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Mary Rutan Foundation partners with BPD to place permanent medication drop box

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

A medication drop box was recently placed in the lobby of the Bellefontaine Police Department making it the fifth drop box in Logan County to be funded by Mary Rutan Foundation as a benefit to our community. Residents of Logan County now have several easily accessible locations to dispose of unused or expired medications.

Prescription medications left expired and unwanted in the home are a public safety issue

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From the left, Bellefontaine Police Department Chief Chris Marlow and Evidence Technician Greg VanBuskirk are pictured with retired COO of Mary Rutan Foundation Tammy Allison. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)



INDIAN LAKE DISASTER

County provides storm recovery updates

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Governor DeWine submitted a request Friday, April 19, for the Small Business Administration to proceed with an independent declaration for Logan County related to the March 14 tornado, county officials report.

If the SBA issues their declaration independently, then Auglaize and Union Counties would also be eligible to apply for those loan funds.

The State Individual Assistance Program will also be opened once the SBA Agency Only declaration is issued. That funding will provide grants directly to individuals who cannot qualify for an SBA loan.

Details on the process will be forthcoming once the programs are available.

In other storm recovery related matters, Logan County Solid Waste and Emergency Management Agency officials conducted their weekly driving tour to identify areas that are ready for debris pickup and also locate areas still in need of cleanup assistance. Referrals have been made so that trucks can be scheduled for clearing piled up debris.

The Logan County Long Term Recovery Team has begun conducting casework assessments for individuals and families impacted by the tornado. Referrals and connections for housing assistance are actively being processed as they are known.

The United Way of Logan County continues to meet with clients who have scheduled appointments and has released information on the amount of funding disbursed so far, along with a breakdown of the types of assistance that were provided.

The Indian Lake Central Distribution Center is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday at the old Laker Tire Building, 431 Madison Avenue, Russells Point.

Items such as toiletries, water, food, diapers, batteries, etc. are available. Contact the Center Manager Michelle Grandi at (937) 844-2399 before organizing, collecting or sending any further donations.

The Logan County Community Recovery Planning Committee will meet again at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, at the Job and Family Services Training Room, 1 Hunter Place in Bellefontaine.

The committee has established sub-committees for specific areas of concern including: Housing, Business and Economic Recovery, Long Term Recovery, Transportation, Infrastructure, Legal Advocacy and Communications.

The group is preparing for a Community Recovery Open House, scheduled for Thursday, May 2, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Indian Lake High School.

Subcommittees on Housing and Long Term Recovery have already had preliminary meetings and are actively working to provide assistance.

Bestselling Dopesick author visits Ben Logan High School



Beth Macy, standing, right, New York Times bestselling author of Dopesick, stopped by Benjamin Logan High School Friday morning, for the school's academic assist period. (EXAMINER PHOTO | SHARYN KOPF)

BY SHARYN KOPF
EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

Benjamin Logan High School (BLHS) welcomed New York Times bestselling author Beth Macy during a Friday, April 19, academic assist period.

Macy's book, "Dopesick: Dealers, Doctors and the Drug Company that Addicted America," was a Times Book of the Year and became an award-winning, eight-part Hulu miniseries starring Michael Keaton.

Writing investigative work like Dopesick was a natural progression for Macy, who started her career as a journalist after graduating from Bowling Green State University. Her books have been at least partially inspired by her

time as an investigative reporter, mainly at the Roanoke Times in Virginia.

But Macy is a native Ohioan, having grown up in Urbana. In fact, she attended high school with retired BLHS physical education teacher Doug Rutan, who connected her with (BLHS) English teacher Michelle Lane, which led to Friday's presentation.

"I was the first one in my family to go to college," she said.

"And it saved my life."

Though quiet as a child, Macy's love for writing led her into journalism. While working as a reporter, Macy found the subject for her first book, titled "Factory Man: How One Furniture Maker Battled Offshoring, Stayed Local—and Helped Save an American Town." It was an instant best-seller when it was released in 2014.

That same year, Macy wrote a book proposal for Dopesick. The term "dopesick" is slang for opiate withdrawal symptoms.

The book is based on a story Macy wrote for the newspaper about how heroin had infiltrated wealthy families in the suburbs. She traced the problem to OxyContin and the promise it

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4/20 grew from humble roots to marijuana's high holiday

SEATTLE (AP) — Saturday marks marijuana culture's high holiday, 4/20, when college students gather — at 4:20 p.m. — in clouds of smoke on campus quads and pot shops in legal-weed states thank their customers with discounts.

This year's edition provides an occasion for activists to reflect on how far their movement has come, with recreational pot now allowed in nearly half the states and the nation's capital. Many states have instituted "social equity" measures to help communities of color, harmed the most by the drug war, reap financial benefits from legalization. And the White House has shown an openness to marijuana reform.

Here's a look at 4/20's history:

WHY 4/20?

The origins of the date, and the term "420" generally, were

long murky. Some claimed it referred to a police code for marijuana possession or that it derived from Bob Dylan's "Rainy Day Women No. 12 & 35," with its refrain of "Everybody must get stoned" — 420 being the product of 12 times 35.

But the prevailing explanation is that it started in the 1970s with a group of bell-bottomed buddies from San Rafael High School, in California's Marin County north of San Francisco, who called themselves "the Waldos." A friend's brother was afraid of getting busted for a patch of cannabis he was growing in the woods at nearby Point Reyes, so he drew a map and gave the teens permission to harvest the crop, the story goes.

During fall 1971, at 4:20 p.m., just after classes and football practice, the group would meet up at the school's statue of

chemist Louis Pasteur, smoke a joint and head out to search for the weed patch. They never did find it, but their private lexicon — "420 Louie" and later just "420" — would take on a life of its own.

The Waldos saved post-marked letters and other artifacts from the 1970s referencing "420," which they now keep in a bank vault, and when the Oxford English Dictionary added the term in 2017, it cited some of those documents as the earliest recorded uses.

HOW DID '420' SPREAD?

A brother of one of the Waldos was a close friend of Grateful Dead bassist Phil Lesh, as Lesh once confirmed in an interview with the Huffington Post, now HuffPost. The Waldos

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State Park Manager: Community-backing buoys Indian Lake's recovery from storm, weed issues

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Hedie Whitman, manager of the Indian Lake and Kiser Lake state parks, was the guest speaker Tuesday, April 16 at the Legislative Impact meeting at Mary Rutan Health Center, 1134 N. Main St.

The Logan County Chamber of Commerce organizes and hosts the monthly meetings at various locations around the county.

Whitman, who has served the state park system for the past 29 summers — the last four in her present position — touched on several topics, such as park revenue and statistics, tornado recovery, eclipse handling, on-going algae and vegetation removal efforts at Indian Lake as

well as current and future park projects.

"I think we rank Number One," Whitman said, in telling attendees Indian Lake State Park with an annual revenue of about \$2 million currently ranks third in the state behind Hocking Hills and Mohican state parks.

ILSP's revenue comes from several sources like the 500 state-owned boat docks and 6,000 private ones that bring in about \$687,000 annually, she noted.

There are 460 campsites — 360 primitive and 100 full hook-up sites — that generates about \$187,000 yearly along with the camp store that makes around \$67,000.

The park manager relayed

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A new nature center for youths is being built at Indian Lake State Park. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

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ABE MARTIN

 "You've got t' be fifty-nine
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'Examiner' staff member transported after U.S. 68 crash

Hollie Hubbard, 45, marketing director at the Bellefontaine Examiner, sustained minor injuries and was transported by Macochee Joint Ambulance District to Mary Rutan Hospital, where she was treated and released.

Mrs. Hubbard was northbound on U.S. Route 68 stopped about 3:35 p.m. for a southbound West Liberty-Salem Schools bus, which was stopped to let students off the bus.

Her 2021 Jeep Wrangler was then struck from the rear by a northbound pickup truck operated by Naaman Stidham, 16, of West Liberty.

The driver of a car stopped behind Mrs. Hubbard saw the approaching Stidham pickup, took evasive action and drove into a yard off the right side of the road to avoid being struck by the vehicle.

Nether Stidham nor any of the occupants/students getting off of the nearby bus were injured.

Troopers of the Marysville Post of the Ohio State Highway are investigating the crash. Citations are pending for Stidham.

Troopers were assisted by the West Liberty Fire Department, Macochee Joint Ambulance District and Shafer's Garage & Towing.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP POLICE

Driver charged with OVI

William Cunningham Jr., 48, of Lakeview, was charged with operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs relating to a traffic stop about 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 17.

Officers from the Washington Township Police Department on patrol on Township Road 239 near State Route 720 and conducted a traffic stop on Cunningham for a turn signal violation.

Upon making contact with the defendant, signs of impairment were observed. He was asked to submit to a breath test and Cunningham reportedly asked the officers to just take him to jail. He was taken into custody and transported to the Bellefontaine Police Department. Once there, William was asked to submit to a breath test. William tested 0.193 blood alcohol content.

He was then lodged in the Logan County Jail and also was cited for driving under suspension and a turn signal violation.

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leading to potential accidental poisoning, misuse and overdose. Studies indicate that many abused drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.

Proper disposal of unused drugs saves lives and protects the environment and our overall community.

