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Church volunteers maintain key role assisting tornado victims

BY NATE SMITH
EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

As the weeks and months have passed since the March 14 tornado that devastated Indian Lake, most of the state and national attention it initially received has faded, but the need remains as urgent as ever.

Dozens of individuals and families who lost their homes to the storm now face the prospect of spending winter in campers, and are still staring down months of daunting paperwork and other logistical challenges as



Peri Bonner, a volunteer with Galilee Lutheran Church, serves a plate of food Thursday during a meal provided for tornado victims. (EXAMINER PHOTO | NATE SMITH)

they work to rebuild.

As part of its support of these residents, Galilee Lutheran Church hosted a tornado survivor's dinner Thursday, Oct. 24, at its location on 301 Lincoln Boulevard, Russells Point, rallying the community to provide not only food but vital support.

The dinner was part of sustained efforts by faith-based groups, community organizations, and local businesses to help storm survivors with food, water, clothing and essential

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

'Heal, Hold and Center' survivor stories shared



Mallory Centers, TCN prevention specialist, reads a local survivor's story of hope Friday at the annual Domestic Violence Awareness Ceremony at Lutheran Community Services, 820 W. Sandusky Ave. (EXAMINER PHOTO | MANDY LOEHR)

BY MANDY LOEHR
EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

The Soteria House is a local safe haven for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, where they not only receive solace and counseling to help them heal from traumatic and harmful experiences, but also are buoyed with supportive practical resources — from permanent housing to employment, transportation, education and more — to move them toward a new and healthy path for their lives.

The life-changing stories of two Logan County survivors of domestic abuse who were served by the shelter were shared Friday morning, Oct. 25, at the annual Domestic Violence Awareness Ceremony hosted by the TCN Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Crisis Center at Lutheran Community Services.

Program Manager Debbie Brownlee said the Soteria House first opened during 2016 at an undisclosed location in Logan County to protect the safety of its occupants. Prior to that time, victims of domestic violence and sexual assault who needed assistance from a shelter had to travel to another county to find this type of care and level of safety.

"It turned our lives around when the Soteria House opened," she said. "It's a warm, comforting and welcoming house, and there is no cost to the residents to stay there. We want the survivors to be able to have the time and space to get themselves healthy, both mentally and physically."

Brownlee related that recently, the TCN Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Crisis Center's number of clients served — both in their own homes and at the Soteria House (which can house between 17-22 people comfortably at a time) — has been on the rise.

In 2023, the crisis center served a total of 383 people (with 275-315 people previously being the annual average), and numbers from this year are heading that direction as well. Brownlee said approximately 70 percent of clients are served in their homes, and 30 percent are cared for at the shelter.

Fortunately, the crisis center program manager noted that the state of Ohio is taking notice of the escalating need that's been observed since the COVID-19 pandemic, and the center is receiving more funding than in the past. Currently, the crisis center receives two grants through the Ohio legislature — \$135,000 through a rape crisis grant and \$120,000 through their domestic violence grant. This funding has helped to boost staffing numbers from seven employees to 10.

One of the new hires, Mallory Centers, who serves as a prevention specialist for TCN, had the opportunity to present one of the survivor's stories at the ceremony, with the theme of "Heal, Hold and Center." The identities of both of the survivors were kept confidential to protect their safety.

In the first testimonial, Centers read that while the survivor worked very hard to purchase a home, the young woman faced a devastating circumstance in the spring of 2022 when her home and her pets were destroyed by a fire. She also injured her foot in the blaze.

While she worked to get back on her feet, the young woman said she struggled with alcoholism and also ended up in two abusive relationships. Couch surfing became part of her lifestyle while she was trying to make ends meet.

She eventually decided to leave her abusive relationship after

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Jennifer Stanley, Bellefontaine City Prosecutor's Office victim/witness advocate, second from the right, receives her Liz Parker Community Hero Award Friday from Debbie Brownlee, while accompanied by members of Parker's family at the left. (EXAMINER PHOTO | MANDY LOEHR)

Church marks 200 years Sunday



The Redemption Bible Church is now located at 169 N. County Road 32, Bellefontaine. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Founded in 1824 as Logansville Christian Church, the Redemption Bible Church will celebrate its 200th anniversary of God's faithfulness during special activities planned for this weekend at 169 N. County Road 32, Bellefontaine.

Sunday, Oct. 27, includes planned special services starting at 9:30 a.m., followed by the Annual Soup Cook luncheon around noon and outdoor activities during the afternoon.

"He founded and has sustained this church through the Civil War, Great Depression, two World Wars, along with many other trials and tribulations. And He has been faithful toward us in the good times as well," Pastor Dana Kidder said of God's provision for the congregation.

"And so we will gather for a special day of thanksgiving and a celebration of not only His faithfulness, but also the faithfulness of generations before us as well. We will share testimonies, sing, pray, read the scripture, hear the preached Word, and in the afternoon we will enjoy fellowship over Chad's World Famous Soup at our annual Soup Cook."

The history of the church dates from a period near the close of the War of 1812. Early in the summer of 1815, a circuit riding preacher of the New Light or Christian Faith from Cane Ridge, Ky., came into the settlement and announced a meeting at a farmhouse. At the appointed time, the entire settlement turned out and so much interest was manifested that another meeting was announced.

This was followed in intervals of a few weeks duration with others preaching until meeting house was built in Logansville.

The church building was first built and dedicated in 1876 and dedicated by Rev. Mickols Eumerbell. In 1878, Rev. Mr.

Davis, Rev. Mr. Oakley and Rev. Mr. Connor hosted revival services.

Thomas Heston was the first Pastor of the new church from 1881 through 1882 along with Mr. Stahler, Sunday School Superintendent and Charles McMullen as chorister. The salary of the first pastor was \$150 per year and the salary of the first sexton was \$14 per year.

The first organ was purchased in 1886 and Miss Minta Long was

the first organist with William Naugle as chorister. The Bible stand was made by Adam Krouse while the first Bible was given by Dr. Richardson's mother. The second Bible was given by John Wood and another Bible was given later in 1949 by the John R. Long Family.

In 1898, the church was remodeled and the front vestibule and back alcove were added. During 1921, the church was remodeled again and rededicated.

The Northwestern Conference of Christian Churches took place at the Logansville Church four times: 1888, 1897, 1922 and 1934.

The Rev. J. Yantis (1907) was known to receive the most members into the church during one pastorate — 131 new members during his years as pastor.

The 125th anniversary was celebrated in November 1949 with a full day of entertainment,

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The original Logansville Church. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

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ABE MARTIN



"Th' trouble with rulin' children with love is that they've always got the car."

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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gospel singing and a carry-in dinner.

By 1973, the belfry was deteriorating. The steeple was dismantled and the new belfry was constructed in 1974. Also, the outside of the church and basement were painted, new basement light fixtures were put in and the vestibule was refinished. This was completed in time for the 150th anniversary in 1974.

By the fall of 1984, the membership of Logansville Church consisted of less than 20 people. The faithful few faced the reality of not being able to pay a pastor's salary and living expenses along with the possibility of closing the church's doors.

While attending the local Christian Women's Club, Anita Rohrer and Luella Baughman heard about Village Missions. They mentioned the possibility of inquiring about leadership to the church. By January 1985, Village Missions sent Rev. Larry Shetenhelm.

"We didn't know what our new pastor would be like, but the Lord answered our prayers," Anita Rohrer said.

In 1986, the Logansville church members voted to change the name of the church to Logansville Community Church.

By 1989, the old church was too small as the congregation was increasing. Plans were made in January 1990 to construct a larger church. The church was completed and dedicated Jan. 21, 1991. The parsonage across the road was sold and a new parsonage was built on County Road 24 in 1992.

Aug. 8, 1999, members, friends and neighbors were together to celebrate the 175th anniversary as was stated in the newspaper by Gerald Baker, "The Lord has faithfully blessed us with a rich historical past and now He is preparing us for the future".

