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Bellefontaine's Maus and Brown win titles at league meet



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## Preschool fundraiser proves successful for third year in a row

BY SHARYN KOPF  
EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

Meat and beans, tomatoes and spices—fall often calls for the comfort of a warm bowl of chili. With that in mind, Journey Nature School (JNS) held their third annual Chili Cookoff fundraiser on Sunday, Oct. 13, at the Kirkmont Center in Zanesfield.

The six competitors were kept busy during the three-hour event, serving a variety of chili creations to 150 hungry attendees. As a result, the school raised almost \$3,300 toward student programming.

"Many people support us again and again," MacKenzie Myers Fitzpatrick, JNS program director, said. "We feel very loved and connected to the members of our community."

This year, JNS saw three cookoff participants return—Brewfontaine (2023 crowd favorite), Wild Oats GF Bakery

(2023 most creative) and Smokin' Bandits (2023 honorable mention). And they welcomed three new competitors—The Morning Riot, R Smokehouse food truck and Chefhouse Ohio.

After all the votes were tallied, Smokin' Bandits won crowd favorite, Brewfontaine earned the most creative award and honorable mention went to R Smokehouse.

Competitors donated their chili and clearly listed all their ingredients for those with allergies. Desserts were donated as well.

"We try to be as low waste as possible, so most of the containers we used are compostable or reusable," Fitzpatrick added.

The event also included live music from Bob Lucas with JNS students, John Whitehead and Tucker Munz. And, midway through the cookoff, everyone was

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Jeremy Fitzpatrick (wearing a black baseball cap) serves Brewfontaine's white chicken chili to Flo Wischmeyer at the third annual Chili Cookoff on Sunday, Oct. 13, at the Kirkmont Center, Zanesfield. Journey Nature School will use the almost \$3,300 raised for student programming. (EXAMINER PHOTO | SHARYN KOPF)

## County students glean insights at National Manufacturing Week tours



BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

**S**tudents from Benjamin Logan, Bellefontaine, Indian Lake, Ohio Hi-Point, and Riverside High Schools toured various manufacturing facilities last week in celebration of National Manufacturing Week.

Participants gained first-hand experience and insights from employees on the diverse career opportunities available in the industry and at local facilities, including EWH Spectrum, DMG Tool & Die, Powerbuilt, and NX Automotive Logistics, Honda Pro Center and more.

Nationwide Manufacturing Week highlights the critical role manufacturing plays in the econ-

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## POLICE BEAT

### Suspect charged with felony following domestic altercation

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

A Bellefontaine man was arrested early Sunday, Oct. 13, following a domestic dispute that left the victim with multiple injuries, including a head wound that required medical attention.

Officers of the Bellefontaine Police Department arrested Brandon Redman, 29, of Bellefontaine, after a dispute in the 100 block of 501 Gunntown Road.

Officers were dispatched about 4:30 a.m. to the residential complex in response to a report of domestic dispute. Upon arrival, officers learned the defendant physically assaulted the victim, reportedly holding them by the neck.

The victim was in distress when officers arrived. Police report they complained of severe head pain before collapsing. The victim was unconscious for approximately 48 seconds while officers were on scene.

Upon examination, the victim was found to have a laceration on the back of their head, along with injuries to their face including a swollen lip, nosebleed and red marks on both sides of the neck.

The victim admitted to fighting with Redman after a disagreement, but was hesitant to provide details, and asked officers, "Is he going to jail?"

The victim told police the altercation started when the couple returned home from celebrating the victim's birthday. The argument escalated after the victim suggested moving their bed to the living room, and then the fight became physical. The victim stated that Redman punched them multiple times in the face, estimating four to five hits, and that her head was slammed against the floor several times during the struggle.

Redman admitted to hitting the victim, but claimed it was in retaliation after being struck first. He also acknowledged grabbing the victim's hair but denied slamming her head into the floor.

Bellefontaine medics were called to the scene and transported the victim to Mary Rutan Hospital for further evaluation. The victim's injuries included a half-inch to three-quarter-inch laceration on the back of their head.

Redman was charged with second-degree felony felonious assault and for domestic violence and was lodged in the Logan County Jail.



REDMAN

## State recognition event held at Kings Island

### Saved by the Belt award presented to Zanesfield resident

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The Ohio State Highway Patrol partnered with Kings Island Saturday, Oct. 12, to host a Saved by the Belt event at the amusement park.

Nine individuals became members of the Ohio State Highway Patrol's Saved by the Belt club, including Zanesfield resident Sarah VanDyke, 23. Kings Island provided each recipient and their family members with one-day admission tickets to the park.

Each recipient received a framed



Nine individuals became members of the Ohio State Highway Patrol's Saved by the Belt club Oct. 12, including Zanesfield resident Sarah VanDyke, during a special recognition event Saturday at Kings Island. (OHP PHOTO)

Saved by the Belt certificate, license plate and license plate bracket.

Follow recipients recognized from the Jackson, Piqua and Wilmington districts include: Dustin Akers, 27, of Proctorville; Reba L. Gilbert, 71, of Dayton; Bobbi Gilkerson, 17, of Lebanon; Elaine P. Halterman, 38, Urbana; Chase Lambert, 18, Lebanon; Curtis Blake Payne, 25, of Beaver; Timothy W. Walker, 46, Milford; and Wanda L. Walters, 88, of Huber Heights.

The Saved by the Belt nomination is in recognition of wearing a safety belt when involved in a traffic crash, thus avoiding serious injury or death.

From 2019 to current, there have been over 292,000 unbelted crashes on Ohio roadways. Of those crashes, over 2,900 were fatal crashes.

During that same time, more than 60 percent of all fatal crashes involved an unbelted individual when a safety belt was available.



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"A feller's usefulness frequently ends when he gets an assistant."

Written prior, 1931, by Kin Hubbard, a world-famous newspaper humorist and father of late T.E. Hubbard, former Examiner owner/publisher

## City leaf pick up schedule set to begin next week

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

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.
- Oct. 29 and 30 — South of Columbus Avenue and west of Main Street.
- Oct. 31 and November 1 — North of Columbus Avenue and west of Main Street.

After this schedule is completed a second round is tentatively scheduled as follows:

- Nov. 4, 5 and 6 — The Northeast sector.
- Nov. 7, 8 and 12 — The Southeast sector.
- Nov. 13 and 14 — The Southwest sector.
- Nov. 15 and 18 — The Northwest sector.

For the week of Oct. 14, the Street

Department will pick up on an "on call basis."

You can e-mail them at [wvobrecht@ci.bellefontaine.oh.us](mailto:wvobrecht@ci.bellefontaine.oh.us) or call (937) 592-1736.

Leaves need to be piled in the boulevard or as close to the street as possible, but not in the street or on the sidewalk. Do not park your vehicles in front of the piles, where the city's leaf machine cannot get to the leaves.

No other materials such as branches, brush or trash can be picked up by the leaf machine.

No bags will be accepted. Remember, by law, the regular refuse collection is not allowed to pick up leaves or any other yard waste.

Also, per city ordinance, no person shall deposit, permit or allow any grass clippings, shrub or bush trimmings, flowers or any material on any street or alley which might wash into or clog any storm sewer.



