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Parking violations in downtown area to be more strictly enforced

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

City residents can expect to see new construction and new equipment at various recreational venues as the Bellefontaine City Council Tuesday, Oct. 22 gave final consent to an ordinance to raise money for just such a project.

Council unanimously passed an ordinance that will allow the city to issue and sell municipal recreation bonds in the amount of \$10 million. This money is to be used for the purchase and installation of



recreational equipment at various locations in the city.

In other action, council waived the third reading on two ordinances and passed both without objection. The first was to authorize the administration to apply for and accept a grant for \$601,000 for a tanker truck for the Bellefontaine Fire

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Department, while the second ordinance was to approve the Ludlow Ridge Phase I subdivision dedication plat, a property containing just over 22 acres of land in Lake Township located just south of the Bellefontaine Middle School.

The only "no" vote cast at Tuesday's meeting came on the second reading of an ordinance that will establish the compensation — starting January 1,

2026 — for a variety of city positions, including mayor, city council members, president of council, clerk of council, law director and auditor. Council Member Nick Davis cast the lone "no" vote on the reading, which passed 6-1 and will be up for a third reading and final vote at the next regular meeting.

Prior to jumping into the agenda, Bellefontaine Police Chief Chris Marlow presented to Council one of the Bellefontaine Police Department's newest assets as Officer Jerrod Hostetler brought K9 Pyro

(See P6) to the meeting for a formal introduction. Pyro has been on the job since mid-June and has already assisted in a number of arrests, including weapons and narcotic cases.

Chief Marlow also said that a Ford Explorer the BPD ordered some time ago is to be delivered soon and a second Explorer is currently being built.

Marlow went on to say that two officer candidates have cleared their psychological tests, and once they complete physicals, should be in uniform and on the job in the near future. He

also said that a grant received by the BPD has allowed the department to keep a full-time narcotics detective on the street.

The city announced Tuesday it plans more rigorous enforcement of parking violations to help alleviate parking issues in the downtown area.

In the streets committee report, council member John Aler reported that the committee came to the conclusion that most acceptable method for dealing with the problems

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Lindsay Jackson: "Everyone is family"



Lindsay Jackson is pictured with Strawberry Daiquiri, her daughter's horse, on the Discovery Riders property near Bellefontaine. (EXAMINER PHOTO | SHARYN KOPF)

BY SHARYN KOPF | EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

It wasn't your typical start to an interview. But when you're chatting with someone like Lindsay Jackson, it makes a world of sense.

We took a seat at a table in the Linda Laine Hauck Equestrian Center at Discovery Riders (DR) on a sunny October afternoon. On the other side of a windowed wall, trainer Marleigh Collins worked with a palomino quarter horse named Sunny, a recent addition to their stables.

This particular horse was a gift from one of their students, a woman in her late 60s named Barb who, Lindsay explained, bought the horse at an auction in New Jersey.

DR, a therapeutic equestrian center just out-

side of Bellefontaine, draws people to it, whether they want to be a student, a volunteer and/or a supporter. Barb, for instance, has been all three.

You might say it was inevitable that Lindsay, who just celebrated her third anniversary as director of DR, would one day end up in a job that combined two of her passions—ministry and horses. But, really, she's simply following in her mother's footsteps.

Lindsay's mom, Linda (Boy) Hauck, grew up around Bellefontaine and

still has family in the area. That's what brought the Haucks here from Chicago before Lindsay started school.

Shortly after they arrived, Linda became director of the center, a position she held for over 20 years, until her sudden death in February 2018. At the time, Lindsay was employed at the family business—PowerBuilt Material Handling Solutions in Bellefontaine.

Though she enjoyed working with her dad, Rick Hauck, Lindsay felt it wasn't where she was meant to be.

As much as horses would one day be a major part of her life, they were a big part of her past as well. Lindsay got involved in 4-H and started showing horses in her early teens. She was also on the Logan County Fair board.

"Mom had a love of horses," Lindsay said. "I got a Tennessee walking horse when I was 13."

After graduating from high school in 2003, Lindsay attended Malone University in Canton, Ohio, where she planned to study early education. It wasn't long, though, before she realized it wasn't the right fit.

"I had it in my head I wanted to teach elementary education. I loved babysitting and spending time with kids. But as I got into it, those thoughts changed."

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Local theater offers special movie screenings for Sensory Processing Awareness Month

BY JONNA LEVAN AND SHARYN KOPF

For Blake Green, going to the movies can be difficult. Living on the autism spectrum, Blake is sound sensitive, making loud noises triggering for him. But he enjoys movies, so Blake has found ways to cope.

"He gets a large popcorn," Blake's mom, Jonna LeVan, said. "The crunching can help drown out the sounds and balance the sensory bombardment. That helps him cope through the situation."

LeVan explained how the internal crunching sound stimulates a calming nerve that lets people, especially those on the spectrum, process noises. But there are ways for movie theaters and other venues to provide a sensory-friendly atmosphere for people like Blake.

With that in mind, Bellefontaine 8 Cinema and the Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities are presenting a special showing of several movies at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26. They're letting the first 150 people in free and will hand out a limited number of sensory goody bags.

Movies to choose from are *Beetlejuice Beetlejuice*, *The Wild Robot*, *Transformers One* and *Venom: The Last Dance*.

But it doesn't have to stop at the movie theatre. LeVan

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Blake Green reacts to something on his device, which, along with earbuds, helps him find balance from the noise of a public space. In this case, he had joined his mom, author Jonna LeVan of Bellefontaine, when she set up a book table at the Key Ministry Mental Health and the Church Conference in Cleveland on Oct. 1. LeVan's book, "He Meant You to Be You," was inspired by Blake, who is on the autism spectrum. "Blake was my final critic before I ever pitched this book," LeVan said. "He loved it." (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Area superintendents address local education

BY NATE SMITH
 EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

Educating school-aged children often nowadays goes far beyond language arts, science and math skills and increasingly involves also addressing fundamental needs such as mental health, nutrition or hygienic challenges, area superintendents agreed Tuesday, Oct. 22, during an open forum at the Ohio Hi-Point Career Center.

The forum was part of the Logan County Chamber of Commerce's Legislative Impact discussion series, bringing together superintendents from across the area to discuss modern education challenges.

Ryan Hyde of Calvary Christian; Scott Mann of Riverside; Rob Underwood of Indian Lake; Brad Hall of Bellefontaine; John Scheu of Benjamin Logan, Kraig Hissong of West Liberty-Salem, and Rick Smith of Ohio Hi-Point participated in the event. The discus-

sion covered a wide range of topics, including technology in the classroom and the growing need for mental health and behavioral interventions for students.

Hyde pointed out how technology became more prevalent in classrooms over the last decade, with a focus on integrating it into education. However, many school administrators are now reconsidering how much access students should have to devices during the school day.

The superintendents noted that restrictions on cell phone use in schools have been overall met with positive responses from parents and staff. Bellefontaine Superintendent Brad Hall said his district issued 11 notices to parents and guardians about their new cell phone policy, underscoring how deeply connected students are to their devices.

Behavioral and mental health concerns are also on the rise, with many superintendents reporting a notable increase in issues among students.

"In all my years in education, I've never seen students entering school with as many

behavioral issues as today," Scheu said. Hall added that many kindergarten-aged students are not ready for school, either academically or behaviorally.

In response to these challenges, districts have expanded support services. Mann shared that Riverside has ramped up mental health outreach, pointing out that most districts now employing counselors to help address student needs. However, the demand is so high that each administrator expressed the need for additional professionals, he said.

Poverty rates in the Riverside school district have increased sharply in recent years, Mann said. Part of the school's response is to extend services to the general public whenever possible, he said. For example, a health clinic initiative brought into the school has also been made available to the public to help prevent residents there to have to drive so far out of town for certain services.

Hall also spoke about Bellefontaine's Pre-K program, which helps prepare children for school, while Hissong highlighted West Liberty-Salem's intervention programs that

tailor learning to individual student needs.

Other initiatives discussed included Ohio Hi-Point's free lunch program for students, Riverside's on-campus washing machines to support families in need, and driver's education programs at both Indian Lake and Riverside, which help upperclassmen gain essential skills. Underwood explained how juniors and seniors without a driver's license face barriers to both education and employment opportunities.

These initiatives reflect a holistic approach to education, with administrators emphasizing the importance of addressing all aspects of student well-being, as well as to be a community resource wherever possible.

The superintendents agreed that their goal is to equip local students for success, whether it be through academic support, mental health services, and preparing them for adulthood and the workforce.

The superintendents also touched on opportunities for high school students to

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ABE MARTIN



"Even good people don't seem t' care fer reformers."

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

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said she's even heard of arcades that take sensory triggers into consideration, turning down the lights and the volume on certain nights for those who can benefit.

"I would like to see more sensory-friendly stuff like that in the community," LeVan admitted.

According to LeVan, our brain's sensory processor filters the information from the world around us and helps us to functionally respond. But for brains that under-filter (or even over-filter) the world around them, it's a lot harder to function in a typical way. Individuals can feel overwhelmed in public or even experience pain due to their environments.

Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD) can affect taste, touch, smell, sight and sound. Common sensitivities include: food aversions or textural issues; clothing irritations; smell-triggered nausea or headaches; sound intensity; and glare due to brightness of lighting

In addition to the five senses, many individuals

with SPD can also face other intense sensory processing disruptions such as with motor control, body awareness or speech.

