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## CATASTROPHE STRIKES INDIAN LAKE AREA



This aerial photo of Orchard Island in Russells Point shows the widespread damage from an F3 tornado that devastated the community around 7:44 p.m. Thursday, March 14. Three people are confirmed dead and numerous injuries were reported. A state of emergency has been declared as relief efforts get underway. PHOTO BRAYDEN BARTH

BY EXAMINER STAFF

Three people were killed Thursday, March 14, after a reported F3 tornado ripped through Logan County, causing extensive damage to homes and businesses.

Tornados were confirmed to have touched down in Russells Point and in the neighboring communities of Jackson Center and Wapakoneta.

Logan County Sheriff Randy Dodds said Friday that three people have been pronounced dead as a result of the tornado, and several other injuries were also reported.

The villages of Russells Point and Lakeview were shutdown most of the day Friday. Primary thoroughfares to and through the area were closed.

The tornado touched down in the Indian Lake area at approximately 7:44 p.m., Thursday, and



Extensive damage was reported on Orchard Island as dozens of homes were destroyed as a result of an F3 tornado that touched down Thursday, March 13. EXAMINER PHOTO | NATE SMITH



the damage it left was swift and devastating.

According to the Logan County Sheriff, his office received reports of storm damage that began in the Sante Fe area.

The storm traveled east over Lakeview and the Midway area causing heavy property damage before heading into Russells Point.

By 8:45 p.m. all available first responders in the county were being summoned to the Indian Lake area to aid in search and rescue efforts. Traffic crashes, gas leaks and fires were reported

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Tornado relief donations filled the gymnasium Friday at Indian Lake High School (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

### Donations, volunteers, fundraising campaigns aid relief efforts

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

In the aftermath of a devastating F3 tornado Thursday night that swept through the villages of Lakeview and Russells Point, leaving a trail of destruction in its wake, a remarkable display of community solidarity has emerged as a sign of hope amidst the chaos.

In the critical moments following the disaster, local residents demonstrated extraordinary resilience and compassion, banding

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

## TORNADO

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throughout the area in the immediate aftermath of the storms.

A triage center was set up near the Indian Joint Fire District to help treat those injured. Among those were four individuals that were identified in a gray pickup truck coming up over the bridge in Orchard Island around 9:30 p.m.

Law enforcement scanner traffic indicated that a "mobile morgue" was en route from Reynoldsburg to the Indian Lake area about 12:30 a.m. Friday.

Numerous homes, businesses, vehicles and other property was destroyed or severely damaged.

Steve Austin's at the Lake, Luxe Salon, Padrone's Pizza, Captain's Point, Osgood Bank, All-Around Accounting, Lakeview Hardware and Community Markets were some of the businesses reportedly damaged in Lakeview and the roof was ripped off Indian Head Roadhouse.

The Lakeview Laundromat was destroyed.

Orchard Island was inaccessible because of felled trees and gas leaks. Some people were reportedly trapped in their homes on the island.

Several businesses, schools and organizations were set up as emergency shelters for storm victims. Among them were Indian Lake Schools, Indian Lake Rollarena, Huntsville Fire Department, Indian Lake Community Church, and Bellefontaine First Church of God.

Honda Transmission canceled third shift Thursday night and issued a two-hour delay for its first shift associates.

Downed trees, power lines and flooding closed various parts of U.S. Route 33, and state routes 708, 235, 366, 117, and 720.

A barn was reportedly destroyed south of Rushsylvania, and hail damaged businesses in the village.

Some 5,000 Logan County residences remain without power, according to AES and Logan County Co-



Downed trees and scattered debris littered side streets all throughout the Orchard Island area on Friday. (EXAMINER PHOTO | NATE SMITH)

op. Downed and low-hanging power lines made travel for first responders and other motorists hazardous.

Crews were observed boring holes to reset power lines along State Route 368 near the Moundwood boat ramp Friday afternoon.

At press time, there was no update as to when power may be restored to residents in and around Indian Lake.

Logan County EMA "is NOT requesting volunteers" in the Indian Lake area as of about midnight Friday via

Facebook. Mary Rutan Hospital made a similar request early Friday of not needing volunteers.

Indian Lake State Park is closed and the boat ramps are closed indefinitely. There are numerous hazards that cannot be seen and that makes boating in the current conditions extremely dangerous, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources reports.

The Maple Syrup Festival scheduled for today and Sunday is canceled, ODNR officials said.



PHOTO BY BRAYDEN BARTH

## LOCAL NOTE

### MMR vaccination clinic planned for Monday

The Logan County Health District hosts a Measles, Mumps and Rubella Vaccine clinic from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Monday, March 18, by appointment only.

If you have an immunization record, take it with you. Please call 937-651-6186 to schedule an appointment or

for any questions.

Measles has increased numbers in Ohio, Florida, and 15 other states. Currently there are no cases in Logan County.

