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# SPOOKY STORIES CONTEST

**The 'Bellefontaine Examiner' is pulling back the "curtains" on its "Spooky Stories Contest" winners in today's edition.**

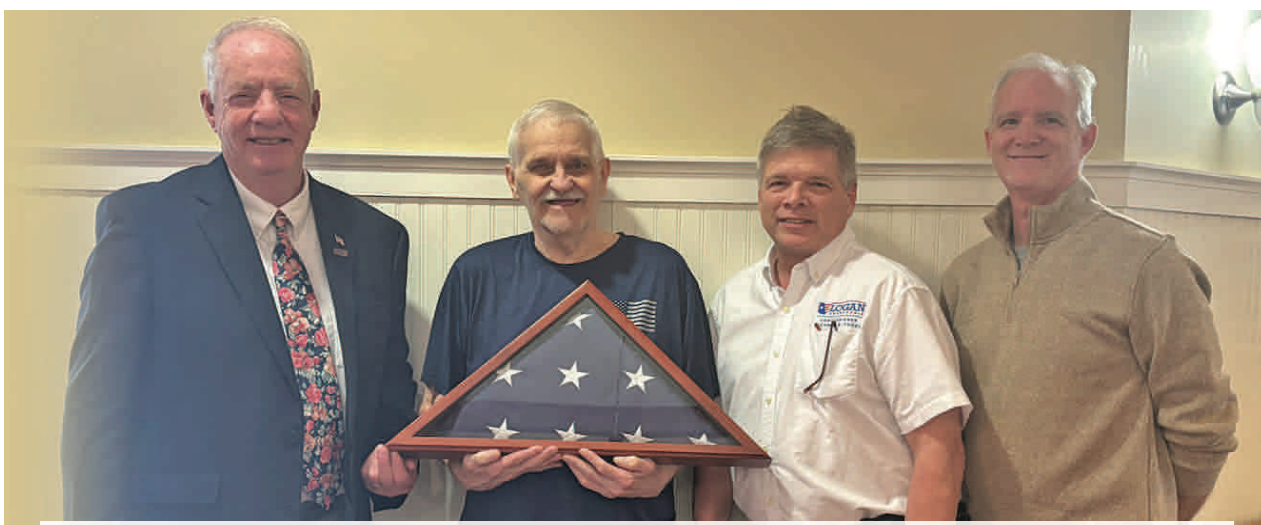
Halloween has arrived, and tonight, ghosts and goblins young and old will enjoy gathering treats from door to door around Logan County for Beggar's Night. In that same eerie and fun spirit, the 'Bellefontaine Examiner' hosted its first-ever Spooky Stories Contest this month, which brought out the creative writing talents for adults in the community with spine-chilling submissions, some expounding upon local legends and others delving into new creative tales at local landmarks. Submissions were required to use the word "curtains" somewhere in their piece and to incorporate a location in Logan County as well. Grab a beverage in your favorite comfy chair, and enjoy cozying up to this year's top two entries of the contest.

WENDY BODEY of DeGraff garnered first place with her spooky story set at the historic Holland Theatre, while ANDREA DOWNING of Belle Center received honorable mention for her piece centered around the murderous tale of the Hatchet Man.

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**HONOR BESTOWED**

## Air Force veteran recounts positive impact of his service



BY MANDY LOEHR | EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

**Logan Acres Care Center resident and retired U.S. Air Force Airman Bill "Popeye" Myers received a full-fledged party in his honor Tuesday, Oct. 31, during a special visit from the Logan County Commissioners for a flag presentation.**

Commissioners Joe Antram, Mike Yoder and Mark Robinson presented the 1959 Stokes Local High School graduate with the U.S. flag that was flown above the Logan County Courthouse during September. The commissioners began this monthly flag presentation program early last year to recognize local veterans and other distinguished country residents.

"We're able to honor people who have done great things for our country," Commissioner Antram said.

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Bill Myers, second from the left, receives a U.S. flag that was flown above the Logan County Courthouse, during a ceremony Tuesday with Logan County Commissioners, from the left, Joe Antram, Mike Yoder and Mark Robinson. (EXAMINER PHOTO | MANDY LOEHR)

## 'Battling Beside Trudy Benefit' raises more than \$42K

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The "Battling Beside Trudy Benefit" committee hosted an unforgettable evening Oct. 24, featuring a chicken and noodle dinner along with silent and live auctions, to support Trudy Bradley, who is courageously battling lymphoma for the second time.

The committee, comprised of the West Liberty Business Association, West Liberty Ohio Lions Club, West Liberty-Salem Athletic Association and other community leaders, worked tirelessly to ensure that every detail reflected Bradley's commitment to her community.

Committee members report that more than \$42,000 was raised through the event. The benefit served over 500 meals to more than 600 residents, friends, and supporters at the West Liberty Fire House.

Additionally, local businesses and community members generously donated 21 silent auction baskets, raising close to \$5,000.

A coconut cream pie, Trudy's favorite, made by Cindy Oelker and donated by The Liberty Gathering Place Restaurant, was auctioned off 17 times, ultimately raising \$16,200. After the auction, the pie went home with Trudy.

A "Pie in the Face" auction raised \$1,700, giving attendees the chance to pie local celebrities, including Morgan Sullivan, WL-S Athletic Director; Mason Shoemaker, Director of the West Liberty Youth Football Program; Mike Loudon, WL-S Cross Country Coach; Gideon Cole, a senior at WL-S; and Taryn Bradley, Bradley's son.

T-shirt sales leading up to the event contributed to the impressive total fundraising.

Bradley is not only a barber at Keith's Cuts and Curls,

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# West Liberty hears updates from fire chief, considers adding paternity leave

BY SHARYN KOPF  
EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

After going through their main agenda, the West Liberty Village Council waited the arrival of Fire Chief Darin Leach to close out their regular meeting on Monday, Oct. 28.

Leach gave the council information regarding the three volunteer firefighter applications he'd received, then went over issues he's facing in the purchase of new supplied air respirators, or air packs (SCBA).

The first new firefighter he recommended was Jeremy Smith, who currently works for the Columbus fire department while he finishes the Columbus Fire

Training Academy. Originally from Mechanicsburg, Smith spent 20 years working as a firefighter in California.

Leach said the second applicant is James Dalton, who works for West Liberty Lumber Company. Dalton took the level one firefighter class several years ago, but wasn't very active.

"He'd have to go through training, and we're not sure about his availability during the day," Leach explained. "But he wants to get back in."

On Leach's recommendation, the council approved both, and the two men have been placed on a probationary status.

The third applicant is an 18-year-old student from Ohio Hi-Point Career Center.

Leach plans to table his application for now with the option to bring him in for a class at some point.

As for the SCBAs, Leach said he's narrowed down the decision to options from two companies, MSA air packs from Fire Safety Services (FSS), Huntsville, or Dragers from Howell Rescue Systems Inc., Dayton.

Initially, Leach was leaning toward Howell as their offer was at least \$7,000 cheaper than FSS. However, right before Monday night's meeting, Leach spoke with Bellefontaine Fire Chief Andy Fissel, who told Leach they'd had problems with the Drager SCBAs.

Also, according to Leach, the MSA equipment has rechargeable batteries

while the Dragers use three sets of batteries. And there are issues with the warranties in replacing those battery packs.

"I have to put everything together so we can compare," Leach said. "I was hoping to have numbers tonight, but we're looking at \$140,000 to \$150,000."

Leach will continue to investigate before giving the council his final recommendation. He later added, "We're getting quotes from each and trying to solicit the best product for serving our department."

Another discussion arose over the possibility of adding parental leave for fathers. Reflecting back to when his children were born, Mayor Brad Hudson said, "I think it

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**ABE MARTIN**



"A pedestrian is mostly one who'd rather walk than try to park flat to the curb."

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

**WHO'S BEHIND THE CURTAINS?**

BY WENDY BODEY

I pushed aside the lacy curtains and looked at the crowd in the theatre below and thought about how I ended up in this room.

