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Vandalism, theft from vehicles reported at motel

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

A series of vehicle break-ins have been reported at the Super 8 Motel, 1117 N. Main St., on Wednesday, Oct. 16, with multiple vehicles targeted.

Officers of the Bellefontaine Police Department were dispatched to the motel early Thursday, Oct. 17, and collected reports from six victims that had awakened to find windows on their vehicle shattered and several items missing.

The estimated value of the stolen items is around \$615,

with the most significant theft being a 9mm Springfield Hellcat pistol.

Officers were called to the motel at approximately 5:15 a.m. and quickly noticed that several vehicles had been broken into, with windows busted out and personal belongings missing.

Stolen items included passports, a purse with debit cards and cash, lunch boxes, and prescription glasses. One victim's 9mm pistol was taken, and the firearm was entered as

stolen into the LEADS database.

Security camera footage from the motel showed a black Chevy sedan entering the parking lot without its head-lights at around 11:50 p.m. on Oct. 16. Four individuals exited the vehicle and were seen moving through the lot, breaking windows and going through several vehicles.

A similar vehicle break-in report was filed just 20-30 minutes earlier in Marysville, officers report.

Veteran roof giveaway returns for 4th year



Lee's Roofing and Spouting, 805 E. Columbus Ave., Bellefontaine, is currently accepting nominations for its fourth annual Veterans Day roof giveaway. (LEE'S ROOFING PHOTO)

Nominations sought by Nov. 6

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

A longtime Bellefontaine business has found a unique way to honor retired service members for Veterans Day through a special gift that will help keep the veteran's home in good repair for many years to come.

Lee's Roofing and Spouting is currently accepting nominations for its fourth annual roof giveaway that will be presented to a Logan County veteran, with nominations currently being accepted through Nov. 6.

The company is inviting area residents to nominate their friends, neighbors and family members, or themselves, if they are a veteran.

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Country legends and a rising star: November shows set for the Holland Theatre

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

November at the Holland Theatre will feature tributes to legends of country and rock-n-roll as well as a rising guitar virtuoso.

Kicking off the month, Jason Perry celebrates Hank Williams' 100th birthday with his critically acclaimed tribute, "Hank and My Honky Tonk Heroes" during a special presentation at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8.

Petty, a favorite at the Grand Ole Opry, made a striking impression on New York's Theatre District, starring in "Hank Williams: Lost Highway," which played for nine months to sold-out audiences at the Little Shubert Theater. Audiences and critics alike praised Petty's portrayal of Williams, who penned more than 400 country songs during his career.

Another sign of recognition for Petty's performance of Hank Williams was being honored with an Obie Award (Off-Broadway's Tony Award equivalent) for Outstanding Actor.

In "Hank and My Honky Tonk Heroes," Petty gives audiences a personal look at Williams' childhood, his rise to fame, his influences and contemporary performers influenced by Williams.

With a four-piece band, just as Williams performed, the show is chock full of hits, from "Your Cheatin' Heart" and "I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry," to "Hey Good Lookin'" and "Lovesick Blues."

Audience members will also be treated to a selection of songs from some of Hank's influences (including Jimmie Rodgers, Carter Family, Roy Acuff and Ernest Tubbs), and those who were influenced by Hank (including George Jones, Webb Pierce, Faron Young, Elvis and Alan Jackson). Selections include "Will the Circle Be Unbroken," "Wine Me Up" and "Midnight in Montgomery."

Next up is a legend-to-be, acoustic guitarist Luca Stricagnoli, who plays up to five guitars at the same time. He brings his virtuosity to the Holland stage at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13.

A native of Italy who now lives in Nashville, Stricagnoli dazzles live audiences and his large social media following on double- and triple-neck guitars he designs himself. The evening will include a blend of popular songs from contemporary rock, film scores, and mind-bending originals.

Stricagnoli has released four albums and has more than 100

HANK AND MY HONKY TONK HEROES
Friday, Nov. 8, 7:30



LUCA STRICAGNOLI
Wednesday, Nov. 13, 7:30



ONE CHRISTMAS NIGHT IN MEMPHIS
Thursday, Nov. 21, 7:30



million views on his Youtube channel. He has won acclaim from fellow musicians and critics alike.

"Every so often, a musician emerges who, in terms of depth of expression, advances a style so much that the way we listen changes forever," noted Minor 7th Magazine. "Luca Stricagnoli embodies such a shift."

Finally, the Holland kicks off its holiday events with, "One Christmas Night in Memphis" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21.

Imagine Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins, Elvis Presley and Jerry Lee Lewis celebrating the season with their legendary hits as well as everyone's favorite holiday songs - including "Jingle Bell Rock," "White Christmas," "Run, Run, Rudolph," "Blue Christmas," and many more. It's 90 minutes of rockabilly, country, gospel and 1950's rock and roll mixed in with festive holiday classics.

Holiday festivities continue with Madcap Puppets' version of The Nutcracker on Dec. 1; the West Central Ohio Community Concert Band's annual free Christmas concert on Dec. 3; A Swingin' Christmas: The Holiday Music of Tony Bennett from Windmill Productions on Dec. 7 and 8; and the Lima Symphony Orchestra's Bells, Brass, and

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LOGAN COUNTY BOARD OF DD SUPPORTING PEOPLE TO PURSUE THEIR EMPLOYMENT DREAMS:

Dew relishes his role at Hilliker YMCA

SUBMITTED BY THE LOGAN COUNTY BOARD OF DD

National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) was declared in 1988 by the United States Congress to raise awareness of the employment needs and contributions of individuals with all types of disabilities over the month of October.

Access to good jobs for all abilities is the 2024 key message made by the Department of Labor. The Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities (LCBDD) works with and supports provider employment agencies, as well as independent providers who support people to be successful in their jobs.

Thi LCBDD spotlights the accomplishments of Jacob Dew, a dedicated employee at the Hilliker YMCA, who works diligently to make others feel great about their decisions



to get healthier. The vision of the Hilliker YMCA is centered upon building a community where every person can reach their fullest potential.

Among Jacob's job duties are checking in with members and making sure everyone has what they need for a successful workout. It is important to Jacob that he does an exceptional job and gives back to his employer.

In addition to his regular hours at the Hilliker YMCA, the local resident also helps raise money for the Y's annual campaign by creating and selling wooden Christmas trees.

His stepfather, Tom Fown, and cutting Jacob with measuring and the trees and his mother, Kim Fown, helps him with the painting and marketing.

The family's efforts raised more than \$500 for Hilliker YMCA's Annual Support Campaign in 2023,

which has helped his employer offer memberships to individuals and families lacking financial resources to be a member of the YMCA.

Jacob said his favorite thing about working at the Y is creating friendships with the members and staff. His social life can get busy with all the friendships he has made from work.

Each week, his previous co-worker, Patty and her husband, Ray, enjoy spending time with Jacob. Jacob also likes to go out to eat with his friends from work and is looking forward to volunteering with his co-worker, Stephanie, at the Ring of Lights, which takes place tonight, Oct. 19, at Blue Jacket Park.