Prescription Drug Take Back Days occur annually in the spring and fall nationwide. But with drop boxes permanently located in Logan County, residents can safely dispose of their medications 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year at the following locations:

- Logan County Sheriff's Office at 284 S. County Road 32, Bellefontaine
- Russells Point Police Department at 433 Orchard Island Road, Russells Point
- Mary Rutan Hospital Emergency Department at 205 East Palmer Road,

Bellefontaine
 • Bellefontaine Police Department at 135 N. Detroit St., Bellefontaine
 Other drop boxes are available during retail pharmacy hours:

- Community Market Pharmacy at 878 E. Sandusky Ave., Bellefontaine
- CVS Pharmacy at 143 E. Sandusky Ave., Bellefontaine
- Mary Rutan Health Center Retail Pharmacy at 1134 N. Main St., Bellefontaine

Items that can be dropped off are pills and patches including prescription medication, over-the-counter drugs, medication samples and pet medication. Drop boxes are NOT meant for needles, syringes (sharps), thermometers, liquids, or inhalers.

To protect a person's privacy, any identifying information on the medication should be completely blacked out.

The first permanent drop box was placed by the Mary Rutan Foundation at the sheriff's office in 2013.

Bradley selected for Ohio FFA Band

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Benjamin Logan FFA announces that sophomore Haley Bradley has been selected to perform in the Ohio FFA Band.

She will be working with FFA members from across the state to create a musical concert at the Ohio State Fairgrounds May 3.

"I joined FFA band because I've always had a passion for music, and I

wanted to be part of a community where I could share that passion with others who have similar interests," Haley said.

"I enjoy being in FFA,

and I found FFA band as an opportunity to meet new people, and gain potential in my chapter, as well as challenge my skills as a musician."



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LOCAL NOTES

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.

Local Emergency Planning Committee meet April 23

The Logan County Local Emergency Planning Committee conducts their regular meeting at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, in the Logan County Engineer's Highway Garage, 1991 County Road 13, Bellefontaine.

Author

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was a "safe" drug. Instead, it served as a gateway drug as people addicted to the pills would then switch to heroin.

Macy's research motivated her to delve deeper.

"We've lost over a million people since OxyContin was introduced in 1996," she stated.

As important as the book was, Macy admitted she struggled with anxiety, depression and even fear. Being one of the first journalists to write about the problem to a national audience wasn't easy. Especially when it came to the phar-

maceutical company that brought us OxyContin, Purdue Pharma, which claimed her research wasn't sound.

But Macy continues to pursue the true, difficult stories. With four bestsellers to her name, she's currently working on the next one. This book will delve into her life growing up in Urbana and discuss solutions to the drug crisis.

"I'm a journalist, so everything I write is true," Macy concluded. "I always go with the story that makes the hair stand up on the back of my neck."

All four of Beth Macy's books are available online.

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OBITUARIES

Donald W. Cordrey

Donald W. Cordrey, 78, of Wilmington, Ohio passed away peacefully Thursday, April 18, 2024, at his residence surrounded by family. His wife, Alice J. Kirkpatrick Cordrey, survives. They were married on September 20, 1964.

He was born October 9, 1945 in Bellefontaine, Ohio, son of the late Walter and Vadah Titus Cordrey. He was a 1964 graduate of DeGraff High School.

Don managed Landmark in Bellefontaine and Wilmington and then became a longtime seed salesman for Settlemire Seed Company. He eventually retired from New Sabina Industries. In his retirement, he worked for many years at Smith Funeral Home in Wilmington and in New Vienna and also drove a cab for the Wilmington Transit Company.

Don was a member of Wilmington Masonic Lodge No. 52, Scottish Rite Valley of Cincinnati, and the Cary Chapter 221 of the Order of Eastern Star. He was a member and past elder of the Wilmington Church of Christ. He attended the Walk to Emmaus number 44. He was a longtime Farm Bureau member and former member of the Jaycees in Bucyrus and Wilmington. Don enjoyed hunting, fishing, bowling, and coached baseball for many years.

In addition to his wife, Don is survived by his children, D. Wayne (Kim) Cordrey Jr. of Sabina, Ohio, Duane D. (Carol) Cordrey of Mount Airy, Maryland, and Jean Ann (Todd) Cloud of Springboro, Ohio; brother, Darryl (Beth) Cordrey of Urbana, Ohio; sisters, Viola Bishop of Bellefontaine, Ohio, Dolores Messner of Winston Salem, North Carolina, and Sharon (Bob) Goozee of Lake Placid, Florida; grandchildren, Rebecca (Aaron) Laws, Rachel (Joey Woodgear) Cordrey, Matt (Allie) Kibler, Trenton Cordrey, Cordell (Katie) Cordrey, Elisabeth Cordrey, Braden Cordrey, Derek Cloud, Camden (Emily) Vinup, and Cara Vinup; ten great-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren due in August; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant son, Dale W. Cordrey; a sister, Phyllis Cordrey; and a great-granddaughter.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 26, at Smith Funeral Home, 327 N. South Street, Wilmington, Ohio. A funeral service with Danny Harp officiating will begin at 7 p.m. Friday. A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 27 at Huntsville Cemetery in Logan County, Ohio.

If desired, contributions in Don's memory may be made to Community Care Hospice, 1669 Rombach Ave., Wilmington, OH 45177.

For more information or to leave a note of condolence visit www.smithandsonfuneralhomes.com.

John Keith Houchin

John Keith Houchin, 71, of Bellefontaine, passed away on Friday, April 19, 2024, at Lima Memorial Health Systems.

He was born in Bellefontaine, Ohio on August 20, 1952, to the late Robert and Alice (Turner) Houchin.

On June 6, 1974, he married the former Ronda Parmer, and she preceded him in death on November 27, 2018. He is also preceded in death by his brother, Michael Houchin and brother-in-law, Mike Day.

He is survived by his children: Jeremy Houchin, Jason (Alicia) Houchin, and Chad Houchin; grandchildren: Jacob (Katelyn) Lance (Aubrey), Garrison, Rayvin, Jetta, Kaci, Tyler, Jersey, and Gracie; great grandchildren: Jaxton, Raelyn, Jordyn, Beau, Chase, and Marie; brother, Greg (Ann) Houchin; sisters-in-law: Anita Day, Karen Parmer, Melanie (Brian) Geboy; brothers-in-law: Jerry (Jeannie) Parmer, Dean Parmer and Doug Parmer; and nieces and nephews: Dawn, Chris, Rob, Matt, and Denae.

Those that really knew John knew they could find him at McDonald's every day drinking a coffee and talking with friends. He also loved attending church at Hillcrest Baptist in Bellefontaine. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

Pastor Daniel McCarty will officiate a funeral service at 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, at the Eichholtz Daring & Sanford Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 321 N. Main Street, Bellefontaine. Visitation will be two hours prior from 3 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

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

Mary Kathleen 'Kathy' Lowe

Mary Kathleen 'Kathy' Lowe passed away March 25, 2024, in Plant City, Fla.

She was born Sept. 6, 1954, in Bellefontaine, a daughter of Vernon Eugene Adkins and Rena Carol Peele, who preceded her in death. She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Summer Lyn Goings, and her grandson, Lane Richard Meade.

She married Rick Lowe on Oct. 8, 2000, in Florida, and he survives, along with children, Becky (Greg) Meade, Larry (Challie) Goings, LeighAnn (Brad) Swank, Chris Lowe, Jeff (Sara) Lowe and Andrea (Jason) Keller; grandchildren Luke Meade, Bailey (Hunter) Koehler, Taylor (Logan) Renner, Hunter (Tori) Goings, Kaety and Lilly Swank; Blythe, Kaya, George and Corwin Lowe; James, Ellie, Evan, Joy, Emmie and Lucy Beth Lowe; Aly and Lexi Reames; and Aidan, Hudson and Eli Keller; great-grandchildren, Ridge Koehler; Wyatt, Rhett, Ellie and Bennett Renner; and Ozzy Goings; siblings Vernon (Michelle) Adkins, Rena Smith and Larry Adkins; and several nieces and nephews.

She was retired from Honda and was an excellent golfer, loved the Miami Dolphins and her boxer puppies.

Her family will host a memorial service at a later date.

Daniel James Mahaffey

On Friday, April 12, 2024, Daniel James Mahaffey, went peacefully home to Jesus.

He is survived by his loving wife, Angie; son, Eli; father, Jim Mahaffey; mother, Dianne (Duktig) Mahaffey; brother, Ben Mahaffey; and sister, Laurie (Mahaffey) Harper. He leaves many other family members, friends, his sweet dog Daisy, and cat Luna, who will sadly miss him.

On December 30, 2000, he met the love of his life Angie and bonded over their mutual appreciation for God, music,

books, and life. They continued to share this throughout their happy marriage. They wed in June 2002 and November 17, 2005, Dan and Angie were blessed with the birth of their amazing son, Elijah James. His family meant more to him than anything else in the world, something he proudly and often mentioned. He was endlessly proud of Eli and always supportive of him whether it was school, music, or sports.

After graduating from Gahanna Lincoln High School, he went to study Music Education and graduated from Bowling Green University. In 2004, Dan told his family he wanted to be a Pastor and attended Mount Vernon where he received his BA in Religion. The family moved to Kansas City, MO so Dan could study at Nazarene Theological Seminary (NTS) where he received his Master of Divinity.