Those who experience a sensory bombardment may find themselves feeling anxious, uncomfortable or agitated. When their brain becomes overstimulated, they may even appear to go into a fight or flight mode known as a "sensory meltdown."

The physical and emotional demands of attempting to participate in a simple outing in the community can weigh heavily on our friends with SPD. Accommodating people with these special needs is a beautiful way to embrace and accept those who do not experience the world as others do.

Perhaps SPD does not affect you personally. Yet, with the holidays fast approaching, you may celebrate with guests who experience some type of sensory-processing challenges. Here are a few simple ways to make your event more sensory-friendly:

- Eliminate flashing lights; dim surrounding lighting

- Reduce background noises
- Provide quiet spaces for breaks, as needed. For example, during his sister's wedding last year, Blake was able to escape the noise of the music and dancing when he needed to in a quiet guest house close by.
- Provide earplugs, sunglasses and fidget tools
- Encourage guests to dress comfortably
- Eliminate clutter for ease of movement
- Invite guests to bring their favorite dish

Offering sensory-friendly options for events at home or in our community is a wonderful way to include others. By sharing a little awareness, places like our churches, businesses and even large venues can provide inclusion and more comfortable spaces for those who may not have been able to enjoy them before.

To learn more, check out the work Kulture City is doing to make the world more adaptable. They offer official Sensory Inclusive Certifications to help businesses become more accessible. For more information, go to kulturecity.org.

LOCAL NOTES

'Examiner' office closed Friday due to parking lot paving

The Bellefontaine Examiner office, 1213 W. Sandusky Ave., will be closed Friday, Oct. 25, due to parking lot maintenance taking place that day.

Domestic Violence Awareness Ceremony

TCN Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Crisis Center hosts the annual Domestic Violence Awareness ceremony at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 25, at Lutheran Community Services, 820 W. Sandusky Ave., Bellefontaine.

This year's theme is, "Heal, Hold, Center."

Direct questions or concerns to the Soteria House, (937) 404-2365, or New Directions, (937) 593-5777.



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and tribulations of downtown parking is simply to strictly enforce the parking laws that are already in place.

A suggestion that the a change to the angle parking in the downtown spaces would have robbed the downtown of 30 parking spaces it can ill afford to lose, and other suggestions were similarly dismissed.

So the committee recommended to council that – rather than to undertaking the huge and thankless task of redrawing downtown parking from tip-to-toe – that rigorous attention and enforcement will be paid to violators who over stay their allowed parking limits downtown, a problem that has plagued Bellefontaine

for years. Mr. Aler said that the city should lean more toward education and warnings for the rest of 2024, but after the first of the year, enforcement of parking laws will return in full measure and violators can expect to be ticketed.

Following the completion of the agenda, Ms. Baker requested an executive session to discuss the possible sale of real estate, and the council unanimously approved. The session lasted about 15 minutes and the council took no further action on the night, briefly reconvening before immediately adjourning as soon as the executive session ended.

Bellefontaine City Council's next regular session is slated for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12.

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earn college credits through programs like College Credit Plus. Both Scheu and Hissong spoke to the importance of such initiatives in meeting the needs of students from different socioeconomic backgrounds.

The forum closed with a shared purpose among the administrators. Underwood expressed gratitude for the community's support, especially from neighboring dis-

tricts, following the March 14 tornado that impacted Indian Lake.

The superintendents agreed that despite the many challenges, their commitment to providing quality education has never been stronger.

The chamber's next Legislative Impact meeting with a countywide fire and EMS panel is slated for 8 a.m. Nov. 12 at the Mary Rutan Health Community Center, 1134 N. Main St., Bellefontaine.

LAKEVIEW SENIORS OF THE MONTH

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MADDEN LILLARD

Parents: Ryan and Tia Lillard

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS: Football, Basketball, Baseball, Key Club, Science Club

If I were principal for a day: I would have a free day.

Favorite school memory: Eating with friends during 6th period lunch my Junior year.

People who have inspired me include: I have been inspired by my parents and teachers/coaches Mr. Jacobs and Mr. Rapp.

Lately I've been reading: school requirements

My advice to parents: Encourage your kids to be involved.

My biggest regret: I regret not being more outgoing.

Next year I will be: In college to study Education.



EMMA MEYER

Parents: Brad and Paula Meyer

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS: Golf, Honda Achievement Breakfast, Key Club, BPA, NHS, Honor Roll

If I were principal for a day: I would not allow any teachers to give out homework for the day.

Favorite school memory: Going to Homecoming my Junior year.

People who have inspired me include: People who have been an inspiration to me are my parents, other family members, teachers, and friends.

Lately I've been reading: It Ends With Us by Colleen Hoover

My advice to parents: Teach your kids to work hard and to always try their best.

My biggest regret: I regret not trying more clubs and after school activities that I considered.

Next year I will be: Attending an undecided college to study Meteorology.

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OBITUARIES

Wayne Lee Detrick

Wayne Lee Detrick, 90, of West Mansfield, went home to be with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 surrounded by his loving family.

A very hardworking church and community minded servant, he was an active member of the Church of Christ, first in East Liberty then in West Mansfield, where he served as the treasurer, Sunday school superintendent, deacon and elder. He served on the Perry Township Fire Department from 1952-1955 and the Bokescreek Township Fire Department from 1955-1988. He was in the first joint Perry and Bokescreek Township Fire Departments EMT class. Wayne served on the Village council in West Mansfield for 8 years, was a troop leader with the Boy Scouts for 10 years, officiated basketball and volleyball for many years and was an avid bowler in his younger years. He and his wife, Charlene, loved woodworking projects and he also had his private pilot's license, piloting a family owned Aeronica Champ.

At the age of 14, he started farming for Roe Stanley in East Liberty. After graduating from East Liberty High School in 1954, he started work at Harding's Machine and Screw until 1955. In 1955, he went to work at Whirlpool Corp. in Marion where he worked his way up from line supplier to a tool and die journeyman. He retired after 40 years of service. After retirement, he and Charlene enjoyed 19 years of being snowbirds and eventually homeowners in Ft. Myers, FL. Due to health reasons, they returned to Ohio to enjoy quality time with their children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Wayne was born March 27, 1934 in Jefferson Township to the late Lowell and Eliza (Ingram) Detrick. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his father and mother-in-law, Donald and Rosemary Pummell; sisters, Estella Huffman, Rebecca Ferryman, Shirley Shumway and Sharon Burr; an infant sister, Electa Detrick; brothers-in-

law, Fay Huffman, Roger Ferryman, Robert Burr, Francis Fogle, and John Garvin; as well as many special nieces, nephews and a great granddaughter.

On June 12, 1955 at the West Mansfield Church of Christ, he married the love of his life and wife of over 69 years, D. Charlene (Pummell) Detrick, and she survives in West Mansfield. He is also survived by his children, Donald (Charlotte) Detrick, Kimberlee (Jim) Small, Tami (Mark) Himmeger, and Terri (Tom) Small; the heartbeats of his life, his grandchildren, Dwayne Lindsay) Detrick, Landon (Lauren) Small, Derrick (Sharalyn) Detrick, soon to be Dr. Lyndsey (Ben S.) Miller, Dr. Suzanne (Dr. Grosvin) Avila, Michael (Megan) Himmeger, Jessica (Bryon) Daum, Darbi (Ben C.) Miller, and Abby Small; his biggest heartbeats, his great grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Garret (Faith) Nicholl, Alexandria (Kevin) Wolgamuth, Mason Daum, Garrett Daum, Kenyon Lowe, Donovan Detrick, Ward Miller, Bristol Daum, Josie Detrick, Amelia Himmeger, Isabella Wolgamuth, Kyla Daum, Griffin Small, Ariana Wolgamuth, Kiarah Williams, Kaliah Williams, Owen Himmeger, Jude Miller, Declan Detrick, Morgan Small, Qam Judah, Dominic Avila, Atlas Wolgamuth, Gianna Judah, Rosalie Wolgamuth, Dimitri Avila, Aaliyah Miller, Myles Nicholl and Gabriella Avila; a sister, Ruth Ann Garvin; brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert Shumway, Charlene Pummell, Donald (Carolyn) Pummell, Polly Endsley, Sharon Thornhill, Richard (Mary) Pummell, Philip (Anne) Pummell, Brenda Pummell; along with many loved cousins, nieces and nephews.

Services to celebrate Wayne's life will be held at 3:00 P.M. Saturday, October 26, 2024 at the Wilson Funeral Home, Schnurrenberger Chapel 222 W. Center St. West Mansfield. Burial will follow at the Hathaway Cemetery. The family will receive friends prior to the service on Saturday beginning at 1:00 P.M. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made to the West Mansfield Church of Christ. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.wilsonfuneralhomesinc.com.

Walter J. Ostermyer

Walter J. Ostermyer, 75, of Russell's Point, Ohio, passed away peacefully on October 22, 2024, surrounded by loved ones. Born on Christmas Day, 1948, in Lima, Ohio, a son of Joe and Barbara Blackson Ostermyer, Walter lived a life as vibrant and colorful as the holiday he was born on. Known affectionately as "the feather merchant," Walt was a true adventurer at heart. His travels took him across the country, where he found joy not only in trading goods but in the friendships, he forged with people from all walks of life.

