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FORECAST



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Kopf to share writing expertise at conference, fall retreat

BY MANDY LOEHR EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

'Bellefontaine Examiner' staff writer and published author whose writing career has taken her all over the country in a variety of pursuits from writing for radio for Focus on the Family to creating theater scripts and magazine and newspaper articles — is gearing up for a busy October, with two opportunities to share her firsthand experiences in a teaching and mentor role.



To sign up or for more information about the writer's retreat, contact Sharyn Kopf at (937) 407-7943 or via e-mail, sharynkopf@gmail.com.



www.https://kychristianwriters.com/register-2024

City resident Sharyn Kopf is a featured workshop presenter this week at the Kentucky Christian Writer's Conference, beginning today, Oct. 17, through Saturday, Oct. 19, which was recently changed to a virtual conference instead of an inperson event.

In addition, Sharyn is leading her third annual local writing retreat, set for Oct. 25-27, at the Adventure Trails Lodge, 3299 State Route 540, Bellefontaine, with spots still available for the retreat.

Relating to the Kentucky Christian Writer's Conference, the Examiner staffer said she had learned that the conference was accepting applications for teachers and she submitted three potential workshop ideas.

"To my surprise, they hired me to do all three," she said.

Her workshops on tap this week are: "Scriptwriting 101", "Make 'Em Laugh- Writing Scripts for Kids," "Marketing Your

Book — and Yourself — to Newspapers and Radio."

The theme for the conference is "Courageous" based on Deuteronomy 31:6. The virtual conference includes six-month access to 45 workshops, three panels and keynotes by speaker John Riddle, an author of 34 books (for traditional publishers). Find more information and purchase tickets at https://kychristianwriters.com.

Also prepping for the "On A Hill: A Fall Writing Retreat" at the local lodge, Sharyn said the weekend retreat is open to both women and men and is a "good time to talk about writing, to brainstrom together and to help work past writer's block.'

Hikes around the scenic property, group discussion and taking time to break away solo to write are all options during the retreat. The cost is \$200 and includes lodging and food for the entire weekend.

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Toys for Tots launches in **Logan County**

BY MANDY LOEHR **EXAMINER STAFF WRITER**

A U.S. Marine recently helped to spur his mother toward bringing a special program to Logan County for Christmastime in 2024 — Toys for Tots — that will help to brighten the holidays

for many local children. Logan County Toys for

Tots Coordinator Heather Wright said the local collection campaign began Oct. 1, and the new, unwrapped toys are currently being collected at a number of local sites through Dec. 15.

COLLECTION

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In previous years, Wright has enjoyed adopting families at Christmastime with her church. This year, she wanted to find a way to expand on her passion for helping others.

"We enjoy knowing we can make a child smile especially at Christmastime, and no child should go without," she said. "Our church, Wake Up The World Ministries, has adopted families from Children's Services for many years.

"Last year, I tried to do a small toy drive in addition to those kids we already helped. My son, who is a United States Marine, suggested that I contact Toys for Tots to get assistance for the kids."

Her son, Hayden Lockwood, graduated from Benjamin Logan High School in 2017. He has served with the U.S. Marines for seven years and is currently a corporal.

The mission of Toys for Tots — a program of the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve — is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community in which the campaign is con-

While researching the program, Wright discovered that Logan County did not have a Toys for Tots campaign locally. After meeting other coordinators, she said she "immediately fell in love with the process and the pride these volunteers take in having a successful campaign."

Wright was approved as a new coordinator through the Toys for Tots' thorough screening process. Then she attended a mandatory training in St. Louis, Mo.

"Every coordinator that I met was top-notch. The Marines were respectful and very helpful. An experience I will never forget," Wright said.

Now she is hitting the ground running to spread community awareness about the local program and this

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Logan County Toys for Tots Coordinator Heather Wright, right, is pictured with her son, U.S. Marine Cpl. Hayden Lockwood. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Riverside High School girls find purpose at 'Just Us' biannual event

BY SHARYN KOPF

EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

Every two years, Riverside High School, DeGraff, sends its female juniors and seniors on a weekend retreat. Kelly Kauffman, middle/high school principal, gave the district's board of education a report on how it went at their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 15.

'We do it every other year because it takes so much out of our staff," Kauffman told the board members. "I did not get any sleep, but it's all good.'

This year's Just Us Girls Retreat at Camp Willson, Oct. 13 and 14, focused on recognizing and maintaining each girl's inner flame and purpose. They discussed keeping that flame lit with speaker Shannon Maier on Sunday night.

Then, on Monday, Mandy Fountaine from Girl Thriving led small group sessions to help the girls recognize their strengths.

The students participated in a variety of activities, including a giant swing, archery, survival skills and building a shelter that was rain- and bear-proof.

"It's about having fun, learning a little about themselves, and getting out of their comfort zone," Kauffman concluded

Superintendent Dr. Scott Mann later gave kudos to Kauffman, adding, "I heard the kids didn't want

to go home." The weekend was paid for using restricted general fund money.

Also during the meeting, Kauffman also highlighted the use of Amplify curriculum in the elementary school. Describing it as "rigor-



Junior and senior girls from Riverside High School, DeGraff, participate in one of the activities at the biannual Just Us Girls Retreat at Camp Willson. (RIVERSIDE SCHOOLS PHOTO)

ous," Kauffman claimed movement within the junior high that has put staff in new content areas has led teachers to ask if they could get their hands on Amplify as well.

"It is a bit of a shock to switch, but we thought it was a valid request," she added.

After meeting with Dr. Mann, the school purchased math and ELA curriculum for the teachers who wanted it. Some are choosing to stay with what they have, but Kauffman stated those now using Amplify are "absolutely ecstatic.

During the Ohio Hi-Point Report, board member Mark Zumberger noted that Riverside student Carter Kreglow, president of the Business Professionals of America Ohio

Association State Officer Team, spoke at Ohio Hi-Point's 50th anniversary on Thursday, Oct. 3.

Also, Sloan Kitchen is officially open at 11 a.m., Tuesday through Friday. The menu focuses on Mediterranean cuisine.

The new OHP aviation and drone technology program is looking for educators to join their team.

Finally, OHP's Save Our Students (SOS) runs the Peak food pantry. They have also delivered 109 weekend wellness bags in the last month.

During the superintendent report, Mann reported that Shelby County has invited Tyler Hodge's class to their workforce development event

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"If Uncle Sam does decide t' hold aloof an' git along without friends, he'll be surprised at th' money he kin save."

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

BCS District Report Card reviewed, student trips approved

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Bellefontaine City Schools Board of Education took a close look at the district's state report card at their Monday evening meeting, Oct. 14, with Executive Director of Instructional Services Shanel Henry outlining strengths and areas in need of improvement.

Overall, BCS earned a score of 3.5 out of 5.

Gap closing and the graduation rate were two highlights.The district earned a 4 in each category, which exceeds state standards. Gap closing measures a student's own growth from one year to the next.

The weighted graduation rate was 95.9 percent. BCS also performed well in early literacy and college and career readiness.

The BCS Report Card can be viewed at https://reportcard.education.ohio.gov/district/043588.

Also during the meeting, members approved several student trips, including four out-of-state trips for BHS Robotics this school year.

The trips include competitions at: Riverbots in Monroe, Mich., on Dec. 13-14; Sugar Rush in Hershey, Pa., on Jan. 3-4; Gateway in Triadelphia, W.Va., on Feb. 2-3; and the Worlds in Dallas in early May.

Members also approved the annual eighth-grade trip to Washington, DC. About 100 students along with chaperones will visit the nation's capital in May.

The board approved the monthly financial reports.

- In other action, the board: approved salary adjustments for additional training to: bachelor's plus nine —Brooke Bahr; bachelor's plus 18 — Rachael Stacklin; master's -Jennifer Brown, Ciara Irick; master's plus 45 — D.J. Howell;
- appointed Alex Burton as an intervention specialist for the 2024-25 school year;
- approved Megan Cira (elementary), Jennifer Cyr (intermediate), and Jordan Reser



Shanel Henry presents Bellefontaine City School's state report card during the Monday evening board of education meeting. (BCS PHOTO)

(middle school) as intervention assistance coordinators at their respective buildings.

- approved Nate Arbogast, Hailee Price, Mary Smith, and Lori Wilson were approved as home instruction tutors.
- accepted the resignation of Bellefontaine Intermediate School Nurse Jessica Dipple; Dreema Snyder was hired to succeed Dipple;
- hired Stephen Buckingham and Lyric Lawrence as educational aides:
- extended the following supplemental contracts: Brooke Bahr - Middle School Basketball Sideline Cheer; Krista Belser - Middle School Yearbook Adviser; Brad Brown - Middle School Girls Basketball Assistant; Sandi Chervenak - Middle School MUN Adviser; Ben Davis -High School Boys/Girls Track Head; Sean Egler - High School Boys Basketball

Assistant; Brady Hiatt - High

School Girls Wrestling Head;

Drew Jackson - High Šchool Boys Basketball Assistant; Josh Jones - High School Boys Basketball Assistant; Jane Kline - High School Bowling; Aaron LaBatt - High School Boys Wrestling Head; Caleb Mitchell - 8th Grade Boys Basketball Head; Mike Mosbarger - Middle School Boys Basketball Assistant; Mikael Neeley - Middle School Girls Wrestling Head; Tammy Overholser - High School

Bowling; Debbie Sheehan -High School Swimming Assistant; Cody Sigrist - High School Track Assistant; Kyle Spence - Middle School Boys Wrestling Head; Henry Stolly High School Boys Basketball Head; Dawsin Tillman - 7th Grade Boys Basketball Head; Jeremiah Vigansky - 7th Grade Girls Basketball Head; Theresa Vigansky - 8th Grade Girls Basketball Head; and Michelle Zedeker - High School Girls Basketball Assistant;

- · approved volunteer coaches: Chelsea Horsley - High School Girls Wrestling; David Overholser, Jeremy Ryan -High School Bowling; Randy Varner - High School Girls Basketball;
- hired Eva Skaggs as an athletic worker; andrecognized the September
- and October Seniors of the Month with an achievement pin and a \$15 gift card to Ron's Pizza: September - Ava Campbell and Tavien St. Clair; and October - Nolan Core and Alexis Yoder.

