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Ohio Hi-Point celebrates 50 years of inspiring success

BY SHARYN KOPF
EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

Ohio Hi-Point Career Center (OHP) marked their 50th anniversary on Thursday, Oct. 3, and, it would seem, this is just the beginning.

“Over the next 50 years you will see the power of career education continue to grow,” Kelsey Webb, OHP marketing and public relations coordinator, said.

“We’re training students for careers that don’t even exist yet.”

With five decades of success

in mind, OHP invited past, present and future students and the community for a day of celebrating. The event featured live music, food trucks and specialty chocolates.

They also scheduled photo shoots with alumni from each of the five decades over the course of the afternoon.

According to Webb, they witnessed several reunions throughout the day, including

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About 500 people showed up to celebrate Ohio Hi-Point Career Center’s 50 years of vocational education on Thursday, Oct. 3. (EXAMINER PHOTO | SHARYN KOPF)

SUPPORTING THE CAUSE



Bellefontaine cancer survivors gathered in front of the town courthouse and fountain, which has turned pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Pictured, from left, are: Roni Life, Melinda Knueve, Tina Knight, Judy Bishop, Brenda Hodges, Jes Woolf, Lori Horn, Allison Knief and Jane Watkins. (EXAMINER PHOTO | SHARYN KOPF)

Moreno touts importance of rural communities during visit



Republican U.S. Senate candidate Bernie Moreno talks about his campaign and fields questions Friday, Oct. 4, during a lunch at Bella Vino Wine & Event Room. (EXAMINER PHOTO | MANDY LOEHR)

BY MANDY LOEHR
EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

Nearly one month away from the November General Election, U.S. Senate candidate Bernie Moreno and members of his campaign and family spent time in downtown Bellefontaine Friday, Oct. 4.

Following a tour of downtown businesses and the Holland Theatre, the Republican candidate met with business leaders and other community residents for lunch at Bella Vino Wine & Event Room, 112 S. Main St., Suite 2, to share about his platform and to answer questions from attendees.

He is hoping to continue the momentum of his grassroots

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Bellefontaine joins efforts to support breast cancer survivors

BY SHARYN KOPF
EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

The last of three Paint LoCo Pink launches took place on Thursday, Oct. 3, at the Holland Theatre in Bellefontaine. Like the events at Indian Lake and West Liberty, this one offered encouragement and honored the survivors of breast cancer.

Led by Tammy Gump, chief operating officer of the Logan County Cancer Society (LCCS), the evening started with a reading of the proclamation recognizing October 2024 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and a promise from Bellefontaine Mayor Dave Crissman.

“About 15 years ago, the fire department started creating breast cancer awareness T-shirts,” Crissman said, referring to the annual fundraiser. “It keeps growing and growing ... and they’re not going to stop.”

The main focus of the night was hearing from breast cancer survivor Melinda Knueve, who shared her experiences after being diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer in March 2023.

“I’m getting through this and can get back to my normal life,” Knueve admitted. Then she added something her doctor told her after 18 months of fighting off the disease:

“You can’t let cancer bring you down. This was a challenge to overcome, and you won.”

TRC breaks ground on new Impact Laboratory with help of \$24M state grant

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Transportation Research Center Inc., North America’s most comprehensive automotive research organization, test center and proving ground, broke ground Thursday, Oct. 3, on a new 66,000-square-foot Impact Laboratory at their East Liberty campus, 10820 State Route 347.

When completed, this new addition to TRC’s 4,500-acre research campus will replace the center’s existing Impact Lab, which over the years has made crucial, lifesaving contributions to advanced high-way-safety technologies.

The new Impact Lab is made possible thanks to a \$24 million economic development grant from the State of Ohio, included in recently passed Capital Budget (House Bill 2) to help the proving ground test the next generation of cars, trucks and buses, including electric and autonomous vehicles.

Upgraded features in the new lab will



Participating in a groundbreaking ceremony Thursday, Oct. 3, for the Transportation Research Center’s new Impact Laboratory were, from left, TRC Board Chair and OSU Engineering Dean Ayanna Howard, Rep. Tracy Richardson, Rep. Tim Barhorst, House Speaker Jason Stephens, Ohio Lt. Governor Jon Husted, TRC President Brett Roubinek, Senator Bill Reineke and Rep. Jay Edwards, who serves as the Ohio House finance committee chairperson. (TRC PHOTO)

include robotic cameras, sensors and other state-of-the-art technology for testing vehicles in high-impact collision scenarios. TRC anticipates it will take three years to complete the project, during which time the existing Impact Lab will continue to meet industry clients’ testing needs.

“This new and expanded Impact Lab will have a positive impact on the region and entire state, further enhancing the work happening at the site to develop highway safety technologies,” said Ohio Lt. Governor Jon Husted, who joined TRC employees, state officials and other dignitaries at the groundbreaking ceremony.

“For more than a century, Ohio has been at the heart of transportation manufacturing, innovation and research. This outstanding facility will be another big step toward extending that legacy.”

TRC President and CEO Brett Roubinek expressed appreciation to the DeWine/Husted administration and legis-

lators for the capital investment that makes this new Impact Lab possible.

“TRC, with its best-in-class facilities and expertise, has been the go-to problem solver for the world’s leading automotive innovators. That reputation will surely be enhanced by our new Impact Lab and the work we will achieve here. It’s a giant step in our constant commitment to keep pace with what’s next in transportation technology.”

This major investment in TRC’s research capabilities comes at a time when the nonprofit, independent center is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Since opening its proving grounds in 1974, TRC has attracted more than 1,000 clients from world-leading industries to Ohio and partnered with decision makers in every sector – government, industry, research, education – to drive innovation in automotive safety and performance.

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LOGAN COUNTY BEAT
SHERIFF & HIGHWAY PATROL

Minor injuries reported in crash

Michael Kizer, 42, of DeGraff, was treated for suspected minor injuries and cited for failure to control after he lost control of his vehicle and crashed Thursday, Oct. 3, in the area of the 300 block of south Main Street in DeGraff.

Kizer was seconds away from his residence traveling northbound around 2:45 p.m. on south Main Street when he

failed to negotiate a curve and traveled off the right side of the road and struck a utility pole, deputies from the Logan County Sheriff's Office report.

The motorist told deputies his cell phone fell from its holder and when he went to retrieve it he drove off the road.

Disabling damage was reported to the 2006 silver Ford SUV Kizer was driving. Riverside EMS assisted at the scene.

'Examiner' celebrates spooky season with costume, story contests

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Ghosts, goblins and other fantastical creatures will descend on downtown Bellefontaine today, Oct. 5, for the Great Pumpkin Walk, and at many other upcoming Halloween festivities coming up throughout October.

The Examiner is launching its Crazy, Creepy, Cute Halloween Contest today at www.examiner.org, inviting area residents to submit a photo of their favorite fairytale princesses, superheroes or other creative costumes by clicking on the contest link on the Examiner's home page. The costume contest is open to both children and adults.

Participants need to provide their contact information and then upload a .jpg photo.

Contest submissions end on Nov. 1.

Then beginning Nov. 2, individuals can weigh in on their favorite costumes in public voting online at www.examiner.org.

The Crazy, Creepy, Cute Halloween Contest winner will be announced Nov. 5, and the winning entry will receive \$175 in gift certificates from contest sponsors,



The Morning Riot and NextGen Accounting. The Examiner reserves the right to reject any entries.

Continuing the spine-chilling season this month, the Examiner also hosts a "Spooky Stories Contest," which is open to both high school students in grades 9-12 and adults.

The stories should be 800 words or less, and other parameters include: incorporate a spooky theme for the tale, the word "curtains"

somewhere in the piece, and include a location in Logan County.

Entries may be submitted starting today via e-mail at news@examiner.org and include "Spooky Stories Contest" in the subject line. Please include your name, age and your town of residence with your entry.

The spooky stories' deadline is Thursday, Oct. 24. Winning entries will be printed in the Examiner on Halloween, Thursday, Oct. 31.

