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Is it the cheese? The sauce? Your favorite toppings?

Satisfy your cravings on the 2024 Logan County Pizza Trail

BY SHARYN KOPF
EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

"When the moon hits your eye like a big pizza pie" might be amore. But most of us prefer to have a pizza hit our tastebuds. Pizza hasn't always been an American favorite, but, now that it is, most of us are fans of that cheesy, saucy pie.

Whether it's for lunch, a birthday party or your regular Friday

night staple for dinner and a movie, pizza is here to stay. With that in mind, the Logan County Visitors Bureau has created the 2024 Pizza Trail.

Similar to their ice cream and coffee trails, this tasty adventure sends participants to 13 mouth-watering stops around the county.

Though the bureau has done the other trails for a few years now, this is their first time with



pizza. Actually, for the last two years, they've done a pizza bracket to go with March Madness.

"People enjoyed the bracket, but the businesses wanted to switch it to a noncompetitive thing," Anna Louden, visitors bureau director, said. "So we

Anna Louden, Logan County Visitors Bureau director, invites you to experience some of the tastiest pizza shops in the county as part of their 2024 Pizza Trail. You can pick up your passport at the bureau office at 100 S. Main Street, Bellefontaine, or any of the participating restaurants. (EXAMINER PHOTO | SHARYN KOPF)

reached out to every locally owned pizza place in the county."

Those that responded and wanted to be a part were added to the list.

If you haven't done a visitors bureau trail yet, here's the drill:

First, grab a passport. These are available at the bureau office vestibule at 100 S. Main Street, Bellefontaine, which is open 24/7, or at any of the participating restaurants listed below.

Second, and this is the best part, eat pizza. Technically, you don't have to choose pizza. But

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Music, art talents bloom at weekend LoCo Festival



Benjamin Logan Middle School sixth-grader Josie Harshfield checks out her best friend Della Baker's sugar skull piece Friday evening at the Logan County Art and Music Festival at the Holland Theatre. (EXAMINER PHOTO | MANDY LOEHR)

BY MANDY LOEHR
EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

Student creativity took the center stage over the weekend at the Logan County Music and Art Festival, featuring a wide variety of artwork created by local pupils in grades K-12, and an honors band concert performed by the top student musicians in the county.

This was the second year that the festival was staged at the Holland Theatre and hosted in conjunction with LoCo Art, a fitting collaboration and venue to enable the young creative arts-minded students with the chance to showcase their talents in a professional setting. Art and music participants represented Bellefontaine, Benjamin Logan, Calvary Christian, Indian Lake and Riverside school districts.

"LoCo Art is thankful to the Holland Theatre for

welcoming the Logan County Music & Art Festival for the second year. Sharing the theatre's space to house the art exhibition and giving student musicians the opportunity to perform on the stage is a treat for all involved," LoCo Art Co-Director Jennifer Davis said.

"LoCo Art's mission is to make art free and accessible to all youths, and I think this event really makes that happen,

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LOCAL ACHIEVER

BLHS senior selected for FFA Talent Showcase

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF



HENRY

Benjamin Logan FFA announces that senior Peyton Henry, sentinel of the chapter, has been chosen as one of the 10 students for the prestigious 2024 FFA Talent Showcase at the Ohio Expo Fairgrounds.

The FFA Talent Showcase is a highly competitive event, drawing numerous applicants from across the state. Despite the intense competition, Peyton Henry's exceptional talent and dedication stood out, earning him a coveted spot among the top 10 performers.

"We are thrilled to see Peyton recognized for his outstanding talent and hard work," said Lora James, Adviser of Benjamin Logan FFA. "Being selected for the FFA Talent Showcase is a testament to his dedication to excellence and his commitment to the FFA program."

The Talent Showcase will take place on the main convention stage in the Celeste Center at 12:30 p.m. Friday, May 3. This event provides a platform for FFA members to showcase their skills and talents in vocal and instrumental music.

"We congratulate Peyton on this remarkable achievement and wish him the best of luck at the Talent Showcase," added Lora James.

Retrial underway for ex-corrections officer charged in Ohio inmate's death

MANSFIELD, Ohio (AP) — Jury selection has started in the retrial of a former corrections officer charged in the death of an inmate at a county jail in northern Ohio. Mark Cooper faces a reckless homicide charge and two counts of involuntary manslaughter. The charges stem from Cooper's alleged role in the September 2019 death of 28-year-old Alexander Rios at the Richland County jail. Cooper's first trial last November ended in a mistrial when jurors could not reach a verdict. Jury selection started Monday and was expected to continue Tuesday. Rios fell unconscious during a struggle with guards and after being shocked with a stun gun. He died at a hospital eight days after the confrontation, which was captured on video shot by jail staffers.

Only 26% of Americans say they get at least eight hours of sleep, new Gallup poll says

NEW YORK (AP) — If you're feeling — YAWN — sleepy or tired while you read this and wish you could get some more shut-eye, you're not alone. A majority of Americans say they would feel better if they could have more sleep, according to a new poll.

But in the U.S., the ethos of grinding and pulling yourself up by your own bootstraps is ubiquitous, both in the country's beginnings and our current environment of always-on technology and work hours. And getting enough sleep can seem like a dream.

The Gallup poll, released Monday, found 57% of Americans say they would feel better if they could get more sleep, while only 42% say they are getting as much sleep as they need. That's a first in

Gallup polling since 2001; in 2013, when Americans were last asked, it was just about the reverse — 56% saying they got the needed sleep and 43% saying they didn't.

Younger women, under the age of 50, were especially likely to report they aren't getting enough rest.

The poll also asked respondents to report how many hours of sleep they usually get per night: Only 26% said they got eight or more hours, which is around the amount that sleep experts say is recommended for health and mental well-being. Just over half, 53%, reported getting six to seven hours. And 20% said they got five hours or less, a jump from the 14% who reported getting the least amount of sleep in 2013.

(And just to make you feel even more tired, in 1942, the vast majority of Americans were sleeping more. Some 59% said they slept eight or more hours, while 33% said they slept six to seven hours. What even IS that?)

THE REASONS AREN'T EXACTLY CLEAR

The poll doesn't get into reasons WHY Americans aren't getting the sleep they need, and since Gallup last asked the question in 2013, there's no data breaking down the particular impact of the last four years and the pandemic era.

But what's notable, says Sarah Fioroni, senior researcher at Gallup, is the shift in the last decade toward more Americans thinking they would benefit from more sleep and particularly the jump in the number of those saying they get five or

less hours.

"That five hours or less category ... was almost not really heard of in 1942," Fioroni said. "There's almost nobody that said they slept five hours or less."

In modern American life, there also has been "this pervasive belief about how sleep was unnecessary — that it was this period of inactivity where little to nothing was actually happening and that took up time that could have been better used," said Joseph Dzierzewski, vice president for research and scientific affairs at the National Sleep Foundation.

It's only relatively recently that the importance of sleep to physical, mental and emotional health has started to percolate more in the general population, he said.

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BELLEFONTAINE BEAT

POLICE & FIRE

Trio arrested Wal-Mart disturbance

A trio of suspects were arrested shortly before 9:30 p.m. Sunday, April 14, by officers of the Bellefontaine Police Department following reports of harassment and stalking of employees and patrons at Wal-Mart, 2281 S. Main St. Justin White, 33, and Christina White, 38, both of Bellefontaine, and Jorrell Johnson, 20, of DeGraff, each were charged with menacing by stalking following an investigation.

Police were dispatched to the retail store on a report of the suspects yelling at and harassing customers and employees and were causing a disturbance.

Upon arrival, officers learned the three individuals had left in a pickup truck. Police were able to identify the truck and initiate a traffic stop in the 1200 block of south Main Street.

In interviews with witnesses and the victim, police were told the victim had been involved in a previous incident with two of the suspects.

That incident led to threats made over social media and eventually to the suspects showing up to the victim's place of employment and harassing her there. Officers also reviewed surveillance footage that showed the suspects causing issues and being confrontational inside the store.

Johnson and Justin were arrested and lodged in the Logan County Jail. Christina was issued a summons and released from the scene with an accompanying juvenile.

Woman arrested for fleeing scene of crash

Lindsay Walker, 38, of Bellefontaine, was arrested on a number of charges following an impaired-driving crash that occurred around 7 p.m., Sunday, April 14, in the area of north Detroit Street and Orchard Avenue.

Officers were dispatched to that location on report of a white Chevy pickup truck having crashed and a female driver fleeing the scene. Police caught up with Walker on foot and learned she had taken the license plate off of the vehicle prior to leaving the scene of the crash. Signs of intoxication were observed by officers, but Walker denied being drunk. She admitted to having consumed two alcoholic beverages.

Officers also learned that the license plate that had been removed from the truck did not match the vehicle.

Walker was charged with fictitious registration, not stopping after a crash, tampering with evidence, failure to control and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. She was lodged in the Logan County Jail.