Measles is highly contagious and can lead to severe illness. Spread through respiratory droplets, it's crucial to know the symptoms:

fever, runny nose, cough, red eyes, and a rash.

Measles symptoms don't appear until 10 to 12 days after exposure. These symptoms tend to get worse during the first one to three days of illness. Rash typically starts at the hairline and moves down, with the face breaking out fast.

## RELIEF

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together to support their neighbors in need.

Despite facing unprecedented challenges, businesses that were closed and left without power rose to the occasion, finding ways to contribute to the relief efforts including preparing food and distributing meals for affected residents and first responders who worked tirelessly in the aftermath of the tornado.

Similarly, churches in the area opened their doors, offering shelter to displaced residents in their time of need.

Indian Lake schools closed on Friday and the campus became a shelter and donation center, offering refuge to those displaced by the disaster and

providing a central location for receiving much-needed aid.

The outpouring of support from both within and outside the community was so overwhelming that organizers halted the acceptance of donations Friday afternoon.

The rapid response from organizations such as the United Way of Logan County was extraordinary. A fundraising campaign generated over \$75,000 in donations within just a few hours on Friday.

The community grapples with the difficult task of recovery and rebuilding and that will continue in the weeks and months ahead, but a spirit of unity, compassion and determination underscored the initial recovery efforts on Friday.



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# Tornadoes kill 3 and leave trails of destruction in the central U.S.

LAKEVIEW, Ohio (AP) — Blaine Schmidt sifted through the broken glass and splintered wood throughout his Ohio home Friday, salvaging a guitar and a bundle of diapers.

His couch and a crib had been ripped apart by one of many tornadoes that tore through the central U.S., killing three people and injuring dozens more. The storm peeled open his living room wall, but at least the house was standing. The one next door was flattened.

"I'm lucky to be alive," Schmidt said hours after he and his roommate took shelter in a bathtub, using the shower curtain to protect them from flying window glass.

Thursday night's storms left trails of destruction across parts of Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and Arkansas. About 40 people were injured and dozens of homes were damaged in one Indiana community. Tornadoes were also reported in Illinois and Missouri.

The Indian Lake area in Ohio's Logan County was one of the hardest hit. Three people died in the county northwest of Columbus, said Sheriff Randy Dodds.

Much of the damage



Brittany Oakley checks in with relatives outside of what is left of her home in Lakeview, Ohio., Friday, March 15, 2024. Severe storms with suspected tornadoes have damaged homes and businesses in the central United States. (AP PHOTO/TIMOTHY D. EASLEY)

was in the villages of Russells Point and Lakeview, where Schmidt lives. The villages are dotted with cottages owned by people who come for fishing and boating.

Search crews and cadaver dogs didn't find any more victims Friday after going into neighborhoods that had been blocked by gas leaks and fallen trees overnight, Dodds said.

"When you see this damage, you'll be surprised it was only three," the sheriff said.

Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine, who assessed the damage and met with residents, said it was fortunate the

storm did not hit on a summer weekend.

Sandy Smith took shelter with her family in a laundry room of their Lakeview home after hearing the storm sirens. Seconds later, they heard debris batter the house. Her husband watched the garage blow away.

She went upstairs to rescue their cat who was trapped under a bookshelf. As soon she came back down, the roof collapsed.

A campground, an RV park and a laundromat were among the many businesses damaged. The storm produced fires in some spots and draped power

lines through home windows, said Amber Fagan, president of the local chamber of commerce.

About 25 people were treated for mostly broken bones and internal injuries at the nearest hospital in Bellefontaine, said Laura Miller, a spokesperson for Mary Rutan Hospital.

About a half-dozen residents in Lakeview who were interviewed by The Associated Press said they heard tornado sirens 10 minutes before the storm hit, after they went off earlier.

Weather officials were assessing damage and confirming the tornadoes, counting at least five that touched down in Ohio alone.

In Indiana, a tornado injured 38 people in Winchester, where the mayor said some 130 homes and a Taco Bell restaurant were damaged or destroyed. Three people were in critical condition, but their injuries were not life-threatening, authorities said.

Residents, who said they got plenty of warning to take shelter, picked tree branches and sheet metal from their yards. Shingles littered streets and fields in the town northeast of Indianapolis.

# On Orchard Island, recovery has just begun

BY NATE SMITH  
EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

Logan County Commissioners will declare a state of emergency in the Indian Lake area, a move that will make available state and federal disaster relief resources to help with recovery efforts.

Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine was in Logan County on Friday, touring storm damage and conducting a press conference at Indian Lake High School.

On Orchard Island Friday many seasonal residents were just beginning to assess the damage brought on by the deadly F3 tornado.

Chainsaws whirled, front loaders pushed back debris and large trucks hauled away downed trees from front yards and the tops of houses. Those sounds juxtaposed with chirping birds and ducks splashing in the channels that bordered Sunny Cove mobile home park.