CHIEFTAIN PRIDE ON DISPLAY



A large crowd enjoyed the Bellefontaine High School Homecoming Parade Thursday night, Oct. 3, under sunny skies and pleasant temperatures. The parade featured the homecoming court, fall athletic teams, and BHS Marching Band. Each group was recognized during a community pep rally at AcuSport Stadium. The queen will be announced during pregame festivities Friday night, Oct. 4. The king will be crowned on Saturday night, Oct. 5, at the dance, which starts at 8 p.m. (BCS PHOTO)



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LOCAL NOTES

Praise in the Park features Christian artist

Jeremy Liles is set to perform at the "The Praise in the Park" at the Zanesfield United Methodist Church Sunday, Oct. 6.

The event takes place from 3 to 5 p.m. Take a lawn chair, and join in for music, food and fellowship. The event moves indoors in the case of rain.

Board of DD chicken barbecue returns Oct. 11

The Logan County Board of Disabilities' annual Chicken Barbecue is set for Friday, Oct. 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Romer's Catering is providing the meals, including a half chicken, baked potato, applesauce and a roll for \$12.

Tickets are available for purchase by calling (937) 592-0015, with delivery options for orders of 10 or more meals. Tickets will also be available at LCDD and The Discovery Center for purchase.

Senior Center plans bus trip to La Comedia

The Logan County Friendly Senior Center hosts a bus trip to the La Comedia dinner theater, set for Dec. 13, for the performance of Irving Berlin's "Holiday Inn."

The bus will leave the senior center at 9 a.m. The cost is \$95, and includes lunch, the play, bus transportation and gratuities.

Call (937) 593-1511 for more information.

Logan County Mayors Association to meet

The Logan County Mayors Association meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, in the Bellefontaine City Council chambers, located at the second floor of 135 N. Detroit St.

Rings of Lights Halloween walk returns

The annual Ring of Lights Halloween walk will start at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19, at Blue Jacket Park.

The rain date is Sunday, Oct. 20.

This annual trick-or-treat event is for children in preschool through second grade.

City leaf pick up schedule announced

The office of the Service-Safety Director, Wes Dodds, announces the leaf pick up schedule for the fall of 2024:

- Oct. 21, 22 and 23 — North of Columbus Avenue and east of Main Street.
- Oct. 24, 25 and 28 — South of Columbus Avenue and east of Main Street.
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OBITUARIES

Erdene 'Dean' Ellsworth Arras

Erdene "Dean" Ellsworth Arras, 94, of Findlay passed away at Taylor Place on Sunday, August 25, 2024.

He was born in Jenera on March 26, 1930, the son of Clarence and Edna (Schaller) Arras. On July 17, 1949, he married Joan M. Stultz, who preceded him in death on November 2, 2013. That union lasted 13 years. Dean also shared his life with Donna Finley for more than 20 years. She preceded him in death in 2004.

Survivors include his son, Dan Arras, of Fostoria, and daughters, Janna (Joe) Petersen, of Loveland, CO, and Lori (Paul) Mihaly, of Loveland, CO. Grandchildren, Lucas Petersen, Hannah (Petersen) Krening, Nicolas Petersen, Abby (Arras) Hughes, Shane Arras, Amy Mihaly, Andrew Mihaly, Amanda (Mihaly) Sexton, Anthony Mihaly, Alyssa (Mihaly) Whited, Alayna (Mihaly) Declava, Aiden Mihaly, Anna (Mihaly) Auffant, Autumn Mihaly, and 17 great-grandchildren. Preceding him in death were his parents and a brother, Morris Arras.

Dean was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church (WELS), Findlay and his family were founding members that built the little stone church at 1315 North Main Street. He was also a member of the Moose, V.F.W., and Eagles lodge of Lakeview, Ohio. Dean also enjoyed playing cards, boating and loved all animals, especially his cat, Baby.

He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War where he achieved the rank of Sergeant. Dean was employed at Monroe Systems as the Office Equipment Manager.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, October 12, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Coldren-Crates Funeral Home, Findlay. Funeral services will be Saturday at the funeral home at 11 a.m. with Rev. Robert Krueger officiating. A burial will follow at Maple Grove Cemetery where members of the Hancock County Memorial Veterans Squad will accord military rites.

Memorial contributions may be directed towards Logan County Humane Society. Online condolences may be expressed at www.coldrenbrates.com.

Theodore 'Ted' W. Fischer

Theodore "Ted" W. Fischer, aged 82, went to be with His Lord on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, in Knoxville, TN. A native son in OH, born in 1942 to Theodore C. Fischer and Angeline Fouquette.

Theodore was predeceased by his parents, his wife Leslie J. Fischer, daughter Holly C. Fischer, and sisters, Jeanne L. Meyer and Evelyn Palmer. He is survived by his wife Trish Wagner Klingensmith, son Theodore S. Fischer and wife Emily B. Fischer, stepsons Douglas C. Klingensmith and wife Tiffany L. Klingensmith, Daniel C. Klingensmith,

Keith R. Klingensmith, and sister Mary Fischer Conley. Theodore's charm and wit will be sorely missed by all.

Theodore graduated Indian Lake Highschool and subsequently the University of Dayton, OH with an MSEE in 1969. He was a registered professional engineer in the states of Ohio, Massachusetts, North Carolina, and Tennessee. Theodore's career in the electronics manufacturing industry culminated to the position of President & CEO of Becromal of America, Inc and subsequent retirement in Knoxville, TN.

Family, friends, and others are invited to the funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Monday, October 14, at Holy Angels Catholic Church, 1322 Brown Street, Dayton OH 45409. A visitation will be held from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the church prior to Mass. Internment will be at Calvary Cemetery immediately following the ceremony.

Donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or charity of your choice.

Services in the care of Routsong Funeral Home.

Addie Frances Schroer

Addie Frances Schroer, 89, of Russells Point, OH passed away Thursday, October 3, 2024, at Mary Rutan Hospital, Bellefontaine, OH.

Addie was born on August 6, 1935, in Insko, KY, a daughter of the late John Milton and Ella Jane Morris Taulbee. She first married Richard W. Sheeley, Sr. and he preceded her in death in 1961, she then married Gary Schroer, and he preceded her in death in 2005. She is also preceded in death by her son, Richard Sheeley, Jr., three brothers, James, Julian, and John, and two sisters, Vanessa Prater, and Bonnie Alexander.

Frances is survived by her daughter, Debra McJunkin of Russells Point, three grandchildren, Heather McJunkin, James McJunkin, and Douglas Spathe, a sister, Louanna (Dean) Yocum of Delaware, OH, and several nieces and nephews.

Frances worked at Point Market and Cassano's Pizza, both in Russells Point, and then Hollaway Sportswear in Jackson Center, OH, where she retired. She was a member of Indian Lake Northside Church of the Nazarene. Frances enjoyed shopping, collecting porcelain dolls, and especially spending time with her family, including Saturday game night.

Pastor Tim Moebs will begin funeral services at 11 a.m., Wednesday, October 9, at Shoffstall Funeral Home, 205 S. Main St, Lakeview with visitation from 10 to 11 a.m. Burial is in Huntsville Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to her family.

Arrangements are in the care of Shoffstall Funeral Home, Lakeview, OH. Condolences may be expressed at shoffstallfuneralhome.com.

Phyllis Jean (Lile) Smith

Phyllis Jean (Lile) Smith, 67 of Bellefontaine passed away peacefully Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at the Riverside Methodist Hospital.

Phyllis was born January 6, 1957 in Bellefontaine to the late James Richard Lile and Norma Jean (Painter) Heth. On April 24, 1982 in Bellefontaine she married the love of her life Stephen A. Smith, who survives. She is also survived by her son, Shannon (Jenny) Legge; daughters, Heather (Tim) Feasel and Lori (Doug) Brandehoff; grandchildren, Alex (Ceairia) Brewer, Nikolas Feasel, Jacob (Jessica) Legge, Kyle Carper, Justin Carper, Rhyann Brewer, Sara Brandehoff and Grady Feasel; brothers, Richard (Rosalie) Lile, Jim Lile, Mick (Ronni) Lile and Tim (Staci) Lile; many nieces and nephews; sister-in-law, Vicki Jones.

She is preceded in death by her parents and grandsons, Josh and AJ Legge.

Phyllis started working at Honda in 1982 and retired in 2001 after 19 years of dedicated work. She was the first woman to work in the welding department, something she was very proud of. Later with her daughter Heather she opened Team Spirit; where she was a co-owner and coach for 10 years. She also worked many years in the family auction business. She enjoyed traveling and visits to the casino. Phyllis loved to read murder mysteries, crochet, watch the Wizard of Oz, watching The Ohio State Buckeyes and the Cincinnati Reds.