Upon graduating from NTS, God called their family to Buckhannon where he first was a worship pastor and within the year became a senior pastor. He also served as an unofficial pastor for the School of Nursing at West Virginia Wesleyan College where he made him available to the faculty and students and participated in the "Blessing of the Hands" ceremony. He loved the congregation and the community of Buckhannon. He was passionate about sharing the love of God with others. He would often refer to Matthew 22: 37-40; To Love God with everything in you, To love all people, And to Love yourself (paraphrased).

Dan has always had a love of music. He sang as a young boy at church, playing the tuba and piano, singing in choir, in the band at Bowling Green and especially leading his congregation at church in worshiping the Lord with singing. He played the piano and sang loud and proud!

Dan, we will miss you immensely. You were a "go-to" for many when life got rough, you were a beacon of sanity in this crazy world, and a comfort when we needed clarity. You were always someone we could count on. You always gave it 110% and never stopped fighting for what's right.

Dan's passion and integrity to those he loved was unwavering. His infectious smile and laugh will live forever.

A Celebration of Life and Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at New Life Church, 3690 North Stygler Road, Gahanna, Ohio 43230. Immediately following we invite you to the church cafe to share memories. It was his wish that we laugh, reminisce, and smile together during this time.

Forever Loved, Forever Missed, & Forever in Our Hearts.

Fredrick J. Meredith

Fredrick J. Meredith, 98, of Bellefontaine was welcomed into the loving embrace of his heavenly Father on Thursday, April 18, 2024.



He was born in Bellefontaine, OH on June 17, 1925 to the late Emery and Hazel (Hullinger) Meredith.

On March 7, 1946, he married the former Ruth Kindell and she preceded him in death, by only 11 days, on April 7, 2024. He is also preceded in death by a daughter Kay Ann Meredith, brother and sister-in-law Emery "Lewie" (Nan) Meredith, a son-in-law Ed Wallace, a nephew, niece and honorary family member, Kathy Ramsey.

He leaves behind two daughters: Cathy Wallace and Theda (Mike) Moore; four grandsons: Nicholas (Angie) Wallace, Brandon (Bethany) Moore, Darick (Paige) Moore, Matthew (Brandee) Moore; 10 great grandchildren: Allie, Nate, Laney, Cooper, Emma, Hudson, Harper, Luci, Oliver and Theo; a niece and honorary family member Rick Ramsey.

Fred was a proud veteran of the United States Army, having dropped out of school to serve during WWII, including the Normandy Beach invasion. He served as a Captain of the Ohio Defense Corp (ODC). He later earned his GED. He was an active member of the First Christian Church in Bellefontaine where he was a member of the Pilot Class, and served as a Deacon, a member of the Bellefontaine Masonic Lodge #209, he had a private pilot license which was a childhood dream of his. In his free time, he enjoyed golfing, mushroom hunting, collecting coins, watching his grandchildren and great grandchildren in sporting events and musical performances, watching OSU Buckeyes no matter what sport, mowing his lawn, and lending a helping hand to whoever needed it.

Fred was employed at A J Miller Co. as an upholsterer, Knowlton Construction Co. as a heavy equipment operator, Carter Steel and then retired from Acrux Investigation Agency as a Captain.

Rev. Kevin Greenwald along with Fred's grandson, Nick Wallace will officiate a memorial service at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at Eichholtz Daring & Sanford Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 321 N. Main Street, Bellefontaine. Visitation will be one hour prior from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Bellefontaine Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105, First Christian Church, 215 E. Sandusky Ave., Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311 or to 5p Minus Society at <https://fivepminus.org/donate>

Eichholtz Daring & Sanford Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Bellefontaine, is honored to serve the Meredith family and encourages anyone to share a fond memory or message of condolence at www.edsfh.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.

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Chieftains walk it off against Indian Lake

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Chris Fogan drove in the winning run with a single in the bottom of the seventh inning to lead host Bellefontaine to a 1-0 win over Indian Lake in a Central Buckeye Conference baseball battle Friday at Blue Jacket Park.

The Chiefs are now 9-3 overall and 5-3 in the CBC. The Lakers drop to 4-5, 3-5.

Starting pitchers Carter Caudill for the Chiefs and Madden Lillard for the Lakers were locked into a pitcher's dual for most of the game.

Lillard went five scoreless innings and Caudill pitched into the seventh before Fogan got a pair of outs to end the inning.

In the bottom of the seventh, the Chiefs loaded the bases with no outs.

But the Lakers came up with a big defensive play when relief pitcher Camdon Tuttle fielded a come backer on the mound and started a double play that left runners on second and third with two outs.

The Lakers then elected to intentionally walk Riley Neer to reload the bases.

That brought Fogan to the plate and he delivered a single to left to plate Jaxon Hoskins with the winning run.

Zane Tevis went 2-3 and Neer went 2-3 to help spark the BHS offense.

Caudill allowed just two hits in 6 1/3 innings. He struck out four and walked two. Fogan struck out two of the three batters he faced to get the win.

Madden Lillard allowed four hits and one walk while striking out five in his five innings on the hill for the Lakers.

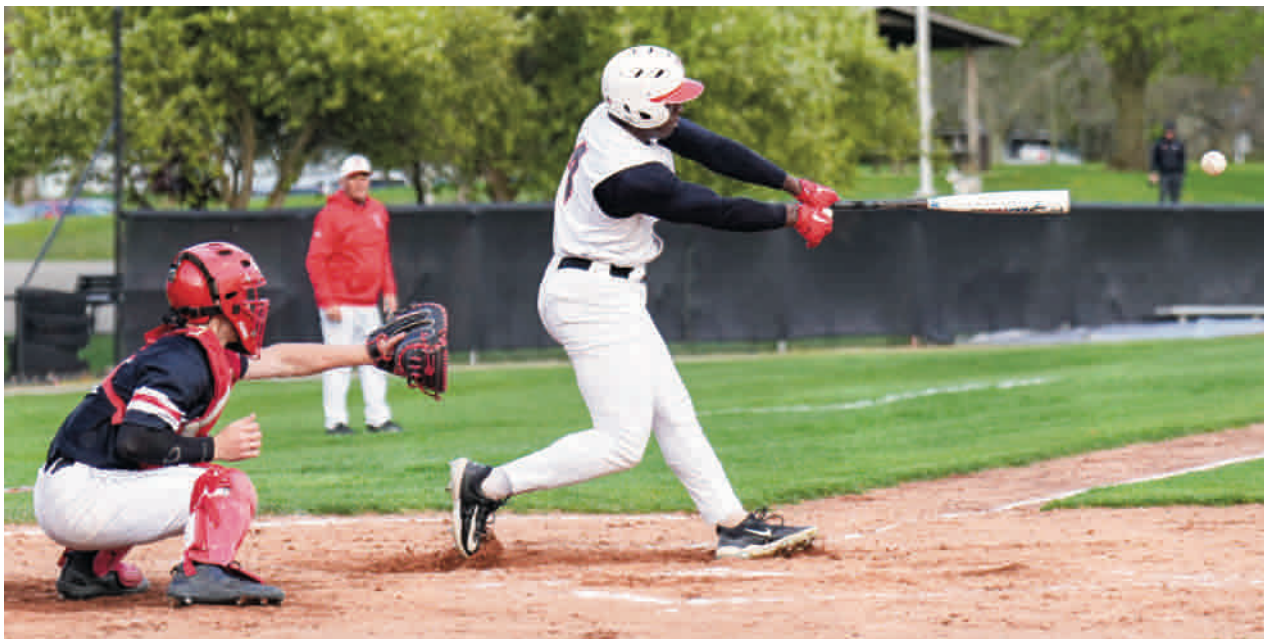
Both teams are back in action today. The Chiefs play at St. Marys and the Lakers are at Ft. Loramie.

BELLEFONTAINE 1 INDIAN LAKE 0

Lakers	000	000	0	0	2	3
Chiefs	000	000	1	1	6	2

WP—Fogan; LP—Tuttle.

Pirates blank Rams
Riverside made quick



Bellefontaine's Chris Fogan comes up with the winning hit in the seventh inning of Friday's game against Indian Lake at Blue Jacket Park. (EXAMINER PHOTO | TONY BARRETT)

work of Upper Scioto Valley on Friday as the Pirates won 10-0 in five innings.

The Pirates are now 6-3 on the season.

Riverside jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the first inning. The Pirates scored three more runs in the second innings.

Cooper Crouch had two RBI and Gavin Orsborne went 2-2 to spark the Pirates. Syler Clark, Gavin Robinson, Michael Shockey, Damian Smith and Dominik Stotler each had an RBI.

Shockey worked three innings on the mound to get the win. He allowed two hits and struck out one.

Riverside plays at Lehman Catholic on Monday.

RIVERSIDE 10, USV 0

Rams	000	00	0	2	1
Pirates	730	0X	0	10	5

WP—Shockey.

Tigers silence Knights

West Liberty-Salem's baseball team thumped visiting Greenon 12-2 in six innings in an Ohio Heritage Conference game Friday.

The Tigers improve 8-3 overall and 5-2 in the OHC. Greenon falls to 1-11, 1-4.

Greenon struck first, scoring two runs in the first inning for a 2-0 lead. However, the Tigers

scored five runs in the second inning and five more in the third to lead 10-2.

WL-S finished off the Knights with two runs in the sixth.

Dallas Koons was the winning pitcher.