Walt's entrepreneurial spirit was matched only by his generosity and love for his family. He had the remarkable ability to light up any room he entered, leaving a lasting impression on all who had the privilege of knowing him. He was a man who valued experiences over possessions and embraced every opportunity life presented him.

Walt is survived by his beloved son, Joseph L. Ostermyer; four cherished grandchildren, Ashlyn Cortez, Tabitha Watson, Destiny Ostermyer, and Walter Ostermyer; and eight great-grandchildren, each of whom he adored. His legacy of love, laughter, and adventure will continue through them.

Walt lived a life many only dream of, full of adventure, connection, and purpose. His presence will be deeply missed, but his spirit will live on in the hearts of those he touched.

Pastor Ben Baum will begin funeral services at 6:00 pm, Wednesday, October 30, 2024, at Shoffstall Funeral Home, 205 S. Main St., Lakeview, with visitation from 3-6 pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given in Walter's memory to Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Disease research at michaelfox.org.

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

BMS vice-principal camps out for three nights to fulfill fundraising promise

BY NIKKI BURKHAMER FOR THE EXAMINER

Why would a middle school vice-principal camp out in the school's courtyard for three days? For Matt Comstock, it was to motivate his students and keep his word.

Comstock, the Bellefontaine Middle School vice-principal, made a deal to spend an hour in the courtyard for every thousand booster bars—a selection of chocolate bars they use as a fundraiser each year—they sold.

When that number reached over 67,000, Comstock's deal landed him in the courtyard for about three and a half days.

This campout has been the buzz of the entire school. How could it not be? Students walking from classroom to classroom could look out the windows and see Comstock next to his tent, working, conducting meetings, and doing all of the things a vice-principal does.

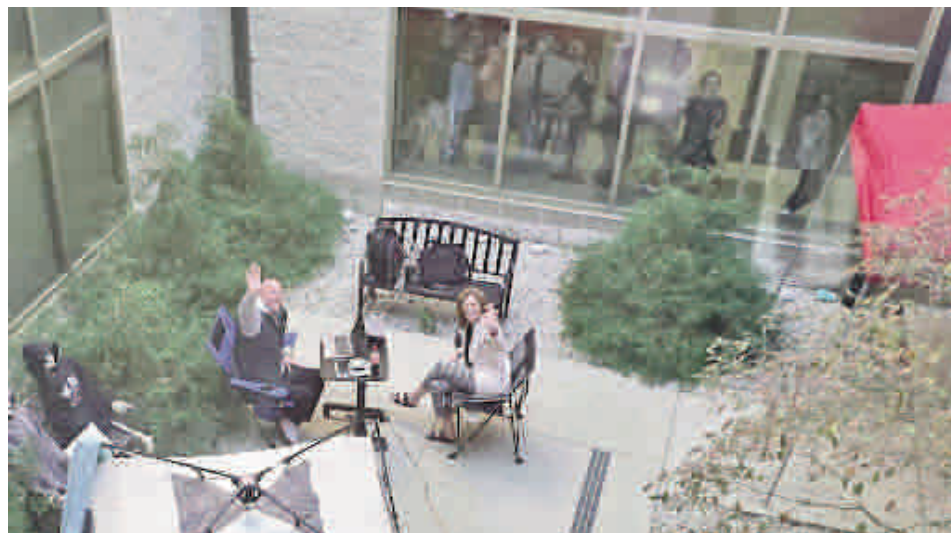
"I've tried to do everything out here I can. There are a few things I have to do inside, like call a parent ... and for some things that required the copier. Other than that and going to the restroom, I've tried to stay out here."

He found the courtyard to be a peaceful place to meet with kids dealing with discipline issues, calling it "a nice change of pace as opposed to my office."

Comstock passed the hours getting caught up on emails and doing some of the school work he doesn't have time to do on a normal day.

For sustenance, he had a cooler packed full of breakfast and lunch items along with snacks and drinks. His wife, ?, brought a hot meal—his choice—and joined him for A meal each night. Then he worked on his laptop until it got dark.

"Down in this area I think



Matt Comstock, vice principal of Bellefontaine Middle School, conducts a meeting with Krista Adelsberger in the BMS Courtyard. (EXAMINER PHOTO | CONTRIBUTED BY NIKKI BURKHAMER)

it is darker earlier than out in the real world," Comstock admitted. "Usually after it gets dark, I sit here for a little bit, then I think, well, I guess to the tent I go."

Comstock slept in a heated tent for three nights. His time in the courtyard began at 7 p.m. on Sunday night, Oct. 20, and ended around 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 23.

Recently, Comstock has dealt with some head and chest congestion along with a cough. Though it didn't keep him from school, he didn't feel great. Fortunately, the weather over the last few days was ideal for a few nights of camping. That made it the perfect time to fulfill his deal.

"The weather coming up will not be as nice, and I don't want to be outside for that, sick or not," so, he decided, "let's take care of it now."

Fortunately, Comstock stayed comfortable during his adventure thanks to a heater and air mattress provided by Amy Treon. Jacqueline Godsey loaned him the sleeping bag.

"Being out here does make me feel exposed. The kids tap on the windows everyday. I thought they

would get tired of it, but no." With a laugh, he added, "I now have empathy for the animals at the zoo."

Being out in the open like that meant the students were keeping an eye on him. If he went inside, some would confront him, wondering why he wasn't at his camp.

Over two hundred students sold more than 120 bars each. As a reward, they were taken to Dairy Queen for lunch. The school also held a special dance for the 250-plus kids who sold 60 bars or more.

Then there were the top sellers—the 22 students who each sold over 500. Their reward will be a trip to Scene 75 in Columbus. Of that 22, three did exceptionally well. Second and third place went to sixth-grader Maddox Davis with 1,040 bars and eighth-grader Elijah Shurelds, who sold 967.

Landing firmly at No. 1 was sixth-grader Alecka Board, who sold an impressive 1,680 booster bars. That

makes her solely responsible for almost two of Comstock's 67 hours outside.

"Booster bar sales have been a middle school tradition for years," Comstock concluded. "It's a right of passage for many generations of students."

In fact, Comstock remembers selling the bars himself back in the 80s, when each one was wrapped in a McDonalds BOGO Big Mac coupon.

For Comstock, the fundraiser builds a sense of camaraderie within the school while also creating a friendly rivalry between classes and grade levels. And, he added, "This is all made possible by the overwhelming support our community has for the event."

And though he doesn't plan to camp out again next year to motivate greater booster bar sales, Comstock will do something. In fact, he's open to suggestions.

What will he come up with next?

FAMILY

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Her desire to serve led Lindsay to switch to a social work major, and that's what she earned her degree in four years later. With diploma in hand, Lindsay returned home to Bellefontaine.

Throughout her years in college, she had spent her summers working as a camp counselor at the Hilliker YMCA. That position led her to her first post-college full-time job: youth program director at the Y.

In 2008, Lindsay married Brad Jackson and they had their first child, Landon, in 2010. Nine months later, she left her position at the Y and went to work for her dad at PowerBuilt doing office and clerical work. As the business grew, Lindsay also oversaw the human resources side.

Though she enjoyed the work for that season in her life, she recognized it was temporary.

"As I evaluated my career path, I felt I was missing the opportunity to serve people in my community and have an impact," she explained. "Not that it was bad, but I was missing that piece I'd gone to school for."

Then, in December of 2017, her mom was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and, less than three months later, she was gone, leaving a hole in Lindsay's life ... and in the ministry of Discovery Riders.

Over the next several years, the DR board went through a number of directors. In her memory, Linda's husband and family started to build the equestrian center as a gift to the ministry. They decided a family member needed to represent them on the board, so Lindsay stepped into that role.

When the most recent DR director stepped down in October 2021 to start a family, the board came to Lindsay with a proposal.

"I was missing my mom a bunch and struggling with wanting to do something different with my life. That's when board president Kelli Bader asked if I'd be interested in being director and continuing

Mom's legacy."

Seeing this as just what she was looking for, Lindsay resigned from her job at PowerBuilt and accepted the directorship. And discovered it was a good fit.

"I took the reins, if you will," Lindsay said. "I looked at all the pieces and parts of what was going on. It's helped me grow as a person and fulfill my longing to serve."

Under Lindsay, DR has hired a program coordinator and a barn manager. They've increased their exposure in Logan County and the surrounding area. And they're continuing to change lives.

"Using my love for people and horses, I feel I'm making a positive impact and continuing my mom's legacy."

The ministry holds several fundraisers a year, including the annual Market at the Barn on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Brad, who manages the Jackson family farm in DeGraff and owns Mustard Seed Excavation, and Lindsay also have a daughter, Amelia, who is 8 and following in her grandmother's footsteps.

"She lives and breaths horses," Lindsay admitted.

Lindsay is grateful for the opportunity to change lives with her family right next to her. In fact, her kids head out to the barn after school and volunteer their time to the ministry.

"When you come to Discovery Riders, everyone is family," Lindsay said with a smile. "Everyone who walks through those doors knows they have a fresh start. And I hope they realize they're not alone."

For Lindsay, the truth is simple: she's finally found where she's supposed to be.

