



NEXT CHALLENGE

Tigers and Lakers prep for regional quarterfinal round



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Power outage in city affected schools, businesses Wednesday

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Several AES Ohio bucket trucks and repair vehicles converged about 9 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, on Hunter Place in Bellefontaine after a utility pole reportedly caught fire and caused a widespread power outage in the city.

The pole located about 100 yards from the Hunter Place entrance nearly burned in half is still standing.

Approximately 1,300 AES Ohio customers were affected. Businesses and schools closed as a result of the outage.

Ohio Hi-Point Career Center dismissed students

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Parks department begins log cabin restoration; completes walking path

BY SHARYN KOPF
EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

Several projects are underway at Myeerah Nature Preserve, including the first phase of restoration to the log cabin there. That project, and many more, were discussed at the Bellefontaine Joint Recreation District board of trustees meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

"They started the log replacement at the old cabin, and next they'll put

a new roof on it," parks superintendent Kris Myers told the board. "We're excited about it and thank the Logan County Land Trust for that."

According to Bob Stoll

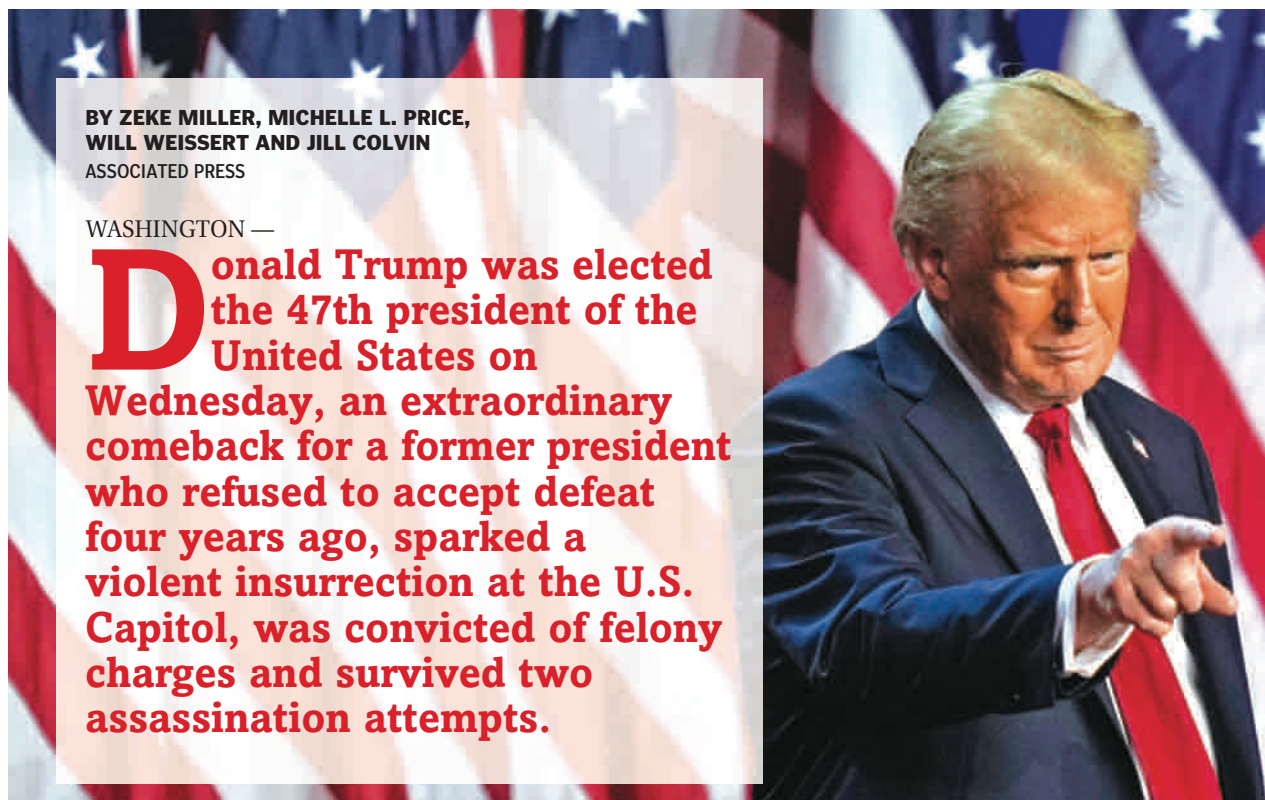
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Efforts to restore the old log cabin at Myeerah Nature Preserve are finally underway, thanks to efforts by the Logan County Land Trust, which is overseeing the project.



PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Trump wins the White House in a political comeback



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WASHINGTON —

Donald Trump was elected the 47th president of the United States on Wednesday, an extraordinary comeback for a former president who refused to accept defeat four years ago, sparked a violent insurrection at the U.S. Capitol, was convicted of felony charges and survived two assassination attempts.

With a win in Wisconsin, Trump cleared the 270 electoral votes needed to clinch the presidency. He won Michigan on Wednesday afternoon, sweeping the "blue wall" along with Pennsylvania — the one-time Democrat-leaning, swing states that all went for Trump in 2016 before flipping to President Joe Biden in 2020.

His Democratic rival, Vice President Kamala Harris, called Trump on Wednesday afternoon to concede the race and congratulate him. A short time later, Biden also called Trump to congratulate him and to invite the president-elect to the White House, formally kicking off the transition ahead of Inauguration Day, the White House said. Biden also called Harris.

Foreign leaders called Trump too, including Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and French President Emmanuel Macron.

The victory validates Trump's bare-knuckles approach to politics.

He had attacked Harris in deeply personal — often misogynistic and racist — terms as he pushed an apocalyptic picture of a country overrun by violent migrants. The coarse rhetoric, paired with an image of hypermasculinity, resonated with angry voters — particularly men — in a deeply polarized nation.

"I want to thank the American people for the extraordinary honor of being elected your 47th president and your 45th president," Trump told throngs of cheering supporters in Florida even before his victory was confirmed.

In state after state, Trump outperformed what he did in the 2020 election while Harris failed to do as well as Joe Biden did in winning the presidency four years ago. Upon taking office again, Trump will work with a Senate that will now be in Republican hands, while control of the House hadn't been determined.

"We've been through so much

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Republicans take Senate majority and eye unified power with Trump

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans have taken the Senate majority and are fighting to keep control of the House. A unified Republican grip on Washington would set the course for President-elect Donald Trump's agenda. Or if Democrats wrest control of the House, the chamber would provide an almost certain backstop, with veto power over the White House. Trump said he has won a "powerful mandate." House races are in a state-by-state slog, with many races too early to call. The Senate rally started with a GOP pickup in West Virginia and later in Ohio and early Wednesday in Montana as Democrats own hopes for a sweep fizzled. Though Democrats did have some wins with Elissa Slotkin in Michigan and Sen. Tammy Baldwin reelected in Wisconsin.

Children's services levy gains voter approval

BY MANDY LOEHR
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Logan County voters showed strong support of the Logan County Children's Services' 2.15-mill renewal levy in Tuesday's general election, Nov. 5.

Voters approved the levy 12,839 votes to 9,539 votes, according to unofficial results.

LCCS Executive Director Erica James expressed her gratitude Tuesday evening on the levy's successful outcome.

"We're so very appreciative of all of the community's support and the levy committee for their hard work in getting the word out about the importance of the levy.

"I believe our staff will feel really uplifted and hopeful when I share the news with them. They'll know that their work in the community is noticed and valued.

"The levy isn't the end result, but we will keep serving and partnering with other agencies in the community for the well-being of our children. It helps bolster us forward and gives us a big sigh of relief."

The five-year levy will generate approximately \$2.6 mil-

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Logan County voter turnout eclipses 72 percent

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

A total of 23,343 Logan County voters cast their ballots in the 2024 Presidential General Election, amounting to a voter turnout of 72.2 percent, according to unofficial totals.

The county boasted especially strong numbers in the early in-person voting at the Logan County Board of Elections, much surpassing the number of individuals casting their votes on Election Day.

A total of 13,194 voters, or about 56.5 percent, took advantage of the early in-person voting. On Election Day, a total of 7,300 people cast their ballots.

In addition, absentee ballots cast stood at 2,849, with the Board of Elections still awaiting 162 absentee ballots on election night. Provisional ballots also stood at 515.

The official certification of the election results will take place at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 15, at the Board of Elections.

OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mathews elected to 83rd District seat, Barhorst retains 85th District seat

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Republican Ty Mathews defeated Democrat Sheila Coressel in the race for Ohio House of Representatives' 83rd District seat, which represents Hancock County and Logan counties.

