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Athens County sheriff seeking info in former Lakeview man's death

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The Athens County Sheriff's Office is seeking information about Jarrod Joe Taylor, 37, of Nelsonville, formerly of Lakeview, whose body was found in the Hocking River by a group of kayakers in early June.

In early June 2024, the Athens County Sheriff's Office released information regarding a body found in the Hocking River by a group of kayakers.

Deputies and detectives



TAYLOR

and Rome Township Fire Department.

Following the discovery, an extensive search of the area was conducted but no additional evidence was recovered. No identification was located at the scene

quickly responded to the scene, with support from Athens County EMS, Richland Fire Department,

and no apparent cause of death was immediately evident.

"An autopsy was ordered by the Athens County Coroner in an attempt to determine the cause of death and to assist in identifying the deceased," announced Sheriff Rodney Smith said in a press release issued Thursday, Sept. 26.

"Results ultimately revealed a DNA match in the state database, identifying the individual

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RAISING AWARENESS BEGINS



Under the banner Stronger Together, a group of West Liberty cancer survivors came together for the community's Paint LoCo Pink event on Thursday. Pictured, from left, are: Terrie MacIntosh, Kathy Levan, Diana Wackerman, Elizabeth Bowling, Linda Stuart, Nikki Spriggs, Tina Fish and Erica Berry. (CINDEE BOYD PHOTO)

Jail garden blessings counted, animal shelter plans progressing

BY MANDY LOEHR
EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

Abountiful harvest in the Logan County Jail garden and plenty of other blessings were celebrated during the Logan County Sheriff's Office's annual harvest lunch Friday, Sept. 27, serving up a plethora of garden fare and cookout items to a large crowd of LCSO staff and retirees, fellow first responders, county and city employees and local elected officials.



Logan County Sheriff's Office retiree Bonnie Klingelhofer and LCSO Maintenance Director Lyle Yaussy fill their plates with a variety of fresh fare at the annual Logan County Jail harvest lunch.

(EXAMINER PHOTO | MANDY LOEHR)

Among the activities for the day was an update from the Logan County Commissioners regarding the county's previously announced animal shelter project, which will be built on the LCSO grounds, 284 S. County Road 32, Bellefontaine.

Commissioner Joe Antram reported that the shelter project will soon be bid out, and after the final bid is accepted, plans are to host an official groundbreaking for the approximately 8,400 square foot facility, which will be operated by Logan County Sheriff Randy Dodds and Dog Warden Jacob Boyd.

Fellow Commissioner Mike Yoder explained that in recent years, Logan County has had arrangements with nearby counties to house stray dogs brought in locally.

"Currently, we're spending \$65,000 a year to ship our dogs to Shelby County. As you can tell, it won't take very long to recoup those costs in a new building.

"Not only will we be able to recoup these costs, but people won't have to travel to another county in the event that their dog gets loose. And we'll be able to house stray cats here as well.

"We're excited about it and we think it's going to be a big success for the whole county, and the land here at the sheriff's office."

Plans are for the post frame facility to include space for both dogs and cats, and potentially an area for the temporary housing of livestock that are involved in legal cases such as abuse or abandonment, as previously reported in the Examiner.

The commissioners anticipate that one full-time staff person will need to be hired to run the daily facility operation and handle adoptions of animals to the public. The county commis-

NEW ANIMAL SHELTER PLANS SHARED



Logan County Commissioners Joe Antram, left, and Mike Yoder provide updates Friday regarding the county's plans to build an animal shelter. (EXAMINER PHOTO | MANDY LOEHR)

sion also recently adopted new dog tag rates for 2025 to support the cost of staffing the shelter.

In addition, the commissioners have designated the Logan County Sheriff's Office Behind the Badge Volunteers, Inc., a 501c3 charitable organization, to accept all financial donations toward the construction and operation of the facility.

Also unique to the animal shelter will be the chance for Logan County Jail inmate trustees to provide support for animal care, building maintenance, cleaning and operations during non-public hours.

Similarly, jail inmates also earn good time credit by working in the Logan County Jail garden, an ongoing annual cost-saving project that started around 2010.

Lt. Tim Klingelhofer has been in charge of the jail garden for the last several years. He noted the huge impact that it has on the sheriff's office budget by cutting between 15 to 30 cents per meal for every meal that is served to inmates each day incorporating fresh, frozen and

canned produce from the jail garden.

"We're able to take the average cost of \$1.33 per meal down to about \$1 per meal by incorporating a variety of items from the garden," Lt. Klingelhofer said.

"We give a lot of credit to our kitchen staff, led by Supervisor Carmen Loudermilk, for making this program so successful. They are very creative with incorporating items from the garden into our daily meals.

"This year, Dispatch Supervisor Christy Astoronio even provided classes on canning for the inmates, so it's just another great skill that they gain, along with tending to the garden, when they leave here."

Despite the recent drought conditions, Lt. Klingelhofer said the jail garden did not suffer from the lack of rain because of its own watering system that was installed at the beginning of the planting season.

Both ends of the sheriff's office have an accessible fire

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Logan County gets painted pink for cancer awareness

BY SHARYN KOPF
EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

With October, which is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, only days away, several Logan County towns are preparing to "Paint LoCo Pink." These efforts are designed to recognize the area's breast cancer survivors, to remember those we've lost, and to encourage everyone to seek out early screening.



A group of cancer survivors gathered on Main Street in Lakeview on Wednesday to get an early start to Breast Cancer Awareness Month. (EXAMINER PHOTO | SHARYN KOPF)

Lakeview started their tribute with an event in conjunction with the Logan County Cancer Society on Main Street on Wednesday, Sept. 25. It included an opening address from Logan County Commissioner Mike Yoder, a food truck rally and karaoke. But, mostly, the focus was on surviving the ubiquitous disease.

"During October, we're going to do as much as we can to spread awareness," Christie Barns, community outreach manager for Mary Rutan Hospital and Logan County Cancer Society (LCCS), said.

"If you detect something early enough through regular screening, there is help to survive."

Indian Lake High School cheerleading coach Jamie Ross was also at the event to promote their Pink Out Game against Benjamin Logan High School on Friday, Oct. 4. This fundraising event has already sold 200 T-shirts for attendees to wear that night.

In addition, the students are holding a bake sale and they'll pass the hat for donations at the game.

"Our kids have been wanting to do an official Pink Out since covid," Ross stated. "We decided to get it going this year, and I'm glad we did."

Educational materials will be available at the game or can be obtained by contacting the LCCS at 937-599-7003. The hospital offers mammograms and other screenings, which are especially encouraged.

"The earlier the detection, the greater the survival rate," Barns concluded.

Continuing Thursday, Sept. 26, West Liberty hosted a health fair at town hall as part of their annual Pink Out. Logan County repre-

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Sonya Eaton, left, an educator with the Logan County Health District, discusses cancer exams with Ashley Gier and Rebecca Marker-Smith, far right, both representing Green Hills Community. The women were at the West Liberty town hall on Thursday as part of the village's annual health fair. (EXAMINER PHOTO | SHARYN KOPF)

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■ **SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS**

Indian Lake BOE extends contract for bus garage

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The Indian Lake Board of Education approved during their Wednesday evening meeting, Sept. 25, a new bus garage project that will change the layout of facilities at Indian Lake Schools.

The board accepted a resolution awarding Baumer Construction, Inc., a \$2.9 million contract to build a new Bus Maintenance/Storage facility and Fuel Station project south of the middle school along County Road 91 and the southern drive onto campus.

The current bus maintenance facility, located at the center of campus, is now too short to accommodate the size of modern buses.