I had been enjoying a performance at the Holland Theatre and admiring the restored old building. The windmills that once again turned, the stars glowing in the ceiling, and the little houses with tulips in the flower boxes under their windows.

Then I saw a shadowy figure looking down from one of the windows. I knew it! When I had come to this theatre as a child, I would always ask about the little houses and if you could go inside them. However, my mom had always told me it was just a facade and there wasn't really anything behind them. But now I saw someone inside and I was determined to finally get in there myself.

When the show ended, I made my way to the front of the theatre. When no one was looking, I snuck behind the plush red stage curtains. There was just a wall; however, I knew there must be a hidden access.

So I started feeling along the wall and suddenly, my hand disappeared into a small recessed area. I felt a switch and when I flipped it, a section of the wall recessed into itself just enough for me to squeeze inside. Then it slid back into place, leaving me in complete darkness. I turned on my cell-phone flashlight and could see a narrow, steep staircase. It must lead up to the backside of the houses and windmills!

At the top of the stairs was a door. I opened it and stepped inside. I found myself in a small room with a woman inside. She wore old-fashioned looking clothes and her hairstyle looked like something from maybe the 30s or 40s.

I introduced myself and told her that I had always been curious about the Dutch-themed buildings that decorated the theatre and that I had finally found the passage into this one.

"You may be sorry that you did," she told me. "Please sit, I have a story to tell."

There was a chair and table with an oil lamp burning in the center. There was also a bookshelf with some very old looking books on it. I took a seat at the table and the mysterious lady began to tell her tale.

"I came to this theatre many years ago. At the end of the show, a woman approached, offering me a backstage tour. She led me up a narrow flight of stairs and into this room. Once I was inside she left, shut the door, and I have been alone here ever since. I have tried to get out of this room, but I am unable to. I can see and hear what is happening through the window. But no one can see or hear me."

"How can that be?" I asked. "How have you survived in here?"

She explained, "Time stands still in this room. The lamp never runs out of oil. I never get hungry or tired and I don't age. I've seen many changes through that window. I saw the theatre fall into disrepair and then close up. It was even more lonely when no one was coming and going. But then I got to see this place brought back to life and restored. And now someone else has finally found their way in here!"

"Maybe the spell has been broken now. Let's get out of here!" I told her.

"I'm sorry, but it doesn't work that way," she said. "What do you mean?" I asked.

"See all these books?" she asked. "I have read them all and discovered that the only way I would ever be able to escape was if someone else might have the ability to see me and find their way in here to take my place."

My heart leapt into my throat and I asked, "Take your place? What do you mean?"

As she stepped out the door she said, "I am sorry, but now you must remain here until someday when someone is able to see you and makes their way in here to take your place."

She closed the door, leaving me behind. I tried to grab the door before it latched, but it was like I ran into an invisible wall. It was the same whenever I tried to find a way out. And no one in the theatre below has been able to see or hear me.

I try to amuse myself by watching the people and hope that someone will notice me in the window. I hope I won't have to wait here as long as the previous resident. But at least the entertainment onstage below is good.



**HATCHET MAN'S HARROWING RETURN**

BY ANDREA DOWNING

Kate stood at the edge of the old Township Road 56 in front of the creepy old house that she inherited from her late grandparents. The house had set empty since her grandmother passed away five years ago, and it had a lot of work needing to be done.

For tonight, she was just going to get some dinner and get some sleep. Kate settled into bed and read her book until she dozed off.

Around two in the morning, she was awoken by footsteps on the old wooden stairs. She sat up in bed and grabbed the baseball bat that was beside her. The footsteps continued until they were outside her door and then stopped. She sat there shaking, waiting for the door to open, but everything suddenly went quiet.

Kate got up and crept to the door and slowly opened it, but there was nothing there.

In the morning Kate wondered around the house, adjusting the curtains to let the sunlight in. She kept thinking about last night wondering what she had heard. She decided to put it in the back of her mind and get to work.

Kate began by tearing up the old carpet. When she got most of it up, she noticed some dark stains on the wood floor underneath. Kate bent down to take a closer look and realized that it was blood and there was a lot of it.

At the same time, she noticed something out of the corner of her eye. She got up and looked around the room slowly, moving toward the door of the dining room. Once there, she peered into the room, but saw nothing. She kept thinking that she was going crazy.

Later that evening, she decided to go for a walk down the tree-covered road to visit Dan, who had been her grandparents' neighbor for a good many years.

As she walked up the small trail to the porch, she noticed Dan sitting in his rocking chair. His eyes lit up when he saw her. He had not seen her since her grandmother's funeral. They had a wonderful time together, catching up on old times.

Before she left, she told Dan about the odd happenings in the house. He asked her if she had ever heard the history of the property. She told him that she had not.

Dan told Kate that a long time ago, there was a German man who owned the property and he was mean and miserable. He hated his family and was not happy with them. One day, he decided that he was going to get rid of them.

He poisoned his three children and two of them died. The third, a boy, managed to survive and got away with the help of his mother. He next killed his wife by chopping her apart with an axe.

Kate listened to the story, trying to decide if she believed the old man. Dan continued, saying that the man ran away and changed his name. He married again, and then murdered his second wife as well.

This man was eventually caught, convicted of the murders and was hung for them. Dan pointed to the old cemetery across the road and said that he was buried over there. They called him "Hatchet Man." Kate gave Dan a hug and began walking back up the road, thinking about what he had said.

Over the next few months, the experiences kept happening more and more. Kate began to believe that she was being haunted by Hatchet Man. As she did repairs on the house, things kept getting worse.

Kate started to become a complete mental mess and never left the house. A month went by with no one seeing Kate at all.

Local deputies were called in to check on her. They found the house empty. There was fresh blood on the floor beside the old stairs.

They followed the trail of blood. It led them out into the woods behind the house, where they found Kate's body. It had been dismembered and an axe lie beside her.

The sheriff looked sad and said the ghost of Hatchet Man had stuck again. They buried her in the cemetery down the road from the house, near the headstone of the Hatchet Man.

What Dan never told her was that every woman who lived on that property since Hatchet Man had died by his hand, either axed to death or poisoned. Or that the Hatchet Man was his grandfather.

**VETERANS DAY EVENTS**

- **Indian Lake Schools** — 12:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11, Indian Lake area veterans and their guests are invited to a day of celebration and recognition at Indian Lake High School; a full lunch will be served, followed by an assembly; make reservations with your name, branch of service and guests who will be attending, no later than Nov. 4, you may call the school at (937) 686-8851 ext. 4215 or the high school office with your information.
- **Riverside Schools** — Monday, Nov. 11, annual Veterans Day Breakfast and Assembly, breakfast in the cafeteria starts at 8 a.m., followed by assembly in the gymnasium at 9 a.m.; guests are asked to park in the east parking lot by the high school gym, enter through the high school gym doors to sign in; musical performances and a guest speaker are planned; all veterans and their spouses are welcome.
- **Bellefontaine City Schools' Veterans Day Field of Honor** — Nov. 8-15, at Blue Jacket Park.



**ELECTION DAY MEALS**

- **Philadelphia Lutheran Church** — 5506 Township Road 201, Bellefontaine, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, dine-in and carry-out available, orders of five meals or greater can be delivered; menu: shredded chicken or sloppy joe sandwiches, chili or potato soup, homemade pies; cost is donation.
- **Rushsylvania United Methodist Church** — 152 Rush St., Rushsylvania; chicken and noodle curbside pick-up supper, serving begins at 4:30 p.m., menu includes: chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, cinnamon applesauce, roll, assorted pies; all for a donation.
- **West Mansfield Methodist Church** — 212 E. Center St., West Mansfield; b 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5; shredded pork or shredded chicken sandwiches, soups: potato, broccoli, vegetable beef or chili, and desserts; free will donation; carry-outs available.