Above all she loved spending time with her family, especially her children and grandchildren. Her grandchildren were the twinkle in her eye and she was seen as very protective of them. Phyllis was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege to get to know her.

A Celebration of Life will be held Thursday, October 10, at 6 p.m. at Jennings Farley & Seeley Funeral Home & Crematory. Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. until the time of the service. A Private Family burial will take place in Fairview Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial Contributions may be made to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, PO Box 22324, New York, NY 10087.

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

DEATH NOTICES

■ **WELLER, Mary Helen**, 92, of Bellefontaine, passed away Thursday evening, Oct. 3, 2024, at Ayden Healthcare of Belle Springs; funeral arrangements pending at Eichholtz Daring & Sanford Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Bellefontaine.

Judge denies order sought by student who was punished over his hair

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal judge on Friday denied a request by a Black high school student in Texas for a court order that the student's lawyers say would have allowed him to return to his high school without fear of having his previous punishment over his hairstyle resume.

Darryl George had sought to reenroll at his Houston-area high school in the Barbers Hill school district after leaving at the start of his senior year in August because district officials were set to continue punishing him for not cutting his hair. George had spent nearly all of his junior year serving in-school suspension over his hairstyle.

The district has argued

that George's long hair, which he wears to school in tied and twisted locs on top of his head, violates its policy because if let down, it would fall below his shirt collar, eyebrows or earlobes.

George, 19, had asked U.S. District Judge Jeffrey Brown in Galveston to issue a temporary restraining order that would have prevented district officials from further punishing him if he returned and while a federal lawsuit he filed proceeds.

But in a ruling issued late Friday afternoon, Brown denied George's request, saying the student and his lawyers had waited too long to ask for the order.

George's request had come after Brown in August dis-

missed most of the claims the student and his mother had filed in their federal lawsuit alleging school district officials committed racial and gender discrimination when they punished him.

The judge only let the gender discrimination claim

stand.

In his ruling, Brown said he also denied George's request for a temporary restraining order because the school district was more likely to prevail in the lawsuit's remaining claim.

Brown's ruling was coinci-

dentally issued on George's birthday. He turned 19 years old on Friday.

Allie Booker, an attorney for George, and a spokesperson for the Barbers Hill school district did not immediately return a call or email seeking comment.

George's lawyer had said the student left Barbers Hill High School in Mont Belvieu and transferred to another high school in a different Houston area district after suffering a nervous breakdown over the thought of facing another year of punishment.

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campaign, which fared well in the March Primary Election, to unseat thrice-elected incumbent Sherrod Brown in the Nov. 5 General Election race that could tip the power balance in the U.S. Senate.

Moreno said recently, his campaign has been knocking on 150,000 doors a week. The resident of Westlake, who was joined by his wife of 35 years, Bridget, urged all area residents to get out and vote, including taking the opportunity to vote early, beginning Oct. 8.

"This election is razor thin. Every vote in Logan County counts," he said. "I've been spending time in many rural communities across the state. Ohio is a lot more than the three C's: Columbus, Cincinnati and Cleveland.

"Bringing rural communities back to life is so important. It's been amazing to see the revitalization and entrepreneurship here in Bellefontaine. In small towns, small businesses are so important; they're the heartbeat of America."

Moreno shared about his unique upbringing, relating that his mother, at 40 years old, packed up her seven children and immi-

grated from Colombia to the U.S. for the chance at a new life.

"It allowed her to live a life like she never expected. She eventually became a realtor and broker. She had a desire to make this country better."

The former car dealership owner and co-founder of ChampTitles, said he felt a similar calling to make America a better place to live. He called the Biden-Harris administration, "so extreme that it's unrecognizable to anyone here" and a "sad reality where we are in America," while addressing his concerns about parental rights when it comes to transgender procedures and puberty blockers for children.

He also strongly criticized current immigration policy for its lack of safeguards and the amount of money that has been spent to fly immigrants into the U.S.

Moreno said among his top priorities are a focus on cutting tax rates, supporting small businesses and families and empowering parents to make education choices.

"Our parents and local communities should be the ones making the decisions for our schools, not our federal government," he said.

International fiesta fills New Mexico's sky with colorful hot air balloons

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — One of the most photographed events in the world is set to kick off Saturday with a mass ascension of color for the 52nd annual Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta.

The nine-day gathering draws hundreds of thousands of spectators and pilots to New Mexico each fall for the rare opportunity to be within arm's reach as the giant balloons are unpacked and inflated. Propane burners roar and hundreds of the uniquely shaped balloons speckle

the sky with vibrant colors.

Everyone usually bundles up in layers to protect against a morning chill that helps pilots stay in the air longer, but this year's fiesta could be the warmest on record, organizers say.

Morning lows and afternoon highs are expected to be above average for days in a city that on Monday recorded its hottest temperature this late in the year, at 93 degrees Fahrenheit (33.8 Celsius), according to the National Weather Service.

Globally, things have been trending hotter too.



Nearly 500 balloons begin to take off during the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, Oct. 7, 2023, in Albuquerque, N.M. (AP PHOTO/ROBERTO E. ROSALES, FILE)

It's likely this year will end up as the warmest humanity has measured, the European climate service Copernicus reported in early September.

While past fiestas have had a warm day here or there, spokesman Tom Garrity said the prediction for prolonged heat is rare.

For pilots, it could mean less time aloft or carrying less weight in their baskets.

Typically, when the mornings are cool, less fuel is needed to get the balloons to rise. Fiesta veterans explain it's all about generating lift by heating the air inside the envelope to temperatures greater than what's on the outside.

"With cooler weather, pilots are able to fly for longer duration," Garrity said. "But when you have warmer temperatures, it just means that you pop up, you go up a little bit and you come back down. So

just some shorter flights."

Still, ballooning happens year-round in many places, including in the Phoenix area, which has seen its share of record-breaking temperatures over recent months.

"These are really non-issues from a spectator's standpoint," said Troy Bradley, an accomplished balloon pilot who has been flying for decades. "I don't see any difference other than they won't be freezing in the pre-dawn hours."

Even the fiesta's official meteorologist has joked about the possibility of wearing shorts this year.

This year's fiesta also features 106 balloons in special shapes, 16 of which will be making their fiesta debut. That includes Mazu, modeled after the sea goddess of the same name who is deeply rooted in Taiwanese culture and traditions.

SUCCESS

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two men who graduated in 1981 and hadn't seen each other since, probably, 1981.

Though OHP started with six programs in 1974, it now boasts 19 at the Bellefontaine campus, which has a student body of over 700. On top of that, they offer 60 more pro-

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Webb concluded. "And Hi-Point wants to be the leader in that evolution."

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California vineyard owner says he was fined \$120K for providing free housing to his employee

Saratoga, Calif. (AP) — A California vineyard owner is suing Santa Clara County after officials fined him for allowing his longtime employee to live in an RV on his property for years.

Michael Ballard, whose family owns Savannah-Chanelle Vineyards in a town south of San Francisco, alleges he was fined a total of more than \$120,000 after the county said he violated local zoning laws that ban anyone from living in an RV on public or private property, according to the The Mercury News.

Marcelino Martinez, manager of the vineyard, which is around 2.6 million square feet (243,000 square meters), said his family lost their lease on a trailer they

were living in years ago and had limited options for affordable housing in the area. The Ballard family agreed to allow them to live in an RV at the vineyards. Martinez, his wife and children have lived there for free since, 2013, according to The Mercury News.

"I couldn't make a family homeless for arbitrary reasons," Ballard told the newspaper. "The human impact exceeded any damage or nuisance that their continued living in the trailer was going to create."

But in July 2019, the county began fining the Ballards \$1,000 daily for the RV, then lowered the penalty to \$250 a day, the vineyard owner said.

The county disputed that it fined Ballard \$120,000 and said he refused to agree to deadlines to reduce the violations, according to the newspaper. Officials have made multiple offers to drastically cut fines if he removes the RV, they said.

The county was imposing "excessive fines" and violating the U.S. Constitution with its actions against Ballard, his attorney Paul Avelar told The Mercury News.