"What this will allow us to do is get those buses inside, under cover, locked, and safely out of the weather," Indian Lake Superintendent Dr. Rob Underwood explained.

"After studying the financial impact of this for well over a year, we know this is a way to extend the life of the buses and the overall security on our campus."

Underwood said the bids for the project came in \$1.3 million dollars under the original estimated cost. Building a new bus maintenance facility will open up the current garage to future projects and generate many more parking spaces close to the Indian Lake High School event entrance and Laker Stadium.

In addition, Dr. Underwood gave board

members a report on the Indian Lake Schools State Report Card that was recently released. Indian Lake earned a 4-star rating, a slight slip from the past two years at 4.5 stars.

State testing took place less than a month after the March 14 tornado ravaged the Indian Lake area, closed school for a week and displaced many students and their families.

Dr. Underwood says he is more than satisfied with the state testing results, given the circumstances.

"The students actually took the assessments really shortly after the tornado hit our district. So for them to be able to focus and be able to come back from such a challenging event and to still have a really solid performance on those state assessments, we just couldn't be any prouder."

Superintendent Underwood said teaching teams are still analyzing results to make improvements for this year.

Finally, the board accepted the upcoming retirement next summer of longtime Indian Lake Schools Treasurer Coleen Reprogle. She has served the district for decades and with her knowledge and experience, Dr. Underwood knows her position will be a challenge to fill.

"It's been such an awesome experience getting to work with her. I think there are very few people in the profession that work as hard

as she does and give as much as she has given to this district."

Board members are planning a search process to find Reprogle's successor.

The next board meeting is 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21, in the Board Office.

- In other action, the board:**
- accepted the supplemental contract resignation of Brian Tidwell, middle school boys basketball; and extended the following supplemental contracts: Melissa Kunkler, high school art club adviser; Brad Hoover, boys bowling; Sue Bishop, girls bowling; Ethan Fulkerson, middle school boys basketball;
 - accepted a \$2,500 donation to the Food Service Department for school lunches from the Amvets Post 39; a \$250 donation from the Residents and Neighbors of Circle Drive (Lakeview) and the \$364 donation from the Maplewood Community Fire Department to the Student Needs fund;
 - approved Melissa Kunkler for a \$100 half-day stipend for ALICE Intruder Training to be paid from the Performance Based Compensation Fund;
 - approved Amber Newkirk and Cassandra Sullivan for \$400 for two full days for the SMARTER Intervention professional development paid from the Performance Based Compensation Fund;
 - approved Home Instruction Tutors Sarah Beres, Robin Boots and Cassandra Sullivan serving a MS and a HS IEP student at a rate of \$25 per hour, as needed;
 - approved a number of staff members as high school and middle school Thursday night monitors, to be paid at the rate of \$20 per hour;
 - approved the following staff members' advancement on the salary schedule, effective Sept. 15: master's plus 45 — Ryan Lillard, Theresa Nelson; and master's — Linsey Titus and Brian Levingston. Members also entered into executive session for the purpose of considering the employment of a public employee or official.

OHP program helps students develop leadership skills

BY SHARYN KOPF
 EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

As Ohio Hi-Point (OHP) Career Center prepares for a busy October, the district's board of education heard about a group of students who will play a key role in those upcoming activities. Justin Lacher, student admission and retention coordinator, gave the presentation at the board's regular meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 25.

It's called the Student Influencer Program, and it allows participants to gain leadership skills by getting them out of their comfort zones. Responsibilities include tours and events, experience days for visiting students and social media content.

"They really do gain leadership experience," Lacher told the board. "We tell them that's an easy mark on a job application."

These influencers are, according to Lacher, an important part of the admissions team. They're considered "the faces of the school" and, as such, shape the way current and potential students view OHP.

The program receives an average of 50 to 60 applications. Of that number, 24 were selected for the 2023-2024 school year.

In the district update, Dr. Rick Smith, superintendent, encouraged the board to

watch the six-part video series covering the school's core values—Accountability, Service, Prepared, Innovation, Relationships and Engagement (ASPIRE).

A 50th anniversary all-class reunion and community event will take place on Thursday, Oct. 3, from 3 to 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to watch lab demos, enjoy live music, grab something to eat from the food trucks, and, for alumni, take class photos on the hill.

Smith also recommended board members taste test the ASPIRE chocolates Chef Jason Cobb made for the anniversary celebration. They had samples of the six different flavors—which include peanut butter, amaretto and strawberry—at the meeting.

Last week, OHP invited career development expert and author Brooks Harper to the campus. Smith said Harper spoke to the students about "your name is your brand."

Brad Richardson, career tech assistant superintendent, was up next. He covered several topics, students finished their participation in the last county fair for the year, Hardin, earlier this month.

Customer service programs are up and running, including The Nest, a student-run coffee shop at Graham High School.

The construction program laid concrete on the sidewalk

on the hill and by the flag.

Twice a month, the district sends out a newsletter. "We're trying to do a better job of communicating," Richardson said.

In the enrollment report, OHP has 734 students at the Bellefontaine campus, which exceeds last year's number by more than 100. They also have students participating in a little over 3,700 satellite classes (this number includes duplicates), which is consistent with 2023.

Monday, Sept. 30, OHP is hosting a web exam professional development (PD) meeting for teachers. Other educators planning to attend the event, free of charge, are coming from the Ohio State University, as well as Bellefontaine and Benjamin Logan high schools. Career Tech is also finalizing plans for a PD day on Friday, Oct. 18. They hope to show teachers how to be more efficient at utilizing AI in the classroom.

This year's fall craft show will go from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12. They now have over 70 vendors.

Treasurer Lang presented the budget commission report, which proved the district is in good financial health. He asked the board to adopt the annual appropriations resolution for July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, in the amount of \$29,753,584.36.

■ BELLEFONTAINE BEAT POLICE & FIRE

Cash, drugs seized from traffic stop

Over a pound of drugs and thousands of dollars worth of cash were recovered from a Thursday, Sept. 26, traffic stop executed by officers of the Bellefontaine Police Department in collaboration with troopers from the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

Cortlend Banks, 31, of Lima, was charged with felony possession of marijuana and driving under suspension and was lodged in the Logan County Jail following the 9:30 a.m. traffic stop in the area of the off-ramp from U.S. Route 33 westbound at the state rest area.

Officers on patrol were made aware of a possible impaired driver heading westbound on U.S. 33 approaching the city limits. Troopers from the Marysville Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol and Logan County Sheriff's deputies also were on alert for the reported erratic driver.

Banks reportedly existed U.S. 33 for a time at the U.S. Route 68 interchange and was observed in the area of Township Road 217 before he re-entered westbound U.S. Route 33. Law enforcement caught up to Banks shortly after he re-entered U.S. 33 and a traffic stop was initiated alongside the highway patrol at that time.

Banks was under multiple driver's license suspensions and a large collection of cash was observed in a center console. K9 Officer Pyro was deployed to conduct an open air sniff, and the presence of drugs was indicated.

A search of the vehicle turned up 1.06 pounds of marijuana from the trunk of the car, and over \$5,000 cash. In addition to the felony drug and driving under suspension charges, an OVI charge is also pending, law enforcement reports.

■ LOGAN COUNTY BEAT SHERIFF & HIGHWAY PATROL

Prescription narcotics seized from traffic stop

Ashlee Cunningham, 40, of North Carolina, was arrested Thursday, Sept. 26, for felony possession of controlled substances after law enforcement discovered multiple prescription pills and a white powdery substance in her vehicle during a traffic stop.