## 'The Rat Pack' performance boosts local youths

The Rotary Club of Bellefontaine and the Benjamin Logan Music Boosters hosted a captivating performance of Madcap Productions' "The Rat Pack" Saturday evening, Oct. 12, at the Benjamin Logan High School Auditorium, while raising funds to benefit youth programs and student scholarships. The talented trio portrayed iconic legends: Jim Stoner as Frank Sinatra (BLHS Class of 1982, OSU Class of 1987); Timothy Boysel as Dean Martin (BLHS Class of 1982, OSU Class of 1987); and G. Scott Johnson as Sammy Davis, Jr. (Columbus South H.S. Class of 1978, OSU Class of 1990). The performance was enhanced by the musical talents of Brian Nabors on keys and jazz performer Maria Jacobs, along with exceptional contributions from the BLHS Jazz Band directed by Myles Bowers. (BENJAMIN LOGAN PHOTO)

## Florida neighbors band together to recover after one-two punch from hurricanes

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — When ankle-deep floodwaters from Hurricane Helene bubbled up through the floors of their home, Kat Robinson-Malone and her husband sent a late-night text message to their neighbors two doors down: "Hey, we're coming."

The couple waded through the flooded street to the elevated front porch of Chris and Kara Sundar, whose home was built on higher ground, and handed over their 8-year-old daughter and a gas-powered generator.

The Sundars' lime-green house in southern Tampa also became a refuge for Brooke and Adam Carstensen, whose house next door to Robinson-Malone also flooded.

The three families met years earlier when their children became playmates, and the adults' friendships deepened during the coronavirus pandemic in 2020. So when Helene and Hurricane Milton struck Florida within two weeks of each other, the neighbors closed ranks as one big extended family, cooking meals together, taking turns watching children and cleaning up their damaged homes.

And as Milton threatened a direct strike on Tampa last



A property owner who preferred not to give his name peers into the remains of the second floor unit where he lived with his wife while renting out the other units, on Manasota Key, in Englewood, Fla., following the passage of Hurricane Milton, Sunday, Oct. 13, 2024. (AP PHOTO/REBECCA BLACKWELL)

week, the Malones, the Sundars and the Carstensens decided to evacuate together. They drove more than 450 miles (725 kilometers) in a caravan to metro Atlanta — seven adults, six children, four dogs and teenage Max Carstensen's three pet rats.

"Everyone has, like, the chain saw or a tarp," Robinson-Malone said Sunday. "But really the most important thing for us was the community we built. And that made all the difference for the hurricane rescue and the recovery. And now, hopefully, the restoration."

Recovery efforts contin-

ued Sunday in storm-battered communities in central Florida, where President Joe Biden surveyed the devastation. Biden said he was thankful the damage from Milton was not as severe as officials had anticipated. But he said it was still a "cataclysmic" event for people caught in the path of the hurricane, which has been blamed for at least 11 deaths.

The number of homes and businesses in Florida still without electricity dropped to about 500,000 on Sunday, according to Poweroutage.us. That was down from more than 3 mil-

## LOCAL NOTES

### Owl Prowl Night Hike slated for Oct. 19

The Romans 1:20 Environmental Education Center, 1041 County Road 142 N, West Mansfield, hosts a Owl Prowl Night Hike at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19.

The program will also include Blake Mathys, coordinator of the Central Ohio Owl Project, mist-netting for owls.

The cost is \$5 per person or \$15 per family. Direct questions to (937) 935-2851.

### Rings of Lights Halloween walk

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.



### Volunteers needed for tornado recovery tree planting

Volunteers are being sought for a tornado recovery tree planting at Fox Island, slated for Friday, Oct. 25.

The tree planting takes place from 9 a.m. to noon, and will help to replace the massive loss of trees experienced in the area due to the March tornado.

Throughout the morning, volunteers will assist with planting 63 trees.

Funding for this project is provided by the Indian Lake Development Corporation (ILDC), Indian Lake Watershed Project, Grand Lake Saint Marys Lake Improvement, Indian Lake Chamber of Commerce and Bohac Family of Cranberry Resort.

### Logan County Agriculture Impact Fund grants available

The Logan County Farm Bureau announces that the 2024 Logan County Agriculture Impact Fund grants and mini grant applications are now available.

The purpose of the Impact Fund is to support projects and events that will expand and grow agriculture's footprint in the county and encourage youth development in agriculture. Grants will be offered to any organization, classroom or program in Logan County that promotes the well-being and enrichment of youth involved in our county's agriculture community.

The Logan County Farm Bureau also announces the expansion of the mini-grant program into the fall. The program is available to organizations, classrooms, or clubs that teach agriculture concepts and are involved in youth development.

These grants are capped at \$500, and the county will award four projects this cycle.

Mini-Grant and Grant Timeline:

- All submissions may begin after Oct. 1.
- Grant Applications will be due Nov. 1.
- Mini-Grant Applications are due Nov. 15.
- Upon submission, grants will go through two review committees. All grant recipients will be notified by Dec. 1 regarding their applications.

Applications are available at the Farm Bureau website at [www.ofbf.org/counties/logan](http://www.ofbf.org/counties/logan).

For questions about the application, direct them to Smith at [jsmith@ofbf.org](mailto:jsmith@ofbf.org) or call the Farm Bureau office at (877) 775-7642.

### Senior Center trip to ONU Holiday Spectacular

The Logan County Friendly Senior Center hosts a bus trip to attend the Ohio Northern University Holiday Spectacular.

The show begins at 2 p.m. at the Freed Center Biggs Theater at the ONU campus in Ada.

The fully staged musical in its 29th year features festive carols, lavish sets, ballerinas, toy soldiers and St. Nick.

Tickets are approximately \$50, depending on the number of reservations received. To reserve a seat, contact the senior center at (937) 593-1511.

lion after Milton made land-fall Wednesday as a Category 3 storm.

Fuel shortages also appeared to be easing as more gas stations opened, and lines at pumps in the Tampa area looked notably shorter. Gov. Ron DeSantis announced nine sites where people can get 10 gallons (38 liters) each for free.

While recovery efforts were gaining steam, a full rebound will take far longer.

DeSantis cautioned that debris removal could take up to a year, even as Florida shifts nearly 3,000 workers to the cleanup. He said Biden has approved 100% federal reimbursement for those efforts for 90 days.

"The (removal of) debris has to be 24/7 over this 90-day period," DeSantis said while speaking next to a pile of furniture, lumber and other debris in Treasure Island, an island city near St. Petersburg that has been battered by both recent hurricanes. "That's the way you get the job done."

National Weather Service meteorologist Paul Close said rivers will keep rising for the next several days and result in flooding, mostly around Tampa Bay and northward. Those areas got the most rain, which came on top of a wet summer that included

several hurricanes.

Meanwhile, residents unable to move back into their damaged homes were making other arrangements.

Robinson-Malone and her husband, Brian, bought a camper trailer that's parked in their driveway. They plan to live there while their gutted home is repaired and also improved to make it more resilient against hurricanes.

"These storms, they're just going to keep happening," she said. "And we want to be prepared for it."

The Carstensens plan to demolish what's left of their flooded, low-slung home, which was built in 1949, and replace it with a new house higher off the ground. For the time being they are staying with Brooke Carstensen's mother.

Chris Sundar said he's questioning his plan to remain in Tampa until his children have all graduated from high school a decade from now. His house remains the home base for the families' kids, ages 8 to 13. On the wall there is a list of chores for them all, from folding laundry to emptying wastebaskets. Brooke Carstensen, a teacher, has helped the children through an extended period without school.