Indian Lake, Logan County chambers host business recovery workshop

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Representatives of the Indian Lake and Logan County chambers of commerce along with local business owner Jason Duff hosted a business recovery workshop earlier this week in the Indian Lake High School library.

Around 30 business owners and residents attended the workshop, which covered topics from how businesses handle disaster-related insurance claims to seeking available grants and lending opportunities and getting connected to other available resources in the wake of the March 14 tornado.

Duff, who owns storage facilities and other property destroyed by the tornado, said his impetus behind wanting to help with the meeting was out of concern for the coming "economic crisis" to the area and to help and connect fellow business owners.

Duff shared his recent experiences dealing with insurance agents, carriers and adjusters, saying he quickly realized he was underinsured based on the current costs to rebuild and repair property damage.

By a show of hands, more than half of the attendees were either uninsured or underinsured.

Duff said he has found dealing with insurance "frustrating" at times and passed along some tips to help navigate the process.

Try to get multiple estimates, he said, and hire reputable contractors who can communicate effectively with insurance adjusters.

Because fraud potential is high in disaster situations, "trust, but verify," the business owner cautioned.

Representatives on hand from the Ohio Department of Insurance shared ways businesses can file complaints with their agency and other helpful tips when dealing with insurance companies.

Insurance complaints may be filed with the ODI online at <https://insurance.ohio.gov/about-us/complaint-center/file-a-consumer-complaint> or by calling (800) 686-1526. Insurance companies have

21 days to respond after a complaint is filed but often remedy the complaint more quickly, ODI officials said.

One audience member said she received a cancellation notice from her insurance carrier before her claim check arrived by mail. The ODI officials encouraged attendees to contact their agency in such cases, or if the insured don't receive timely payment for claims after all necessary paperwork has been filed.

ODI can also assist insured parties get "more lenient" terms when insurance companies try to enforce rebuilding and repair time limits in disasters situations.

If your insurance company recommends a specific contractor, their workmanship should be backed by the insurance company, the ODI representatives said.

Indian Lake and Logan County chamber heads, Amber Fagan and Ben Vollrath, respectively, shared information previously reported on by the Examiner about tornado relief emergency fund small business grants available via the Ohio Chamber of Commerce.

Approximately \$100,000 in grant funding has been or will be disbursed in two phases. Phase I, with about \$70,000 of funding, was allocated last week.

Allocation for Phase II of the grants is scheduled to be determined April 27.

Although the deadline of the \$5,000 grant applications was April 12 and there are now more applicants than funds available, businesses may still remit applications as funding will be determined based on need and not on a first-come, first-serve basis, Vollrath said.

Grant applications are available at <https://ohiochamber.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Emergency-Fund-Grant-Application.pdf>.

Contact Amber Fagan at (937) 539-6348 or Ben Vollrath at (937) 578-3563 with questions concerning applications.

There was discussion at the meeting about whether Indian Lake-Logan County

would receive a federal disaster declaration which would allow the Federal Emergency Management Agency to begin providing aid and resources to the area.

Fagan said she was told it was "not likely" the county would receive the declaration, but did not elaborate on her source at the meeting.

Dave Durnell, co-owner of RV Wholesalers, said based on his experience with FEMA in other disaster zones, disaster recovery here may be better and more efficient without the agency's help.

Vollrath confirmed via phone April 13 that the disaster declaration, though "still pending," does not appear likely at this point, according to two county officials he has spoken with.

The chamber head said even without the federal disaster declaration the Small Business Association could enter into an agreement with the state as soon as Friday, April 19, to begin helping impacted businesses with disaster loans.

Additional resources discussed were for property damage tax relief and grants available to restaurant and hospitality workers affected by the tornado.

Property owners impacted by the tornado may file an application with the Logan County Auditors Office for a valuation deduction for destroyed or damaged real property. Applications are available at https://dam.assets.ohio.gov/image/upload/tax.ohio.gov/forms/real_property/dte26-fi.pdf. Contact the auditor's office at (937) 599-7209 with questions.

The Hospitality Institute of Ohio established Hospitality Reserve (formerly Ohio Restaurant Employee Relief Fund) in 2020 to provide funding for restaurant, foodservice and hospitality employees whose incomes were dramatically affected by the pandemic and its related circumstances.

Hospitality workers may apply for grants up to \$2,000 at HospitalityReserve.org.

The next business recovery workshop meeting is to be determined.

LOCAL NOTES

'BCS Chat with the Superintendent' set for April 17, July 31

Bellefontaine Superintendent Brad Hall is reminding the community of the next "BCS Chat with the Superintendent," set for Wednesday evening, April 17, at the Bellefontaine High School Distance Learning Center from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The Chat will be limited to the first 20 people to register. Reserve your spot in the Chat by calling the Central Office at (937) 593-9060.

Once all spots are full, registration will be accepted for the next Chat. The next "BCS Chat with the Superintendent" will be Wednesday, July 3.

The purpose of the Chat is to give parents and citizens of the Bellefontaine City School community the opportunity to address topics of interest with the district's superintendent.

If you reserve a spot in the Chat April 17, enter through the auxiliary gymnasium doors (Door 18) at Bellefontaine High School beginning at 6:20 p.m. to check in.

Solvita blood drives planned

Help boost the April blood supply by donating at the following upcoming Solvita blood drives:

- Bellefontaine Moose Lodge 2563 community blood drive — Saturday, April 20, 8 a.m. to noon at 912 S. Detroit St.
- Hickory Medical community blood drive — Tuesday, April 23, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; the Solvita Bloodmobile will be in the Bellefontaine City Parking Lot, 208 W. Columbus Ave.

Everyone who registers to donate with Solvita now through April 27 will receive the green and purple Solvita umbrella.

Schedule an appointment to donate with Solvita (formerly Community Blood Center) on the Donor Time app, by calling (937) 461-3220, or at www.donortime.com.

Multiple blood types have been in low supply in April due to disruptions in collections caused by the early Easter holiday period and the solar eclipse.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month ceremony set for April 22

The TCN Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Crisis Center present the second annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month Ceremony at 11 a.m. Monday, April 22, at the Bellefontaine City Council Chambers.

The national theme is "Building Connected Communities."

The new Violence Prevention Services and Team will be presented to the community, along with other presentations by local officials and school partners.

OHP plans 5K Walk/Run for Breast Cancer Fund of Ohio

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The Ohio Hi-Point Career Center invites the community to sign up for the 2nd annual Hi-Point Hustle 5K on Saturday, May 4, for a fun day of racing for a good cause.

The race starts and ends on OHP's campus - the highest point in Ohio.

The Hi-Point Hustle 5K is hosted by students involved in Ohio Hi-Point's Health Careers Academy and Exercise Science programs.

Registration is \$35 and includes a race t-shirt designed and printed by Ohio Hi-Point's Graphic and Media Arts Academy students. Families and kids are encouraged to come as a 1-mile fun run is free.

Community members can sign up for the Hi-Point Hustle at www.ohiohi-point.com/hustle.

RaceJoy, a live phone tracking, GPS progress alerts, and cheerleading app, is provided to runners/walkers as part of the official race experience.

Special recognition will be given to the top three overall finishers by gender and the top finisher by gender in each age category of 19 and under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 and over. The top three overall finishers by gender will receive a custom medal crafted by the OHP Welding and Fabrication students.



Last year, more than 100 runners participated and raised \$2,000 for JDRF. The students have a goal to have 200 runners this year.

"The students have been working really hard to put this race on," said Megan Lacher, OHP Health Careers Academy. "Together as a group they decide what organization they want to support each year, and this year they want all the proceeds to benefit the Breast Cancer Fund of Ohio."

The Breast Cancer Fund of Ohio helps breast cancer patients survive the hardships of cancer treatments by providing emergency financial assistance.

This organization distributes thousands of dollars to nonprofit organizations throughout Ohio that provide emergency funding to breast cancer patients undergoing active treatment, and 100 percent of funds raised by the Breast Cancer Fund of Ohio stay in Ohio.

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OBITUARIES

Reverend Robert 'Bob' G. Long

Reverend Robert "Bob" G. Long, 92, of DeGraff, passed away peacefully at 10:05 a.m. on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at his home. He was born in Richwood, Ohio on January 15, 1932, a son of the late John Homer Long and Addie Mae (Eckerd) Long.

On May 21, 1950, Bob married Wanda Mae (Riley) Long in Marion, Ohio and she preceded him in death on

December 16, 1995. He was also preceded in death by a son, Daniel Long; a daughter-in-law, Rita Long; three sisters, Eva Eckerd, Pearl (Gerald) Milligan, and Dorothy (Ed) Dotson; and four brothers, Carlos, Gerald (Ruth), Dwight, and Larry.