Finally, the board went into executive session to discuss the employment of personnel. No action was taken.

The next regular board meeting is 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11, in the Distance Learning Center at BHS.

Members also meet in special session to discuss district goals at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, at the board office.

■ HALLOWEEN EVENTS

• Rings of Lights Halloween Walk — 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, Blue Jacket Park; rain date: Sunday, Oct. 20; annual trick-or-treat event is for children in preschool through second-

SATURDAY, 7:30 P.M.

grade. • Chippewa Outreach

Center haunted house — "Not scary" night, 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, and "scary" night, 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25, 13976 Ironwood Ave., Lakeview; Chippewa Center undergoes a Horror Movie Madness Takeover, free entry.

• Haunted Woods Donation Drive — 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25, and Saturday, Oct. 26, 6337 Township Road 53, Lewistown (east of Jackson Center off State Route 274), look for signs and flashing lights; kid-friendly event also featuring bonfire and refreshments, proceeds benefit Allison Knief, a 2014 Indian Lake High School graduate, who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer, all donations welcome.

• Logan County History Center's Halloween KidFest – 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, enter through the

Transportation Museum doors and trick-or-treat throughout museum and walking around the Orr Mansion; before leaving, children will receive a pumpkin and a pumpkin decorating craft kit; suggested admission: donation of canned goods/non-perishable items for local food pantry; children must be accompa-

- Logan County Sheriff's Office annual trick-or-treat - Noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27, 284 S. County Road 32, Bellefontaine.
- RTC Services' Haunted Halls 4:30 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31, 334 E. Columbus Ave., wear your costume, walk through the haunted halls of RTC Services before trick-or-treating begins; hot dogs, popcorn and drinks served.
- ullet Trick-or-Treat Outreach 6 to 8 p.m., Zanesfield United Methodist Church, 2880 Main St., Zanesfield, free hot dogs, hot chocolate.
- Logan County Beggar's Night 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31.

Examiner's 'Spooky Stories Contest' continues

The Bellefontaine Examiner hosts a "Spooky Stories Contest" this month, which is open to both high school students in grades 9-12 and adults.

The story submissions 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 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 entires will be printed in the Examiner on Halloween, Thursday, Oct. 31.

■ 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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- rath & Koyker Augers · Miscellaneous: Flatbed Wagon, Poly Seed Boxes, JD Rotary Mower

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OBITUARIES

Rodney Frederick Brandt

Rodney Frederick Brandt, 84, of Lewistown, passed away Thursday, September 26, 2024 surrounded by his family.

Born to Orville F. Brandt and Faye (Harding) Brandt, at home, in Bloom Center on February 25, 1940, "just in time



for dinner," his mother would say. Graduating from Washington Local High School in 1958, he next attended The Ohio State University to study horticulture. He owned and operated Brandt's Nursery along with his father and brother, Phil. Rodney, later adding pavers to his craft,

became Brandt Landscaping and Pavers. Notable initiatives of his include paver projects at the Indian Lake High School courtyard, West Liberty sidewalks and Hardin County Courthouse, as well as many other businesses and homes in the area. Rodney served as a member of the Indian Lake Masonic Temple.

Rodney shared four children with his wife, Kay (Dever) Brandt, who preceded him in death in 1997. Son Rodney Lee Brandt preceded him in 1969.

Surviving him is his daughter Christina (Dean) Wright, sons Curtis (Cheryl) Brandt and Joseph Brandt; grandchildren Isaac (Sarah) Wright, Jared (Caleigh) Wright, Kaylyn (Shane) Workman, Noah Brandt, Joy (David) Stroud, Claire (Luke) Stroud and Zane Brandt; great-grandchildren Haedyn Hinkle, Henley Workman, Kolton Workman, Garrett Workman, Peyton Wright and Asher Wright; sister Shirley Pettit, sisters-in-law Beverley Rinaldi and Shirley Brandt; as well as two soon-to-be-born great-grandchildren and numerous nephews and nieces; close friend, Rebecca

Preceding him in death are his parents Orville and Faye Brandt; wife Kay Brandt; son Rodney Lee Brandt; sister Vivian Patrick and brothers Jack (Betty) Brandt and Phil Brandt; father-in-law Floyd Dever and mother-in-law Mary

A Celebration of Life for close friends and family will be announced, at a later date. Rodney proudly donated his body to The Ohio State University to assist scientific

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

Janet L. Crevison

Janet L. Crevison, 78, of West Mansfield, passed away Monday, October 15, 2024, at Monarch Skilled Nursing and Rehab in Marysville following several months of failing health

A loving wife, mother, grandmother and sister, she was a 1964 graduate of Buckeye Local High School and then the Frederick Beauty Academy. She worked as a short time as a beautician before answering her true calling of being a wonderful homemaker for her family.

A devoted Christian, she was a log time member of the West Mansfield Global Methodist Church, where she formerly served as a trustee and was active in the Women's Society. Having a special love for children, she helped raise 12 foster children over the years. She also enjoyed sewing and reading.

Born August 26, 1946 in DeGraff, she was the daughter of the late Arthur and Imogene (Comer) Clapsaddle.

On October 22, 1967 at the East Liberty Church of Christ, she married her husband of over 45 years, Charles D. Crevison, and he preceded her in death on June 26, 2013. In addition to her husband and parents, she was also preceded in death by a sister-in-law, Janet Clapsaddle; 4 brothers-in-law and 2 sisters-in-law.

Janet is survived by her son, Eric Crevison of West

Mansfield: grandchildren, Aidan, Lilv and Trevor Crevison: brothers, Robert "Bob" Clapsaddle of East Liberty and Norman Clapsaddle of York Center; along with several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and friends.

Services to celebrate Janet's life will be at 1 p.m. Friday, October 18, at the Wilson Funeral Home, Schnurrenberger Chapel 222 W. Center St. West Mansfield. Rev. John Rozewicz will officiate and burial will follow at Highland Memorial Cemetery, West Liberty. The family will receive friends prior to the service on Friday, beginning at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be made to the West Mansfield Global Methodist Church Women's Society. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.wilsonfuneralhomesinc.com.

John L. Harrod

John L. Harrod, 88, passed away on October 13, 2024. John Harrod was born on February 20, 1936, to the late Elbert and Grace (Garner) Harrod.

John graduated from Gomer High School, Gomer, Ohio. After high school John served his country

honorably in the US Army. While on leave he met his spouse, Wanda (Shaw) Harrod of Waynesfield, OH, through a blind date which both of their sisters, who were nurses at Lima Memorial Hospital, arranged. After marrying, John and Wanda eventual-

ly settled in Elida, Ohio, where they raised their five chil-

John and Wanda had five children: Lisa (Burt) Myers of Reno, NV; Lori (Dave) James (both deceased) who resided in Bellefontaine; Leslie (Ramon) Walls of Delaware, OH; Lynda (Steve) Barrington of Dublin, OH and John (Linda) Harrod Jr., of Dublin, OH; 12 grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren; and a sister, Barbara (Harrod) Gudakunst, of Shawnee, Ohio. Along with his parents he is proceeded in death by two brothers, Jim and Denny Harrod and his daughter and son-in-law as previously mentioned.

John was an over-the-road truck driver most of his life and has traveled all over this great country. John was a hard worker and loved his family, working on cars, trucks, boating and fishing.

Viewing will be from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, October 19, with services directly following at noon at Chamberlain-Huckeriede Funeral Home, 920 N. Cable Road, Lima, OH.

Online condolences may be made by visiting www.chamberlainhuckeriede.com.

Paula M. Shirey

Paula M. Shirey, 59, of Rushsylvania, passed away Monday morning, October 14, 2024, at Ohio Health Marion General Hospital.

Paula was born in Springfield, Ohio, on March 7, 1965, to the late Harold Joseph Bechtel and Peggy E. (Knaggs)

Bechtel. She was also preceded in death by her twin sister Pamela Bechtel, and brothers Ronald and Rodney Cleelan.

Paula is survived by her husband, D.J. Shirey, whom she married on May 25, 1983. She is also survived by sons, Daniel Joe (Kimmie) Shirey of Lima, and David

Lee (Billie) Shirey of DeGraff; 2 grandchildren: Layla Shirey and Taylor Shirey; and a sister Peggy Flory of Centerville.

Paula worked for 15 years at the Vision Center in Walmart – Bellefontaine, and was currently the manager. She enjoyed her "sisters trip" to Hocking Hills with Peggy, and treasured her coworkers at the Vision Center. Paula

had a zest for life, and loved the outdoors. She was an avid hunter, and may have bagged more deer over the years than her husband (who taught her how to hunt).