Deputies from the Logan County Sheriff's Office on patrol around 2:17 p.m. observed a white Chevrolet Malibu changing lanes westbound without using a turn signal on U.S. Route in the area of State Route 540.

A traffic stop was initiated and deputies spoke with Cunningham, who explained she was driving to Indiana with her daughter for a family birthday. Deputies noted that Cunningham appeared nervous during the interaction, and would not make eye contact.

K9 officer Pyro was requested from the Bellefontaine Police Department and indicated to the presence of narcotics on the driver's side door. A search turned up several pill bottles in a purse located in the back seat.

Officers identified five round pink pills as Oxycodone, 14 brown capsules as Amphetamine, and 136 round orange pills as muscle relaxants.

Additionally, two straws containing a white powdery substance were found during the search.

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OBITUARIES

Donna F. Plank

Donna F. Plank, 88, of rural West Liberty, passed away Thursday, September 26, 2024, at her home with her family around her.

Donna was born in Garden City, Missouri on November 7, 1935, the daughter of the late Chauncey Gideon and Pearl Arie (Detweiler) Smucker.

Donna married Joseph Lee Plank on August 16, 1957, in South Union Mennonite Church, West Liberty, Ohio and he preceded her in death on December 18, 2022. She is also preceded in death by siblings, Mary Lou (Samuel) Plank, John Edward Smucker, and Robert Smucker.

Donna is survived by a son, J. Mark (Kathy) Plank of Syracuse, IN, a daughter, Cara (Jim Sheriff) Plank Wolfe of West Liberty, and grandchildren; Tyler (Aubree) Peterson, Margaret Plank, Josh (Sammy) Plank, Jordon (Stephanie) Wolfe, Jonathan Wolfe, Joel Plank, Luke (Megan) Wolfe, Landon (Kylie) Wolfe, Jacob (Ali) Plank, and a great granddaughter, Amelia Peterson, her siblings, Ann Mast and Joe (Cheryl) Smucker a sister-in-law, Ebbie Smucker and many nieces and nephews.

Donna graduated from Hesston Academy in Hesston, KS, in 1953 and went on to get her associate's degree from Hesston College and received her bachelor's from Urbana College. She worked several years as the administrative assistant to the Superintendent of Champaign County Schools. She also worked as a homemaker, raising her children and taking care of her family. She even helped Lee out with farming and was proud of her and Lee's accomplishment when they were able to stack over 1000 bales of hay in one day before she did laundry and cooked supper. She was a member of South Union Mennonite Church, West Liberty, where she served as the church secretary for many years. She was also a volunteer with 4-H, serving as an advisor for nine years. She loved to sew, quilt and when she wasn't crafting, she was likely reading a book.

Pastor Matthew Williams will officiate a funeral service at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, in South Union Mennonite Church, West Liberty, where visitation will be

one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will follow in the South Union Mennonite Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to South Union Mennonite Church, 56 St. Rt. 508, West Liberty, OH 43357 or to Interim HealthCare & Hospice, 3745 Shawnee Rd, Suites 108 & 109 Lima, OH 45806.

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

Susan L. Robson

Susan L. Robson, 74, of West Mansfield, passed away Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at her residence.

Born October 24, 1949 in Kenton, she was the daughter of the late William and Margaret (Dickerson) Robson. She was also preceded in death by a brother, Tom Robson and a niece, Andrea Robson. Susan was a 1967 graduate of Logan Hills High School and attended the Ohio State University. She owned and operated the Main St. restaurant in West Mansfield, later worked at Green Hills in West Liberty and formerly attended the North Greenfield United Methodist Church.

A loving mother, grandmother, sister and aunt, she loved spending time with her family. She loved attending her grandchildren's sporting events and was fondly known for being the family historian. An avid sports fan, she enjoyed watching them on TV, especially Ohio State football, she also enjoyed watching Perry Mason and Murder She Wrote.

She is survived by her daughters, Lauri Long and Mikki (Brad) Bates, both of West Mansfield; grandchildren, Morgan Lockwood, Georgia, Rissa and Brock Bates; brothers, William Robson of West Mansfield and Robert (Teresa) Robson of Bellefontaine; her nieces, Brande Harshfield and Kyla Deeter; and a nephew, Derek Robson.

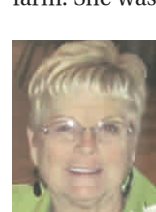
Services to celebrate Susan's life will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 1, at the North Greenfield Global Methodist Church. Burial will follow at the North Greenfield Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. prior to the service on Tuesday at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Arrangements are being handled by the Wilson Funeral Home, Schnurrenberger Chapel 222. W. Center St. West Mansfield. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.wilsonfuneralhomesinc.com.

Janice Marie Stahler

Janice Marie Stahler 85 of Rushsylvania passed away Sunday September 22, 2024, in her home on her family farm. She was born August 22, 1939, to Clayton and Elise (Marling) Young. She was preceded in death by her Husband Jack Stahler (her Elvis) who she married on July 12, 1959. She was also preceded in death by her Siblings: Janet (Leo) Oswald, Carey (Judy) Young, Larry (Edith) Young, brothers-in-law Bob Burrell, Lloyd Ferguson, Darrell (Mary Lou) Stahler, Richard Stahler, Jr (Barb) Stahler, Nephew Kevin (Christine) Stahler.



She is survived by her Sister Joyce Burrell, in laws Nora Ferguson, and Dan (JoAnn) Stahler and many nieces and nephews.

Janice was a homemaker and worked at Westinghouse for years and different small jobs before retirement. Her greatest love was her family! Kids Jack (Stacey) Stahler, Sandy (Larry) McKirahan, and Chad (Amy) Stahler. Her grandchildren Brittany (Levi) Oglesbee, Jayme (Travis) Hefner, Landon (Shanel) McKirahan, Trent Stahler, Danika (Jake) Tracey, Trey Stahler, Jensen Stahler, Keagan Stahler, Mia Stahler. Plus 10 great grandchildren.

You would always find her on the sidelines supporting all of her kids and grandkids. they were the joy in her life, and she was their biggest fan.

Funeral services will be held 11 AM Monday, September 30, 2024 at Jennings Farley and Seeley funeral home 5591 US Highway 68 S. West Liberty OH 43357.

Visitation will be on Sunday September 29, 2024 from 2 to 5 PM at the Funeral Home. Burial will be in Highland Memorial Cemetery.

LUNCHEON

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hydrant. Hoses donated this year by Tim Hart from A&H Hose & Fittings were hooked up to the hydrants to provide the garden with its own sprinkler system.

The garden's bountiful harvest for 2024 included a bumper crop of green beans, with eight different pickings; along with peppers and tomatoes that are still growing today. Zucchini and cucumbers also fared very well, all tended to without the use of any chemicals.

"The inmates provide all

of the work out here, from the planting in the spring, to the daily watering, weeding and now harvesting," Lt. Klingelhofer said.

Unique to this year's jail harvest lunch was an opportunity for guests to participate in a raffle of six wooden crates filled with many goodies created from jail garden produce, including canned salsa, pickles and jalapeno bacon jam and chili base, along with a 2025 calendar featuring K9 Tega. LCSO Maintenance Director Lyle Yaussy created the wooden crates for the raffle.



Guests at the Logan County Jail harvest lunch had the chance to win a raffle featuring wooden crates filled with canned goodies created from jail garden produce and other Logan County Sheriff's Office memorabilia. (EXAMINER PHOTO | MANDY LOEHR)

AWARENESS

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representatives from the cancer society, the health district and other organizations offered advice, screenings, promo materials and even massages.

