to rubber-stamp unscientific, reckless directives and fire dedicated health experts."

Louisiana Sen. Bill Cassidy, the Republican chairman of the panel that oversees the CDC and a member of the Finance Committee, has called on the CDC to delay a meeting of outside experts who make recommendations on the use of vaccines until Congress can look into the issue.

A House divided over Epstein

The House left Washington in July in the midst of disagreements among Republicans about whether they should force President Donald Trump's administration to release more information on the sex trafficking investigation into the late Jeffrey Epstein. The pressure for more disclosure could only get more intense when lawmakers return.

Man is found dead at annual Burning Man festival in Nevada, a sheriff's office says

RENO, Nevada (AP) — A man found dead in a pool of blood is being investigated as a homicide at the annual Burning Man art and music festival in the northwestern Nevada desert, authorities say.

Authorities were alerted about the man Saturday at the gathering in the Black Rock Desert about 110 miles (175 kilometers) north of Reno.

Deputies along with rangers from the Bureau of Land Management responded and "found a single white adult male lying on the ground, obviously deceased," the

Pershing County Sheriff's Office said in a statement Sunday.

The investigation has included interviewing several participants and cordoning off a perimeter in the area where the body was found in the makeshift encampment called Black Rock City. The identity of the dead male was not immediately known, the sheriff's office said. No other information was released.

The body was taken to a medical examiner's office.

The Pershing County Sheriff's Office said it appears to be a singular

crime but urged everyone at the festival to be vigilant of their surroundings and acquaintances. The festival ends on Monday.

Burning Man officials said in a statement that they are cooperating with law enforcement and asked participants in Black Rock City to not interfere with their investigation.

"The safety and well-being of our community are paramount," the statement said. It noted

that support services, including a crisis support team, are available and participants have access to free Wi-Fi. If they need to communicate with loved ones.

The annual gathering in the Black Rock Desert attracts tens of thousands of artists, musicians and activists each year for a mix of wilderness camping and avant-garde performances, highlighted by the burning of a large wooden effigy of a man.



Senior of the month

HAYDEN SANFORD
Parents: Dennis Sanford and Tara Sanford

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES & AWARDS: Golf, Baseball, and Basketball, State Representative for Business Professionals of America, Pirate Advisory Committee, National Technical Honor Society, FFA member, Honda Academic Breakfast Award in Geometry.

If I were principal for a day: Have a students vs teachers basketball game.

Favorite school memory: Playing in the T-Bone 3 on 3 Sophomore year

People who have inspired me: My dad, Gavin Robinson, Shannon Shoe

Lately, I have been reading: Conference Golf Stats


My advice to parents: Don't let your child procrastinate.

My biggest regret: Not making the most of past opportunities.

Most embarrassing moment: Playing Northridge 8th grade year in basketball.

Next year I will be: Going to College





Senior of the month

ASHLEY ROACH
PARENTS: Scott and Misty Roach

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES & AWARDS: Business Professionals of America, Student Council, National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Honda Achievement Breakfast (Chemistry), Pirate Advisory Committee, Junior Class President, Vice President of Riverside Hustlers 4-h, Logan County Junior Fair Board Reporter

If I were principal for a day: I would take the time to understand the students' problems and needs.

Favorite school memory: My entire eighth grade year.

People who have inspired me: Mrs. Fauley, Mrs. Hess, Mrs. Marks, Señora Cotterman, Mrs. Wyan, and most importantly, my family.


Lately, I have been reading: "The Bible"

My advice to parents: Know that you guys have done the best at being parents and I wouldn't be where I am today without the both of you. Behind every child who believes in themselves are parents who believed in them first.

My biggest regret: Focusing on doing things for others, and not myself

Most embarrassing moment: Falling down the bleachers at a basketball game

Next year I will be: Attending The Ohio State University ATI to study Animal Science/Pre-Vet with a goal of becoming a veterinarian.



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CROSS COUNTRY

Chiefs boys second, girls third at Wapak Night Meet

Maus breaks boys school record; Brown takes first in girls race

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

WAPAKONETA — Bellefontaine took part in the annual Night Meet at Wapakoneta on Saturday.

The Chieftains boys were second place with 52 points, with Marysville (45) the champion. There were 16 teams in action.