Pastor Bryan Meadows will officiate Paula's memorial service on Monday, October 21, at 1 p.m. at the Eichholtz Daring & Sanford Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Bellefontaine, where the family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

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

Ronald Lewis Wilson

Ron Wilson, 72, of Bellefontaine, Ohio, passed away on Sunday, October 13, 2024.

He was born May 7, 1952, and was raised in Bellefontaine. A man of few words, he was known for his simple and kind nature. He cherished his family deeply and

always found peace in the small joys of life. Ron was an enormous fan of Ohio State

football and the Cleveland Browns, always rooting for his favorite teams, win or lose. His passion for the Buckeyes and Browns was a big part of who he was and brought him countless hours of enjoyment. A celebration of life will be Sunday,

October 20, from noon to 2 p.m. at Jennings Farley & Denings Farley & Deni Seeley Funeral Home. We would love for anyone who knew Ron to join us in remembering his life.

He is survived by his wife, Tammy Jo Welch Wilson and their daughter Stephanie Lynn (Josh Dickinson) Wilson, his brother, Sid (Pam) Wilson, and sister, Patricia Kay Wilson. He was previously married to Pamper Vannoy Wright, with whom he shared two daughters: Chasity Elaine Wilson and Latrisha Savoy Wilson (Eden) Hernandez. He was also a proud grandfather to six grandchildren: Clarissa Evonne Gonzales (Kostas) Tsoumbos, Enrique W (Lauren) Gonzales IV. Katlynn Celeste Whitmire, Tazia Rave Dickinson, Dravin Tyler J Dickinson, and Reagan Kayelynn Dickinson, as well as two great-granddaughters, Kensley Kay Canton and Elyanna Sofia Tsoumbos, all of whom brought him endless happiness; Goddaughter, Brittany Large; Rayden Large and Aries Large, who were like grandchildren to him. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Judy Ann Wilson Brown Austin Voorhees, Vicki Lynn Wilson Page, and his brother, Bruce Edward Wilson.

His family will miss him dearly, holding on to the many fond memories they shared with him.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to assist with funeral arrangements may be made through the family's SpotFund page, http://spot.fund/m9wvn6sc.

■ DEATH NOTICES

■ MITCHELL, Marlene A., 89, of Bellefontaine, passed away on Sunday, October 13, 2024, in Logan Acres Care Center, Bellefontaine.

Rev. JD Grigsby Jr. will officiate a funeral service on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. at Christ Our King Church, 1325 Co Rd 9, Bellefontaine, OH 43311. Visitation will be two hours prior to the service at the church on Tuesday. Burial will follow in Bellefontaine Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association Miami Valley, Chapter 6077 Far Hills Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45459 or online at www.alz.org/dayton/donate. You can share a fond memory or message of condolence at www.edsfh.com.





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COLLECTIO **Continued from Page 1** sites will grow.

important way to help area children.

Collection boxes are currently available at:

Bellefontaine Police Department, 135 N. Detroit St.; Bellefontaine Examiner, 1213 W. Sandusky Ave.; Gathering Grounds Coffee, 337 E. Main St., Russells Point; Hess Lumber, 300 E. Columbus Ave., Bellefontaine; Logan County Children's Services, 1855 W. State Route 47, Bellefontaine; Logan County Electric Cooperative, 1587 N. County Road 32, Bellefontaine; Richwood Bank, Bellefontaine branch, 120 E. Sandusky Ave., and

Indian Lake EMS, 280 N. Oak St., Lakeview. Wright said collection site letters are still going out,

Huntsville branch, 4848

Marina, 9481 State Route

708, Russells Point; and

Napoleon St.; Spend-A-Day

so the number of collection

Area families in need also can make a request for toys by scanning the QR code or visiting www.toysfortots.org, and clicking the "Find a local campaign"

Beginning Dec. 16, the Logan County coordinator will make her rounds for the final pick up from the collection sites. Toy distributions will begin Dec 20, in time for Christmas.

"I want this to be a community event, with understanding that it comes from Toys for Tots, but also our church, and we are here to spread hope, love and joy to any child who puts in a request," Wright said.

'The sky is the limit for the future of Toys for Tots in Logan County and surrounding areas. I am hopeful that the community will pull together and spread some Christmas cheer."

OF THE MONTH



JORDEN DUNHAM

PARENTS: Nancy Dunham and Darren Dunham

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES & AWARDS: BPA, NHS, NTHS, BPA National Qualifier, Senior Class Treasurer, Student Council, Varsity Football, Varsity Track, PAC, FCA.

If I were principal for a day: I would allow the seniors to have a kickball game against the teachers and administration.

Favorite school memory: Winning our football league championship last year. People who have inspired me include: My Mom, my

grandfathers, and Coach Tyler Hodge

My advice to parents: Always show your children

Lately, I have been reading: "Atomic Habits" by James Clear

unconditional love and support.

My biggest regret: I wish I had been more social when I was younger.

Next year I will be: Attending college to pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

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at the fairgrounds.

Riverside encourages all Logan County seventhgraders to visit their campus on Tuesday, Oct. 22, for Career Day. They'll be able to explore a wide variety of jobs from over 20 participating local businesses.

According to Mann, they have started accepting applications for a new science teacher.

The Community Health and Wellness clinic noted its one-year anniversary this week. It's keeping busy and, Mann said, they have approximately 30 students now receiving regular therapy sessions.

Janet Siders, board president, informed the board the third-grade Lunch Buddies

program kicked off Tuesday. The next Riverside board of education meeting is 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19.
In other action, the board approved or accepted:

book for fiscal year 2025. Mann said they added consequences for more transparency.
• the resignation of Elayna
Richardson as the junior high track
coach for the 2024-2025 season. • one-year limited supplemental 2024-2025 contracts for: Winter 2024 boys basketball: Zach Showalter, eighth-grade head; Andrew Reinhard, seventh-grade

head; Lee Reinhard, assistant junior high; Spring 2025 changes, track: Morgan Robison, junior high girls; Jayden Burchett; junior high boys; Spring 2025 changes, varsity baseball: Todd Guthrie, head; Tim Walls and Ryan Robisson, coaches: Walls and Ryan Robinson, coaches; John Godwin and Zerah Crouch, assistant coaches; Jacob Herron, volunteer coach.

• the donation of \$5,000 from the Leagre Family for the Leagre scholarship fund; and
• a five-year lease agreement with
Perry Pro Tech for new copiers.





JAYDEN HOFFER

PARENTS: Chris & Kasie Hoffer

Colleen Hoover

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES & AWARDS: PAC, Student Council, NHS, NTHS, BPA, BPA National Qualifier, Junior Class Treasurer, TRC Honorable Mention for Volleyball, TRC 2nd Team Softball.

If I were principal for a day: Have a high school field

Favorite school memory: Winning our softball sectional championship my sophomore year.

People who have inspired me include: My parents, sister, and coaches Lately, I have been reading: "It Starts With Us" by

My advice to parents: It's okay to let your children fail because failure teaches the most valuable lessons.

My biggest regret: Not living in the moment because I'm worrying too much about the future.

Next year I will be: Attending college majoring in Diagnostic Medical Sonography

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BELLEFONTAINE

Rev. Settle Townsend, pastor Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Bible study, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

auburn-avenue.org

Bellefontaine Apostolic Temple 500 Lawrence St. (937) 539-0906

Praise worship, Sunday school, 10 a.m. Evangelistic service, 6 p.m. Sunday. Bible study, 7 p.m. Tuesday.

109 Township Road 217 (next to Lee's Chicken)

(937) 593-2938 Sunday: 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. Bible

Bellefontaine Open Bible 516 Eastern Ave.

Justin DuVall, pastor Worship, 11 a.m.

1140 Rush Ave. (Associated with GARBC)
Jeffory D. Willetts, pastor; Brandan Slifer, worship pastor; Josh Willetts, youth/family pastor 9:15 a.m. Discipleship class, 10:30 a.m. Worship; Awana 6:30 p.m. Student Ministries 6:30 p.m.; Prayer meeting, 7 p.m. Wednesday; Deaf

400 Ludlow Rd. Shelley Stephenson, pastor

Don Patton, associate pastor Adult Sunday school, 9:15 a.m. Sunday worship 10 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study 6 p.m.

1325 County Road 9 (937) 599-4464

Sunday Super Church, 8:45 a.m., worship 10 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study 7 p.m.

Church of Christ in Christian Union 1669 County Road 11 (937) 404-4002 Rev. Mike Phillips Sunday school 9:30 a.m. Sunday

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 1603 Road 183 (extension of E. Brown) (937) 592-6576

Jason F. Miller, president Testimony & Sacrament, 10 a.m., Primary & Sunday school 11:20 a.m. Priesthood, Relief Society & Young Woman 12:10 p.m.





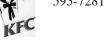


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Church of the Brethren 534 S. Detroit St.

Mike Roberts, pastor Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship,

Church of the Nazarene

Kenneth Neighoff, pastor Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:45 a.m. Evangelistic service, 6 p.m.

613 Hamilton St. Sunday worship gathering: 10 a.m.

cgchurch.net; fb.com/cgchurchteam Covenant Fellowship

Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; worship

10:30 a.m.; Bible study, 7:15 p.m. Wednesday. First Assembly of God

2833 S. U.S. Route 68 (937) 593-4778

Sunday: 10:35 a.m. Worship & Children's Church.; Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. adult Bible studies, youth and children's ministry.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Sunday school and Cafe Grace Praise and Worship led by Rev. Greenwald, 9:15 a.m.; Grace Care ages 1-4, 9:15 a.m; Sunday school 10 a.m.;

sanctuary worship, 10:45 a.m. bellefontainefcc.org First Church of God

Gary Brown, lead pastor Ray Headings, senior adult pastor Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school; 10:30 a.m. worship service; Wednesday, 6 p.m. youth meeting and 6:30 p.m.