As she was preparing to leave about an hour after the interview started, a woman walked up to us. She'd just driven an hour, she said, apologizing for not calling and setting up an appointment. But she wanted to see if there was a place for her to volunteer.

"Sure," Lindsay said with a welcoming smile. "I'm the director. Let me give you a tour."

The family of Robert (Rob) King would like to thank everyone who attended his celebration of life.

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Auburn Avenue Baptist Church
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.

Bellefontaine Church of Christ
109 Township Road 217
(next to Lee's Chicken)
(937) 593-2938
Sunday: 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. Bible study; Wednesday: 6 p.m.

Bellefontaine Open Bible
516 Eastern Ave.
(937) 844-6721
Justin DuVal, pastor
Sunday school, 10:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.

Calvary Baptist Church
1140 Rush Ave. (Associated with GARBC)
Jeffery D. Willetts, pastor;
Brandon 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 ministry.

Christ's Covenant International
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.

Christ Our King Church
1325 County Road 9
(937) 599-4464
Robin Ricks, pastor
Sunday Supper 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 Service 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday 7 p.m.

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.

Church of the Brethren
534 S. Detroit St.
(937) 599-2251
Mike Roberts, pastor
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Church of the Nazarene
345 Washington St.
Kenneth Neighoff, pastor
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:45 a.m. Evangelistic service, 6 p.m. Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Common Ground Church
613 Hamilton St.
Sunday worship gathering: 10 a.m.
cgchurch.net; fb.com/cgchurchteam

Covenant Fellowship
136 W. Columbus St.
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
John Musgrave, lead pastor
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)
215 E. Sandusky
Rev. Kevin Greenwald, minister
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.
bellefontaineffc.org

First Church of God
1000 E. Brown Ave.
(937) 592-2546
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. prayer meeting, Bible study.

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.
Larry Novak, pastor
(937) 592-7699 (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

Grace A.M.E. Church
233 S. Main St.
Rev. Kenneth Kelley, pastor
Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Grace Chapel
Centre City Mall, Downtown Bellefontaine
Sunday, 6 p.m. Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Greater Christ Temple
616 W. Chillicothe Ave.
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; last Sunday of month, prayer 6 p.m.

Gretna Brethren Church
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.
Daniel McCarty, senior pastor
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
1815 State Route 540
John James, Minister
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 worship, 11 a.m.; Bible study, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Hopewell Church Global Methodist
3746 U.S. Route 68 N.
(937) 539-6351
Cynthia Defibaugh, pastor
Worship 9:30 a.m., Wheelchair accessible. Live streamed on Facebook

Jehovah's Witness, Kingdom Hall
1801 Wright St.
(937) 599-5483
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@jubileemennonite

Pilgrim Fellowship, 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
Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship 11 a.m.; Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m.
solidrockbaptistchurch.info

Vineyard Christian Fellowship
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.
vcfbellefontaine.org

Wake 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 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 study.

Belle Center Cornerstone Church
Kevin Smith, pastor
Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Reformed Presbyterian Church
Phillip H. Pockras, pastor
For time and place of meetings, call 464-6851; listen at sermonaudio.com/bc-rpcna; prayer meeting 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.
bcrpcchurch.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.
cornerstonedegraff.org

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.
degraffbaptistchurch.com

Logansville Community Church
(937) 441-1473.
Dana Kidder, pastor
Sunday: 9:30 Sunday school; 10:45 a.m. worship.
logansvillechurch.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.
stonycreekcob.com

EAST LIBERTY
East Liberty Church of Christ
Dr. Jason E. Robson, pastor
Sunday school 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m.

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 a.m.

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
Church school, 9 a.m. Worship, 10 a.m. Children's Church, 10:15 a.m.
huntsvillepresbyterianchurch.com

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
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; worship 11 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
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
(937) 843-5946
Tim Moebs, pastor
Sunday school, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10 a.m.; Sunday evening service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday service, 7 p.m.; nursery provided.

LEWISTOWN
Lewistown-Trinity United Methodist Church
8088 County Road 54
(937) 686-8355
Rod Brower, pastor
Sunday school 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.; wheelchair lift available.
LTUMC.com

MIDDLEBURG
Middleburg Community Church
(937) 666-2844 or (937) 666-4694
Carolyn Christman, pastor
9:30 a.m. worship; 10:45 Sunday school.
middleburgcch@gmail.com

PICKRELLTOWN
Monroe Community
6458 County Road 29, West Liberty
(937) 935-8293
Rob Kilgore, pastor
Sunday School, 9 a.m.; last Sunday Friends and Family breakfast; 10 a.m. worship; Bible study first three Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
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QUINCY
Buckeye Gospel Barn
8291 State Route 235
(937) 585-6090
Jerry & Bobbi Allen, pastors
Sunday Worship, 10 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Kids class, 10 a.m.

Quincy Chapel Church of Christ
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
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. third Wednesday.

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

First Church of God
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
fcoq.com

Ridgeway United Methodist Church
Mike Raypholtz, pastor
Adult Bible Study 9 a.m., Church 10 a.m.

RUSHSYLVANIA
Big Springs Methodist Church
John Rozewicz, pastor
Sunday school, 10 a.m., Worship, 11

Church of Christ
(937) 935-9651
office@rushchurch.com
John 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

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

United Methodist Church
April Phillips, pastor
Rushsylvania: Sunday School: 8:30 a.m., Worship: 9:30 a.m.

RUSSELLS POINT
Galilee Lutheran Church
301 Lincoln Blvd.
(937) 843-3906
galileeoffice@embarqmail.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 Center homework help, 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

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 p.m. Wednesdays (Lookout youth center).
indianlakecommunitychurch.org

Quest Community Church Indian Lake
8081 State Route 366
(937) 524-9821
Nick Shaner, pastor
Contemporary worship and children's ministry 10 a.m. Sunday.
questindianlake.com

Russells Point Church of God
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.
(937) 843-3127
Rev. Shawn Landenwitch, Pastor
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; reconciliation by appointment also.

WEST LIBERTY
Bethel Mennonite Church
416 Washington St.
Rebecca Kauffman, pastor
Worship, 10:40 a.m.
bethelchurchwl.org

First Church of God
315 Liberty St.
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, children's church, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Grace Chapel
Zach Dudenhofer, pastor
Sunday. Sunday School, 9 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.

McKees Creek Chapel
(937) 887-8080
Chris Starbuck, pastor
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Oak Grove Mennonite Church
1525 Mennonite Church Road
(937) 465-4749
Alex Dye, lead pastor
Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. (livestream available)
church@oakgrovemennonite.org

Quest Community Church
110 South St.
(937) 465-0141
Jessica Dolan, interim assoc. pastor
Sunday: 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.; contemporary worship and Quest Kids children's ministry; Student Ministry Sunday 6-7:30 p.m.
questchurchonline.com

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.

Union Chapel Community 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.

United Church of Christ, Congregational Christian
212 W. Newell
(937) 465-2761
Karen Griswold, pastor
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m.

United Methodist Church
Rod Brower, pastor
Traditional worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:45 a.m.
F: westlibertyunitedmethodistchurch.org

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

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

Byhalia Evangelical Friends Church
31654 State Route 31
(937) 982-3561
Jim Gardner, pastor
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Children's church, 10:30 a.m. nursery available; Every other Monday, Hour of Power Prayer, 6:30 p.m.; Free Love Supper, 5-6:30 p.m. last Saturday of month.

Church of Christ
Jack Knox, minister
Sunday school, 9 a.m. Worship, 10 a.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
Sunday school, 10:45 a.m. Worship, 9:30 a.m.

York Center United Methodist
28170 State Route 739
April Phillips, pastor
Worship, Sunday 9:15 a.m.

ZANESFIELD
Goshen Friends Church
5527 County Road 153
Wayne Downing, pastor
Sunday: Worship 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School 11 a.m.; Wednesday: Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
goshenfriendschurch.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., Sunday school, 10 a.m.
zanesfieldumc.org

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

OTHER CHURCHES
Harper Community Church
3679 N. County Road 25, Bellefontaine
(470) 345-8506
Anthony Davis, pastor
Worship, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school 10:30 a.m.

Millcreek Church of Christ
24538 Lunda Road, Raymond
Jack Knox, minister
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m., 7 p.m.

Mt. Carmel Friends Church
3470 Kennard-Kingscreek Road, Cable
(937) 652-3252
Jerome Proudman, pastor
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday: Prayer service, 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
Hospitality 9 a.m. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. philchurch.com.

Roundhead United Methodist Church
17958 SR 117
Rev. Debra Ketcham, pastor
Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.; FREE meal - 3rd Thursdays 4:30 - 6 p.m.

Rum Creek United Methodist Church
Corner of County Roads 34 and 59
Abigail Adams, pastor
Worship, 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m.

Santa Fe Grace Chapel Christian Union Church
9491 Santa Fe Line Rd, Wapakoneta
(740) 505-1859
Neal Reid, pastor
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday: Prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m.
F: gracechapelchristianunion.org

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BY SHARYN KOPF
EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

In September, the Benjamin Logan (BL) Local School District Board of Education learned their yearly report card rating had improved from 4 out of 5 stars in 2023 to 4.5. That success was reiterated at their regular board meeting on Monday, Oct. 21, when they heard from Michelle Vandemark, a State Support Team 6 consultant. "You're trending in the right direction," Vandemark said, and referred to high ratings in areas like attendance and third-grade reading. Regarding the latter, she said they were at 82.2 percent proficiency and added, "That's wonderful. I have several districts under fifty percent."