Hayden Maus set a school record with a winning team of 15:33. The previous mark was set in 1994 by Aaron Augusts (15:37).

Oliver Grandstaff was sixth (16:40), Jake Moreland seventh (16:40), Landon Gerwels 18th (17:40) and Will Myers 20th (17:43).

Others in action were Andrew Myers (18:08), Brenden Murray (18:45), Nick Herrera-Diaz (20:35), Tristyn Wilson (22:31), Brayten Swisher (25:29) and Jake Christen (26:32).

The BHS girls finished third out of 19 teams. They had 122 points, behind Marysville (50) and Olentangy Berlin (78).

Grace Brown ran the course in 18:32 to take first place. Kaeleigh Flora

placed eighth (20:04), followed by Hannah Wilson (31st, 22:22), Cece Reier (39th, 22:41) and Blakely Vollrath (51st, 23:14).

Others running were Cameo Greene (23:36), Sloan Stolly (23:46), Leila Hammond (24:44) and Sophia Marker (25:48).

Middle school boys fourth; girls third

The Bellefontaine middle school boys team finished fourth out of 17 teams.

Jackson Maus finished third with a time of 11:57. He was followed by Sennett Stolly (9th, 12:22); Camden Vollrath (23rd, 12:47); Bennett Lang (32nd, 13:22); Lucas Lin (45th, 14:17); Anthony Carter (54th, 14:54); Owen Smith (59th, 15:08) and Jayden Lambert (71st, 15:30).

The Chieftains girls were third in the field of 17.

Individual results were Kylie Lowe (5th, 13:32); Baya Deal (7th, 13:50); Alivia Owens (32nd, 15:47); Bentley Drake (47th, 17:23); and Myra Varner (60th, 18:50).



Pictured are the members of the Bellefontaine boys cross country team following the Wapakoneta Night Meet on Saturday. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)



Pictured are the members of the Bellefontaine girls cross country team following the Wapakoneta Night Meet on Saturday. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

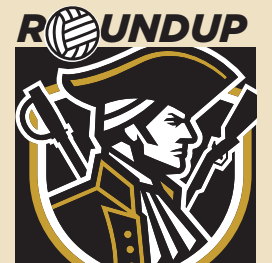
Raiders rally for five-set victory

Ben Logan defeated Springfield in non-league volleyball action on Saturday.

Springfield won the first two sets 25-23 and 25-14. The Raiders then won 25-22, 28-18 and 15-4.

Abby Vance had 13 kills, Summer Cline had 11. Georgia Daniels had seven kills, Annika Chappell four, and Caroline Spriggs and Storm LeVan three each.

Kylie Harner made 18 assists.



Ben Logan is now 3-3 on the season. They will host Northwestern tonight. The freshmen play at 4:30, followed by JV and varsity.

CROSS COUNTRY

Big Orange boys win CG invitational; girls third

Cole sets new boys' mark

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

West Liberty-Salem's cross country teams ran at an invitational in Columbus Grove on Saturday.

The Big Orange boys took first place in the Red Division race.

Sophomore Asher Cole had a school record time of 15:31 and was second overall. Caleb Larson was third (15:42), followed by Braylan Gullett (11th, 16:27), Dylan King (13th, 16:32) and Owen Hardwick (35th, 17:16).

Rounding out the top five were Garrett Wallen (17:53) and Eric Hoover (18:08). All of the runners had personal or season bests.

WL-S had 64 points, with Bryan taking second (73) and Findlay third (123).

The junior varsity finished fifth out of 14 teams. The top five runners were Zac Carter (9th, 18:52); Gauge Lee (18th,



The West Liberty-Salem boys cross country team is shown after the invitational at Columbus Grove on Saturday. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

19:15); Zeke Sidders (28th, 19:41), Landon McKenzie (52nd, 20:39) and Daniel Erne (73rd, 21:27).

"I'm extremely proud of Asher Cole for breaking the school record previously set by senior teammate Caleb Larson," said Coach Mike Loudon. "These two young men continue to sharpen each

other each and every day and I can't wait to see where they carry each other going forward."

He added, "The guys took full advantage of amazing weather conditions and competition and put up some fast times. However, these fast times don't just happen because of great conditions, but because of

the the hard work that's been put in during the summer. Pair the fitness and effort along with the weather and they equalled solid times."