First Friends Church 808 W. Columbus Ave. (937) 592-9461

Matthew Sandlin, pastor Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; Worship 10:30 a.m.; InSight, Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

First Evangelical **Lutheran Church** 208 W. Sandusky Ave.

(Dial-a-Prayer, 593-3531) Sunday: coffee/fellowship 9 a.m.; worship 10 a.m.; Bible Study: Monday 1:30 p.m. & Wednesday 7 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

201 N. Main St. Rev. Joe Ziraldo, pastor

Traditional worship, 9 a.m. (broadcast at 11 a.m. on WBKO 98.3 FM radio): contemporary service and Children's Church, 10:30 a.m.

First United Presbyterian Church 117 N. Main St.

Sunday school, 9: 30 a.m., Worship service 10:45 a.m. streaming weekly through Facebook and YouTube

233 S. Main St. Rev. Kenneth Kelley, pastor

Worship, 10:30 a.m

Grace Chapel Centre City Mall, Downtown

Bellefontaine

Karen Cane, pastor Sunday school, 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship, noon; Bible study, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday; Brotherhood, 10 a.m., Women's prayer, 11 a.m.: Saturday:

1564 S. Township Road 46

Rob Starnes, pastor 9 a.m. discipleship classes for children, adults; 10 a.m. praise and

worship

Hillcrest Baptist Church, S.B.C. 1505 S. Main St.

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. FaithWeaver Friends, 6:30-8 p.m. Childcare provided during worship. Radio message 9 a.m. Sunday, 1390 WBLL-AM.

Hi-Point Church of Christ

Sunday school: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m.; Lunch Bunch: 1st & 3rd wednesdays at 1 p.m.; Rocket Club: 1st-5th-grade, 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Hi-Point Free Will Baptist Church 311 County Road 11 (937) 935-5752

Scott Wisniewski, pastor Bill Jones, assistant pastor Sunday school 10 a.m.; Sunday

Hopewell Church Global Methodist 3746 U.S. Route 68 N.

(937) 539-6351 Cynthia Defibaugh, pastor Worship 9:30 a.m., Wheelchair

Jehovah's Witness, Kingdom Hall

1801 Wright St.

Charles Taylor, secretary Sunday: Public meeting 10 a.m.; Watchtower 10:35 p.m. Thursday: Congregational Bible Study, 7:30 p.m. Theocratic School, 8:05 p.m. Service

meeting, 8:35 p.m Jubilee Mennonite Church 820 W. Sandusky Ave. (Lutheran **Community Services)** 937-592-8101

June-August, Worship 10 a.m.; September - May, Sunday school 9:30 a.m. & Worship at 10:45 a.m. FB@jubileemenno

Congregational & Reformed (937) 592-6387

Dr. Marshall Pierson, pastor Sunday school 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:45 a.m. Meeting at Shawnee Springs, 400 Kristina Dr.

Seventh-day Adventist Church 1910 County Road 130 Saturday afternoon services, Bible study hour 12:50 p.m. Worship service 2:30 p.m.

St. Patrick Catholic Church 316 E. Patterson Ave.

Fr. Shawn Landenwitch Mass: Saturday 4 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.; Tuesday, 8 a.m.; First, third Thursdays, 6:15 p.m. followed by Adoration and Confession.

Solid Rock Baptist 1470 W. Sandusky (937) 844-1400 James Frost, pastor

worship 11 a.m.; Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m. solidrockbaptistchurch.info **Vineyard Christian Fellowship**

Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Sunday

624 Township Road 55 (937) 593-0981 Eric Cook, pastor Worship, Children's Worship & Childcare, 9:15, 10:45 a.m.; Student/Children ministries, Small

Groups, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. vcfbelle fontaine.orgWake Up The World Ministries 600 E. Brown Ave. (567) 674-2722

Terry Robinson, pastor Sunday worship and children's church, 10 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study, 6:30 p.m Walnut Grove Methodist

David Moore, pastor

Corner of county roads 12 & 26 Service: 9 a.m. Sunday school, 10 a.m. **BELLE CENTER**

Belle Center Church of Christ Corner of State and Walnut St.

(937) 464-2611 Kris Langstaff, pastor Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Bible

Belle Center Cornerstone Church Kevin Smith, pastor

Worship, 10:30 a.m. Reformed Presbyterian Church Philip H. Pockras, pastor

For time and place of meetings, call 464-6851; listen at sermonaudio.com/bcrpcna; prayer meeting 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

bcrpchurch.org **United Presbyterian Church** 202 Walnut St. (937) 464-2695

9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 worship

DeGRAFF

Cornerstone Fellowship of DeGraff (937) 585-5511 Mike Mitchell, pastor

Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Junior Church, 10:30 a.m.; Senior lunch 11:15 a.m. Thursday. corners to ne degraff. or g**DeGraff Baptist Church**

State Route 235 (304) 415-1728 Rev. Bruce Keeling

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wed.: Prayer and Bible study, 7 p.m. degraffbantistchurch.co

Logansville Community Church (937) 441-1473. Dana Kidder, pastor

Sunday: 9:30 Sunday school: 10:45 a.m. worship

logans ville church. net;**New Beginnings Community Church**

127 N. Main Mark Weaver, pastor Sunday worship and praise, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bible study, 7 p.m.

Stony Creek Church Harold Liess, pastor Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Bible study/prayer meeting

and youth group, 7 p.m. Wednesday. stonycreekcoh com EAST LIBERTY

East Liberty Church of Christ Dr. Jason E. Robson, pastor Sunday school 9:30 a.m., Worship

East Liberty Community Church 3045 Main St. Worship: 11 a.m

North Greenfield Church 9609 County Road 2 Worship: 9:45 a.m. Sunday school, 11

HUNTSVILLE **The Cornerstone Church**

at Huntsville 6611 Fruit St. (937) 686-7101 Bryan Meadows, pastor

Ashley Sloan, youth pastor Worship, 10 a.m.; Burnt Bagel Cafe, 9:15 a.m.; live stream worship and archived worship services online; staffed nursery, toddler programs; Junior Church programs cornerstonehuntsville.com

Huntsville **Presbyterian Church** 6490 Fruit St. (937) 686-2131 Ben Beres, pastor

a.m. Children's Church, 10:15 a.m. huntsvillepresbyterianchurch.com LAKEVIEW

Church school, 9 a.m. Worship, 10

Christ United Methodist Church 110 Brown & State Route 235 (937) 843-3029 David Moore, pastor

10:15 a.m.; coffee and doughnuts, 10:45 a.m., worship, 10:15 a.m. **Hope Harbor Baptist Church** 8330 S. S.R. 235 (937) 935-9314 Fred Albert, pastor

a.m., 6 p.m. Sunday; carry-in dinner and youth group, 6 p.m. Wednesday. Indian Lake Baptist Church 225 W. Lake (937) 596-6880

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; worship 11

Donald D. Faulder, pastor Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Indian Lake Northside Church of the Nazarene 13699 N. State Route 235

Sunday school, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10 a.m.; Sunday evening service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday service, 7 p.m.; nursery provided.

Lewistown-Trinity United Methodist Church

Sunday school 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.; wheelchair lift available LTUMC.com

MIDDLEBURG

Community Church (937) 666-2844 or (937) 666-4694 Carolyn Christman, pastor 9:30 a.m. worship; 10:45 Sunday

Monroe Community 6458 County Road 29, West Liberty (937) 935-8293

a.m. worship; Bible study first three Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Find them on Facebook

QUINCY **Buckeye Gospel Barn** 8291 State Route 235

Sunday Worship, 10 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Kids class, 10 a.m. **Quincy Chapel Church of Christ**

Mark Vincent, pastor Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m. Ramp, hearing assisted devices available; Wednesday 6:30 p.m., choir practice; Five Loaves Food Pantry for Riverside Local school

District residents served 5 to 7 p.m.

First Church of God

third Wednesday.

Tim Kohl, pastor Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:35 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Bible study, prayer meeting

Ridgeway **United Methodist Church** Mike Raypholtz, pastor

Adult Bible Study 9 a.m., Church 10a.m. RUSHSYLVANIA

John Rozewicz, pastor

(937) 935-9651 of fice @rushchurch.comJohn Watkins, senior pastor; Cody Caudill, student pastor; Ashlee Phillips, children's minister

Sunday 9:30 worship, adults, youth (7th-9th grade), nursery and children's classes; 11:30 worship, adults, youth (10th-12th grade), nursery and children's classes rushchurch.com

Presbyterian Church Rev. David Girbert, pastor Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30

First United

Rushsylvania: Sunday School: 8:30 a.m., Worship: 9:30 a.m.

RUSSELLS POINT

galileeoffice@embaramail.com. Karen Torrez, pastor Coffee fellowship 9:30 a.m., worship with Holy Communion 10 a.m. Sunday; Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30 p.m. Tuesday; Community Outreach

Indian Lake Community Church/ Lighthouse of Indian Lake

(937) 843-5636 Ministry team: Jim Ellington, Karen Blackburn, Dave Hafenbrack and

Tara Cascioli 10 a.m. traditional service, 11 a.m. contemporary service. Children's programs are offered during both services. No nursery care. Good Samaritan-Outreach program, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Thursdays; free community meal, 5-6:30 p.m. last Wednesdays of the month (at the Lighthouse); Ignite program 6–8:30

indianlakecommunitychurch.org **Quest Community Church**

center).