# ILMS Academic Hall of Fame inducts 18 new members

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Indian Lake Middle School is celebrating 30 years of academic excellence.

A total of 18 new inductees from the Indian Lake Class of 2028 were recently inducted into the ILMS Academic Hall of Fame.

The ceremony was conducted with friends and family in front of the entire ILMS student body. This was the 30th year for the Academic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

ILMS Co-Principal Missy Mefford told the group middle school is hard, so having this much success is something to be proud of.

"Even though it was tough, these students came



Eighteen members of the Indian Lake Class of 2028 were inducted into the ILMS Academic Hall of Fame. (INDIAN LAKE SCHOOLS PHOTO)

to school everyday and gave their best. I'm sure they had days that didn't go so well. Maybe they didn't feel well or they didn't get a grade they were hoping for. "But they adjusted their

sails and got back on track. They chose to be strong leaders and behave in a way that modeled good decision making. They chose to rise above challenges and find success."

The new inductees are: Chloe Borgerding, Bronx Dickson, Isabella Everhart, Myah Everhart, Alyson Hamilton, Jordan Henderson, Hayes Henry, Lane Hill, Alivia Kinney, Lane Kipker, Maddison Leiss-Breakey, MacKenzie Miller, Aaron Rapp, J.J. Shirk, Reed Strayer, Braden Tussing, Grant Wickline and Bre Wisener.

Each of these young people maintained a 3.8 GPA or higher while at ILMS, maintained a 98 percent attendance rate, were enrolled at least 70 percent of semesters during their fifth-, sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade years and were not a discipline problem at ILMS.

A reception followed the induction ceremony in the cafeteria.

## OBITUARIES

### Roland "Ron" M. Swonguer

Roland "Ron" M. Swonguer, 79, of Huntsville, passed away at 8:40 a.m. on Saturday, October 12, 2024, at Mary Rutan Hospital. He was born in rural DeGraff, Ohio on January 20, 1945, to the late Huber Hudson and Betty Jane (Bishop) Swonguer.

On May 15, 1976, in DeGraff, Ron married Leslie "Lee Ann" (Shively) Swonguer and she survives.

He is also survived by his daughters, Jana (Tim) McPherson and Kylene (Josh) Pick; grandchildren, Lane, Grant, and Crew McPherson, Owen, Isaac, and Wyland Pick; sisters, Martha (Bob) Benedict and Melinda (Chuck) Knapp; brothers, Maurice (Kathy) Swonguer and Michael (Vivian) Swonguer; sister-in-law, Margaret (Peg) Swonguer; brothers-in-law, Dan (Brenda) Shively, and Charlie (Rhonda) Shively; and numerous nieces and nephews.



Along with his parents, Ron was also preceded in death by his brother, Marvin L. Swonguer; and brother-in-law, John Shively.

Ron attended Indian Lake High School, then graduated from Miami University with a degree in Industrial Engineering in 1967. Following his college graduation, he served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force. Upon completion of his military service, Ron returned home and began his career at HBD Industries, where he retired in 2010. His favorite hobby was farming, which he enjoyed his entire life. Ron was also an avid hunter and fisherman. His greatest pride and joy was his family. He could often be found at sporting events and activities supporting his children and grandchildren.

Pastor Bryan Meadows will officiate a memorial service at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, October 18, 2024, at the Eichholtz Daring & Sanford Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 321 N. Main Street, Bellefontaine. Visitation will be Thursday, October 17, 2024, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. A private burial will take place in Huntsville Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Eichholtz Daring & Sanford Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Bellefontaine, is honored to serve the Swonguer family and encourages anyone to share a fond memory or message of condolence at [www.edsfh.com](http://www.edsfh.com).

# Nobel economics prize is awarded for research into how poor institutions affect countries' success

BY DANIEL NIEMANN, MIKE CORDER AND PAUL WISEMAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

STOCKHOLM — The Nobel memorial prize in economics was awarded Monday to three economists who have studied why some countries are rich and others poor and have documented that freer, open societies are more likely to prosper.

Economists Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson and James A. Robinson "have demonstrated the importance of societal institutions for a country's prosperity," the Nobel committee of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said at the announcement in Stockholm.

Acemoglu and Johnson work at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Robinson at the University of Chicago.

Jakob Svensson, chair of the Committee for the Prize in Economic Sciences, said their research has provided "a much deeper understanding of the root causes of why countries fail or succeed."

Reached by the academy in Athens, Greece, where he was to speak at a conference, the Turkish-born Acemoglu, 57, said he was astonished by the award.

"You never expect something like this," he said.

Acemoglu said the research honored by the prize underscores the value of democratic institutions.

"I think broadly speaking the work that we have done favors democracy," he said in a telephone call with the Nobel committee and reporters in Stockholm.

But, he added: "Democracy is not a panacea. Introducing democracy is very hard. When you introduce elections, that sometimes creates conflict."

In an interview with The Associated Press, Robinson, 64, said he doubts that China can sustain its economic prosperity as long as it keeps a repressive political system.

"There's many examples in world history of societies like that that do well for 40, 50 years," Robinson said by phone. "What you see is that's never sustainable. ... The Soviet Union did well for 50 or 60 years."

Robinson said many societies have successfully made the transition to what he, Acemoglu and Johnson call an "inclusive society."

"Look at the United States," Robinson said. "This was a country of slavery, of privilege, where women were not allowed to take part in the economy or

vote."

"Every country that is currently relatively inclusive and open made that transition," he added. "In the modern world, you've seen that in South Korea, in Taiwan, in Mauritius."

Acemoglu and Robinson wrote the 2012 bestseller, "Why Nations Fail: The Origins of Power, Prosperity, and Poverty," which argued that manmade problems were responsible for keeping countries poor.

In their work, the winners looked, for instance, at the city of Nogales, which straddles the U.S.-Mexico border.

Despite sharing the same geography, climate and a common culture, life is very different on either side of the border. In Nogales, Arizona, to the north, residents are relatively well-off and live long lives; most children graduate from high school. To the south, in Mexico's Nogales, Sonora, residents are much poorer, and organized crime and corruption abound.

The difference, the economists found, is a U.S. system that protects property rights and gives citizens a say in their government.

Acemoglu expressed worry Monday that democratic institutions in the United States and Europe were losing support from

the population.

"Support for democracy is at an all-time low, especially in the U.S., but also in Greece and in the UK and France," Acemoglu said on the sidelines of the conference in an Athens suburb.

"And I think that is a symbol of how people are disappointed with democracy," he said. "They think democracy hasn't delivered what it promised."

Robinson agreed. "Clearly, you had an attack on inclusive institutions in this country," he said. "You had a presidential candidate who denied that he lost the last election. So President (Donald) Trump rejected the democratic rule of the citizens. ... Of course, I'm worried. I'm a concerned citizen."

Johnson told the AP that economic pressures were alienating many Americans.

"A lot of people who were previously in the middle class were hit very hard by the combination of globalization, automation, the decline of trade unions, and a sort of shift more broadly in corporate philosophy," Johnson said. "So instead of workers being a resource to be developed, which they were in the 19th and early 20th century, they became a cost to be minimized ... Now, that squeezed the middle class."

# NASA spacecraft rockets toward Jupiter's moon Europa in search of the right conditions for life

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A NASA spacecraft rocketed away Monday on a quest to explore Jupiter's tantalizing moon Europa and reveal whether its vast hidden ocean might hold the keys to life.