Offensively for the Tigers, Isaac Sertell went 2-4 with two RBI and Caleb Hershberger went 2-4 with two RBI to lead the way. Jeremiah Johnson and Isaiah Reames each added two RBIs.

The Tigers host Troy Christian today.

WL-S 12, GREENON 2

Knights	200	000	2	3	9
Tigers	055	002	12	9	0

WP—Koons.

Urbana derails Raiders

Host Urbana beat Benjamin Logan 5-1 in a Central Buckeye Conference baseball game Friday afternoon.

The Raiders fall to 2-7 overall and 2-5 in the CBC.

Urbana is now 5-7, 1-6.

The Hillclimbers scored twice in the first inning and plated another run in the second frame to lead 3-0.

Urbana tacked on two more runs in the third inning for a 5-0 lead. Ben Logan scored its lone run in the top of the seventh. Everett Clapsaddle drove

in the lone run for the Raiders.

Ben Logan is back in action Monday at Indian Lake.

URBANA 5, INDIAN LAKE 1

Raiders	000	000	1	1	6	2
Hillclimbers	212	000	0	5	5	1

WP—B. Donahoe; LP—Hawley.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Chiefs bounce Climbers

Bellefontaine's baseball team rolled past host Urbana 7-1 in a Central Buckeye Conference game.

Both teams scored a run in the first inning.

The Chiefs took a 2-1 lead in the fifth inning and then broke the game open with five runs in the sixth.

Zane Tevis went 2-2 with three RBI to spark the Chiefs. Carter Caudill and Jose Sandoval each had a double and Sandoval had two RBIs.

Riley Neer earned the win on the mound. He struck out eight and walked four while scattering four hits.

BELLEFONTAINE 7, URBANA 1

Chiefs	100	015	0	7	6	1
Hillclimbers	100	000	0	1	4	1

WP—Neer.

Tigers rout Southeastern

West Liberty-Salem's baseball team roughed up host Southeastern 11-1 in five innings in Ohio Heritage Conference action Thursday.

The Tigers led 2-1 after one inning and they piled up nine runs in the fourth inning.

Reese Oder went the distance on the mound to get the win. He allowed two hits and struck out one while walking two.

At the plate, Eli Allen went 2-3, Jake Evans went 2-4 with two RBI, Caleb Hershberger went 2-3 with two RBI and Isaiah Reames went 2-4 with an RBI.

WL-SALEM 11 SOUTHEASTERN 1

Tigers	200	90	0	11	13	2
Trojans	100	00	0	1	2	5

WP—Oder; LP—Erskine.

Riverside tops Northridge

Riverside's baseball team battled past host Northridge for a 3-1 win in eight innings in a Three Rivers Conference game Thursday.

There was no score through six innings.

Both teams played a run in the seventh inning to send the game into extras.

The Pirates then scored twice in the eighth to pull out the win.

Michael Shockey earned the save after working a scoreless and hitless eighth inning.

Landon Purtee threw the first seven innings to get the win. He allowed eight hits,

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one run and struck out three.

Offensively for the Pirates, Syler Clark went 2-3, Aiden Manning went 2-3 and Shockey and Dominik Stotler each had an RBI.

RIVERSIDE 3, NORTHBRIDGE 1

Pirates	000	000	12	3	8	0
Polar Bears	000	000	10	1	8	3

WP—Purtee.

Lakers trip up Graham

Indian Lake's baseball team earned a 3-2 win over visiting Graham in 10 innings Thursday.

The contest was suspended earlier in the week because of darkness.

Graham scored one run in the first inning.

Indian Lake went ahead with two runs in the third inning.

The Falcons tied the game at 2-2 in the sixth inning.

The score stayed that way until the bottom of the 10th when the Lakers were able to plate a run.

Dawson Finrock went 2-3 with an RBI and Tyler Tidwell went 2-5 with an RBI to lead the Laker offense.

Finrock worked two innings in relief to pick up the win on the mound.

INDIANLAKE 3, GRAHAM 2

Falcons	100	001	000	0	2	1
Lakers	002	000	000	1	3	5

WP—Finrock; LP—Powell.

Raiders lose to Warriors

Benjamin Logan lost to host Northwestern 13-7 in a Central Buckeye Conference baseball game Wednesday.

The Raiders were plagued by seven errors.

Offensively for Ben Logan, Soli Hughes went 3-4 with a double and an RBI, Bryden Morris went 2-4 with a double, triple and two RBIs and Jerick Stephens went 2-2 with a double.

NORTHWESTERN 13 BENLOGAN 7

Raiders	100	003	3	7	10	7
Warriors	102	163	0	13	9	1

WP—Robinette; LP—Spriggs.

Lakers shut out Bellefontaine 10-0

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Indian Lake's softball team bounced back from Thursday's loss to Jonathan Alder with a 10-0 five-inning win over host Bellefontaine in Central Buckeye Conference action Friday.

The Lakers are now 12-1 overall and 8-1 in the CBC. The Chiefs drop to 8-6, 3-4.

Indian Lake scored twice in the top of the first inning for a 2-0 advantage.

The Lakers plated three runs in the third for a 5-0 cushion.

Indian Lake then put the game away with a five-run fifth frame.

Madison Brentlinger earned the shutout in the pitching circle for the Lakers. She allowed four hits, struck out three and walked one.

Katie Roby powered the Lakers at the plate, going 2-3 with a home run and two RBIs.

Also for the Lakers, Haylee Edwards went 2-3 with a double, Halle Roby went 2-3 with a double and an RBI, Abigail Elliott went 2-3 with a double and two RBIs and Brentlinger had two RBIs.

Both teams are back in action Monday. The Lakers host Benjamin Logan and the Chiefs travel to London.

INDIANLAKE 10 BELLEFONTAINE 0

Lakers	203	50	0	10	11	2
Chiefs	000	00	0	0	4	2

WP—Brentlinger; LP—Vigansky.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Pirates jolt Northridge

Riverside's softball team coasted past host Northridge 17-0 in five innings in a Three Rivers Conference game Thursday.

The Pirates improve to

SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

4-5 overall and 3-3 in the TRC. Northridge falls to 0-5, 0-5.

Riverside jumped out with seven runs in the first inning and scored once in the second frame to lead 8-0.

The Pirates added five runs in the third frame and four in the fourth.

Riverside's Keira Manahan tossed a no-hitter. She struck out nine and did not walk a batter.

Offensively for the Pirates, Jayden Hoffer went 3-3 with two RBIs, Brook Hunkler went 2-3 with two RBIs, Jaidyn Jackson went 2-2 with three RBIs, and Miah Carmen, Riley Dillon, Taylor Dillon, Halyn McClintick and Savanna Salo each added one RBI.

The Pirates play at the Newton Classic today.

RIVERSIDE 17 NORTHBRIDGE 0

Pirates	715	40	0	17	10	2
Polar Bears	000	00	0	0	0	1

WP—Manahan; LP—Fudulof.