First responders continued to monitor clean up efforts and attempted to police traffic in and out of the area. Some individuals walked around and took pictures of the destruction; others handed out water.

Cars were destroyed. Boats were overturned in their docks. The recently renovated Fox Island playground was severely damaged.

One young woman walked by the playground, from across the road taking video, "My favorite playground," she said in disbelief.

Some seasonal residents with relatively limited damage coped with the destruc-

tion with a sense of humor. "A two-by-four left a hole in the side of my house and some windows were knocked out, but that's just stuff and that stuff can be replaced," said the Findlay-area man.

He said he and his wife went to Menards in the Findlay area early on Friday.

Other residents stood in front of destructed houses in disbelief.

Officers of the Washington Township Police Department were receiving and preparing to hand out 100 pre-prepared meals to affected residents.

One man walking the streets surveying the damage said he was at work at Mid-States Packaging when the storm blew through. He said his wife and grandson were at home on Orchard Island when the storm hit. It was relatively unscathed. It fared much better than some other houses on the island, he said.

He said he felt lucky and wanted to help out in the spirit of gratitude.

"I walked up to a (Logan County Sheriff's Deputy) and told him I'd like to help out, and he looked at me kind of funny and said 'sir, you're the kind of people we're trying to help.'"

Law enforcement went around the island knocking on doors and checking on residents where they could. Homes that had been checked were spray painted with an X.

It'll be several days before power is restored to the area.

The storm came and went in minutes. Its effects will last for months, or even years.

## OBITUARIES

### Florence "Jean" Huffman

Florence "Jean" Huffman, 73, of West Liberty, passed away on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at her residence.

Everyone that knew and loved Florence knew her as



Jean. She was born on June 7, 1950, to the late Ed and Mildred Andrews. She graduated from Logan Hills and soon met the love of her life, the late Richard "Rich" Huffman. They had 3 beautiful children together. Daughter, Debie (Bret) Smith, and two sons, Richard Huffman and Johnny (Tracy) Huffman. Her kids were her life.

In her earlier years she enjoyed working at Kroger, where she retired from. Jean loved spending time with her family and taking care of her grandchildren, Audra Smith, Bryant Smith, Cassie Smith, Alyssa Goodrich, Jordan Moon, Chris Huffman, and Rachel Huffman; great grandchildren, Liam (her Lil' man) Tatumn, Kota, Khalil, and Khalani. She was the matriarch of their family.

Jean has several brothers and sisters, Helen Abbott, Charles (Grace) Andrews, Arlene (Chris) Knopp and last but not least, Hoss (Lori) Andrews; several nieces and nephews; and best friend, Beth Poland.

Pastor Bryan Meadows will officiate a funeral service at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at the Eichholtz Daring & Sanford Funeral Home, 101 Zanesfield Road, West Liberty. Visitation will be Tuesday, March 19th from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Middleburg.

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

### Marilyn Lee Molton

Marilyn Lee Molton, of Bellefontaine, gained her heavenly wings on her 85th birthday, March 14, 2024. A daughter of the late Ernest LeRoy and Martha (Neske) Robinaugh, she was born in Celina, Ohio on March 14, 1939.



On February 2, 1962, she married William Edgar Molton, and he preceded her in death on March 24, 2010. She is also preceded in death by their son, William Scott Molton; her brother, Larry Robinaugh; and infant sister, Barbara

Robinaugh.

Marilyn leaves behind her children: Patricia Lynn (Michael) Minnich of DeGraff, Ohio and Steven Eric (Jennifer de Vries) Molton of Dayton, Ohio; daughter-in-law, Julie Molton of Bellefontaine, Ohio; grandchildren: Samuel (Amber) Molton, Jacob Molton, Marci (Nate Lehrer) Sebring, Ryan (Kassi Perez) Sebring; great grandson, Aster Sebring; niece, Barb (Rick) Page; nephew, Darin (Kathleen) Robinaugh; and special cousins: Robert, Donna, and Michelle Lynham.

A graduate of Bellefontaine High School, Marilyn went on to attend Bowling Green State University. She later was employed at the Bellefontaine City Schools for over 25 years. She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Bellefontaine, along with the Bellefontaine Lions Club and the Order of the Eastern Star. In her free time, she enjoyed cooking, sewing, and gardening. She loved her family deeply and especially enjoyed her time spent with her grandkids.

Pastor Joe Ziraldo will officiate a memorial service at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at the Eichholtz Daring & Sanford Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 321 N. Main Street, Bellefontaine. Visitation will be two hours prior from 10:00 to 12:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Inurnment will be at a later date in Bellefontaine Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bellefontaine Lions Club, in care of secretary, Ashley Ford, 1837 County Road 113 E, Rushsylvania, Ohio, 43347.

