



## GEM DEALERS

Local products throw no-hitter for Ohio Northern



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## CALENDAR

### Church of God at Mt. Tabor hosts revival

The Church of God at Mt. Tabor hosts revival meetings Wednesday, March 13, through Sunday, March 17.

Revival meetings take place at 7 p.m. weeknights, 6 p.m. Saturday, and Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

During each service, the choir sings and Church of God Pastor Brian Shump of Chase, Ala., delivers a message.

The church is located east of the intersection of State Route 235 and County Road 13, 5 1/2 miles north of DeGraff. For more information, call (937) 599-6238.

### BHS cancels classes for Primary Election

Bellefontaine City Schools officials announced this week that there will be no classes held at Bellefontaine High School on Election Day, Tuesday, March 19.

Bellefontaine High School will be serving as a polling location for the Primary Election.

Students in grades preK-8 will have classes as normal.

### Older Adults Experiencing Multiple 'Isms' continuing education planned

The Area Agency on Aging presents a 3.0 credit hour ethics continuing education workshop "Older Adults Experiencing Multiple 'Isms'" from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, online via Zoom.

The cost is \$40 to earn CEUS or \$20 to attend without CEUs. Advance registration is requested by March 15. More information and the registration form is available on our website, <https://info4seniors.org> or by emailing [ksnowden@info4seniors.org](mailto:ksnowden@info4seniors.org).

This workshop will explore intersectionality and our role in creating a more equitable and inclusive personal and professional community.

# Senior achievements take the spotlight at annual Rotary Honors Night

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

**T**he 48th Annual Rotary Honors Night took place at Bellefontaine High School on Monday evening, March 11, celebrating the academic excellence of high school seniors with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 and above.

Brian Hogan, a distinguished 1999 Bellefontaine High School graduate and the current superintendent at Ridgmont Local Schools, served as the guest speaker for the event.

Hogan delivered insightful words of wisdom to both students and parents in attendance. He emphasized the unpredictable nature of life's journey, comparing it to a box of chocolates where one never knows what to expect.

Encouraging perseverance, he advised, "Fight through and keep moving forward in a positive direction," while urging the audience to appreciate the journey and the people encountered along the way.

"Appreciate and learn from every opportunity you have, and invest in yourself," Hogan emphasized.

The superintendent sug-



The 2024 Bellefontaine Rotary Club scholarship recipients are: Cati Jo Snyder, Ohio Hi-Point Career Center; Carter James Titus, West Liberty-Salem; Gillian Rose Taylor, Indian Lake; Abigail Christine Hermiller, Jacob Adam Palmer, Calvary Christian; Abby Lynn Henry, Joslin Isabel Wilber, Benjamin Logan; Skybree Ann Knotts, Jalyn Leigh Savage and Mason Robert Stanley, Bellefontaine. (ROTARY CLUB PHOTO)

gested considering a return to the home community to share talents and time, becoming a positive influence. Closing with a quote from Franklin D. Roosevelt, Hogan said, "We cannot always build a future for our youth, but we can always build our youth for the future."

A highlight of the evening was the awarding of a record number of 10 scholarships, each valued at \$1,000, to deserving local

seniors. The 2024 Scholarship Recipients are: Cati Jo Snyder, Ohio Hi-Point Career Center; Carter James Titus, West Liberty-Salem; Gillian Rose Taylor, Indian Lake; Abigail Christine Hermiller, Jacob Adam Palmer, Calvary Christian; Abby Lynn Henry, Joslin Isabel Wilber, Benjamin Logan; Skybree Ann Knotts, Jalyn Leigh Savage, Mason Robert Stanley, Bellefontaine.

The Bellefontaine Rotary Club's successful fund-

raising efforts made this generous contribution possible.

A total of 108 scholarship applications were received and thoroughly reviewed, considering factors such as need, merit, community service and ex-

The complete story of the Rotary Honors Night will appear in Thursdays print edition of the Bellefontaine Examiner

# BMS pupils showcase talents at city school board meeting

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The Bellefontaine School Board conducted its monthly meeting in the Bellefontaine Middle School Library on Monday night, March 11, featuring a large crowd in attendance that enjoyed several student-led events including snacks and choir performances.

BMS Principal Kyle Darling served as the emcee. Student council members Sloan Stolly, Allie Myers and Annie Gallaway detailed how their organization works as a liaison between the students and the building administration.

BMS Bug 'n Brew then fixed coffee, tea or hot chocolate for board members. The students

took orders and prepared the drinks.

The BMS Dazzlers show choir entertained attendees with three choreographed songs. Darcy Neeld is their director.

Board members watched a short video highlighting the various activities middle school students have enjoyed during the 2023-24 school year.

Mrs. Darling also reported that Joan Haulshalter donated solar eclipse glasses for all BCS students and staff members. Finally, each board member was given an assortment of gifts from BMS students.

The board then worked through a short agenda.