In Logan County, Mathews received 6,782 votes to Coressel's 1,597.

With 116 of 117 precincts reporting



BARHORST



MATHEWS

Tuesday night, Mathews secured 42,719 votes, 74.98 percent of the vote, with Coressel receiving 14,252, 25.02 percent, according to unofficial election results from area elections boards reported

by the Ohio Secretary of State's Office.

Mathews, an Army officer and former staffer with the Ohio Treasurer's Office, defeated incumbent Rep. Jon Cross in the March Republican primary, securing 65.82 percent of the vote. Mathews is a graduate of Arlington High School and Cedarville University.

Coressel is an Ada Village council member and chair of the Hardin

County Democratic Party, and was unopposed for the Democratic nomination.

For Ohio's 85th District, Republican incumbent candidate Tim Barhorst will retain his seat, as he received 45,761 votes to Democrat Victoria Maddox's 11,393 votes.

In Logan County, Barhorst secured 10,892 votes, while Maddox received 3,048, according

to unofficial totals.

The 85th District encompasses Champaign County and portions of Logan and Shelby counties.

Barhorst is a small businessman who was born and raised in Fort Loramie. Rep. Barhorst is the founder and President of Business Partners, Inc., which serves the Ohio and Midwest marketplaces as a full-service comprehensive employee benefit and

financial planning group.

Maddox is a Logan County native and resident. She attended Riverside Schools until the eighth-grade where she transferred to an online school. She then attained her Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice at Everest University. She is a forklift driver at a paper plant and has worked in a number of manufacturing jobs, as well as customer service.

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ABE MARTIN



"Another distinguishing feature about th' school o' experience is this — when you're through, you're through."

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

■ BELLEFONTAINE BEAT POLICE & FIRE

Student charged with inducing panic

A 14-year-old Bellefontaine High School student was charged Friday, Nov. 1, with inducing panic after a reportedly off-hand threat about having access to firearms was reported to officers of the Bellefontaine Police Department.

The student reportedly made the comment during a fourth period math class after classmates repeatedly said his last name, which apparently irritated him. He reportedly responded by stating, "I got guns, you better stop," and repeated the phrase twice.

The incident was initially reported to BHS administrators by the classroom teacher. The boy admitted to making the comment out of frustration and said it was never intended as a serious threat.

Following the school's report, Bellefontaine police requested a follow-up house visit to assess the student's access to weapons and inform his family of the potential charge for inducing panic. Deputies from the Logan County Sheriff's Office conducted the check, and verified that the student had no access to firearms and relaying the charges to the family. In a later call with officers, the student's parents indicated the comment was intended as a joke.

The case has been referred to the Logan County Juvenile Prosecutor's Office for further review.

Reports of juvenile vandalism reported

A group of juveniles reportedly smashed a window Monday, Nov. 4, at a residence along Kristina Drive, officers of the Bellefontaine Police Department report.

Officers were dispatched shortly before 7:30 p.m. to a report of vandalism in the 400 block of Kristina Drive. A group of juveniles dressed in all black and wearing masks reportedly broke a window before fleeing the scene to the north.

Upon arrival, officers spoke with two residents who reported hearing two small thuds followed by the sound of shattering glass. Officers inspected the damaged window and found that while the outer pane was broken, the inner pane remained intact. The property manager, also present at the scene, estimated the damage at approximately \$250.

The juveniles reportedly were between approximately 11 and 16 years old, officers were told.

In an effort to locate the suspects, officers canvassed the area on foot and in patrol vehicles but were unable to locate the group of juveniles. The residents stated they were unaware of who might be responsible for the incident and had no known conflicts that could have led to the vandalism.

A passerby told police that a juvenile matching the suspects' description had been seen inside the nearby Dollar General store. Officers checked the store and spoke with staff, who stated they had not seen anyone matching the description enter the store.

As part of the ongoing investigation, an email was sent to school resource officers at Bellefontaine middle and high schools, asking them to remain alert to any discussions or rumors related to the vandalism incident during school hours.

Trump

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together, and today you showed up in record numbers to deliver a victory," Trump said. "This was something special and we're going to pay you back," he said.

The U.S. stock market, Elon Musk's Tesla, banks and bitcoin all stormed higher Wednesday, as investors looked favorably on a smooth election and Trump returning to the White House. In his second term, Trump has vowed to pursue an agenda centered on dramatically reshaping the federal government and pursuing retribution against his perceived enemies.