Bob married Joanne (Davis) Long on May 1, 1999, in Rosewood, Ohio, and she survives, along with Bob and Wanda's three children, Dennis Long, Douglas Long, and Donna L. (John) Volk; a daughter-in-law, Gert Long; six grandchildren, Keith (Beth) Long, Nicholas (Amanda) Long,

Audrey Long, Jill (Brett) Jones, Wesley (Jessica) Gall, and Rob (Jenn Ballenger) Gall; 13 great grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, June Long.

Bob had worked as the head storekeeper at Erie Lackawanna Railroad and was an ordained minister with the Church of Christ in Christian Union. He loved attending church camp meetings as well as serving as a board member of the CCCU and various general and district offices. In his leisure time, Bob enjoyed woodworking, hunting, and trains.

A visitation will be held from 2-5 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, at the Daring & Sanford Funeral Home, 210 W. Hayes Street in DeGraff and from 12 to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, at the Church of Christ in Christian Union, 1709 Bellefontaine Avenue in Marion. Pastors Chris Newland and Warren Goble will officiate a funeral service at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at the church. Burial will follow in Grand Prairie Cemetery in Marion, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be made, in Bob's memory, to Gideons International, P.O. Box 140800, Nashville, Tennessee 37214.

Daring & Sanford Funeral Home, DeGraff, is honored to serve the Long family and encourages anyone to share a fond memory or message of condolence at www.edsfh.com.

Jane A. Meeker

Jane A. Meeker, 77 of Rushsylvania passed away Saturday, April 13, 2024 at St. Rita's Medical Center in Lima.

Jane was born September 22, 1946 in Uniontown, PA to the late Harold and Betty (Vail) Cooke. On May 3, 1972 in Shawnee Town, IL she married Richard A. Meeker, who preceded her in death. She is also preceded in death by a brother, Glenn Cooke.

Jane was a former member of the Walnut Grove United Methodist Church. She was a bus driver for many years where she made many lifelong friends and relationships. She enjoyed traveling and her monthly game night with her friends. Jane loved spending time with her family and going to all family events. Her family was very important to her and they were a true joy in her life, especially her grandchildren. Jane was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege to know her.

She is survived by her four sons, Jeffrey (Lisa) Meeker, Matthew Meeker, Mark Meeker and Luke (Shannon) Meeker; eight grandchildren; one great grandchild; brother, James (Judy) Cooke; two sisters, Phyllis (Jim) Cooke and Sandra Martin.

A memorial Service will take place Thursday, April 18, at 6 p.m. at Jennings Farley & Seeley Funeral Home & Crematory. Visitation will take place from 4 p.m. until the time of the service. Entombment of her ashes will take place at a later date in Highland Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023.

Online Condolences may be expressed at www.jenningsfarley.com.

Mary Lou Powell

Mary Lou Powell, age 94, of West Liberty, passed away on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.

She was born August 1, 1929, in Mechanicsburg, Ohio, to the late John Foster and Roseanne (Shy) Doty.

Mary graduated from Salem High School in 1947. On May 3, 1947, she married her beloved husband of 69 years,



Donald Powell. Mary attended West Liberty United Church of Christ and was a member of the Monday Afternoon Club. She enjoyed spending time with her family and her many neighbors, whose friendship she cherished. Mary loved gardening, attending school sporting events, and sharing a good laugh with those around her. In addition, she had a lifelong love of NASCAR.

Mary is survived by nieces Rebecca Neer, Deborah Ryder, Sandra Bahan, Amanda Robison, Patricia Hamilton, Robin Traxler, and Susan Reeb; nephews Roger Hamilton, Michael Hamilton, Gary McCulla, Keith McCulla, and Doug Doty, as well as many great-nieces and great-nephews and her friends Aaron and Kim Hollar and their daughters, whom she loved like family.

In addition to her parents, Mary is preceded in death by her husband, Donald; brother, John Doty; sisters, Genevieve Harvey, Margaret McCulla, Betty Hamilton, and Joanne Henry; and nieces, Peggy Rowe and Amy Hartman.

Mary and Don generously donated their bodies for scientific research to the Ohio State University. There will be an official ceremony to celebrate Mary's contribution later.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 20, at West Liberty United Church of Christ, 212 W. Newell Street, West Liberty, with Pastor Karen Griswold officiating. Please make Memorial contributions to the West Liberty United Church of Christ.

Dr. Leland Carl 'Pete' Zilles

Dr. Leland Carl "Pete" Zilles passed away on April 13, 2024, at the age of 87 in Bellefontaine, Ohio.

Pete was born on March 11, 1937, on his grandparents' farm in Riley Township, Sandusky County, Ohio, to the late Earl and Marian (Reed) Zilles.

Pete grew up on a dairy farm in Riley Township near Fremont where his family raised Brown Swiss cattle. They showed their cows at local, state, and national shows. Pete was very involved in 4-H and was even named 4-H Youth of the Year in 1954.

For the first six years of his education, Pete attended the Riley Center one room schoolhouse along with his older sister Janice. He and Janice would arrive early to school to put firewood in the stove so the building would be warm before classes began. There were eight grades in that one room, and three students total in Pete's class. After Riley Center, Pete attended Fremont Ross High School, graduating in 1955 with a class of more than 200 students. Pete rarely missed a gathering or reunion for the class of 1955 and was proud of his Fremont roots and upbringing.

After high school, Pete attended The Ohio State University where he began his studies in the College of Agriculture. He went on to advanced studies at the College of Veterinary Medicine and graduated with his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1961. While at Ohio State, Pete was a member of the Alpha Zeta agricultural honor society and Omega Tau Sigma veterinary fraternity. He also participated in cross country, receiving the Freshman Sweater Award in 1955.

Pete met Joyce Ann (Titsch) Zilles, his future bridge partner and partner in life, in zoology class during his freshman year at Ohio State. Pete was a loving, supportive husband, and he and Joyce enjoyed 63 years of marriage filled with family, good friends, travel, golf, Ohio State football games in the Horseshoe, and of course, lots of cards! Trips to their house in Fairfield Glade, TN, and winters spent at Callaway Gardens, GA, were especially memorable.

Pete and Joyce were blessed with two wonderful children, Earl (Cathy) Zilles II and Sara (Matt) Stiffler; three grandchildren: Nicki (Craig) Poeppelman, Benjamin Stiffler, and William Stiffler; and four great-grandchildren: Lulu, Hutch, Ford, and Baker Poeppelman. Pete is also survived by his sisters Janice Sherer and Judith (David) Reed and sister-in-law Karen Bright. His many nieces and nephews brought him joy at family gatherings, especially if there was a pinocle game involved. Upon graduating from Ohio State, Pete and Joyce moved to Lincroft, NJ, where he was the farm veterinarian for Marlu Jersey Farm. They returned to Ohio two years later when they bought a veterinary practice in West Liberty, where they lived for more than 50 years. Known to many in the area simply as Doc, he was a large animal veterinarian in Logan and Champaign counties for 36 years, the majority of those years spent as a solo practitioner. He also served as a consultant to Ohio Feedlots from 2002-2007.

Pete appreciated the family farm and spent his career supporting farmers and caring for their livestock. Educating

and helping to mentor the next generation of food animal veterinarians was also important to Pete. He served as an adjust professor with the Ohio State College of Veterinary Medicine and donated his practice to OSU Large Animal Services when he retired from private practice in 1999.

Pete was recognized for his contributions to his profession with The Ohio State University Veterinary Medicine Society Alumni Recognition Award in 2002 and the 2011 Cattleman of the Year Award by the Champaign County Cattleman's Association.

In 2001, Pete traveled to the United Kingdom for a month during the Foot-and-Mouth disease outbreak in that country. He toured the countryside inspecting cattle herds for the devastating disease, fortunately never having to condemn a herd. He received the Group Honor Award for Excellence from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for his service.

Pete was involved in his community over the years. He was a former member and past president of the West Liberty Lions Club, served on the West Liberty-Salem Schools Board of Education for over a dozen years, and was a member of the West Liberty Business Association.

Pete's church life was important to him. He was a member of the West Liberty United Methodist Church for over 50 years, where he also served as a trustee. He and Joyce then joined the Bellefontaine First United Methodist Church after they moved to Bellefontaine in 2015.

Pete was a prolific reader and patron of the Logan County Libraries, he enjoyed "high stakes" games with his golfing buddies at Liberty Hills, and playing cards and dominoes with friends and family.

Pete's family are grateful for the strong, smart, stubborn, passionate, clever, and fun man he was. He was loved, and his family knew that he loved them.

Pastor Joe Ziraldo will lead a Celebration of Life Thursday, April 25, at 11:00 a.m. at Jennings Farley & Seeley Funeral Home and Crematory in West Liberty (5591 U.S. Highway 68 South, West Liberty, OH, 43357). Visitation will be held the day prior Wednesday, April 24, from 4 to 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Logan County Libraries (220 N. Main St., Bellefontaine, OH, 43311), The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine Class of 1961 Scholarship Fund (give.osu.edu/VetMed1961), or a charity of the donor's choice.