In addition, Jacob has been a part of the athletic field for some time, as he has spent many years volunteering with the men's soccer team at Bellefontaine High School. When

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ABE MARTIN



"Who remembers when a feller shook your hand 'cause he wuz glad t' see you?"

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

BELLEFONTAINE BEAT

POLICE & FIRE

Summons issued for open container

Marcus Cobb, 42, of Bellefontaine, was charged with possession of an open container in a public place following investigation of a complaint fielded by officers of the Bellefontaine Police Department shortly before 8 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 16.

Police were dispatched to the Marathon gas station at 1138 N. Main St. on a report of a possibly intoxicated driver that was driving erratically and reportedly caused multiple accidents.

Upon arrival, officers made contact with Cobb who showed police that the bed of his truck had fallen down while he was driving and that caused his erratic

ic driving. Police did observe him with an open can of alcohol and Cobb said he purchased the beer after stopping at the gas station.

Cobb said he hadn't been drinking prior to arriving at the gas station and that he'd consumed one beer prior to officers arriving. He had a ride coming to get him because of his truck bed, officers were told.

A faint odor of alcohol was detected, but Cobb did not appear impaired and he declined requests for field sobriety tests. A clerk inside the gas station confirmed that Cobb had purchased the beer inside.

He was issued a summons and released from the scene.

LOGAN COUNTY BEAT

SHERIFF & HIGHWAY PATROL

No arrests yet following crash, manhunt

Several law enforcement agencies were engaged in a search Monday afternoon, Oct. 14, for a man who was possibly driving a car involved in a crash at township roads 30 and 32 near West Liberty.

David Taggart, 35, of Bellefontaine, who claimed to be a passenger in the red 2003 Volkswagen "Bug" Beetle involved in the crash that occurred around 2:45 p.m., was reportedly injured and fled the scene on foot, according to reports from Logan County Sheriff's deputies.

Deputies said Taggart was located by Macochee Joint Ambulance District personnel about one-half mile north of the crash site in the 5000 block of Township Road 32 S. He told law enforcement another man was driving the car and also fled from the crash scene on foot into a wooded area.

Prior to emergency personnel's arrival, Taggart was acting erratically and was detained by a resident who lives along T.R. 32, according to information the Examiner obtained from witnesses at the scene. He was transported by Macochee to Mary Rutan Hospital for medical treatment.

Law enforcement set up a perimeter in the area of township roads 190 and 32 and conducted a search but were unable to locate the suspected driver.

The Volkswagen was westbound on T.R. 30 at the intersection of T.R. 32 S. when it left the roadway, struck a pole and came to rest north of T.R. 30. Damage to the car, owned Bellefontaine resident Krista Repogle, was disabling.

West Liberty, Bellefontaine and DeGraff police were also involved with the search effort.

Investigation into the matter continues.

US to probe Tesla's 'Full Self-Driving' system after pedestrian killed in low visibility conditions

DETROIT (AP) — The U.S. government's road safety agency is investigating Tesla's "Full Self-Driving" system after getting reports of crashes in low-visibility conditions, including one that killed a pedestrian.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said in documents that it opened the probe on Thursday after the company reported four crashes when Teslas encountered sun glare, fog and airborne dust.

In addition to the pedestrian's death, another crash involved an injury, the agency said.

Investigators will look into the ability of "Full Self-Driving" to "detect and respond appropriately to reduced roadway visibility conditions, and if so, the contributing circumstances for these crashes."

The investigation covers roughly 2.4 million Teslas from the 2016 through 2024 model years.

A message was left Friday seeking comment from Tesla, which has repeatedly said the system cannot drive itself and human drivers must be ready to intervene at all times.

Last week Tesla held an event at a Hollywood studio to unveil a fully autonomous robotaxi without a steering wheel or pedals. Musk, who has promised autonomous vehicles, said the company plans to have autonomous Models running without human drivers next year.

NEW DEGRAFF COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTED



Heidi Duckro, left, appears with one of her sons, Colton, at his U.S. Army graduation ceremony in 2023 in Georgia. Duckro is newest DeGraff Village Council member and was sworn in Tuesday, Oct. 15, by Mayor Stephanie Osborne. She also serves as the planning coordinator at NKP Industries in Anna. She and her husband, Matt, reside in DeGraff with their four children. Her son, Colton, is currently serving in the U.S. Army in South Korea. (MATT DUCKRO PHOTO)

ROLE

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a seasonal position with the Bellefontaine Parks and Recreation Department became available, he was glad to gain that experience as well.

However, since this job was seasonal, finding a year-long position became Jacob's goal. His employment at the Hilliker YMCA was a natural fit. Jacob enjoys greeting guests at the front desk and is always ready to assist anyone in need, while striving to maintain a clean and wel-

coming environment at the Y.

The Logan County Board of DD is proud of Jacob and his accomplishments at work and in the community.

He also volunteers with Bellefontaine Kiwanis and LCBDD through their joint service club, The Aktion Club. Jacob attends Bellefontaine Kiwanis meetings as well to gain more knowledge about the service organization.

If you would like more information about hiring someone or employment services, contact LCBDD offices at (937) 592-0015.

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Tickets are available online at TheHolland.org, by phone at (937) 592-9002, or in person at the box office, 127 E. Columbus

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- Photo opps in front of the Orr Mansion
- Grab a pumpkin and goodie bag to take home! (While supplies last)

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ILHS blood drive honors Hodge, Purk

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Indian Lake High School is dedicating its fall blood drive to the memory of classmates Chloe Hodge and Nolan Purk and IS welcoming community members to donate Friday, Nov. 1, from 8 a.m. to noon in the auxiliary gym, 6210 State Route 235, Lewistown. The Indian Lake High School blood drives are sponsored by Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD). The blood drive is dedicated to Chloe Hodge and Nolan Purk, who were both 17-year-old juniors at Indian Lake when killed in separate car accidents less than two months apart.

vehicle crash Dec. 1, 2023, and Chloe died in a collision with another vehicle on Jan. 25, 2024.

Everyone who registers to donate will receive the "Fight Cancer" t-shirt or the "All You Need is Love to Give Blood" high school T-shirt.

Schedule a blood donation with Solvita (formerly Community Blood Center) on the Donor Time app, by calling (937) 461-3220, or at www.donortime.com.

Students must be 16 years of age and at least 110 pounds to donate. (16 years olds must have a signed permission slip.) Students and fellow donors should make sure to eat a hearty meals the day before and the day of donating, and



drink plenty of water. Save time while helping save lives by using "DonorXPress" to complete the donor questionnaire

before arriving at a blood drive. Find DonorXPress on the Donor Time App or at www.solvita.org/donorxpress.

GIVEAWAY

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Operations Manager Josh Wilcoxon said the gesture is a way that Lee's Roofing and Spouting can give back to the community.

"This giveaway isn't about us, but we wanted to reach out to find a veteran who could benefit from a new roof," the 1993 Bellefontaine High School graduate said. "Maybe there is a health issue or a financial need that they are experiencing, and a new roof would be a big help to them."