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## DEATH NOTICES

■ KENNEDY, Jason M., 49, of Columbus, passed away Tuesday, March 12, 2024. Family will receive friends from 1-4 P.M. Sunday, March 17, 2024 at Schoedinger Northwest, 1740 Zollinger Rd., Columbus, Ohio, where funeral service will be held at 10 A.M. Monday, March 18, 2024. Graveside service will be held at 2:30 P.M. Monday at Byron Cemetery, Fairborn, Ohio. To view complete obituary and share memories or condolences, please visit [www.schoedinger.com](http://www.schoedinger.com).

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# 3 Lady Tigers earn 1st-team OHC honors

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

West Liberty-Salem's girls basketball squad dominated the first-team selections for the Ohio Heritage Conference North division this winter.

The Tigers had three of the six first-team players for the North division. That group included Ava Astorino, Chaley Wade and Lily Weaver.

The Tigers' Megan Hollar was named to the

second team and Bailey Poppe was an honorable mention selection.

Triad's Emma Ferguson was selected to the second team and the Cardinals' Ashlyn McCoy was an honorable mention pick.

Olivia Skillings of OHC North champion Mechanicsburg was tabbed the player of the year in the conference.

Along with the three Tigers and Skillings, the



AVA ASTORINO



CHALEY WADE



LILY WEAVER

OHC North first team was filled out by West Jefferson's Zoey Brown and Mechanicsburg's Addie DeLong.

The rest of the North second team consisted of Mechancisburg's Emily

Conley and Ella Forrest and Fairbanks' Rachel Hoover.

Rounding out the North honorable mention list were Northeastern's Jaelyn Bobst, Fairbanks' Hannah Boehm, Mechanicsburg's Taylor Heizer and West Jefferson's Kassie Simmons.

For the all-OHC South

division team, the player of the year award went to Jordyn Smoot of Catholic Central.

Smoot was joined on the South first team by Cedarville's Molly Mossing, Southeastern's Brooke Nelson, Greenon's Sarah Riley and Greeneview's Daylee Sandlin.

The South division second team consisted of Greenon's Allie Hundley and Avery Minter, Madison Plains' Claire

Mason, Cedarville's Ayden Rodgers and Greeneview's Monet Vest.

Receiving South division honorable mention awards were Greeneview's Kylan Climie, Catholic Central's Danaysha DeArmond, Greenon's Sydney Hartley, Cedarville's Hannah Peterson, Southeastern's Mary Sulfridge, Madison Plains' Kenzie Vallery and Southeastern's Ryland Workman.

## Calvary Christian's Reinhard named OVCC player of year

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Calvary Christian girls basketball standout Abigail Reinhard was named the Ohio Valley Christian Conference player of the year this season.

Reinhard, who also earned first-team OVCC and honorable mention all-Southwest District honors, averaged 17.5 points, eight rebounds and 6.4 steals per game. She recorded 10 double-double games. Her six steals per game rank her first in Ohio on MaxPreps in Division IV and fourth overall.

Joining Reinhard on the OVCC first team was Calvary teammate Madhuri Cook.

The Spartans' Kari Gantz and KayLee Hurley earned second-team OVCC awards.



ABIGAIL REINHARD

## Alexander repeats as Ms. Basketball

BY MIKE DYER  
CINCINNATI WCPO-TV

Johnnetta Johnson has taught at Purcell Marian High School for 24 years and is still learning from her students.

"I tell them school's never out," Johnson said.

One of those students in Johnson's first bell American Sign Language III class just happens to be two-time Ohio Ms. Basketball recipient Dee Alexander.

"She's unique; she's different," said Johnson, who is also the school's dean of students. "She's one of a kind."

Alexander, a 6-foot-1 junior wing and an honors student, was named Wednesday afternoon as Ohio Ms. Basketball for a second straight year by a statewide media panel.

"It's accomplishments that I've always wanted to check off my checklist," Alexander said. "I've always had the same but as I'm going I've checked off more and more."

This season's runner-up was Loudonville senior

Corri Vermilya. Pickerington Central senior Berry Wallace and Shaker Heights Laurel sophomore Saniyah Hall earned third and fourth places, respectively.

Alexander is the seventh player to win the prestigious award at least twice.

"She's unselfish," Johnson said. "You can tell she can make baskets if she wants to but she's passing so other people can be part of the game with her. I'm super proud. That's my girl."

Alexander and Johnson have a lot in common. Alexander can respond and sign a basic conversation with Johnson. Alexander improved academically last school year with a focus inspired by Johnson.

"It's just been nothing but love between those two and she's been there every step of the way helping Dee on and off the floor as well," Purcell Marian coach Jamar Mosley said.

"She's everywhere with us. Other girls feel comfortable telling her everything. Dee feels comfortable

telling her things. She's there with her before school in the mornings. It's really amazing to see flourish."

Alexander and Johnson share smiles in photos and light-hearted moments. Johnson is like a second mom to Alexander.