Ballard doesn't agree with the county spending so much time penalizing him when it is facing greater issues.

"Just drive anywhere in the county, there are mobile homes parked all over the place. There are encampments everywhere you go," he told the newspaper. "The problem is obvious and overt, yet they're choosing to prosecute us in probably the least intrusive example of this, where we are letting someone live on private property in a private location and we're not bothering anyone."

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When will the power return? Weary Carolinas residents long for relief after Helene's fury

ASHEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — The weary and worn residents of Julianne Johnson's neighborhood in Asheville have been getting by without electricity since Hurricane Helene tore through the Southeast last week and upended their lives. They've been cooking on propane stoves and using dry erase boards to keep up with local happenings while wondering when the lights would come back on.

Johnson, who has a 5-year-old son and works for a land conservation group, received a text from Duke Energy promising her power would be restored by Friday night. But as of midday, utility poles and wires were still draped at odd angles across the streets, pulled down by mangled trees.

"I have no idea what's next," said Johnson, whose family does have some power thanks to a generator. "Just the breadth of this over the whole region, it's kind of amazing."

She and her neighbors have been taking care of each other since Helene came ashore Sept. 26 as a Category 4 hurricane and carved a path of destruction as it moved northward from Florida, killing at least 220 people in six states, including at least 72 in Buncombe County, which

includes Asheville. Block captains set out whiteboards with information about who can provide first aid and where to get tools repaired.

Nearly 700,000 homes and businesses — mostly in the Carolinas and Georgia — were still without electricity Friday, according to poweroutage.us. That's an improvement over the more than 2 million customers without power five days ago, and Duke Energy, the dominant provider in North Carolina, said it hoped to have the lights back on by Sunday night for many of its affected customers. But for roughly 100,000 customers in places with catastrophic damage, it could be next week or longer, according to company spokesperson Bill Norton.

"We're talking about places where the homes no longer exist," Norton said, adding that some roads where utility poles once stood have been completely washed away.

The company said it would miss its Friday goal of restoring power to almost all of its customers in South Carolina, and it was now shooting for Sunday. Dominion Energy also said it would take longer than initially expected to restore power to the hardest hit counties in the



A bridge along Interstate 26 is destroyed in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene Friday, Oct. 4, 2024, in Erwin, Tenn. (AP PHOTO/JEFF ROBERSON)

state. Utility work is slow going. Along Swannanoa River Road on Asheville's east side, Duke Energy and its contractors spread out Friday afternoon to set about 20 new electricity poles in an area where floodwaters snapped or swept away many of the old ones.

David Martin, who has done engineering work for Duke for three decades in the area, said the damage is

far worse than anything he has seen before.

"Repairing, most of your facility is there, it's just putting wire back up, normally," Martin said. "In this case we've got to start all new — new poles, new wires, new transformers, new services, everything. It's all been washed out."

Just digging the hole and placing one pole can take up to two hours, Martin said. And that doesn't count the time needed to attach equipment or string the lines. The company can't use a drill-like boring machine to dig many of the holes along the road because of underground utilities.

"A lot of them, you have to hand-dig the holes because there are gas lines," Martin said.

While there were a few pre-storm poles that workers were trying to save, much of the infrastructure

was totally gone. Some of Duke's lines were washed into the middle of a fairway on the city golf course, tangled up with utility poles and trees.

And like in many places in western North Carolina, someone must first rebuild the washed-out road before the utility can finish restoring the line.

Dreaming of a hot shower

The storm damaged water utilities so severely and over such a wide area that one federal official said it "could be considered unprecedented." Repairs could take weeks.

The lack of clean running water just added to Asheville's woes.

"I would love a shower," said Sue Riles, who lives in the tourist-friendly city known for its art galleries, shops and breweries.

"Running water would be incredible."

Even water that's unfit to drink is scarce. Some people have been hauling buckets from a creek to flush their toilets. Officials also are advising people to collect nondrinkable water for household needs from a local swimming pool.

Without full repairs to the water systems, schools might not be able to resume in-person classes, hospitals might not restore normal operations and hotels and restaurants might not fully reopen.

Lives lost across the Southeast

In Florida, a dozen people died in the Tampa area, with the worst damage on the narrow, 20-mile (32-kilometer) string of barrier islands that stretch from St. Petersburg to Clearwater.


"The water, it just came so fast," said Dave Behringer, who rode out the storm in his home after telling his wife to flee.

"Even if you wanted to leave, there was no getting out."

Among the dead was Aiden Bowles, a retired restaurant owner who didn't want to leave his Indian Rocks Beach home on a barrier island north of St. Petersburg. Caregiver Amanda Normand begged the 71-year-old widower to stay with her inland.

"He said, 'It's going to be fine. I'm going to go to bed,'" Normand said of their final phone call the night of Sept. 26.

In North Carolina, exhausted rescue crews and volunteers continued to navigate past washed out roads, downed power lines and mudslides to reach the isolated and the missing. In Buncombe County, officials said Friday, about 75 missing persons cases remained.



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Garth Brooks accused of rape in lawsuit from hair-and-makeup artist

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A woman who says she worked as a hair-and-makeup stylist for Garth Brooks alleged in a lawsuit filed Thursday that he raped her in a Los Angeles hotel in 2019.

The woman does not use her name and goes by Jane Roe in the lawsuit filed in Los Angeles Superior Court. Brooks forcefully denied the allegations in a statement and acknowledged he tried to get a court to stop Thursday's lawsuit from being filed.

The woman says in the lawsuit she had worked for Brooks' wife, country singer Trisha Yearwood, since 1999, and had started also working for Brooks in 2017.

She said the assault occurred when she traveled from Nashville to Los Angeles with Brooks, who was performing with soul singer Sam Moore at a Grammy Awards tribute to Moore in October 2019.

Brooks normally traveled with an entourage, but the two were alone on his private jet, and he booked just one hotel suite for both of them, the lawsuit says.



Garth Brooks speaks during a groundbreaking ceremony for the Tennessee Titans new NFL football stadium, Feb. 29, 2024, in Nashville, Tenn. (AP PHOTO/FILE)

The woman alleges that in the suite, he appeared naked in the doorway to the bedroom and raped her.

The suit says that he then proceeded as though nothing had happened and expected her to do his hair and makeup immediately after.

The woman's lawsuit alleges that earlier in 2019, when she was at Brooks' home, he had appeared naked in front of her,

grabbed her hands, and put them on his genitals.

Brooks filed a preemptive lawsuit in federal court in Mississippi last month, in which both him and the woman are anonymous.

In court filings in that case, the plaintiff, going by John Doe, says the allegations are "wholly untrue," and he first learned of them in July when she threatened to publicly sue him unless he

gave her millions of dollars.

He asked a judge to stop the woman from "intentional infliction of emotional distress, defamation, and false light invasion of privacy."

"For the last two months, I have been hassled to no end with threats, lies, and tragic tales of what my future would be if I did not write a check for many millions of dollars," Brooks' statement said. "It has been like having a loaded gun waved in my face."

Brooks said he filed the case anonymously "for the sake of families on both sides."

"I trust the system, I do not fear the truth, and I am not the man they have painted me to be," his statement concluded.

The woman's suit also says Brooks exposed himself to her many other times and talked about sexual fantasies with her and sent her explicit text messages.

She said she was forced to keep working for Brooks because of financial hardship, which he knew about and took advantage of.

TikTok personality 'Mr. Prada' charged in the killing of a Louisiana therapist

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A TikTok personality known as Mr. Prada is charged in the bludgeoning death of a Louisiana therapist whose body was discovered over the weekend in a rolled up tarp near a state highway, authorities said Thursday.

The body of Nicholas Abraham, 69, of Baton Rouge, was found Sunday in rural Tangipahoa Parish, which is east of Baton Rouge and north of New Orleans. On Tuesday, police in Dallas County, Texas, arrested 20-year-old Terryon Thomas, who is known on social media as Mr. Prada, after Baton Rouge police said he fled from them in Abraham's car.

Thomas' relationship to the victim and a motive for the killing were unclear as of Thursday morning, the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office said in a news release. Thomas is charged with second-degree murder and was awaiting extradition from Texas to Louisiana, the news release said.

"At this time, there is no evidence to suggest that Thomas was a client of Abraham," the release said.