The results cap a historically tumultuous and competitive election season that included two assassination attempts targeting Trump and a shift to a new Democratic nominee just a month before the party's convention. Trump will inherit a range of challenges when he assumes office on Jan. 20, including heightened political polarization and global crises that are testing America's influence abroad.

His win against Harris, the first woman of color to lead a major party ticket, marks the second time he has defeated a female rival in a general election. Harris, the current vice president, rose to the top of the ticket



Republican vice presidential nominee Sen. JD Vance, R-Ohio, speaks as Eric Trump, from left, Lara Trump, Republican presidential nominee former President Donald Trump and former first lady Melania Trump look on at an election night watch party, Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2024, in West Palm Beach, Fla. (AP PHOTO/ALEX BRANDON)

after Biden exited the race amid alarm about his advanced age. Despite an initial surge of energy around her campaign, she struggled during a compressed timeline to convince disillusioned voters that she represented a break from an unpopular administration.

The vice president, who has not appeared publicly since the race was called, was set to speak Wednesday afternoon at Howard University, where her supporters gathered Tuesday night for a watch party while the results were still in doubt.

Trump is the first former president to return to power since Grover Cleveland regained the White House in the 1892 election. He is the first person convicted of a felony to

be elected president and, at 78, is the oldest person elected to the office. His vice president, 40-year-old Ohio Sen. JD Vance, will become the highest-ranking member of the millennial generation in the U.S. government.

There will be far fewer checks on Trump when he returns to the White House. He has plans to swiftly enact a sweeping agenda that would transform nearly every aspect of American government. His GOP critics in Congress have largely been defeated or retired. Federal courts are now filled with judges he appointed. The U.S. Supreme Court, which includes three Trump-appointed justices, issued a ruling this year affording presidents broad immunity from prosecution.

Versiti Blood Center of Ohio acquires Solvita Blood Center

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF



60,000 lifesaving blood products annually to patients treated at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.

With a dedicated community presence in Dayton and 18 neighboring counties, Versiti will continue to meet the region's urgent healthcare needs.

Building on the firm foundation established by the Community Blood Center in 1964, Versiti Blood Center of Ohio will continue to execute Solvita Blood Center's mission to provide lifesaving products for the local community, effective Nov. 5, 2024.

This acquisition pertains solely to Solvita Blood Center; Solvita will retain ownership and operation of its global tissue services from its Dayton and Kettering Research Park locations.

"The critical need for a steady and reliable blood supply for area hospitals, health care partners, and patients is at the forefront of our non-profit mission," said Versiti President and CEO Chris Miskel.

"Guided by Solvita's strong reputation for community impact, we are excited to expand Versiti's blood donation services to the generous donors of Dayton and its surrounding communities."

■ LOCAL NOTES

Craft show planned for Nov. 9

Wake Up the World Ministries' annual craft show takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, at the First Church of God, 1000 E. Brown Ave, Bellefontaine, featuring gift shopping opportunities and concessions.

One hundred percent of the amount collected from the vendor set-up fee goes toward buying Christmas gifts for children through Logan County Children's Services. Vendors can choose to donate additional funds if they wish, but it's not required.

Contact Heather at (937) 441-5168 or e-mail, kenny32309@embarqmail.com.



Concord United Methodist Church hosts harvest dinner

The Concord United Methodist Church, 2963 N. State Route 560, four miles north of Westville, hosts a harvest dinner with inside dining from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, at the church, which is elevator accessible.

The cost is \$10 per person, or \$40 for a family of five. A craft and bake sale also takes place during the evening, with an auction at 7 p.m.



BHS Academic Boosters selling Christmas wreaths

Bellefontaine High School's Academic Boosters Club annual Christmas Wreath sale is underway, with orders due Wednesday, Nov. 13.

These fragrant 16" wreaths have holly berries, pinecones, mixed greens, and a festive bow to add a touch of Christmas spirit. Each wreath is handmade and purchased locally from Wren's Florists and goes through a special dipping process to make it last into the New Year. The cost per wreath is \$34.

Wreaths will be delivered to you free of charge on Wednesday, Nov. 20. All proceeds benefit BHS academic students.

To place an order or for more information, contact Angie Horvath at 593-0545 or horvath@bcs-k12.org.