"Just having her as a teacher I just felt like I never thought we would have the bond that we have now," Alexander said. "Having her as my first bell teacher I can go to her. I can talk to her about anything."

What Alexander won't do is boast about her accomplishments on the basketball court.

"She always wants to be better," Johnson said. "I didn't know she was player of the year. I didn't know she was nominated for Ms. Ohio. And I literally have her first bell. She literally didn't say a word."

Alexander doesn't have to speak about it. The spotlight is known.

That includes this weekend when nationally-ranked Purcell Marian (27-1), a reigning two-time state

champion, chases antoher state title.

"Dee has had an incredible year leading Purcell Marian deep into the ESPNW national rankings and back to Dayton," said Bryce McKey, She Hoops Ohio co-founder and director of operations.

"While everyone knows Dee's talent, her leadership ability has had an amazing impact on her school, community and program as a whole. As one of the top states in the country for girls basketball, it is an amazing accomplishment to be Ohio's Ms. Basketball especially in back-to-back seasons."

Purcell Marian, winners of 25 consecutive games, could become the sixth girls basketball team in Ohio history to win three state championships in a row.

"It's going to be us as a team unstoppable once again," Alexander said. "Going to state again and winning state again - that's the confidence that I have. We all got the same confidence as a whole as a team."

## No. 13 Illinois rallies to beat Ohio State 77-74 in Big Ten Tournament quarterfinals

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Terrence Shannon Jr. scored 28 points to help No. 13 Illinois overcome a 10-point second-half deficit and beat Ohio State 77-74 in the quarterfinals of the Big Ten Tournament on Friday night.

The game was tied at 71 when Jamison Battle sank a 3-pointer to put Ohio State on top with 1:44 to play. But Shannon and Coleman Hawkins each hit a pair of free throws to put Illinois up 75-74 entering the final minute.

Shannon made two more free throws with 11.3 second left to go up 77-74.

Battle had a chance to tie the game on a 3-pointer when Illinois (24-8) neglected to foul and prevent a shot, but the ball bounced off the rim.

Battle led Ohio State (20-13) with 21 points. Bruce Thornton had 20 points and 10 assists.

Dain Dainja had 18 points and eight rebounds and Ty Rodgers had 12 points and 10 boards for Illinois.

The second-seeded Illini will play the winner of Indiana and Nebraska in Saturday's semifinal round.

Ohio State held a lead for much of the second half, stretching their cushion

to 10 points with 11 minutes to go. It wasn't until the made free throws by Shannon and Hawkins with just over a minute remaining that Illinois took back the lead.

UP NEXT

Illinois will get the winner of Friday's late quarterfinal. The Illini beat the Hoosiers 70-62 in January and the Cornhuskers 87-84 in February.

Ohio State had won seven of its previous nine games in a late-season push to make the NCAA Tournament. The Buckeyes will have to wait until teams are selected Sunday to see if that was enough to get in.



Ohio State guard Bruce Thornton, right, works toward the basket as Illinois forward Coleman Hawkins (33) defends during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game in the quarterfinal round of the Big Ten Conference tournament, Friday, March 15, 2024, in Minneapolis. (AP PHOTO/ABBIE PARR)

## Michigan fires Juwan Howard after 5 seasons

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Michigan fired coach Juwan Howard on Friday after five seasons, parting ways with the former Fab Five star whose return to his alma mater included a Big Ten title and advancing in two NCAA Tournaments before closing with two straight disappointing seasons.

Howard finished with an 82-67 record with the Wolverines, reaching some highs and lows. He won a conference regular season championship and was a win away from the Final Four in 2021, when he was named The Associated Press coach of the year.

He lost a school-record 24 games this season as Michigan plummeted to a last-place finish in the Big Ten for the first time since 1967.

Michigan athletic director Warde Manuel made the call to fire Howard without

cause two days after an eight-win season ended with a loss to Penn State in the opening round of the Big Ten Tournament.

"After a comprehensive review of the program, I have decided that Juwan will not return as our men's basketball coach," Manuel said in a statement from the school that did not include a comment from Howard. "Juwan is among the greatest Wolverines to ever be associated with our basketball program."

"I know how much it meant, to not only Juwan, but to all of us for him to return here to lead this program. Despite his love of his alma mater and the positive experience that our student-athletes had under his leadership, it was clear to me that the program was not living up to our expectations and not trending in the right direction."

Manuel hired Howard,



Michigan head coach Juwan Howard yells during the first half of al game against Nebraska on Sunday in Ann Arbor, Mich. Michigan fired Howard on Friday after five seasons. (AP PHOTO/CARLOS OSORIO)

who had tears of joy at his introductory news conference in May 2019 when John Beilein bolted to coach the Cleveland Cavaliers after turning the Wolverines into a national power.

A message seeking comment was left with Beilein, who is potentially a candidate to return to Michigan.