GIRLS

The Big Orange girls finished third out of 19 teams with 122 points. Lancaster was first with 62 and Ottawa-Glandorf

second (91).

For West Liberty-Salem, Malia Miller was 12th (19:36), Addi Wallen 20th (20:17), Isla Leichty 21st (20:18), Gwen McCullough 27th (20:42) and Ivy Matthews 46th (21:30).

Rounding out the top seven were Elia Matthews (21:42) and Hattie Jacobs (22:01).

"The girls had a solid performance against quality competition. There were six state-ranked teams in our race. We are looking forward to taking a week off from racing where we can focus on just health and training," said Coach Aaron Lauck.

Middle school boys second; girls fourth

In the middle school races, the West Liberty-Salem boys teams was second with 51 points behind Botkins (44).

The top seven runners were Milo Matthews (5th, 11:35); Caizen Anders (6th, 11:40); Zeke Lauck (7th, 11:43); Chafer Matthews (15th, 11:58); Liam Harrington (30th, 12:38); Raylan Wulf (31st, 12:47); and Lance Hinds (57th, 13:19).

The girls team was fourth out of 15 with 128 points.

The top seven runners were Nika Matthews (8th, 12:45); Elayna Hoover (15th, 13:07); Elin Leichty (18th, 13:09); Iris Meister (42nd, 14:18); Emily Finch (80th, 15:31); Violet Kauffman (157th, 20:14); and Issabella Meyers (164th, 22:08).

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Reds rally in ninth to beat Blue Jays

BY JEFF WALLNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Noelvi Marte hit a game-ending, two-run single after Cincinnati lost the tying run on a rare lodged ball call, and the Reds rallied to beat the Toronto Blue Jays 5-4 Monday following a ninth-inning bullpen meltdown.

Toronto's AL East lead was cut to 2 1/2 games over the idle New York Yankees. Cincinnati remained four games back of the New York Mets for the last NL wild card.

Cincinnati led 2-1 before back-to-back homers in the ninth by Bo Bichette, who hit a two-run drive off Emilio Pagán for his fourth hit, and Daulton Varsho.

Ke'Bryan Hayes singled off Tommy Nance leading off the bottom half and Matt McLain singled with one out. Brendon Little (4-2) relieved and TJ Friedl doubled into the right-field corner as Hayes and McLain crossed the plate.

After a video review, umpires ruled that because the ball lodged in a gap in the fence, each runner could advance two bases, causing McLain to be sent back to third.

Marte then singled to left as McLain went home and Friedl slid in head first ahead of Myles Straw's throw, which was slightly up the third-base line.

Yosver Zulueta (1-0) got the last two outs in the ninth for his first major league win.

Sal Stewart, a 21-year-old first baseman, was brought up from Triple-A by the Reds for his major league debut as rosters expanded and went 1 for 3. He singled in the second off Chris Bassitt and scored on Ke'Bryan Hayes' two-run double.

Hunter Greene allowed three hits through six innings before Bichette doubled in the seventh and scored on Alejandro Kirk's single. Greene reached 100 mph with 21 pitches.

KEY MOMENT

Bichette's four-hit game was his sixth, tying for second-most with the Blue Jays behind Vernon Wells' 10.

KEY STAT

Bassitt walked Friedl starting the game, ending a streak of four consecutive games in which Toronto pitchers hadn't walked a batter. It was the Blue Jays' longest streak without issuing a walk since June 14-17 last year.

Buckeyes shut down Manning



Arvell Reese of Ohio State tackles Texas quarterback Arch Manning during Saturday's season opener. (EXAMINER PHOTO | TONY BARRETT)

BY JOE REEDY
AP SPORTS WRITER

COLUMBUS — Texas' Arch Manning came into Saturday's opener at Ohio State with a lot of expectations to live up to.

The much-hyped sophomore took the top-ranked team on the road to face the defending national champions. Add into that being the consensus early Heisman Trophy favorite, it was no wonder that some nicknamed the Longhorns preseason "Arch Madness."

Manning struggled under the weight of heady expectations for three quarters. He nearly led Texas back in the fourth quarter, but it wasn't enough as the Longhorns lost to the third-ranked Buckeyes 14-7.

"The expectations were out of control on the outside, but I'd say let's finish the book before we judge it," Texas coach Steve Sarkisian said. "This is one chapter, and we got a long season to go play."