The announcement of the new roof recipient will occur on Veterans Day, Monday, Nov. 11, through

the business' Facebook page.

Individuals can submit nominations through several methods — via e-mail to Office Administrator Joni Burton at joni@leesroofing-inc.com; mailing to the office at: 805 E. Columbus Ave., Bellefontaine, OH, 43311; or dropping off at business during regular office hours.

The nominations should include the nominee's name, address and a contact phone number, and participants are invited to provide information regarding why a new roof would be beneficial for this nominated Logan County veteran.

MEMORIES CREATED



Benjamin Logan FFA members Charlotte Ball, Asher Boyssel, Madi Bobb, Jacob Canter, Klayton Chamberlin, Mallory Chapman, Ava Dyer, Jacob Frederick, Ian Henault and Nate Michell recently attended the 2024 Greenhand Camp. Greenhand Camp is an interactive and educational camp that introduces members to agriculture and FFA. "We did some bonding activities, and on Monday night, we had a dance and we learned a whole bunch of line dances," member Mallory Chapman said. Many of the other members said they enjoyed the Kitchen Mama's meals at camp as well. (BENJAMIN LOGAN PHOTO)

SENIOR RAIDERS OF THE MONTH



TRISTAN SHEETS

PARENTS: Kris and Renae Sheets

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS: Student Government, Quiz Bowl, National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Spanish National Honor Society, BPA, Science Fair, Governor's Award for Advanced or Alternative Energies, HOBY, Rotary Youth Leadership Award, AP Scholar with Honor, Citizenship Award, National History Bee, NAQT All-Ohio Small School State Championship First Team, and multiple Merit and Scholarship Awards.

If I were principal for a day: I would play classic rock on the PA between every class and organize a parking lot car show.

Favorite school memory: It is very hard to pick a singular favorite high school memory, but my favorite is the Relay for Life Talent Show that I played with my friends Nash, Harry, JD, and Holden.

People who have inspired me include: The most significant role models in my personal life have been my parents and grandparents, my friend Lance Houchin, and teachers such as Mrs. Lane, Mr. Kettler, Mr. Fay, and Mrs. Hemmelgarn.

Lately, I have been reading: "Roughing It" by Mark Twain, as well as Jim Morrison's biography "No One Here Gets Out Alive".

My advice to parents: My advice to parents is simple: for those with younger children, encourage them every step of the way to learn and explore any curiosity they may have in regards to education; for those with older kids, I highly suggest that parents allow a significant degree of independence to foster personal growth and the ability to manage affairs individually.

My biggest regret: I do not regret anything; the cards of fate have fallen as they may, and in the end, I have been more than fortunate. I just live for the moment, as the future is uncertain.

Next year I will be: In college studying aviation and conducting pilot training, or be enrolled in another form of aviation training program.

P&G: Fiscal Q1 Earnings Snapshot

CINCINNATI (AP) — Procter & Gamble Co. (PG) on Friday reported fiscal first-quarter net income of \$3.96 billion.

On a per-share basis, the Cincinnati-based company said it had net income of \$1.61. Earnings, adjusted for restructuring costs, came to \$1.93 per share.

The results surpassed Wall Street expectations. The average estimate of 13 analysts surveyed

by Zacks Investment Research was for earnings of \$1.90 per share.

The world's largest consumer products maker posted revenue of \$21.74 billion in the period, falling short of Street forecasts. Ten analysts surveyed by Zacks expected \$21.93 billion.

P&G expects full-year earnings in the range of \$6.91 to \$7.05 per share.

SENIOR RAIDERS OF THE MONTH



KELLEY FORSYTHE

PARENTS: Joe and Kim Forsythe

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS: Varsity Girls Soccer, Varsity Girls Swim, FCA, ROC, National Honor Society, Marching Band, Concert Band, Pep Band, Jazz Band, and Girl Scouts.

If I were principal for a day: I would give everyone an hour nap after lunch.

Favorite school memory: Traveling with the Jazz Band.

People who have inspired me include: My parents, teachers, and coaches.

Lately, I have been reading: The Bible.

My advice to parents: Trust that you've done enough to prepare me for the real world.

My biggest regret: Not going to more school sporting events.

Next year I will be: Attending college and majoring in Health Science.

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Good luck to all area athletes this year.



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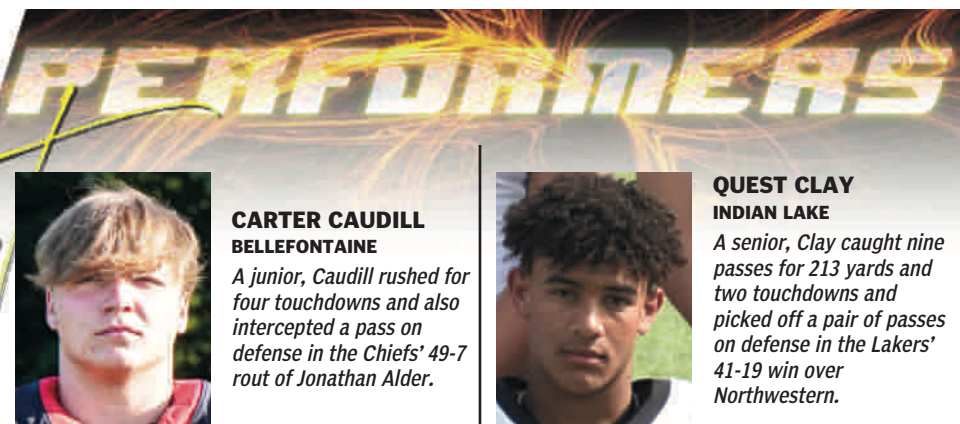
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CARTER CAUDILL BELLEFONTAINE

A junior, Caudill rushed for four touchdowns and also intercepted a pass on defense in the Chiefs' 49-7 rout of Jonathan Alder.

QUEST CLAY INDIAN LAKE

A senior, Clay caught nine passes for 213 yards and two touchdowns and picked off a pair of passes on defense in the Lakers' 41-19 win over Northwestern.

Chiefs pour it on against Pioneers

BY MATT HAMMOND
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With Ohio State offensive coordinator Chip Kelly in the house watching future Buckeye quarterback Tavien St. Clair, St. Clair and his Chieftains put on a clinic against Jonathan Alder on Friday.

St. Clair was 20-of-25 passing for 246 yards and three touchdowns, going over 100 career TD passes for his career, and Carter Caudill ran for four TDs as the Chiefs dismantled the Pioneers 49-7 on senior night.

Bellefontaine is now 7-2 overall and 3-1 in the Central Buckeye Conference. The Pioneers drop to 4-5, 1-3.

"I am really proud of our senior group," said BHS head coach Jason Brown. "It really makes me happy to see them have a game like this on senior night. We are very grateful for what these guys have given the program the last four years."

Bellefontaine scored on every offensive possession of the first half en route to a 35-7 halftime lead.

The Chiefs tacked on two more touchdowns in the second half and ended up outgaining the Pioneers 388-139 in total yards.