The church again dwindled in size during 2000, but was stable in its worship services and outreach ministries. This was followed by 10 years of little growth and several pastors.

Then in January 2012, Current Pastor Dana Kidder came from New Hampshire to fill the pulpit, along with his wife Kristine, and sons Wesley and Zach. Once again, the

church has a minister who is enthusiastic about the Lord and the members of the congregation, members said.

He labored alongside elder Chad Lump, who had been serving Logansville in that office prior to Kidder's arrival. Eventually another elder was added: Lyman Gantz, who had previously been a member of Logansville for years.

Starting in 2016-2017, a considerable influx of visitors came to Logansville. With this growth came many more responsibilities and pressures upon Pastor Kidder, so more help was needed. The church added an additional elder, Steve Krumm, into service.

Then in 2020, the church took a significant step in ordaining an additional pastor to serve the church: Ben Beaghan, a Michigan native.

The church also began live-streaming the sermons at this time, something that would prove crucial very soon.

March 23, 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in Governor Mike DeWine issuing an emergency stay-at-home order for two weeks initially. LCC ceased meeting for a time.

This was a complication in all manners for Logansville, but especially for brand new Pastor Ben. Dana continued preaching through the Gospel of John at that time, but to an empty sanctuary except for the "sound guy" doing the livestream.

The congregation was equipped with "home liturgies" with passages of scripture to read, hymns to sing, and prayer requests to pray for while at home, to be supplemented by the live-streamed sermon.

During the COVID crisis, Logansville didn't shrink but actually grew in attendance, unlike many other churches across the country. Generosity among the members, both in helping one another and giving into the church treasury, never waned during the entire crisis.

It was plain after a year of this that the church needed more space. In late 2021 and early 2022, an opportunity came to tour and potentially purchase the a former Mennonite church building in Bellefontaine.

The only issue was leaving the plot of land where the church had worshiped since

its institution. The elders weighed this decision heavily and decided that the move to Bellefontaine would be better than trying to creatively add on to the current building.

Logansville closed on the former Jubilee Mennonite building in 2022 and began the journey to Bellefontaine for the first time in its history. After much discussion, the elders ruled that the church's name needed to be changed if we were no longer meeting in Logansville. After taking much counsel, it was decided that Logansville Community Church would be renamed Redemption Bible Church.

A new website was created by Jocelynn Kidder and the official name paperwork was filed with the state.

The new building and new location offered some new opportunities that had not previously been possible in Logansville. The church continued regular worship services and offering midweek studies on a quarterly basis, but these all increased in attendance.

In the winter of 2023, Redemption Bible Church added an additional elder: Lee Jones.

As of mid-year 2024, the average attendance is usually somewhere between 180-200 a week, a number that the church would never have dreamed of in the past, members noted.

"It is a testimony of God's grace toward the church that takes His word seriously, and orders her worship and ministry according to it," according to the church's most updated history compiled for the 200th anniversary.

The pulpit and elders' chairs (which came from the first Logansville building), and the cross (from the second building), were all brought from Logansville and installed in the new building in Bellefontaine.

Longstanding member Dale King worked tirelessly to repair and refinish the old church bell (stamped with the year 1880) and it was installed at Redemption Bible Church in the summer of 2024. It rings every Lord's Day before Sunday School and worship.

The church also awaits the installation of a stained glass window made from a window from the first Logansville building, which is expected in 2025.

OBITUARIES

Kristine Marie Bendler

Kristine Marie Bendler, 47, of Huntsville, Ohio passed away on October 24, 2024 at The James Cancer Hospital. She was born on December 19, 1976, in Lima, Ohio to Don and Carol Williams.

She married her husband, Joseph Bendler, on July 4, 2000, in Orlando, Florida.



Krissy fought her cancer diagnosis head on and bravely for over four years. She never let the diagnosis scare her away from living her life and enjoying it with those that she loved most. Her motto was always, "I have stuff to do". She fought with courage until the very end.

Krissy was an associate at Belletech Corp. for twenty years and then later became the park manager at Williams RV Park.

She loved spending time with her family and cherished family vacations. She was an avid Browns fan and enjoyed watching football games with her husband, Joe. Her biggest accomplishment was raising her two sons, which she was extremely proud of. She enjoyed going to Indian Lake sporting events and watching her son, Colin play. She enjoyed her daily phone calls and frequent visits with her oldest son, Jorden. She was happily married to her husband, Joe for 24 years.

She is survived by; her parents, Don (Carol) Williams; husband, Joe Bendler; two sons, Jorden (Alyssa) and Colin Bendler; brothers, Donnie (Heather) and Wes (Keala) Williams; mother-in-law Sherry (Mike) Lindsey; sister-in-law, Maria (Chris) Sheldon; along with several loved aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 29, at Jennings Farley & Seeley Funeral Home. 5591 US Route 68 S. West Liberty, Ohio 43357. A service will take place at 7 p.m. Krissy had requested that attendees dress casually for this event.

Krissy also requested that, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to The Indian Lake High School Boys Basketball Program.

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Nancy Lee Carman

Nancy Lee Carman, 82, of Bellefontaine, passed away peacefully at 10:13 p.m. on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, following a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. She was born in Sidney, Ohio on November 2, 1941, a daughter to the late Harold and Eileen (Klopfenstein) Faler.

She married James Carman, and he preceded her in death on February 21, 2017. She was also preceded in death by two brothers: Donald Faler and Kenneth Faler; and two stepchildren: Margie Sue Dennison and Bruce Carman.

Nancy is survived by her children, Julie (Mark) Dixon of Bellefontaine, Stephanie (Mark) Koldan of Michigan, and stepson, David Carman of Bellefontaine; four grandchildren, Allison (Darren) Koldan Bolt, Michael Koldan, Garrett Dixon, and Lauren Dixon; five step grandchildren; two step great grandchildren including a great granddaughter anticipated on February 14, 2025; a sister, Marilyn (James) Bidwell; several nieces and nephews, including a special niece, Jodi Guevara; her close "Klopfenstein Cousins"; and her very good friend and traveling buddy, Vicki Rapp.

A graduate of Botkins High School, Nancy began her work career at an early age as she needed a work permit. She had worked for the phone company and at AccuSport before beginning her career in banking. Nancy had the pleasure of working with Dime Bank, Farmer's Bank, Huntington Bank, Champaign Bank, and Richwood Bank, retiring three times. She was currently working at Mary Rutan Health Center as a greeter, go-to person, and friend to all. She remained friends with many of her former co-workers.

Nancy attended Emanuel Lutheran Church in Montra. She was active in the Lutheran Church as Sunday school teacher and Bible school with her children. She most recently attended Cornerstone Church in Huntsville. She was a former Longaberger consultant, was active in Junior Achievement, United Way Women, a cancer advocate due to the loss of both brothers, and former Mary Rutan Hospital Volunteer.

Nancy found much joy and happiness in time with her family. She especially enjoyed the time with her grandchildren attending school and sporting events. Nancy enjoyed traveling with her family and friends, her many "girl trips", and Airstream travels with Jim. She made friends along the way, whether through work, volunteering, traveling, or life encounters. She formed lasting relationships and lived her dash to the fullest.

Nancy wanted to give a special thanks to the "A Team" and "Nancy Team" of caregivers with Universal Home Health and Hospice, including Karen, Cindy, Erin, Sydney, Cheryl, Mike, Dr. Kratz, Pastor Bryan Meadows, and Ward Cartright.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 30, 2024, at the Eichholtz Daring & Sanford Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 321 N. Main Street in Bellefontaine. Pastor Bryan Meadows and Ward Cartwright will officiate a funeral service at 11 a.m. Thursday, October 31, at the funeral home, where the family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow in Glen Cemetery in Port Jefferson, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made, in Nancy's memory, to Universal Home Health & Hospice, 921 Rush Avenue, Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311, Cornerstone Church at Huntsville, 6611 Fruit Street, Huntsville, Ohio 43324, or to the Logan County Cancer Society c/o Mary Rutan Foundations, 205 Palmer Avenue, Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311.