Manning accounted for 208 yards of total offense. He completed 17 of 30 passes for 170 yards along with 10 rushing attempts for 38 yards.

Manning was 9 of 15 for 38 yards and an interception in the first three quarters. After Texas fell behind 14-0, he completed 8 of 15 for 132 yards and a touchdown, including a 32-yard touchdown pass to Parker Livingstone in the fourth quarter.

"We made some adjustments on half. They're a good team. They've got a bunch of

good players, obviously. They're the reigning champs. But I thought we could have played better, and I could have played a lot better," he said.

What did Manning and the Longhorns in was converting only 1 of 5 fourth-down opportunities.

Two of the stops came in the red zone, including a fourth-and-goal at the Ohio State 1-yard line midway through the third quarter when Manning was stuffed on a QB sneak for no gain.

"Anytime there's fourth and inches at the goal line, we've got to have those. I got to make more of a push because that was a big swing," Manning said.

Manning also got to experience something his uncles Peyton and Eli

knew all too well — being stymied by a Matt Patricia defense.

The Longhorns averaged 4.5 yards per rushing attempt, and moved the ball well between the 20's, but they couldn't execute on a short field.

Manning's only interception — although he had a second one overturned — also proved costly. With three minutes left in the third quarter, he was late on a pass intended for Ryan Wingo and it was picked off by Ohio State cornerback Jermaine Mathews Jr. at the Buckeyes 27 and returned for 5 yards. Seven plays later, Julian Sayin threw a 40-yard touchdown pass to Carnell Tate to put Ohio State up 14-0 early in the fourth quarter.

It was Manning's first loss as a starting quarter-

back. He saw action in 12 games last season, including a pair of starts.

Despite the loss, Sarkisian said there were things he learned about Manning that will serve him well the rest of the season.

"Arch's poise and composure was really good this game," Sarkisian said. "I didn't feel like he got rattled. I've got to let him go play, and so that'll help us."

"He gets hit a couple of times. It helps him. Maybe, incorporate a little more of his run stuff earlier in the game, where we waited a little bit into the second half. I think when that happened, I felt like he started really playing and we saw some real flashes and glimpses of the type of player that he's going to become here."

Ben Logan girls soccer suffer first loss of season

Ben Logan lost to Fairbanks 4-0 on Saturday in non-league play.

Rissa Bates had seven saves.

Ben Logan (1-0 CBC, 3-1 overall) will host Northwestern on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

junior high

VOLLEYBALL

Raiders top Pirates

Ben Logan defeated Riverside in middle school volleyball on Saturday.

The Raiders seventh grade won 25-11, 25-6. They had 10 kills, seven assists and 13 aces.

Ben Logan won the eighth grade match 25-17, 25-14. They had 16 kills, 14 assists, nine aces and 15 digs.

Chiefs get split with Tecumseh

Bellefontaine middle school volleyball hosted Tecumseh on Saturday.

The eighth grade team won 20-25, 25-10, 25-17.

Jazmin Nelson was 19-of-19 on serves and had 10 aces. Ellie Irick was 15-of-17 with four aces, Ellijana Bosiljavec was 10-of-11 with two aces, and Gianna Davis was 7-of-10 with three aces.

Nelson also had two kills and one solo block. Bosiljavec had three kills, and five digs and Brooklynn Muck had three kills.

Tecumseh won the seventh grade match 25-15, 25-10.

Skylar Phan had three aces and two digs. Alivia Rogan three kills, Braelynn Neer two kills, and Arianna Rumer two kills and five assists.



Tavien St. Clair is shown during pregame warmups for Ohio State before Saturday's season opener against Texas. (EXAMINER PHOTO | TONY BARRETT)

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IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO GENERAL DIVISION THE STATE OF OHIO,

LEGALS

LOGAN COUNTY
The Huntington National Bank
Plaintiff
vs.
Robert S. Kilgore
Defendants
Case No. CV 25 02 0067
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Attorneys for Plaintiff

Randall Dodds, Sheriff
Logan County, OH
Aug. 19, 26; Sept. 2, 2025

IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO GENERAL DIVISION THE STATE OF OHIO, LOGAN COUNTY

PennyMac Loan Services, LLC

Plaintiff
vs.
David A. Liles, et al
Defendants

Case No. CV 24 02 0040
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Reisenfeld & Associates LLC
Attorneys for Plaintiff

Randall Dodds, Sheriff
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IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO GENERAL DIVISION THE STATE OF OHIO, LOGAN COUNTY

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION

Plaintiff

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vs.
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Defendants

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Logan County, OH
Aug. 19, 26; Sept. 2, 2025

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

RHONDA STAFFORD
LOGAN COUNTY TREASURER

Plaintiff

vs.