"Defensively, it just felt like we changed the line of scrimmage and were able to get them behind the sticks," said Brown. "We also tackled well and came up with three turnovers."

"Offensively, we continue to find a great rhythm. We have a lot of guys making plays and our offensive line continues to jell. Those guys are doing a great job."

Bellefontaine grabbed the momentum in the early going Friday.

The Pioneers received the opening kickoff, but went 3-and-out and had to punt deep in their own territory.

The Jonathan Alder punter bobbled the snap and then had his punt blocked by the Chiefs' Jordan Hensley, who also came up with the recovery at the Pioneers' 3-yard line.

Then, on Bellefontaine's first offensive play of the game, St. Clair shoved a pass to Braylon Newcomb, who took it into the end zone. Alex Crabill's extra-point kick made it 7-0 at the 10:53 mark of the first period.

It was the 100th career touchdown pass for St. Clair. The game was stopped and St. Clair and his parents were presented the game ball at midfield.

"What more can you say about him," said Brown of his star quarterback. "He was nearly flawless tonight and the rest of the guys follow his lead."

"He has come every day and worked hard to perfect his craft. His confidence is contagious with the rest of the team ... he's just so special. And he's an even better person than he is a football player. We are so grateful for the way he's handled his success."

According to the list of



Bellefontaine's Jacob Salyer eyes the ball before making a catch against Jonathan Alder's Cashton Wheeler during Friday's game at AcuSport Stadium. (EXAMINER PHOTO | TONY BARRETT)

records on the Ohio High School Athletic Association's website, only 12 other players in state history have thrown for 100 or more touchdowns.

"It's pretty surreal," said St. Clair. "I've been blessed to be in an opportunity where I've had great coaches that have allowed me to throw the ball. I couldn't be more proud of my team."

St. Clair also was thrilled to have Kelly on hand to witness the moment.

"It was awesome to see him here," said St. Clair. "I love learning from him and being around him, and to see him in the house to see how our community and Bellefontaine operates is really awesome."

Caudill, who has been extremely impressive this

fall taking over as Bellefontaine's lead running back, began his big night on the Chiefs' next possession.

Caudill capped an eight-play, 95-yard drive with a 1-yard TD run to give the hosts a 14-0 lead with 4:53 remaining in the opening quarter.

Caudill ripped off a 26-yard TD run at the 9:31

mark of the second quarter to increase the BHS lead 21-0.

The Pioneers' lone score of the night came on their ensuing possession when Grant Horne threw a 30-yard TD strike to Jace Shrock to make the score 21-7 with 5:16 remaining in the first half.

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Lakers clinch share of CBC Mad River title with win over Warriors

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Indian Lake built a three-touchdown lead early on Friday that the home-standing Northwestern Warriors cut to just one point in the third quarter, but a pair of late touchdowns were a knockout blow for the Lakers in a 41-19 runaway victory in a Central Buckeye Conference Mad River Division game.

With the victory, the Lakers clinch at least a share of the CBC Mad River Division title and can clinch the championship outright next week at home against North Union.

The Lakers (7-2, 4-0) on Friday surged out to a 20-0 lead after the first quarter, only to have Northwestern (5-4, 2-2) score 13 unanswered points of their own in the second quarter to draw to within 20-13 at halftime.

Indian Lake pulled away in the second half, outscoring the Warriors 21-6 over the final two quarters, including 21 unan-

swered to close out the game.

Madden Lillard threw for 323 yards and four touchdown passes to three different receivers to help lead the charge offensively Friday for Indian Lake. He was 14 of 18 overall, including nine completions to Quest Clay for 213 yards. Explosive plays helped carry the day, and the Lakers wasted little time putting points on the board. Lillard found Clay for a 66-yard catch and run less than two minutes into the game to put the Lakers up 7-0 following a successful PAT.

Drake Cosby found the end zone for the Lakers midway through the first quarter from one yard out to extend the advantage to 14-0. Less than a minute later, the Lakers used a long pass to strike again. Lillard found Kolton Cummins for a 34-yard touchdown pass to extend the lead to 20-0 after the first quarter.

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Indian Lake's Madden Lillard finds running room Friday at Northwestern. (JAMIE ROSS PHOTO)

Pirates run past Covington for 26-14 TRC victory

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

A well-rounded effort on both sides of the ball got Riverside back in the win column Friday in a 26-14 victory over Covington on senior night in a Three Rivers Conference game.

The Pirates (4-5, 3-3) turned a defensive turnover on the first play from scrimmage into an early touchdown and never trailed. The win snaps a two-game losing streak.

Covington (3-6, 1-5) didn't score until the fourth quarter as the Pirates built a 20-point lead in the second half.

"Seniors made a lot of big plays for us," Pirates head coach Bryce Hodge said.

"Mason Armbruster had a fumble recovery on the first play of the game and Landon Purtee caught a TD three plays later."



Riverside's Landon Purtee stretches the ball toward the goal line during Friday's game at home against Covington. (EXAMINER PHOTO | NATE SMITH)

That early touchdown was the lone score of the first half. Covington received the opening kickoff and promptly turned the ball over, as a mishandled shot-

gun snap fell to the turf and was recovered by the Pirates defense.

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Tigers overwhelm Triad to set up Week 10 showdown vs. Fairbanks

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

West Liberty-Salem scored early and often Friday, cruising to a 49-8 victory over Triad in an Ohio Heritage Conference North division game.

The win for the Tigers sets up a Week 10 showdown at home for the OHC North championship against Fairbanks. The Tigers and Panthers are both undefeated in league play going into the final game of the regular season.

The Tigers (8-1, 4-0) scored the first 21 points of the game, and never looked back.

Triad falls to 1-8, 0-4.

Nick Shifflet threw four touchdown passes and Josh Wilcoxon rushed for three TDs to help pace WL-S. Wilcoxon opened the game with a 6-yard rushing touchdown early in the first quarter, followed by Gideon Cole's extra point to give the Tigers a 7-0 lead.

Minutes later, Shifflet connected with Jacob Evans on a 24-yard touchdown pass, extending the lead to 14-0 after another Cole PAT. The second quarter saw more fireworks from the Tigers' offense.

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Raiders earn second straight win with 17-9 victory over Shawnee

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Two second-quarter rushing touchdowns were all Benjamin Logan needed Friday in a 17-9 victory of Springfield Shawnee in a Central Buckeye Conference Mad River Division game.