**THE FORUM**

**Law director responds to social media comments about self, city prosecutor**

*Editor's Note: City Law Director Josh Stolly issued the following media release Tuesday afternoon concerning online and social media comments and allegations made against himself and Bellefontaine Municipal Prosecutor Crystal Welsh related to a pair of cases handled by her office.*

Dear Citizens:

Recently, there have been a number of on-line posts relating to two Logan County cases involving minor children, alleged criminal wrongdoing and a lack of prosecution by the Bellefontaine Municipal Prosecutor. There is an additional question being asked: "Who appoints the Prosecutor?" As your City Law Director, one of my responsibilities is the appointment of the Bellefontaine Municipal Prosecutor.

The Prosecutor is responsible for handling all county wide criminal misdemeanor offenses, traffic offenses and various civil enforcement actions on behalf of the City of Bellefontaine.

Annually, the Prosecutor oversees approximately 6,000 cases. Our prosecutor has been an incredible asset to our legal community and is known to uphold the highest legal and ethical standards of the role. As Law Director, I do not review cases or provide input on which cases are to be pursued. Our Prosecutor, based on years of training and expertise, makes the final determination on which criminal charges to pursue, if any. I support those decisions.

It is the customary practice of the Bellefontaine Municipal Court Prosecutor's office to not respond to case specific requests for comment by the media. The Prosecutor's office does and will meet with victims and their families. The role of any prosecutor's office is to protect the public by pursuing justice supported by sufficient and credible evidence. A prosecutor cannot act with a per-

sonal agenda – they must follow the law and the evidence.

When criminal charges are brought against an alleged criminal wrongdoer, the prosecution must prove the crime occurred beyond a reasonable doubt. Often times, the most reliable and credible evidence in any criminal prosecution is compiled by those with specialized training, including law enforcement and health care professionals. Testimony of law enforcement is a critical component of any criminal prosecution to establish guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. Without the supporting testimony of the professionals and sufficient evidence, an ethical prosecutor cannot file charges when they believe the evidence is not sufficient to prove a crime was committed beyond a reasonable doubt. I have no doubt that our Prosecutor is acting with the highest degree of professionalism and upholding the ethical obligations of the office.

No one wants to see a child hurt, injured or victimized. A lack of criminal charges is not a statement that wrongdoing did not occur. Regrettably, victims of abuse and neglect sometimes fall outside the reach of criminal prosecution for the reasons stated above.

The burden of proof is substantially less for children service cases. Further, the burden for protection orders, a preponderance of the evidence, is also lesser legal standard. The lower burden of proof is why cases are brought in those venues to immediately offer protections for those involved when criminal charges are not yet supported.

If you or anyone you know are currently being abused, please immediately call law enforcement as they are trained to investigate and will call a victim advocate to offer additional support as well as other professionals as necessary.

**Josh Stolly,**  
 City Law Director

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but also a bus driver at West Liberty-Salem and an active volunteer for numerous community organizations. She is involved with the West Liberty-Salem Athletic Association and the After Prom Committee, and she consistently provides team meals for the cross country and track teams.

Trudy and her husband,

Tyler, have two sons, Troy and Taryn, who attend West Liberty-Salem and participate in various clubs, extracurricular activities, sports, and music. Troy is a senior, and Taryn is a junior.

"Thank you to our incredible community for coming together, donating and "Batting Beside Trudy" in her courageous fight against lymphoma," the committee members said.



The "Batting Beside Trudy Benefit" committee reports that more than 600 people turned out for the event Oct. 24 at the West Liberty Fire House. (WLBA PHOTO)



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## OBITUARIES

### Geraldine "Gerry" L. Lininger

Geraldine "Gerry" L. Lininger, 87 of North Lewisburg, Ohio, went home to be with the Lord and reunited with her husband on Monday, October 28, 2024, in Bluebird Senior Living, Marysville, Ohio.



Geraldine was born March 1, 1937, in Cable, Ohio, the daughter of the late Elmer and Alma (Knicy) Delaney.

Gerry graduated from Wayne Woodstock High School in 1955. On May 28, 1955, she married H. Cleon Lininger. They were married 66 years before

Cleon's death in 2021.

Gerry retired from The Scotts Company in 2001 after 31 years where she worked in the Treasury Department. She then became the treasurer for the Middleburg Methodist Church for another 18 years, before fully retiring at the age of 85.

She was a talented seamstress, making countless numbers of bridesmaid dresses, costumes, blankets and quilts. Grandma Lininger especially loved helping her granddaughters with their 4-H sewing projects. She loved family gatherings, playing cards, board games, yard games, and starting an occasional water fight with her kids and grandkids.

For more than 20 years, Gerry and Cleon planned and hosted an annual reunion for members of Wayne-Woodstock classes 1953, 1954, and 1955. She found great joy in bringing happiness to those around her.

Gerry was a wonderful mom, grandma, aunt, sister and friend and will be greatly missed by everyone who was fortunate enough to be part of her life.

Gerry is survived by four children: Dan (Judy Engle) Lininger of Middleburg, Doug (Jodi) Lininger of East Liberty, Paul "Butch" (Dawn) Lininger and Susan (Brett) Herron both of Woodstock. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren: Miranda (Malin) Westfall, Gentry Thomas, Stephanie (Daniel) Napier, Rachael Lininger, Jaimee (Craig) Miller, Clark (Holly) Herron, Mandi (Adam) Wood, Jessica (Matt) Marshall, Amber (Derick) Endicott, Kelsey (Brad) Cummins, and Jordan Lininger, as well as 21 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, Gerry is preceded in death by three sisters, Kay Johnson, Betty Holycross, and Carolyn Ferryman, and five brothers: Warren, Stanley, Maynard, Robert, and Don Delaney.

Visitation for Gerry will be held Sunday, November 3, 2024, from 2 P.M. to 5 P.M. at Freshwater, McDonald & Vernon Funeral Home, North Lewisburg, Ohio.

Funeral services will be held at Middleburg Community Church at 10 A.M. on Monday, November 4, 2024, with the Rev. Carolyn Christman officiating.

Burial will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery, North Lewisburg, Ohio

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Miami Valley Chapter (31 W.

Whipp Road, Dayton, Ohio) or Middleburg Community Church (11824 OH-287, Middleburg, OH 43336).

Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.vernonfh.com](http://www.vernonfh.com).

### Nancy McAlexander

Nancy McAlexander, age 80, of Tipp City, Ohio, formerly of West Liberty, Ohio, passed away Friday, October 25, 2024. She was born in Bisbee, Arizona, March 4, 1944 to the late Roy and Jerry Keely of West Liberty, Ohio.

In August 1967, Nancy married Don McAlexander of West Liberty, Ohio. As well as her husband, she is survived by a brother, John (Cathy) Keely, of West Liberty, Ohio; two nephews: Jay (Amy) Keely of Urbana, Ohio and Jarrod (Courtney) Keely of Centerville, Ohio; 4 great nephews: Mason Keely, Sam Keely, and Alex Keely all of Centerville, Ohio, and Max Keely of Urbana, Ohio.

Nancy graduated from West Liberty, Ohio High School in 1962 and Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio in 1967. Then she completed graduate classes at the University of Dayton and Wright State. Nancy taught at Broadway Elementary in Tipp City, Ohio from 1968 until 2003.

Nancy was a member of PEO (Women's Philanthropic Educational Organization), Eastern Star, Miami County Retired Teachers, Community Minded Women, Delta Kappa Gamma (Women Educator's Professional Society), Alpha Omicron Pi (an international women's fraternity), an Honorary Life Time Member of Needy Basket of Southern Miami County, the Women's Ministry of the Tipp City United Methodist Church, Corvette Troy, and the National Road Corvette Club.

Nancy volunteered for the Clothesline in Tipp City, Life Essentials in Dayton, Miami County Adult Basic Literacy, Needy Basket of Southern Miami County, and spent many years volunteering for the Victoria Theatre Association in Dayton.

Nancy and Don enjoyed their days together, and they enjoyed traveling with their family and friends in Corvette Troy and the National Road Corvette Club.

A visitation will be held 10:30 AM until time of service at 11:30 AM Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at Tipp City Global Methodist Church, 8 W. Main St., Tipp City, Ohio 45371. Pastor Bonita Ritchie officiating. Charitable donations may be made to The Tipp City Global Methodist Church.