Online booking records in Dallas County did not list an attorney could be contacted for comment on Thomas' behalf.

Abraham was seen on surveillance video entering Thomas' apartment Saturday morning, according to an arrest warrant from the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office. He was wearing the same clothing he had on when his body was discovered, the warrant says.

Witnesses told investigators that Thomas was seen hours later struggling to drag something wrapped in a blue tarp down the apartment building stairs before placing the tarp in Abraham's car, according to the affidavit. Investigators later got a search warrant for Thomas' apartment, where they found signs of a struggle, including blood "throughout the apartment," and indications that Thomas had tried to clean up before departing, the affidavit said.

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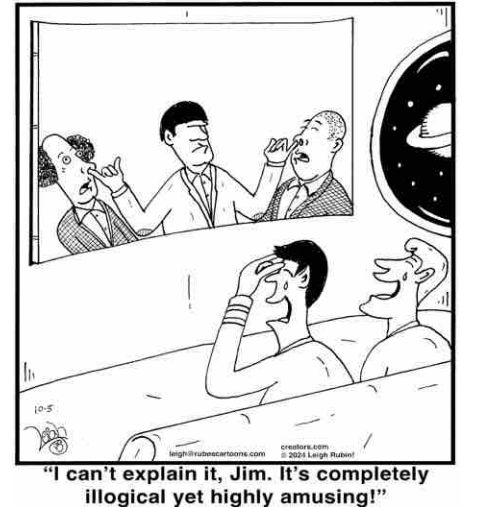
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Horoscopes

ROYAL STARS | FROM KING FEATURES SYNDICATE By Georgia Nicols

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Scorpio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Oct. 5, 2024: You are romantic, passionate and idealistic. You work hard for what you want. You are curious about the world around you. This is a year of change and increased freedom for you. Stay flexible so you can explore new opportunities and be able to act fast. Expect increased travel.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ If you want to be productive today, get busy in the morning. The rest of this day is full of sexy, romantic possibilities! Your focus on close friendships and partnerships is strong now. It looks like many of you are ready to take a relationship to the next level. Tonight: Patience.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ This is a romantic day; however, you can be productive this morning and perhaps into the afternoon as well. Nevertheless, set aside some time to enjoy some social interactions and romance with friends, partners and new exciting acquaintances. Oh yeah. Tonight: Work.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Although your primary focus is on home and family this weekend, nevertheless, fun outings, social invitations and romantic rendezvous promise fun times. New romance can blossom! However, activities with children will also be heartwarming and gratifying. Tonight: Be tolerant.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ This is a playful, fun-loving,

romantic day for your sign! No question. Start early if you want to be productive, because the remainder of the day and this evening are full of opportunities to schmooze, party, network, enjoy sports events and be on vacation. Tonight: Listen.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You will enjoy entertaining at home later today. You might want to tweak your digs before you welcome your guests. This is a lovely, romantic day, which means many of you will make special plans for your main squeeze or a new love. Short trips are likely. Tonight: Avoid quarrels.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Enjoy fun get-togethers today. Many of you will be involved in competitive sports or physical activities. In fact, you're in such a happy frame of mind, something will make you have a greater appreciation for your everyday surroundings. Meanwhile, new faces and new places could mean new romance. Tonight: Check your money.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You might attract money and gifts to you today. Or you might make a special purchase that truly pleases you. You also might attract a better paying job. Your ambition is strong now, and so are you with both the Sun and Mercury in your sign. Romance with someone in authority is likely. Tonight: Relax.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Romance is in the air, and this is the perfect day to meet someone new, especially someone from another culture or a different country. Quite likely, it is this very difference that appeals to you. People are attracted to you today. Enjoy this admiration and popularity. Tonight: Research.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Hidden love affairs might be happening for many of you, because

this is a passionate day. However, you might choose to express your romantic interests in a private way. Nevertheless, this is also a popular day for you, and you might be involved with younger people more than usual. Tonight: Privacy.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ This is a romantic day, and for some of you, a friendship might turn into a romantic connection. If so, others will know because you are high-viz right now. You're attracted to energetic, self-reliant people at the moment. Something unexpected might unfold. Tonight: Show respect.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Today you want adventure and stimulation. You're up for some excitement. If you need to work, get things out of the way this morning, because later in the day, you will put pleasure before personal responsibilities. You might develop a crush on a boss or someone in authority. Tonight: Avoid controversy.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Travel and a change of scenery will definitely appeal to you today. However, you will also be thrilled to explore a new romance with someone from a different background or perhaps another country. This is a passionate day for many people, but for your sign, you want adventure and something different. Tonight: Check your finances.

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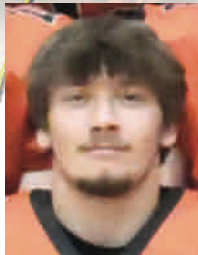
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SPORTS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024

EXAMINER SPORTS EXTRA



NICK SHIFFLET
WL-SALEM
A senior, was 9-of-13 passing for 211 yards and three touchdowns in the Tigers' 43-6 rout of West Jefferson.



TAVIEN ST. CLAIR
BELLEFONTAINE
A senior, St. Clair accounted for six touchdowns in the first half of a 56-7 win over Tecumseh. He threw for TD passes and also had an 11-yard scoring run.

Chiefs get right, pummel Arrows

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Needing a cure after last week's disappointing loss to London, Bellefontaine regained its swagger on homecoming night Friday against Tecumseh.

The Chieftains scored on all seven of their first-half possessions to take a 49-0 halftime lead and they went on to win 56-8 in a Central Buckeye Conference Kenton Trail division football game.

The Chiefs are now 5-2 overall and 1-1 in the CBC. Tecumseh remains winless at 0-7, 0-2.

"It felt good to be back at full health and to get back having fun," said BHS quarterback Tavien St. Clair, who was 18-of-22 passing for 260 yards and five touchdowns while rushing for an 11-yard TD in the first half before watching his brother Reign take over in the second half. "It's always cool to do it with the guys you go to war with ... we had a lot of guys step up. We had some guys score their first touchdown and it was cool to see them celebrate."

The first half was complete domination by the Chiefs.

Bellefontaine piled up 419 yards of offense, while the defense allowed just 20 yards and did not give up a first down over the first two quarters.

"I am proud of our players for playing up to the standard," said Bellefontaine head coach Jason Brown. "We executed right off the bat and played very complimentary football in the first half."



Bellefontaine's Kaiden Foulk stretches for the end zone during Friday's game against Tecumseh. (EXAMINER PHOTO | TONY BARRETT)

Seniors Carter Kuhn and Hayden Alinson and junior Kaiden Foulk scored their first varsity touchdowns for the Chiefs, and senior Ayden Clary, who moved from Riverside during the off-season, also got into the end zone for the first time as a Chieftain.

"I am really happy for those guys," said Brown. "They have poured their

hearts into the program and into the brotherhood. It was great to see them have success. We know our players give us a lot, and it was great to see them rewarded with time under the lights."

Bellefontaine set the tone early Friday.

After receiving the opening kickoff, the Chiefs put together a 66-yard, six-play scoring drive, with Braylon

Newcomb catching an 18-yard touchdown pass from St. Clair.

Newcomb also caught the two-point conversion pass from St. Clair, giving the Chiefs an 8-0 lead at the 9:32 mark of the first quarter.

After forcing a three-and-out, the Chiefs quickly found the end zone again.

St. Clair threw a 32-yard TD dart to Foulk. The extra-point kick failed, leaving the score at 14-0 with 6:24 left in the opening period.

Bellefontaine stretched the lead to 21-0 later in the first stanza when St. Clair ran for an 11-yard score, bulldozing a Tecumseh defender near the goal line to get into the end zone.

During the first minute of the second quarter, St. Clair connected with Clary for a 14-yard TD to make the score 28-0.

Foulk hauled in his second TD of the half at the 6:23 mark of the second period, this one a 26-yard as the Chiefs took a 35-0 advantage.

Junior running back Carter Caudill had his turn to shine on Bellefontaine's next possession, ripping off a 53-yard TD jaunt to make it a 42-0 advantage with 4:32 left until halftime.

Caudill ran for 148 yards on only eight carries.

Bellefontaine capped the first-half onslaught with a 15-yard TD pass from St. Clair to Kuhn with 30 seconds remaining until the break.