The Raiders claim their second victory in a row and improve to 2-7, 2-2. Shawnee drops to 1-8, 0-4. After trailing early, Ben Logan took control in the second quarter. The Raiders grabbed the lead in the second quarter when Wyatt Predmore scored on a 1-yard touchdown run to put the Raiders ahead 7-3 fol-

lowing a successful PAT by Brandon Heater. The Raiders found the end zone again later in the second quarter. Jordan Pender found the end zone with a 6-yard rush to extend the lead. Heater's second successful PAT made it 14-3 heading into halftime. Defense dominated

much of the game, but Benjamin Logan sealed the win in the fourth quarter when Heater nailed a 23-yard field goal, putting the Raiders up 17-3. Despite a late 13-yard touchdown pass from Springfield Shawnee's Ed Boehmer to Connor Earles, the Raiders' defense held strong, pre-

venting a two-point conversion and securing the 17-9 win. Predmore led the Raiders' ground game with 65 yards on 29 carries and one touchdown, while Pender added 89 rushing yards on 14 carries. Predmore also completed three passes for 70 yards, all

of which were caught by Collin Powell. Benjamin Logan's defense was a key to their success, with Ashton Whitt recording six tackles and a sack, while Everett Clapsaddle added an interception. The Raiders host Graham next week.

Lakers

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Northwestern found their rhythm in the second quarter, with Preston Allen leading the charge for the Warriors. He scored two rushing touchdowns, including a 2-yard TD run early in the second quarter and a 12-yard run just before halftime to trim the deficit to 20-13.

In the third quarter, Allen added another score, a 1-yard run that

brought Northwestern within one point of tying the game.

However, Indian Lake responded later in the quarter with Lillard's 44-yard touchdown pass to Brodey Reisinger, pushing the lead to 27-19.

The Lakers sealed the game in the fourth quarter. Lillard connected with Clay again for a 43-yard touchdown, and Noah Shirk capped the scoring with a 4-yard rushing touchdown, while Cummins con-

nected on all five of his extra point attempts.

Indian Lake's defense stepped up, holding Northwestern scoreless in the final quarter. The Lakers also forced three interceptions, including two by Quest Clay.

Indian Lake's explosive offensive attack totaled 458 yards, with Cosby leading the rushing effort, gaining 90 yards on 13 carries. Noah Shirk added eight carries for 29 yards.

Chiefs

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Bellefontaine quickly answered with another touchdown drive, this time Caudill finished it with a 12-yard run to push the BHS lead to 28-7 with 2:03 left in the second quarter.

The Chieftain defense then came up with a big play as Jayden Temple picked off a JA pass to give Bellefontaine the ball back at the Pioneers' 34-yard line with 52 seconds remaining until the intermission.

On the first play after the turnover, St. Clair lofted a perfectly thrown pass to Spencer Stolly down the seam for a 34-yard TD to give Bellefontaine a 35-7 lead at halftime.

Bellefontaine continued to fire on all cylinders coming out of the locker room after the break.

On the first series of the second half, the Chiefs put together an 11-play scoring drive. St. Clair connected with Newcomb for a 5-yard TD as Bellefontaine opened up a 42-7 advantage at the 7:53 mark of the third period.

Caudill tacked on a 3-yard TD run with 4:03 remaining in the third to round out the scoring.

Bellefontaine had 251 passing yards and 137 yards on the ground.

Caudill ran for 93 yards and the four TDs on 13 carries. St. Clair had 28 rushing yards on one carry.

Six different Chieftains caught passes. Jacob Salyer registered six catches for 76 yards, Spencer Stolly had five catches for 77 yards, Newcomb made five grabs for 54 yards, Ayden Clary recorded three receptions for 27 yards and Patrick Stolly had one catch for 13 yards.

In addition to his success running the ball, Caudill picked off a pass on defense and Karsen Drake also had an interception as Bellefontaine intercepted the Pioneers three times.

Bellefontaine wraps up the regular season Friday at Kenton Ridge.

Tigers

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Shifflet found receiver Jack Bahan on a 42-yard touchdown strike, making it 21-0. Triad briefly cut into the lead when Awsom Mitchell punched in a 3-yard touchdown run and added the two-point conversion, bringing the score to 21-8. But the Tigers quickly responded as Shifflet and Bahan connected again, this time on a 36-yard touchdown pass, pushing the lead to 28-8. Wilcoxon added his second rushing touchdown of the half on

a 10-yard run, and another extra point from Cole made it 35-8 going into halftime. WL-S continued their dominance in the second half, starting with Wilcoxon's third touchdown of the night on a 23-yard rush in the third quarter, extending the lead to 42-8. Shifflet added his fourth touchdown pass in the fourth quarter, finding Lincoln Henderson on a 3-yard pass to cap the scoring at 49-8. The Tigers' defense kept Triad in check throughout the game, forcing three interceptions, including one by Jacob Evans,

and racking up six sacks, with Silas King and Naaman Stidham each contributing multiple sacks. Wilcoxon logged 11 carries for 106 yards to go along with his three scores. Shifflet was 13 of 19 passing for 206 yards and four touchdowns. Jack Bahan recorded six receptions for 145 yards and two touchdowns, and Evans caught three passes for 39 yards, along with his touchdown reception.

The Tigers offensively combined for 122 rushing and 218 passing yards and generated 16 first downs.

Pirates

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Gavin Orsborne returned Friday from a two-week absence due to a knee injury. He quickly found his groove, connecting with Purtee for a 4-yard touchdown pass to give the Pirates the lead early on.

Riverside's defense helped to make sure that lead stood up, forcing four turnovers on the night and holding Covington to just 3-16 on third downs.

"Ryder Arnett had a big fumble recovery on a hook-and-ladder," Hodge said. "Damien Smith had a big interception (and) Brice Kauffman had a big pick to seal it."

The Pirates managed just the one first half touchdown, but a halftime adjustment opened up the offense in the second half.

"I told the guys at halftime that we were going to come out and run the ball in the second half," Hodge said.

With the return of their starting quarterback and a week removed from rush-

ing for just 12 total yards, the Pirates showcased their passing game early. Three interceptions in the first two quarters prompted an offensive adjustment in the second half.

"I as a play caller got away from the run a little too quick," Hodge said. Riverside's run game responded in the second half. Tony Robinson capped an impressive drive to begin the third quarter with a 27-yard run to push the lead to double digits.

Robinson broke multiple tackles, spinning away from a swarm of Buccaneers defenders along the near sideline to find the end zone.

The Pirates scored again on their second possession of the second half, also. Orsborne connected with Purtee for a second TD pass of the game, this time from 38 yards out push the lead to 19-0.

Covington broke through midway through fourth quarter, but it was not enough. A Covington TD pass made the score

20-7 for a time.

Robinson quickly added some insurance for the Pirates. A 9-yard TD run pushed the lead to 26-7 and quelled any hopes of a Covington comeback.

The Buccaneers found the end zone a second time in the final minutes to cap the scoring, 26-14.

"Proud of the seniors for getting it done," Hodge said. "This is a special group of kids and they go about what they do the right way."

Orsborne completed 15 of 28 passes for 145 yards and two touchdowns. Robinson rushed 26 times for 140 yards to go along with his two TDs. Dylan Trimble added 27 yards on seven carries for Riverside. He also caught two passes for 19 yards.

Four different Pirates receivers caught passes. Landon Purtee recorded seven catches for 65 yards and a pair of TDs. Kauffman caught four passes for 36 yards, and Smith added two catches for 25 yards.

Riverside plays at

Milton-Union next week in the regular-season finale.