Cross country team conducts Christmas wreath fundraiser

Support the Benjamin Logan Cross Country Team by purchasing a holiday wreath. These large wreaths, sourced from Wenger's Wintergreens, are \$35 each and will stay fresh throughout the holiday season.

Orders are due Wednesday, Nov. 13, and will be delivered to the school the last week of November.

Prepayment is required for pick-up or delivery. To place an order, contact Kevin Butler at butlerk@benjaminlogan.org or reach out to any BL Cross Country Athlete.

Senior Center plans trip to ONU Holiday Spectacular

The Logan County Friendly Senior Center hosts a bus trip to attend the Ohio Northern University Holiday Spectacular.

The show begins at 2 p.m. at the Freed Center Biggs Theater at the ONU campus in Ada.

The fully staged musical in its 29th year features festive carols, lavish sets, ballerinas, toy soldiers and St. Nick.

Tickets are approximately \$50, depending on the number of reservations received. To reserve a seat, contact the senior center at (937) 593-1511.

Defendant sentenced for crimes committed in tornado's aftermath

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Judge Kevin P. Braig of the Logan County Court of Common Pleas sentenced Edward Langley Tuesday, Nov. 5, to a jointly recommended prison term of five years.

Langley was convicted of engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity, a felony of the second degree, and seven counts of breaking and entering, all felonies of the fifth degree.

All of the crime occurred in the aftermath of the tornado that struck Lakeview in March.

The defendant cut locks off storage units and engaged in other criminal conduct that constituted breaking and entering. Judge Braig called Mr. Langley's conduct "looting" and "repulsive" during the sentencing hearing.

Prosecutor Eric Stewart and defense counsel Ralph Bauer of Sidney, Ohio, recommended the five-year prison term and Judge Braig adopted the recommendation.

"For 60 years, Community Blood Center—now Solvita—has welcomed donors and saved lives by providing blood products to local hospitals," shared Solvita President and CEO Christopher Graham.

"With the evolving landscape of national blood services, we are confident that Versiti is the right partner to lead this mission forward. Their commitment to our shared vision and legacy makes them an ideal steward for our community's blood health."

Preserving jobs and maintaining strong community relations are top priorities during this transition.

"We take the employment of every individual seriously,

and we are committed to integrating all existing Solvita Blood Center employees into the new organization," Miskel added.

Versiti Blood Center of Ohio will maintain a fixed donation center presence in Dayton and will continue offering blood donation services through mobile blood drives across the region. Versiti looks forward to serving Solvita's longstanding hospital partners and community donors.

Dayton area residents interested in donating blood can make an appointment by calling (937) 461-3220 or by visiting the Versiti Blood Center of Ohio website at www.versitidayton.org.

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OBITUARIES

Vivian June Ford

Vivian June Ford, 98, of West Mansfield and formerly of Ridgeway, passed away Monday, November 4, 2024 at her residence.

A loving homemaker, she also helped her husband on the family farm. She later worked as a custodian with the Ridgeway Schools, retiring in 1993. A longtime member of the Ridgeway United Methodist Church, she taught both children and adult Sunday school classes for many years. In her free time, she loved to knit, crochet, read and work crossword puzzles. June was also well known for sending cards to those not feeling well and to friends and loved ones for their birthdays.

Born June 11, 1926 in Rushsylvania, she was the daughter of the late Asa and Frances (Sloan) Titus. On August 29, 1943 in Ridgeway, she married her husband of nearly 72 years, Robert L. "Dewey" Ford, and he preceded her in death on June 5, 2015. In addition to her husband and parents, she was also preceded in death by a daughter-in-law, Rose Mary Ford and a granddaughter, Karissa Ford.

June is survived by her daughter, Sharyl (Don) Sines of West Mansfield, a son, Robert D. Ford of Ridgeway; grandchildren, Kenneth (Meredith) Ford, Roberta (Mike) Amstutz, Kileen Rockhold (Justin Brown), Kathryn (George) Kennedy, Julie (Todd) Mobley and Stephen (Teresa) Sines; 16 great grandchildren; 9 great-great grandchildren; her sisters, Audrey Ramsey of Ridgeway and Eula Bialecki of West Mansfield; and her nieces and nephews, who lovingly knew her as "Aunt June."