DEATH NOTICES

■ **STIERHOFF, Robert F. "Bob"**, passed away Monday, Jan. 8, 2024, at his residence; celebration of life, 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 21, at Myerah Nature Preserve Lodge, includes a short remembrance at 1 p.m. for family and friends followed by lunch; the rest of the afternoon is for friends to stop in and share stories and sweets; memories and/or your thoughts can be sent to: rememberingbobstierhoff@gmail.com; or there will be a place to share written memories at the celebration.

TRAIL

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go, enjoy, explore and support local businesses! (You will not see any chain restaurants on the list for that reason.) Most of the stops are also offering discounts to their trail adventurers.

Third, submit your passport to the bureau office. If you get six stamps you'll receive a prize. But show your true adoration for pizza by gathering at least 10 stamps, and you'll earn an even bigger surprise. You have until the next trail is announced in 2025 to hand in your passport.

"Overall, we hope people we go out, taste all the different offerings, and see what they like. It's a great way to experience all of our great pizza places in Logan County. And we have a lot compared to anywhere else," Loudon concluded.

Start wherever you wish, but here are the 13 participating restaurants:

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- TP Lanes, 300 E. Lake Street, Bellefontaine
- Cassano's Pizza at the



- Lake, 424 E. Main Street, Russell's Point
 - La Pizzeria, 7439 SR 366, Huntsville
 - Bobber's Pizzeria, 15641 SR 235, Belle Center
 - Cranberry Resort, 9667 SR 368, Huntsville
 - Buckeye Pizza at the Lake, 11977 SR 235 N, Lakeview
 - The Pines, 2516 CR 255, Quincy
 - Pop's Pizza Parlor, 3215 N. Main Street, East Liberty
 - Buckeye Pizza of DeGraff, 126 S. Main Street, DeGraff
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Bellefontaine High School graduate Amy Fulmer was presented with the Big Ten Medal of Honor on Monday. Only one male athlete and one female athlete at each of the Big Ten member schools receive the honor on an annual basis. (OHIO STATE PHOTO)

BHS grad Fulmer receives Big Ten Medal of Honor

Ohio State swimmer recognized with top scholar-athlete award

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

An already highly decorated career was punctuated with a very prestigious award for Bellefontaine High School graduate Amy Fulmer on Monday.

Fulmer, a swimmer at The Ohio State University, received the 2024 Big Ten Medal of Honor during a scholar-athlete award ceremony Monday night at the Schottenstein Center.

The Big Ten Medal of Honor is given to the most outstanding male and female senior student-athlete on each Big Ten campus each year. It is awarded

to the respective male and female student-athlete who has "attained the greatest proficiency in athletics and scholastic work."

Finalists are selected based on their outstanding accomplishments in the classroom, on the field, and as a leader and role model within their program.

Fulmer was one of seven female finalists for the award and ultimately was selected over six other outstanding OSU student-athletes.

is a two-time Big Ten Champion in the 100 freestyle and has also won titles in the 400 medley relay, 200 freestyle relay,

400 freestyle relay and 800 freestyle relay.

The former Chieftain is a four-time first-team All-American in the 200 and 400 freestyle relays, a two-time first-team All-American in the 100 freestyle and the 400 medley relay, and has also earned first-team All-America honors in the 200 medley relay and 800 freestyle relay.

Fulmer is a four-time CSCAA first-team Scholar All-American and Academic All-Big Ten honoree and has also earned College Sports Communicators Academic All-America third-team honors.

Lakers shut out Graham 9-0 to remain unbeaten

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Indian Lake's softball team continued to dominate Monday as the host Lakers shut out Graham 9-0 in Central Buckeye Conference action.

The Lakers, who are ranked fourth in Division II in the first state poll of the season, improve to 10-0 overall and 6-0 in the CBC. Graham drops to 3-7, 0-5.

Indian Lake got off to a quick start with four runs in the first inning.



The Lakers added a run in the third and two in the fourth for a 7-0 lead. They tacked on a pair of insurance runs in the sixth inning.

Madison Brentlinger recorded the shutout in the pitching circle. She allowed seven hits and walked one.

Abigail Elliott went 3-4 with a double and three RBI and Halle Roby went 3-3 with a double and an RBI to lead the Indian Lake offense.

Porscha Davis, Katie Roby, Mackenzie Dixon and Brentlinger each added a double and Katie Roby had two RBI.

The Lakers host North Union today.

INDIANLAKE 9, GRAHAM 0
Falcons. 000 000 0 - 0 7 2
Lakers. 401 202 X - 9 11 1
WP—Brentlinger; LP—Pine.



Indian Lake's Porscha Davis holds on the bag after sliding past second with a stolen base during Monday's home game against Graham. (EXAMINER PHOTO | MATT HAMMOND)

Bellefontaine zaps Urbana

Bellefontaine's softball team cruised past visiting Urbana 12-0 in five innings Monday in Central Buckeye Conference play.

The Chiefs improve to 7-5 overall and 3-3 in the CBC. Urbana falls to 3-8, 0-7.

Bellefontaine scored a run in each of the first two innings to lead 2-0.

The Chiefs ten scored twice in the third frame and one in the fourth for a 5-0 lead.

Bellefontaine finished off the Hillclimbers with an eight-run fifth frame.

Averie Vigansky earned the win in the pitching circle. She recorded eight strikeouts.

Offensively for the Chiefs, Laila Butler went 3-3 with a double, Kassi Prine was 2-3 with a double, Airiana Young was 2-3 with a double, Rianna Fullerton went 2-4, Alexza Clifton went 2-4 with a double and Addison Wical went 2-4 with a triple.

The Chiefs host Jackson Center today.

BELLEFONTAINE 12 URBANA 0
(FIVE INNINGS)
Chiefs 112 18 - 12 15 1
Hillclimbers 000 00 - 0 3 0
WP—Vigansky.

Raiders edge Northwestern 1-0

Benjamin Logan scored the game's lone run in the fifth inning for a 1-0 victory over visiting Northwestern in a Central Buckeye Conference softball game Monday.

The Raiders are now 5-3 overall and 1-3 in the CBC. The Warriors drop to 0-10, 0-8.

Chloe Crumm was the winning pitcher. She struck out 10 and walked three while giving up just one hit.

Offensively for the Raiders, Tanna Jacobs went 2-3 and Brooks Myers had a

double and an RBI to lead the way.

The Raiders are back in action today at home against Graham.

BEN LOGAN 1 NORTHWESTERN 0
Warriors. 000 000 0 - 0 1 0
Raiders. 000 010 X - 1 5 1
WP—Crumm; LP—Palmer.

Tigers fall to Mechanicsburg

West Liberty-Salem's softball team lost to visiting Mechanicsburg 11-1 in five innings Monday.

The Tigers drop to 3-3 overall and 3-3 in the CBC. The Indians improve to 4-1, 4-0.

The Indians scored once

in the opening inning and they scored four times in the second to take a 5-0 lead.

They added three runs in the top of the fourth to make it 8-0.

The Tigers scored their lone run in the bottom of the fourth before M'burg put the game away with three runs in the fifth.

WL-S was held to two hits. Brielle Milliron and Audrey Collins each had a single.

MECHANICSBURG 11, WL-S 1
(FIVE INNINGS)
Indians 000 100 0 - 1 4 1
Tigers 000 201 X - 3 7 0
LP—Wallace.

Chieftains slip past Hillclimbers 3-2

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Bellefontaine plated the go-ahead run in the bottom of the sixth inning and held on for a 3-2 win over visiting Urbana in a Central Buckeye Conference baseball game Monday afternoon.

The Chiefs are now 7-3 overall and 3-3 in the CBC. Urbana drops to 5-5, 1-4.

Bellefontaine took a 1-0 lead in the first inning, but Urbana tied the score with a run in the second frame.

The Chiefs went ahead with a run in the third inning. Urbana tied the game at 2-2 with a run in the fifth.

Bellefontaine then took the lead for good with its run in the sixth.

Chris Fogan earned the win on the mound in relief. He allowed four hits, struck out four and walked one.

Fogan also had a good



day at the plate, going 2-2 with two doubles.

Carter Caudill, Brody Boy and Charlie Bible each had an RBI for the Chiefs.

Bellefontaine is back in action Wednesday at Urbana.

BELLEFONTAINE 3, URBANA 2
Hillclimbers 010 010 0 - 2 6 1
Chieftains. 101 001 X - 3 6 2
WP—Fogan; LP—Donahoe.

Tigers grab win over M'burg

West Liberty-Salem picked up a 3-1 win over visiting Mechanicsburg in an Ohio Heritage Conference baseball game Monday.

The Tigers are now 6-2 overall and 3-1 in the OHC. The Indians fall to 6-2, 2-2.

The game was scoreless through three innings.