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Wealthier Americans are driving retail spending and powering US economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's a trend that has surprised many: Why, despite being squeezed by high prices, have Americans kept spending at retail stores and restaurants at a robust pace?

One key reason is a relatively simple one: Wealthier consumers, boosted by strong gains in income, home equity and stock market wealth, have increasingly driven the spending.

That trend, documented by Federal Reserve research, represents something of a shift from the pre-pandemic period. And it suggests that consumer spending, the primary driver of the U.S. economy, could help sustain healthy growth this year and next.

Lower-income consumers, by contrast, have been disproportionately squeezed by higher-priced rent, groceries and other necessities, leaving them less able to spend on discretionary items, like electronics, entertainment and restaurant meals, than they were before the pandemic. Though their spending is

starting to rebound as inflation-adjusted incomes rise, it could be years before their finances fully recover.

The disparities help explain the gap between gloomy consumer sentiment and widespread evidence of a healthy U.S. economy — a major dynamic in the presidential race that is now in its final weeks. Only a portion of the American population is fueling most of the growth that is evident in government economic data.

The trends also help illustrate how the economy has managed to keep expanding at a solid pace even though the Federal Reserve, until last month, kept its key interest rate at its highest level in more than two decades.

Despite the much higher borrowing costs for mortgages, auto loans and credit cards that resulted from the Fed's rate hikes, inflation-adjusted consumer spending rose 3% in 2022 and 2.5% in 2023. And it increased at a 2.8% annual rate in the April-June quarter, the government said last month.

On Thursday, the Commerce Department reported that retail sales in the United States rose 0.4% from August to September, a solid gain that suggested that shoppers are confident enough in the economy to continue spending freely. Restaurant sales jumped 1%, a particularly encouraging sign because it meant that many people felt they could spend on meals outside the home. The Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta now estimates that the economy grew at a strong 3.4% in the July-September quarter.

Higher-income households have been fortified by huge gains in housing and stock market wealth since the pandemic. Home values have marched steadily up, fueled by high demand and an unusually low supply of houses. And the stock market has been consistently hitting new highs, with the S&P 500 index up a sizzling 22.5% for the year. Roughly 80% of stock market value is owned by the richest 10% of U.S. households.

"It speaks to the ongoing strength of those Americans, which is still carrying overall spending," said Michael Pearce, deputy chief U.S. economist at Oxford Economics.

Housing and stock values have soared in particular for the wealthiest one-tenth of Americans over the past four years. The value of their home equity has leapt 70% from the first quarter of 2020 through the second quarter of this year, according to Fed data — to \$17.6 trillion. Their stock and mutual fund wealth has jumped 86%, to just under \$37 trillion. Though inflation has eroded some of those gains, they are still quite substantial.

Such sharp growth in wealth has reduced the need for affluent Americans to save from their paychecks while still ramping up their spending. A report last week by Fed economists found that before the pandemic, retail spending had been rising for all income groups at roughly the same pace. But about three years ago, the trend shifted: Upper- and middle-income con-

sumers started spending at a much faster pace than lower-earners.

By August 2024, inflation-adjusted spending on retail goods was nearly 17% higher than it was in January 2018 for upper-income households, defined as those earning more than \$100,000. For middle-income households — earning \$60,000 to \$100,000 — their spending rose 13.3% during the same period, the Fed study found. And for those earning less than \$60,000, spending has risen just 7.9% since 2018. It actually fell from mid-2021 through mid-2023.

"Middle- and high-income households have been fueling the strong demand for retail goods," Fed economist Sinem Hacıoğlu Hoke and two colleagues wrote.

Among those who have felt pressure to spend cautiously is Helaine Rapkin, a 69-year-old teacher who was shopping last week at a Kohl's in Ramsey, New Jersey, looking for discounts on athletic wear and gifts for her nephew, niece and daughter. Rapkin

said she's wrestling with higher costs on a range of items and isn't feeling the benefits of a dramatically reduced inflation rate.

"I am not feeling good at all," she said. "I can't believe how expensive things have gotten...Clothes or food."

Pearce, in his own research, has found that since the pandemic, lower-income Americans have had to cut their spending on discretionary items. Inflation sharply increased the portion of their income that they had to spend on housing and food, leaving little for other purchases.

As a result, for the lowest-income one-fifth of Americans — those earning less than \$28,000 — the share of their spending on discretionary items fell 2.5 percentage points by the second quarter of this year compared with 2019. It also declined for the second-lowest one-fifth of households and for the middle fifth. But for the wealthiest one-fifth, the share of their spending on discretionary purchases actually increased.

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Randall L. Barcus, Potential Heir of Christine Cooper Ika Christine Rice, whose last known address is 8890 Township Road 239 # 30, Lakeview, Ohio 43331; Unknown Spouse of Randall L. Barcus, whose last known address is 8890 Township Road 239 # 30, Lakeview, Ohio 43331; Christine Steffes, Potential Heir of Christine Cooper Ika Christine Rice, whose last known address is 13411 Eagle Path, Lakeview, Ohio 43331; Unknown Spouse of Christine Steffes, whose last known address is 13411 Eagle Path, Lakeview, Ohio 43331; Michael Barcus, Potential Heir of Christine Cooper Ika Christine Rice, whose last known address is 5350 Camelot Dr., Apt. 26, Fairfield, Ohio 45014; and Unknown Spouse of Michael Barcus, whose last known address is 5350 Camelot Dr., Apt. 26, Fairfield, Ohio 45014; and otherwise whose addresses are unknown, will take notice that on August 8, 2023, the undersigned, Civista Bank, filed its complaint in the Logan County, Ohio Court of Common Pleas, 101 S Main St., Room 205, Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311, alleging that the defendants named above have or may claim to have an interest in the following described real property to wit: Permanent Parcel No. 43-005-13-02-001-000 & 43-005-13-02-001-001
Address: 11387 Kootenay Path, Lakeview, Ohio 43331
A copy of the full legal description may be obtained from the Logan County Auditor's Office, 100 S. Maderiver Street, Room 103, Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311.
The undersigned plaintiff alleges that it is the holder of a certain promissory note secured by a mortgage against said real property. The plaintiff further alleges that it is entitled to the foreclosure of said mortgage.
The undersigned plaintiff prays that the defendants named above be required to answer and set up his or her interest in said real property, or be forever barred from asserting the same, for foreclosure of said mortgage, the marshaling of liens, and the sale of said real property, and the proceeds of said sale applied to the payment of the plaintiff's claim in the proper order of its priority and for such other and further relief as is just and equitable.
The above-named defendants shall have twenty-eight (28) days from the date of this publication to appear or respond in this matter.
CIVISTA BANK
By Jeffrey J. Madison, Esq., Park Street Law Group, L.L.C, 612 Park Street, Suite 300, Columbus, Ohio 43215; (614) 569-4951; Attorney for Plaintiff.
Oct. 19, 26; Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024

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Entertainment

Reba McEntire finds a new on-screen family in NBC's 'Happy's Place'

NEW YORK (AP) — Reba McEntire finds herself behind the bar in her latest return to network TV, making a series that's a nicely calibrated cocktail of drama and comedy.