Early in the 2021-22 season, following a run to an NCAA Tournament regional

final, Manuel gave Howard a five-year extension worth more than \$16.9 million that had him under contract through the 2025-26 season.

Michigan will owe Howard about \$7 million for his base salary and additional compensation plus a lump-sum payment of \$3 million for firing him without cause in year three of his deal, according to terms of his contract.

The 51-year-old Howard had heart surgery in September and returned to his head coaching duties in mid-December after a review of an incident involving several individuals during a team practice. Former strength and conditioning coach Jon Sanderson did not join the team on the sideline for its Dec. 10 game at Iowa, and was not on the team's bench in subsequent games.

Sanderson resigned last week and was hired by Illinois' basketball program

as a sports performance consultant on Thursday.

Manuel said in a Dec. 15 statement that a "thorough internal review" did not uncover anything that warranted disciplinary action for anyone involved.

Two years ago, Howard was suspended for the final five games of the regular season and fined \$40,000 for hitting a Wisconsin assistant in the head and triggering a postgame melee. The previous season, Howard got into a shouting match with then-Maryland coach Mark Turgeon and had to be restrained during the conference tournament. Howard drew two technical fouls and was ejected from that game.

Howard, who is from Chicago, was a key player on Michigan's Fab Five teams with Chris Webber, Jalen Rose, Jimmy King and Ray Jackson that reached the 1992 and 1993 national championship games.





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# GOVERNOR ADDRESSES MEDIA, RESIDENTS AT INDIAN LAKE



Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine speaks Friday, March 15, to assembled media and residents at Indian Lake High School about the F3 tornado that tore through the villages of Lakeview and Russells Point on Thursday night. The governor promised state resources to aid in the recovery and expressed solidarity with those affected. (EXAMINER PHOTO | HOLLIE HUBBARD)



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# Entertainment

## What is the breast cancer risk calculator recommended by Olivia Munn?

BY CARLA K. JOHNSON  
AP MEDICAL WRITER

When Olivia Munn revealed this week that she was diagnosed with breast cancer and had a double mastectomy, she urged people to ask their doctors to figure out their score on a breast cancer risk calculator.

Munn said her score prompted further tests and the discovery of an aggressive form of the disease.

"I'm lucky. We caught it with enough time that I had options," the 43-year-old actor posted on Instagram. "I want the same for any woman who might have to face this one day."

A look at the calculator, the Breast Cancer Risk Assessment Tool:

What is the Breast Cancer Risk Assessment Tool?

It's a questionnaire on the National Cancer Institute's website that is designed for health care

providers to use with patients.

First developed in 1989, it was originally based on data from only white women. Updates have made it more accurate for Black, Hispanic and Asian and Pacific Islander women.

It doesn't take everything into account and can't actually predict whether any one person will get breast cancer.

It asks about age, age at first menstrual period, age when the woman's first child was born or if the woman has not given birth, family history of breast cancer, past breast biopsies, results of past biopsies, race and ethnicity.

The result is a lifetime risk and a five-year risk based on factors that have been tied to a higher risk of breast cancer. For comparison, it also gives an average risk for U.S. women of the same age, race and ethnicity.

Dr. Elizabeth Comen,

who treats breast cancer at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York, said women should do the assessment with their doctors, not by themselves.

"It's very important to talk to your doctor about doing that together, and then making decisions about what imaging techniques are appropriate" based on the results, Comen said. Munn's high score prompted additional imaging tests that aren't recommended for women of average risk.

Should everyone use the tool?

It's not the best risk calculator for some women. If you have a certain gene mutation or a previous history of breast cancer, it's not for you.

The National Cancer Institute says the tool may underestimate risk in Black women with previous biopsies and Hispanic women born outside the U.S.

"The model needs further validation for Hispanic women and other subgroups," the institute's website says. "Researchers are conducting additional studies to gather more data to test and improve the model."

What do the scores mean?

A five-year risk score of 2%, for example, means a woman's estimated risk of developing breast cancer over the next five years is 2%.

A lifetime risk score of 7% means a woman's estimated risk of developing breast cancer through age 90 is 7%.

How can I lower my risk of breast cancer?

Everyone has some risk of cancer, Comen said, but some lifestyle changes can reduce the chances.

She suggests avoiding processed foods, adding exercise and strength training to your routine, limiting alcohol and not smoking.

## Eric Carmen, the Raspberries frontman and 'All by Myself' and 'Hungry Eyes' singer, dies at 74

BY MARK KENNEDY  
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — Singer-songwriter Eric Carmen, who fronted the power-pop 1970s band the Raspberries and later had soaring pop hits like "All by Myself" and "Hungry Eyes" from the hit "Dirty Dancing" soundtrack, has died. He was 74.

His death was announced on his website by his wife, Amy Carmen, who did not reveal a cause, saying only that he died "in his sleep, over the weekend."