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

Barbara H. Coons

Barbara H. Coons, 74, of Columbus, passed away at 11:18 a.m. on Monday, October 21, 2024, at Arlington Court Health & Rehabilitation Center in Upper Arlington, Ohio.

She was born on May 9, 1950, in Bellefontaine, Ohio, a daughter of the late John Samuel "Jack" Hover and Patricia (Pryor) Hover.

Barbara is survived by her son Justin (Molly) Coons; three grandchildren, Devin

Coons, Casey Coons, and Miles Meers-Coons; her former husband, Jerry Coons; a cousin, John Boerster; a niece, Jennifer Hover; and two nephews, James Hover, and John Hover. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, James A. Hover, and David A. Hover.

The majority of Barbara's professional career was devoted to computer programming for The Limited in Columbus, Ohio.

A memorial service will be conducted at a later date. Inurnment will be in Bellefontaine Cemetery in Bellefontaine, Ohio at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made, in Barbara's memory, to the Alzheimer's Association Central Ohio Chapter, 1379 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

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

Eunice C. Krouskop

Eunice C. Krouskop, 98, of Russells Point, OH passed away Thursday morning, October 24, 2024, at Mary Rutan Emergency Department, Bellefontaine, OH.

Eunice was born on October 17, 1926, in Louisville, KY, a daughter of the late Leslie Lee and Hazel Lockard Cary. She married Charles "Fred" Krouskop on April 6, 1946, in Louisville and he preceded her in death on November 18, 2012. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Alanel Jo "Rabbit" Kruesch.

Eunice is survived by her son, Fritz (Janet) Krouskop of Russells Point, grandson, Steve (Jaime) Spofford of Belle Center, OH, two great grandchildren, Lindsey Spofford and Stevie Spofford, two nephews, Ron Gooding, and Chris Krouskop, and her beloved pet, Cookie.

Eunice graduated from Ohio Northern University in 1970 after attending the University of Cincinnati for two years. She spent 28 years with Indian Lake Schools, teaching at Huntsville Elementary, retiring in 1989. Eunice was a member of Indian Lake Community Church, Order of Eastern Star, Bellefontaine Chapter 459, a charter member of Indian Lake Elks 2792, Indian Lake FOE Aeries 3615, Indian Lake Women of the Moose 452, Logan County Retired Teachers Association, Friendly Senior Citizen's Center in Bellefontaine, Logan County Historical Society, and Mary Rutan Hospital Guild.

Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, November 2, at Shoffstall Funeral Home, 205 S. Main St, Lakeview with visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Burial will be in Huntsville Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given in Eunice's memory to Shriner's Children's Hospital, Lexington, KY at <https://donate.lovetotherescue.org>.

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

Oscar Eugene 'Gene' Pope

Oscar Eugene "Gene" Pope, 91, of DeGraff, died Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at his home. He was born in Hardin County, Ohio on August 12, 1933, a son of the late



Harrison Lester Pope and Myrtle (Gates) Pope.

On December 23, 1950, Gene married Mary K. (Dowell) Pope in Richmond, Indiana, and she preceded him in death on April 24, 2020. He was also preceded in death by two great grandchildren, Liam Pope, and Knox Pope; three sisters, Beatrice Bender, Avril Hughes, and Connie Pope; and three brothers, William Carol Pope, Roger Pope, and David Pope.

Gene is survived by his four sons, Ronald E. (Pam) Pope, Jerry (Mary) Pope, Steve Pope, and Alan (Tonya) Pope; thirteen grandchildren, Heidi (Matt), Heather (Chad), Hollie (TJ), Shane (Tiffany), Kimmie (Tim), Stevie (Aimee), Brandon (Jessica), Carrie (Jamie), Brittany (Josh), Zachary (Peighton), Scottie (Jamie), Justin (Nicole), and Ethan (Sammy); 30 great grandchildren; a great great granddaughter; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Gene retired from Copeland in Sidney, Ohio. An avid fan of the Cincinnati Reds and Bengals, he enjoyed hunting and fishing, and especially loved family dinners.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 26, at the Daring & Sanford Funeral Home, 210 W. Hayes Street in DeGraff, where Patrick Plikerd will officiate a funeral service at 1 p.m. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery in Quincy, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be made, in Gene's memory, to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105.

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

Ohio's first female House speaker, Republican Jo Ann Davidson, champion of GOP women, has died at 97

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Jo Ann Davidson, Ohio's first woman House speaker and a trusted adviser to many of the state's Republicans, has died after a political career spanning nearly 60 years. She was 97. Davidson's death was announced by Gov. Mike DeWine. Davidson's political rise took her from being a volunteer in the Columbus suburbs, to the local city council, to the Ohio House, to serving as co-chair of the Republican National Committee. She headed President George W. Bush's regional re-election campaign when Bush scored an important Ohio win over John Kerry in 2004. She also advocated strongly for electing effective Republican women.

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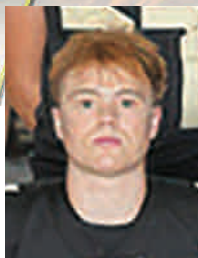
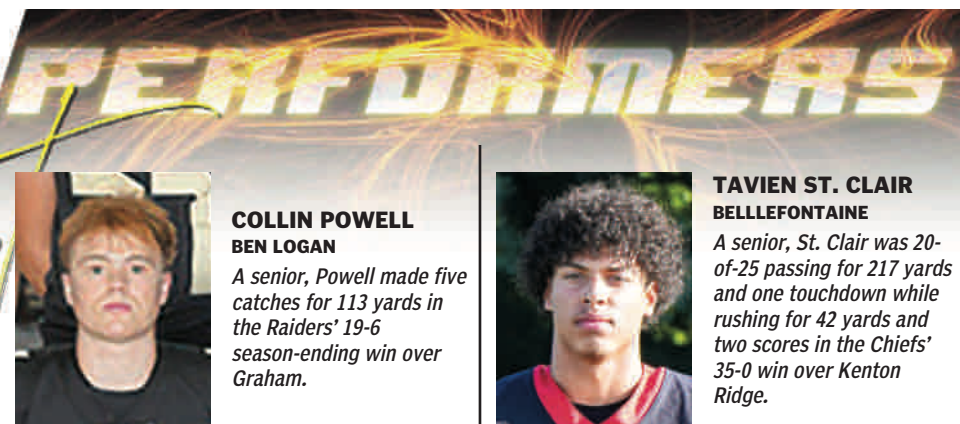
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A senior, Powell made five catches for 113 yards in the Raiders' 19-6 season-ending win over Graham.



TAVIEN ST. CLAIR
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A senior, St. Clair was 20-of-25 passing for 217 yards and one touchdown while rushing for 42 yards and two scores in the Chiefs' 35-0 win over Kenton Ridge.

Chiefs take it to Cougars in regular-season finale

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SPRINGFIELD — Bellefontaine's football team has found its groove heading into the postseason.

The Chieftains continued their impressive late-season run here Friday night with a 35-0 pasting of Kenton Ridge in the regular-season finale.

Bellefontaine, which clinched a first-round home playoff game with the win, has reeled off four straight dominant wins since a Week 6 loss to London.

The Chiefs (8-2 overall, 4-1 in the Central Buckeye Conference) outscored their last four opponents 190-34.

"Even from a distance, I think people can see we are playing as well as we have all year," said Bellefontaine head coach Jason Brown. "Our guys had some ups and downs earlier in the season, but have continued to believe in each other and have continued to fight."

Standout senior wide receiver Braylon Newcomb, who had 12 catches for 151 yards and a touchdown, said the loss to 51-6 defeat against London has lit a fire under the Chiefs.