"The things that are most important in my life is love, hope, faith, happiness, energy, light. And that's all of the things that are happening with this show," the country music legend says.

NBC's "Happy's Place" — premiering Friday — finds McEntire's character, Bobbie, inheriting a Tennessee tavern from her recently-deceased father and finding out in the first episode that he had a second family.

Even more alarming is the fact that her dad left ownership of the bar to both Bobbie and her newly-discovered sister, Isabella. Add to the tension is that the two women are divided by ethnicity and a generation or two.

"I'm shocked. I mean, I didn't think Daddy could ever do anything like this, 'cause he always said family was the most important thing," Bobbie says. To



Reba McEntire, a cast member in the television series "Happy's Place," poses at the NBC Fall Comedy Celebration, Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2024, in Los Angeles. (AP PHOTO/CHRIS PIZZELLO)

which, Isabella replies: "Maybe that's why he started two of them."

Belissa Escobedo, who plays Isabella, says the new series can be seen as both sweet and sour, as these two women learn to make peace and move forward.

"I think Bobbie reacts to this news very differently than Isabella does, and the audience is able to see it and understand both sides. I love that Isabella kind of just inches her way into Bobbie's

heart," says Escobedo. In the series, Bobbie finally looks at Isabella and realizes what she's done: "I've been looking at you like a person that has been forced upon me. Instead, I should be looking at you like a sister that's been given to me."

Escobedo, whose film credits include "Blue Beetle," "Hocus Pocus 2" and who has been a series regular in TV shows like "The Baker and the Beauty," says working with McEntire is a joy.

"She is an angel. She is so sweet, so down to earth. She does everything with a smile and comes in ready to work, but also ready to have fun."

The new series comes from TV veteran Kevin Abbott with a lengthy list of credits, including producing "Reba," "Last Man Standing," "Roseanne" and "Golden Girls."

The show has a welcome "Cheers" vibe, another NBC stalwart set in a bar, which allows easy reasons for new stories through guest stars and room for some oddball regulars to flourish, including a reunion with McEntire and Melissa Peterman, who shined together in "Reba" and Rex Linn, a frequent collaborator.

One of the early production ideas was to cast McEntire as a schoolteacher and have Peterman as the principal. But "Abbott Elementary" came out on ABC so that idea went out the window. The next proposal was exploring the idea of a secret family, inspired by 23andMe, the ancestry-tracing company.

"A lot of people can relate to this — finding that you've got a third cousin you didn't know. I think that's what helps shows be successful is when they're relatable. That happens with books, songs, movies: If you can relate to it, it's going to be more successful," says McEntire.

Alongside Reba, Escobedo and Peterman, the cast also includes Pablo Castelblanco ("Alaska Daily"), Tokala Black Elk ("American Primeval," "1883") and Rex Linn ("Young Sheldon," "Better Call Saul"). It's a multicultural set — Castelblanco is from Colombia, Linn is of Sioux descent and Escobedo has Mexican roots.

"To have that diverse cast has been interesting on screen and off screen for us because when we're not doing something — when they're rewriting or we're waiting on something or we're at rehearsals — we sit and visit and talk about each other and learn from each other. It's been an education for all of us," McEntire says.

McEntire will be hoping fans of "Reba" will check it

out. Over six seasons, "Reba" performed more than decently for The WB — and later The CW — but faced competition at the awards shows from the likes of "Everybody Loves Raymond," "Friends," "Will & Grace," "Sex and the City," "Desperate Housewives," "Malcolm in the Middle," "Ugly Betty" and "30 Rock."

The indefatigable McEntire, who is also shooting "The Voice" for NBC and presides over clothing and footwear lines, teamed up with iconic songwriter Carole King to write the new show's theme song.

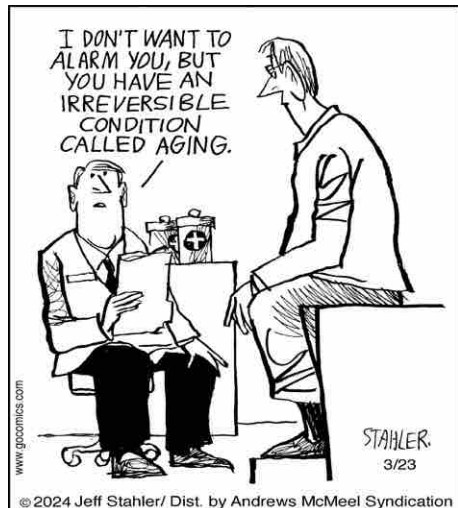
In one powerful scene from the new show, a framed children's drawing at the tavern falls and reveals that it was drawn by Isabella, proof their father cared about his secret child.

"I think the theme that we really explore, while also bringing comedy into it, is grief and what comes out of grief?" says Escobedo. "When one door closes, another opens — that's one of the things that I think is not touched upon enough."

COMICS

MODERATELY CONFUSED

Jeff Stahl



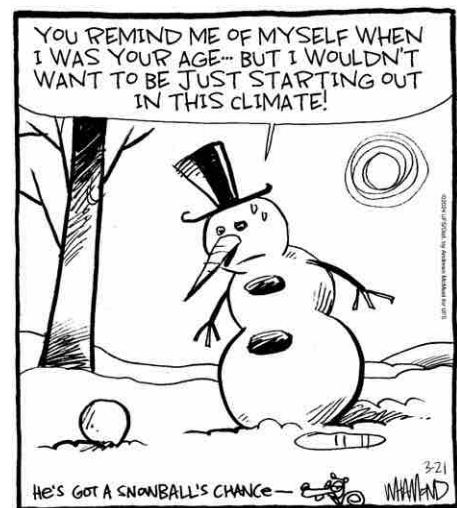
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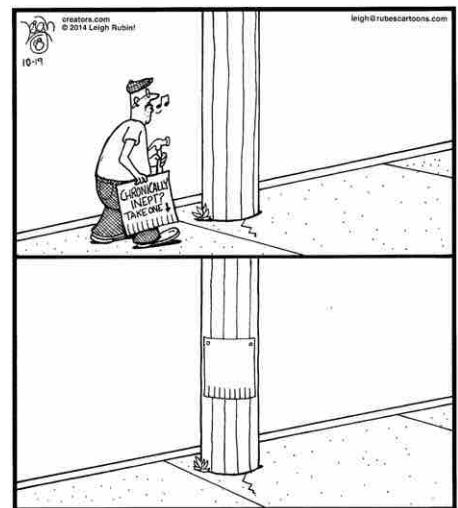
REALITY CHECK

Dave Whamond



RUBES

Leigh Rubin



PEANUTS

Charles Schulz



PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

Stephan Pastis



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ACROSS

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- 6 H.S. juniors' exams
- 11 Cash
- 12 Pro-truding navels
- 14 Have hopes
- 15 Mexican painter Diego
- 16 Half of bi-
- 17 Top of a wave
- 19 Documentarian Burns
- 20 TV journalist Lisa
- 22 Business mag
- 23 Put on
- 24 Epic narratives
- 26 "Crash" actor Don
- 28 Paper Mate rival
- 30 Very long time
- 31 French roll

DOWN

- 35 '50s Ford
- 39 Bring up
- 40 Ambulance letters
- 42 — time (never)
- 43 Batting stat
- 44 Head honcho
- 46 —
- 47 Cash
- 49 Hermits
- 51 Gives way
- 52 Priority system
- 53 "Four Organs" composer Steve
- 54 Sordid

DOWN

- 1 Sarajevo locale
- 2 Making long strides
- 3 Boxer Laila
- 4 Dealer's foe
- 5 Dijon darling
- 6 Stuttgart auto-maker
- 7 Business attire
- 8 Off-roader (Abbr.)
- 9 In layers
- 10 Soap opera, e.g.