Bellefontaine's Jose Sandoval dives into home during Monday's win over Urbana. (EXAMINER PHOTO | TONY BARRETT)

The Indians took a 1-0 lead in the top of the fourth, but the Tigers answered with two runs in the bottom of the fourth to lead 2-1.

WL-S would add an

insurance run in the sixth inning.

Eli Allen earned the win on the mound. He allowed one run on four hits, struck out 12 and walked two.

Allen also went 2-3 at the plate to spark the offense. Isaiah Reames chipped in with an RBI.

The Tigers travel to Mechanicsburg today.

WL-SALEM 3 MECHANICSBURG 1
Indians. 000 100 0 - 1 4 1
Tigers. 000 201 X - 3 7 0
WP—Allen; LP—Ejink.

See BASEBALL on Page 5

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SPORTS

Bellefontaine netters shut out Tecumseh

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Bellefontaine's boys tennis team returned to action Monday and rolled to a 5-0 victory over host Tecumseh

in a Central Buckeye Conference match. The Chiefs are now 4-1 overall and 4-1 in the CBC. Bellefontaine's Xavier Sims beat Jordan Castle 6-1,

6-3 at first singles. Truman Howell defeated the Arrows' Austin Poppe 6-0, 6-0 at second singles and the Chiefs' Max Fissel won 6-0, 6-1 over Collin Runyan

at third singles. Bellefontaine's first doubles team of Bryce Harris and Trey Taylor won over Brennan Barnett and Logan Petrae 6-0, 6-2, while Elias

Abrego and Quinn Slagle prevailed 6-0, 6-2 over Marley Deboard and Zeke Williford at second singles. Bellefontaine hosts Jonathan Alder today.

BHS girls take 2nd at Chieftain Relays

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Bellefontaine's track and field teams made a strong impression in their own Chieftain Relays on Friday.

The Lady Chiefs were second out of seven teams and the boys finished third. Benjamin Logan also competed. The girls team took fourth and the boys finished sixth.

Delaware Hayes won the girls meet with 86 points. Bellefontaine had 79 for second, DeSales was third (78), Ben Logan had 67 for fourth, Kenton was fifth (58), Wapakoneta placed sixth (48) and Lima Shawnee was seventh.

The Lady Chiefs won three events. The shuttle hurdles team of Jailyne Foulk, Jillian Ullom, Callie Shumaker and Kylie Adams finished first (1:08.53) and the team of Kelsie Snapp, Lexi Robinson and Perri Neeld won both the discus (school record of 338-10) and the shot put 97-11.

Taking second for Bellefontaine were the 6,400 relay team of Kailyn Newman, Brianna Sechrest, Ella Reier and Grace Brown (24:19.55), the sprint medley of Parker Penhorwood, Ava Reeves, Shumaker and Adams (1:56.1) and the long jump team of Adams, Reeves and Hannah Wilson

(44-1.25). The 400 relay team of Parker Penhorwood, Reeves, Adams and Shumaker was third (50.61) and fourth-place finishes went to the 800 relay of Reeves, Elyncia Allen, Parker Penhorwood and Claire McDaniel (1:58.21), the 3,200 relay team of Brown, Newman, Kayleigh Flora and Wilson (11:08.67) and the high jump group of Shumaker, Parker Penhorwood and Flora (12-6).

Adding seventh-place finishes were the 1,600 relay team of Allen, Jillian Ullom, Harper Penhorwood and Flora (4:48.27) and the distance medley of Wilson, Harper Penhorwood, Maddie Christman and Reier (12:34.58).

"The competition was great leading to many great times," said Bellefontaine head coach Ben Davis. "The discus relay broke our school record that stood for 20 years. We had major contributions from sprints, field and distance."

Ben Logan's girls team was led by a first-place finish from the long jump team of Isabel Henderson (17-02.5), Mya Burrey (14-05) and Abby Vance (15-00.75).

Taking second for the Lady Raiders were the discus group of Lauren

Hemmelgarn (88-11), Kaylee Hays (71-03) and Kyla Godwin (83-05) and the distance medley of Lexi Archer, Mylee Boysel, Lauren Kennedy and Georgia Bates (10:45.55).

Third-place efforts for the Raiders came from shot put group of Hemmelgarn, Kearstin Linkinhoker and Lahna Cook (24-05), the high jump team of Vance, Aleah France and Bailey Lewis (4-0), the shuttle hurdles team of Henderson, Kate Gulick, Hays and Archer (1:12.30) and the 800 relay of Vance, Burrey, Gulick and Henderson (1:50.64).

Taking fourth were the 6,400 relay of Bates, Hadley Boysel, Estella Wenger and Peyton Smith (24:32.64) and the 400 relay team of Vance, Burrey, Gulick and Henderson (51.36).

Taking sixth for Ben Logan was the 1,600 relay of Gulick, Burrey, Ella Chamberlain and Bates (4:30.58).

Lima Shawnee won the boys meet with 92 points. Delaware Hayes was second with 76, Bellefontaine had 72 points for its third-place finish. Wapakoneta was fourth (58.5), DeSales took fifth (53.5), Ben Logan had 50.5 points for sixth and Kenton was seventh (47.5).

Leading the BHS boys with wins were the 800 relay

of Caden Snapp, Jacob Henry, Kaiden Foulk and Harper Scott (1:34.30), the 6,400 relay of Hayden Maus, Jake Moreland, Seth Taylor and Tony Stewart (19:16.21) and the sprint medley of Snapp, Henry, Scott and Foulk (1:39.02).

Taking third for the Chiefs were the 400 relay of Snapp, Henry, Foulk and Scott (44.89), the 1,600 relay of Zavier May, Snapp, Scott and Foulk (3:41.30), the 3,200 relay of Oliver Grandstaff, Moreland, Wes Dunn and May (9:06.70), the distance medley of Maus, Alex Crabill, Dunn and Stewart (8:52.02) and the shot put team of Anthony Stamm, Jordan Hensley and Haiden Manns (126-6).

Taking fourth were the shuttle hurdles team of Henry, Brandon Wong, Ethan Orahood and Cayden Downing (1:09.61) and the discus group of Anthony Stamm, Hensley and Manns (323-10).

Adding a seventh-place finish was the long jump team of Blake Loomis, Dunn and Draven Drake (48-4.5)./

"We had several career bests despite the windy conditions," said Davis. "Winning three relays was exceptional. It was a nice balance between the distance crew and sprints."

Ben Logan's boys team was led by third-place finishes from the high jump team of Greyshan Bailey, Ethan Miller and Diesel Baughman (15-9) and the 800 relay of Carter Buck, Ben Chamberlain, Dylan Vance and Candin Tucker (1:37.11).

Finishing in fourth for the Raiders were the 1,600 relay team of Carter Buck, Chamberlain, Vance and Tyler Shoopman (3:41.89) and the long jump team of Ethan Miller, Evan Carpenter and Josh Rich (51-11.5).

Fifth-place finishes for BL went to Jacob Horton, Jaxon Bowman and Gus Bibart in the shot put (104-11) and discus (28 1/3), the sprint medley team of Collin Powell, Chamberlain and Tucker (46.02).

Taking sixth were the distance medley of Shoopman, Kyle Kibler, Carter Buck and Eric Hughes (9:28.30) and the shuttle hurdles team of Rich, Powell, Cooper Buck and Carter Buck (1:09.89).

Adding seventh-place finishes for the Raiders were the 3,200 relay team of Eli Rhodes, Landon Zehner, Owen Weeks and Maxwell Troth (9:37.89) and the 6,400 relay team of Rhodes, Gabe Elsassner, Weeks and Troth (22:14.05).

WL-S boys third, girls fourth at Minster

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

West Liberty-Salem's boys and girls track and field teams performed well in a tough field at the Minster Invitational on Saturday.

The boys team was third with 93 points. Marion Local won the meet with 139 points, Minter was second (111), the Tigers had 93 points, Versailles was fourth (34) and Ft. Loramie place fifth (32).

Asher Knox led the Tigers by winning the 3,200 (10:12.72).

Taking second for the WL-S boys were Jack Bahan in the 100 (11.23), Troy Bradley in the 200 (22.98) and Dylan King in the 3,200 (10:13.84).

Finishing in third for the Tigers were Bradley in the 400 (53.7), Bahan in the 200 (22.99), Mark Bair in the shot put (45-6.5) and the 800 relay team of Henderson, Bahan, Lauck and Bradley (1:35.8).

Bair placed fourth in the discus (148-1), while fifth-place efforts went to Knox in the 1,600 (4:44.32), Brevin Louden in the 400 (54.33), Quentin Rudolph in the 800 (2:07.66) and the

400 relay team of Sidders, Steider, Henderson and Petry (46.75).

Finishing in sixth were Jackson Steider in the 110 hurdles (16.39), Joey LaRoche in the 1,600 (4:47.01), the 3,200 relay team of Quentin Rudolph, King, Wallen and Barger (8:42.95) and the 1,600 relay of LaRoche, Bradley, Lauck and Louden (3:40.60).