"That loss really hurt us," said Newcomb. "We changed our mindset after that game. Instead of waiting for things to happen, we are making things happen."

Like they have the last four games, the Chiefs dominated on both sides of the football against the Cougars, who end the regular season at 7-3, 2-3.



Bellefontaine's Tavien St. Clair picks up a big gain down the sideline during Friday's game at Kenton Ridge. (EXAMINER PHOTO | TONY BARRETT)

Bellefontaine outgained Kenton Ridge 345-98.

Tavien St. Clair finished 20-25 for 217 yards passing and one TD while rushing for two more scores.

"He's the best in the country for a reason," said Newcomb of his quarterback. "When he's fully healthy like he is now, he's unstoppable."

Also providing a big highlight for Bellefontaine was junior running back

Carter Caudill, who went over 1,000 yards for the season with 88 yards and two touchdowns on 16 carries.

Bellefontaine made a resounding statement on the opening offensive possession of the night, marching the ball 60 yards on 12 plays.

St. Clair finished off the drive with a 1-yard keeper and Alex Crabill booted the first of five extra points to give BHS a 7-0 lead at the 7:24 mark of the first period.

Bellefontaine then forced a three-and-out on Kenton Ridge's first offensive series.

After the Cougars' punt, the Chiefs used seven plays to cover 51 yards, with Caudill barreling into the end zone for a 1-yard TD that gave the Chiefs a 14-0 lead with 2:39 remaining in the quarter.

"It felt like we started really fast," said Brown. "We had a touchdown, then

got a stop on defense and scored another touchdown. We played to our strengths and when we do that, good things happen."

Bellefontaine increased the lead to 21-0 at the 8:31 mark of the second quarter on a 41-yard TD toss from St. Clair to Newcomb.

The Chiefs tacked on a 2-yard TD run from Caudill with 1:19 remaining until halftime.

Bellefontaine then trig-

gered the running clock on its first offensive series of the third quarter.

After forcing the Cougars to punt, the Chiefs manufactured a nine-play, 54-yard scoring drive that was capped off by a 4-yard keeper from St. Clair.

The only time the Chieftain defense was seriously threatened was in the final moments as the Cougars drove deep into BHS territory.

However, Bellefontaine was able to keep Kenton Ridge out of the end zone to wrap up the shutout.

"Those guys have worked hard to be physical and everyone on defense is buying into doing their jobs," said Brown of his defense.

St. Clair again again spread the ball around as six Chieftains had catches.

Carter Kuhn had one catch for 28 yards, Ayden Clary made two grabs for 19 yards and Spencer Stolly had three catches for 14 yards to lead the group.

In addition to his 217 yards through the air, St. Clair added 42 rushing yards on five carries.

The Chiefs will officially learn of their first-round playoff opponent Sunday when the Ohio High School Athletic Association announces the final computer rankings.

Regardless of the opponent, Brown wants his team to keep the same approach it has used all season.

"We want to leave the practice field better than we did the day before," said the Chieftain head coach. "That's been the message all year."

Lakers quiet Wildcats to clinch outright Mad River championship

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Goal number one is in the books.

Indian Lake defeated North Union 27-6 in front of its home fans on senior night Friday in Central Buckeye Conference football action.

The victory makes the Lakers 5-0 in Mad River division play for the outright title, and 8-2 overall.

Indian Lake now awaits its opponent for the first round of the Region 20 playoffs in Division V. They will be at home for at least one more contest.

"I'm so happy and excited for the kids to get to play in the playoffs," said Indian Lake coach Jonn Rapp.

"When I was in school, it was four teams and then it went to eight teams. It's a select club. There are quite a few high schools whose season is done and so it's really a privilege and an honor to be able to continue into that second season. We've been lucky enough and had the support to be able to do this a handful of times."

The Lakers got two scores in the first half, then barreled down the field to start the third quarter and make it 20-0. They got another score in the fourth, with the Wildcats breaking up the shutout in the final minutes.

Drake Cosby led the rushing attack with 23 carries for 143 yards, including a 5-yard score. Quest Clay (18 yards) and Noah Shirk



Indian Lake's Quest Clay tries to shake free from North Union's Griffin Osborne during Friday's game at Indian Lake. (EXAMINER PHOTO | MIKE FRANK)

(5 yards) scored on the ground as well.

Quarterback Madden Lillard was very accurate, going 10 of 14 for 167 yards on the night. Clay pulled in five balls for 117 yards, while Bryce Burton had a 7-yard score, plus a 25-yard grab.

"It's been a long way from July and August," said Rapp. "The coaches did an excellent job and the players, of not getting the cart before the horse. Each week as we worked through the league season. I thought the kids handled that well, and didn't get too far out in

front of themselves. It showed we were able to stay in the moment week after week."

"Every year, your personnel kind of dictates what you have and what you can do, and we got a couple receivers outside that demand some respect. That gives our linemen and running backs the opportunity to run the ball. When teams load the box, we're lucky enough to have guys on the outside that can make some plays. It's a good balance."

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West Liberty-Salem's Josh Wilcoxon heads down the field during Friday's home game against Fairbanks. (EXAMINER PHOTO | NATE SMITH)

Late field goal lifts Tigers to OHC North crown

BY NATE SMITH
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West Liberty-Salem overcame a 14-point deficit Friday to pull out a thrilling 29-27 victory over Fairbanks to claim an outright Ohio Heritage Conference North division championship.

Gideon Cole kicked a 29-yard field goal with 11 seconds to go to give WL-S (9-1, 5-0) its first lead of the game.

Those last 11 seconds were all that mattered as the Tigers secured a second consecutive league championship after sharing the crown with West Jefferson a season ago.

"I don't know that I've ever had a team that showed as much character and grit as what we did tonight," Tigers head coach Dan McGill said. "I

could not be prouder of these guys and what we have achieved this season.

Fairbanks finishes the season 7-3 overall and 4-1 in conference play, a remarkable turnaround under first-year head coach Dave Carroll from 2023 when the Panthers did not win an OHC game all season.

WL-S with the win clinches a two-seed in Division V Region 20 and could potentially host playoff games in each of the first two rounds of postseason play.

But it wasn't easy. Like a pair of prize fighters trading blows for 12 rounds, the Panthers and Tigers clawed back and forth at each other all night.

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Raiders score in all phases for third straight win to close out regular season

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Benjamin Logan scored points in a variety of ways Friday on the way to its third straight victory, a 19-6 win over Graham in a Central Buckeye Conference Mad River Division game to wrap up the 2024 season.

The Raiders and Falcons

each finish 3-7 overall and 3-2 in the CBC Mad River Division.

All of the Raiders' points came in the second quarter, with a safety, two touchdowns and a field goal.

Graham scored first, though.

Carsen Rogers caught a 13-yard touchdown pass

from Gage Stull in the first quarter to give Graham a 6-0 lead.

It was the Raiders' defense that got Ben Logan on the board in the second quarter. The defensive safety for the Raiders got the score to 6-2 early in the second quarter. Alex Hassel put the Raiders ahead with

a 3-yard TD run that made the score 9-6, following a successful PAT. Hassel found the end zone again later in the second quarter to push the lead to 16-6.

Brandon Heater kicked a 32-yard field goal in the later stages of the second quarter to push the lead to 19-6.

The Raiders defense continued to hold strong in the second half, forcing a shutout over the final two quarters to preserve the win.

Cooper Buck intercepted a pair of passes and logged five tackles to lead the Raiders.

Collin Powell caught five

passes for 113 yards to lead the Raiders offensively.

Wyatt Predmore completed eight of 10 passes for 154 yards, and also ran 15 times for 54 yards. Alex Hassel had 16 carries for 36 yards, along with his two TDs. Jordan Pender ran 10 times with 38 yards.