It will take Europa Clipper 5 1/2 years to reach Jupiter, where it will slip into orbit around the giant gas planet and sneak close to Europa during dozens of radiation-drenched flybys.

Scientists are almost certain a deep, global ocean exists beneath Europa's icy

crust. And where there is water, there could be life, making the moon one of the most promising places out there to hunt for it.

Europa Clipper won't look for life; it has no life detectors. Instead, the spacecraft will zero in on the ingredients necessary to sustain life, searching for organic compounds and other clues as it peers beneath the ice for suitable conditions.

SpaceX started Clipper on its 1.8 billion-mile (3 billion-kilometer) journey, launching the spacecraft on a Falcon

Heavy rocket from Florida's Kennedy Space Center. An hour later, the spacecraft separated from the upper stage, floated off and called home.

"Please say goodbye to Clipper on its way to Europa," NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory's flight director Pranay Mishra announced from Southern California.

"The science on this is really captivating," NASA Associate Administrator Jim Free told The Associated Press back at the launch site. Scientists are still learning

about the depths of our own ocean, "and here we are looking that far out."

The \$5.2 billion mission almost got derailed by transistors.

NASA didn't learn until spring that Clipper's transistors might be more vulnerable to Jupiter's intense radiation field than anticipated. Clipper will endure the equivalent of several million chest X-rays during each of the 49 Europa flybys. The space agency spent months reviewing everything before concluding in September.

## THE FORUM

### Children's Services provides practical support to improve families' health

I write in support of the Children's Services renewal levy for the following reason:

As a young lawyer many years ago, I was assigned by the Juvenile Court to represent young children alleged to be abused or neglected by their parents.

My initial perspective was that because of the facts and situations I saw, many of these children needed to be taken from their parent(s) as the parent(s) were unfit for a variety of reasons.

However, after dealing with these cases and children, I came to realize over time that these children are almost always going to love their parent(s) and there is emotional harm to the children by taking them from their parent(s).

I came to realize that the better approach in most cases is to work to make sure the parent(s) become better parent(s) by education, children services programs and court-ordered plans for family improvements. These plans are implemented, monitored and enforced by Children's Services and the Court.

The help I saw give to children and families inspired me to be a Logan County Children's Services Board Member for 25 years.

Let us continue to give families and children the help they need to stay together as healthy families. Please join me in voting for the Children's Services renewal levy.

**Howard A. Traul II**  
Bellefontaine

## CLASS REUNIONS

• Bellefontaine High School Class of 1999 — 25th class reunion set for Saturday, Oct. 26, Bella Vino Events & Wine Room, 112 S. Main St., Suite 2, from 6 to 9 p.m.; cost is \$25 per person and includes catered food by 600 Downtown Pizza; a cash bar will be available; make reservations by Oct. 19 by sending your check/money to Bryn Daring at 301 E. Columbus Ave., Bellefontaine, or you can Venmo Bryn Daring or Brian Hogan.

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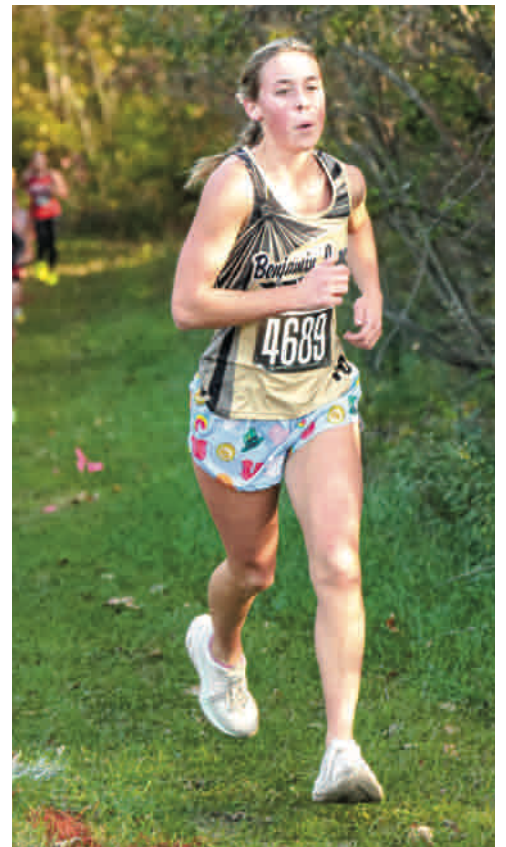
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From the left, Bellefontaine's Hayden Maus and Grace Brown, Indian Lake's Reagan Rash and Benjamin Logan's Nora Elliott run during Saturday's Central Buckeye Conference cross country meet at Graham High School. (EXAMINER PHOTOS | TONY BARRETT)

## Bellefontaine boys take 2nd overall, Maus and Brown win Central Buckeye Conference titles

### BL girls and boys finish 2nd in CBC Mad River division

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Bellefontaine's boys cross country team finished second overall, with Hayden Maus winning the race Saturday during the Central Buckeye Conference meet at Graham.

Maus, who won with a time of 16:03, became the first BHS boy to win a CBC title since Justin Clayton in 2016.

"Hayden's tremendous year-round work has paid off," said BHS boys head coach Ben Davis. "He pulled away on the hills the very thing he trained on all summer. Five runners had run 16:12 or below coming in. It was a very competitive race up front."

Jonathan Alder finished first overall and won the CBC Kenton Trail division with 37 points. The Chiefs

had 57 points to finish second overall and second in the Kenton Trail.

London was third overall and third in the KT with 65 points, Tecumseh was fourth overall and fourth in the KT with 151 points, Graham was fifth overall and first in the Mad River division with 166 points and Urbana was sixth overall and fifth in the KT with 175 points.

Benjamin Logan took seventh overall and was second in the MR division with 200 points.

Indian Lake's boys finished 11th overall and fifth in the MR division with 253 points.

In addition to getting the first-place finish from Maus, the Chiefs saw Jake Moreland finish sixth (17:01), Oliver Grandstaff 11th (17:30), Will Myers 17th (18:02), Elias Abrego

was 22nd (18:22), Landon Gerwels placed 29th (18:38), Ryan Alexander was 47th (19:51), Brenden Murray was 56th (20:00), Zerek Longbrake was 81st (21:04), Tristyn Wilson was 94th (22:14), Zeke Finch was 99th (22:56) and Freddy Hernandez was 100th (22:56).

Maus and Moreland earned first-team Kenton Trail division picks. Grandstaff and Myers earned second-team honors, Abrego was honorable mention and Grandstaff received the sportsmanship award.

Tyler Shoopman led Ben Logan by finishing sixth in the MR (18:41). Landon Zehner was seventh in the division (18:57) and Eric Hughes was eighth in the MR (19:03). All three earned first-team CBC awards.

Also running for the

Raiders (finishes are in the MR division) were Holden Zehner (18th, 19:53), Maxwell Troth (20th, 20:01), Greyson Butler (28th, 20:45), Gabe Elsasser (32nd, 21:01) and Michael Berry (39th, 21:50).

Holden Zehner and Troth received honorable mention all-CBC awards.

For the Lakers, Titus Kelly was 38th overall (19:22.6) to lead the way. He was followed by Will Faler in 41st (19:40.8), Bryan Mohler in 42nd (19:41.2), Cason Lacher in 62nd (20:17.7), Caleb Altstaetter in 90th (21:40.6) and Daniel Wahl in 98th (22:31.9).