DOWN

- 11 Man-handles
- 13 "— bleu!"
- 18 Env. contents
- 21 Eva of "Green Acres"
- 23 Comedian Sykes
- 25 Bracketed word
- 27 Fair hirer, in ads
- 29 Hold dear
- 31 NFL great Tom
- 32 "Au —" ("So long for now")
- 33 "Amen to that!"
- 34 Diplomat's res.
- 36 Rill
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- 48 Yale grad
- 50 Actress Long

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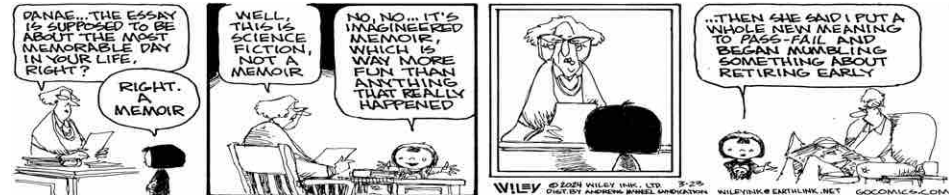


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Difficulty: ★★★ 10/17

Horoscopes

ROYAL STARS | FROM KING FEATURES SYNDICATE By Georgia Nicols

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or important decisions from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT today (12 noon to 1:30 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Taurus into Gemini.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024:
You are naturally curious, and you have an excellent memory. You are expressive and convincing. You are always charming. This is the beginning of a new nine-year cycle, bringing new beginnings, adventure and major changes in your life. Keep alert for new opportunities! Prepare for leadership.

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)
★★★★ Discussions with partners and close friends will be lively today because you have lots of energy! In particular, you might have fresh, new ideas about how to make money or how to use something that you already own in a clever, new way. Oh yes, you're resourceful! Tonight: Busy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Today begins with the Moon in your sign lined up with unpredictable Uranus and dancing with big daddy Pluto. This means you will feel restless, impulsive and excited to go after, you will do with great determination! In fact, this is why you will get a lot done. Tonight: Check your belongings.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Today has so many creative possibilities for you! It's a wonderful day for artists, musicians and writers. You will see new applications for things or new uses and new ways to express your ideas. Your mind will be free from its

usual restrictions, which is why you're thinking outside the box. Tonight: You win!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ A friend or a member of a group might surprise you today. For starters, you might have an intense discussion with someone. Meanwhile, your focus on home and family continues to be primary. Either way, you'll get a lot done today because Mars in your sign boosts your energy! Tonight: Solitude.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Stay light on your feet. Dealings with parents, bosses and the police are unpredictable today. Things could go either way. But whatever happens, people will be direct and forceful. (Oh yeah.) Family discussions, home repairs and redecorating projects look good. Tonight: Friendships.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Travel plans will likely change today. They might be delayed or canceled, or you might suddenly have to travel when you didn't expect to do so. Be careful of controversial discussions; they'll be intense. Meanwhile, enlist the help of others, especially groups, to get things done. Tonight: You're admired.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Intense discussions about shared property, taxes, debt and inheritances might take place today. If so, check all details, including banking matters. Something unexpected could impact these areas. Meanwhile, you have moneymaking ideas today! Plus, you might shop for pretty things. (Check the Moon Alert.) Tonight: Explore!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Discussions with others are intense today. For starters, Mercury is in your sign, which means you have something to say. However, a close friend, partner or spouse might surprise you. (Looks like they have something to say as well.) Tonight: Check

your finances.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Today some kind of surprise could impact your job, your health or even your pet. (Be vigilant.) One possibility is that you might learn or discover a way to improve your health or, possibly, improve your job. Whatever the case, keep an open mind. Tonight: Cooperate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Parents should be extra vigilant today, because this is a potentially accident-prone day for your kids. Therefore, keep your eyes open. Be alert! Incidentally, this same accident-prone influence will apply to sports. However, this is also a wonderful, creative productive day — so many possibilities! Tonight: Work.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Your home routine will be interrupted today. A small appliance might break down or a minor breakage could occur. Someone unexpected could knock on your door. Be smart. Stock the fridge so that you're ready for anything. Stay focused and be productive. Tonight: Socialize!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Pay attention to everything you say and do. This is an accident-prone day for your sign. Having said this, it's a mentally bright, clever and original day for you because your mind is free-floating. You can see new ways of doing things! Tonight: Relax.

BORN TODAY:
Actor, director Jon Favreau (1966), actress Rebecca Ferguson (1983), actor John Lithgow (1945)

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FRIDAY NIGHT

BELLEFONTAINE EXAMINER

FLASH

Photos: NATE SMITH, TONY BARRETT & JAMIE ROSS



Tony Robinson carries the ball upfield Friday for the Pirates in their win against Covington.



Bellefontaine's Jayden Temple tackles Jonathan Alder's Mason Curtis in the Chiefs victory at home on senior night.



Drake Cosby fight through the Northwestern defense Friday in the Lakers' win against the Warriors.

JUNIOR HIGH

FOOTBALL

Ben Logan eighth-graders win CBC title

Benjamin Logan's eighth-grade football team rolled to a 44-18 win over Springfield Shawnee to win their second consecutive Central Buckeye Conference Mad River division title.

The Raiders went 7-1 on the season and this group finished with a 14-2 record over the last two years.

Colton Little was 8-12 passing for 177 yards and two touchdowns. Rhett

Newman rushed for 145 yard and three touchdowns, Gabe Predmore had 103 receiving yards and one TD, Carrick Spriggs had 88 yards and a TD and Emerson Carpenter had a 42 rushing yards and one TD.

Defensively for the Raiders, Carpenter had nine tackles and Spriggs had six tackles.

The seventh-grade Raiders lost to Shawnee 20-14. Nevada Coleman had a 9-yard touchdown run and Preston Mikes caught a 25-yard touchdown pass from

Luke Long.

Chiefs sweep Tecumseh

Bellefontaine's middle school football teams picked up wins over Tecumseh.

The seventh-grade Chiefs won 14-8. Ean Fultz threw a TD pass to Sennett Stolly and Fultz also had a touchdown on his own. Caleb Reister caught a two-point conversion pass.

The eighth-grade team won 18-14. Cason Regula scored two touchdowns. Kale Hubble added a rushing touchdown.

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