Indian Lake 8081 State Route 366 (937) 524-9821 Nick Shaner, pastor Contemporary worship and

430 State Route 708 (937) 843-3297 Worship, 10:30 a.m. with Sunday school 9:30 a.m., 6 p.m. Bible study, 7 p.m. Wednesday.

St. Mary of the Woods **Catholic Church** 464 Madison Ave.

Sunday Mass Schedule —Saturdays 6 p.m. and Sundays 8 a.m.: additional 10 a.m. Sundays Memorial Day through Labor Day; Weekday Mass — 8 a.m. Wednesdays and Fridays; 2nd and 4th Thursdays 6:15 p.m., followed by adoration/reconciliation; reconcilation by appointment also.

WEST LIBERTY

Rebecca Kauffman, pastor Worship, 10:40 a.m.

First Church of God

children's church, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Grace Chapel Zach Dudenhofer, pastor

McKees Creek Chapel (937) 887-8080

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, Oak Grove

Mennonite Church

(937) 465-4749 Alex Dye, lead pastor

church@oakgrovemennonite.org **Ouest Community Church** 110 South St.

Sunday: 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.: contemporary worship and Quest Kids children's ministry; Student Ministry Sunday 6-7:30 p.m.

South Union Mennonite Church 56 State Route 508 (937) 465-6085

Matthew Williams, pastor Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. southunionchurch.org.

United Church of Christ, Congregational Christian 212 W. Newell (937) 465-2761

United Methodist Church Rod Brower, pastor

School, 10:45 a.m.

F: /westlibertyunitedmethodistchurch **United Presbyterian Church**

WEST MANSFIELD

Baptist Church Sam Newell, Interim pastor Sunday School: 9 a.m. church service: 10 a.m.

Jim Gardner, pastor Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m.: Children's churc a.m. nursery available; Every other Monday, Hour of Power Prayer, 6:30 p.m.; Free Love Supper, 5-6:30 p.m.

Heart of God Ministries 20529 Treaty Line Road Jane and Junior Hileman, pastors Worship, 10:15 a.m., 6 p.m. Sunday.

West Mansfield Methodist Church (937) 355-2401 Rev. John Rozewicz

York Center United Methodist 28170 State Route 739 April Phillips, pastor

ZANESFIELD

Goshen Friends Church 5527 County Road 153

Worship, Sunday 9:15 a.m.

goshen friend schurch. org**New Salem Lutheran Church** 6646 E. State Route 540 Worship, 9: 30 a.m

United Methodist Church April Phillips, pastor **Corner of Columbus & Main Streets** Blended worship, 11 a.m.,

Zanesfield Community Chapel Keith Matthews, pastor Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Bible study, 7 p.m.

OTHER CHURCHES **Harper Community Church** 3679 N. County Road 25, Bellefontaine

Millcreek Church of Christ 24538 Lunda Road, Raymond

Jack Knox, minister

10:30 a.m., 7 p.m. **Mt. Carmel Friends Church** 3470 Kennard-Kingscreek Road,

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship,

Jereme Proudman, pastor youth program and children's program, 7 p.m. mtcarmelfriends.com

Mt. Tabor Church of God

Nathan Price, pastor Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., Wednesday: Prayer meeting, 7 p.m., Friday: Young people, 6:30 p.m.

Muchinippi Church Edward Shady, pastor

Worship, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 10:30 a.m. Wed.: Bible study, 7:30 p.m. **New Hampshire**

Church of the Nazarene Curtis Randolph, pastor Bible school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30

a.m. and 6 p.m. Thurs.: Prayer meeting, 7 p.m. Teens and Junior services, 7:30 p.m. New Hampshire

United Methodist Church Rev. Hal Argabright, pastor Sunday school, 9:15 a.m. Worship, 10:45 a.m. Bible study, 7 p.m.

Wednesday. **New Richland Baptist Church**

8651 County Road 39, Belle Center Steve Smith, pastor Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. worship, singing and praising; Wednesday: Prayer meeting, 6 p.m.

Philadelphia **Lutheran Church** 5506 Road 201 (937) 638-1407 Jonathan Schriber, pastor

philchurch.com. Roundhead **United Methodist Church** 17958 SR 117

Rev. Debra Ketcham, pastor

Hospitality 9 a.m.. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.; FREE meal - 3rd Thursdays 4:30 - 6 p.m. **Rum Creek United Methodist Church**

Abigail Adams, pastor Woship, 9 a.m. Sunday School, Santa Fe Grace Chapel **Christian Union Church** 9491 Santa Fe Line Rd, Wapakoneta

Corner of County Roads 34 and 59

Neal Reid, pastor Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday: Prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. F: /gracechapelchristianunion

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study; Wednesday: 6 p.m. (937) 844-6721

Sunday school, 10:30 a.m.; **Calvary Baptist Church**

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Christ Our King Church Robin Ricks, pastor

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Wednesday, 7 p.m. **Common Ground Church**

136 W. Columbus St.

John Musgrave, lead pastor

215 E. Sandusky Rev. Kevin Greenwald, minister

1000 E. Brown Ave. (937) 592-2546

prayer meeting, Bible study.

Larry Novak, pastor (937) 592-7699

Grace A.M.E. Church

Sunday, 6 p.m. Wednesday, 6 p.m. **Greater Christ Temple** 616 W. Chillicothe Ave.

last Sunday of month, prayer 6 p.m. **Gretna Brethren Church**

Daniel McCarty, senior pastor

1815 State Route 540 John James, Minister

worship, 11 a.m.; Bible study, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

accessible. Live streamed on Facebook

(937) 599-5483

(937) 843-5946

Tim Moebs, pastor

LEWISTOWN

8088 County Road 54 (937) 686-8355 Rod Brower, pastor

Middleburg

school. middleburgcch@gmail.comPICKRELLTOWN

Rob Kilgore, pastor Sunday School, 9 a.m.; last Sunday Friends and Family breakfast; 10

(937) 585-6090 Jerry & Bobbi Allen, pastors

New Street and Miami Street (937) 585-4786 Worship services, 10:30 a.m. with junior church; Sunday school 6 p.m. **Quincy Methodist Church**

RIDGEWAY **Church of Christ** Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30

rfcog.com

Big Springs Methodist Church Sunday school, 10 a.m., Worship, 11 **Church of Christ**

United Methodist Church April Phillips, pastor

Galilee Lutheran Church 301 Lincoln Blvd. (937) 843-3906

Center homework help, 3 to 6 p.m.

p.m. Wednesdays (Lookout youth

children's ministry 10 a.m. Sunday. questindianlake.com **Russells Point Church of God**

(937) 843-3127 Rev. Shawn Landenwitch, Pastor **Bethel Mennonite Church** 416 Washington St.

bethelchurchwl.org

315 Liberty St. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship,

Sunday. Sunday School, 9 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.

Chris Starbuck, pastor

1525 Mennonite Church Road Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. (livestream available)

(937) 465-0141 Jessica Dolan, interim assoc. pastor

questchurchonline.com

Church State Route 287 Jeremy Sarver, pastor Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Connection Group

Union Chapel Community

Karen Griswold, pastor Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Keith Landis, pastor Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Byhalia Evangelical Friends Church 31654 State Route 31 (937) 982-3561

last Saturday of month. **Church of Christ** Jack Knox, minister Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship, 10

Sunday school, 10:45 a.m. Worship,

Wayne Downing, pastor Sunday: Worship 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School 11 a.m.; Wednesday: Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Sunday school, 10 a.m. zanesfieldumc.org

(470) 345-8506 Anthony Davis, pastor Worship, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school

Cable (937) 652-3252

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday: Prayer service,



FFA outreach at Our Daily Bread

Benjamin Logan FFA members Kelsey Chambers, Natalie Chapman, Lauren Kennedy, Abbie Shafer, Mallory Chapman, Charlotte Ball, Lauryn Robinson and Addison Anderson recently volunteered at Our Daily Bread, 820 W. Sandusky Ave., Bellefontaine. The night that the students served, they noted that pizza was provided by Six Hundred Downtown. "It is a great opportunity for our chapter to get involved in the community and to show that we really care about helping people," Abigail Shafer said. "While serving at Our Daily Bread, I really enjoyed talking with the people and getting to know them," fellow member Lauren Kennedy shared. Our Daily Bread serves a sacked to-go lunch from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, and a free hot meal from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. (BENJAMIN LOGAN PHOTO)

SHARE

retreat is very casual and open-ended, the

noted that based on past requests, there will be two workshops incorporated

Ben Logan honors SROs during Ohio School Safety Month BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Benjamin Logan Local Schools honors the exceptional work and dedication of the district's School Resource Officers Rick Herring, Neill Rhodes and Matt Robinson in celebration of Ohio School Safety Month during October.

Each day, these officers serve as protectors, role models and leaders within the district, creating environments where students can feel safe, supported, and ready to learn. Their presence and positive influence extend beyond the hallways — they are a visible reminder of our commitment to fostering a safe





and welcoming community

for every student and staff

member. "The role of our SROs goes far beyond safety and security," shared Superintendent John Scheu. "They actively contribute to building positive relationships and mentoring students, while also providing valuable guidance on safety and prevention. We are incredibly fortunate to have such dedicated offi-



cers at Benjamin Logan."