Craig Stanford added a seventh-place finish in the pole vault (11-6).

The Lady Tigers finished fourth out of 16 teams. Ft. Loramie won with 142 points, Minster had 102 for second, Versailles was third (100.5), WL-S had 74 points and St. Henry took fifth (47.5)./

Powering the Tigers was junior Delaney Jones, who won the long jump in a school and meet record distance of 18-4.75) and won the 100 (16-06.25).

The previous school record of 16-06.25 was set by Kaylee LeVan in 2021.

Also taking first for the Tigers was Malia Miller in the 3,200 (12:08.08).

Finishing in second for WL-S were Mallory Bostick in the 400 (1:03.51) and the



400 relay team of Tori Douthwaite, Jones, Chloe Griffith and Claire Longshore (52.38).

The 3,200 relay team of Addie McAuley, Ashley Yoder, Malia Miller and Mallory Bostick placed third (10:16.09).

Fifth-place finishes included the 800 relay team of Sophia Hardwick, Hattie Jacobs, Claire Longshore and Gwen McCullough (1:52.11) and the 1,600 relay team of Gwen McCullough, Ashley Yoder, Addie McAuley and Mallory Bostick (4:25.66).

Finishing sixth were Sophia Hardwick in the 300 hurdles (49.72), Addie McAuley in the 1,600 (5:41.77), Claire Longshore in the 100 hurdles (16.76) and Gwen McCullough in the 400 (1:04.76).

Rounding out the scorers for the Tigers was Sophia Hardwick with a seventh-place finish in the 100 hurdles (16.89).

IL girls fifth, boys eighth at at Graham
 Indian Lake's girls track

and field team finished fifth and the boys squad was eighth at the Graham Invitational on Friday.

The Laker girls scored 45 points led by Addison Beck, who placed first in the long jump (15-2.25), fifth in the 200 (28.57), and eighth in the in high jump (4-8).

Ava Faler placed second in the long jump (15-2.5) and third in the pole vault (7-0). Reagan Rash was third in the 800 (2:41) and the 1,600 relay team of Ava Faler, Cameron Finfrock, KaiLea Miller and Reagan Rash was fifth (4:40).

The Lakers' 3,200 relay team of Miller, Evie Wagner, Hannah Metzger and Rash was fifth (11:39), Hannah Metzger was seventh in the 3,200 and Miller was eighth in the 1,600 (6:29).

Indian Lake's boys team had 31 points, led by Quest Clay, who placed first in the long jump (18-5). \

Gavin Henry was fifth in the 110 hurdles (17.24), Noah Shirk was seventh in the 110 hurdles (18.35) and seventh in the 300 hurdles (46.14), Grant McPherson was seventh in

the 400 (56.79), the 400 relay team of Drake Cosby, Quest Clay, Gavin Henry and Heath Wilson was fifth (47.11) and the 1,600 relay team of Cosby, McPherson, Bryan Mohler and Everett Wischmeyer was fifth (3:45).

The 800 relay team of Cosby, Cameron Freyhof, Heath Wilson and Vince Wilson was sixth (1:41).

Lady Cardinals take second at Graham
 Triad's girls track and field team placed second in the Graham Invitational on Friday.

Leading the Cardinals with wins were Kimber Instine in the high jump and Cayla Eaton in the 100 hurdles and 300 hurdles.

Finishing in second was the 800 relay team of Gracie Martin, Ashtyn Millice, Instine and Abbey Overfield and taking third were Overfield in the 400, Eaton in the long jump and the 1,600 relay of Millice, Martin, Instine and Overfield.

The Triad boys team was 12th.

Awsom Mitchell led the Cardinals with a second-place finish in the 200.

YOUTH BALL

TRAVEL BASEBALL
Chiefs 12U team gets win, tie
 The Bellefontaine Chiefs 12-and-under baseball team opened the sea-

son Saturday with a 5-5 tie against Tipp City Blaze. Sennett Stolly had a two-run double and Ean Fultz had a single and double.

Sammy Strayer, Rowen Daring and Stolly combined for 11 strikeouts on the mound. Bellefontaine then defeated the Blaze 8-7 on

Sunday. Fultz had the game-winning hit in the seventh inning. Rowen Daring, Hudson Banta and Dean Buffkin

each had two hits for the Chiefs. Fultz, Banta and Daring combined for 11 strikeouts on the mound.

Baseball

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Cardinals lose to WJ
 It was a tough day for Triad on Monday as the Cardinals lost to visiting West Jefferson 17-0 in five innings in Ohio Heritage Conference play. The Cardinals drop to 0-8 overall and 0-5 in the

OHC. West Jefferson is now 9-1, 4-0. West Jeff led 2-0 after two innings. The Roughriders then exploded for 11 runs in the third inning to lead 13-0. They added four more runs in the fourth. Triad was held to one hit. The Cardinals play at

West Jefferson today. **WEST JEFFERSON 17, TRIAD 0** (FIVE INNINGS)
 Roughriders 11(11) 40 - 17 13 0
 Cardinals. 000 00 - 0 1 2
 WP—Bogenrief; LP—Roberts.
Warriors blank Raiders
 Visiting Northwestern defeated Benjamin Logan 7-0 in a Central Buckeye Conference baseball game Monday.

The Raiders slip to 1-6 overall and 1-4 in the CBC. Northwestern is now 3-8, 2-4. After three scoreless innings, the Warriors broke through with four runs in the fourth inning. They went on to score four more in the fourth and two in the fifth.

Ben Logan was limited to one hit by the Warriors' Caleb Filler, who struck out eight and walked two. The Raiders are back in action today at home against Graham. **NORTHWESTERN 7 BEN LOGAN 0**
 Warriors. 000 420 1 - 7 9 1
 Raiders. 000 000 0 - 0 1 2
 WP—Filler; LP—Martin.

JUNIOR HIGH

TRACK AND FIELD Raiders compete in tri-meet
 Benjamin Logan's middle school track and field team competed in a tri-meet at Urbana on Monday. The girls team placed third and the boys team was second.

For the Ben Logan boys, getting wins were the 800 relay of Brycin Chrencik, Gabe Predmore, Jeremiah Parker and Brayden White (1:52.77), the 1,600 relay of Brock Bates, Michael Berry, Grayson Butler and Gabe Predmore (4:33.89) and Nate Mitchell in the shot put (32-7).

Finishing in second were Bates in the 110 hurdles (20.76), Chrencik in the 200 hurdles (32.08), the 400 relay team of Mitchell, Gabe Predmore, Parker and White (54.46), the 3,200 relay team of Michael Berry, Asher Boysel, Butler and McKale Watkins (32-2) and Maddox Vermillion in the high jump (5-0) and shot put (32-2).

Taking third for the BL boys were Parker in the 200 hurdles (32.66), Boysel in the 800 (2:51.28), Miles Grandbois in the 1,600 (7:50.96) and Jacob Canter in the discus (75-2).

Adding fourth-place finishes were Charlie Wolfe in the 200 (30.35), Bates in the 200 hurdles (32.74), Logan Watkins in the 1,600 (7:52.53), Aaron Gonzales in the discus (74-0), Parker in the long jump (13-9 1/4) and Chrencik in the high jump (4-10).

Leading the Ben Logan girls team with wins were Sara Miller in the 200 hurdles (35.46), Belen Palmer in the 200 (30.29), Paislee Rodenberger in the 800 (2:59.76), the 3,200 relay team of Mallory Chapman, Montana Coleman, Mia Ortiz and Cielo Wilcox (14:00.09), Addison Anderson in the high jump (4-5) and Penelope Elliott in the pole vault (7-6).

Finishing in second place for the Raiders were Annika Schmidt in the high jump (4-2), the 1,600 relay team of Chapman, Coleman, Zoey Dean and Gwen Smith (5:39.39) and Smith in the 1,600 (6:33.79) and 800 (3:04.18).

Taking third for the Raiders were Palmer in the 100 (13.98), Anderson in the 200 hurdles (36.59), the 400 relay team of Bea Warren, Leah Braddock, Marley Shields and Nahla Payne (1:01.28) and the 800 relay team of Warren, Braddock, Payne and Olivia Titus (2:13.40). Lottie Bodin added a fourth-place finish in the 800 (3:13.61).

JUNIOR VARSITY

SOFTBALL
Riverside gets win over ME
 Riverside's junior varsity softball team defeated Miami East 14-11 on Monday.

Zoey Ransbottom went 4-5 with a double and three RBI to lead the Pirates. Emilee Robinson went 2-2 and Avery Perk had six strikeouts in the pitching circle.

Chiefs fall to Minster
 Bellefontaine's junior varsity softball team lost to Minster 3-2. Alayna Boyd led the Chiefs with two hits and two stolen bases. Maci Flesher and Courtney Knight each had an RBI.