Sonya Eaton, an educator with the Logan County Health District, discussed cancer exams with Ashley Gier and Rebecca Marker-Smith, both representing Green Hills Community.

Eaton emphasized the importance of men and women testing for all kinds of cancer, including breast, prostate and testicular. Unfortunately, she pointed out, ovarian cancer cannot be tested for, so we need to know what to look for.

"Get exams," Eaton insisted, "and listen to your body."

Thursday evening, West Liberty area cancer survivors were honored by the Logan County Cancer Society and the community under the gazebo. Women who were recognized include Terrie MacIntosh, Kathy Levan, Diana Wackerman, Elizabeth Bowling, Linda Stuart, Nikki



Spriggs, Tina Fish and Erica Berry.

Next week on Thursday, Oct. 3, Paint LoCo Pink and the Logan County Cancer Society host a ceremony in Bellefontaine at 6:30 p.m. inside the Holland Theater, to honor local survivors as well.

In addition to the Pink Out ceremonies, Community Health and Wellness Partners (CHWP) is bringing the Mercy Health Mobile Mammogram Unit to the CHWP West Liberty office, 4879 US 68, on Thursday, Oct. 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

To schedule a mammogram, call Melinda Smith at 937-599-1411 ext. 210.

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as Jarrod Joe Taylor, 37. We extend our condolences to his family."

Upon notifying next of kin, it was discovered that Taylor had been estranged from his family since mid-2022 and was known to be homeless.

The autopsy indicated no sign of foul play or foreign trauma, Sheriff Smith noted in the press release. Taylor had a history of residence in both Athens County and the Lakeview area of Logan County.

As the investigation into the circumstances surrounding the discovery continue, the Athens

County Sheriff's Office is seeking information from witnesses or acquaintances who may have seen Taylor in the area or had contact with him from early 2024 until the time his body was recovered in June.

Those with relevant information are asked to contact the Athens County Sheriff's Office at (740) 593-6633.

Sheriff Smith extended his appreciation to Captain Bryan Cooper, Sergeant Brice Fick, Athens County Coroner Carl Ortman, Athens County Coroner's Office Investigator Ben Ashcraft, and Deputies of the Athens County Sheriff's Office for their diligent work in this case.

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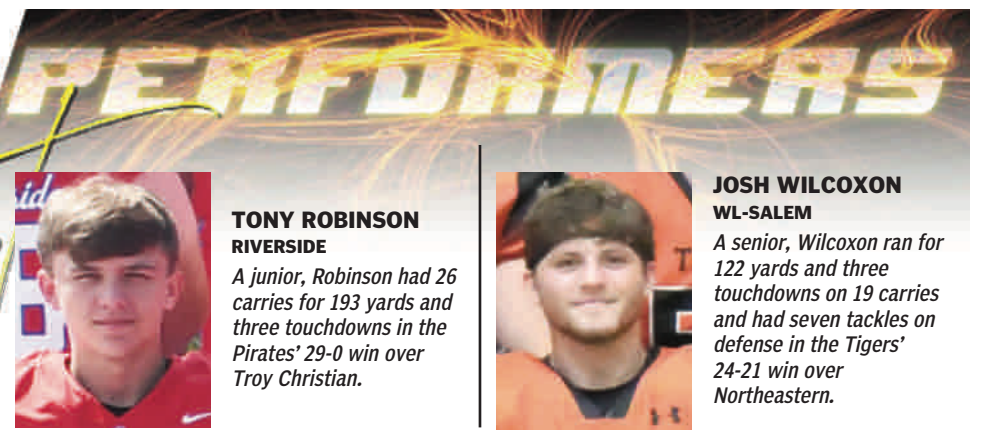
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TONY ROBINSON RIVERSIDE

A junior, Robinson had 26 carries for 193 yards and three touchdowns in the Pirates' 29-0 win over Troy Christian.

JOSH WILCOXON WL-SALEM

A senior, Wilcoxon ran for 122 yards and three touchdowns on 19 carries and had seven tackles on defense in the Tigers' 24-21 win over Northeastern.

London's ground attack overpowers Chiefs

BY MATT HAMMOND
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LONDON — London's punishing running game and the harsh weather conditions were simply too much for Bellefontaine to overcome here Friday night.

The Red Raiders used their ground and pound Wing T attack to crank out 227 rushing yards, while Bellefontaine was limited to just 147 total yards of offense in a 51-6 London victory.

The Chiefs are now 4-2 overall and 1-0 in the Central Buckeye Conference. London improves to 6-0, 1-0.

"We didn't play very well and couldn't get any momentum going," said Bellefontaine head coach Jason Brown. "They got the momentum early and we couldn't get it back."

The big question for the Chiefs going into the game was whether star quarterback Tavien St. Clair would play after suffering a leg injury last week against Indian Lake.

St. Clair did start, but the strong winds and rain — combined with sticky coverage by the London defense — made it tough for the Chiefs to do much though the air.

St. Clair finished 7-of-13 passing for 90 yards and one touchdown.

"Physically, I thought he looked really good," said Brown. "But as an offense we didn't make the plays when we had the opportunities."

Bellefontaine was only able to stop London's offense once, with the Red



Bellefontaine's Braylon Newcomb heads toward the end zone late in the first half of Friday's game at London. (EXAMINER PHOTO | TONY BARRETT)

Raiders turning the ball over on downs late in the fourth quarter when backups were in on both sides.

The Red Raiders averaged 6.5 yards per rush. In addition to the success on the ground, the hosts scored a touchdown on a kickoff and returned a Bellefontaine fumble for a touchdown.

Bellefontaine received the opening kickoff and was able to pick up a first down — one of only four on the night — but eventually had to punt the ball away.

The Red Raiders then put together one of their trademark drives, taking over at their own 39-yard line and marching 61 yards

on 13 plays.

On a fourth-and-goal at the 1-yard line, Noah Sollars plowed in for a touchdown. The Red Raiders added a two-point conversion run to lead 8-0 with 1:19 left in the first quarter.

On its ensuing possession, Bellefontaine put together a promising drive. The Chiefs moved inside the London 35-yard line, but a fumble was recovered by the Red Raiders at the BHS 32-yard line.

London needed just four plays to get into the end zone.

On one of just the seven pass plays the Red Raiders attempted, Chris Mason

tossed a 17-yard TD to June Turner. That gave London a 15-0 lead at the 10:21 mark in the second quarter.

Bellefontaine then went three-and-out.

London took over after the punt at its own 29-yard line and fashioned a 10-play scoring drive, which was capped by a 10-yard Sollars TD run to make the score 22-0 with 3:22 remaining in the first half.

The struggles continued for Bellefontaine on its next possession. The Chiefs got backed up deep in their own territory and had to attempt a punt in their own end zone.

The snap went over the punter's head and through

the end zone for a safety, giving the Red Raiders a 24-0 lead with 2:12 left until the break.

On the ensuing free kick, London's Daquanne Parks returned it to the Chieftain 1-yard line, but a block in the back penalty put the ball at the BHS 16-yard line.

Sollars followed with a 12-yard run and Mason scored on a 4-yard keeper to send the hosts to a 30-0 lead with 1:21 left in the first half.

Bellefontaine's offense broke through just before halftime as the Chiefs went on a 70-yard scoring drive.

A 29-yard pass from St. Clair to Ayden Clary got Bellefontaine onto the

London side of the field and St. Clair would later connect with Braylon Newcomb for a 31-yard touchdown, making the score 30-6 with 10.3 seconds remaining in the second quarter.

Any hope of a Chieftain comeback in the second half was dashed on the opening kickoff of the third quarter.