SHEILA D. KAVANAGH, et al
Defendants

Case No. CV 24 10 0341

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT LAND TAXES

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Breanne N. Parcels
Attorney for Plaintiff Logan County Treasurer

Randall Dodds, Sheriff
Logan County, OH
Aug. 19, 26; Sept. 2, 2025

RHONDA STAFFORD
LOGAN COUNTY TREASURER

Plaintiff

vs.

DELINQUENT PARCELS OF LAND AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ROBERT WAYNE GILROY, et al

Defendants

Case No. CV25 01 0050

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT LAND TAXES

Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain delinquent parcels of real property and a manufactured home for \$13,945.49 in taxes, assessments, charges, penalties, interest and any additional costs through the sale date on **Parcel No. 43-005-14-14-035-000 (Lots 136 & 137); 43-005-14-14-034-000 (Lot 138); 43-005-14-14-005-000 (Lot 175); 43-005-14-14-004-000 (Lot 176); 43-005-14-14-004-001 (Lot 177)**, and Manufactured Home No. 00726, a 1960 Skyline Broadway with a Title Number of 460001939, sited PPN 43-005-14-14-004-001, having an address of 11400 Pochontas Path and 11393 Blackhawk Drive and adjacent lots, Lakeview, OH 43331, and last known owner of Robert Wayne Gilroy (deceased).

Whereas, such judgment orders such real property and manufactured home to be sold or otherwise disposed of according to law to satisfy the judgment, now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that, I, Randall Dodds, Sheriff of Logan County, Ohio, will either dispose of such property according to law or sell such real property at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder of an amount that equals at least Eighteen Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$18,000.00) at 10:00 a.m., in the lobby of the Logan County Sheriff's Office located at 284 C.R. 32 S. in Logan County, Ohio, on Wednesday, the 17th day of September, 2025.

If there is no sufficient minimum bid the property may be offered for sale, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale and the same place and time of day, on Wednesday, October 15, 2025. Ten (10%) of the purchase price is due on the sale date with unpaid balance due within 30 days or concurrent with the confirmation entry. Prospective purchasers should research the real estate prior to the sale as the Sheriff has no access to the property and all properties are sold "as is" as Plaintiff makes no warranties as to the condition of the parcel or improvements, or status of title. A copy of the legal description can be obtained from the Logan County Map Room, 100 S. Madriver St., Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311, reference Vol. 2, Page 626 and Vol. 990, Page 795.

Prospective purchasers are given notice that the property is subject to the condemnation orders of the Logan County Health District issued November 2, 2002 requiring removal of the structure and manufactured home as well as nuisance abatement orders of the Stokes Township Board of Trustees. f

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Randall Dodds, Sheriff
Logan County, OH
Aug. 19, 26; Sept. 2, 2025

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION

PLAINTIFF

vs.

DONALD M. JONES II, ET AL

DEFENDANTS

Case No: CV 24 04 0116

In pursuance of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction at logancountysheriffsaleauction.ohio.gov on Wednesday the 27th day of September, 2025 at 1:00 PM. If property remains unsold after the first auction, it will be offered for sale at auction again on Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at the same time and place, the following described premises:
Situating in the Village of Belle Center, Township of Richland, State of Ohio, County of Logan, and bounded and described as follows:
Beginning at the most northerly corner of said Lot Number Seventy-six (76); thence southwesterly with the East line of Railroad Street (now Elizabeth Street) One Hundred (100) feet; thence southeasterly parallel

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with the South line of Walnut Street Seventy-five (75) feet to the line of said Lot Number Seventy-six (76); thence with the line between Lots Numbers Seventy-five (75) and Seventy-six (76) northeasterly One Hundred (100) feet to the most easterly corner of said Lot Number Seventy-six (76); thence with the line of Walnut Street northwesterly to the place of beginning.