Bellefontaine turned to mainly its backups in the second half.

The Arrows scored their lone touchdown on a 2-yard run by Devin Berner in the third quarter.

Bellefontaine closed the scoring with 7:46 left in the game on a 1-yard TD run by Alinson.

The Chiefs finished with 280 yards through the air and 197 on the ground.

Newcomb had four catches for 65 yards, Foulk had the two catches for 58 yards, Jacob Salyer made three grabs for 34 yards, Spencer Stolly had four receptions for 42 yards, Patrick Stolly had two catches for 25 yards, Kuhn had two grabs for 23 yards and Clary added a pair of receptions for 22 yards.

Bellefontaine will play at rival Urbana on Friday.

Indian Lake wipes out Raiders 47-0

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It was a one-sided affair Friday night at Indian Lake.

The Lakers rolled to a 47-0 victory over fellow Logan County squad Benjamin Logan in Central Buckeye Conference football action.

The Lakers (2-0 Mad River, 5-2 overall) scored on five of the six drives in the first half, then added a couple more scores under a running clock in the second.

Coach Jonn Rapp of Indian Lake said, "It's a big week. It's a rivalry week. Everybody knows each other; emotions are really high. All week we talked about making sure we maxed out our emotions, maxed out our pride, and maxed out our focus. I couldn't be more proud of how well everybody did on that."

He added, "The last two weeks have been really good for our kids to see. You know, with the muddy slop like last week, we had to rely on the run. This week, we were able to stay a little bit more balanced. It's good that our kids can see we can win games either way. It builds confidence going down the home stretch."

Rapp also praised the defensive game plan. "Ben Logan is really good at using all 53 yards width of the field. They force you to guard it all and then they'll take their shots downfield. So you have to be really balanced; don't let your eyes get tricked."

For the Lakers, Drake Cosby ran 16 times for 104 yards, scoring two touchdowns from two and six yards out, respectively.

Draden Stevenson (four yards) and Tristan Shoffner (one yard) also reached the end zone for the Lakers on the ground.

Quarterback Madden Lillard completed 17-of-29 passes for 231 yards. Three of those were for touchdowns. Two went to Quest Clay (21 and 14 yards), and one to Brodey Reisinger from three yards out. Lillard also ran seven times



Indian Lake quarterback Madden Lillard collides with Benjamin Logan's Cooper Buck during Friday's game at Indian Lake. (EXAMINER PHOTO | MIKE FRANK)

for 45 yards.

Clay had six catches for 99 yards, and Reisinger pulled in six for a total of 84. Colin Bendler made four catches for 42 yards.

Ben Logan (0-2 Mad River, 0-7) found little traction on offense, with just two first downs in the first two quarters. They had 128 total yards on the night.

Raiders coach Paul Jenne said, "We are just young everywhere. Until we can get as many seniors as other teams have on the field, it's hard to grow up on a Friday night when you're looking at an offensive backfield of a freshman and sophomore. You take your lumps and we're two years into taking lumps."

"They have great speed," Jenne

said of the Lakers' attack. "They're well coached. Either you have speed or you don't."

Ben Logan's Wyatt Predmore connected on 6 of his 16 pass attempts, with 82 yards. Four of those throws were to Collin Powell for 68 yards. Predmore was also the leading rusher with 40 yards on eight carries.

Indian Lake took the opening kickoff back to the 24-yard line. After a big gain by Clay on the first snap for 10 yards, they were helped by a couple of offsides calls on Ben Logan.

Lillard then hit Bendler for 10 yards, and Clay for 20 to reach the red zone. Four plays later, Clay burst through the middle from the 2. The PAT try was no good, leaving

it 6-0 with 8 1/2 minutes to go.

After a three-and-out by the Raiders, Indian Lake started at the 33. After reaching midfield, a big throw from Lillard to Reisinger covered 27 yards on 3rd-and-5 and got to the Ben Logan 28. A holding call pushed them back, but four plays later, Clay ran it in from the 6. The PAT made it 13-0 with three minutes to go.

A short punt by Ben Logan gave the Lakers good position at their own 40. A big run by Lillard for 19 yards converted third down, then a throw to Reisinger saw him take it and weave 21 yards down the sideline for score number three on the first play of the second quarter.

The teams traded punts (the

one possession Indian Lake didn't score). A big run by Predmore moved the chains for Ben Logan and got them across midfield, both for the first time in the game. But the Lakers held after that, with the punt downed at the 11.

Noah Shirik had three runs for a total of 28 yards to start things off, then Reisinger caught a 15-yard pass. The Lakers kept marching, with an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on Ben Logan moving it to the 14.

Lillard found Clay for six points, and the kick made it 27-0 with 4 1/2 minutes to go in the half.

Ben Logan's drive lasted eight plays, but had the same result as the others, with the punter sending it downfield.

Starting at the 24, Lillard hit Reisinger for a 32-yard pass to get across midfield. A throw to Bendler covered 18 yards on third-and-10. The Lakers called time with 1:13 to play.

Facing 4th-and-6, Clay had a catch for 17 yards. A shove after he went out of bounds, moved it to the three. Shoffner punched it over the goal line with 22 seconds to go, and the kick made it 34-0.

The second half was played with a running clock due to the margin. Indian Lake scored on its first possession, marching 58 yards in eight plays, and scoring with about 3:45 to go in the third quarter on a three-yard toss to Reisinger. The point-after try was blocked.

After stopping Ben Logan on downs, the Lakers got their final points on a 10-play, 60 yard drive. Stevenson did most of the work, with two facemask calls on Ben Logan helping advance the Lakers' cause. Stevenson ran it in with just under three minutes to go and one more kick by Kolton Cummins was through the uprights.

Next Friday, the Lakers (2-0, 5-2) travel to Springfield to face Shawnee. Ben Logan (0-2, 0-6) will also be on the road, going to North Union.

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Lehman's 2nd-half flurry derails Pirates

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A second-half aerial offensive upended what had been a level contest through two quarters Friday as Riverside could not keep up with Lehman Catholic in a 34-18 loss in a Three Rivers Conference game.

The Pirates (3-4, 2-2) scored first and led at half-time, but were outscored 27-6 in the third and fourth quarters as the Cavaliers (6-0, 4-1) took control of the game.

Lehman quarterback Turner Lachey threw three second-half touchdown passes and ran for another to help propel Lehman.

"You have to give those guys over there a lot of credit," Pirates head coach Bryce Hodge said. "(Lachey) is a tremendous athlete and we tried to keep him contained and in the pocket and still you saw what he did to us with his arm through the air."

Playing shorthanded without starting quarterback Gavin Orsborne who did not play due to injury, Riverside kept the game close throughout.

Freshman Brody Orsborne played quarterback for Riverside helped guide an 80-yard, six-plus minute touchdown drive for the first points of the game to give the home-standing Pirates a 6-0 lead.

Orsborne capped off the drive with a 3-yard TD run that punctuated the extended Pirates possession that took most of the first quarter and spanned early into the second.

The PAT was no good and Riverside led 6-0 with just over 11 minutes to go in the second quarter. Lehman responded moments later, set up in part by a 40-yard completion on third down to put the Cavaliers at the Riverside 15-yard line.

A TD run capped the drive moments later and was followed by a successful PAT to put Lehman ahead for a time, 7-6.

The Pirates reclaimed the lead minutes before halftime. Gunner Carpenter plowed into the end zone for from six yards out with less than a minute to go in the second quarter to give the Pirates a 12-6 lead after an unsuccessful two-point conversion.

The third quarter started promising for the Pirates. Set up to kick off, a successful onside kick gave the Pirates possession to open the third quarter.

However, that drive was undone by a Cavalier interception returned deep into Pirates territory. Lehman wasted little time taking advantage of the turnover. A 21-yard TD pass and PAT put Lehman back on top 14-12 two minutes the third quarter.

The Cavaliers extended the lead minutes later.

Following a Riverside punt, Lehman went down the field and scored again on a 33-yard TD pass to push the lead to 20-12. The PAT was missed, however, and the it remained a one-possession game.