RHODES ROBINSON

At Benjamin Logan Local Schools, the impact of these officers is felt throughout the entire community. Whether responding swiftly to incidents, offering mentorship, or educating students on important safety topics, Officers Herring, Rhodes and Robinson embody what it means to be true partners in our students

educational journeys,

During School Safety Month, the district expressed its heartfelt appreciation for the unwavering commitment and incredible service provided by Officers Herring, Rhodes and Robinson, which strengthens the bonds of

trust between law enforce-

ment, students and staff.

school officials said.

"We feel fortunate to have Rick, Neill, and Matt as part of the Benjamin Logan family," added Director of Administrative Services Sally Stolly. "Their leadership and guidance are invaluable to creating an environment where students feel supported and safe."

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Bellefontaine resident

during their time at the lodge. A morning nonfiction workshop "Julie's Almost Famous Map to Magazine Writing," is presented by Julie Dearyan, and Sharyn leads a fiction workshop in the afternoon, "Moving Words: Using Scriptwriting Techniques to

Strengthen Your Dialogue.' Previous retreat attendees are looking forward to this year's session as well,

including Jonna LeVan "I always learn something at this retreat. I've

received feedback, learned the way to create my newsletters, and made sweet friends who are learning the craft of writing just like me," she said.

"The accommodations are comfy, clean and casual. If you're looking for ample space to just chill and write, this rural facility provides just that.

"I love Sharyn's heart to encourage writers. My heart is encouraged every time I drive away from the On a Hill Writer's Retreat."

A native of Wapello, Iowa, Sharyn said she knew at age 5 that she wanted to be a writer after she composed a clever poem. That progressed to writing poetry and fiction as a youngster, and then eventually studying journalism at a community college in Iowa in her first year of college. Next, she studied English literature at Grand Rapids Bible College and then completed her degree in communications at Grace College in Indiana.

Sharyn worked for newspapers in Missouri and Iowa, and said landing a writing job at Focus on the Family in Colorado Springs, Colo., was a position that she thoroughly enjoyed.

She moved to Ohio in 2006, first working for Cedarville University, and later moved to Bellefontaine in 2013. where she loves living close to members of her family. She began covering stories for the *Examiner* in February of 2022.

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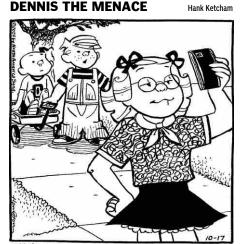
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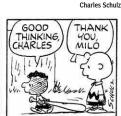
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ROYAL STARS | FROM KING FEATURES SYNDICATE By Georgia Nicols

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or important decisions from 3 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. EDT today (12 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. PDT). The Full Moon in Aries peaks at 7:26 a.m. EDT today (4:26 a.m. PDT).

■ Horoscopes

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday,

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024:
You are determined, intelligent and have strong opinions. You are also a gifted communicator. This year you will reap the benefits of your hard work by being recognized by others. You might receive awards, kudos, a raise or promotion. Seize opportunities that are presented to you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** Today the Full Moon is in your sign, which could create tension with your closest relationships — friends, spouses and partners. Make an effort to see the other person's point of view. (You might be surprised how things appear. I'm looking at you.) Tonight: Check your belongings.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Today you might feel pulled between feeling the need to "get away from all this" versus cooperating with others and getting involved in work or perhaps something to do with a pet. It's always a balancing act, isn't it? Tonight: You win!

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CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★ It's a Full Moon today, which means the Sun and the Moon are opposite each other. This is why you might feel pulled between the demands of home and family versus the demands of your job, career or external world. It's tough. Good luck. Tonight: Be friendly.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Be careful today. This particular Full Moon creates an accident-prone influence for you. Of course, an accident doesn't have to happen, but if you're angry or distracted, it could. Therefore, pay attention to everything you say and do. Chill out. Tonight: Show respect.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Every Full Moon tends to bring issues to a head. And this is what you might discover today, because this particular Full Moon deals with earnings, assets, debt, taxes and shared property — the whole enchilada. You might see more sides to these issues. Tonight: Explore and learn!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★ Today the only Full Moon opposite your sign all year is taking place, which is bound to create a bit of tension between you and partners, close friends and spouses. Obviously, because this is a short-lived event, you are best served by being tolerant, patient and resisting the urge to fire back. Tonight: Check your finances.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Be patient with co-workers today, because you might bump heads with someone. Because of the Full Moon today, people are emotional and inclined to vent. Every Full Moon reates a bit of tension, but it is short-lived. Gone in 48 hours. No biggie. Tonight: Compromise a little.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

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*** This is the classic day that will require more patience from you to deal with your kids, romantic partners and friends. Why? Because today is a Full Moon that will stress these particular areas more than usual. Tonight: Work. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** You might feel like you're caught in a tug-of-war between the demands of home and family versus the demands of your external world — your career and your reputation in the community. That's because of today's Full Moon. Meanwhile, tension with partners and close friends is also likely. Demonstrate grace under pressure. Tonight: Socialize.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** Make an extra effort to pay attention to everything you say and do today, because this is an accident-prone day for your sign. This covers physical and verbal accidents, which means you need to think before you speak to avoid making a gaffe that you will later regret. ("Did I just say that?") Tonight: Relax.

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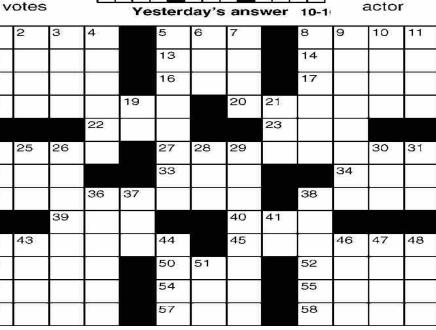
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Money squabbles might take place today or quarrels about handling how to pay for costs in a fair way. Possibly, something could impact your travel plans. Get things straightened out so you feel that you are treated fairly. You deserve this. Tonight: Engage in discussions.

BORN TODAY Rapper, songwriter Eminem (1972), actor Michael McKean (1947), actor Matthew Macfadyen (1974)

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79D04-2410-Cause No.

SC000805 In the Matter of an application for an order to the Indiana Bureau of

Motor Vehicles to issue a replacement Certificate Title VERIFIED PETITION TO ISSUE REPLACEMENT CER-

TIFICATE OF TITLE I am the Petitioner listed above and I am seeking an Order from the Court for the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles to issue a replacement Certificate of Title for the below-listed motor vehicle. I am requesting this Order because the original Certificate of Title:

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to the hearing.
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Petition for hearing on December 2, 2024 at 8:30 AM.

Tippecanoe Superior Court No. 4 Oct. 10, 17, 24, 2024



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BRIDGE TR 30-0.80 REPLACEMENT NOTICE FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received at the office of the Logan County Commissioners, 117 E. Columbus Avenue, Suite 100, Bellefontaine, Ohio on this Day, October 31, 2024, at 11:00 A.M., Ohio Standard Time for the purpose of furnishing and installing a BRIDGE SUPER-STRUCTURE AND RELATED MATERIAL according to specifications on file in the Logan County Commissioners Office.

Bids shall be submitted on forms furnished by the Logan County Engineer's Office in a sealed enve-lope marked "Bridge Superstructure Bid for Bridge T

30-0.80" on the outside. Bids will be for furnishing labor, equipment, and materials for construction of a bridge superstruc-ture on newly constructed abutments, and related materials. No other labor or installation is involved in this request for bids. As specified in R.C. 153.54, a bidder must submit a bid guaranty in the form of either:

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(2) a certified check, cashier's check, or letter of credit in the amount of 10% of the bid. Bidders shall comply with the pro-

visions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. "Domestic steel use requirements

as specified in section 153.011 of the Revised Code apply to this project. Copies of section 153.011 the Revised Code can be obtained from any of the offices of the department of administrative services."
Base Bids will be accepted only

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and best bidder. The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects in

The Notice to Bidders is posted on the Internet and may be viewed on the Logan County Engineer's web page at:

By Order of the Board of Logan County Commissioners De De Doss, Clerk/Administrator Posted: October 17, 2024 October 17, 24, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

Stokes Township will hold a Zoning Commission Board meeting on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the Township Building, 275 S. Oak St., Lakeview. This meeting will only affect Avondale, Indian Isles and Wolfe Island. Interested parties are urged to attend. anna Rice Fiscal Officer

Stokes Township Oct. 17, 2024

Notice of Public Hearing

The Jefferson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on an application for a variance on Monday, October 28, 2024, at 7:00PM at the Jefferson Township Building. The building address is 4912 County Road 153, Zanesfield, Ohio.

The application, applied for by Christopher John, requests that a



Local Businesses available at the Bellefontaine Examiner

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variance be granted to allow for residential structure(s) to be built on a lot in the Rural District (U-1) that does not conform to the minimum requirements for lot frontage, lot width, and the 4-to-1 depth-to-width ratio, parcel numbers 12-124-00-00-008-001 and

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12-124-00-00-009-000, located on Township Road 147, Zanesfield, Ohio, 43360.

Eric I. Tinsman Jefferson Township Board of Zoning Appeals, Secretary Oct. 17, 2024

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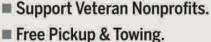


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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024

FRIDAY NIGHT PREVIEWS

Chieftains anticipate another tough battle against Jonathan Alder

BY MATT HAMMOND EXAMINER SPORTS EDITOR

For a Jonathan Alder program that has been near the top of the Central Buckeye Conference Kenton Trail division standings on a regular basis since joining the league in 2017, seeing the Pioneers with a 4-4 overall record and a 1-2 mark in conference play is out of the norm.