London's Steven Gravely took the ball at his own 3-yard line, worked his way to the near sideline and then dashed all the way to the end zone for a 97-yard TD return.

That put the Red Raiders out to a 37-6 lead and put the running clock into play for the rest of the second half.

A 10-yard TD pass from Mason to Parks on the last play of the third quarter increased the London lead to 44-6.

London finished off the scoring with its defense getting into the act. The Red Raiders' Marquise McFarlane picked up a botched Bellefontaine snap and returned it seven yards for a touchdown with 9:48 remaining in the game.

The Chiefs managed 57 rushing yards on 18 attempts. Carter Caudill had 31 rushing yards on seven carries.

Newcomb tallied 61 receiving yards on six catches and had 17 rushing yards on four carries.

Sollars paced London's running game with 114 yards on 17 carries.

The Chiefs are back in action Friday at home against Tecumseh.



Indian Lake's Quest Clay gets past a Graham defender during Friday's game at Indian Lake. (EXAMINER PHOTO | NATE SMITH)

Lakers stave off Falcons in overtime

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Complimentary football propelled Indian Lake Friday to an overtime victory over visiting Graham 13-7 in a Central Buckeye Conference Mad River division game.

The Lakers (4-2, 1-0) took the lead in the late stages of the first half on the strength of a blocked punt recovered in the end zone for a special teams touchdown.

A fumble forced by the defense at the 1-yard line in overtime just as it looked like Graham (0-6, 0-1) was going to take its first lead of the game helped set up the walk-off touchdown.

Noah Shirk's 1-yard TD run in overtime won the game for Indian Lake after the Falcons managed to tie the game at 7-7 with 11:43 left in the fourth quarter.

With less than a minute

to go in the first half, Indian Lake punted the ball near the Graham 20-yard line. The Falcons attempted to run out the clock, but Indian Lake used its timeouts to force the Falcons to have to attempt a punt on fourth down. A personal foul penalty assessed against the Graham sideline pushed the Falcons back to the shadow of their own goal line.

The snap back to the punter was high and fumbled and the Lakers recovered in the end zone to take a 7-0 lead at halftime.

Graham had to go just 12 yards for its tying touchdown in the fourth quarter. A long punt return from the Falcons gave them good field possession deep in Lakers territory.

Neither team seriously threatened for the rest of the fourth quarter until overtime.

The Falcons got the ball first and on a second-and-long play completed a well-thrown ball between the hash marks near the one-yard line. For a moment it appeared Graham had scored first in the overtime session, but Quest Clay leveled a big hit right at the goal line to jar the ball loose.

The Lakers recovered and wasted little time punching the ball into the end zone for the win.

Drake Cosby rushed 15 times for 50 yards for Indian Lake.

High winds, driving rain and deteriorating field conditions made for a tough offensive night, as the teams combined for less than 200 yards of total offense.

The teams combined for 11 fumbles and seven total turnovers.

The Lakers host Benjamin Logan next week.

Big 3rd quarter helps Pirates pull away from Eagles

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

A decisive third quarter helped Riverside pull away Friday from Troy Christian 29-0 in a Three Rivers Conference game.

Riverside (3-3, 2-1) had a two-possession lead at halftime over visiting Troy Christian (0-6, 0-3), and consecutive scoring drives to open the third quarter put the game away.

"We challenged the guys at halftime to finish drives better in the second half," Pirates head coach Bryce Hodge said. "We had the ball five times in the first half and only scored touchdowns on two of those possessions. Our goal was to improve that in the second half and we were able to get that done."

Tony Robinson rushed for

193 yards on 26 carries and scored three touchdowns, including two in the third quarter, to help lift the Pirates.

Riverside set the tone early as Robinson broke free for a 13-yard touchdown run to put the Pirates on the board in the first quarter. Brody Orsborne added the extra point to give Riverside a 7-0 lead.

In the second quarter, Riverside kept the pressure on. Gavin Orsborne found the end zone with a 10-yard run, extending the Pirates' lead to 13-0 at halftime.

The Pirates pulled away in the third quarter. Robinson punched in a 3-yard touchdown run early in the quarter, then later exploded for a 26-yard touchdown run to cap off the scoring. After his second touch-

down of the quarter, Robinson completed a two-point conversion pass to Landon Purtee, giving Riverside a 29-0 lead.

Orsborne added 24 rushing yards and a touchdown on four carries, while also completing 12 of 15 passes for 87 yards.

Brody Orsborne chipped in with 13 rushing yards on two carries and completed three of four passes for 17 yards.

Purtee hauled in 12 catches for 55 yards, while Robinson added a 32-yard reception.

Aidden Manning led the way with five tackles, including two for loss to lead the Pirates defensively. Braylon Dunn added six tackles, including one tackle for loss.

Riverside hosts Sidney Lehman next week.



Riverside's Landon Purtee shakes off a Troy Christian player during Friday's game in DeGraff. (EXAMINER PHOTO | NATE SMITH)

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Benjamin Logan's Kendall Plikerd tries to get away from a Northwestern defender during Friday's game at Ben Logan. (EXAMINER PHOTO | NATE SMITH)

Warriors, weather wear down Raiders in Mad River opener

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Turnovers and missed opportunities cost Benjamin Logan Friday in a 22-0 loss to Northwestern in a Central Buckeye Conference Mad River division game.

Ben Logan drops to 0-6, 0-1. Northwestern improves to 4-2, 1-0.

Blustery weather conditions and a driving rain made for a tough night on offense. The teams combined for 12 total fumbles, but the Warriors were able to score touchdowns in each of the second, third and fourth quarters to pull

away from the homestanding Raiders.

After a scoreless opening quarter that saw a handful of difficult-to-handle snaps and fumbles on both sides, the Warriors returned a fumble near the Ben Logan goal line into the end zone for a 1-yard TD return. The score was 8-0 following a successful two-point conversion.

Northwestern returned another fumble for a touchdown in the third quarter to extend the advantage. A successful PAT made the score 15-0.

The Warriors put the game away with a short TD run in the fourth quarter to

push the lead to 22-0.

The Raiders had some opportunities early, including a lost-fumble right at the Northwestern goal-line that went through the back of the end zone for a turnover and a touchback for the Warriors.

Alex Hassel rushed 19 times for 38 yards. Jordan Pender had nine carries for 22 yards. Talan Archer recorded one reception for 15 yards to help lead the Raiders offensively.

Jaxon Bowman was credited with 7.5 tackles for the Raiders defense.

The Raiders play at Indian Lake next week.

Tigers hang on for OHC North win over Jets

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

West Liberty-Salem overcame a halftime deficit Friday and held on late for a 24-21 victory over Northeastern to open Ohio Heritage Conference play.

Josh Wilcoxon scored three times including the go-ahead touchdown in the third quarter for WL-S as the Tigers improve to 4-1 overall and 1-0 in the OHC. Northeastern drops to 4-2, 0-1.

The Tigers scored first Friday as part of a back-and-forth first two quarters that saw the lead change hands three times.

Gideon Cole connected on a 24-yard field goal in the first quarter to give the Tigers a 3-0 lead.

Northeastern answered with a 21-yard touchdown pass with seconds to go in the first quarter from Diezel Taylor to Garrett Chadwell to give the Jets a 7-3 advantage.

The game continued to

go back-and-forth in the second quarter, as the Tigers reclaimed the lead minutes before halftime. Wilcoxon scored his first TD of the night on a 23-yard run to put the Tigers ahead 10-3 following a successful PAT.

Northeastern regained the lead again before halftime on a 12-yard pass from Taylor to Luke Mefford, followed by a successful extra point to make it 14-10 at halftime.