The arrangements are in the care of the staff of the Frings and Bayliff Funeral Home in Tipp City. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.fringsandbayliff.com](http://www.fringsandbayliff.com).

### Gerald Richard Wheat

Gerald Richard Wheat, loving husband and father, and lifelong Presbyterian minister, died October 14, 2024, at his residence in Nashville, Tennessee.



Born February 9, 1930, in Hamden, New York, he is preceded in death by his parents Irving and Elsie Wheat of Hamden, New York; his brothers Ralph, Donald, Carlton, and Bruce; and his wife of 65 years, Mildred Rebecca Vorhis Wheat.

He is survived by his brother George (Fran) in Grand Island, Nebraska; four children and their spouses: Don (Ann), Doug (Patti), Becky Portier (Fred) and Debby Lelansky (Craig); nine grandchildren and their spouses: Chris Wheat (Elizabeth), Katy Borhauer (Peter), Adam Portier (Nicole), Erin Haggard, Christine Finnegan (Ryan), Joel Portier (Vita), Alex Lelansky (Krista), Jenny Crawmer (Steven), and Dan Lelansky; thirteen great-grandchildren; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

He graduated from Delaware Academy in Delhi, NY, Maryville College in Maryville, TN, and Pittsburgh-Xenia Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh, PA.

In his many years as a United Presbyterian minister, he served the following congregations: Grove United Presbyterian Church, West Middletown, Pennsylvania; Westminster Presbyterian Church, New Concord, Ohio; First Presbyterian Church, Belle Center, Ohio; First Presbyterian Church, Washington Court House, Ohio; and Greenwich Presbyterian Church, Nokesville, Virginia.

After his retirement to Arlington, Virginia, he was active in congregational life at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Garden Memorial Presbyterian Church, and National Presbyterian Church.

He was always known for his strong commitment to pastoral care, his community service including Kiwanis activities and Chaplain for the Washington City Council, his quick wit, a lifelong love of gardening and music, his many collections, and his curated collection of jokes (some of which showed up in sermons). He will be missed by all who knew him.

A private family interment and celebration of his life is planned at a later date in Ouleout Valley Cemetery, Franklin, New York. Please send condolences and sharing of thanks for his life to The Wheats, 1813-A Shackleford Road, Nashville, Tennessee, 37215.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to the Parkinson's Foundation or to other worthy causes.

## DEATH NOTICES

**HOLDERMAN, Robert Paul**, was born Jan. 6, 1940, and passed away at home surrounded by his family Sunday, Oct. 6, 2024, at the age of 84; celebration of life, Saturday, Nov. 2, Bellefontaine Church of Christ in Christian Union, 1669 County Road 11, Bellefontaine, where Pastor Michael Phillips will officiate a service at 1 p.m.; visiting hours will follow the service until 3 p.m., military honors will be performed by the Logan County Veterans Honor Guard at 2 p.m.

## Club's Clean Up Day yields impressive results

Members of the Benjamin Logan Environmental Science Club teamed up Wednesday, Oct. 23, for an extensive clean up project on campus and in the school's land lab, while also learning about invasive plants, such as bush honeysuckle, that have established themselves around the land lab. The evening was "hands-on," with the club members cleaning up trash, cutting and treating honeysuckle, building wildlife brush piles and trimming up white oak trees planted at the land lab more than 25 years ago. More than 100 pounds of scrap and trash were removed from the land lab that evening, organizers report. "Connecting with our environment is the name of the game," said Bruce Smith, one of the advisers of the group. The Benjamin Logan Environmental Science Club is a sponsored program of both Benjamin Logan Schools and the Logan County Land Trust. Find the group on Facebook or visit [logancountylandtrust.org](http://logancountylandtrust.org). (SUBMITTED PHOTO)



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would be great to take a few weeks off to bond with the baby."

Besides looking into how it would work out financially, Council President Jayne Griffith said they would research what other towns are doing. They also need to consider how many staff they have and how maternity leave could further thin that out.

Hudson added, "Two weeks seems reasonable for paid dad leave," which the other members agreed with. Councilmember Jeanette Zerkle then suggested researching guidelines.

The council will readdress the issue at a future meeting. Cindee Boyd will retire from her position as clerk on Nov. 29. However, she has asked to be rehired on Dec. 3 as she would like to continue on for another year.



To keep things above-board, the council decided to post the open position on Tuesday, Oct. 29, and accept applications through Friday, Nov. 8.

"It's a huge, complex job," Griffith pointed out. Councilmember Shannon Maier stated they should still make sure it's fairly done and others have a chance to apply.

Hudson agreed, but told Boyd, "You would be our number one pick since you've done the job."

Griffith and Hudson needed to sign a letter of support to demolish the old school building since they finally have permission to tear it down. Hudson said

this has "been coming a long time," and added the time-frame will be about two years.

"The wall on the west side is caving," Boyd told the council. "Big stones have fallen outside the building." She said the roof is pushing the walls out.

According to Hudson, they've had to barricade the area a few times, saying it was bad enough three to four years ago. "It's so much more dangerous now," Griffith added. "And every once in a while an old student wants to look around."

The council decided to put up clear markings letting people know just how hazardous the building and area around it is.

In other council news: During public participation, resident Gary Hastings recommended letting people who want recycling

to do their own billing and take care of it themselves, rather than making it a village-wide directive.

"Just let those who want to participate do it," Hastings suggested. "Some people can't afford it."

Council then passed the second reading of ordinance 2024-12 for curbside recycling and garbage rubbish rates.

In approving Monday night's bills, Griffith pointed out her surprise over a \$1,200 "hand hose," which she interpreted as a garden hose. But they clarified it was, in fact, an industrial-size leaf blower.

Councilmember Alyssa Kauffman attended the recent safety council meeting. She said they covered workplace instability, focusing on areas like racial and generational differences.

On Oct. 25, 300 junior and senior West Liberty-Salem High School students volunteered their time around the village. Their work included painting and cleaning up areas like Lions Park and the bike path.

Six of those students helped put shelves together in the community room. According to Boyd, they had the work done in about 30 minutes, so she asked them to take care of a few other projects. "They did a great job," she said.

Hudson once again reminded the

councilmembers they need to take the certified public records training and the Sunshine Laws training. The latter must be completed before Dec. 31, 2024.

The bank is forcing West Liberty to take out flood insurance on the police building. A surveyor came to inspect the area on Oct. 17 and will keep the village updated.

Hudson plans to talk to Police Chief Shane Oelker about having full-time police coverage, 24-7. They're looking for ways to cover all shifts without going overbudget due to overtime hours.

Currently, police officers have used 197 overtime hours in 2024; that number was over 400 for 2023.

Beggars night on Thursday, Oct. 31, will take place from 6 to 8 p.m., rain or shine.

A special veterans event is planned for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, at the opera house. West Liberty resident and World War II veteran Bill Figley will serve as the keynote speaker.

The next West Liberty Village Council meeting takes place on Veteran's Day, Monday, Nov. 11, at 7 p.m.

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## BELLEFONTAINE

**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](http://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 Super Church, 8:45 a.m., worship 10 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study 7 p.m.