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Entertainment

'Civil War' declares victory at the box office, toppling 'Godzilla x Kong'

BY LINDSEY BAHR
AP FILM WRITER

Alex Garland's provocative "Civil War" didn't only ignite the discourse. The film also inspired audiences to go to the cinemas this weekend where it surpassed expectations and earned \$25.7 million in ticket sales in North America, according to studio estimates Sunday.

It's the biggest R-rated opening of the year to date and a record for A24, the studio behind films like "Everything Everywhere All at Once" and "The Iron Claw." "Civil War" also unseated "Godzilla x Kong" from its perch atop the box office. The titan movie from Warner Bros. had held the No. 1 spot for the past two weekends.

"Civil War," starring Kirsten Dunst, Wagner Moura and Cailee Spaeny as front-line journalists in the near future covering a devastating conflict in the U.S. and trying to make their way to Washington, D.C. The story, written by Garland, who is also the mind behind "Ex

Machina" and "Annihilation," imagines a U.S. in which California and Texas have united against a president who has disbanded the FBI and given himself a third term.

Though entirely fictional, "Civil War" has been inspiring debates since the first trailer that have extended beyond the musings of film critics and traditional reviews. This weekend, The New York Times ran two opinion pieces related to the movie, one by Stephen Marche and another by Michelle Goldberg. There were also pieces on CNN and Politico.

Going into the weekend, projections pegged the film to debut in the \$15 to \$24 million range. The studio said "Civil War" overperformed in markets "from LA to El Paso." The data analytics company EntTelligence reported that the film has attracted over 1.7 million patrons this weekend and that the top three markets were Los Angeles, New York and Dallas.

"The title alone is enough

to spark a conversation in a year where the political discourse is top of mind," said Paul Dergarabedian, the senior media analyst for Comscore. "And they couldn't have picked a better date. This movie is perfectly timed in a month that is very quiet."

The film opened on 3,838 screens in the U.S. and Canada, including IMAX. It's the most expensive movie that the studio has ever made, with a production budget of \$50 million, which does not account for millions spent on marketing and promotion.

IMAX showings of "Civil War," which was playing on 400 of the large format screens, accounted for \$4.2 million, or 16.5% of the domestic total.

Reviews have been largely positive. It's currently at 83% on Rotten Tomatoes, with a 77% audience score. Its CinemaScore was a B-, which has sometimes indicated that word of mouth might not be strong going forward. But that might not be the case with "Civil War," which does-

n't have a tremendous amount of competition over the next few weeks until "The Fall Guy" opens on May 3.

"You have to take all the metrics together, including the competitive landscape," Dergarabedian said.

But it is a notable win for the studio, which doesn't always open films nationwide out of the gates. Before "Civil War," A24's biggest debut was the Ari Aster horror "Hereditary," which opened to \$13.6 million in 2018.

"This isn't destined to be a \$200 million global blockbuster. But it's a very high-profile win for A24," Dergarabedian said. "They're a studio that pushes the envelope. They're a brand associated with a certain level of quality and filmmaking expertise, pushing boundaries and taking risks. It's well-earned over the years."

Second place went to "Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire," which earned \$15.5 million in its third weekend to bring its running domestic total to nearly \$158 million. Another "Empire" movie,

Sony's "Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire," took third place in its fourth weekend with \$5.8 million. It's now at \$160 million worldwide.

Rounding out the top five was Universal and DreamWorks' "Kung Fu Panda 4," in fourth with \$5.5 million in weekend six, and "Dune: Part Two" with \$4.3 million in its seventh weekend. "Dune 2" has now earned \$272 million domestically.

This weekend also saw the box office year-to-date comparisons take a big hit. Last year, "The Super Mario Bros. Movie" brought in over \$92 million in its second weekend in theaters. On the same weekend in 2023, the top 10 accounted for over \$142 million, compared to this year's \$68.4 million. The year to date is back down to 16% after seeing some recovery with the success of "Dune: Part Two."

"The box office has been a seesaw," Dergarabedian said. "But we all knew this was going to be a rough month for comps because of 'Mario.'"

WEEKEND TICKET SALES

- "Civil War," \$25.7 million.
- "Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire," \$15.5 million.
- "Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire," \$5.8 million.
- "Kung Fu Panda 4," \$5.5 million.
- "Dune: Part Two," \$4.3 million.
- "Monkey Man," \$4.1 million.
- "The First Omen," \$3.8 million.
- "The Long Game," \$1.4 million.
- "Shrek 2," \$1.4 million.
- "SUGA - Agust D Tour 'D-DAY' The Movie," \$990,881.

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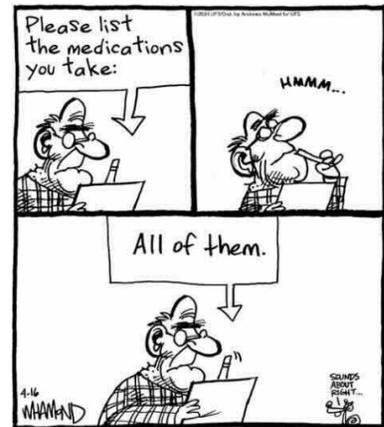
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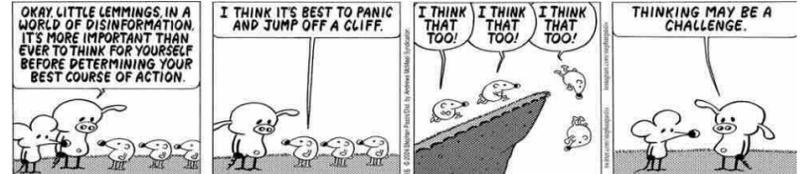
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- "Zounds!"
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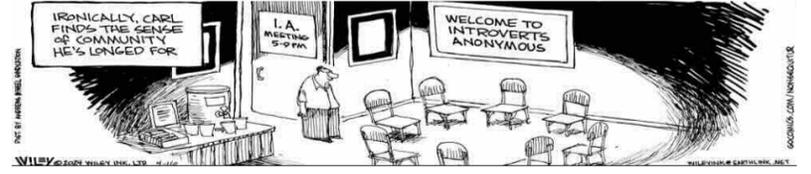
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Horoscopes

ROYAL STARS | FROM KING FEATURES SYNDICATE By Georgia Nicols

MOON ALERT: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Leo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, April 16, 2024. You are charming, witty and warm. You have a deep understanding of life and its challenges, which makes you sympathetic to others. This year is a fresh beginning for you, because you're starting a new nine-year cycle. Be courageous, flexible and open to new possibilities.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Enjoy playful activities with kids, sports events, social outings and anything to do with the entertainment world or show business today. You want to have fun. It's a great day to socialize as well as explore romantic possibilities. Nevertheless, feelings are intense. Tonight: You've got this.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★ Keep a low profile today. If you can, work from home, behind the scenes or by yourself, because you need some solitude and a chance to get your ducks in a row. Nevertheless, you might feel competitive with someone or be involved in some physical sports or teamwork. Tonight: Solitude.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You're in your element today. If you can take a short trip or travel somewhere, by all means, do so. You feel curious about the world around you, which means you will enjoy meeting new faces and seeing new places. You also might be keen to persuade someone to your way of thinking. Tonight: Friendships.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You're in a very strong position today. This means that bosses from your past or authority figures you haven't seen for a while (including parents) might help you, especially in financial matters. You might see ways to boost your earnings or get a better paying job. Tonight: You're admired.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You're empowered today, because the Moon is in your sign, which happens for two and a half days every month. When this occurs, although you are more emotional than usual, you are also luckier! Therefore, why not test this out? Ask the universe for a favor. (At least, a good parking spot.) Tonight: Explore!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★ Today you might choose to work alone or behind the scenes because it feels better. It's a good time to deal with red-tape issues related to insurance matters, inheritances, taxes, debt and shared property. Finish up ahead of business. You'll come out ahead. Tonight: Check your finances.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ This is a lovely day to schmooze with others. In particular, you might enjoy a conversation with a female friend, colleague or a member of a group. At this time, you will attract friendly people to you, which is why your romantic chances are quite pleasing. Enjoy! Tonight: Socialize.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★ Admittedly, Mercury retrograde has been creating silly errors, glitches and delays in your world, especially at work. These delays also might relate to your health. Today, however, you're high-viz, which is why people notice you and seem to know personal details about your life. Tonight: Work.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ This is an adventurous day because psychologically, you want something to happen. Ideally, you might get a chance to travel or at least see a new neighborhood, encounter new faces and enjoy new places. It will also please you to learn something new. You want to expand your world. Tonight: Conversations!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★ Focus on practical matters today, especially debt and shared property. This also might include inheritances, taxes and insurance issues. Meanwhile, family reunions and contact with relatives you haven't seen for a while are likely. Enjoy redecorating and entertaining. Tonight: Relax.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★ Today the Moon is opposite your sign, as it is for two and a half days every month. When this occurs, you have to be more conciliatory and prepared to go more than halfway when dealing with others. It's no biggie. In two weeks, when the Moon is in your sign, people have to come to you. Tonight: Conversations!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★ Do what you can to get organized today. It will make you feel better. With Mars in your sign now, you certainly have the energy to do this. You also might enjoy buying beautiful things for yourself and for loved ones. Tonight: Check your belongings.