But Bellefontaine head coach Jason Brown, whose Chieftains will host Alder on Friday in a CBC Kenton Trail division matchup, says the Pioneers can't be taken lightly based on their record.

"They are a better team than their record indicates," said Brown. "They've had a couple of games where a play here or there cost them, but they are a very good football team."

The Pioneers entered Kenton Trail play with a 4-1 record, but following a 21-7 win over Urbana in Week 6, they have been dealt a 49-0 loss by London and a 28-27 defeat against Kenton Ridge.

Senior Grant Horne is in his second year as the Pioneers' starting quarterback and has played very well.

He is 53-of-91 through the air for 624 yards and 10 touchdowns with five interceptions, while rushing for 715 yards and four TDs on 94 carries.

In last Friday's one-point loss to Kenton Ridge, Horne was 6-of-9 passing for 108 yards and ran for 172 yards and two TDs on 21 attempts.

"They are a very quarterback driven offense," said Brown. "(Horne) is very good with his feet and they run the zone read stuff well."

Mason Curtis is the top threat out of the backfield for the Pioneers with 125 carries for 620 yards and seven touch-

Horne's favorite target in the passing game is junior Cashton Wheeler. He has 27 catches for 320 yards and four touch-



Tavien St. Clair and the Chieftains picked up a big late-season win over Jonathan Alder last year and they will look to do the same Friday when the Pioneers come to AcuSport Stadium. (EXAMINER PHOTO I TONY BARRETT)

downs

Senior Jace Schrock has added 14 catches for 181 yards and four TDs.

Defensively, freshman safety Caleb Wiltshire has made a big impact in his rookie season, leading the Pioneers in tackles with 93.

Senior interior lineman AJ DeLong leads the team in tackles for loss with 8.5 and has three sacks.

Fellow lineman senior Christian Dellapina has been disruptive as well with 7.5 tackles for loss and three sacks.

"They are sound on defense," said Brown of the Pioneers. "They really try to limit your big plays."

Bellefontaine is coming off a 50-19 win

over rival Urbana. The Chiefs started a bit slow with a turnover on their first drive, but they rebounded to take a 27-6 lead at halftime and outscored the Hillclimbers 23-13 in the second half.

"I felt like we grew last week," said Brown. "The game was really intense early on and our defense allowed us some time for our offense to get comfortable and make some plays."

One area the Chiefs want to get cleaned up is in kickoff coverage. The Hillclimbers returned a kickoff for a touchdown, the second time in the last three games the Chiefs have allowed that to happen. Urbana had several other long kick returns.

OUTLOOK/PICKS

Oregon loss stings, but it's not time to panic

At the Big 10 media days back in July, Ohio State head coach Ryan Day was asked about the pressure of winning this season with a veteran team and high expectations.

"Every time I've gone into a season at Ohio State ... you expect to win every game," he told reporters. "That's just what it is. If you don't think that's the case, try losing a game at Ohio State. You're expected to win them all."

That quote sums up the the expectations of many Ohio State fans. Losses simply aren't acceptable.

So, it wasn't surprising to read and hear the backlash coming from the OSU fanbase following Saturday's loss to Oregon.

Frustration boiled out, stemming from the play of Denzel Burke and the other defensive struggles to clock management issues and also to the closing moments when quarterback Will Howard allowed time to run out by running down the middle of the field.

Yes, there were many areas to critique. Ohio State simply didn't execute well enough to win on the road against a top-three team.

However, a lot of the knee jerk reactions are too over the top.

The bottom line is Ohio State, despite being sloppy at times and making mistakes, showed Saturday it has the type of team that can compete for a national title.

The Buckeyes traveled to the other side of the country, went into a hostile environment and lost to the number-three team in the nation by one point, with a chance to win it at the end.

That to me doesn't scream the need to blow up the entire operation.

It's also important to remember that other national title contending programs like Georgia and Alabama have also suffered losses so far this season.

With the arrival of a 12-team playoff, a loss or two won't derail national championship hopes.

The loss, though, should serve as a bit of a wakeup call for a Buckeye team that has been very confident with its "natty or bust" talk.

their focus is on the task at hand and quit talking about what may happen down the line.

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Day and his team have to make sure

In the aftermath of the loss, Day and his assistants have things they have to address.

First off, the pass defense is an issue that must get straightened out or the Buckeyes will struggle again when they face teams with competent passing games.

I don't see it as a talent problem.
Denzel Burke is a solid player, but he had a rough night against Oregon's elite receivers. The rest of the secondary has good players, too, but defensive coordinator Jim Knowles has to come up with a scheme that maximizes his talent.

Linebacker play has been inconsistent as well and even with a veteran defensive front, getting to the quarterback has been a challenge at times.

Offensively, the Buckeyes have as good of a collection of skill players as anybody in the country. But they still can't afford to make the mistakes they did against Oregon in other big games and expect to

The offensive line was a question mark coming into the season, and while there were signs of improvement through the first five games, Saturday's game against the Ducks revealed that there are still some cracks in the foundation.

Losing left tackle Josh Simmons for the season is a big blow. The bye week comes at a good time, giving the coaching staff an opportunity to figure out if Zen Michalski, who relieved Simmons after he was injured, is the best option there or if a guy like Austin Siereveld, who has seen time at guard, can slide out to tackle and be effective.

Sophomore Luke Montgomery, who played tackle in high school and is currently a backup on the interior of the OSU line, may also be given a shot to fill the sudden hole at left tackle.

For the team as a whole, the Oregon game has to be a learning moment. If the Buckeyes don't grow from that experience and allow the same things to happen in other big games — Nebraska comes to town next week and then a huge trip to Penn State comes after that — there won't be any celebrating at the end of the season.

Now, on to this week's prep football picks.

Bellefontaine over Jonathan Alder It's a bit strange to see the Pioneers with a losing record in the league and a .500 record overall at this stage of the sea-

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Lakers poised to stay perfect in league play as they head to Northwestern

BY MIKE FRANK
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Just two weeks remain in the 2024 regular season, which means playoff positioning and conference bragging rights are on most teams' minds

Indian Lake (3-0 CBC Mad River, 6-2 overall) will hit the road this Friday to meet Northwestern. The Warriors are 2-1 in Mad River play and 5-3 overall, just one spot below the Lakers.

Indian Lake has won three in a row, and

has shutouts in its last two contests. With wins this week and in the season finale against North Union, they can claim the Mad River title. "We have to keep relying on what got us here and that is effort and toughness." said

here and that is effort and toughness," said Indian Lake head coach Jonn Rapp. "As the games get bigger, we will need to play more error free football to make sure our opponent gets our best."

Northwestern started the season 2-2, then won three in a row before falling 37-21 to Graham last Friday.

Ried Smith of the Warriors is fourth in the CBC for passing, completing 121 of 182 attempts (66.5 percent). He has 1,137 yards total, with an average of 142.1 per game. Smith has thrown eight touchdowns and six interceptions.

On the ground, Preston Allen has 580 yards on 108 carries, with an average of 72.5 per game and 5.4 on each rush. Smith is a dual threat, as he also has 108 carries, with 449 yards for an average of 56.1 per game. Each of them has eight rushing TDs.

The top receiver for Northwestern is Miles Estes with 30 catches for 439 yards. He averages 14.6 yards per reception. Luke Fissel (19-240, 12.6 per catch) and Mason McDermott (20-211, 10.6 per catch) are the other main targets.

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"Northwestern's offense is very balanced," said Indian Lake head coach Jonn Rapp. "They run inside and outside well and throw the ball well. We will have to defend the whole field and tackle well." West Liberty-Salem at Triad

West Liberty-Salem will look to keep its place atop the North division of the Ohio

place atop the North division of the Ohio Heritage Conference Friday when the Tigers visit Triad. The Tigers are 3-0 in divisional play and

7-1 overall, with five wins in a row. On the other hand, the Cardinals have struggled, with a record of 0-3 in the North



Indian Lake and Northwestern will meet up Friday in a critical Central Buckeye Conference Mad River division football game in Springfield. (EXAMINER FILE PHOTO)

and 1-7 overall.

Last week, Triad fell to West Jefferson 34-6, while WL-S rolled over Mechanicsburg 42-13.

Triad splits the passing between Blayk Thomas and Cayden Everhart.

Thomas, a sophomore, has completed 47-of-102 for 725 yards and Everhart, a senior, is 38-of-64 for 612 yards.

The main man for the ground game for the Cardinals is Awesom Mitchell with 73 runs for 245 yards. Brody Hess (35 for 264) and Everhart (47 for 116) provide support in the running game. Hess has the best average gain at 7.5 yards per attempt.

Colton Thomas is Triad's leading receiver with 21 catches for 233 yards, followed by Logan Harper (13-317, 2 TD), and Mitchell (9-284, 4 TD).

Benjamin Logan at Springfield Shawnee Also on the road this week is Benjamin

The Raiders (1-2 Mad River, 1-7 overall) got their first win of the season last week, topping North Union 30-26.

Shawnee has lost five in a row, including a 14-0 defeat to Indian Lake last Friday. For the year, they are 0-3 in the Mad River and 1-7 overall.

The Braves' Hayden Coppess has 93 carries for 465 yards on the year and has scored four touchdowns.

Quarterback Carter Bumgardner has completed 24-of-60 passes for 390 yards, with two TDs and five interceptions. On the ground, he has 72 carries for 325 yards and four scores.

Evan Ballard is the other passer for Shawnee, going 27-of-48 for 326 yards (1 TD, 3 INT).