With regard to attendance, however, Vandemark stated, "Chronic absenteeism since covid is off the charts. It's everywhere; it's federal. We can't get kids back to school."

BL, however, has the lowest chronic absentee rate in Logan County.

On the positive side, Superintendent John Scheu noted their schools continue



to fare well compared to the state average and similar districts. And they're especially ahead in math and ELA.

Vandemark mostly spoke about the Education Department's System of Tiered E-Plans and Supports, or ED STEPS. The system "enables educational entities to efficiently and effectively assess needs, plan, and leverage funds to prepare students for a successful future," according to the website.

This One Plan system replaces all other required plans. As a result, Ohio districts can capture everything in a single three-year plan rather than each school having its own goals.

Sally Stolly, administrative services director, told the board the district had been a pilot group in the program. They created their first three-year plan to be implemented from 2023 to 2026. They'll

write the next one in 2025-2026.

"Now everything will be combined into this one plan," Scheu said. "So we can focus on community involvement and reading scores."

Next, Annette Ramga-Alatorre, high school principal, introduced the first of this school year's Seniors of the Month for September—Sadie Staats and Carter Lyden, and October—Kelley Forsythe and Tristan Sheets.

"These students are the cream of the crop," Scheu stated.

FINANCIALS

In her September financial report, treasurer Leah Baker asked the board to approve:

- A \$50,000 advance from the general fund to the athletics fund, which will be repaid by July 2025;
- Grants totaling \$5,270.32 from the Logan County Education Foundation for classroom initiatives, including: Arbor Day Every Day, \$800; Nonfiction Decodable Readers, \$362.38; Boosting Spanish Skills for Bilingual Mastery, \$420; alternative seating, \$455.87; Science of Reading Decodables, \$434.85;

Engineering with Paper, \$304; graphing calculators needed, \$500; coffee cart, \$496.11; independent living, \$497.11; The RC Rover, \$500; Programming in the Physical World, \$500.

PERSONNEL

Several personnel changes were accepted, including the resignation of Stephanie Rader, effective May 31, 2025. Rader decided to retire after 34 years at BL.

Board member Scott Spriggs asked to separate the final personnel item—supplemental contracts—from the rest of the consent agenda, as they had done in September. While the other items were approved unanimously, Spriggs abstained from voting on the supplemental contracts.

Other personnel actions:

- Deduct days—one day of unpaid leave on Oct. 16, 2024, for Michele Inskip
- The following Science of Reading stipends were awarded: \$1,200 to Tiann Harner, Paul Jenne, Lori Matthews, Julie Phillips, Sage Caughenbaugh, Brooke Rodriguez, Michelle Lane, Lisa Daniels; \$400 to Colleen

Miller, Michael Kettler, Kelly Gibson, Lora James, Justin Lee, Jennifer Davis, Shannon Peterson, Jodie Kavanagh, Jason Smith, Christina Bair, Leann Poppe-Freehauf, Joel Phillips, Andrea Fay, Scott Vermillion, Anthony Eisasser, David Wood, Kayla Null

- NEW HIRES—Lillian Kelley, Raider Care assistant at \$15 an hour, effective Sept. 20, 2024; and Jordan McBride, educational assistant, effective Oct. 16, 2024; SUBSTITUTE STAFF—Cassie Coleman, cafeteria; Anastasia Shields, secretary; Danny Butler, custodian (effective Oct. 10, 2024); SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS for coaches and club advisors — Josh Titlow, middle school girls basketball coach; Gretchen Powell, middle school basketball cheer coach; Kristen Hale, junior varsity basketball cheer coach; Alison Spriggs, varsity basketball and football cheer coach; Andrea Schmidt, high school girls swimming coach; Conor Stewart and Matt Marshall, middle school wrestling coaches. Powell was also appointed as the Creative Writing Club advisor while the Builders Club advisory role was split between Holly Bair

and Erica Caudill; RESIGNATIONS—Maxine Trout, varsity football and competition cheer coach; Renae Deardurff, high school girls swimming coach; Cole Carpenter, middle school wrestling coach

The board accepted the following donations:

- Wood valued at \$200 from Larsen Woodworking for FFA classroom projects
- Boxes of pencils from Habitat for Humanity Restore
- School hygiene items from Zanesfield United Methodist Church for middle school students in need.

Before adjourning, Mark Himmeger, board president, told Alatorre he was glad to see the high school holding a veteran's remembrance event again.

The Benjamin Logan High School Veteran's Day activities will begin with breakfast at 8 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 11, followed by a ceremony with the band and choir at 9 a.m. Veterans will then have an opportunity to share with the students about their military service.

Benjamin Logan's board of education will next meet on Monday, Nov. 18, at 6 p.m.

COMICS

MODERATELY CONFUSED

Jeff Stahlter



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REALITY CHECK

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ACROSS

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- Kate of "House of Cards"
- Sheep call
- Celeb's aide
- Grand tale
- Mess up
- "Little Women" girl
- Pampering, for short
- Sargasso wriggler
- Community spirit
- Egyptian sun god
- Wartime riveter
- Taverns
- Lot vehicle
- Wine region
- Flamenco cheer
- Ginger —
- Singer Fogelberg
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- Nick and Nora's dog
- Everyone else
- Repast
- Earth Day mo.
- Rock's Ocasek
- Liniment targets
- Maryland city
- Guthrie of folk
- Curved lines
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- culpa
- Spanish aunt
- Farm structure
- Draconian
- Hairstyle
- Venezuelan corn patty
- Colorful cat
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- Remit
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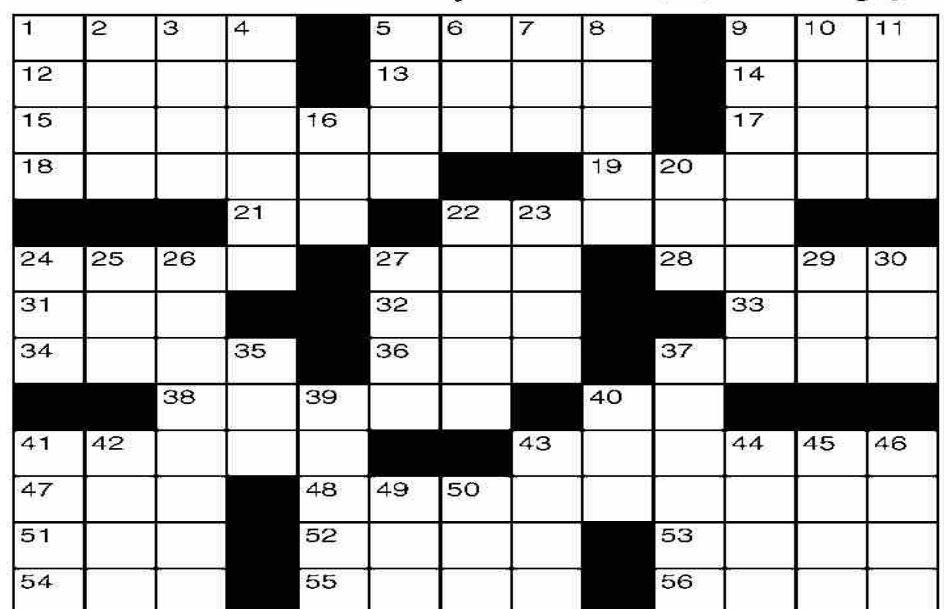
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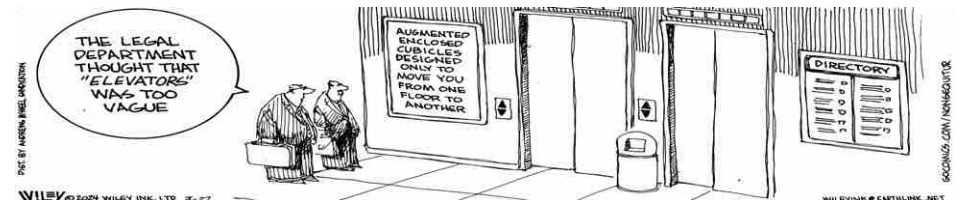


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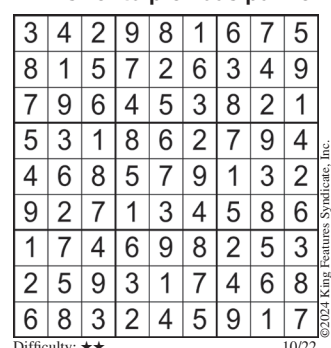
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Difficulty: ★★★

Answer to previous puzzle



Difficulty: ★★ 10/22

Horoscopes

ROYAL STARS | FROM KING FEATURES SYNDICATE By Georgia Nicols

MOON ALERT: After 2 a.m. EDT today, there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. The Moon is in Leo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Oct. 24, 2024: You know what makes people tick. You are entertaining, quiet, attractive and clever. This is a year of service, especially serving to family. Therefore, take care of yourself so you can be supportive to others. You might want to enroll in a class. A personal makeover might appeal 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) ★★★ You might suddenly introduce new changes or improvements to your home or where you live because it seems like a good idea. Actually, these ideas might have been percolating in your mind for some time, and now you're ready to act. (This might appear hasty to some, but fast and impulsive is your style.) Tonight: Romance!