Services to celebrate June's life will be at noon Saturday, November 9, at the Wilson Funeral Home, Schnurrenberger Chapel 222 W. Center St. West Mansfield. Douglas Copp will officiate and burial will follow at the Ridgeway Cemetery. Friends may call prior to the service on Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

If desired, memorial contributions may be made to Universal Home Health and Hospice or the Ridgeway United Methodist Church. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.wilsonfuneralhomesinc.com.

Barbara Ellen Krueger

Barbara Ellen Krueger, 88, of Fairborn, passed away at 8:49 a.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2024, at Ohio Living Dorothy Love in Sidney, Ohio. She was born in Quincy, Ohio on July 24, 1936, a daughter of the late Clifford Harold Bell and Flossie Twila (Notestine) Bell.

On September 4, 1971, she married Thomas Krueger, and he preceded her in death on May 5, 2011.

Barbara is survived by several nieces and nephews & sister-in-law, Joan Bell. In addition to her parents and husband, she was also preceded in death by nine siblings: James Bell, Ruth Lantz, Donald Bell, Pauline Simpkins Weller, Rosemary Rice, Paul Bell, Judith Bell, Steve Bell, and Carol Thornhill.

Barbara graduated from Quincy High School, Quincy, Ohio in 1954. Barbara graduated from the Bethesda School of Nursing in Cincinnati, Ohio and worked as a registered nurse at several hospitals before coming to Wilson Memorial Hospital in Sidney, Ohio. She and her sister, Judy, worked together at Wilson until Barbara got married. She enjoyed gardening, caring for fruit trees, taking walks, lunch gatherings with her friends from church, and was known for her amazing carrot cake.

A private memorial service will be held at the convenience of the family. Inurnment will be in Fairview Cemetery in Quincy, Ohio.

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

Charles David Roby

Charles David Roby, 78, of Russells Point, OH passed away early Monday morning, November 4, 2024, at his home.

Charles was born on September 6, 1946, in Bellefontaine, OH, a son of the late Charles E. and Dorothy Black Roby.

David married Shelley Shultz on March 11, 1966, in DeGraff, OH and she preceded him in death on August 19, 2021. He is also preceded in death by a grandson, Kyle Roby.

David is survived by three sons, Matthew Roby of Bellefontaine, Joe (Amie) Roby of Huntsville, and Ben (Malesia) Roby of Russells Point, eight grandchildren, Luke, Isaac, Tori, Lili, Katie, Halle, Addyson, and Charlie, two great grandchildren, Akyla and Beckett, and a sister, Kay Stammen of Sylva, OH.

David was a 1965 graduate of Riverside High School. He was a veteran of the United States Army serving during Vietnam. David was a farmer at heart and worked at Mac-A-Chee Valley Farms until going to work in 1986 at Ohio Ready Mix, where he spent 25 years, retiring in 2010. He enjoyed gardening, working on vehicles, woodworking and was an avid fan of the OSU Buckeyes and Cincinnati Reds. David's greatest enjoyment came from spending time with his family and watching his sons and grandchildren's sporting events.

Reverend Bryan Meadows will begin funeral services at 1 p.m. Saturday, November 9, at Shoffstall Funeral Home, 205 S. Main St, Lakeview with visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Burial will follow in Highland Memorial Cemetery, West Liberty, with military rites performed by the Logan County Veterans Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given in David's memory to Indian Lake High School Athletic Boosters.

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



PARKS

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with the Land Trust, they began working on this project over five years ago. Now that they have the funds for phase one, they were able to move forward, and the contractor, Caleb Miller with JCM Timberwork out of Killbuck, is at the cabin this week.

"We hope to make this cabin a real destiny and highlight for Myeerah," Stoll said. The parks department plans to use it as an event space and nature center and, possibly, family vacation rental.

The department recently did another big push on invasives at Myeerah and Myers was "happy with how that process went." In addition, the preserve has two uninhabitable old houses they submitted to be demolished through a grant and both were accepted for that.

In the projects-completed news, the parks department finally finished the new walking path at Blue Jacket Park. Though it was officially done when they sealed over a few rough spots on Nov. 5, it was ready for use in time for Ring of Lights on Saturday, Oct. 19.

"That was a beautiful night and it went well," Myers said about the annual trick-or-treat event. "We had 20 different organizations participating, but next year we'll have to tell people to

bring more stuff because we ran out."

Several times throughout the meeting the board considered the possibility of adding playground equipment more suitable for older children, specifically to parks like Ratleff and Myrtle.