**Brown win girls race**  
Bellefontaine sophomore Grace Brown cruised to the individual title in the CBC girls race Saturday, winning in a time of 18:59.9. The second-place runner was almost 30 seconds behind Brown.

Jonathan Alder won the overall and Kenton Trail division title with 34 points.

Benjamin Logan was fifth overall and second in the Mad River division

behind winner North Union with 148 points.

Indian Lake was sixth overall and third in the Mad River with 158 points.

Bellefontaine took eighth overall and fourth in the Kenton Trail division with 168 points.

Supporting Brown for the Chiefs were Kailyn Newman in 25th (22:30), Cece Reier in 36th (23:18), Hannah Wilson in 59th (25:27), Claire Grandstaff in 77th (34:35) and Caitlin Henry in 78th (34:40).

Brown earned first-team all-CBC honors and was the Kenton Trail division runner of the year. Newman earned second-team all-CBC honors.

"This date has been circled on Grace's calendar since June, she wanted this win and her hard work, attention to detail paid off," said BHS girls coach Stacey Wilson. "I am incredibly proud of the team for running tough on a rugged Graham course. The CBC is a very competitive conference, we knew going in

without senior Brienne Sechrest would make it even harder scoring wise. The girls ran with heart, left everything on the course, you cannot ask for more than that."

Nora Elliott led Ben Logan in 28th place (22:54). Lucy Wenger was close behind in 31st (22:59), Peyton Smith was 32nd (23:03), Hadley Boysel was 33rd (23:12), Estella Wenger finished 34th (23:15), Molly Siefring was 37th (23:25) and Gwendolyn Smith was 38th (23:26).

Also running for Ben Logan were Scarlett Elliott in 39th (23:37), Lottie Bodin in 43rd (23:52), Elliott Butler in 49th (24:27), Lauren Kennedy in 54th (25:03) and Bonnie Brunson in 57th (25:09).

For the Lakers, stand-out Reagan Rash led the way in eighth place (20:31.3). She was followed by Evie Wagner in 23rd (22:25.3), Kayleigh Taylor in 41st (23:36.6), Alicia Brielmaier in 46th (24:06.5), Haley Metzger was 60th (25:32.1).

## Big Orange continues OHC domination

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The Big Orange cross country teams from West Liberty-Salem swept the team titles at the Ohio Heritage Conference meet on Saturday. Cedarville University hosted the teams at the Elvin R. King course.

The Big Orange girls won the team title for the 10th consecutive year with 34 points. Mechanicsburg was second (64), followed by Cedarville (78), Fairbanks (79), Greenon (86), Northeastern (156) and Greeneview (175).

Malia Miller won the race, which included 67 runners, in a season-best time of 19:01. Addi Wallen was fourth in 19:40 (season best) and Gwen McCullough took seventh in 19:56 (personal best). Completing the team scoring were Isla Leichy in 12th (21:13) and Mariska Smith in 14th (21:20). Smith's time was also a personal best.

Other runners for the Big Orange girls were Bella Hughes (30th, 22:45); Ivy Matthews (31st, 22:47), Emma Smith (41st, 24:10), and Ella Albers (57th, 27:26).



West Liberty-Salem's boys and girls cross country teams are pictured with their Ohio Heritage Conference championship trophies after sweeping the OHC race Saturday in Cedarville. (SUBMITTED PHOTOS)

"This was a great race for the girls with many season and personal bests," said WL-S head coach Aaron Lauck. "I feel the girls are in a good place as we enter the final phase of the season. Malia won a fierce battle against a very good runner to win the OHC for the second year in a row. Addi and Gwen both ran smart, fast races. Although Isla did not have one of her best performances, she was able to fight and move up well. Mariska Smith had a great

breakthrough race. I am so proud of her ability to persevere this season. Bella Hughes and Ivy Matthews continue to improve."

In the boys race, the Big Orange claimed the top spot on the podium for the fourth straight year. The WL-S boys won the OHC 14 of the last 16 years, and 34 times in program history.

Caleb Larson broke the tape first in a time of 15:58. Asher Knox (16:08), Asher Cole (16:39) and Dylan King (16:45) were second

through fourth and Brayan Gullett took seventh (16:52) to complete the team score of 17. That is a record score for the conference meet. The field was made up of 85 runners in all.

Cedarville was second (54), followed by Fairbanks (112), Mechanicsburg (113), West Jefferson (140), Northeastern (161), Greenon (196), Greeneview (209), and Madison Plains (222).

Garrett Wallen was 11th (17:11), and others competing for WL-S were Troy

Bradley (13th, 17:17), Zeke Longshore (14th, 17:20), Brevin Louden (16th, 17:31), Quentin Rudolph (18th, 17:37), Taryn Bradley (19th, 17:44), Adly Knox (21st, 18:07), Zac Carter (32nd, 18:49), Gauge Lee (37th, 19:06), Levi Miller (62nd, 21:34), Zeke Sidders (64th, 21:44), Jackson Henry (67th, 21:57), and Tanner Myers (77th, 24:28).

"What an outstanding day with all four teams bringing home OHC titles," said WL-S head coach Mike

Louden. "I'm extremely grateful for the hard work and time these 20 guys have put into the season. This title is something that has been earned well before today's performance. I'm especially proud of our three seniors who completed their final OHC championship. We now turn our attention to the postseason starting with districts."

West Liberty-Salem will compete Saturday at the Division III district race back at Cedarville.

## Lady Tigers fall to TVS in overtime in tourney

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

West Liberty-Salem's girls soccer team put up a

great battle, but lost to host Twin Valley South 2-1 in overtime in a Division V sectional tournament open-

er Monday night. The Tigers finish the season at 6-9-1.

"The girls left everything

they had on the field and we couldn't be prouder," said WL-S head coach Mandy Lauck. "We are

thankful for the opportunity to have gotten to know and coach these girls, especially our seniors."

Ava Johnson scored the lone goal for the Tigers, while Audrey Collins had nine saves in goal.



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# SPORTS

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## Yankees take Game 1 against Guardians

NEW YORK (AP) — Juan Soto homered during New York's three-run third inning, Carlos Rodón got his first postseason win and the Yankees took advantage of Cleveland's wildness in a 5-2 victory on Monday night in Game 1 of the AL Championship Series.

Cleveland became the second team to throw a pair of run-scoring wild pitches in a postseason inning and tied a postseason record with five overall. Guardians pitchers walked six in a nine-batter span and nine overall.

Giancarlo Stanton added his 13th career postseason homer for the Yankees, who are seeking a record 41st AL pennant. New York batters have walked 36 times in five postseason games.

Rodón rebounded from the Yankees' only loss in the Division Series, limiting the Guardians to a pair of singles before Brayan Rocchio's sixth-inning homer.

Steven Kwan pulled the Guardians within three runs when he extended his postseason hitting streak to a team-record 11 games with an RBI single in the eighth off Clay Holmes.