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



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**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](http://cgchurch.net); [fb.com/cgchurchteam](http://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](http://bellefontaineffc.org)

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[bellefontaineffc.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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**  
Philip H. Pockras, pastor  
For time and place of meetings, call 464-6851; listen at [sermonaudio.com/bc-rpcna](http://sermonaudio.com/bc-rpcna); prayer meeting 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.  
[bcrpcchurch.org](http://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](http://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](http://degraffbaptistchurch.com)

**Logansville Community Church**  
(937) 441-1473.  
Dana Kidder, pastor  
Sunday: 9:30 Sunday school; 10:45 a.m. worship.  
[logansvillechurch.net](http://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.  
[degraffbaptistchurch.com](http://degraffbaptistchurch.com)

**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](http://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](http://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](http://huntsvillepresbyterianchurch.com)

**LAKEVIEW**  
**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. 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](http://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](mailto: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  
[fcoj.com](http://fcoj.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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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.  
[bethelchurchw.org](http://bethelchurchw.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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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.  
[westlibertyunitedmethodistchurch.org](http://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](http://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](http://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



# LOGAN COUNTY BEAT

## SHERIFF & HIGHWAY PATROL

### Driver cited in crash at roundabout

Deputies of the Logan County Sheriff's Office responded about 7:15 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, to a two-vehicle rollover crash at the roundabout at state routes 235 and 47. Amanda Collingsworth, 45, of Sidney, was operating an eastbound 2013 Dodge Journey on S.R. 47 when the vehicle entered the roundabout and was struck by a 2006 Acura TL. The collision caused the Dodge to overturn onto its side and come to rest in the roadway. Neither Collingsworth, nor the Acura's driver, Michael Pippin, 44, of DeGraff, reported any injuries. Each was wearing a seat belt. Collingsworth was cited for failure to yield the right of way at intersections. Damage to the Dodge was disabling. It

was towed from the scene by Tops Towing. The roadways were closed temporarily and reopened around 8 a.m. • A Lakeview man escaped injury in a single-vehicle rollover crash that occurred about 5:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28, on County Road 23 south of County Road 225 in Stokes Township. Samuel R. Huber, 41, was operating a northbound 2016 Ram cargo van on C.R. 23 when he swerved to avoid an unspecified animal crossing the road, deputies report. The cargo van then went off the left side of the road and rolled into a field where it came to rest. Huber, who was reportedly wearing a seat belt, was not injured. The vehicle, owned by Merit Mechanical of New Bremen, sustained disabling damage.

# HONOR

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noting that his family and Myers' family "go way back" several generations, both growing up in the Lakeview area. Myers followed in his older brother's footsteps when joining the Air Force, and his father also served in the military. The local honoree served in the Air Force from 1960-1964, which was a "was a very good experience. I saw a lot of the country," he said, also noting

with a chuckle that it kept him out of trouble. So much so that Airman Myers earned the Air Force Good Conduct Medal. For much of his time in the Air Force, Myers was stationed in Texas. In addition, he served in the U.S. Air Force Reserves for three years in England until 1966. After his honorable discharge, Myers worked at Rockwell International in Kenton, where he was employed for 30 years until his retirement. Making the day extra mem-

orable at Logan Acres were Myers' family members in attendance for the festivities, including Ginny Myers, Jon and Terri Myers, Bill Jr. Myers, Mike Leugers, Nora Myers and Sally Robb, who joined in for cake and punch after the ceremony. Also in attendance and showing their support were representatives from Logan County Veterans Office Amy Ricketts and Scott Sedlak and Logan County Commissioners Administrative Clerk DeDe Doss.

# COMICS

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**PEARLS BEFORE SWINE** Stephan Pastis

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Difficulty: ★★★ 10/31

# CROSSWORD

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16 Jazzy style  
17 Animated figure  
18 Empty talk  
20 Swiss river to the Rhine  
22 Horror film parody of 2000  
26 Waste maker  
29 Chow down  
30 "SNL" cast member  
31 Rap-scallions  
32 Dol. fractions  
33 Wee songbird

**34** "Today" rival, briefly  
**35** Damage  
**36** Decrees  
**37** Disney film in which Bette Midler plays a witch  
**40** Actress Swenson  
**41** Sports venues  
**45** Maxi's opposite  
**47** Spill catcher  
**49** Actress Gershon  
**50** Golden Fleece ship  
**51** Texter's chuckle

**52** Luau strings  
**53** Org.  
**54** Compass dir.  
**55** Ever-greens

**11** Hamilton bill  
**19** "Rocks"  
**21** Invoice fig.  
**23** Chic again  
**24** "— the picture!"  
**25** Eternities  
**26** Lofty  
**27** Weaponry, for short  
**28** Type-setter's concerns  
**32** Proficient  
**33** Know-it-all  
**35** Food additive  
**36** Cat's coat  
**38** Labor group  
**39** Bridge suspension  
**42** Goddess of victory  
**43** Fresh  
**44** Back talk  
**45** Goat's cry  
**46** Apr. addressee  
**48** Bit of physics

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**Yesterday's answer 10-30**

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**Horoscopes** ROYAL STARS | FROM KING FEATURES SYNDICATE By Georgia Nicols

**MOON ALERT:** Avoid shopping or important decisions from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. EDT today (9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Libra into Scorpio.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Thursday, Oct. 31, 2024: You are steady, reliable and trustworthy. However, you are also spontaneous and entertaining! This is a year to work hard to create foundations in your life. These might be physical in an external way or internal structures. Stay organized, grounded and levelheaded. Laziness is not acceptable.

**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) ★★★ Treat carefully this morning because tempers are short and people are impatient. Not you, of course. (That is a joke.) This is because the Moon is at odds with your ruler fiery Mars. Fortunately, later in the day, all is well; nevertheless, feelings are intense and passionate. Tonight: Check shared possessions.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Avoid work-related squabbles. (Remember, you have to work with these people in the future.) Later in the day, when the Moon is opposite your sign, you will have to go more than halfway when dealing with others. The key is to be friendly, cooperative and accommodating. Tonight: Discussions! **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Today your ruler Mercury is dancing with Neptune, which makes you feel sympathetic and genuinely interested in the welfare of someone. However, other astrological challenges are present, which could create tension when dealing with your kids as well as romantic partners. Be patient with social outings. "Trick or treat?" Tonight: Get involved. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★★ You might encounter some tension in social situations, or when dealing with your kids or romantic partners. It's Halloween, and there might be a lot going on. Nevertheless, you have wonderful, creative ideas when it comes to artistic decisions and, possibly, Halloween costumes! Bravo. Tonight: Socialize! **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Today you feel sympathetic with a family member. You might want to help kids get into the festivity of things, or you might help a family member distribute candy at the door — it could be anything. The key is to be patient, because various distractions can create friction with others. Tonight: Home and family. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ You might spend a lot of time daydreaming today or lost in a fantasy world. That's OK. Obviously, this is a good day for you if you need to use your imagination. Early in the day, be patient with others when it comes to money and your belongings. Easy does it. Tonight: New ideas. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Today begins with the Moon still in your sign at odds with Mars and Pluto (yikes!), which is why you might feel quarrelsome or irritated with someone. Check the Moon Alert before you spend money today. Be cautious about going overboard buying luxurious items. Tonight: Protect your belongings. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Be patient with people this morning, because later in the day, after the Moon moves into your sign, you will be empowered! Things will tend to go your way. Because of this, you might look kindly upon a friend or partner and wish to help them in some way. Tonight: Imaginative decisions. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ This is a good time to shop for wardrobe items for yourself. However, don't do this during the Moon Alert today. Be patient with friends and members of groups this morning. Avoid friction or intense confrontations with others. Who needs this? (Not you.) Tonight: Privacy. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You continue to be high-viz as this day begins. Keep this in mind if you have a quarrel with somebody, because others will definitely notice. (Heated whispers in an elevator?) Practice a kindness today. Tonight: Be helpful. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ This morning you might argue about politics, religion or racial issues. Don't start your day on the wrong foot. Later today, the Moon moves to the top of your chart, making you high-viz, which means everyone notices you. Be cool. Tonight: You're admired. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Squabbles about money, debt or shared property might occur this morning. Stay clear of these if possible. Later in the day, grab any opportunity to travel or do something different. You want to broaden your horizons and discover adventure! Do something different tonight! Ideas!

**BORN TODAY** Journalist, commentator Dan Rather (1931), actress Piper Perabo (1976), actress Danielle Rose Russell (1999) \*\*\*

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Position will be responsible for the cleaning & maintenance of the Logan County History Center facility and grounds. Must have high school diploma/GED. The position will be 16 hours per week. Competitive compensation based on experience. Qualified applicants must submit a resume and cover letter by 5:00 pm on November 8, 2024, to Todd McCormick, Curator/Director, Logan County Historical Society, 521 E. Columbus Ave., Bellefontaine, OH 43311. For more information email historycenter@loganhistory.org

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## REAL ESTATE

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**November 16, 2024 10 AM**  
The contents in the following units will be sold off. Buyers are responsible for removing ALL content within 48 hours of the sale. Each unit's contents are sold as one bid. Condition of the property is not warranted and sold in as is condition. Various items include household goods, small engine, grill, furniture, general tools, yard tools, recreation items, storage totes & misc. personal property. Only CASH is accepted as payment on the day of the sale.