Riverside falls to Milton-Union in regular-season finale

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Riverside started fast, but could not keep pace Friday in a 28-14 loss to host Milton-Union in a Three Rivers Conference regular season finale.

The Pirates finish the

regular season at 3-4 in the conference and 4-6 overall. Milton-Union went 5-2 in TRC play and 6-4 overall.

The Pirates will open up the playoffs on the road next week, and will likely face a rematch against Lehman Catholic in Division VII Region 28.

Riverside scored first on the game's opening possession to grab an early advantage. Gavin Osborne found Damien Smith on a 60-yard touchdown pass to give the Pirates a 6-0 lead following an unsuccessful PAT.

The Bulldogs responded with a scoring drive of their

own, and made the point after. At the end of one, it remained 7-6.

Milton-Union then scored two rushing touchdowns in the final two minutes of the second quarter to take a 21-6 lead at the half.

After a scoreless third

period, Milton-Union extended its lead with a rushing score with nine minutes to go.

Tony Robinson scored on a 15-yard TD pass from Osborne with four minutes left, and the Pirates converted a pass for the two-point conversion.

Orsborne completed 13 of 30 passes for 193 yards and two touchdowns. Smith caught two passes for 72 yards. Purtee added four catches for 34 yards.

Braylon Dunn recorded 20 tackles and two forced fumbles to lead the Pirates defensively.

Tigers

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Fairbanks landed the first blows of the contest. The Panthers received the opening kickoff and methodically drove the ball down the field for a touchdown to go ahead 7-0 following a successful PAT.

The opening Panthers possession took nearly seven minutes off the clock and was culminated by a 6-yard rushing touchdown by Ryker Green.

Green, who entered play Friday as the leading rusher in the OHC with 1,427 yards, scored three times for Fairbanks, totaling 228 yards on 32 carries.

"Give Fairbanks a ton of credit, because that's a good team," McGill said.

The Tigers were unable to score on their opening possession, and a turnover on downs gave the ball back to Fairbanks near their own 42-yard line.

Green struck again for a long run that set Fairbanks up with goal-to-go inside the WL-S 10 yard line. Carter Miller found the end zone from two yards out to put Fairbanks ahead 14-0 following a PAT.

The Tigers got it going midway through the second quarter. Following a Panthers punt from near their own goal line, WL-S set up with good field possession on the Fairbanks side of the field.

A 1-yard TD plunge from Josh Wilcoxon got the Tigers on the board around the seven-minute mark of the second quarter. The touchdown was set up by a 31-yard completion on fourth-and-long from Nick Shifflet to

Jacob Evans that gave the Tigers a first-and-goal inside the Fairbanks five yard line.

The Tigers drew even briefly before halftime. Following another stop defensively, WL-S struck again. Shifflet broke through for a 58-yard run on the next WL-S possession that set up the Tigers with a first-and-goal.

Wilcoxon found the end zone a second time in the first half with another 1-yard touchdown that at the time tied the game at 14-14 with around three minutes to go in the second quarter.

Fairbanks answered quickly on its next possession with a touchdown on the first play from scrimmage. Green found a hole off the left side of the offensive line and ran 72 yards for a touchdown that pushed the lead to 21-14 just minutes before halftime.

The Tigers answered back on the opening possession of the second half. Wilcoxon scored his third touchdown of the night on a 7-yard TD run to pull to 21-14 just minutes before halftime.

Fairbanks extended its lead again midway through the fourth quarter. Following a WL-S punt, Fairbanks took over at its own 27-yard line with just over nine minutes left.

Another time-consuming possession for the Panthers had them at first-and-goal from the WL-S 8-yard line with about five minutes to play.

The Tigers let Green walk into the end zone for his third TD of the game, a strategic move intended to try and preserve time for

the offense to comeback.

"That was a tough decision for us to go ahead and let them score down there, but we were trying to save some time there to come back," McGill said.

Turns out, not much time was needed. Jack Bahan fielded the ensuing Fairbanks kickoff in the air at his own 3-yard line and broke through up the middle for a 97-yard kickoff return that pulled the score back to 27-26. The extra point, however, was missed left and the Tigers still trailed by a point.

WL-S attempted an onside kick that was unsuccessful and the Panthers took over at their own 40-yard with just over three minutes to go.

Fairbanks picked up one first down against the Tigers defense, but WL-S stiffened from there.

Three consecutive short run plays and three timeouts from the WL-S sideline forced a Fairbanks punt on fourth-and-three.

The Tigers offense assumed possession at their own 12-yard line with about two minutes to go and navigated the ball into field goal range to set up Cole's winning kick.

WL-S got inside the Panthers five-yard line with a first-and-goal in the waning seconds, and even had a would-be touchdown negated by a holding call.

That 10-yard penalty pushed the Tigers backs and raised the stakes for Cole's winning kick.

The Tigers were out-gained in the game, 333-226, but made enough plays and forced enough stops defensively to put

Lakers advance to district volleyball final

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Indian Lake's volleyball team beat Thurgood Marshall 25-3, 25-11, 25-3 in a Division IV district semifinal Thursday.

The Lakers are now 21-3 and they advance to play in the district final at 5 p.m. today against Mercy Mcauley.

Halle Roby was 34-37 with 15 aces and had four kills and 10 assists to help fuel the Lakers.

Also for the Lakers, Kenzie Dixon was 11-13 hitting with nine kills, Courtney Altstaetter was 9-10 hitting with seven kills, Annie Rapp was 7-7 serving with six aces, Cami Bailey was 7-8 serving with four aces, Brynna Avila was 8-8 serving with three aces and Cambria Warnecke was 5-5 serving with two aces.



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supplies. Volunteers have been instrumental in guiding survivors through the complexities of social services, providing assistance with housing, heating and other crucial needs.

As winter approaches, urgency around tornado recovery efforts in Indian Lake has heightened. Many residents who lost their homes to the tornado are now preparing to spend the winter in campers, a reality that brings obvious challenges in the cold Ohio months.

For volunteers and organizers at Galilee, Thursday's gathering wasn't just about providing food. It was also a crucial opportunity to support families facing a cold season in makeshift accommodations.

Discussions included tips on insulating doors and windows, safely using propane and maintaining adequate supplies of heating fuel, which have become essential concerns for many who may not have faced these challenges before.

Peri Bonner, a Galilee volunteer, has worked continuously to help families rebuild their lives since the tornado. For her, Thursday's meal and others like it are about more than just providing nourishment, but about emotional support, too.

"We want to be a resource for families," she said. "We want to be with them every step of the way and let them know this isn't something they have to go through alone."

Bonner has helped families with everything from securing building permits

to ensuring they have enough propane to keep their campers warm through the winter.

She discussed the struggles families face with zoning and permit requirements, which can be costly and logistically challenging. Bonner said that, of the more than 90 families she has assisted, fewer than 15 have been able to transition into permanent housing.

Galilee Pastor Karen Torrez also addressed those in attendance, offering words of encouragement and reaffirming the church's commitment to supporting tornado survivors through every stage of recovery.

"We're going to be your best friends for the next couple of years," Bonner told those gathered. "The recovery takes years not days and we're here to support you."



Treats in tow

A police officer and other children in costume stop at a booth at the Downtown Lakeview Pumpkin Walk Thursday, Oct. 24.

Attendees could grab a shopping passport, stop at participating businesses, and receive a treat item to enjoy, along with food trucks, live music and games. Next week, Logan County Beggar's Night is set for 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31.

(EXAMINER PHOTO | JIM STRZALKA)

STORIES

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contacting TCN, and she remembered the difficult day when she escaped that reality and a staff member from the Soteria House came to pick her up.

"My abuser got out of jail early on bond, and showed up at the house. It was a dark and rainy day. I clearly had a drinking problem too, which added to my issues; and I felt so embarrassed and down on myself."