Riverside took over the ensuing possession on its own 41-yard line and drove down into the Lehman red-zone, but came away with



Riverside's Gunner Carpenter muscles through a Lehman tackler during Friday's game in DeGraff. (EXAMINER PHOTO BY NATE SMITH)

no points following a failed fourth-down play from the 12-yard line.

The Cavaliers drove the ball out of their own end zone to around their own 40-yard line at the start of the fourth quarter, but the Pirates defense came away with a stop on fourth down to give the offense the ball back at the Lehman 42-yard line with just over 10 minutes to go.

The Pirates found the end zone to draw closer on their next possession.

Tony Robinson scored from four yards out to draw

Riverside to within 20-18. The scoring drive was set up by a deep pass play on fourth-down. Orsborne connected with Damien Smith on fourth-and-10 for a 38-yard pass well-thrown in the middle of the field that Smith went up for and caught in tight coverage.

The two-point conversion failed, though and the Pirates still trailed by two points, 20-18.

"We had some chances tonight, but could not make enough plays to come away with the win," Hodge said.

The Pirates would get no

closer.

Lehman put the game away with touchdown drives on consecutive possessions down the stretch to put the game out of reach.

"I know it doesn't really reflect in the wins and loss column, but I do feel like we're getting better each week," Hodge said.

Orsborne completed 16 of 29 passes for 110 yards for the Pirates. Damien Smith led the Pirates receivers with seven catches for 94 yards. Landon Purtee had three catches for two yards. Brice Kauffman and

Tony Robinson each caught two passes for Riverside.

Ryder Arnett and Braylon Dunn each recorded six tackles defensively for the Pirates. Jordan Dunham had five tackles and Landon Purtee and Grady Kenkins each recorded four tackles for Riverside.

"We did a lot of good things tonight up front and tackling in space," Hodge said. "Nothing to do but get back to work against another tough opponent next week."

Riverside is at Miami East Friday.

Tigers make it a rough night for Roughriders

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

West Liberty-Salem blew out visiting West Jefferson 43-6 in an Ohio Heritage Conference matchup Friday night.

The Tigers improve to 2-0 in the OHC North and are now 6-1 overall, while West Jefferson drops to 0-2 in the

division and 2-6 on the year.

WL-S scored twice in the first period. The first came on a 17-yard pass to Reese Oder from Nick Shifflet, and the second on a 60-yard throw from Shifflet to Jack Bahan.

Carson Poppe then ran back an interception three

yards, and a safety by the Tigers defense made it 23-0.

Josh Wilcoxon had a three-yard TD run and the hosts led 30-0 at the break.

In the third quarter, Shifflet threw his third touchdown of the night, this one for 58 yards to Bahan.

The Roughriders then

broke up the shutout bid with a 10-yard pass from Austin Buescher to Nick Fitzpatrick.

WL-S got a 57-yard touchdown run by Josiah Stidham for the lone score of the final period.

Shifflet finished 9-of-13 for 211 yards passing on the night. Stidham had one

other run and had 58 yards total.

Wilcoxon ran nine times for 45 yards.

Bahan's three catches covered 130 yards, while Jacob Evans pulled in four balls for 51 yards.

On the Roughriders' side, Buescher completed 27-of-40 throws for 136

yards with one score and one interception. They were held to negative 21 yards rushing. Leading receivers were Wade Reeve (10 for 40 yards) and Colton Kincaid (7 for 26).

Next Friday, WL-S is at Mechanicsburg, while West Jefferson will host Triad.

Gabriel, James lead Oregon past Michigan State

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Dillon Gabriel threw a pair of touchdown passes and ran for another to help No. 6 Oregon remain undefeated with a 31-10 victory over Michigan State on Friday night.

Gabriel completed 20 of 32 passes to finish with 257 yards and Jordan James ran for 166 yards and another

score for the Ducks (5-0, 2-0 Big Ten).

It was the third straight loss for Michigan State (3-3, 1-2), spoiling Jonathan Smith's return to the state of Oregon after leaving Oregon State for the Spartans last November. Smith coached the Beavers for six seasons, going 2-4 against the Ducks.

It was sloppy on both sides at the start. Gabriel had a pair of interceptions and the Spartans fumbled the ball on the verge of scoring in the first half.

Michigan State, which lost the football three times in the red zone in the first half against Ohio State last week, was ranked No. 123 in the

nation for red zone offense (66.7%). The Spartans went into the game with 13 turnovers — third most in the nation.

Michigan State quarterback Aidan Chiles hit Nick Marsh with a 44-yard pass to get the Spartans to the Oregon 2, but on the next play Chiles fumbled at the goal line on a keeper and it

was recovered by Oregon's Jordan Burch.

The turnovers hurt the Ducks, too. Gabriel's pass to the end zone was intercepted by Malik Spencer midway through the sloppy first quarter.

Traeshon Holden tripped and fell but still managed to catch a 37-yard pass from Gabriel while

lying on the turf. Gabriel was hit hard by former Oregon linebacker Anthony Jones but returned a play later — and went on to run for a 9-yard touchdown to give the Ducks the lead.

Gabriel was intercepted again by Michigan State's Charles Brantley in the red zone in the second quarter.

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THURSDAY NIGHTS PREP SPORTS ACTION

Lakers pull out 5-set win in key CBC clash

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Indian Lake pulled out a 25-18, 25-22, 19-25, 20-25, 15-11 win over host Benjamin Logan in a Central Buckeye Conference volleyball thriller Thursday night.

The Lakers avenged a loss to the Raiders earlier this season. Indian Lake is now 16-3 overall and 8-1 in the CBC. Ben Logan drops to 11-7, 7-1.

Halle Roby highlighted the night for Indian Lake by recording her 2,000th career assist.

On the night, Roby had 33 assists, three blocks, 19 digs and was 18-18 serving.

Also for the Lakers, Kenzie Dixon posted 21 kills and 16 digs, Cami Bailey was 24-24 serving with five aces and had 18 kills and nine digs, Riley Ross was 11-11 serving and 30 digs, Addyson Roby tallied four aces, 15 digs and 15 assists, Courtney Altstaetter had four blocks and Addison Beck tallied 15 digs.

For the Raiders, Skylar Miracle recorded 11 kills, Georgia Daniels had 10 kills, Abby Vance tallied nine kills and seven blocks and Makayla Williamson had nine kills to help spark the attack.

Also for Ben Logan, Caroline Spriggs tallied two kills, Mia Stahler posted 22

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digs and Autumn Cline had 22 assists.

In the junior varsity match, Indian Lake won 25-21, 25-13.

For the Lakers, Ady Oldiges was 15-15 serving with three aces and was 34-35 setting with seven assists, Brynna Avila was 15-15 serving serving and had eight digs, Kenzley Pertuset had three kills and two digs, Bre Wisener was 13-13 setting with seven assists and had seven digs, Kit Miller tallied three kills and four digs, Quinn Imm was 14-14 on serves received and had 10 digs and Madison Davis had two kills.

Ben Logan plays at Riverside today and the Lakers host St. Marys on Monday.

Bellefontaine sweeps Tecumseh

Bellefontaine's volleyball team cruised to a 25-1, 25-10, 25-11 victory over Tecumseh in Central Buckeye Conference action Wednesday.

The Chiefs are now 15-4 overall and 5-3 in the CBC.

Tecumseh drops to 2-17, 0-8. Kelsie Snapp led the



Indian Lake's Halle Roby recorded her 2,000th career assist during Thursday's match against Benjamin Logan. (JAMIE ROSS PHOTO)

Chiefs by going 38-38 serving with nine aces. She also had 20 digs and six kills.

Taylor Banta had 17 kills, five digs and two blocks, Ava Layman had seven kills and six digs, Ava Campbell tallied five kills, Ava Reeves had 12 digs and was 11-12 serving with an ace, Madi Zedeker had 27 assists, eight digs and was 8-8 serving, Presley Vigansky added three kills and Reagan Standley was 10-10 serving with two aces.

The JV Red team won 25-4, 25-18. Kaeleigh Flora led the Chiefs with 23 digs, 11 kills and perfect serving, Alayna Boyd had 18 assists, three kills, five digs and was perfect serving going 15-15 with three aces, Jillian Ullom had 20 digs and perfect serving, Zoey Conner chipped in with five aces, three kills, six digs and a block, Ari Rangel had two blocks and Ava Oppy had nine digs, four kills and two aces.