**Unit 33**  
William H. Wedel  
Last known address  
12284 SR 287  
PO Box 52  
Middleburg, OH 43336  
**Unit 1**  
Mike McCleery

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Last known address  
PO Box 119  
North Lewisburg, OH 43060  
**Unit 49**  
Brooklyne K. Pierce  
Last known address  
459 S. Main St.  
West Mansfield, OH 43358  
**Unit 29**  
Terry Riley Jr.  
Last known address  
1104 Michigan Ave.  
Bellefontaine, OH 43311  
**Unit 6**  
Aaron Miller  
Last known address  
4000 Alpine Way  
Lot A 3  
Zanesfield, OH 43360  
Oct. 31; Nov. 7, 2024

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
Miami Township Zoning Board of Appeals' meeting for November 6, 2024, at 7 PM regarding the requested variances for the property located at 12683 SR 706, Quincy, OH 43343, has been cancelled due to the property owner no longer wanting to pursue the variances for this property.  
Kaitlyn Bailey  
Fiscal and Zoning Officer  
Oct. 31, 2024

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
The Zane Township Board of Trustees, Logan County, OH, will hold a public hearing concerning proposed amendments to the Zane Township Zoning Resolution on November 11, 2024 at 8:00 AM at the Zane Township Hall. The building address is 10495 Columbus St, Middleburg, OH 43336.

The proposed amendments, initiated by motion of the Zoning Commission, propose to amend the cover page, table of contents, Article II Definitions, Section 910 Official Schedule of District Regulations Adopted, Section 1036 Solar Energy Systems, Section 1065 Family Care Homes, Section 1066 Group Care Homes, Section 1067 Home for Adjustment, Section 1067 Institution, Section 1130 Parking Space Requirements, Article XIII Mobile Home Parks and Mobile Homes Individually, the Official Schedule of District Regulations, and adds visual diagrams. The text and map(s) of the proposed amendment will be available for examination at the Middleburg Post Office between the hours of 12:01 AM and 11:59 PM for a period of 10 days prior to the public hearing. The building address is 12020 Green St, Middleburg, OH 43336.  
Zane Township Trustees  
Oct. 31, 2024

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
The Zane Township Zoning Board - Meeting for review of requests - November 6th, 2024 at 7pm. Zane Township Zoning board is reviewing 2 new requests from businesses being formed in the township. This meeting will take place on Wednesday November 6th, 2024 in the Township Hall at the Middleburg Park, at 7pm, 11845 St Rt 287, Middleburg Ohio. 9688 Township Road 29, East Liberty Ohio, 43319 = Conditional use for a landscape business. (Parcels 53-140-00-00-018-000, 53-140-00-00-014-004, 53-140-00-00-014-000) Stokes Road/SR153 = Concrete plant = Request for a variance, submitted by the chairman. (Parcels 53-141-00-00-030-000, 0300010130000, 0300010140000)  
Zane Township Board of Zoning Appeals  
Oct. 31, 2024

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
The Washington Township Board of Trustees, Logan County, OH, will hold a public hearing concerning proposed amendments to the Washington Township Zoning Resolution on November 11, 2024, at 6:30PM at the Washington Township Hall. The building address is 7464 Co Rd 91, Lewistown, Ohio, 43333.

The proposed amendments, applied for by James Cooper, proposes to change the zoning classification for the following property owned by the following person at the following address:

**Parcel: 51-032-00-00-009-006**  
Owner: COOPER THOMAS MICHAEL LE ETAL  
Address: Behind 8187 St Rt 736, Russells Point, OH 43348  
Existing Zoning District: Heavy Manufacturing (M-2)  
Proposed Zoning District: Medium Density Residential (R-2)

The application—including text

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and map(s)—for zoning amendment will be available for public examination at the Russells Point Post Office building, between the hours of 12:01 AM and 11:59 PM for a period of 10 days prior to the public hearing. The building address is 901 State Route 708, Russells Point, OH 43348.

Gary Bias, Zoning Inspector  
Lisa Miller, Fiscal Officer  
Washington Township  
OCT. 31, 2024

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## AREA 2024 PLAYOFF PREVIEW

# Chieftains excited to have another chance to entertain their home crowd

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One of the factors in having success is being comfortable and sticking to a routine. By earning a home game against Chaminade-Julienne in the first round of the playoffs on Friday, Bellefontaine's football team will be able to draw on the comforts of playing in a familiar atmosphere.

"It's awesome to have another home game," said BHS head coach Jason Brown. "We are so fortunate to have great support from our community and we are excited to give them another opportunity to come to AcuSport Stadium to cheer on the Chiefs."

Fueled by a four-game winning streak to end the regular season, the Chieftains (8-2) captured the fifth spot in Division III, Region 12. That resulted in a first-round matchup with the 5-5 Eagles of the Greater Catholic League-Co Ed conference.

The Eagles finished fourth out of six teams in the conference with a 2-3 mark. Badin won the league at 5-0, McNicholas was second at 4-1 and Alter took third at 3-2.

"They are a very good 5-5 football team," said Brown. "There are a lot of talented teams on their schedule."

The Eagles opened the season



Senior wide receiver Braylon Newcomb and the Chieftains will look to continue to make big plays when the playoffs begin Friday with a home game against Dayton Chaminade-Julienne. (EXAMINER PHOTO | TONY BARRETT)

with a 21-10 win over Miamisburg before losses to Taft (12-7) and Columbus Hartley (49-23).

They bounced back with wins over Franklin (26-7) and Edgewood (14-0) to finish the first half of the season at 3-2.

CJ lost to a talented McNicholas squad 42-23 in Week

6, but answered with dominant wins over Fenwick (48-14) and Carroll (68-0).

A pair of losses closed the regular season for the Eagles as they were shut out by Badin 14-0 in Week 9 and lost to Alter 31-6 in Week 10.

CJ will test Bellefontaine's defense with an old school offen-

sive style of play. The Eagles passed for just 241 yards while rushing for 2,945.

"We don't see a lot of offenses like what they run," said Brown. "They are double-tight, double-wing and their goal is to be physical and get downhill."

The Eagles have four players with at least 551 rushing yards.

The team's leading rusher is senior Aiden Lowery. Despite checking in at just 5-2, 140, Lowery has rushed for 910 yards and 13 touchdowns on 121 carries, averaging 7.5 yards per rush.

Junior Malachi Maddox-Ringer, who is also on the small side at 5-5, 166, has 79 rushes for 629 yards and six TDs. He is also the team's leading receiver with five catches for 90 yards.

Senior Nydrell Wright (5-7, 220) is the bruiser of the running back group. He has 609 yards and two TDs on 95 carries.

Rounding out the rushing attack for the Eagles is senior Ethan Stacey (5-10, 180). Stacey has 551 yards and three touchdowns on 73 attempts.

"We have to match their physicality up front," said Brown of the key to slowing down the CJ running game. "We also have to win some one-on-one battles."

The Eagles' quarterback is sophomore Jaiven Manley (5-11, 205). Manley's primary task is handing the ball off to his talent-

ed stable of running backs. He has completed just 17-of-37 passes for 241 yards with one touchdown and three interceptions.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Eagles are led by a strong group up front.

"Their defensive line is really good," said Brown. "They have some good size and they are physical and athletic."

The Eagles' defensive line is sparked by junior Elijah Berman (6-3, 275). He has 34 tackles with 9.5 for loss and four sacks. He has received college offers from Miami of Ohio and Ohio University.

Senior defensive end Joe Hudson (6-3, 190) has recorded 47 tackles with one sack and 4.5 tackles for loss.

Wright has also been disruptive at his tackle spot with four sacks and 4.5 tackles for loss. He also had three forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries.