"Fast forward to several months spent at the shelter, and this survivor said she received legal help to bring her perpetrator to justice, along with support as she looked for a new job and also substance abuse healing at the Recovery Zone."

She said she applied for a job at a local clothing store, and soon became a store manager there. More recently, she is working on her master's of professional accounting degree and is on the dean's list, and celebrated three years of sobriety.

"Soteria House has helped me every step of the way to the woman I am today," the survivor said, noting she also received assistance to obtain her driver's license and resources to fill in the gaps when she got a raise at work and no longer was eligible for SNAP food assistance benefits. Jessica Ford, emergency shelter coordinator, read the second survivor testimonial, who noted that she came to the Soteria House in 2020 to escape mental and physical abuse. The

local woman was feeling rather discouraged, as she said she'd previously been in an abusive marriage that ended in 2004, and had left with her three children and moved to Ohio at that time.

The survivor recounted how staff at the Soteria House had her back and assisted her with purchasing a car and obtaining housing for her family.

"When I moved into my 'little safe haven,' my new apartment, I remember it so well. My first Christmas there, they helped me put up the Christmas tree. When we turned on all the Christmas tree lights, it was the most beautiful thing I've ever seen."

The domestic abuse survivor said now she works at the shelter where she first sought refuge, helping others on their journeys to a better life. She wants them to remember that "they are strong enough and brave enough."

Also during the ceremony, Bellefontaine Mayor Dave Crissman and Logan County Commissioner Michael Yoder offered a proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and noted that an average of 20 people per minute are affected by domestic violence in the U.S., which equates to about 10 million people annually.

The Ohio Domestic Violence Network also noted in their 2024 Fatality Report that there were 114 fatalities in the state in 85 cases between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024, involving 70 deceased victims and 35 deceased perpetrators. The youngest victim was age 4 months and the oldest victim was 85 years old.

To conclude the event,

Brownlee presented two awards, the first of which was the Volunteer of the Year award. Wally's Wrenchman was this year's winner, with the program manager noting the service center's outstanding assistance with helping repair clients' vehicles and donating their time.

The Logan Piecemakers quilting guild and the Peak Propane and P. Allan Properties received runner-up awards for the Volunteers of the Year for their contributions. The quilting guild created hand-crafted quilted bags for the Soteria House, and employees of Peak Propane and P. Allan Properties offered their hands-on dedicated efforts at the United Way's Community Care Day.

This year, the Liz Parker Community Hero Award was presented to Jennifer Stanley, a Bellefontaine City Prosecutor's Office victim/witness advocate. Parker, a victim witness for 17 years, passed away suddenly in December 2017. Her daughter, Jenna Schrader, along with other family members and friends, chose this year's recipient from several organizations honored at Friday's ceremony.

Runners-up for the Liz Parker Community Hero Award were Sgt. Ryan Brown from the Logan County Sheriff's Office and Kathy Zeller, Recovery Zone director.

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Logan County Ohio Court of Common Pleas Case No. CV 23 08 0234 - CIVISTA BANK V. ADMIN. OF THE ESTATE OF CHRISTINE COOPER., et al. Randall L. Barcus, Potential Heir of Christine Cooper fka Christine Rice, whose last known address is 8890 Township Road 239 # 30, Lakeview, Ohio 43331; Unknown Spouse of Randall L. Barcus, whose last known address is 8890 Township Road 239 # 30, Lakeview, Ohio 43331; Christine Steffes, Potential Heir of Christine Cooper fka Christine Rice, whose last known address is 13411 Eagle Path, Lakeview, Ohio 43331; Unknown Spouse of Christine Steffes, whose last known address is 13411 Eagle Path, Lakeview, Ohio 43331; Michael Barcus, Potential Heir of Christine Cooper fka Christine Rice, whose last known address is 5350 Camelot Dr., Apt. 26, Fairfield, Ohio 45014; and otherwise whose addresses are unknown, will take notice that on August 8, 2023, the undersigned, Civista Bank, filed its complaint in the Logan County, Ohio Court of Common Pleas, 101 S Main St., Room 205, Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311, alleging that the defendants named above have or may claim to have an interest in the following described real property to wit: Permanent Parcel No. 43-005-13-

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02-001-000 & 43-005-13-02-001-001
Address: 11387 Kootenay Path, Lakeview, Ohio 43331
A copy of the full legal description may be obtained from the Logan County Auditor's Office, 100 S. Maderiver Street, Room 103, Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311. The undersigned plaintiff alleges that it is the holder of a certain promissory note secured by a mortgage against said real property. The plaintiff further alleges that it is entitled to the foreclosure of said mortgage. The undersigned plaintiff prays that the defendants named above be required to answer and set up his or her interest in said real property, or be forever barred from asserting the same, for foreclosure of said mortgage, the marshaling of liens, and the sale of said real property, and the proceeds of said sale applied to the payment of the plaintiff's claim in the proper order of its priority and for such other and further relief as is just and equitable. The above-named defendants shall have twenty-eight (28) days from the date of this publication to appear or respond in this matter.
CIVISTA BANK
By Jeffrey J. Madison, Esq., Park Street Law Group, LLC, 612 Park Street, Suite 300, Columbus, Ohio 43215; (614) 569-4951; Attorney for Plaintiff.
Oct. 19, 26; Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the Bellefontaine City Council on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers on the 2nd floor of the Municipal Building, 135 N. Detroit Street, Bellefontaine, Ohio. Upon recommendation of the Planning Commission, the hearing is regarding adding a new Chapter to the City's zoning ordinance to govern Solar Energy Systems located within the City of Bellefontaine.
Oct. 26, 2024

SUMMARY OF BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 24-76
Passed on Oct. 22, 2024
An Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of Municipal Recreation Bonds (Limited Tax General Obligation) in one or more series in an Aggregate Principal Amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 for the purpose of acquiring constructing, equipping and improving certain Municipal Recreation Facilities including Recreational Equipment; authorizing agreements and matters relating to such bonds; and declaring an emergency.
Ordinance No. 24-79
Passed on Oct. 22, 2024
An Ordinance approving Ludlow Ridge Phase I Subdivision Dedication Plat containing 22,626 acres in Lake Township and declaring an emergency.
Ordinance No. 24-83
Passed on Oct. 22, 2024
An Ordinance authorizing and directing the Service-Safety Director and/or Fire Chief to enter into a Grant Application

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Writing Agreement, to apply for and accept 2024 Assistance to Firefighters Grant funding to purchase a Tanker Truck and declaring an emergency.
I, Bonnie Campbell, Bellefontaine City Clerk of Council, do hereby certify that these summary titles of Ordinances and Resolutions are true as passed by City Council of Bellefontaine during regular and special meetings (as prescribed by law) of the City of Bellefontaine on October 22, 2024. Ordinances and Resolutions in full form may be read or a copy secured thereof (for .25 per page) at the Clerk of Council's Office located at 530 E. Chillicothe Ave., Bellefontaine, Ohio, Ph. 937-599-1196.
Joshua Stolly,
City Law Director
Bonnie Campbell,
Clerk of Council
Oct. 26, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held in Council Chambers before the Bellefontaine City Board of Zoning Appeals on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. for the following requests.
1) Shannon Stratton of 1336 Superior St., Bellefontaine is asking for a rear yard variance to build a 16' x 16' addition to the back side of her home. This addition would fall within 40 feet of the property line. This property is zoned R-1, Once Family Residence District.
2) Jen Borba of New Signs Ohio, 5560 Bellefontaine Ave., Lima, Ohio 45804 and on behalf of the Logan County Friendly Senior Center is requesting a sign variance, to be located at 934 S. Main St., Bellefontaine. This would be a new double sided 80" x 105" x 18" EMC Monument digital sign. This property is zoned B-1, Neighborhood Business District.
3) Martin Trout of 501 Guntown Rd Lot 116, Bellefontaine is asking for a conditional use variance to move his 2001 32' x 80' mobile home from its present location to 401 Lawrence St. This property is currently zoned R-2, One and Two Family Residents District.
The application forms, maps and other pertinent information are on file in the office of the City Engineer for public inspection Monday through Friday, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 26, 2024