The Braves' main receivers are Connar Earles (19-248, 1 TD) and Caden Craig-White (14-145, 2 TDs).

Covington at Riverside
In Three Rivers Conference action,
Riverside will host Covington on Friday,
with both teams looking to snap losing
streaks.

Covington (1-4 TRC, 3-5) won its first two, but since has lost five out of six, including a 35-7 loss to Lehman Catholic last week.

Riverside was shut out by Miami East 35-0 last Friday. The Pirates are 2-3 in the conference and 3-5 in all games. Sophomore quarterback Landin Cassel

(6-4, 195) of Covington has completed 58of-157 passes (37 percent) for 790 yards, with 10 TDs and 11 interceptions. Day'Lynn Garrett has 31 catches for 507

Day'Lynn Garrett has 31 catches for 507 yards with eight of those resulting in scores. Trenton Havenar has nine catches for 118 yards.

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Chubb grateful for his return to Browns

CLEVELAND (AP) — Almost from the moment Nick Chubb was drafted by the Cleveland Browns, he has felt a deep connection with the city and its fans.

An unshakeable bond. It's never been stronger.

Only days from the running back's return to play in an NFL game following a second major knee injury, the normally reserved and private Chubb expressed his gratitude on Wednesday with heartfelt, touching words in an essay.

Chubb teamed with The Players' Tribune to write a letter that both told his story and thanked fans for the love that pushed him through his recovery.

"Just trying to give back a little bit," Chubb explained Wednesday before practice. "I am kind of a closed-off guy, so I thought it'd be good. I thought people would appreciate me opening up a little bit, especially at a time like this."

Chubb has endeared himself to the area's passionate sports fans like few other athletes. He's beloved on a level that goes beyond the usual fan-player relationship, which is why Chubb said he was inspired to write "Cleveland Got May Back."

He wanted to share the emotional journey back after his left knee, the same one he hurt in 2015 while playing at Georgia, was destroyed in Week 2 last year in Pittsburgh. As he planted on a carry inside the 5-yard line, Chubb was hit by Steelers safety Minkah Fitzpatrick.

His season was over. He feared his career was as well.

Chubb overcame his own doubts, and predictions of others. Fueled by the support of family, friends and strangers who know him simply by his No. 24 jersey and orange helmet, Chubb is ready to play again. He's grateful for the chance.

"It means a lot because people only see me on Sundays and they don't know what it's been like this past year," said Chubb, who will likely start this week against Cincinnati. "It's been a lot of downs, a lot of hard work, a lot of stress."

In more detail than he had previously shared, Chubb wrote in the essay that after going on social media shortly after he was carted from the field, the first comment he saw on X, formerly known as Twitter,

was from LeBron James.

"Those messages meant the world to me," the fourtime Pro Bowler said. "Just LeBron and everybody showing me love in a really dark time. But I can't lie to you. At that moment, I was thinking that I had probably played my last NFL down."

Chubb needed two surgeries to repair two torn ligaments along with the medial capsule and meniscus in his left knee.

Knowing Chubb, his dedication and work ethic, the Browns were optimistic he would be back at some point in 2024.

He didn't disappoint.

Never has.

"Nick's a pretty special football player," said coach Kevin Stefanski. "He's a pretty special person. I think he embodies a lot of what we want to be as Cleveland Browns, and certainly I think our fans feel that from him.

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"For me, from my chair, I get to watch him work and I get to see the fruits of his labor. I get to peek out of my office window early in the morning, and he's the only one out there running. I've gotten to witness this journey back to last year and how hard he's worked."

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Jordan Miller is the main threat in the running game, with 134 carries for 665 yards, averaging five yards per carry. Cassel has 72 runs for 412 yards. Miller and Cassel each have three rushing TDs.

Ridgemont at Cory-Rawson Ridgemont will visit Cory-Rawson in a Northwest Central Conference matchup Friday.

The Golden Gophers are tied for second place in the

NWCC at 5-1 with Hardin Northern. They are 6-2 over-

Cory-Rawson is 1-7 overall and has yet to win a conference game, going 0-7 to date.

Last week, Ridgemont downed North Baltimore 41-7, while the Hornets lost to Ridgedale 20-3.

Cory-Rawson got a field goal in the second quarter and led 3-0 at the half. Ridgedale then scored once in the third and twice in the fourth to get the win.

Ohtani homers as Dodgers blank Mets 8-0 in Game 3

NEW YORK (AP) —
Shohei Ohtani launched a
three-run homer for the Los
Angeles Dodgers that punctuated their 8-0 victory over
the New York Mets in Game
3 of the National League
Championship Series on
Wednesday night.

Kiké Hernández hit a two-run shot to make it 4-0 in the sixth inning and waved to the Citi Field crowd he quieted. Los Angeles rebounded from a loss at home and grabbed a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven series by pitching its fourth shutout in the past five playoff games.

Ohtani connected in the eighth, a 410-foot drive that soared into the second deck in right field and barely stayed fair above the foul pole.

Max Muncy went deep in the ninth for his 13th career postseason homer, tying Corey Seager and Justin Turner for the franchise record. Muncy also connected in Game 2.

A fired-up Walker Buehler struck out Francisco Lindor to leave the bases loaded in the second, and the Dodgers got five stingy innings from their hard-throwing bullpen. Buehler combined with four relievers on a four-hitter.

Game 4 is Thursday night in Queens, with \$325 million rookie Yoshinobu Yamamoto scheduled to start for Los Angeles against veteran left-hander Jose Quintana.

Michael Kopech worked a hitless fifth for the win, and Dodgers pitchers finished with 13 strikeouts.

Mets starter Luis
Severino fell behind 2-0 in
the second, partly due to
some shoddy fielding. He
did not permit an earned

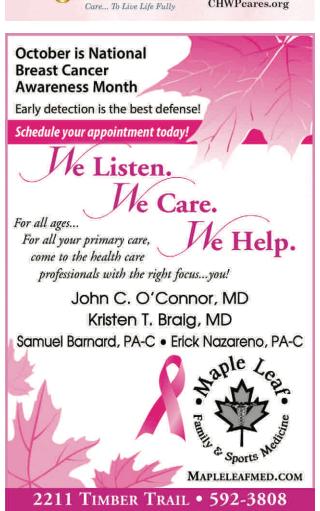
run but threw 95 pitches and walked four in 4 2/3 innings, taking the loss.

Slumping catcher Will Smith knocked in a run with an infield single, and Tommy Edman had a sacrifice fly that could have been more if not for a sensational catch on the right-center warning track by Tyrone Taylor.

TRAINER'S ROOM
Dodgers: 2B Gavin Lux
was back in the lineup, batting sixth. Lux missed Game
2 because of a right hip flexor injury that forced him
out of the series opener in
the seventh inning.







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While Alder has suffered a drop-off this season, Bellefontaine can't afford to lose its focus on Friday.

I don't think that will be the case, though. The Chiefs always look forward to this matchup and it's also the final home regular-season game. There won't be a lack of motivation. *Bellefontaine* 28, *Alder 14*.

Indian Lake over

Northwestern
Indian Lake is two wins
away from an outright

Central Buckeye Conference Mad River division championship.

A win over the Warriors on Friday would put the

Lakers in a great position going into the regular-season finale at home against a struggling North Union squad.

Northwestern is coming off a loss to Graham, a game in which the Warriors allowed 37 points. The Warriors will face similar struggles on defense against the Lakers. *Indian Lake 27, Northwestern 13.*

WL-Salem over Triad

The Tigers are coming off an impressive rout of Mechanicsburg, setting themselves up for a likely OHC North championship game against Fairbanks in Week 10.

First, though, WL-S must take care of business against

Triad on Friday. The Tigers should be just fine as Triad simply doesn't have the talent and physicality to hold up in this one. *WL-S 38, Triad 6.*

Riverside over Covington After back-to-back losses to Lehman and Miami East, Riverside can use a shot of positive momentum.

A matchup Friday at home against Covington offers the Pirates a good opportunity to get back in the win column. The Buccs have lost four straight and have scored a total of 14 points in three weeks. *Riverside 20, Covington 7.*

Ben Logan over Shawnee

Head coach Paul Jenne and his Raiders deserve credit for their resiliency. Despite not a lot to celebrate over the past couple seasons, the Raiders keep grinding away and that paid off with a comeback win

over North Union last week. Look for the Raiders to keep building on their positive momentum this week against a Springfield Shawnee team that has lost five straight. Ben Logan 21, Shawnee 13.

Ridgemont over Cory-Rawson

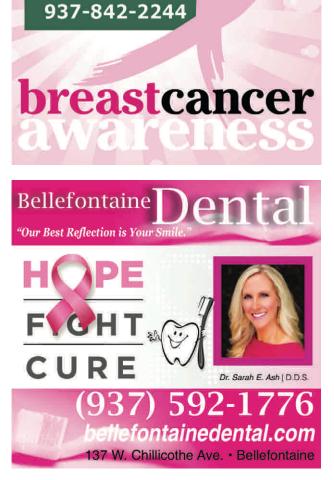
What a season it has been for the Gophers. At 6-2, the Gophers have clinched their first winning season since 1995.

Ridgemont is on track to host a Week 1 playoff game, which would be a huge boost for the community and program.

The Gophers have a big game coming in Week 10 against Waynesfield-Goshen. Ahead of that one is a tuneup game Friday against a one-win Cory-Rawson team. *Ridgemont* 40, Cory-Rawson 6.







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