Taurus (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Today you might suddenly take a short trip based on an exciting idea to explore something new. Or you might try to convince others to agree with something that interests you. You're full of high energy to get something done, and there's no holding you back! Tonight: Entertainment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ You're working hard, especially to boost your earnings, if possible. Because of this, you might suddenly decide to impulsively buy something for yourself or someone else as a reward. Discussions with others will be strong and to the point. You will say what you mean and mean what you say. Tonight: Socialize.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ In your drive for new experiences today, you might seek out friendships with exciting people who stimulate you. You will be more impulsive than usual because you feel playful and adventurous. Your actions also might be motivated by an exciting flirtation or a promising romance. Tonight: Check your money.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Home and family are your focus. In particular, home repairs and redecorating projects will appeal to you, which is why you might be eager to do something unusual today. Because the Moon is in your sign today, you will be more emotional about everything. Tonight: Socialize!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ This is a fast-paced time! Meetings, errands, short trips and discussions with others will stimulate your day. A competition with a friend or a group might suddenly occur. Possibly, a friend will surprise you or spur you on in some way. "The game, Mrs. Hudson, is on!" Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ You prefer to avoid direct conflict with others because you like to maintain harmony in your surroundings. However, today some kind of conflict with a parent, boss or authority figure might suddenly erupt. This might be about earnings, assets or something that you or a friend owns. Stay steady. Tonight: Friendships.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ The Sun, mercury and fair winds are in your sign now, which empowers you and strengthens your words. This is timely, because an unexpected controversy might explode today. Or perhaps something related to the law, medicine or travel plans will suddenly change everything. Tread carefully. Tonight: You are admired.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Although you're keeping a low profile and working alone or behind the scenes, something related to banking issues, shared property, inheritances or the wealth of someone else will suddenly require your attention. Investigate everything. Assume nothing. Tonight: Explore!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Even though this is a popular time for you and you're enjoying relating to younger, creative people, an upsetting situation with a close friend or partner could take place today. Someone might challenge you. Perhaps they're jealous. Be ready for anything that comes your way today. Tonight: Check your finances.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Your work routine will be interrupted today, quite possibly because of your own excitement. You might be impatient with the progress of something and decide to take a new direction or do something that others consider to be unexpected. (Of course, this is your style.) Tonight: Be friendly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Pisces parents should know that this is another accident-prone day for your kids. Therefore, be vigilant. Meanwhile, social activities are unpredictable! You might receive an unexpected invitation, or conversely, social plans might suddenly be canceled or changed. This is also an accident-prone day for sports. Tonight: Relax.

BORN TODAY Singer, actor Drake (1986), actor Kevin Kline (1947), actor BD Wong (1960)

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Cause No. 79D04-2410-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 CERTIFICATE 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

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for the below-listed motor vehicle. I am requesting this Order because the original Certificate of Title:
-Never obtained
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The motor vehicle is described as follows:
Year 2008 Make: SeaRay
Model: SRV31B
VIN: 1MDAJWR118A385559
I swear or affirm under penalties for perjury, as specified in I.C. 35-44-2-1, the information herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that notice of this Petition must be published in a local newspaper of general distribution pursuant to Trial Rule 4.13 and must bring Proof of Publication with me to the hearing.
Date: 10/01/2024
Elizabeth Chalmers
ORDER SCHEDULING HEARING ON VERIFIED PETITION TO ISSUE REPLACEMENT CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
The Court now schedules this Petition for hearing on December 2, 2024 at 8:30 AM.
Tippecanoe Superior Court No. 4
Oct. 10, 17, 24, 2024

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 SUPERSTRUCTURE 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 envelope 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 superstructure 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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(1) a bond for the full amount of the bid, or
(2) a certified check, cashier's check, or letter of credit in the amount of 10% of the bid.
Bidders shall comply with the provisions 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 of the Revised Code can be obtained from any of the offices of the department of administrative services."
Base Bids will be accepted only from fabricators who are pre-qualified with ODOT at the time of award as producers of Item 515, Prestressed Concrete Bridge Members.
Alternate #1 Bids will be accepted only from contractors who are pre-qualified with ODOT at the time of award in the following Work Types: 21-Level 2 Bridge, 24-Structural Steel Erection. Bids will be awarded to the lowest and best bidder.
The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects in the bids.
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

The Miami Township Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on an application for a variance on the 6th November, 2024 at 7 p.m. At the Miami Township building located at 112 Jefferson Street, Quincy, OH 43343.
The application applied for by Gloria Harrod requests that a variance be granted for the following property located in the U-1 district to permit the camper on the property to be considered a dwelling, to permit the camper to not have to meet the 1000 square feet minimum floor area for a principal building, and to permit 2 primary buildings on one lot.
Description: Property located at 12683 SR 706, Quincy, OH 43343.
Kaitlyn Bailey,
Fiscal Officer and
Zoning Officer
Oct. 24, 2024

ROCK 'N ROLL SYMPHONY



Bellefontaine middle and high school choir and orchestra students rehearsed with Mark Wood, original string master for the Trans-Siberian Orchestra, and his wife, vocalist Laura Kaye, Wednesday afternoon in preparation for tomorrow's Electrify Your Symphony concert at the high school gymnasium. The music starts at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 24, and tickets are \$10 at the door. (EXAMINER PHOTO | SHARYN KOPF)

INDIAN LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION

New treasurer search to begin

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The search is on to replace one of Indian Lake School's most dedicated and important employees.
During their regular meeting Monday night, Oct. 21, Indian Lake Board of Education members heard from leaders of the Midwest Regional Educational Service Center about how they will conduct the search to fill the position of longtime District Treasurer Coleen Reprogle.
Indian Lake Superintendent Dr. Rob Underwood said it's been an honor to work with her and she will be very difficult to replace.

"I can't imagine anyone who has given more of her time just to ensure that we're in good financial standing. I don't know if I've ever known anyone so dedicated and who cares so much about the future of this district."
After nearly 30 years of service and some recent health concerns, Reprogle plans to join her husband in retirement on July 31, 2025.
The advertisement for the new IL Treasurer will be posted in November and applications will be accepted until the end of the year.

The board also authorized four new supplemental positions in exchange for four supplementals that had not been filled for several years. This move will ensure that popular after-school activities stemming from the expired 21st Century Grant at Indian Lake High School will continue. Those clubs include ESports, Robotics, Welding/Carpentry and Outdoor Activities (Archery).



Longtime District Treasurer, Coleen Reprogle, has plans to retire after nearly 30 years of service to IL schools. (IL SCHOOLS PHOTO)

Ryan Stanford was extended a supplemental contact as the Robotics Club Adviser; Logan Miller as the E-Sports Adviser; Brian Sutton will be the Recreational Activities Club Advisor; and the Carpentry/Welding Club Adviser is Dave Snapp.
The next regular meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 18.

In other action, the board:

- accepted the resignation of Renee Metzger, Assistant HS Girls Basketball, and approved her as a volunteer coach for the team;
- approved the following supplemental contracts for the 2024-25 school year: Thomas Taylor - HS Assistant Wrestling; Pat Oliver - Assistant Softball; Todd Inskip - HS Assistant Girls Basketball; and Nick Christman and Ty Klofta, MS Wrestling
- accepted a \$15,000 donation from an anonymous organization to support 21st Century Grant activities (HS afterschool programs),
- accepted the Lucy

Brown grant to the Middle School in the amount of \$300 and accepted the 14 grants from the Logan County Education Foundation that total \$7,193.61;

- authorized the debt service payment of \$1,225,981.25 for the building bonds due Dec. 1, 2024;
- approved the Agreement to Provide

Equitable Title I Services to a non-public school through the Midwest Regional ESC for the 2024-25 school year in the current amount of \$5,257.01 that may be adjusted as Title I allocations to the district are adjusted.

The Board of Education also entered into executive session for the purpose of considering the employment of a public employee or official.

Finally, board members set a special meeting for 3 p.m. Friday, Oct 25, in the board office to consider a potential memorandum of understanding with the Indian Lake Education Association and the Indian Lake Association of Classified Employees.

Pyro pulling his weight for BPD

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

While he's been on the job for the Bellefontaine Police Department since mid-June, K9 Pyro was formally introduced to the Bellefontaine City Council Tuesday at its regular meeting by Police Chief Chris Marlow and handler Office Jerrod Hostetler.

Pyro brought his red rubber ball with him to the meeting, was well-behaved throughout and managed to charm those present at Tuesday's meeting, but Chief Marlow said that Pyro is all business out on the street.

Chief Marlow said that since Pyro first hit the ground running in June, he has assisted in 18 felony and eight misdemeanor arrests, including both 26 drug (cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin, fentanyl, prescription drugs) and seven illegal weapons seizures, was involved in two no-bite burglary apprehensions and also had a shell casing recovery.
Pyro was not called on to



Bellefontaine Police Department Officer Jerrod Hostetler introduces K9 Pyro to city council Tuesday night. (EXAMINER PHOTO)

assist in the apprehension or arrest of anyone present at Tuesday's meeting and

returned to his regular duties following his introduction.