RUSSELLS POINT RULES & ORDINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Russells Point Rules & Ordinance Committee will have a meeting on Monday, October 28, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building at 433 State Route 708.
Oct. 26, 2024

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Ohio Hi-Point board hears updates on work-based learning program

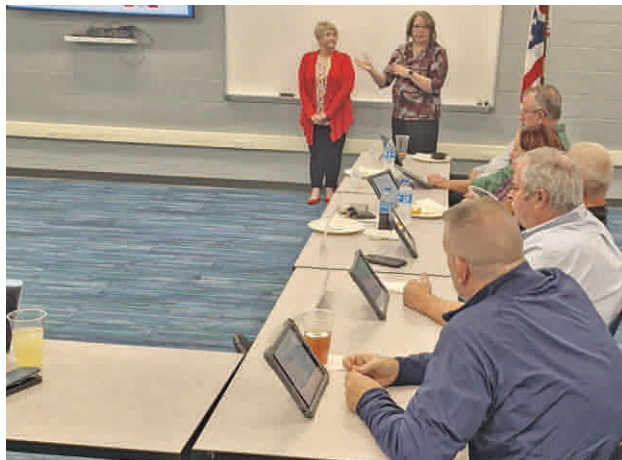
BY SHARYN KOPF
EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

The Ohio Hi-Point Joint Vocational School might have a lot of programs but it has one mission: to prepare young people for a career. And at the district's board of education meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 23, they heard about work-based learning (WBL), which gets their students one step closer to a job.

Two students began the presentation, starting with Eliana Borjas, who attends Marysville Early College High School. Borjas told how she initially planned to study aerospace engineering before discovering her interests lay in forensics. With that in mind, the WBL program found her an internship at the Union County coroner's office.

"I realized I wanted to work with people not machinery," Borjas told the board. She currently plans to study forensic anthropology at the Ohio State University.

The second student, Sean McGee, attends Marysville High School. He also changed his mind about his course of study. Though he had been leaning toward sports management he soon discovered a love of



Amy Wagner, work-based learning coordinator for Marysville High School, pictured right, updates the Ohio Hi-Point Career Center board of education at their regular meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 23. Tammy Cooper, left, who serves in the same capacity at the Marysville Early College High School, also spoke to the board. (EXAMINER PHOTO | SHARYN KOPF)

accounting.

WBL placed him at a chicken farm in Raymond, Ohio, as an accounting assistant. He said he works there three days a week from noon to 4 p.m.

"I'd go more if I could," McGee said, "but I have other responsibilities."

Tammy Cooper, WBL coordinator for Marysville Early College High School, then spoke, telling the board it's "amazing" as they've seen involvement go from 17 students to over 100.

"I love when you can hear about their opportunities and what the businesses are allowing them to do," Cooper stated. "It's a great program, and we're happy to have it at Marysville."

Amy Wagner, WBL coordinator for Marysville High School, agreed, adding, "I appreciate the board allowing us to do programs like this."

In a change of pace, the board then heard the career tech update from Brianna McCray, director of teaching

and learning, rather than Brad Richardson, career tech assistant superintendent.

McCray focused on three areas: development and training for first-year teachers, the recent introductory meeting of the newly formed literacy committee, and the district-wide professional development day on Friday, Oct. 18.

With regard to the literacy committee, McCray said they focused on discovering who their students are and what they need. She also mentioned the science of reading. "How can we help them become better readers?" McCray asked.

She then expressed concern for how the students are doing on tests, something that was a main part of the conversation at the professional development day.

"We have a significant number of kids who still haven't passed the tests they need to graduate," McCray admitted. "Do we know who our students are? What strategies have the biggest impact on student learning?"

Superintendent Dr. Rick Smith next recognized the district's students of the month: Laila Lynch, graphic media arts, Indian Lake High School and Ayden Clary, exercise science,

Bellefontaine High School.

During his report, Treasurer Caleb Lang asked the board to approve the September 2024 financial statement, along with several other items, including an increase appropriations by \$550,000 to the general fund for building improvements.

During the Oct. 16 board work session, Lang presented the five-year forecast, which he asked the board to approve at Wednesday's meeting.

Finally, the board approved the deletion of building "F," which refers to the administrative building on the hill, as of June 30, 2023.

During the superintendent's report, members approved a design-build agreement with Grand Lake Building Co., LLC, for any remaining design services and the construction phase of the building C renovations project in an amount not to exceed \$400,000. Demolition of the old building will begin on Nov. 1.

Smith let the board know Rick Jordan, a former OHP criminal justice teacher who left for a "nice job," was back at the career center. He asked they approve Jordan as an educational aide from Nov. 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025,

where he will provide additional math support.

Then, on July 1, 2025, Jordan will take over the aviation/drone program. The board also approved a teacher's supplemental as well as five extended days for Jordan for the 2025-2026 school year.

Staci McCully will transition from career tech financial assistant to assistant treasurer on Dec. 16, 2024. The current assistant treasurer, Patti Leiss, plans to retire on June 30, 2025. Lang described McCully as "a great person for the position."

A replacement will be sought for the career tech financial assistant job.

Consent items presented by Smith for approval were:

- Internship agreements with Beauty and the Barber, Huntsville; City of Marysville; Holt Brothers Ltd. Plumbing, Heating & Air, Urbana; Home Depot, Marysville; Rascal Unit, Dublin; Scott Family McDonalds, Bellefontaine; Urbana Country Club;
- Employment, substitutes: Ethan Allen, Robert Shoffstall and LeAnna Salmeron; and
- Out-of-state professional development requests for: John Case, director of technology, to attend the 2024-2025 Innovation for Transformation spring meeting and site visit to Google headquarters in Mountain View, Calif., April 26-29, 2025; \$2,500 from the general fund; and Kelsey Webb, public relations & marketing coordinator, to attend the AASA National Conference in New Orleans, La., March 6-8, 2025; \$3,000 from the general fund.

The next regular board meeting is 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20.

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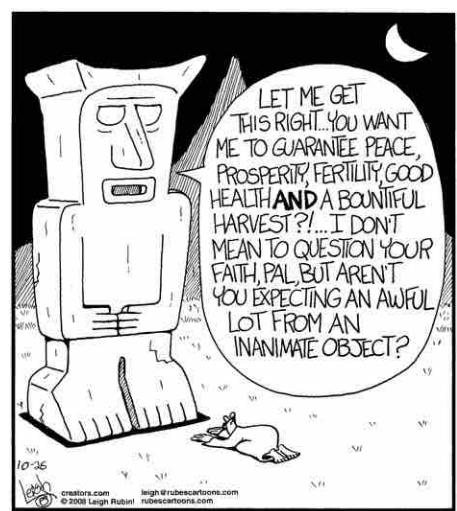
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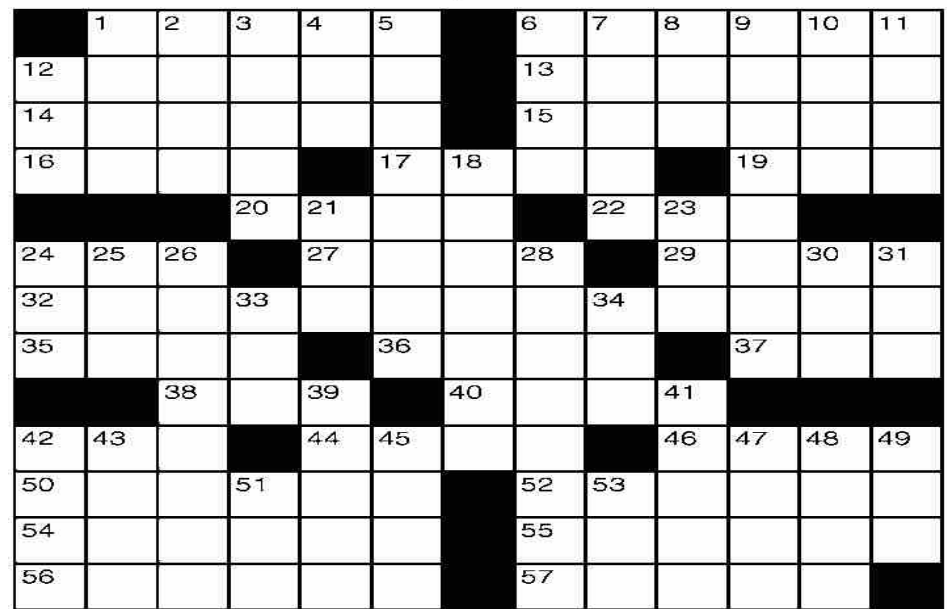
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Difficulty: ★★★ 10/24