Cleveland Guardians starting pitcher Alex Cobb reacts after giving up a home run to New York Yankees' Juan Soto during the third inning in Game 1 of the American League Championship Series on Monday in New York. (AP PHOTO/FRANK FRANKLIN II)

Luke Weaver entered with runners at the corners. He struck out pinch-hitter Will Brennan and retired José Ramírez on a ground-out, and then followed a leadoff walk in the ninth with three straight strikeouts for his fourth save this

postseason. Game 2 is at Yankee Stadium on Tuesday night. Entering this year, teams taking the opener of a series with a 2-3-2 format have won 66 of 99 times. Before a sellout crowd of 47,264 that included pop

star Taylor Swift, Soto hit his first postseason homer for New York when he drove a high slider from Alex Cobb into the Yankees' bullpen in right-center. Making his first playoff appearance in 11 years, Cobb walked the bases

loaded in the third and rookie reliever Joey Cantillo threw a pair of run-scoring wild pitches. Cobb was removed because of hip tightness and a back spasm. Cantillo had four wild pitches overall, one shy of the record for a postseason

game set by Rick Ankiel of St. Louis in a 2000 NL Division Series opener against Atlanta. The only other time a team scored twice on wild pitches in a postseason inning was by Minnesota against Oakland in the 2002 AL Division Series.

Rodón struck out nine and walked none, getting 25 misses among 53 swings, matching the fourth-most misses in a postseason game since pitch-tracking began in 2008. His pitches broke so much that catcher Austin Wells had to throw to first three times on strikeouts for the putouts.

Cobb dropped in 0-2 in the playoffs, making just his fifth start in a season limited by injuries. He threw 36 of 65 pitches for strikes, getting only one swing and miss, and allowed three runs, five hits and three walks in 2 2/3 innings.

**TRAINER'S ROOM**  
 Yankees: LHP Nestor Cortes (flexor strain in pitching elbow) is to throw a second bullpen session Wednesday and is a possibility for the World Series roster, should the Yankees advance.



### CBC champs

Bellefontaine's middle school girls cross country team won the Central Buckeye Conference title Saturday. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)



### Bellefontaine Black wins league title

The Bellefontaine Black co-ed soccer team won the Hi-Point League junior high championship for the second straight year by beating Graham in a shootout in the title game. Getting shootout goals for Bellefontaine Black were Mason Phillips, Rowan Daring and Sammy Strayer. Harrison Fissel had 12 saves in goal for the winners. Other team members included Ryder Brown, Gianna Davis, Layla Davis, Corey Dolan, Jayden Dolan, Julian Dolan, Jack Fissel, Annie Galloway, William Jenkins, Max Miranda, Carson Penhorwood, Skylar Rutherford and Liam Scott. The Chieftains were coached by Mark Fissel, Jess Jenkins and Drew Phillips. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

## JUNIOR HIGH

**CROSS COUNTRY**  
**BMS girls win CBC title**  
 Bellefontaine's middle school girls cross country team won the Central Buckeye Conference meet Saturday at Graham.

Cameo Greene finished 10th (14:15) and Leila Hammond was 11th (14:21) to lead the Chiefs.

Blakely Vollrath finished 16th (14:42), Chloe O'Chocke was 18th (14:50), Nahla Arruza was 30th (15:29), Sophia Marker finished 33rd (15:46), Allie Myers was 35th (15:50) and Bentley Drake was 52nd (17:18) for the Chiefs.

Bellefontaine's boys team didn't have enough runners to post a team score, but they had some strong individual efforts.

Andrew Myers led the Chiefs in seventh (12:06). Jackson Maus finished 11th (12:22), Nic Herrera-Diaz finished 26th (13:24) and Brayten Swisher placed 32nd (14:08).

**IL girls take 2nd at CBC meet**  
 Indian Lake's middle school girls cross country team finished second in the Central Buckeye Conference meet Saturday at Graham.

Earning medals for the Lakers were Abby Bihn in third place (13:25 PR) and Laura Metzger in fourth place (13:48). Caroline Jones was 20th (14:54.8 PR),

Allison Overmyer was 21st (14:54.9), and Karlee Taylor was 41st (16:29 PR) to round out the scoring. Also running for the Lakers were Olivia Albert in 47th (17:09 PR), Jessica Phillips in 53rd (17:26), Lara Hagedorn in 60th (18:40 PR), Ella Wu in 66th (20:18) and Abby Arnett in 71st (21:25 PR).

The Indian Lake boys team was fourth. Hayden Kuhke was 15th (12:47 PR), Nathan White was 17th (12:53 PR), Dalton Young was 33rd (14:11 PR), Tyler Dague was 41st (14:43 PR) and Bentley Grube was 43rd (14:46).

**Raiders run at CBC meet**  
 Benjamin Logan's middle school boys team placed sixth and the girls team was seventh at the Central Buckeye Conference meet Saturday.

For the boys, Quinn Kuba led the way in 18th (12:54). He was followed by Zayden Wilson in 42nd (14:44), Brooks Bodin in 47th (15:11), Hunter Winnen in 50th (15:29), Miles Grandbois in 54th (16:25) and John Tingley in 55th (16:38).

Paislee Rodenberger led the BL girls in fifth (13:53). Macinnly Allen was 25th (15:10), Illy Vermillion was 36th (16:00), Elizabeth Bramlage was 42nd (16:49), Mia Ortiz was 54th (17:27) and Juliana Chapman was 67th (19:23).

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# Entertainment

## Christopher Reeve's kids wanted to be 'honest, raw and vulnerable' in new documentary 'Super/Man'

NEW YORK (AP) — Christopher Reeve's children say they made a point to include all the complexities of their father's life — his strengths and weaknesses — in the new documentary "Super/Man: The Christopher Reeve Story" — because that's what he would have wanted.

The film includes family home videos, mixed with interviews and movie clips of Reeve, who famously played Superman in four films, in addition to other acting and directing roles later in his career. Reeve's three children, Matthew, Alexandra and Will Reeve, say there were no restrictions on topics or video used in their father's story.

"He wouldn't have wanted to be viewed through rose-colored glasses. He would want art and cinema and factual, comprehensive storytelling and that's what he got," Reeve's youngest son, Will told The

Associated Press. "It's important to us to be honest and raw and vulnerable and give a 360-degree view of a very human life, of a very human family."

Known as the Man of Steel, Reeve — an avid athlete, sailor, skier and horseman — was nearly killed in a 1995 horse-riding accident that left him paralyzed for the rest of his life. He used his platform to become an advocate for people with disabilities, starting a foundation in his name.

Directors Ian Bonhôte and Peter Ettegdugui were able to access some never-before-seen home movies of the Reeve family before and after the accident. "When we started to make the film, one of the things they were adamant (about) is that they will share everything. They will share the archive, but they will share their emotional states ... everything," Bonhôte said.

"That was the first time they were going to do it, and they were going to go all out."

Reeve had recorded audio of his memoir before he died in 2005, so his narration is used in parts, adding to the film's intimacy. The actor became a father to Matthew and Alexandra with his first partner, Gae Exton, and the family was living in the U.K. before Reeve decided he needed a break and moved back to the U.S. alone. Exton, who is interviewed in the film, shares compelling memories of that time, and Matthew and Alexandra admit their father was not around regularly during their childhood.

Other interviews include Susan Sarandon and Glenn Close, who befriended Reeve after he graduated from the Julliard School and started taking on acting roles in New York. Close

suggests in the film that Reeve and Robin Williams — Julliard classmates and close friends — had a deep connection and that if Reeve were still alive, Williams likely would be too.

Reeve's kids say the process of going through their archives and being interviewed for the film gave them a new perspective and appreciation of their dad. Will Reeve was only 12 when his father died. His mother, Dana, was diagnosed with cancer and died less than 18 months later. Now an ABC News correspondent, Reeve says he was fortunate to have had family and close friends help raise him and considers himself "pretty well-adjusted."