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FRIDAY NIGHT PREVIEW

Chieftains want to keep rolling against Kenton Ridge in regular-season finale on Friday

BY MATT HAMMOND
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Bellefontaine head football coach Jason Brown believes his football team is reaching its peak as the postseason looms next week.

The Chiefs will look to continue to fine tune their attack Friday when they travel to Kenton Ridge for the regular-season finale.

Bellefontaine (7-2 overall, 3-1 in the Central Buckeye Conference Kenton Trail division) has already mathematically clinched a playoff spot and a win Friday would all but guarantee a home game in the first round. The Chiefs are currently seventh in their region, with the top eight seeds hosting in the opening round.

"We want to play up to our standard," said Brown of his message to the team this week. "We are fighting to get a home play-off game in Week 11, so we will be super motivated."

The Cougars (7-2, 2-2) have enjoyed a nice turnaround this season after finishing 4-6 overall and 1-4 in the Kenton Trail division last year.

"They are very balanced on offense," said Brown. "They are really good in the intermediate passing game and they have a very good running back.

"Defensively, they have good size and they run to the ball well."

Kenton Ridge opened the season with six straight wins before losing 27-0 to Urbana in Week 7. The Cougars bounced back with a 28-27 win over Jonathan Alder in Week 8, but fell to London 42-7 last Friday.

The Cougars have been effective both on the ground and through the air this fall.

Junior quarterback Julian Daniels is 96-of-175 for 1,135 yards and 18 touchdowns to go with five interceptions.



Bellefontaine's defense shut down Kenton Ridge last season and will look to slow the Cougars again Friday when the two teams meet in Springfield. (EXAMINER PHOTO | TONY BARRETT)

Daniels has spread the ball around well with four receivers having totaled at least 190 yards.

Caleb Hall leads the way with 29 catches for 426 yards, Caleb Gutierrez has 26 receptions for 357 yards, Brody Runkle has 15 grabs for 271 yards and Brennan Shaffer has added 17 catches for 190 yards.

Kenton Ridge also has the leading rusher in the CBC in senior Jackson Patton, who currently has a 16-yard edge over Bellefontaine's Carter Caudill for the top rushing spot in the league.

Patton has rushed for 941 yards and eight touchdowns on 161 attempts.

Defensively, the Cougars are sparked by linebackers Levi Harper (79 tackles, seven for loss) and Hall (62 tackles, 2 1/2 sacks).

For Bellefontaine, the goal is to continue to do what it has done since its Week 6 loss to London.

In the last three games, Bellefontaine has outscored its opponents 155-34.

The Chiefs are coming off a 49-7 rout of Jonathan Alder.

"I thought the complimentary part of our game was really good," said Brown. "We made plays in all three phases. We need to continue to play well at the line of scrimmage, win the turnover battle and play complimentary football."

Conference titles at stake for Indian Lake and WL-S in Week 10

BY MIKE FRANK
EXAMINER SPORTS WRITER

Indian Lake has already clinched at least a share of the Central Buckeye Conference Mad River title, and the Lakers (4-0 Mad River, 7-2 overall) can wrap up the outright championship Friday when they host North Union.

The Lakers have a one-game lead over Graham (3-1) in the Mad River standings going into the regular-season finale.

Indian Lake is riding a four-game winning streak, and is looking for a fifth against the Wildcats.

"This is outright week. The focus is on outright and sharing nothing," said Indian Lake coach Jonn Rapp. "Winning a division title means a lot. A banner will be hung forever. Hard work and sacrifices (getting) paid off."

North Union was blanked 38-0 by Graham last week to fall to 1-3 in Mad River play and 2-7 overall. The wins were over Zane Trace (14-8) and Shawnee (6-0).

"They have a really good sized offensive lineman we'll have to make sure we neutralize," said Rapp.

Regarding North Union senior Tyler Krebehene, "(he) is pretty dynamic with the ball so we'll have to have tabs on him the whole game as well," he said.

Nickolas Hajjar has completed 46-of-81 passes for 436 yards, with three touchdowns and eight interceptions.

Krebehene has 108 rushes for 444 yards (4.1 yards per carry) and five touchdowns.

Nick VanHoose has 127 carries resulting in 574 yards (4.5 average) and two scores.

Griffin Osborne is the team's leading receiver with 24 grabs for 314 yards.

Krebehene has 16 catches for 91 yards. Rapp said that he would like to see fewer mistakes by the Lakers.

"If a play doesn't work, we want it to be because the other team had a better play, not because we had a bad snap or penalty or missed assignment," he said.

Fairbanks at West Liberty-Salem

The top two squads in the Ohio Heritage Conference's North Division square off Friday.

Both the Tigers and the Panthers are 4-0 in division play. WL-S is 8-1 overall, while Fairbanks is 7-2.

Fairbanks began the season with losses to Jonathan Alder and Indian Lake, but has rolled along since, with only one (Northeastern) a close call.

They dominated West Jefferson 69-35 last week.

"They are a very explosive offense that relies on big plays," said WL-S head coach Dan McGill of the Panthers. "We must limit those explosive plays and force them to



Madden Lillard and his Indian Lake teammates will attempt to secure the outright Central Buckeye Conference Mad River division title with a win over North Union on Friday. (EXAMINER FILE PHOTO)

sustain drives."

Halfback Ryker Green, a 6-foot, 170-pound senior, leads the league with 1,427 yards on 150 carries. He averages 158.6 per game and 9.5 per carry. "Green is certainly one of those guys who we need to get multiple defenders to, and do a great job of tackling him in space," said McGill.

Carter Miller has completed 61-of-117 passes for 911 yards with 14 touchdowns and just four interceptions. He is a dual threat, with 83 carries for 265 yards rushing and six scores.

Top receivers for Fairbanks are Evan Wiedmann (15-270, 6 TD); Green (11-236, 3 TD) and Holtz Maine (11-160, 1 TD).

"I think that both offenses will experience some success because of the nature of the athletes involved on both sides. Both defenses will be challenged," said McGill.

He added, "I like where my team is right now. We have great preparation and practice habits, so hopefully those habits will allow us to keep improving each week."

Graham at Benjamin Logan

Both teams will look to continue positive rolls as Ben Logan hosts Graham in Central Buckeye Conference play Friday.

The Raiders are now 2-2 in the Mad River with wins over North Union (30-26) and Shawnee (17-9), and have an overall record of 2-7.

Graham is in a similar situation, having lost its first six games, but now on a three-game win streak. They have defeated Shawnee (27-7), Northwestern (37-21) and North Union (38-0), making them 3-1 in the division and 3-6 overall.

Gage Stull of the Falcons has completed just over 50 percent of his pass attempts, going 57-of-112 for 710 yards on the year. He has eight touchdowns and six interceptions.

On the ground, Daniel Hoke has 117 carries for 577 yards, averaging 4.9 per play. Adam Levy has run 40 times and gained 166 yards, with a 4.2 average gain.

Levy is also Graham's leading receiver, with 29 catches for 338 yards and three scores. Brody Jenkins (11-167, 1 TD) and Kamren Hardwick (6-100, 3 TD) are the other main targets.

Riverside at Milton-Union

Riverside got its fourth win of the year last week over Covington by a score of 26-14. They are now 4-5 overall and 3-3 in Three Rivers Conference action.

The Pirates wrap up the regular season Friday with a trip to Milton-Union. The Bulldogs lost to Northridge last week 40-21, snapping a four-game winning streak. They are 4-2 in the TRC and 5-4 overall.

OUTLOOK/PICKS

Big group of local teams in playoff picture entering Week 10

It will be a busy opening round of the playoffs for the area's football teams next week.

According to the calculations by JoeEitel.com, five of the seven squads in our coverage area have clinched playoff berths going into Week 10.

That includes Bellefontaine in Division III, West Liberty-Salem and Indian Lake in Division V, and Riverside and Ridgmont in Division VII.

Benjamin Logan and Triad are the two squads that have mathematically been eliminated from playoff contention.

Of the five local teams that will play postseason football next Friday, four of them are in a good position to host a game. The top eight teams in each region get a home game.

The Chieftains are currently seventh in Division III, Region 12 as they prepare to play Kenton Ridge on Friday. Eitel's site predicts Bellefontaine will be ranked between second and seventh with a win and between sixth and 10th with a loss.

In Division V, Region 20, WL-Salem has already clinched a home playoff game. Eitel projects the Tigers finishing between first and third in the region with a win at home against Fairbanks on Friday, or between third and sixth with a loss.

In the same region, Indian Lake sits in fifth at the moment. The Lakers are projected to land between third and seventh with a win over North Union on Friday or between fourth and 10th with a loss.

It has been quite the season for Ridgmont, which also hopes to get a home playoff game next week. The Gophers are sixth in Division VII, Region 28. With a win over Waynesfield-Goshen on Friday, Ridgmont is expected to slot between fourth and sixth in the region. A loss would put the Gophers between seventh and 10th.

Also in Region 28, Riverside is 11th going into Friday's game at Milton-Union. The Pirates are projected to finish between seventh and 11th with a win or between 11th and 15th with a loss.

The OHSAA will release its final computer rankings and playoff matchups Sunday.

Now, on to my final set of prep football picks for the 2024 season.

Bellefontaine over Kenton Ridge

Kenton Ridge has been a surprise team in the Central Buckeye Conference this fall, boosting its win total from four last year to seven this season going into Friday's game with Bellefontaine.