In the third quarter, the

Tigers found their momentum. Wilcoxon scored his second touchdown on a 17-yard run to give the Tigers a 16-14 lead they would not relinquish. Cole added the extra point to push the lead to 17-14.

Wilcoxon found the end zone for a third time on 1-yard rushing touchdown early in the fourth quarter, extending the Tigers' lead to 24-14 after Cole's third successful PAT.

Northeastern rallied late, with Taylor scoring on a 2-

yard run and adding the PAT, but the Tigers' defense held firm to secure the 24-21 win.

Wilcoxon carried the ball 19 times for 122 yards to go along with his three touchdowns to pace the Tigers offensively. Nick Shifflet completed 11 of 15 passes for 67 yards. Reese Oder registered six receptions for 57 yards.

As a team, the Tigers rushed 51 times for a total of 237 yards as part of a rushing attack that helped

WL-S possess the ball for 30:47 for the game, compared to a 12:30 time of possession for Northeastern.

Jacob Evans had two tackles and an interception defensively for WL-S. Wilcoxon also logged seven tackles on defense for the Tigers. Sam Strapp and Hunter Knotts recorded six and four tackles respectively for WL-S.

The Tigers are home next week against West Jefferson.

Big 10 play arrives for Buckeyes

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Now that the appetizers have been served up, No. 3 Ohio State can finally move on to the main course.

The Buckeyes' three-game slate of tuneup games ended with a 49-14 rout of Marshall on Saturday. The Thundering Herd found ways to exploit the Ohio State defense early but couldn't keep up with its cadre of offensive stars.

Now it's nothing but Big Ten opponents the rest of the way for the Buckeyes.

Ohio State outscored Akron, Western Michigan and Marshall 107-20. The Buckeyes should get a better idea of where they stand in a prime-time game against Michigan State next Saturday and more challenging matchups down the road.

"Right now, I feel like we're in a decent spot," said receiver Emeka Egbuka, who led the team Saturday with five catches for 117 yards and a TD. "We're able to have a successful running game, a successful passing attack. So, a lot of credit to the coaches."

Ohio State will follow up the trip to East Lansing, Michigan, with a home game against Iowa before



Ohio State's Quinshon Judkins runs for a touchdown in last week's win over Marshall. (EXAMINER PHOTO | TONY BARRETT)

traveling the farthest ever for a Big Ten game to play No. 9 Oregon on Oct. 12.

That three-game stretch should reveal some more truths about the Buckeyes.

"You don't know until you get off the field, but we go against good players every day in practice. So it's

not like we don't know what we look like against good players," coach Ryan Day said. "So we'll just go with what we see and grow from it from there."

Ohio State's offensive weapons were on display Saturday.

Quinshon Judkins

rushed for 173 yards and two touchdowns, TreVeyon Henderson rushed for two and Emeka Egbuka caught two touchdown passes. Freshman receiver Jeremiah Smith has 281 receiving yards and four TDs in three games, including an electrifying 53-yard catch and run

against Marshall.

"I think that all of this stuff that we've done has presented problems for defenses," said Will Howard,

who was 16 for 20 for 275 yards with two touchdowns and an interception against Marshall. "You know, you got to just continue to adjust and adapt to whatever they're going to do."

One of the issues for Ohio State is a defensive line that gave up chunk plays to the Herd, who had two extended drives that resulted in first-half touchdowns. Marshall had 125 rushing yards and 18 first downs. Starting defensive lineman Tyleik Williams was a last-minute scratch. Day didn't give a reason but said he is "day to day."

"There's still some things we're going to watch on this film that we're not going to be pleased with," Day said of the defense.

Cornerback Jordan Hancock said the Buckeyes are ready for Michigan State.

"Super excited, man. Super excited," Hancock said. "I can't wait to play some of the Big Ten teams. Those games are always exciting, especially our first away game."

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THURSDAY NIGHTS PREP SPORTS ACTION

Raiders grab CBC victory over Warriors

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Benjamin Logan was victorious over Northwestern 28-26, 21-25, 25-21, 25-17 in Central Buckeye Conference volleyball action Thursday.

The Raiders are now 10-6 overall and 6-0 in the CBC. The Warriors drop to 7-10, 2-4.

Makayla Williamson sparked the Raiders with 12 kills and two aces, while Skylar Miracle tallied 11 kills.

Also for Ben Logan, Georgia Daniels had eight kills and two aces, Abby Vance posted four kills and two blocks, Caroline Spriggs had two kills, Annika Chappell posted three kills, Autumn Cline tallied 35 assists, Mia Stahler had 13 digs and Marlee Butcher had three digs.



The Raiders play at Graham on Tuesday.

Tigers edged by West Jefferson

West Liberty-Salem's volleyball team was defeated by West Jefferson 25-17, 21-25, 22-25, 25-12, 16-14 in Ohio Heritage Conference action Thursday.

West Jefferson is now 10-6 overall and 7-4 in the OHC. The Tigers drop to 8-7, 8-3.

Naomi Cole posted 17 kills, five digs and seven aces on 19-19 serving for the Tigers. Kiersten Stoll had four kills and 11 digs, Londyn Loveless tallied nine digs, 16 assists and was 12-13 serving with four aces

and Lyndee Harrison had 12 assists and one dig.

Also for WL-S, Ellah Heminger had three kills, 18 digs and was 17-17 serving, Lilli Heminger had eight kills and three digs, Marisa Smith tallied 19 digs and was 21-22 serving with one ace, Reagan Winters had 15 digs and was 17-19 on serves received and Asher Daniels had three kills and 17 digs and was 16-16 serving with one ace.

The Tigers' junior varsity A team won 25-21, 25-10.

For WL-S, Olive Matthews had three assists and two digs, Addie Hutton posted five aces, Belle Sarver had five digs and eight kills, Emma Schmelzer had two kills, Emma Liggett had six digs and two kills, Tru Maxam posted three digs and four aces, Addie Dallas

had four digs and Sophia Landon had nine assists and seven digs.

Pirates fall to Troy Christian

Riverside's volleyball team lost to Troy Christian in three sets Thursday in Three Rivers Conference play.

The Pirates are now 2-14 overall and 2-8 in the TRC. The Eagles improve to 9-8, 5-5.

Avery Perk led the Pirates with 10 kills and two blocks. Aubree Huston had 10 digs and Zoey Ransbottom had three aces and six assists.

Riverside's junior varsity team won 25-16, 25-20. Kara Klingler had four assists, Molly Carman had three aces and two kills and Makayla Hurley had three kills and one block.

WL-S boys zip past Marion Pleasant

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

West Liberty-Salem's boys soccer team cruised past Marion Pleasant 6-0 in a non-league matchup Thursday.

The Tigers are now 8-2-2 on the season.

Lance Campbell opened the scoring for the Tigers with a goal on an assist by Clay McAuley.

Troy Christison scored two goals and Carson Kerns tallied a goal with five seconds left in the first half to make it 4-0.

Isaiah Reames and Wyatt Longaberger each had a goal for the Tigers in the second half.

Adding assists for the Tigers were Campbell, Reames and Isaiah Reminder.

Tucker Searles and Kyler Langhardt combined for the shutout in goal for WL-S.

The Tigers travel to Springfield Shawnee today.

Raiders drop CBC game to Cougars

Benjamin Logan's boys soccer team fell to host Kenton Ridge 3-1 in a Central Buckeye Conference game Thursday.

The Raiders slip to 5-4-4 overall and 4-2-1 in the CBC. Kenton Ridge improves to 4-4-2, 3-2-1.