The secondary is led by senior Caelon Russell (6-0, 175). He has 53 tackles and one interception.

Bellefontaine will attempt to keep playing with the momentum and confidence it built through the four straight wins to end the regular season.

"We are playing our best football in all three phases," said Brown. "We are playing with confidence and playing fast. That has to continue this week."

# Lakers to battle their 2nd MAC opponent of the season in Versailles

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Based on their respective season records, Indian Lake and Versailles could be seen as a mismatch. It's doubtful that will be the case, though.

Indian Lake won the Mad River division crown in the Central Buckeye Conference, going 5-0 and was 8-2 overall to earn the No. 5 seed in the Region 20 bracket for Division V.

After losing to Midwest Athletic Conference member Anna (37-0) to open the year, the Lakers recorded wins over Fairbanks (19-16), Allen East (28-21) and Tecumseh (47-6).

Their second loss came

to Bellefontaine (49-14) on Sept. 20. Since then, they have five straight wins. That streak includes two shutouts and two other games where they allowed just one score.

They will face off against #12 Versailles in the first round of the playoffs Friday.

The Tigers' season has been the reverse of the Lakers, starting out hot, then running into some tougher competition down the stretch.

The Tigers began with a pair of shutouts in non conference play, topping Milton-Union 33-0 and Fort Loramie 41-0. They then picked up wins over Delphos St. John's (17-7), New Bremen (18-17) and

Parkway (27-14).

After running into powerhouse Marion Local and losing 48-0, losses to Anna (13-7), Minster (35-0), Coldwater (52-14) and St. Henry (17-10) dropped them to 5-5 overall and 3-5 in the Midwest Athletic Conference.

According to the MAC website, Versailles was ninth in passing offense in the 10-team MAC, averaging 101.4 yards per game. Junior Ethan Wilker (6-1, 175 pounds) had completed 81-of-166 passes for 972 yards, giving him an average completion of 12 yards. He has thrown for seven touchdowns with seven interceptions.

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Indian Lake's Madden Lillard, left, and Drake Cosby, right, are two of the senior leaders for the Lakers' offense and they will look to lead their team to a playoff win Friday against visiting Versailles. (EXAMINER PHOTO)



Senior quarterback Gavin Orsborne, who did not play against Lehman in the regular-season matchup, will get a second chance to face the Cavaliers when the two squads battle in the opening round of the playoffs Friday. (EXAMINER PHOTO)

# Pirates embrace a fresh start

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Despite losing numerous standouts to graduation, Riverside entered the 2024 football season hoping to again contend for a Three Rivers Conference title after winning it outright last fall.

However, the Pirates were

unable to find a rhythm during the regular season and finished at 4-6 overall and 3-4 in the TRC, placing fifth out of eight teams.

The good news for the Pirates is, by qualifying to the Division VII Region 28 playoffs, they have another opportunity to build some positive memories.

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# OHC North champion Tigers now shift focus to playoffs

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This Friday, West Liberty-Salem will be looking to reveal what is hidden.

The Tigers open the 2024 Division V Region 20 playoffs with a contest against Arcanum. The Drake County town's name means "secret" or "hidden" in Latin, and WL-S aims to solve the Trojans' attack.

West Liberty-Salem is coming off a thrilling, last-second win over Fairbanks that gave them the North division title in the Ohio Heritage Conference. They were 5-0 in divisional play and are 9-1 overall, with a win streak of seven.

As a result, they earned the second seed in the Region 20 bracket for Division V.

Arcanum finished fourth in the Western Ohio Athletic Conference at 6-4 and the Trojans were 6-3 in WOAC play. After losing the opener to Covington 54-27, they bounced back with wins over Twin Valley South (41-18) and Mississinawa Valley (42-6).

They lost to Ansonia (28-14), then got another pair of victories at the expense of Tri-County North (37-0) and National Trail (14-13).

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Senior quarterback Nick Shifflet will help lead the Tigers into their opening-round playoff game against visiting Arcanum on Friday. (EXAMINER PHOTO)



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## Historic season nets Gophers their 1st playoff game

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The 2024 season is one that will forever be remembered at Ridgemont High School.

It has been a decades long struggle for the Gophers to replicate the type of success the program enjoyed in the early and mid 1970s.

Coaching turnover and lack of numbers prevented Ridgemont from developing any kind of sustained success.

But that all changed this season. Second-year head coach Travis Rettig led his Gophers team to an 8-2 overall record and a second-place finish in the Northwest Central Conference with a 7-1 mark.

It was the first winning season for Ridgemont since the Gophers went 7-3 in 1995. Prior to that, their last winning campaign was in 1979.

Ridgemont also qualified for the playoffs for the first time, and they amplified that accomplishment by earning a home game in the first round. The sixth-seeded Gophers host 11th-seeded Ft. Loramie in a Division VII, Region 28 contest Friday.

"It's been an exciting year for us and to be in and host a playoff game means the world to our athletes, coaching staff, and community," said Rettig. "We're hoping to continue to build off of this success for years to come."

The Gophers went 4-6 last year and began putting the building blocks in place to turn around a program that didn't know how to win.

"We've talked about handling adversity throughout the game, not letting bad plays snow ball into more bad plays, and finding ways to win, even if it's ugly," said Rettig of the team's mindset this season. "On top of those things, we just have a great group of kids. The seniors are leaders with a few of the juniors sprinkled in, while the underclassmen have followed suit and continue to push our varsity guys in practice each day. The whole team has bought in to the mental toughness we've (coaches, teachers, parents, community) tried to instill."

As excited and proud as the Gophers are for their accomplishments this fall, they understand that they can't rest on their laurels as they face a very sound Ft.



Xavier Stuck, left, and Mason Howard, right, have been two of the key cogs for a Ridgemont team that has qualified for the playoffs for the first time in program history. (PHOTOS COURTESY OF KENTON TIMES)



Loramie squad on Friday.

The Redskins went just 5-5 during the regular season but they played a challenging schedule that included games against Minster, Versailles, Lima Central Catholic, Columbus Grove and Bluffton.

"They are athletic," stated Rettig of his impression of the Redskins after watching film of them. "They are all about six foot to six five,

170 to 220 pounds. They move very well in space defensively and have been very successful through the air offensively."

The Redskins are led on offense by two first-team all-Northwest Conference selections in quarterback Gabe Hart and wide receiver Maxwell Mauer.

The defense is fueled by first-team all-NWC linebacker Ray Hoying.

Running back Mason Howard has been the bell cow for the Gophers on offense with 1,110 rushing yards and 13 touchdowns on 185 carries. He also has nine catches for 170 yards and two TDs.

The Gophers did suffer a big loss in last week's 18-12 overtime win over Waynesfield-Goshen as Jevin Henderson suffered a knee injury. He has 451

rushing yards and four TDs this fall. He also led the defense with 128 tackles.

Quarterback Connor Manns has completed 50-of-98 passes for 673 yards and seven touchdowns for the Gophers.

The winner of Friday's game will advance to face the winner of the contest between third-seeded Cincinnati College Prep and 14th-seeded Southeastern.

## Tigers

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Defeats against Tri-Village (28-20) and Preble Shawnee (34-0) brought them back to .500, before they closed out the regular season with a pair of shutouts over Dixie (32-0) and Bradford (30-0).

"Arcanum is a big team up front and they like to run the ball downhill behind that offensive line," said WL-S head coach Dan McGill. "They have talented skill players at a variety of positions and we need to work hard to contain them in the game first and foremost."

The Trojans have built their success with several

younger players, with just four seniors on the roster.

At quarterback, sophomore Bishop Cartwright (6-1, 165 pounds) has completed 75-of-165 passes for 989 yards, with an average completion of six yards. He has eight touchdowns and six interceptions.

The top receivers are sophomore Lucas Miller (6-0, 175) with 29 catches for 481 yards and three scores, and senior tight end Truman Knaus (6-4, 220) with 13 grabs and 153 yards (2 TDs), along with senior Luke Midlam (12-114, 2 TDs), who is listed at 5-9 and 165 pounds.