The Cougars have had success with a balanced offense and a solid defense.

Kenton Ridge presents a good challenge for Bellefontaine, but the Chiefs are playing really well on both sides of the ball right now and are peaking at the right time. *Bellefontaine 28, Kenton Ridge 13.*

Indian Lake over North Union

The Lakers are one win away from an outright CBC Mad River division title.

I don't envision North Union providing a lot of resistance for the Lakers on Friday. The Wildcats have lost three in a row, including a 38-0 drubbing at the hands of Graham last Friday. *Indian Lake 34, North Union 7.*

WL-S over Fairbanks

It doesn't get any better than a Week 10 showdown to determine a league champion.

That is the scenario for Fairbanks and West Liberty-Salem on Friday as the two teams will tangle to decide the champion in the OHC North division.

Dave Carroll has done a tremendous job in his first year with the Panthers, who did not win a league game last year.

Fairbanks has been very impressive on offense led by standout running back Ryker Green, and the defense has continued to improve as well.

However, the Tigers are playing their best football of the season right now. *WL-S 31, Fairbanks 27.*

Riverside over Milton-Union

At 4-5 overall and 3-3 in the Three Rivers Conference, this isn't exactly the position Riverside was hoping to be in at this stage of the season.

However, the Pirates are coming off a win over Covington and they have already clinched a playoff spot, so there is still a lot to play for.

Riverside can pick up a big boost of confidence with a win at Milton-Union on Friday. The Bulldogs have won four out of their last five, but I like the Pirates' chances with senior quarterback Gavin Osborne back running the show after missing time with an injury. *Riverside 26, Milton-Union 20.*

Graham over Ben Logan

The Raiders have shown a lot of fight by reeling off two straight wins after starting the season 0-7.

Ben Logan's offense has found some new life and the defense is improving, too.

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Bellefontaine's Kelsie Snapp, left, and Madi Zedeker, right, were recognized for reaching career milestones during Tuesday's district semifinal win over Urbana. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Chiefs roll past Urbana to advance to district championship match

Snapp, Zedeker reach milestones in win

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Second-seeded Bellefontaine had no problem against 12th-seeded Urbana in a Division IV district volleyball semifinal Tuesday at Centerville High School.

The Chiefs prevailed 25-16, 25-11, 25-10 to improve to 16-6 on the season.

Bellefontaine advances to the district final round Saturday to face the winner of the Wednesday's match between top-seeded Kenton Ridge and

eighth-seeded Bethel. The time has not yet been determined. It will be played at Troy High School.

This is just the second time in program history the Chiefs have advanced to a district final.

Highlighting the win was a pair of milestones for Bellefontaine.

Kelsie Snapp reached 1,000 digs for her career, while Madi Zedeker was recognized for her 2,000th career assist.

For the match, Snapp

recorded 20 kills, was 14-14 serving with three aces and had 12 digs.

Zedeker was 23-24 serving and had 31 assists and 19 digs.

Also for the Chiefs in the win, Taylor Banta recorded seven kills, 15 digs and five aces, Ava Layman had seven kills, Ava Campbell and Presley Vigansky each had a block, Reagan Standley was 11-11 serving and had three digs and Ava Reeves tallied 12 digs.

Urbana ends its season with a record of 7-17.

Raiders sweep Knights in district semifinal

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF



Benjamin Logan's volleyball team rolled past Greenon 25-18, 25-14, 25-19 in a Division IV district semifinal match Wednesday at Troy High School.

The Raiders are now 16-7 on the season and they advance to play number-one ranked Cincinnati McNicholas in the district championship match Saturday at Troy.

Greenon ends its season with a record of 13-11.

Stats were not available by press time.

Tigers bow out
West Liberty-Salem's volleyball team saw its season come to an end Wednesday with a loss to Miami East in a Division V district semifinal match.

The fourth-seeded Vikings prevailed by scores of 25-19, 25-21, 25-21.

The Tigers finish their campaign with a record of 13-11.

Miami East advances to play either Bishop Fenwick or Williamsburg in the district finals on Saturday.



Benjamin Logan's volleyball team is pictured prior to the start of Wednesday's district semifinal match against Greenon at Troy High School. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Top-seeded Alter too much for Ben Logan

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KETTERING — Going into the match, Benjamin Logan head boys soccer coach Jamie Hughes felt his squad could hang with perennial power and top-seeded Kettering Alter in a Division IV district semifinal Tuesday night.

However, the host Knights proved to be too much to contain as they posted an 8-0 victory over the Raiders.

"This is not how we thought this night would go," said Hughes. "Their ball control and their movement off the ball made it tough on us. We knew we had to play a clean game and we didn't. But they are the number-one seed for a reason. They are a great program. They have four state titles on their wall."

The Knights (12-6-2) took a 1-0 lead less than five minutes into the match when Sam Wierzbanski found the back of the net.

The Raiders did their best to slow the Alter attack, but the Knights were able to punch in a

goal from Mason Miller at the 16:23 mark of the first half and they added another goal from Sam Fisher in the final final of the opening half to lead 3-0 at halftime.

It was more of the same in the second half as Fisher increased the Alter lead to 4-0 with a goal at the 36:15 mark.

Wierzbanski tallied his second goal of the evening with 32:56 left to make the score 5-0.

Colin Hess followed with back-to-back goals and Chris Franco's goal with 17:09 left to play ended the match, triggering the eight-goal mercy rule that the Ohio School Athletic Association adopted last year.

The loss was an unfortunate end to a season in which the Raiders went 9-6-5 and finished second in the Central Buckeye Conference Mad River division standings.

"It was a solid season," said Hughes. "I am very proud of the guys. Because of my son, I've coached a lot of these guys for most of their lives."

Hughes also touched on the accomplishments of his seven-person senior class.



Benjamin Logan's Eric Hughes, center, heads the ball away from an Alter player during Tuesday's district semifinal match in Kettering. (EXAMINER PHOTO | MATT HAMMOND)

"Those seven seniors were part of two CBC championships," he said. "They got to the district semifinals three times. We have

finished either first or second in the league for the last six years, and these guys have been a big part of that."

Alter advances to play either Wyoming or Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy in the district championship match Saturday.

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The M-U ground game is led by the trio of Seth Lowry, Charlie Lane and Payton Mayfield. Lowry has 108 carries for 503 yards, and Lane has 104 rushes for 573. Mayfield has just 63 carries, but has gained 577 yards. Mayfield has reached the end zone seven times, with six for Lowry and four by Lane.

Quarterback Wyatt

Kimmel is 87-of-163 on the year, with 1,353 yards, 11 TDs and six interceptions.

On the other end of those passes have been Mayfield (25-542, 5 TD), Lane (20-292), Karson Stone (14-175) and Lowry (13-170). Lane, Stone and Lowry have one touchdown catch apiece.

Waynesfield-Goshen at Ridgmont

Ridgmont is second in the Northwest Central

Conference at 6-1, with Upper Scioto Valley (7-0) in the top spot.

With a win over W-G and loss by the Rams, Ridgmont would earn a share of the conference crown.

Last Friday, Ridgmont won a defensive battle over Cory-Rawson, 6-3.

The Tigers, who downed Ridgedale 33-6, are 5-2 in the NWCC and 7-2 overall. They have won the confer-

ence the past two seasons.

Against the Rockets, W-G scored six points in the first quarter. They added 27 in the third and six more in the fourth to get the win.

Triad at Mechanicsburg
Triad finishes out the regular season with a road game at Champaign County rival Triad.

The Cardinals lost to West Liberty-Salem 49-8 last week, putting them at

0-4 in conference play and 1-8 overall.

Mechanicsburg got back on track last Friday, defeating Northeastern 35-18 after two losses. They are 2-2 in the OHC and 6-3 in all games.

Conley Bogard of the Indians has hit 59 percent of his passes, 112-of-191, for the year. He has 20 touchdowns and eight interceptions.

Top receivers are Austin

Haynes (39-709, 8 TD), Chris Ritchie (34-600, 5 TD), and Eli Wilson (19-263, 3 TD).

The rushing attack is led by Ronnie Thomas with 464 yards and five scores on 70 carries, and Denver Caudill running 60 times for 489 yards and four TDs. Bogard, Colton Walborn, and Conner Eyink all have at least 40 carries as well.

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The Raiders would love to enter the offseason with a third consecutive win Friday.

Graham, though, has done a nice job of turning its season around as well.

The Falcons have won three in a row, including a 38-0 blowout over North Union last Friday. Graham 27, Ben Logan 21.

Ridgmont over W-Goshen

The Gophers are entering some rare territory in

program history as they wrap up the regular season Friday with a big home game against Waynesfield-Goshen.

A win would be the eighth of the season for the Gophers, who are also fighting for a first-round

home game. It should be a great battle between the Gophers and Tigers, but I have to go with Ridgmont. The Gophers are playing with a ton of confidence and have the home field advantage on their side, too.

Ridgmont 20, W-Goshen 14.

Mechanicsburg over Triad

There have not been a lot of highlights for the Cardinals this fall as they limp into the season finale on a seven-game losing

skid.

Having the opportunity to knock off a Champaign County rival should provide plenty of motivation for the Cardinals, but in the end, the Indians will use their edge in talent to pull away. *M'burg 34, Triad 12.*