"It brought him great joy to know, that for decades, his music touched so many and will be his lasting legacy," the message read.

Carmen had 13 songs in the Billboard Hot 100, including three in the Top 10. The Raspberries, which formed in Cleveland, had four Top 40 singles, including the Top 5 hit "Go All the Way."

Formed in 1970, the Raspberries made four albums for Capitol Records and were known for their matching suits at a time when most bands had abandoned them.

"Almost every band had hair down to their waist and beards and ripped jeans and they looked like a bunch of hippies, and I wanted to get as far away from that as I could," Carmen told the Observer in 2017.

The Raspberries' second album, "Fresh," released in 1972, would be their highest charting, hitting No. 36 and featuring two Top 40 hits, "I Wanna Be With You" and "Let's Pretend."

## COMICS

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Jeff Stahl



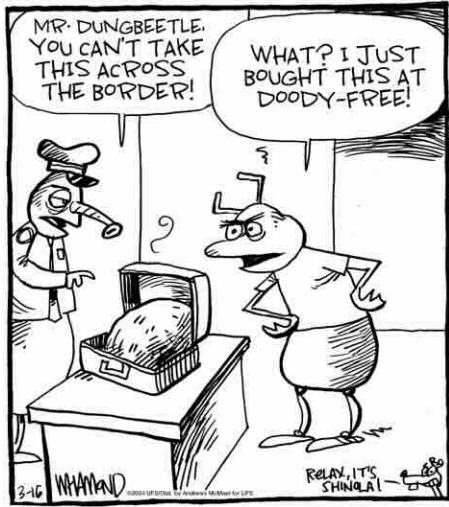
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Hank Ketcham



### REALITY CHECK

Dave Whamond



### RUBES

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FOR INFORMATION Concerning American Red Cross Blood Services Program, call 650-5000.

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### DEPUTY SHERIFF (Peace Officer Certified) Full-Time

The Union County Sheriff's Office is seeking to fill the position of **Deputy Sheriff** who currently holds their peace officer certification. This position is responsible for handling calls for service, citizen's complaints, traffic enforcement, as well as providing services to supplement the law enforcement operations of the agency.

Applicants must possess a minimum of a high school diploma or equivalent G.E.D., and an Ohio Peace Officer's Training Academy certification. The compensation package includes a pay range 1 to 3 consecutive years (Step B) **\$34.32 per hour**; 3 to 5 consecutive years (Step C) **\$38.85 per hour**; and 5 plus consecutive years (Step E) **\$41.58 per hour**. Residency requirements apply and newly hired employees are provided one year after the date of hire to move into Union County or any adjoining county.

Resumes can be sent to the Union County Sheriff's Office Human Resources Manager by email to [sheffrhr@unioncountyohio.gov](mailto:sheffrhr@unioncountyohio.gov).

The Union County Sheriff's Office is an **Equal Opportunity Employer**.

The deadline for resumes to be received is **March 22, 2024**.

### MAINTENANCE WORKER II WATER DEPARTMENT

**RATE OF PAY:**  
**\$20.45 Probationary**

**JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:**  
Perform basic commercial electrical trouble-shooting and repair; maintains various components of the city's wastewater collection system; operates

## HELP WANTED

light and heavy motorized equipment to clean and repair sewer lines; adheres to all applicable safety standards and procedures. He/she checks system lift stations equipment and pumps for proper functioning; measures pump efficiency; documents and records readings in accordance with policy and procedures; replaces worn parts and performs other maintenance activities on system components. The Maintenance worker cleans and maintains vehicles and garage area and must have the ability to make confined space entries.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Completion of secondary education (high school or GED); previous experience/training in the construction, maintenance, repair and/or inspection of sewer lines or equivalent. Must possess a valid State of Ohio Class B Commercial Driver's License (CDL) with Air Brake and Tanker endorsements and remain insurable in accordance with the City's vehicle insurance policy.

A complete job description may be obtained in the Mayor's office.

Applications may be obtained and returned at the Mayor's Office, City Building, 135 North Detroit Street, Bellefontaine, Ohio or online at <https://www.ci.bellefontaine.oh.us/employment1.html>. All applications are due by 4:30pm on March 22, 2024. Please contact Heather Fessel, Administrative Secretary, at 937-592-4376 for any questions.

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## FINANCIAL

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

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### NOTICE

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

## LEGALS

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**Dr Earl Sloan Public Library** board members will meet at 4:00 on Monday, March 18, 2024 at the library for purposes of discussing personnel matters.

By Order of the Board  
Brenda Mathys  
Fiscal Officer  
March 16, 2024

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Lake Township Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on an application for Variance on the 26th day of March, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. at the Lake Township House, 900 South Detroit Street, in Logan County, Ohio.

The application applied for by Matthew Wechta requests construction of a building with a height of approximately 20 ft. and place with the north wall at a distance of 15 ft. from the right of way line.

