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BIG LOTS GRAND OPENING SPORTS CELEBRITY APPEARANCE
OSU Great Archie Griffin to Sign Autographs at Reynoldsburg Grand Opening

August 13, 2014 (Columbus, OH) – Big Lots announced today that it will celebrate the grand opening of its newest store at 9 a.m. on August 22, 2014. The 30,055 square foot Reynoldsburg, Ohio, store is located in the Century City Shopping Center at 6300 Livingston Avenue.

As part of the grand opening celebration, Big Lots will make a \$1,500 donation to Reynoldsburg High School Bell Early College Academy and Health Science and Human Services Academy (HS2) during its ribbon-cutting ceremony. “We are proud to be able to make this donation to Bell Early College Academy and HS2 to further the education of their students and reaffirm our commitment to the surrounding Reynoldsburg community,” said David Campisi, Big Lots Chief Executive Officer and President.

An iconic figure from Ohio State University sports history, Archie Griffin thrilled Buckeye fans during his football career and will make an appearance for a free autograph session from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Friday, August 22, during the grand opening. Griffin is the only two-time winner of the prestigious Heisman Trophy, symbolic of “The Outstanding College Football Player in the Country.” After seven seasons in the NFL, Griffin returned to his alma mater in 1984 and is currently Chief Executive Officer and President of the Ohio State Alumni Association.

As the nation’s largest broadline closeout retailer, Big Lots is best known for bringing customers a one-of-a-kind shopping experience filled with great products at an amazing value. This new easy-to-shop store will carry thousands of products available from everyday food and consumables to seasonal goods, home decor, electronics, toys, brand-name furniture, Serta mattresses and extraordinary one-time closeouts.

“When shoppers visit this new store they will find crazy good deals and low prices on name brands and quality products along with a team of associates dedicated to exceptional customer service. We hope new and old shoppers alike will find shopping this new Big Lots is always worth the trip,” said Campisi. “We encourage Buckeye fans to join us on this exciting day. This event is our way of saying thank you to the customers of all our stores in our hometown Columbus area. We look forward to seeing everyone come to check out this location, as well as welcoming OSU legend Archie Griffin to this new store.”

This new store will replace the store located at 1900 Brice Road, Reynoldsburg. The new Reynoldsburg store will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday.

To learn more about Big Lots, arrange a store visit, photography or speak with a company representative, contact Toni Fink at (440) 785-4514.

About Big Lots, Inc.

Big Lots is America's largest broadline closeout retailer. We currently operate 1,494 BIG LOTS stores in 48 states. For more information, contact MediaRelations@biglots.com or visit www.biglots.com.

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