The JV Black lost 25-20, 25-19. Celine Blinn had 12 digs and perfect serving with two aces, Brooklyn Kuntz had five kills and an ace, Lyla Conner had seven digs, Hailey Augustus had four digs, Rylee Yelton had four aces and two kills and Ari Rangel had nine assists.

Miami East tops Pirates

Miami East defeated Riverside 25-19, 25-15, 25-20 in a Three Rivers Conference matchup Thursday night.

Avery Perk sparked the Pirates with eight kills and two blocks, Miah Carman had six kills and Aubree Huston had eight digs.

Riverside's junior varsity team lost 25-20, 25-23. Addison Shoe had two aces and four kills, Chloe Purtee tallied 16 digs and Makayla Hurley added 10 assists for the Pirates.

Calvary gets win over Kingdom

Calvary Christian's volleyball team beat Kingdom Christian 25-21, 19-25, 25-12, 25-19 on Thursday.

Grace Zell led the Spartans with 29 assists and two aces, Ava Cole had five digs and 16 kills, Clair Heater had five kills and Kari Gantz had five aces, 10 kills and 11 digs.

Fairbanks derails Tigers

Fairbanks tripped up West

Liberty-Salem 25-10, 25-15, 25-16 in Ohio Heritage Conference volleyball action Thursday.

The Tigers are now 10-9 overall and 9-4 in the OHC. Fairbanks improves to 15-5, 11-1.

Naomi Cole had eight kills, Londyn Loveless had seven digs, six assists and 6-6 serving, Kiersten Stoll posted 10 digs and was 9-9 serving, Ellah Heminger had seven digs and was 6-6 serving, Lilli Heminger had four digs and three kills, Asher Daniels tallied 10 digs and two kills, Reagan Winters was 9-12 on serves received, Lyndee Harrison had five assists and Sophia Landon was 3-3 serving.

The junior varsity A Tigers were defeated 25-19, 25-20. Olive Matthews had six assists, Addie Hutton was 9-9 serving, Belle Sarver had four digs and four kills, Emma Schmelzer had three digs and two kills, Emma Liggett had five digs, Tru Maxam has eight digs and two aces and Sophia Landon 19 digs and had seven assists.

The junior varsity B Tigers lost in two sets. Rachel Sanford had four digs, Addie Dallas had three digs and Evie Decker had four digs for the Tigers.

AL Central rivals Tigers and Guardians meeting in postseason for first time

CLEVELAND (AP) — Midwest neighbors and mostly friendly division rivals, Detroit and Cleveland have played 2,326 times since their first game on May 3, 1901.

Never once have they met in the postseason in 123 years. That changes Saturday. It's finally happening.

"This will be the best commute in my playoff history," joked Tigers manager A.J. Hinch, noting the short flight over Lake Erie. "Two proud cities in a great part of the country, more so in the summer than the winter. You're going to see packed stadiums on both sides. It's good for baseball." Welcome to the Surprise Series.

Two of three AL Central teams still alive — along with the big-bankroll New York Yankees — in these playoffs, the Tigers and Guardians, both of whom entered 2024 with modest expectations, will meet in Game 1 of the AL Division

Series at Progressive Field in a matchup that didn't seem possible just weeks ago.

Cleveland will start Tanner Bibee in the opener while Hinch counters with Tyler Holton before turning it over to his bullpen and triggering "pitching chaos" as he calls the strategy that turned Detroit's season around.

When they last visited Progressive Field for a series in late July, the Tigers were five games under .500, 14 back of first-place Cleveland in the division and on the verge of making several trades that seemed to signal surrender.

From the outside, the outlook was gloomy.

But the Tigers had confidence in their roster, and energized by some minor leaguers and getting some key players healthy, they've become baseball's hottest — and most dangerous — team.

Detroit went 31-13 down the stretch to earn a wildcard spot before sweeping

AL West champion Houston on its home field to advance.

Hinch smiled when asked if he could have imagined in July returning to Cleveland in October to play for a spot in the ALCS. He knew there was potential in his group, he just needed to find a way to tap into it.

"We believed in our talent. We believed in our young players," he said. "We felt like we were getting better. A couple big wins here creates a little more belief, and then you win a tough series against playoff-caliber teams, and that creates even more belief.

"And you look up, and we were right in the thick of things as we got into the middle of September. Still, I thought a lot of people were wondering when was it going to fade, when was it going to fall off, when was it going to be a nice story but maybe not our time. But that was all outside our building.

"So we just kept at it and

found ourselves in a really good position to make it to October and get to the first playoff series in a while."

And now that they've made it this far, the Tigers don't want to stop.

Same goes for the Guardians, who have spent the past week resting up after clinching an unexpected No. 2 seed.

While the rest of baseball was being shocked by Detroit's late-season run, Cleveland's players could see the Tigers had something going. The Guardians won the season series 7-6, but were outscored.

"They played us tough all year and we were saying how good that team was," said catcher Austin Hedges.

"To go 7-6 against them, especially at a time of the year when we were rolling through everybody. They were playing some of the toughest baseball against us. We knew how good they were. They just weren't finishing some games and then once they did, it showed.

Lady Tigers blank West Jefferson

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

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West Liberty-Salem's girls soccer team won 3-0 over West Jefferson on Thursday.

The Tigers are now 6-6 overall and 4-2 in the OHC. Skyler Ropp scored two goals and Jenna Cline had one goal for the Tigers.

Audrey Collins had four saves for the Tigers. Ava Johnson recorded two assists and Chloe Bender had one assist.

The Tigers travel to Urbana today.

Calvary falls to Botkins

Calvary Christian's soccer team fell to Botkins 4-2 on Thursday.

The Spartans are now 11-3-1 on the season. Nehemiah Dillon scored in the first half for Calvary, but the Spartans trailed 3-1 at halftime.

Cohen McDonald added a goal for the Spartans in the second half.

Calvary plays at New Knoxville on Thursday.

WL-5 junior varsity boys team slips to 1L

West Liberty-Salem's junior varsity boys soccer team lost a 7-vs.-7 match against Indian Lake 5-3 on Thursday.

Miles Christison, Patrick Brooks and Noah Sarver each had goals for the Tigers. Christison had one assist and Kyler Langhardt had seven saves in goal.

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Property Owner: Ellen Beyer
Property Address: 9905 Cherokee Dr.
Parcel No: 43-018-12-16-002-000
This is to inform you that the Stokes Township Board of Zoning Appeals, will hold a public hearing on a Variance request on the 14th day of October, 2024 at 7:30 PM at the Stokes Township Hall, located at 275 S. Oak St., Lakeview, OH 43331. The applicant is Ellen Beyer Request that a variance(s) be granted for the following described property located at 9905 Cherokee Dr., Huntsville, OH 43324.

Description: Applicant is requesting a variance from Section 1061 Accessory Building, to allow a set back of 8 feet from one front yard in lieu of the required 30 feet and a variance of 5 feet from rear yard property line, in lieu of the required 10 feet. The property is on a corner lot which has two front yards and two rear yards. For more information, please attend the meeting. Richard P. Stewart, Stokes Township Zoning Officer Oct. 5, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Property Owner: Heather & Chad Kean
Property Address: 11469 Ash St.
Parcel No: 43-005-16-01-013-000

LEGALS

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The applicants are Heather & Chad Kean

Request that a variance(s) be granted for the following described property located at 11469 Ash St. (Avondale), Lakeview, OH 43331. Description: The applicants are requesting three (3) variances for two "accessory buildings" (shed & garage).

- A variance for the garage to be 14 feet set back from Ash St., in lieu of the required 30 feet, or a difference of 16 feet.
- A variance of 4 feet from rear (Walnut St.) property line for the shed, lieu of the required 10 feet set back, or a difference of 6 feet.
- A variance of 7 feet from rear yard (Ash St.) property line, in lieu of the required 10 feet set back or a difference of 3 feet.

For more information, please attend the meeting. Richard P. Stewart, Stokes Township Zoning Officer Oct. 5, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE LOGAN COUNTY RECORDS COMMISSION MEETING

The Records Commission will meet on Thursday, October 24, at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room on the County Annex Building. The agenda will include reviewing any RC-1, RC-2 and RC-3 forms presented to the board. Oct. 5, 2024

FRIDAY NIGHT
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