BORN TODAY
Actress Sadie Sink (2002), actress Claire Foy (1984), actor Martin Lawrence (1965)

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April 16, 2023

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Washington Township Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing for a parcel split variance application Monday, April 29, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the Washington Township Hall located at 7464 County Rd. 91, Lewistown, Ohio 43333. Roger Aporthe is requesting that parcel 51-032-16-01-008-000, located at 8303 S R 366, Russells Point, OH 43348, be split into five parcels. Zoning Appeals Board Steve Strauser, Chair Gary L. Bias, Zoning Inspector
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In the State of Ohio, Logan County, Court of Common Pleas

Freedom Mortgage Corporation Plaintiff vs. Suzan Ferryman-Miller, et al. Defendant, Case No. CV23-09-0277

In pursuance of an Order of Sale in the above entitled action, I will offer for sale at public auction online at <https://logan.sherriffsaleauction.ohio.gov/> on Wednesday, the 15th day of May, 2024, at 1:00 o'clock p.m. If the property remains unsold after the first auction, it will be offered for sale at auction again on Wednesday, the 22nd day of May, 2024 at the same time and place, the following described real estate, to wit:

Situated in the County of Logan, State of Ohio, City of Bellefontaine, Township of Lake: Being part of Lot Number Nine Hundred Sixty-seven (967) beginning at the West line of said lot twelve feet from the N.W. Corner thereof; hence southerly along the West line of said Lot 120 feet; thence with angles with said West line in an Easterly direction to the East line of said lot; thence with East line in a Northerly direction to a point in said line twelve feet South of the N.E. Corner of said lot; thence at right angles with said line West to the beginning. EXCEPTING THEREFROM the following described parts thereof: Beginning at a point 105 feet 2 inches South of the N.W. Corner of said Lot 967 and in the West line of said lot and East line of Lawrence Street; thence South 26 feet and 8 inches with the West line of said lot; thence East 103 feet and 4 inches to the East line of said lot and in the West line of tract of land owned by the Citizens Ice and Supply Company; thence North with the East line of said lot and the West line of Ice Company's land 26 feet and 8 inches; thence W. 103 feet and 4 inches to the place of beginning as heretofore sold and conveyed to the City of Bellefontaine.

Said premises located at: 404 Lawrence St., Bellefontaine, OH 43311 PPN: 17-091-07-18-009-000 Said premises appraised at \$75,000 and cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of this amount. Appraisals are completed by viewing the outside of the property only. Required Deposit: \$5,000

TERMS OF SALE: Property cannot be sold for less than two-thirds for the the appraised value. Required Deposit in cash or certified funds due at the time of the sale and balance in cash or certified check upon confirmation of sale. If Judgment Creditor is purchaser, no deposit is required.

TERMS OF SECOND SALE: Property to be sold without regard to the minimum bid requirement 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. Randall Dodds, Sheriff Logan County, Ohio Carrie L. Davis (0083281) Reisenfeld & Associates LLC 3962 Red Bank Road Cincinnati, OH 45227 Voice: 1-513-322-7000 Facsimile: 1-513-322-7099
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Festival

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thanks to the Holland Theatre opening up their space to us and the community," Co-Director Myles Bowers said.

The show kicked off Friday evening, April 12, with the art display and also included the free concert featuring the nearly 70-member Logan County Honors Band directed by Guest Conductor Stephan Naylor of Wright State University. The art show also was open for public viewing Saturday afternoon, April 13, and Sunday afternoon, April 14.

"It was an enjoyable weekend for all, and it was well-attended," Bowers said.

"I had a lot of people express to me that they were thankful that it was open all weekend," Davis said. "One girl who stopped by Saturday had a Friday evening track meet, so her family was glad to be able to



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see her art on another day."

Rush Creek Art Studio kindly donated art supplies to be given as prizes for the Best of Show artists at the elementary, middle and high school levels.

The elementary winner was Indian Lake student Cheyenne Pender for her weaving; middle school winner was Calvary Christian student Kelaiah Hermiller for her graphite piece; and the high school winner was Maggie Reese

from Indian Lake for her oil painting.

Davis, a Benjamin Logan High School art teacher, said each of the art teachers at the Logan County school buildings were able to select 10 student pieces for the art display. Next year, the hope is to double the entries for the show by also utilizing the front foyer area of the Holland Theatre for artwork as well.

Honors band members were selected by each band

director around the county, noted Bowers, a Benjamin Logan music teacher and band director. The pupils rehearsed for about five hours during the school day Friday under Naylor's direction.

Six Hundred Downtown generously provided lunch for the honors band on rehearsal day.

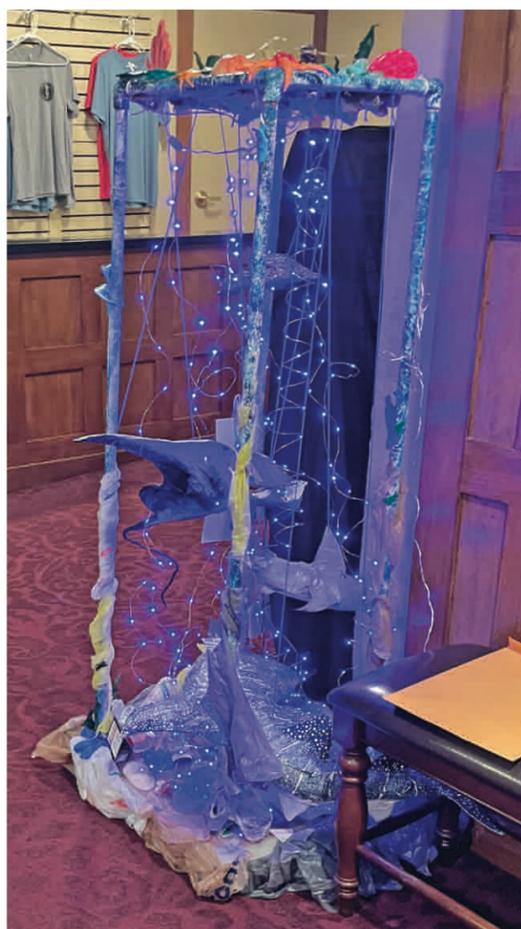
"The students enjoyed dining together at the restaurant and had a wonderful day getting to meet musicians from other schools and performing together," Bowers said. "It was a great opportunity for them."

"Stephan Naylor, a native of Chicago, said he had a great time being in our town and enjoyed all of the hospitality here."

Six Hundred Downtown also gave a financial contribution to assist with costs of the art show.

The Powell Company based in Lima provided a financial contribution which covered the cost of hiring Naylor for the Honors Band Concert.

LoCo Art and the Holland Theatre covered remaining costs of the



Indian Lake High School senior Riley Rash created this lighted ocean-themed mixed media piece at the Logan County Art and Music Festival. (EXAMINER PHOTO | MANDY LOEHR)

event.

"Thank you to all of the Logan County community that attended the weekend's events," Davis said. "We look forward to celebrating the arts and the talented youth with you again in 2025."

In addition, LoCo Art is prepping for a Stress Less!

Camp, set for June 24-28.

The Stress Less programming was funded by United Way, Midwest Regional ESC, the Ohio Arts Council and Hess Lumber.

The camp will be for students in grades 5-12 and registration will open in early May at <https://locoartspot.com>.

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The Logan County Honors Band under the direction of guest conductor Stephan Naylor of Wright State University performs Friday evening at the festival. (EXAMINER PHOTO | MANDY LOEHR)



Outdoor Power CDE team takes fourth place

Three Benjamin Logan FFA members Chase Miller, Peyton Henry and Colton Musser of Benjamin Logan FFA recently earned fourth place in the District 6 Outdoor Power CDE at Tri Rivers in Marion. The Outdoor Power CDE is a hands-on event where students perform various shop skills. In the contest, students had to complete a fuels and oil exercise, identify engine tools and parts, perform an dial caliper practicum, measure and find specifications for valve clearances, find engine specifications in manuals, and complete small engine troubleshooting station. "The competition was not only fun, but a great experience for all of us," Henry said. (BENJAMIN LOGAN PHOTO)



BES first-grade artists host Night to Shine

Students at Bellefontaine Elementary School showcased their artistic and musical skills Thursday night, April 11.

A large crowd attended the First-Grade "Night to Shine." Artwork was on display throughout the building. Parents and grandparents viewed the artwork, then enjoyed a series of concerts led by music instructor Brian Timpe. The art educator at the elementary school is Katina Elwood. The kindergarten "Night to Shine" is set for May 7 at the elementary school. (BCS PHOTO)