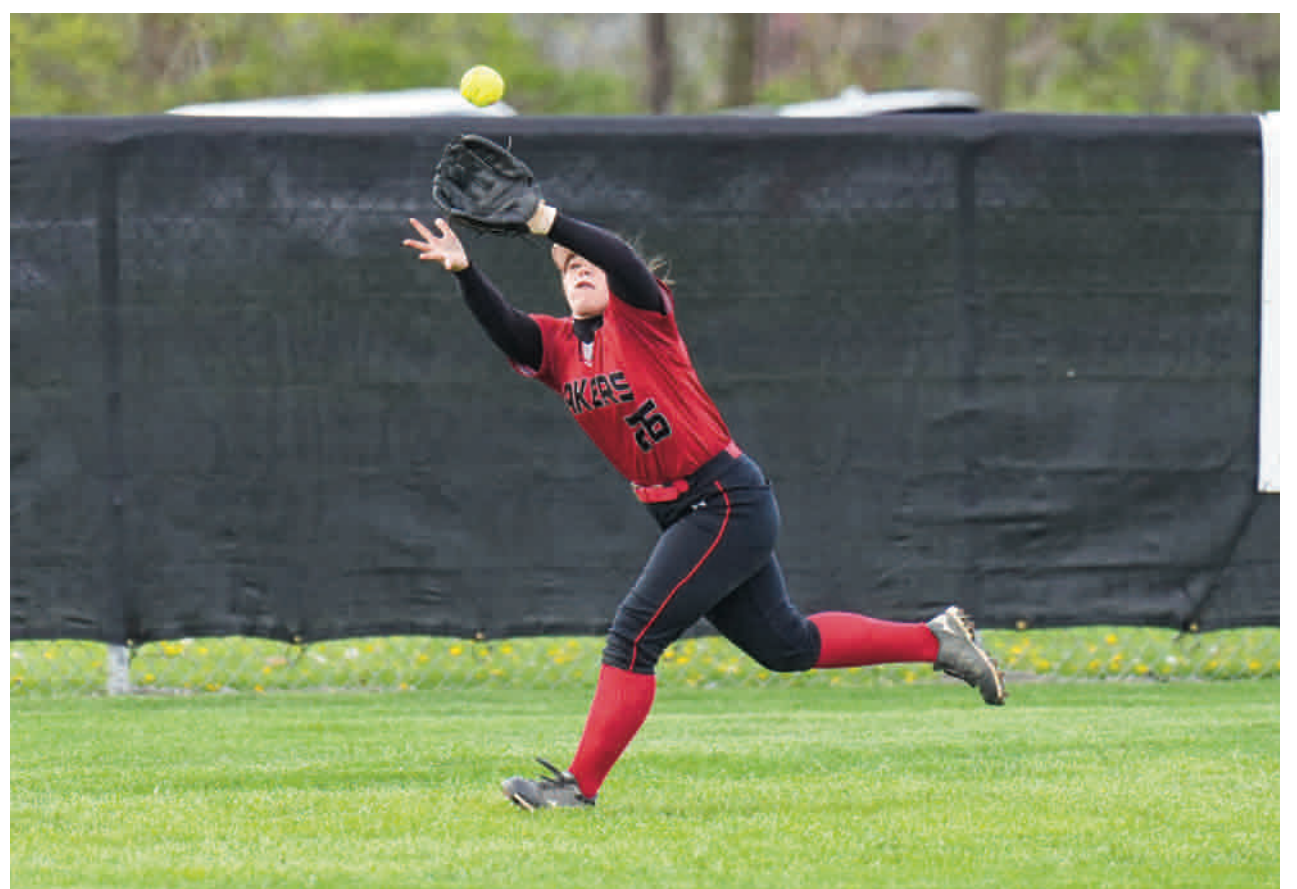
Lakers slip to Pioneers

Indian Lake's softball team suffered its first loss of the season Thursday as visiting Jonathan Alder edged the Lakers 3-1 in a Central Buckeye Conference game.

The Pioneers scored twice in the second inning for an early 2-0 lead.

Indian Lake cut the deficit in half with a run in the fifth inning, but the Pioneers added an insurance run in the top of the sixth and held on the rest of the way.

Both teams had seven hits.



Indian Lake's Porscha Davis makes a catch in the outfield during Friday's game at Bellefontaine. (EXAMINER PHOTO | TONY BARRETT)

Geona Spires went 3-3 to lead the Lakers. Haylee Edwards went 2-3 with a triple and an RBI.

Alyssa Miller was the winning pitcher for the Pioneers. She went the distance, striking out three and walking one.

JONATHAN ALDER 3 INDIAN LAKE 1

Pioneers	020	001	0	3	7	0
Lakers	000	010	0	1	7	1

WP—Miller; LP—Brentlinger.

Cougars pounce on Chiefs

Kenton Ridge overpowered visiting Bellefontaine 26-1 in five innings Thursday in Central Buckeye Conference action.

The Cougars exploded for 13 runs in the first

inning to take control early. Bellefontaine was held to three hits.

KENTON RIDGE 26 BELLEFONTAINE 1

Chiefs	000	00	0	1	3	4
Cougars (13)	60	7X	0	26	12	1

WP—Tyson.

Tigers drop OHC game

West Liberty-Salem's softball team fell to host Southeastern 6-2 on Thursday in an Ohio Heritage Conference game.

Southeastern led 2-1 after two innings and added four runs in the fourth inning to lead 6-1.

The Tigers added a run in the fifth, but could not do

any more damage.

Brielle Milliron had a home run to power the Tigers at the plate. Kennedy Wallace added an RBI.

SOUTHEASTERN 6, WL-S 2

Tigers	100	010	0	2	3	6
Trojans	110	400	0	6	7	1

WP—Wells; LP—Wallace.

Ben Logan shuts out Warriors

Benjamin Logan's softball team powered to a 12-0 five-inning win over host Northwestern on Wednesday.

The Raiders scored five runs in the second inning, two in the fourth and five in the fifth.

Ben Logan hammered out 19 hits.

Courtney Bowers went 2-2 with a double, Kyndal Cronkleton went 2-4, Chloe Crumm had a double and three RBIs, Tanna Jacobs went 3-4 with an RBI, Brooks Myers went 3-3 with three RBIs, Keeli Rostorfer went 2-5 with a double and Libby Siefring went 2-4 with an RBI.

Adilynne Gregg was the winning pitcher. She struck out three, walked one and gave up four hits in five innings.

BEN LOGAN 12 NORTHWESTERN 0

Raiders	050	25	0	12	19	1
Warriors	000	00	0	0	4	5

WP—Gregg; LP—Hensley.

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Lady Chiefs win Miamisburg Invitational

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Bellefontaine's girls track and field team was at its best on Thursday as the Chiefs won the 15-team Franklin Invitational.



The Chiefs ran away with the girls team title, scoring 107 points. Big Walnut was second with 67.83 points, Chaminade-Julienne finished third (67), Waynesville was fourth (59.33) and Middletown finished fifth (53).

"It was an excellent effort from the entire team," said BHS head coach Ben Davis. "We wanted the better competition to help us improve. We had many personal bests."

Kylie Adams and Kelsie Snapp each won events to spark the Lady Chiefs.

Adams was first in the 300 hurdles (47.27) and Snapp won the discus (128-3).

Adams also finished second in the 100 hurdles (15.83) and was second in the long jump (16-8 3/4), while Snapp was third in the shot put (36-11).

Callie Shumaker finished second in the 300 hurdles (48.64) and was third in the 100 hurdles (16.24), Ava Reeves was third in the 100 (12.77), third in the 200

(26.33) and fifth in the long jump (15-7 1/2), Grace Brown finished second in the 3,200 (11:28.99) and Alexis Robinson finished third in the discus (119-9) and fifth in the shot put (35-3 1/4).

Also for the Chiefs, Parker Penhorwood was fourth in the pole vault (8-0), Kailyn Newman placed eighth in the 800 (2:30.99), the 400 relay team of Parker Penhorwood, Adams, Reeves and Shumaker was second (50.35) and the 1,600 relay team of Parker Penhorwood, Newman, Shumaker and Jillian Ullom finished sixth (4:30.39).

Bellefontaine's boys team finished 10th. Big Walnut won the meet with 96 points, Miamisburg was second (65), Springboro took third (63), Fairmont was fourth (58.5) and Springfield finished fifth (57).

Leading the Chiefs was Haiden Manns, who won the shot put in 51-11 1/2.

Manns added a fourth-place finish in the discus (134-3).

Tony Stewart was fourth in the 3,200 (PR of 9:50.68) and Hayden Maus was fifth in the 3,200 (PR of 9:53.59).

The Chiefs' 3,200 relay team of Seth Taylor, Maus, Xavier May and Stewart finished fifth (8:39.06), the 1,600 relay team of Alex Crabill, Kaiden Foulk, May and Seth Taylor finished



Bellefontaine's girls track and field team won the Miamisburg Invitational on Thursday. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

seventh (3:41.71) and the 800 relay team of Caden Snapp, Jacob Henry, Foulk and Harper Scott was seventh (1:35.34).

WL-S boys finish third at Marion Local

West Liberty-Salem's boys track and field team took third in the Marion Local Flyer Relays on Thursday.

Marion Local won the meet with 153 points. Coldwater was second with 103 points, the Tigers had 77 points and Lincolnview was fourth with 69 points.

Finishing second for the Tigers were the underclassmen sprint medley team of Kidd, Zake Sidders, Tanner Myers and Brevin Loudon (1:43.83), the varsity 800

sprint medley team of Jackson Steider, Sidders, Loudon and Troy Bradley (1:40.62), the 1,600 sprint medley of Quentin Rudolph, Jacob Lauck, Loudon and Troy Bradley (3:57.35) and the 3,200 distance medley of Rudolph, Lauck, Zac Carter and Knox (7:40.05).

Taking third for the Tigers were Jack Bahan in the 100 (11.24), Asher Knox in the 1,600 (4:36.07), the 400 relay team of Lincoln Henderson, Bahan, Myers and Steider (44.78) and the 800 relay team of Henderson, Bahan, Myers and Troy Bradley (1:35.12).

Contributing fourth-place finishes were Taryn Bradley in the 300 hurdles (45.91), the 1,600 relay team

of Asher Knox, Lauck, Troy Bradley and Rudolph (3:44.37) and the pole vault team of Slayde Merriman, Craig Stanford and Silas Krabill.

Earning fifth-place finishes were the shuttle hurdles team of Henderson, Taryn Bradley, Steider and Stanford (1:07.17), the triple jump team of Steider, Hunter Knotts, Henderson and Taryn Bradley and the shot put group of Mark Bair, Silas King, Bryant Eaton and Maverick Reames.

Adding sixth-place finishes for WL-S were the high jump team of Casey Boyer, Knotts, Lauck and Strapp and the discus group of Bair, King, Eaton and Reames.

THE WHIRL NEWSMAKERS IN BRIEF

ZPC members compete in Georgia

Three Zanesfield Petanque Club members traveled to Milton, Ga., for the Federation of Petanque USA National Mens, Womens and Mixed Doubles tournaments hosted by Atlanta Petanque League on April 6-7.

In Saturday's FPUSA National Men's doubles, Ziggy Kessouagni partnered with Michel Gwinner (Atlanta Petanque League).

There were 26 men's teams and after three qualifying rounds, Team Ziggy went 2-1 and ranked sixth. This put them in the Concours bracket in which they won their first game but dropped their second to be eliminated.

In the FPUSA National Women's Doubles, Debbie Cameron partnered with Catherine Diebold (Thibodaux Petanque Club) and Kristy Koranda partnered with Joyce Keeton (Chattooga Boules).

There were 22 women's teams and after three qualifying rounds, Team Cameron ranked 20th after going 0-3 and Team Koranda was eighth after going 2-1.