"There's a scenario in which things could have turned out differently," Will Reeve said. "But because of the values instilled in us by our parents, because of the

way that they let us into their lives, the good and the bad, the joyous and the tragic ... that prepared us for life's difficulties and life's joys."

One thing that impressed the directors most in their research was Reeve's commitment to help others even after he was physically limited in his own life. After becoming a quadriplegic, Reeve and his family were shocked at the lack of resources for people with disabilities and started the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation to help improve quality of life and fund research for a cure for people with spinal cord injuries.

"He allowed him(self) to have 10 or 15 minutes of self-pity, and then he was on a mission to change the world. And I think that's very, very inspiring because ... the family as a whole, Dana and the kids, they faced a huge amount of dif-

ficulties, you know, 24-hour care, the cost," Bonhôte said. "So he would fight for those that are less privileged than him."

Alexandra Reeve Givens has kept up the advocacy in the family, working on the foundation and as a Washington attorney and CEO of the Center for Democracy and Technology. She said reflecting on her father's life was powerful.

"To see those elements of his character that stayed constant throughout his life: the commitment, the intensity, the passion, the strength," she said. "Those things changed after the accident and manifested in new ways. That strength suddenly meant something totally different. It was a strength to get up every day."

The film is being widely released Friday to coincide with the 20th anniversary of Reeve's death this month.

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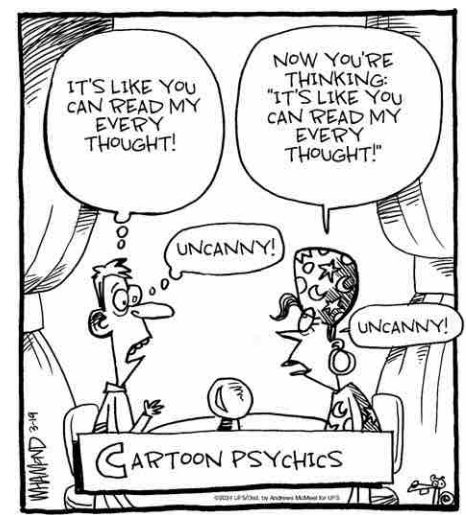
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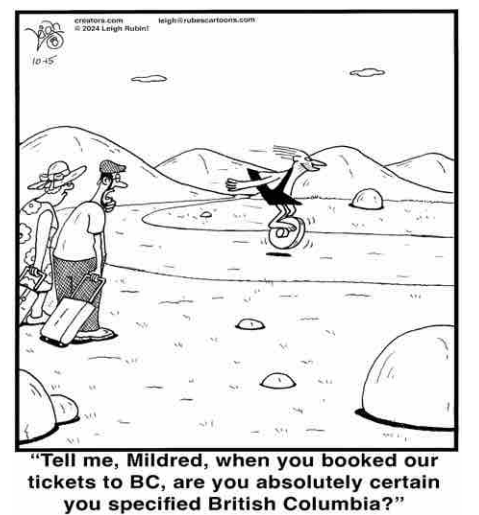
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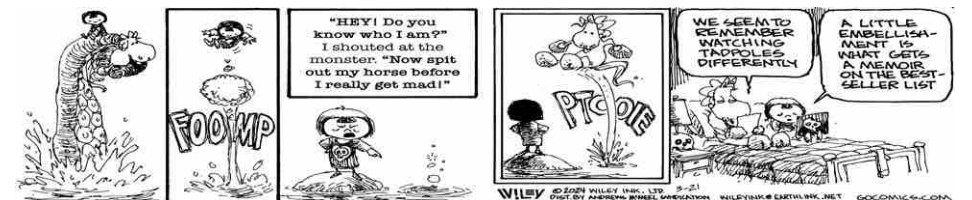
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### Horoscopes

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**MOON ALERT:** Avoid shopping or important decisions from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. EDT today (12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Pisces into Aries.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2024: You are charming with stylish, good taste. You are also warm and generous to others. This year is about service for you — very likely, service to family. Therefore, take care of yourself so you can be a support to others. Is it time for a makeover?

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ This is a romantic, passionate day! You also feel generous; in particular, you might feel concerned for the welfare of those who are less fortunate, especially animals. (You are an animal lover.) A surprise about something you own or your finances might occur. Tonight: You win!  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Relations with others are flirtatious today! A new romance might begin. A platonic relationship could turn romantic. Someone unusual might appeal to you, or you might be introduced to someone new, especially through a group. Many scintillating opportunities are hovering around today. Tonight: Enjoy solitude.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Relations with a boss or someone in authority might surprise you today. This could be due to an unexpected flirtation or a sexy attraction. (Probably work-related.) How you handle this is your choice, but don't do anything you might later regret. Tonight: Friendships.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 21) ★★★★★ Travel plans might suddenly change today. Or perhaps you will suddenly have to travel when you didn't expect to do so. Meanwhile, you might meet someone unusual today, and you find this individual attractive in a compelling way. Could this be new love? Actually, it could. Tonight: You're admired.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ An unexpected gift or favor from someone might benefit you, your home or a family member today. It could be a gift that makes your home more attractive. It also might be an unexpected romantic attraction to someone. Today is full of all kinds of swoon-worthy opportunities! Tonight: Explore!  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You'll enjoy communicating to others today. However, the real reason that your communications with others will be pleasant is that you are in a good frame of mind. You're happier and more inclined to see beauty in your surroundings. (This is a gift.) Tonight: Check your finances.  
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**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ This morning you might consider playing hooky or hiding at home. You want to kick back and relax. However, as the day wears on, you will feel increasingly sociable and eager to enjoy sports events, playful times with kids, the arts and socializing. Tonight: Socialize!  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Today you feel tenderhearted to a friend, and if you can help this person, you will. Possibly, you will channel this energy into working for a charitable organization. Whatever the case, you have genuine concerns for those who are less fortunate. Tonight: Cocoon.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You make a marvelous impression on others today, especially bosses, parents, teachers and VIPs. Quite possibly, this excellent impression will indirectly benefit you in a financial way. It could lead to a better paying job or an important contact. (There's no moss growing on you.) Tonight: Discussions.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Travel plans or a chance to do something different will appeal to you today. In part, this is because your appreciation of beauty is heightened, and you would love to see beautiful places and the arts and crafts of other countries. You also might appreciate these wonders closer to home. Tonight: Check your money.

**BORN TODAY** Actress, singer Bailee Madison (1999), actress Vanessa Marcil (1968), actor Dominic West (1969)

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## LEGALS

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## LEGALS

penalties and interest due. The Manufactured Home list will contain the registration number of the manufactured home and the name of the person whose name the manufactured home was listed at the close of the second half 2024 tax collections and the amount of taxes assessments, penalties and interest due. The first publication will appear on or about October 29, 2024 and arrangements to pay the delinquent tax must be made with Rhonda Stafford, Treasurer of Logan County, County Office Complex at 100 South Madriver Street, Bellefontaine, Ohio.

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\$10 .....	\$7
\$20 .....	\$13
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omy and local workforce. While nationwide only 8 percent of the workforce is employed in manufacturing, in Logan County, over 30 percent of residents work in this industry, creating essential products and driving economic growth.

To make students aware of these opportunities, local schools, manufacturers and the Logan County Chamber of Commerce collaborate each year to host these special events. This year, 25-30 students from each school

toured local manufacturing facilities.

During their visits, participants saw firsthand how manufacturing companies in Logan County are leading the way in cutting edge technology and production, while also learning about potential career pathways.