Horoscopes

ROYAL STARS | FROM KING FEATURES SYNDICATE By Georgia Nicols

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or important decisions from 4 a.m. to 12 noon EDT today (1 a.m. to 9 a.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Leo into Virgo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024: You are intelligent and fast thinking. You are also witty. Others are often amazed by your talents. This is a wonderful year for you. You will be recognized for your talents and accomplishments with a promotion, an award or some kind of special acknowledgment. Bravo!

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) ★★★★★ Because you're in a positive frame of mind, you'll find it easy to work today. Make your to-do list and get busy! Nevertheless, because this is also a fun day to socialize, include some time to interact with friends and family. Discussions about shared property could be productive. Tonight: Get organized.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ This is a playful day! Accept this and enjoy hobbies, arts and crafts or creative endeavors. You will also enjoy sports events, socializing with others, playful activities with kids and anything to do with the entertainment world. Tonight: Play!

Gemini (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ It's the weekend, and it's a feel-good day for most people. If you don't have to work, enjoy relaxing at home. You also might entertain at home. Nevertheless, part of you wants to get better organized and get on top of your scene. If you work, by all means, quickly reward yourself with a rest. Tonight:

Relax. **Cancer** (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You have strong energy now because fiery Mars is in your sign. It might be wise to get outdoors to explore physical exercise or competitive activities so you can blow off any pent-up steam. It's a lovely day to schmooze. Enjoy socializing, appreciating the arts and sports events. Tonight: Conversations.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Your focus on home, family and your private life continues. Many of you will tackle home repairs and redecorating projects today. You will also enjoy entertaining at home. A conversation with a parent or an older family member could be significant. It's a feel-good day! Tonight: Check your belongings.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign dancing with the Sun, which promotes harmony around you. Kick back and relax. It's a pleasant, easygoing day. It's also a good day to learn or study something new. A short trip will appeal to you. If working, sales and marketing will be successful. Tonight: You win!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You are a social sign; however, today you're happy to cocoon at home. Pull in your energy and pamper yourself. Work alone or behind the scenes; this is what you will prefer. Some of you will shop. If so, be aware of the restrictions of the Moon Alert. Tonight: Time alone.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Enjoy the company of friends or members of clubs and organizations today. With Mercury in your sign, you have a strong need to express yourself. Why not share your hopes and dreams for the future with someone to get their feedback? Tonight: Friends.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ People notice you more than usual today. In fact, someone will know personal details about your private life for some reason. (Do be aware of this in case you have to do some damage control.) Your privacy matters to you today. Tonight: You're admired.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Today you have a strong urge to do something different. You want to expand your horizons! Obviously, travel would be an excellent choice. Nevertheless, if you can't travel, be a tourist in your own city or neighborhood. Look around and learn something new! Tonight: Explore!

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Discussions about shared property, taxes, debt or banking matters will go well today, especially if you're talking to authority figures — bosses, parents or VIPs. This will please you because you're keen to get a lot done. Nevertheless, take some time out to schmooze with friends. Tonight: Check your finances.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You are best served today if you cooperate and accommodate others. Be prepared to go more than halfway when dealing with friends and partners. Discussions about travel plans might be exciting. Sports will appeal to you! Tonight: Cooperate.

Born Today Singer-songwriter Keith Urban (1967), actor, singer, animator, director Seth MacFarlane (1973), actor Dylan McDermott (1961)

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FRIDAY NIGHT

BELLEFONTAINE EXAMINER

FLASH

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Lakers

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The defense was solid as well, with an interception by Clay and a fumble recovery in the fourth quarter. "Our defense has done a nice job of giving different looks, different fronts, different coverages," said Rapp. "It's really fun as a coach to see a group of guys not only do what we ask them to do, but they understand the philosophy and the concept of it. Because then they can dig deeper and play deeper, which makes them more effective."

North Union finishes the regular season at 2-8 overall and 1-4 in the Mad River contests.

Nickolas Hajjar completed 12 of 23 passes for the Wildcats for 71 yards. Nine of those went to Tyler Krebehenne for 57 yards. Nick VanHoose was the work-horse on the ground, getting 114 yards on 25 carries. Krebehenne had the score on a 1-yard plunge.

Things started slowly, with each team's first drive ending with a punt. North Union then started its second at the 34 and got one first down near midfield. Hajjar then fired deep, but it sailed over the receiver's head and was grabbed instead by Clay at the Lakers 27.

A 13-yard pass to Brodey Reisinger converted on third down and moved to the 45. Two plays later, Clay broke loose for a 29-yard gain to the Wildcats' 25. After a couple short runs, Clay swept to the right for the first points with 21 seconds to go in the period. The extra point was wide, leaving it 6-0.

After the defense forced a three-and out, Indian Lake took over at its 43 yard line. Three runs by Shirk moved them to the North Union 35. The next snap was a bit low, but Lillard quickly scooped it up and fired a long pass to Clay, who was knocked out of bounds at the 5. The Lakers went back to Shirk to cap it off with 9 1/2 minutes to go in the half. The PAT by Kolton Cummins was good, making it 13-0.

North Union drove into Lakers territory, but turned it over on downs after a fourth down throw fell incomplete.

Indian Lake then got to around midfield before stalling. The punt attempt had a bad snap, forcing the punter to take a knee.

The Wildcats took over with 2:23 to play in the half. Hajjar and Krebehenne connected three times and VanHoose mixed in some runs to reach the Lakers' red zone. Once again, a fourth-down pass was incomplete, and Indian Lake killed the remaining time.

The Lakers came out of the locker room and took the second half kickoff back to the 18.

They then called on Cosby on eight of the nine plays, and he had big gains on almost every one. Lillard and Clay also connected on a 13-yard pass on third down. After reaching the seven, Lillard fired across the middle to Burton with 7:34 to go in the period. The PAT made it a 20-0 cushion.

After each team had a drive end with a turnover on downs, North Union took over deep in its own end as the fourth quarter got under way.

VanHoose had several gains, but the defense then forced the ball loose from his grasp and fell on it at the Wildcats' 42.

A penalty and short gains made it 3rd down at the 45. Lillard hit Tristan Shoffner for five, then went back to Burton for 25 yards, keeping the drive alive and put them in the red zone at the 15. Three plays later, Cosby went through the middle for the fourth score with 7:22 to go.

North Union continued to battle, as their final drive of the game lasted 18 plays and covered 65 yards. They converted on fourth down three times, once due to a holding call on the Lakers. The third conversion put them at the 1, and Krebehenne broke through with just over two minutes to go in the game.

The Lakers then recovered the onside kick, drained the clock, and began their celebration.



Bellefontaine's Braylon Newcomb makes a catch Friday in a season-ending victory over Kenton Ridge.



Reese Oder attempts to get past a Fairbanks defender Friday in the Tigers' victory.

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