Team Cameron dropped to the Consolante Bracket and lost their first game to be eliminated. Team Koranda went to the Concours bracket and won their first game but dropped their second to be eliminated.

In Sundays Mixed Doubles, there were 48 teams. Kessouagni and Cameron teamed up and went 2-1 in qualifying to rank 24th. This put them in the Consolante A bracket which they won their next three games to reach the final but had to forfeit.

Koranda teamed with Roland Rakotondramanana (Sactown Petanque) and went 3-0 in qualifying to earn the sixth ranking. This put them in the Concour, where they won their first game but dropped their next to be eliminated.

JUNIOR VARSITY

SOFTBALL

Chiefs roll past Cougars
 Bellefontaine's junior varsity softball team won 17-7 against Kenton Ridge on Thursday.

Courtney Knight went 4-4 to lead the Chiefs. Haylee Yelton, Natalie Canter, Ava Dolan, Maci Flesher, Brilee Joseph and Andie Eicher each had multiple hits as well.

Dolan was the winning pitcher. She recorded seven strikeouts.

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BHS netters shut out Hillclimbers, fall to Bulldogs

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Bellefontaine's boys tennis team knocked off host Urbana 5-0 in a Central Buckeye Conference match Thursday.

In singles action, Xavier Sims beat Urbana's Brayden Spriggs 6-0, 6-2, Truman Howell defeated

the Hillclimbers' Keegan Clay 6-1, 6-0 and Max Fissel beat Urbana's Louie Astacaan 6-2, 6-2.

The Chiefs' first doubles team of Bryce Harris and Trey Taylor breezed past Michael Holland and Sam Wilhelm 2-6, 6-2, 6-4, while the second doubles team of Elias Abrego and

Quinn Slagle defeated Max Cobb and Jacob Kemp 7-5, 6-2.

Bellefontaine then hosted a strong Milton-Union squad Friday and fell 5-0 in non-league action.

The Chiefs are now 6-3 overall and 4-2 in CBC play. In singles action, Levi

Brumbaugh defeated Xavier Sims 6-2, 6-2 at number one, Ben Iddings beat Max Fissel 6-0, 6-1 at number two and Tommy Ryerson beat Lane Howard, 6-0, 6-0 at number three.

The Bulldogs' first doubles team of Titus Coop and Tyler Combs defeated Bryce

Harris and Trey Taylor 6-1, 6-0, while Braden Schauer and Brock Hammond won 6-1, 6-0 over Elias Abrego and Quinn Slagle at second doubles.

Bellefontaine hosts a doubleheader against Springfield Shawnee on Monday.

JUNIOR HIGH

TRACK AND FIELD Raiders compete at Shawnee Invite

Benjamin Logan's middle school track and field teams competed in the Shawnee Invitational on Wednesday.

The girls team finished fourth out of 12 teams and the boys were seventh out of 13 squads.

For the Ben Logan girls, wins went to Autumn Cline in the shot put with a new school record of 37-11 and Penelope Elliott in the pole

vault (7-0).

Taking second was the 3,200 relay team of Gwen Smith, Montana Coleman, Mallory Chapman and Lottie Bodin (12:35.27), while third place went to Addison Anderson in the high jump (4-6).

Cline was fourth in the discus (64-1) and taking fifth were the 1,600 relay team of Georgia Daniels, Bodin, Coleman and Chapman and Paislee Rodenberger in the 800 (3:01).

Finishing in sixth were

Belen Palmer in the 200 (30.22), the 400 relay team of Leah Braddock, Bea Warren, Adelina Ramsey and Palmer (57.96), Rodenberger in the 1,600 (6:38.21) and the 800 relay team of Braddock, Warren, Olivia Titus and Nahla Payne.

Finishing in seventh for the Lady Raiders were Summer Cline in the discus (52-1), Annika Schmidt in the high jump (4-0), Smith in the 800 (3:03) and Daniels in the 400 (1:13.92).

Adding eighth-place finishes were Cline in the shot put (25-7), Sarah Miller in the 200 hurdles (35.93) and Palmer in the 100 (14.37).

Nate Mitchell led the BL boys team with a third-place finish in the shot put (35-11).

Taking fourth was the 800 relay team of Brycen Chrencik, Gabe Predmore, Nate Mitchell and Brayden White (1:54.35) and Chrencik in the 200 hurdles (31.04).

Taking sixth for the

Raiders were Brock Bates in the 110 hurdles (20.79), the 400 relay team of Nate Mitchell, Gabe Predmore, Jeremiah Parker and White (55.05), Maddox Vermillion and Chrencik in the high jump (4-8), the 3,200 relay team of Grayson Butler, Michael Berry, Asher Boysel and McKale Watkins (11:21.41), the 1,600 relay team of Bates, Berry, Grayson Butler and Gabe Predmore (4:37.09) and Vermillion in the shot put (32-9).

Freeman hits two-run homer to power Guardians to win

CLEVELAND (AP) — Tyler Freeman hit a two-run homer and Steven Kwan and Andrés Giménez each drove in a pair, sending the Cleveland Guardians to a

10-2 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Friday night.

The Guardians and rookie manager Stephen Vogt are tied with the Yankees

for the best record in the American League at 14-6 -- marking the franchise's best record through 20 games in 25 years.

"It's just a testament to

these guys and how hard they play," said Vogt, who was hired on Nov. 6 following the retirement of Terry Francona. "That's the way these guys play, putting

pressure on teams. We're going to go hard."

Josh Naylor added a solo homer and Estevan Florial had a career-best three hits for Cleveland.

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Entertainment

Children of reality TV's Chrisleys hope court hearing is step toward bringing convicted parents home

ATLANTA (AP) — Lawyers for reality TV stars Todd and Julie Chrisley, who are in prison after being convicted on federal charges of bank fraud and tax evasion, on Friday challenged aspects of their convictions and sentences in a federal appeals court.

The Chrisleys rose to fame with their show "Chrisley Knows Best," which chronicled the exploits of their tight-knit family. But prosecutors said they engaged in an extensive bank fraud scheme and hid their earnings from tax authorities while showcasing their extravagant lifestyle.

Peter Tarantino, an accountant they hired, also is serving time in prison. He wants his conviction thrown out and to be granted a new trial.

A three-judge panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta on Friday heard arguments from lawyers for the three.

Two of the Chrisleys' children, Savannah and Chase, were joined by more than a dozen supporters in the

gallery of the courtroom. Savannah Chrisley spoke to reporters after the hearing, saying she talked to her parents Thursday night and that they are "doing as best as they can" and hope that Friday's hearing is a step toward getting them home.

"We have all come together and we are closer than ever," she said of her family.

The Chrisleys initially were charged in August 2019. In June 2022, a jury found them guilty of conspiring to defraud community banks out of more than \$30 million in fraudulent loans. They also were found guilty of tax evasion and conspiring to defraud the IRS, and Julie Chrisley was convicted of wire fraud and obstruction of justice.

Todd Chrisley, 56, is at a minimum security federal prison camp in Pensacola, Florida, with a release date in October 2032, while Julie Chrisley, 51, is at a facility in Lexington, Kentucky, and is due for release in July 2028, according to the Federal Bureau of Prisons website.

Tarantino, 61, was found guilty of conspiracy to defraud the United States and willfully filing false tax returns. He is being held in a minimum security federal prison camp in Montgomery, Alabama, with a release date in September of next year.

Prosecutors have said the Chrisleys walked away from their responsibility to repay loans when Todd Chrisley declared bankruptcy. While in bankruptcy, they started their reality show and "flaunted their wealth and lifestyle to the American public," and then hid the millions they made from the show from the IRS, prosecutors have said.

Alex Little, a lawyer for the Chrisleys, argued that an IRS officer lied on the stand about the couple still owing taxes at the time of trial when she knew no taxes were due and that prosecutors knowingly presented and failed to correct that false testimony.

"They relied on information they knew to be incorrect," Little said. Prosecutor Annalise

Peters rejected that assertion, saying that when the IRS officer testified, she and prosecutors were unaware of some tax payments the Chrisleys had made. But she said the couple did still owe some taxes at the time.

Circuit Judge Robin Rosenbaum, who grilled both sides during the hearing, seemed skeptical of the idea that prosecutors had conspired with an IRS officer to present false information, saying evidence the defense presented in a brief "seemed like pure speculation."

The Chrisleys' lawyers also argue that the trial judge was wrong to allow certain evidence without requiring prosecutors to show it wasn't obtained during an unlawful search. And they argue prosecutors failed to provide enough evidence to convict the Chrisleys of tax evasion and conspiracy, showing only that they used a common entertainment industry practice to receive acting income.

They also argue prosecutors failed to produce any evidence that Julie Chrisley

participated in bank fraud. They say the judge erred by ordering restitution and forfeiture of assets.

Todd Chrisley should be acquitted on the tax evasion and conspiracy counts and given a new trial on the remaining counts, his lawyers argue. Alternatively, the appeals court should send the case back to the trial court to hold a hearing on his claims that the IRS officer lied and evidence was improperly admitted.

Julie Chrisley should be acquitted on the five bank fraud charges, her lawyers argue. They also say her sentence on the remaining charges, including \$17.2 million in restitution that she and her husband were ordered to pay, should be wiped away and she should be resentenced on those counts.