On the ground, sophomore M.J. Macy (5-9, 170

has 189 carries with 1,025 yards for the season. He averages 5.4 yards per carry and reached the end zone nine times. Hudson Knaus, a freshman (5-9, 170) has rushed 58 times for 420 yards with four TDs.

Defensively, McGill said the Trojans bring an aggressive attack.

"We have watched a few films on them," said McGill. "They play a very aggressive style of defense and play man to man behind it."

Arcanum's leading tackler is Miller at defensive back with 76 (24 solo), followed by junior linebacker Kolton Quigney (5-10, 185) with 70, senior DB Landon Wagner (5-9, 160) with 65,

and freshman LB Avery Bowser (5-10, 190) and Macy, each with 58. They have forced five fumbles and made 11 interceptions. Senior Luke Midlam (5-9, 165) and Miller have three picks each.

As noted, WL-S is riding a seven-game winning streak.

The Tigers' offense is averaging 190.7 yards rushing and 175.7 passing, with 34.8 points per game.

Quarterback Nick Shifflet completed nearly 62 percent of his passes, going 105-of-170 in the 10-game campaign. He has thrown for 16 touchdowns and just three interceptions.

Shifflet has shown he can keep it himself as well, with 101 carries for 493 yards (4.9 yards per carry) and three TDs.

Leading the rushing attack is Josh Wilcoxon with 726 yards on 110 carries. He averages a 6.6 yard gain and has scored 17 times. Josiah Stidham (75-525, 5 TDs) will also be a factor for the Tigers.

Jack Bahan is the top receiver with 42 catches for 797 yards (19.0 average) and nine TDs. Other targets are Jacob Evans (35-498, 6 TD) with a 14.2 average completion and Reese Oder (23-232, 1 TD) who averages 10.1 per catch. "I think the last half of

the season has been a huge journey of growth for us," said McGill. "We have found a way to win each week and even though we played poorly at times last week, fighting to the end and coming out on top is a huge benefit for us moving forward."

When looking to stop Arcanum, WL-S Wilcoxon leads the team with 61 tackles, followed by Stidham (52), Sam Strapp (51) and Jacob Evans (39). They have caused six fumbles and made 10 interceptions.

The winner of Friday's game will face either #7 Miami East or #10 Milton-Union in the regional quarterfinals.

## Pirates

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The 12th-seeded Pirates will play at fifth-seeded Lehman Catholic on Friday. It will be a rematch for the TRC rivals. The Cavaliers defeated Riverside 34-18 in Week 7.

"We definitely have some history dating back to our days in the NWCC," said Riverside head coach Bryce Hodge of the Cavaliers. "It's pretty unique that two years ago we hosted them as a 4 seed in the playoffs, and now we get to play them again on their home field. We are excited to have the opportunity to play a familiar opponent. The first game we played, we had a 12-7 lead at half, with a freshman QB making his first varsity start. We had opportunities that night and didn't execute to our standard. We are more than excited to

have another shot."

Hodge said his team is excited about the opportunity to wash away the frustrations of the up-and-down regular season.

"I feel like I have let my team down, especially my seniors," said Hodge. "We had high hopes and expectations coming into the year, and especially after how our offense looked against Ansonia in Week 1. I believe we got complacent after that big win, and it was hard for us to get back on track, which ultimately falls on me. We have expressed to the team the opportunity we have to go play as the underdog, and a chance at some revenge against our rival."

As Hodge mentioned, the Pirates picked up a huge win to open the season by beating Ansonia 41-32. It would end up being the only loss of the regular sea-

son for Ansonia.

However, the Pirates fell to Northeastern and Spencerville to drop to 1-2. They beat Bethel 20-13 in Week 4, fell to Northridge 14-7 in Week 5 and then shut out Troy Christian 29-0 in Week 6 to get their record back to .500 at 3-3.

That positive momentum wouldn't last though as the Pirates dropped three out of their last four games, including a 28-14 defeat against Milton-Union last Friday.

Lehman (8-2 overall) finished second in the TRC after losing to Northridge 46-14 in Week 10.

The Cavaliers were held to just 149 yards of offense, including five rushing yards on 20 attempts, in the loss to the Polar Bears.

The Cavaliers' offense has been powered by junior Turner Lachey. In his first season at quarterback,

Lachey led the TRC in passing with 2,676 yards and 34 touchdowns to just six interceptions.

Lachey also ran for 445 yards and six TDs on 102 attempts.

Junior Evan O'Leary is the go-to receiver for Lachey. O'Leary has hauled in 69 receptions for 1,200 yards and 14 TDs. He has rushed for 233 yards and another TD on 41 carries.

Junior CJ Olding is a big play threat at receiver as well with 37 catches for 767 yards and 10 touchdowns.

In addition to using Lachey and O'Leary in the running game heavily, the Cavaliers also have a talented back in senior Da'Ron Pride. He finished the regular season with 446 rushing yards and five TDs on 95 carries and added 21 catches for 323 yards and five scores.

Defensively, the

Cavaliers are led by senior lineman Dillon Schmiesing. He piled up 129 tackles, with 19 for loss and four sacks. He also had two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries.

Kaden Lee also put up impressive numbers on the defensive line for Lehman. The 5-11, 205-pound senior made 62 tackles, including 10 for loss. He had three sacks and also intercepted a pass.

In the regular-season matchup against the Cavaliers, Riverside senior quarterback Gavin Orsborne was unable to play because of an injury. Orsborne returned to the lineup for the last two games of the regular season.

On the season, Orsborne is 128-of-228 for 1,623 yards and 15 touchdowns.

"I'm very proud of (freshman quarterback

Brody Orsborne) and how he filled in the two weeks he had for our team," said Hodge. "As a team, we didn't play our best, execute our best, and do everything we could to help a freshman-led team win a ball game. Brody has a bright future as a Pirate in all three sports."

"At the same time, we are extremely excited to have Gavin for this matchup with Lehman. It's hard to replace the experience he earned last year to win a league title and play in a playoff game, and I think it helps the mental psyche of our team knowing our senior captain is out there leading our offense. It looks like we have some other guys banged up this week that might not be able to go, but that's football and we simply need the next man up to make the most of their opportunity."

## Lakers

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On the ground, sophomore Landyn Knapke (5-10, 175) has 41 carries for 361 yards (4.86 average) and six touchdowns. Overall, Versailles averages 115 yards per game and 4.11 per carry, ranking seventh as a team.

"(They) are pretty balanced between run and pass," said Indian Lake

coach Jonn Rapp. "I get the feeling they would like to run it a little more but they're pretty good at both."

Defensively, leading tacklers are James Schmitmeyer (5-9, 196) with 76; junior Eli Keiser (6-2, 155) with 62 and Knapke with 57. Senior Luke Kaiser (6-3, 190) has recorded five sacks. Versailles has allowed an average of 249.7 yards

per game, doing slightly better against the run (110.9) than versus the pass (138.8.)

"It will most definitely be a challenge," said Rapp. "They play in the toughest league in the state of Ohio so their record of 5-5 is not the same as others' 5-5."

The Lakers will get a chance to perform in front of their home fans at least

one more week.

"I hope it's a big benefit," said Rapp. "Our home record this year was 3-2 and on the road was 5-0. It will be nice to have and follow familiar routines that day and night."

Indian Lake senior QB Madden Lillard has completed 94-of-177 passes on the season for 1,316 yards. He has 15 touchdowns and

10 interceptions.

The running attack is a multi-headed monster, led by Drake Cosby (162-800, 8 TD); Noah Shirk (54-249, 3 TD) and Quest Clay (44-278, 4 TD). Lillard has also carried 70 times for 131 yards.

Clay has hauled in 45 passes for 664 yards and eight scores, with Brodey Reisinger making 24 catches for 356 yards and three

TDs.

"Playoff football games are won by the teams that make the fewest mistakes and play with the most effort," said Rapp. Those are our goals this week."

The winner of Friday's game will face either #4 Preble Shawnee or #13 Marion Pleasant next Friday in the regional quarterfinals.