Parcel No: 39-022-05-12-001-000

Property Address: 102 Walnut Street, Belle Center, OH 43310
Prior Deed Reference: Volume 1312, Page 690

TERMS OF SALE: Property cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of the appraised value. If Judgment Creditor is purchaser, no deposit is required. All third-party purchasers deposit(s) shall be made in accordance with the guidelines as set forth in Ohio Revised Code Section 2329.211.

TERMS OF 2ND SALE: Property to be sold without regard to minimum bid requirements, subject to payment of taxes and court costs; deposit and payment requirements same as the first auction. Pursuant to ORC 2329.21, purchaser shall be responsible for those costs, allowances and taxes that the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.

Prior Instrument Referenced: Volume 1312, Page 690

Current Owner's Name:

Donald M. Jones, II
Property Address: 102 Walnut Street, Belle Center, OH 43310
Permanent Parcel No: 39-022-05-12-001-000

Appraised at: \$140,000.00

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Randall J. Dodds, Sheriff
Logan County, OH
Aug. 19, 26; Sept. 2, 2025

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO

SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC.

Plaintiff

vs.

UNKNOWN ADMINISTRATOR, EXECUTOR OR FIDUCIARY, UNKNOWN HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, UNKNOWN SPOUSES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES M. GILDOW, et al

Defendants

CASE NO: CV 25 07 0297

To: The Unknown Administrator, Executor or Fiduciary, Unknown Heirs, Next of Kin, Unknown Spouses, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors and Beneficiaries of The Estate of James M. Gildow, you will take notice that on July 18, 2025, Plaintiff, filed a Complaint for foreclosure in the Logan County Court of Common Pleas, being Case No. CV 25 07 0297, alleging that there is due to the Plaintiff the sum of \$86,184.68 and a non-interest bearing deferred balance of \$4,131.25, plus interest at 4.625% per annum from August 01, 2024, plus late charges and fees applicable to the terms of a Promissory Note secured by a Mortgage on the real property, which has a street address of 8426 County Rd 49, Belle Center, OH 43310, being **Permanent Parcel Number: 36-021-00-00-041-000**.

Plaintiff further alleges that by reason of a default in payment of said Promissory Note, the conditions of the Mortgage have been broken and the same has become absolute.

Plaintiff prays that the Defendant named above be required to answer and assert any interest in said real property or be forever barred from asserting any interest therein, for foreclosure of said mortgage, marshalling of liens, and the sale of said real property, and that the proceeds of said be applied according to law.

Said Defendant is required to Answer on or before the twenty-eighth day following the last date of Publication.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is to inform the public that the Fiscal Year 2025 (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025) Cash Basis Financial Statements for the West Liberty-Salem Local School have been completed and are available for review at the Treasurer's office, which is located in the Administrative Office at the West Liberty-Salem Local School, 7208 US Highway 68 North, West Liberty, Ohio.

SENIOR SUNRISE CELEBRATED FOR BLHS CLASS OF 2026



Members of the Benjamin Logan High School Class of 2026 gathered Friday morning, Aug. 29, on the football field to watch the sunrise and kick off their senior year together. With about 140 students in the senior class, this tradition is a special way to mark the beginning of their final year at Benjamin Logan Schools. (BENJAMIN LOGAN PHOTOS)

Montana man who evaded authorities for a week after bar shooting faces four counts of murder

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — A man suspected of killing four people at a Montana bar and evading capture for a week while hundreds of law enforcement officers searched for him in the nearby mountains faces four counts of murder, according to court records.

Defendant Michael Paul Brown lived next door to The Owl Bar in Anaconda, Montana, where a bartender and three patrons were shot and killed Aug. 1.

Authorities have not commented on a potential motive for the 45-year-old former soldier. His niece has said Brown long struggled with mental illness.

The charges Brown faces were posted on a court website Saturday after the case previously had been under seal by a state judge. Charging documents were not immediately avail-

able.

Following the shooting, authorities said Brown stole a truck and then ditched it a few miles outside of town, close to where he was eventually apprehended.

He hid in nearby forests, moving locations while helicopters and drones circled overhead and officers and dogs searched on the ground, officials said. But he was eventually flushed into a sparsely populated area near a state highway by the pressure of so many officers searching for him, according to officials.

Brown was captured on Aug. 8 inside an unoccupied structure near a state highway.