Members approved a trip for the BCS Robotics Team to the World Vex

competition in Dallas, Texas, on April 24-May 1. Over the weekend, a middle school robotics team along with a high school robotics team advanced to the world competition.

In personnel, the following resignations were accepted: Karen Rader – intervention specialist; Regilane Nelson – food service worker; Taylor Ruble – educational aide.

The following hires were approved: Meagan Antram – school psychologist; Riley Penhorwood – intervention specialist; Garrett Reinhard – high school chemistry/physics; Jessica Dipple – school nurse (Bellefontaine Intermediate School); Regilane Nelson – educational aide. Jennifer Cyr and Patricia Elson were approved as home/school



The BMS Dazzlers, under the direction of Darcy Neeld, left, perform Monday night at the Bellefontaine Schools Board of Education meeting. (BCS PHOTO)

tutors.

Kate Furr, Courtney Sawyer, Stacia Smith, and Ashley Vicario Holtkamp were approved as substitute

The complete story of the city schools board meeting pick up a copy of Thursdays print edition of the Bellefontaine Examiner

## LOCAL NOTES

### Nominations sought for educator of the year

Quest Federal Credit Union is honoring 2024 Logan County Educators with Teacher of the Year awards.

One deserving teacher from each school district will be selected through an online nomination process.

Students, co-workers, parents, and district residents can submit nominations at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Logan-ToTY24>

The submission deadline is April 1.

Each recipient will be honored during a luncheon May 13.

### Mary Rutan Foundation medical scholarship, loan program applications due April 1

The Mary Rutan Foundation Board offers Logan County students an opportunity to apply for medical career scholarships and loans for the 2024-25 academic school year.

Completed applications, including all required documents, must be submitted to

Mary Rutan Foundation through the online application process no later than April 1.

Since 1992, more than \$2.35 million has been awarded to Logan County residents pursuing a degree in a medical field. This investment in the community and the future of health care continues today.

The online applications and detailed information may be obtained from the hospital's website

<https://foundation.maryrutan.org/scholarships>.

These scholarships are made possible through the generous support of individual contributions, bequests, and memorial donations to Mary Rutan Foundation's general and named scholarship funds.

In addition to Mary Rutan Foundation's annual Medical Scholarship and Loan Program, the Foundation offers scholarships for Logan County residents wishing to obtain their certification to become an EMT or paramedic.

For further information about Mary Rutan Foundation's scholarship programs or how you may make a financial contribution, visit the website

[www.maryrutan.org/foundation](http://www.maryrutan.org/foundation) or contact Mary Rutan Foundation at (937) 599-7003.



### Free movie presented at the Holland to celebrate DD Awareness Month

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness month and RTC Services is offering a free movie at the Holland Theatre at 7 p.m. March 28, to promote awareness.

RTC and the Holland Theater present the movie "Champions." It is a 2023 American sports comedy-drama film.

The film stars Woody Harrelson as a temperamental minor-league basketball coach who, after an arrest, must coach a team of players with intellectual disabilities as community service. Kaitlin Olson, Ernie Hudson and Cheech Marin also star.





# 2 local products combine for no-hitter at ONU

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Blake Peterson and Trenton Fulkerson competed against each other as Logan County rivals in high school. Now, the two standout pitchers are teammates on the Ohio Northern University baseball team, and they are making quite the impact.

Peterson, a Benjamin Logan graduate, and Fulkerson, an Indian Lake product, combined for a no-hitter in the Polar Bears' 8-0 win over Mount St. Joseph on Sunday in Auburdale, Fla.

Peterson, a junior, allowed just two base runners while working 5 2/3 hitless innings. He struck out 11 of the 19 batters he faced.

Fulkerson, a sophomore, came on in relief of Peterson in the bottom of the sixth inning and retired all four batters he faced to finish off the no-hitter.

Peterson has appeared in two games so far this season and has not allowed an



Indian Lake graduate Trenton Fulkerson, left, and Benjamin Logan grad Blake Peterson, right, combined for a no-hitter during Ohio Northern's 8-0 win over Mount St. Joseph on Sunday in Florida. Fulkerson and Peterson are pictured with their battery mate, ONU catcher Andrew Stechschulte. (ONU PHOTO)

earned run in 9 2/2 innings. He has recorded 16 strike-

outs. Sunday's game was the

first appearance of the season for Fulkerson.

The Polar Bears are currently 4-4 on the season.



Bellefontaine's Crew Sheeley competes during the state powerlifting competition Saturday in Kenton. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

## Bellefontaine's Sheeley finishes 7th at state powerlifting meet

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Bellefontaine High School senior Crew Sheeley finished seventh in the 210-pound weight division at the state powerlifting meet Saturday in Kenton.

Sheeley lifted 250 pounds during the bench press competition. He put up 429 pounds during the

squat competition and went for 500 pounds during the deadlift for a combined weight of 1,170 pounds.

Sheeley has been under the direction of BHS strength and conditioning coach Morgan Fultz.

The state powerlifting meet attracted more than 400 athletes.