The event was organized by the Midwest Regional Educational Service Center in partnership with the Logan County Chamber of Commerce, and it serves as a critical tool in promoting manufacturing as a viable and attractive career choice for young people.



Benjamin Logan High School students visit NX Automotive Logistics USA. (BENJAMIN LOGAN PHOTO)



Students from Bellefontaine High School participate in a National Manufacturing Week tour. (BELLEFONTAINE SCHOOLS PHOTO)

## LAKER NHS TAPPING



Indian Lake High School will add a large group of excellent new members to an organization that recognizes character, scholarship, leadership and service. A total of 32 Lakers were "tapped" as new members of the Indian Lake High School National Honor Society recently. The students were chosen based on an application process for students in grades 11 and 12 who have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Senior NHS members tapped new members in an all-school assembly. Then each new member lit their flame from the NHS candle and took the oath to signify their commitment to character, scholarship, leadership and service. Students will be officially inducted into National Honor Society during a Logan County event at Benjamin Logan High School at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 6. Laker inductees are: Caleb Altstaetter, Elly Darling, Calvin Knief, Haylee McCafferty, Lindsey Thompson, Daric Barth, Augusta Biederman, Mara Bihn, Kora Fulkerson, Cooper Hall, Gavin Henry, Makenna Hurley, Olivia Hurley, Blake Jackson, Owen Kaser, Titus Kelly, Alex Kinney, Maddison Miller, Avery Pequignot, Alyssa Powell, Annie Rapp, Reagan Rash, Riley Ross, Riley Shaner, Carly Strayer, Maddie Thompson, Evie Wagner, Cambrie Warnecke, Lilly Wickline, Cheyenne Williams, Andrew Stroud and Tylor Shinkle. (INDIAN LAKE SCHOOLS PHOTO)

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treated to a live professional lumberjack show with Grant Foreman. A silent auction of exclusive items brought in additional funds for the school.

To find out more about JNS, an immersive preschool alternative and homeschool supplement, visit [journeynatureschool.com](http://journeynatureschool.com).

Jamie and Jacob Morley sample the six different chilis offered at Journey Nature School's Chili Cookoff on Sunday, Oct. 13. The third annual event was held at the Kirkmont Center, Zanesfield. (EXAMINER PHOTO | SHARYN KOPF)



# Historic Jersey Shore amusement park closes after generations of family thrills

BY WAYNE PARRY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

OCEAN CITY, N.J. (AP) — For generations of vacationers heading to Ocean City, the towering "Giant Wheel" was the first thing they saw from miles away.

The sight of the 140-foot-tall (42-meter) ride let them know they were getting close to the Jersey Shore town that calls itself "America's Greatest Family Resort," with its promise of

kid-friendly beaches, seagulls and sea shells, and a bustling boardwalk full of pizza, ice cream and cotton candy.

And in the heart of it was Gillian's Wonderland Pier, an amusement park that was the latest in nearly a century-long line of family-friendly amusement attractions operated by the family of Ocean City's mayor.

But the rides were to fall silent and still Sunday

night, as the park run by Ocean City's mayor and nurtured by generations of his ancestors, closed down, the victim of financial woes made worse by the lingering aftereffects of the COVID-19 pandemic and Superstorm Sandy.

Gillian and his family have operated amusement rides and attractions on the Ocean City Boardwalk for 94 years. The latest iteration of the park, Wonderland, opened in



People ride the Giant Wheel and flying chair ride at Gillian's Wonderland, the popular amusement park on the boardwalk in Ocean City, N.J., during its final day of operation before shutting down for good, Sunday, Oct. 13, 2024. (AP PHOTO/WAYNE PARRY)

1965. "I tried my best to sustain Wonderland for as long as possible, through increasingly difficult challenges each year," Mayor Jay Gillian wrote in August when he announced the park would close. "It's been my life, my legacy and my family. But it's no longer a viable business."

Gillian did not respond to numerous requests for comment over the past week.

Sheryl Gross was at the park for its final day with her two children and five grandchildren, enjoying it one last time.

"I've been coming here forever," she said. "My daughter is 43 and I've been coming here since she was 2 years old in a stroller. Now I'm here with my grandchildren."

She remembers decades of bringing her family from Gloucester Township in the southern New Jersey suburbs of Philadelphia to create happy family memories at Wonderland.

"Just the excitement on their faces when they get on the rides," she said. "It really made it feel family-friendly. A lot of that is going to be lost now."

There were long lines Sunday for the Giant Wheel, the log flume and other popular rides as people used the last of ride tickets many had bought earlier in the year, thinking Wonderland would go on forever.

A local non-profit group, Friends of OCNJ History and Culture, is raising money to try and save the amusement park, possibly under a new owner who might be more amenable to buying it with some financial assistance. Bill Merritt, one of the non-profit's leaders, said the group has raised over \$1 million to help meet what could be a \$20-million price tag for the property.

"Ocean City will be fundamentally different without this attraction," he said. "This town relies on being family-friendly. The park has rides targeted at kids; it's called 'Wonderland' for a reason."

The property's current owner, Icona Resorts, previously proposed a \$150-million, 325-room luxury hotel elsewhere on Ocean City's boardwalk, but the city rejected those plans.

The company's CEO, Eustace Mita, said earlier

this year he would take at least until the end of the year to propose a use for the amusement park property.

He bought it in 2021 after Gillian's family was in danger of defaulting on bank loans for the property.


At a community meeting last month, Gillian said Wonderland could not bounce back from Superstorm Sandy in 2012, the pandemic in 2020 and an increase in New Jersey's minimum wage that doubled his payroll costs, leaving him \$4 million in debt.

Mita put up funds to stave off a sheriff's sale of the property, and gave the mayor three years to turn the business around. That deadline expired this year.

Mita did not respond to requests for comment.

Merritt said he and others can't imagine Ocean City without Wonderland.

"You look at it with your heart, and you say 'You're losing all the cherished memories and all the history; how can you let that go?'" he said. "And then you look at it with your head and you say, 'They are the reason this town is profitable; how can you let that go?'"



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2024

The Logan County Visitors Bureau is excited to announce the launch of the 5th Annual Best of Logan County Awards. This event celebrates the exceptional businesses and destinations that make Logan County a unique and vibrant community. Residents are encouraged to participate and show their support for their favorite local spots.


If you choose to participate, thank you for helping us showcase what makes Logan County exceptional!

**HOW IT WORKS:**

- First Round Voting:** From October 1st through October 15th, community members can vote ONE TIME for their favorite businesses and places in a wide variety of categories, including dining, shopping, recreation, and services.
- Second Round:** Narrowing Down — After the initial voting period, results will be tallied to identify the top 3 finalists in each category.
- Final Round:** Beginning October 16th, the survey will reopen with only the top 3 nominees in each category. Community members will have one more opportunity to vote for their favorites from October 16th to October 31st.

NOTE: Voters are now limited to one vote per person per round to ensure fairness and accuracy.

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- Campground
- Coffee
- Event
- Farm Market
- Fireworks
- Golf Course/Putt Putt
- Hike, Bike, or Walk Trail
- Historic Place
- Ice Cream
- Gift Shop/Retail
- Boutiques/Apparel
- Best Place to See Live Music
- Kids Camp
- Outdoor Dining/Patio
- Pizza
- Restaurant
- Salon/Spa
- Event Venue

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