Prosecutors argue there was sufficient evidence at trial to support the charges and jury verdicts, and that the evidence was properly obtained and admitted.

Peters argued that there was also no evidence that the IRS

officer's testimony affected the jury's verdict.

Even if the Chrisleys eventually paid what they owed, "later actions do not nullify the crime," Peters said.

Don Samuel, a lawyer for Tarantino, argued that his client was harmed by being tried with the Chrisleys and he urged the court to reverse Tarantino's conviction and return his case to the lower court for a new trial.

While Tarantino did certain things that ended up facilitating the Chrisleys' fraudulent conduct, there was no evidence he did anything intentionally to facilitate that conduct, Samuel said. The scope of the charges against the Chrisleys "dwarfed the evidence" against Tarantino and prejudiced the jury against him, Samuel said.

Peters said there was substantial evidence demonstrating Tarantino's personal involvement and he can't demonstrate actual, compelling evidence that he was harmed by being tried along with the Chrisleys.

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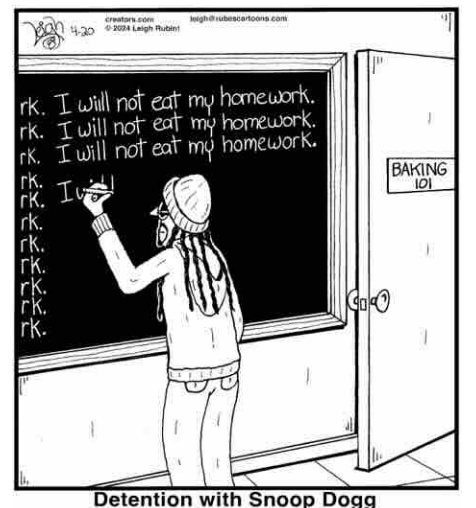
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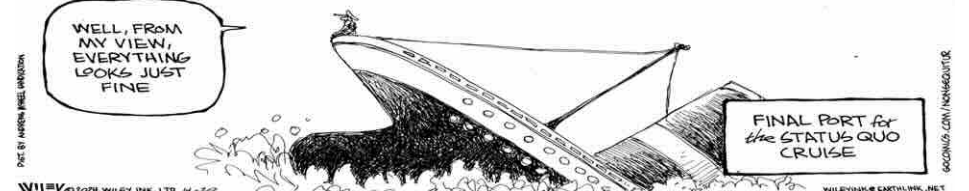
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Horoscopes

ROYAL STARS | FROM KING FEATURES SYNDICATE By Georgia Nicols

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or important decisions from 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. EDT today (5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Virgo into Libra.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, April 20, 2024: You are sensuous, tactile and seductive. Personally, you are eager for success and admiration. This is an exciting year for you because it will hold changes that will increase your personal freedom. Stay flexible so you can explore new opportunities. Travel is likely.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Keep your pockets open, because gifts, goodies and favors from others might come your way today. Or you might spontaneously buy something that pleases you. (Check the Moon Alert.) You also might dream up ways to boost your wealth. Clever you! Tonight: Cooperate.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Today, lucky moneybags Jupiter is lined up with unpredictable Uranus in your sign. (This can happen only once every 12 years.) This will make you feel excited, energetic, impulsive and up for anything. Furthermore, Lady Luck is smiling on you! Tonight: Work.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ In all likelihood, you feel a bit restless today because some powerful forces are taking place behind the scenes in your chart. In a curious way, even though you're ambitious right now, you're also content to relax at home and focus on family. Take time out for good behavior. Tonight: Play! **CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Surprise encounters with unusual people might be exciting today. This also could be the very thing that triggers you to rethink your future goals. You might decide to suddenly go off in a new direction because it looks promising and doable. You also might feel enriched by a club, group or organization. Tonight: Relax.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Unexpected opportunities might fall in your lap today that will boost your professional reputation. This might relate to travel or a chance to explore new directions in your life. The only caveat that you must know is that this opportunity will be brief. You will have to act fast. Tonight: Discussions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Surprise travel plans might fall in your lap today. Or this particular boon could relate to opportunities for further education, publishing or something related to medicine and the law. Whatever happens is an unexpected chance to expand your world. Grab it! Tonight: Maintain your belongings.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Unexpected good fortune might happen for you at this time. It could be an inheritance or an unexpected financial advantage. A favorable decision regarding shared property or insurance issues also might benefit you. Your partner might get a raise or a bonus. Looking good! Tonight: You win!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Surprising encounters with close friends and partners might delight you at this time. In fact, a partnership might suddenly enrich you financially or in practical terms. Not only will this boon be welcome, it will very likely be unexpected. Tonight: Solitude. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Sudden good news related to

your health might be exciting. Others will be just as pleased with the surprising news related to a job, or even something to do with a pet. Work-related travel is also likely. This is a fortunate time for you. Alphabetize your blessings. Tonight: Friendships.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Surprising news related to your kids might catch you off guard today. Others will be equally surprised and delighted by an opportunity for a sudden vacation or a quick getaway. Accept invitations to party and socialize. Meanwhile, romance is titillating and exciting. Tonight: You're noticed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Unexpected good fortune could impact your family, your home or your real estate at this time. You might inherit. You might buy something spontaneously that is high-tech or modern for your home, including art. You might expand your family in an unexpected way. It could be anything. Tonight: Explore!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Exciting news will boost your optimism and belief in yourself and future at this time. You might have an unexpected chance to travel or to get further learning, training or education. You might meet someone who is unusual who expands your world in some way. Whatever occurs will make you happier. Tonight: Check your finances.

BORN TODAY
Actor Shemar Moore (1970), actress Carmen Electra (1972), actor Andy Serkis (1964)

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IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO FAMILY COURT DIVISION LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF: JAYDEN REYNOLDS MALE DOB: 01-06-2012 CASE NO.: 23-CS-43A

Dependent Child
MOTHER: TEOSHA REYNOLDS
Last known address: Tri-County Regional Jail, 4099 Ohio 559 Mechanicsburg, OH 43044
FATHER: VONTEZ HOGAN
Last known address: 5537 Clement Ave. Maple Heights, OH 44137
Vontez Hogan, last known address, 5537 Clement Avenue, Maple Heights, OH 44137 shall take notice that a complaint has been filed in the Family Court, alleging that said child is dependent, containing a prayer or request for the agency to maintain or be awarded legal custody of the minor child with court-ordered protective supervision (COPS), or, granting legal custody to an appropriate relative or kin with the agency being awarded COPS or make other orders as the Court deems necessary as provided by law. The Dispositional Hearing shall be heard on April 17, 2024 at 11:00 A.M.; Annual Review Hearing on November 27, 2024 at 11:00 AM; and Custody Hearings on May 7 & 8, 2024 at 9:00 AM at the Logan County Courthouse, 101 S. Main St., Bellefontaine, Ohio. You are ordered to appear before said Court and show cause why the complaint's prayer or request for custody should not be granted.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT:

1. You are entitled to a lawyer in this proceeding in Family Court-Juvenile Section. The Court will appoint a lawyer to provide legal representation if you cannot afford a lawyer and meet certain requirements.

2. Junell Bible, Deputy Clerk, Logan County Family Court, may be reached at telephone number: (937) 599-7249 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. to arrange the prompt appointment of counsel for indigent persons. If you wish to be represented by a lawyer in this proceeding but believe you cannot afford one, you should contact the Court as soon as possible.

NOTICE: YOUR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS ARE AT RISK AND THE COURT MAY GRANT PERMANENT CUSTODY WITHOUT YOUR APPROVAL IF YOU FAIL TO ATTEND THE HEARING AND PARTICIPATE IN THIS ACTION.

Natasha R. Kennedy and Kim Kellogg-Martin Judges and Ex-Officio Clerks of Logan County Family Court, State of Ohio

Junell Bible, Deputy Clerk
April 20, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Village of Lakeview Planning Commission will be meeting April 22, 2024 at 6PM at 540 N Main St. (Electric Shop).
April 20, 2024

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

In the Matter of Adoption of Skylar Storm Patrick "Child's Name AFTER adoption if granted", A Minor Case No. 24-AD-01

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADOPTION

To: RICHARD THOMAS SHOFFNER, last known address 310 S. Main Street, Mount Victory, Ohio 43340

You are hereby notified that on the 30th day of January, 2024, Christopher Michael Patrick filed in this Court, a Petition

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for Adoption of Skylar Storm Shoffner, a minor, whose date of birth is December 28, 2012, and to have the name of the minor changed to Skylar Storm Patrick. This Court, located at the Logan County Courthouse, 101 S. Main Street, Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311 will hear the petition on the **10th day of June, 2024, at 9:00 o'clock a.m.**

It is alleged in the petition, pursuant to R.C. 3107.07, that the consent of **Richard Thomas Shoffner** is not required due to the following:

The parent has failed without justifiable cause to provide more than de minimis contact with the minor for a period of at least one year immediately preceding the filing of the adoption petition or the placement of the minor in the home of the petitioner.

The parent has failed without justifiable cause to provide for the maintenance and support of the minor as required by law or judicial decree for a period of at least one year immediately preceding the filing of the adoption petition or the placement of the minor in the home of the petitioner.

A FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION, IF GRANTED, WILL RELIEVE YOU OF ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO CONTACT THE MINOR CHILDREN, AND, EXCEPT WITH RESPECT TO A SPOUSE OF THE ADOPTION PETITIONER AND RELATIVES OF THAT SPOUSE, TERMINATE ALL LEGAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE MINOR AND YOU AND THE MINOR'S OTHER RELATIVES, SO THAT THE MINOR THEREAFTER ARE A STRANGER TO YOU AND THE MINOR'S FORMER RELATIVES FOR ALL PURPOSES.

IF YOU WISH TO CONTEST THE ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE AN OBJECTION TO THE PETITION WITHIN FOURTEEN (14) DAYS AFTER PROOF OF SERVICE OF NOTICE OF THE FILING AND OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING IS GIVEN TO YOU.

IF YOU WISH TO CONTEST THE ADOPTION, YOU MUST ALSO APPEAR AT THE HEARING. A FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION MAY BE ENTERED IF YOU FAIL TO FILE AN OBJECTION TO THE ADOPTION PETITION OR APPEAR AT THE HEARING. R.C. 2107-07

RIGHT TO COUNSEL:

Any party is entitled to be represented by an attorney throughout these proceedings. Upon request and application, an indigent parent who is facing the loss of parental rights and who wishes to contest or object to the adoption will be appointed an attorney upon determination of indigency. If you believe you are indigent and cannot afford an attorney, complete and file (personally or by U.S. mail) a "Financial Disclosure Form" to the Probate Clerk's office in the Logan County Courthouse at 101 S. Main Street, Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311 immediately but not later than the date set for hearing. Upon receipt of the form, the Court will review the information and determine whether you qualify for court-appointed services. A hearing may be held if your application is incomplete or unclear.

The State Public Defender requires that you pay an application fee of \$25.00. This fee may be added as costs at the conclusion of this case if you do not pay at the time of presenting your affidavit of indigency. Please read the affidavit carefully because it contains important information about the potential recoupment process.

You have the right to represent yourself as a pro se litigant. Please take notice that you are presumed to have knowledge of the law and correct le-

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gal procedures. Therefore, you remain subject to the same rules and procedures to which represented litigants are bound. You are not given greater rights than represented parties and must bear the consequences of your mistakes (Williams v. First Merit Bank, N.A., 9th Dist. No. 24011, 2008-Ohio-5038).

Pleadings MUST be reduced to writing and presented to the Court in person or by mail. You are responsible for providing a copy of the pleadings to all parties of record.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CALL (937) 599-7252, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

WARNING: A REQUEST FOR COURT APPOINTED COUNSEL DOES NOT POSTPONE THE 14-DAY DEADLINE FOR FILING AN OBJECTION TO THE ADOPTION.

Kim Kellogg-Martin, Judge
By: Alisa Geboy, Deputy Clerk
April 6, 13, 20, 2024

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids for the Jefferson Township Maintenance Building Alterations and Addition, Project No. 20204-01 will be received by the Jefferson Township Trustees by mailing to Jefferson Township Trustees at PO Box 10, Zanesfield, OH 43360 or hand delivered to 2510 Sandusky Street, Zanesfield, OH 43360 until 5:00 p.m. local time, Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Jefferson Township meeting place, 2568 Sandusky Street, Zanesfield, OH 43360. The outside of the envelope shall be marked **PROJECT BID: JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP MAINTENANCE BUILDING ALTERATIONS AND ADDITION, PROJECT NO. 2024-01.**

The Jefferson Township Trustees reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids or waive any irregularities.

Copies of the Plans and Bid Packets are on file and available at the office of the Engineer: Fireline Design, 221 S. Madriver Street, Bellefontaine, OH 43311, 937-599-6570, tomwood221@gmail.com and may be obtained free electronically or hard copy may be obtained with 24 hours notice upon a non-refundable payment of \$50.00. Checks shall be made payable to the Engineer. Proposals will only be accepted from bidders who have obtained Contract Documents from the Engineer and have been registered as a plan holder.

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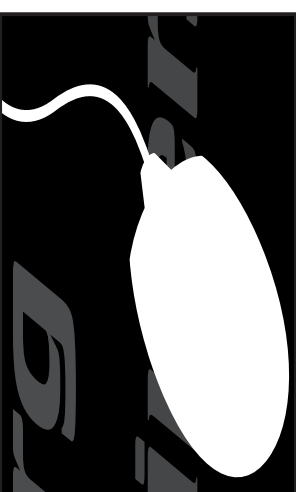
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began hanging out in the band's circle and the slang spread.

Fast-forward to the early 1990s: Steve Bloom, a reporter for the cannabis magazine High Times, was at a Dead show when he was handed a flyer urging people to "meet at 4:20 on 4/20 for 420-ing in Marin County at the Bolinas Ridge sunset spot on Mt.

Tamalpais." High Times published it.

"It's a phenomenon," one of the Waldos, Steve Capper, now 69, once told The Associated Press. "Most things die within a couple years, but this just goes on and on. It's not like someday somebody's going to say, 'OK, Cannabis New Year's is on June 23rd now.'"

While the Waldos came up with the term, the peo-

ple who made the flier distributed at the Dead show — and effectively turned 4/20 into a holiday — remain unknown.

HOW IS IT CELEBRATED?

With weed, naturally. Some celebrations are bigger than others: The Mile High 420 Festival in Denver, for example, typically draws thousands and describes itself as the largest free 4/20 event in

the world. Hippie Hill in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park has also attracted massive crowds, but the gathering was canceled this year, with organizers citing a lack of financial sponsorship and city budget cuts.

College quads and state-house lawns are also known for drawing 4/20 celebrations, with the University of Colorado Boulder historically among the largest, though not so

much since administrators banned the annual smoke-out over a decade ago.

Some breweries make beers that are 420-themed, but not laced, including SweetWater Brewing in Atlanta, which is throwing a 420 music festival this weekend and whose founders went to the University of Colorado.

Lagunitas Brewing in Petaluma, California, releases its "Waldos' Special Ale" every year on 4/20 in partnership with the term's coiners. That's where the Waldos will be this Saturday to sample the beer, for which they picked out "hops that smell and taste like the dankest marijuana," one Waldo, Dave Reddix, said via email.

4/20 has also become a big industry event, with vendors gathering to try each other's wares.

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there is a good symbiotic relationship between the park and the businesses and private home owners around the lake, especially with hosting things like fishing tournaments and other events on state-owned park land and water.

Of the approximately 182 businesses in the Indian Lake region, some 40 percent are either on the water or within a mile of it, she said.

Whitman said she feels fortunate to work at ILSP because of the strong backing the park gets from the community to deal with the challenges like handling damage from the March 14 tornado and ongoing efforts to combat vegetation growth at the lake.

Fox Island was the area hardest hit by the tornado, the park manger said.

But fortunately the park's \$350,000 playground and shelter house on the island were largely unscathed, she said, and remain closed temporarily while park staff ensures the playground is safe to use.

Whitman said state construction and dredge crews, totaling about 20, worked from two weeks solid to remove debris from the lake.

Lake debris removal efforts are expected to continue through the summer, she noted.

Boaters who encounter

debris in the water are encouraged to contact the park office at (937) 843-2717 to share its location so it can be removed. Many smart phones have a compass feature which can provide longitude and latitude coordinates to "tag" debris and make finding its location easier.

She was impressed with the magnitude of volunteer efforts, like volunteers from an area prison who spent two weeks here helping clean up debris.

Asked if the park does water testing for swimming safety, Whitman said tests are conducted weekly starting around Memorial Day and there is signage at the boat ramps about precautions concerning debris.

"I feel like we're in a better place (today)," Whitman said about the on-going three-year effort to remove and control harmful algae and other vegetation issues.

Dr. Jennifer Jones who holds a Ph.D. in water resource management from Michigan State University and is a certified professional watershed manager has been assisting the park with Indian Lake's water problems.

The waters of Indian Lake have been vastly improved since Dr. Jones' survey of the lake in May 2023 stated that it was "turbid, with low water clarity, abundant algae, and actively growing aquatic vegetation."

Some 900 acres of the were sprayed last year and four harvesters by the park to



Indian Lake State Park is planning to have a CD3 boat cleaning station in place by Memorial Day at one of the boat ramps so out-of-area boaters can clean off their vessels before entering and leaving the lake to help prevent contamination from other bodies of water. (SUBMIT-

remove invasive Curly-Leaf Pondweed and Coontails.

Dr. Jones provided update via YouTube on the status of vegetation issues at the lake earlier this week.

Whitman praised the park staff of four full-time employees and as many as 55 seasonal ones. Park staff was about to get everything but some mowing done, a full month before the normal season starts, following the tornado to have the park ready for eclipse viewers.

The campsite was completely full and she roughly estimates 6,000 to 8,000 people utilized the park or the lake during the eclipse event.

She said the park hopes to have a new CD3 boat cleaning station in place by Memorial Day at one of the boat ramps so out-of-area boaters can clean off their

vessels before entering and leaving the lake to help prevent contamination from other bodies of water.

A new nature center for youths is being built at the park and it has partnered with Honda to plant some 50 new trees on park grounds during the last two years.

Some projects in the works also include the creation of a \$25,000 sensory park that would allow children to play with wind chimes and other sensory devices, and an H2O project that with address storm water runoff and drainage issues and create some wetlands at the park.

The park head also said she's looking forward to doing some fun events at the park to celebrate the Ohio Department of Natural Resource's 75th anniversary this year.



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