Kenton Ridge jumped out to a 3-0 lead at halftime. Ben Logan's lone goal came on an Aidan Todd penalty kick with 20 minutes left in the game.

Spartans slip to Legacy Christian

Calvary Christian's soccer team lost to host Legacy Christian 2-1 on Thursday.

The Spartans fall to 11-2-1, while Legacy Christian improves to 9-3-0.

The Knights took a 1-0 lead into halftime and they added another goal early in the second half for a 2-0 advantage.

Nehemiah Dillon scored a goal for the Spartans to make it 2-1, but the Knights were able to hang on the rest of the way for the win.

GIRLS SOCCER

WL-S blanks Southeastern

West Liberty-Salem's girls soccer team shut out visiting Southeastern 4-0 in Ohio Heritage Conference action Thursday.

The Tigers are now 5-5-0 and 3-2-0 in the OHC. The Trojans fall to 2-10-1, 1-4-1.

Ava Johnson, Chloe Bender, Emery Longaberger and Arianna Weaver each had a goal for the Tigers.

Gwen McCullough and Skyler Ropp each had an assist.

Audrey Collins and Kaylee Blair combined for the shutout in goal for WL-S. Collins had two saves.

Cougars top Raiders

Benjamin Logan's girls soccer team lost at Kenton Ridge 3-1 in Ohio Heritage Conference play Thursday.

The Raiders drop to 5-8-0 overall and 3-4-0 in the CBC. The Cougars improve to 8-1-2, 6-0-1.

Kaylee Hays scored the lone goal for the Raiders.

JUNIOR HIGH

FOOTBALL

Ben Logan eighth-graders roll to win

Benjamin Logan's eighth-grade football team beat Northwestern 30-6 on Thursday.

Micah Gregg, Emerson Carpenter, Rhett Newman and Carrick Spriggs each had a touchdown for the Raiders. Colton Little was 6-11 passing for 131 yards and two touchdowns. Brock Bates and Gabe Predmore both had 95 yards and Rhett Newman rushed for 85 yards.

Defensively for the Raiders, Konner Barns and Spriggs each had six tackles with a sack. Mason Bailey had a fumble recovery and Carpenter had nine tackles. The seventh-grade Raiders had the week off.

Tigers shut out Jets

West Liberty-Salem's middle school football team shut out Northeastern 16-0 on Thursday.

Brandel Sullivan had a 47-yard touchdown run and a 5-yard TD pass to Isaiah Barth for the Tigers.

Defensively, Sullivan and

Foster King each had an interception.

VOLLEYBALL

Tigers sweep Roughriders

West Liberty-Salem's middle school volleyball teams defeated West Jefferson on Thursday.

The seventh-grade Tigers won 25-21, 25-18. Callie Tremble had five aces and Kenzie Underwood tallied five assists for WL-S.

In the eighth-grade match, the Tigers won 25-7, 25-20. Jules Loveless had 11 assists and Kenna Wright

had seven aces and six digs for the winners.

Riverside eighth-graders fall to ME

Riverside's eighth-grade volleyball team lost to Miami East 12-25, 25-14, 25-23.

For the Pirates, Abigail Littlejohn posted 11 points, three aces and three kills, Emma Pope had seven points and three aces, Madison Schindewolf had six points and three blocks, Eva Dodds had five kills and Morgan Klingelhofer added three kills.

Browns and Raiders are in similar spots as each tries to avoid going 1-3

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The similarities are striking.

Both teams' star defensive ends are battling through significant injuries, long-term questions have been raised about both quarterbacks, and each team is 1-2.

Sunday's game between the Browns and Raiders likely to set the tone for both sides.

The effects for the loser are especially troubling. Only 42 teams that began 1-3 have made the playoffs since the 1970 merger.

Cleveland and Las Vegas

are coming off losses — the Browns falling 21-15 to the Giants and the Raiders getting walloped 36-22 by the Panthers. The latter defeat prompted soul-searching in the Las Vegas locker room and a team meeting Monday.

Both teams have reason to play with desperation, but they also have major issues.

For Cleveland, reigning Associated Press Defensive Player of the Year Myles Garrett insists he's playing, even with injuries to his feet, Achilles tendon and thigh.

"I try to spend every moment preparing my body for the rigors of the season, sometimes for bumps and bruises like I have now," Garrett said. "An injured animal is the fiercest, so I'm going to be at my best."

The Raiders are planning to face Garrett as if he were at full strength.

"You watched a couple of those runs against the Giants last week, and he is just a wrecking shop," Las Vegas coach Antonio Pierce said. "It's two guys on him and it

doesn't matter. They chip him, doesn't matter. Run away from him, he chases it down. We see this every day with Maxx (Crosby). We hardly ever see this effort and this physicality from another player."

As for Crosby, he didn't practice Wednesday because of an ankle injury suffered two weeks ago at Baltimore. Crosby, who last season had 14 1/2 sacks, was held to three tackles by Carolina and missed some snaps for the first time this season.

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AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
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Entertainment

Maggie Smith, scene-stealing actor famed for Harry Potter and 'Downton Abbey,' dies at 89

LONDON (AP) — Maggie Smith, the masterful, scene-stealing actor who won an Oscar for the 1969 film "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie" and gained new fans in the 21st century as the dowager Countess of Grantham in "Downton Abbey" and Professor Minerva McGonagall in the Harry Potter films, died Friday. She was 89.



Smith's sons, Chris Larkin and Toby Stephens, said in a statement that Smith died early Friday in a London hospital.

"She leaves two sons and five loving grandchildren who are devastated by the loss of their extraordinary mother and grandmother," they said in a statement issued through publicist Clair Dobbs.

Smith was frequently rated the preeminent British female performer of a generation that included Vanessa Redgrave and Judi Dench, with two Oscars, a clutch of Academy Award nominations and a shelf full of acting trophies.

She made her film debut in the 1950s, won Oscars for work in the 60s and 70s and had memorable roles in each

subsequent decade, including an older Wendy in Peter Pan story "Hook" (1991) and a mother superior of a convent in Whoopi Goldberg's comedy "Sister Act" (1992).

A commanding stage actor, she played Shakespearean tragedy — 1965 adaptation "Othello" — and voiced Shakespeare-inspired animation in "Gnomeo & Juliet" (2011).

She remained in demand even in her later years, despite her lament that "when you get into the granny era, you're lucky to get anything."

Smith drily summarized her later roles as "a gallery of grotesques," including Professor McGonagall. Asked why she took the role, she quipped: "Harry Potter is my pension."

Richard Eyre, who directed Smith in a television production of "Suddenly, Last

Summer," said she was "intellectually the smartest actress I've ever worked with. You have to get up very, very early in the morning to outwit Maggie Smith."

"Jean Brodie," in which she played a dangerously charismatic Edinburgh schoolteacher, brought her the Academy Award for best actress, and the British Academy Film Award (BAFTA) as well.

Smith added a supporting actress Oscar for "California Suite" in 1978, Golden Globes for "California Suite" and "A Room with a View," and BAFTAs for lead actress in "A Private Function" in 1984, "A Room with a View" in 1986 and "The Lonely Passion of Judith Hearne" in 1988.

She also received Academy Award nominations as a supporting actress in "Othello," "Travels with My Aunt," "A Room with a View" and "Gosford Park," and a BAFTA award for supporting actress in "Tea with Mussolini." On stage, she won a Tony in 1990 for "Lettice and Lovage."

From 2010, she was the acid-tongued Violet Crawley, Dowager Countess of Grantham, in hit TV period drama "Downton Abbey," a role that won her legions of fans, three Emmy Awards, a Golden Globe and a host of other awards nominations.