Location of said property is 966 Dorothy Lane, Bellefontaine, OH 43311.

Brian Geboy, Chairperson  
March 16, 2024

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The following matters are the subject of this public notice by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. The complete public notice, including any additional instructions for submitting comments, requesting information, a public hearing,

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or filing an appeal may be obtained at: <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/actions.aspx> or Hearing Clerk, Ohio EPA, 50 W. Town St. P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216. Ph: 614-644-3037 email: [HClerk@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:HClerk@epa.ohio.gov)  
Draft Issuance of Permit-To-Install and Operate  
**Ameresco Cherokee Run RNG LLC**  
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March 16, 2024

**SUMMARY OF BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**  
Ordinance No 24-15  
Passed on March 12, 2024  
An Ordinance amending the employee leave donation program and declaring an emergency.

Resolution No. 24-23  
Passed on March 12, 2024  
A Resolution authorizing the Chief of Police to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Logan County Sheriff's Office regarding participation in Critical Incidents or Tactical Law Enforcement Operations and Training.

Resolution No. 24-24  
Passed on March 12, 2024  
A resolution appointing the City of Bellefontaine Engineer as the City's Representative and the Service-Safety Director as the alternate representative to the District 13 Ohio Public Works Integrating Committee.

I, Bonnie Campbell, Bellefontaine City Clerk of Council, do hereby certify that these summary titles of Ordinances and Resolutions are true as passed by City Council of Bellefontaine during regular and special meetings (as prescribed by law) of the City of Bellefontaine on Feb. 13, 2024. Ordinances and Resolutions in full form may be read or a copy secured thereof (for 25¢ per page) at the Clerk of Council's Office located at 530 E. Chillicothe Ave., Bellefontaine, Ohio. Ph. 937-599-1196.

Joshua Stolly,  
City Law Director  
Bonnie Campbell,  
Clerk of Council  
March 16, 2024

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Village of Quincy will be meeting on the first and third Tuesday of each month unless the meeting date needs to be changed at 7:30 p.m. at the Quincy Community Building. The 2023 Year End report has been completed and submitted and is available by appointment at 101 S. Miami Street, Quincy, Ohio after 2:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday.  
Sandra Ward,  
Fiscal Officer  
Village of Quincy  
March 16, 2024

## LEGALS

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Perry Township Trustees will meet in Special Session on Monday, March 18, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at the East Liberty Community Room. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the road/maintenance position for the Township.

By Order of the Trustees  
Cindy Stalling  
Perry Twp. Fiscal Officer  
March 16, 2024

## LEGALS

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Union Township Trustees in Logan County are seeking an individual interested in trimming signs and guardrails on approximately 26 miles of roadways, 2 to 3 times per year. Contact Becky Robison 937-935-9860 with a quote or for more information before April 9, 2024.  
March 16, 23, 30, 2024

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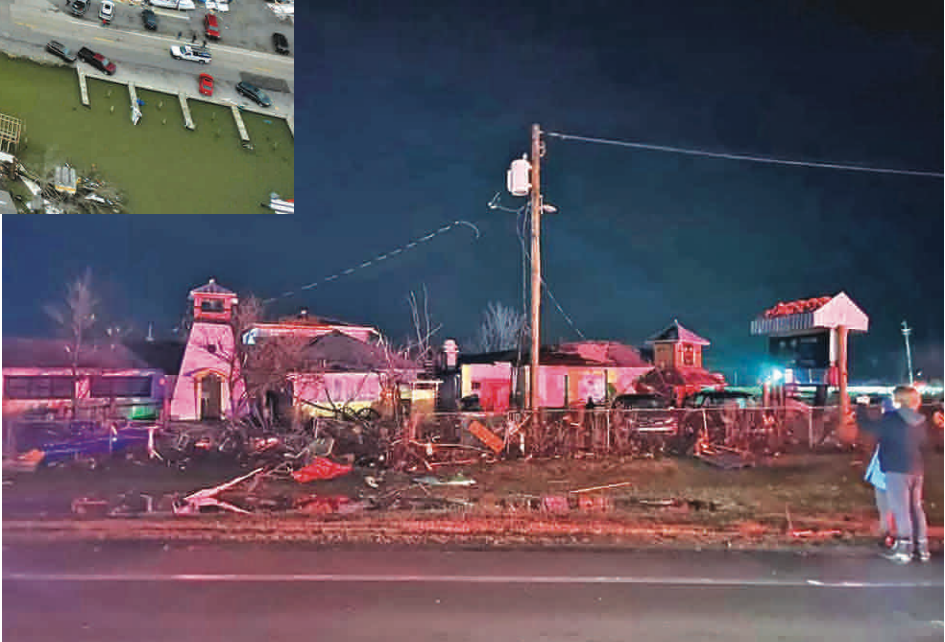
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