Investigators also are examining whether he had any contact with individuals or property owners who might have helped him while he was on the run.

2025-'26 NEW FACES ARRIVE



BCS welcomes large class of new educators

Bellefontaine City Schools introduces its newest teachers, who went through two days of orientation this week. The first day of classes at BCS will be Wednesday, Sept. 3 for grades 1-9. Pictured are, from the left, first row: Shari Brown, Intervention Specialist, Intermediate School; Lechell Raines, preschool; Kaylee Huggins, first-grade; Samantha Stephens, kindergarten; Nichole Stafford, first-grade; Erica Oakley, COTA, District; Brielle Ward, preschool; April Pulfer, intervention specialist; Grant Gariety, social studies, middle school; Terra Byrd Grupe, fourth-grade; second row: Catherine Kern, intervention specialist, elementary; Amanda McGee, kindergarten; Erica Justice, second-grade; Cailyn Coronado, Spanish, high school; Olivia Sharp, intervention specialist, high school; Maelinn Myers, math, high school; Eric Miller, school counselor, high school; Sarah McDonald, fifth-grade; Bryant Runyon, fifth-grade; and third row: Hannah Shoffner, second-grade; Deena Fenske, school counselor, elementary; Nicole Terrill, intervention, intermediate school; Sutton O'Donnell, third-grade; Justin Hudgell, intervention specialist, elementary; Carter Curl, intervention specialist, high school; Tyler Shamblin, intervention specialist, elementary; Hanna Kean, math, high school; Holly Mays, math, middle school; and Drew Jackson, intervention specialist, middle school. (BCS PHOTO)



New Laker staff introduced

All of the new Indian Lake staff members gathered for orientation and fellowship earlier this month for the annual new employee meeting. They met with Superintendent Dr. Rob Underwood and their building principals to learn all about what it's like to be a Laker. Pictured are new teaching staff members, Raelyn Parsell, first-grade teacher; Elaine Keller, third-grade teacher; Avery Shirk, fourth-grade; and Riley Myers, third-grade teacher; along with new middle school secretary Jenny Cooper. Not pictured is Clayton Westerbeck, ILHS assistant principal. Indian Lake Schools also has several new bus drivers, who completed their orientation as well, along with two new Indian Lake High School teachers from Ohio Hi Point Career Center. (INDIAN LAKE SCHOOLS PHOTO)



Riverside's new teachers kick off 2025-26 school year

Five new employees are joining the Riverside Schools' teaching staff for the 2025=26 school year. Pictured are, Kylee Purtee, high school intervention specialist; Madison Taylor, middle school/high school band; Hank Harshbarger, middle school intervention specialist; Zach Showalter, middle school math and social studies; and Triston Finch, middle school intervention specialist. (RIVERSIDE SCHOOLS PHOTO)

New Spartans' staff ready for new school year

New staff members at Calvary Christian Schools for 2025-26 school year include, from the left, Emily Stevens, Elizabeth Horn, Kayla Sparks, Kasandera Crockett, Alexis Higgins, Jennifer Bogan and Terry Redder. New staff members who are not pictured include Wade Wylie, Ben Adelsberger, Julie Cronkleton, Melissa Perez and Chelsey Holland. (CALVARY CHRISTIAN PHOTO)

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Trump plans a hefty tax on imported drugs, risking higher prices and shortages

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump has plastered tariffs on products from almost every country on earth. He's targeted specific imports including autos, steel and aluminum.

But he isn't done yet. Trump has promised to impose hefty import taxes on pharmaceuticals, a category of products he's largely spared in his trade war. For decades, in fact, imported medicine has mostly been allowed to enter the United States duty free.

That's starting to change. U.S. and European leaders recently detailed a trade deal that includes a 15% tariff rate on some European goods brought into the United States, including pharmaceuticals. Trump is threatening duties of 200% more on drugs made elsewhere.

"Shock and awe" is how Maytee Pereira of the tax and consulting firm PwC describes Trump's plans for drug-makers. "This is an industry that's going from zero (tariffs) to the potentiality of 200%."

Trump has promised Americans he'll lower their drug costs. But imposing stiff pharmaceutical tariffs risks the opposite and could disrupt complex supply chains, drive cheap foreign-made generic drugs out of the U.S. market and create shortages.