But she chafed at television fame. When the show's run ended in 2016, Smith said she was relieved. "It's freedom," she told The Associated Press.

"Not until 'Downton Abbey' was I well-known or stopped in the street and asked for one of those terrible photographs," she said.

She continued acting well into her 80s, in films including the big-screen spinoff to "Downton Abbey" in 2019, its 2022 sequel "Downton Abbey: A New Era" and 2023 release "The Miracle Club."

Smith had a reputation for being difficult, and sometimes upstaging others.

Richard Burton remarked that Smith didn't just take over a scene in "The VIPs" with him: "She commits grand larceny." However, the director Peter Hall found that Smith wasn't "remotely difficult unless she's among idiots. She's very hard on herself, and I don't think she sees

any reason why she shouldn't be hard on other people, too."

Smith conceded that she could be impatient at times. "It's true I don't tolerate fools, but then they don't tolerate me, so I am spiky," Smith said. "Maybe that's why I'm quite good at playing spiky elderly ladies."

Critic Frank Rich, in a New York Times review of "Lettice and Lovage," praised Smith as "the stylized classicist who can italicize a line as prosaic as 'Have you no marmalade?' until it sounds like a freshly minted epigram by Coward or Wilde."

Smith famously drew laughs from a prosaic line — "This haddock is disgusting" — in a 1964 revival of Noel Coward's "Hay Fever."

She repeated the gift for one-liners in "Downton Abbey," when the tradition-bound Violet witheringly asked, "What is a weekend?"

King Charles III and his wife Queen Camilla paid tribute to Smith, who was made a Dame Commander of the British Empire, the equivalent of a knight, by the late Queen Elizabeth II in 1990.

"As the curtain comes down on a national treasure, we join all those around the world in remembering with the fondest admiration and affection her many great performances, and her warmth and wit that shone through both off and on the stage," they said in a statement.

Fellow actors paid tribute to her on Friday. Hugh Bonneville, who played the son of Smith's character in "Downton Abbey," said "anyone who ever shared a scene with Maggie will attest to her sharp eye, sharp wit and formidable talent."

"She was a true legend of her generation and thankfully will live on in so many magnificent screen performances," he said in a statement.

Rob Lowe, who co-starred with her in "Suddenly, Last Summer," said the experience was "unforgettable ... sharing a two-shot was like being paired with a lion."

"She could eat anyone alive, and often did. But funny, and great company. And suffered no fools. We will never see another. God speed, Ms. Smith!" Lowe wrote on X.

COMICS

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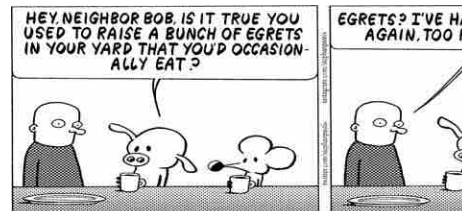
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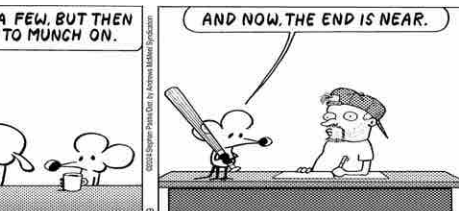
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 - 16 Campus bigwig
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 - 20 Sparkling Italian wine
 - 22 De-bussy's "La —"
 - 24 Lawyers' org.
 - 27 Bangkok language
 - 29 Staffer
 - 32 Politician's pre-election route
 - 35 Eventful periods
 - 36 Cathedral area
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 - 3 Disco queen
 - 4 Sugar suffix
 - 5 Became less
 - 6 Outlet letters
 - 7 Deep gorge
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 - 9 Resident of Lagos
 - 10 Medical suffix
 - 11 Saturates
 - 12 Toss in
 - 18 — Falls (Abbr.)
 - 21 Depot
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MOON ALERT: Avoid shopping or important decisions after 11 p.m. EDT today (8 p.m. PDT). The Moon is in Leo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024: You are charismatic and flirtatious. You're an idealist who hates to be bored. This year is the end of a nine-year cycle for you, which means it's time to let go of people, places and things from the past that have held you back. Clean the slate!

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) ★★★ This is a pleasant day to socialize or take a vacation. Enjoy the arts and visit museums and parks. You'll appreciate beauty and the creative talents of others. Parents should be extra vigilant about their kids to avoid accidents. Social plans and sports events might suddenly change today. Tonight: Socialize!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Stock the fridge, because you might spontaneously entertain at home today. ("Who are these people?") Something unexpected will impact your home routine. Small appliances might break down. Surprise people might appear at your door. Tonight: Relax.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Pay attention to everything you say and do today to avoid an accident. However, you also might have clever, genius-like ideas. Short trips and a chance to expand your world by seeing new places and meeting new faces will please you. You're up for something different! Tonight: Discussions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Keep an eye on your money and possessions today, because something unexpected could occur. You might find money; you might lose money. Protect what you own against loss, theft or damage. However, you might also boost your wealth. It's a mixed bag. Tonight: Check your belongings.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Bosses, parents and the police might catch you off guard today. Therefore, be aware of this, especially if you're driving with one headlight. Do some damage control. Nevertheless, this is a popular, fun-loving day! Enjoy the company of friends and groups. You also might entertain. Tonight: You've got this.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Money is on your mind right now. Nevertheless, today you feel a bit restless. Although you feel sociable, in fact, charming, you might prefer to be low-key and seek out some privacy. Do what pleases you. Some will be involved in a competition or active physical sports. Tonight: Solitude.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ You're keen to communicate to others now with both the Sun and Mercury in your sign. Meanwhile, a friend might surprise you or, alternatively, you might meet someone who is a real character. Don't hesitate to join group activities, because this will please you. You're in the zone! Tonight: Friendships.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ You're high-viz today, which means people notice you more than usual. And, like yesterday, some people seem to know personal details about your private life. You appear happy and successful in the eyes of others, which is why it's easy to be so charming and diplomatic. (Which you are.) Tonight: Show respect.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Satisfy your urge to do some-

Answer to previous puzzle

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Difficulty: ★★★ 9/26

thing different today. Explore new areas and see new places. Admittedly, your plans might be suddenly interrupted, and travel plans also might change. Schmooze with younger people, especially in groups, because you might learn something new. Tonight: Learn.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You make a fabulous impression on others today, even if you don't do anything special. This is why communications with bosses, parents and people in authority (including the police) will go well. Someone might give you a gift or do a favor for you. This is a good day for financial discussions. Tonight: Check your finances.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Today you have to go more than halfway when dealing with others, which means you need to be conciliatory, cooperative and agreeable. These are all things you can easily do! Meanwhile, you're working hard, which is why it's easy to make a good impression on bosses. (Even a romantic one.) Tonight: Listen.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Unexpected news about your health, your job or even a pet might occur today. Stay tuned for this. Meanwhile, group activities will delight you. They could be related to your job or your desire to entertain at home. Travel for pleasure and fun social outings are great choices. Tonight: Work.

BORN TODAY Singer, actress Hilary Duff (1987), actress Naomi Watts (1968), actress Sarah Wright (1983)

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FRIDAY NIGHT FLASH

BELLEFONTAINE EXAMINER

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Bellefontaine's Maddox Curtis tackles London's Noah Sollars during their game Friday at London High School.



Tony Robinson carries the ball for Riverside Friday at home against Troy Christian.



Quest Clay delivers a big hit Friday against a Graham receiver to force a fumble in overtime of Indian Lake's 13-7 win.



Jordan Pender carries the ball for Ben Logan Friday against Northwestern.



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