The idea was presented by board member Joliece Reed at the beginning of the meeting. It came out of a question and answer time they call "Circles" in her seventh-grade class at Bellefontaine Middle School.

"Circles starts with light-hearted questions then goes to more serious ones," Reed said. "One of those was what is something they'd like to change or see in the parks."

Possible equipment included climbing and rope structures. The students also mentioned making ball fields at Ratleff more ADA accessible, adding "red brick dust," and putting roofs back on the dugouts.

SPORTS PROGRAMS

With the fall schedule all wrapped up, the department turns its attention to winter sports. Registrations for competition wrestling sit at 40 with eight kids signed up for practice only.

As for basketball registrations:

Little Dribblers—19 girls; 21 boys
2/3 rec league—26 girls; 52 boys
4/5/6—12 girls; 25 boys (merged with girls)

Regarding the 4/5/6 league, the parks department surveyed the players' parents and learned 85 percent are in favor of Saturday morning games at the Bellefontaine Elementary School.

MVL girls: no fourth-grade team; the one fourth-grade registrant was added to the 10-person fifth-grade team; 13 sixth-grade registrants

MVL boys: nine players on the fourth-grade team, which still needs a head coach; 12 fifth-grade players; 11 on the sixth-grade team

FINANCES/BOND

Myers said they're seeing tax revenue coming in and their fund balance is growing. He credited community support for making that number greater than they imagined. "It's humbling to know people see that vision," he admitted.

The bond measure is moving forward, with the next meeting on Thursday, Nov. 7. Myers believes they're in good shape to get the best bond rate possible, which will affect the interest rate.

Myeerah Nature Preserve Rental Fee Structure for 2025

Lodge and troop house, Monday through Friday, will go to \$100 for the first four hours and \$25 for each additional hour; the weekend/holiday rate will be \$200 for the first four hours and \$25 each extra hour.

A wedding package is now set at \$800 without alcohol or \$950 with alcohol.

Shelter rental will be \$50 a day.

OTHER NEWS

Proposals from firms for design and construction administration for the updates at Harmon Park are expected on Friday, Nov. 8. They're looking to possibly add an agility course but would like to keep both shelter houses.

"Harmon will be a fresh remodel," Myers said. "We want to do a meeting with people in the neighborhood to make sure the community is involved in that decision-making process."

The department is working on finalizing figures for restroom upgrades at three locations. This will include flipping the men's and women's rooms at Ratleff and Rutan parks, giving females a larger space. Plans include replacing the doors, painting, and adding a baby changing table to the women's rooms.

The next park board meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m.

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early, and Calvary Christian had to cancel classes for the day.

Mary Rutan Urgent Care and Health Center were closed for part of the day, along with the Goble Center and the Crawfis Imaging Center.

Traffic to Hunter Place was temporarily closed while repairs were affected.

Hurricane Rafael makes landfall in Cuba as a Category 3 storm after knocking out power on the island

HAVANA (AP) — Hurricane Rafael made landfall in Cuba on Wednesday as a powerful Category 3 hurricane, shortly after powerful winds knocked out the country's power grid.

Forecasters warned Rafael could bring "life-threatening" storm surges, winds and flash floods to western swaths of the island after it knocked out power and dumped rain on the Cayman Islands and Jamaica the day before.

The storm was located 40 miles (65 kilometers) south-southwest of Havana on Wednesday. It had maximum sustained winds of 115 mph (185 kph) and was moving northwest at 14 mph (22 kph), according to the National Hurricane Center.

The storm is bad news for Cuba, which is struggling with devastating blackouts while recovering from another hurricane two weeks ago that killed at least six people in the eastern part of the island.

On Wednesday, the Cuban government issued an alert for the incoming storm while crews in Havana worked to fortify buildings and clear scraps from seaside areas in anticipation of flooding.

Classes and public transport were suspended on parts of the island and authorities canceled flights in and out Havana and Varadero. Meanwhile, thousands of people in the west of the island were evacuated as a prevention measure.

Silvia Pérez, a 72-year-old retiree living in a coastal area of Havana was among those scrambling to prepare. As other neighbors moved appliances and other furniture from ground floor homes, Pérez stocked up on water and food.

"This is a night I don't want to sleep through, between the battering air and the trees," Pérez said. "I'm scared for my friends and family."



AES Ohio crews work Wednesday morning along Hunter Place after a utility pole caught fire in the area. (EXAMINER PHOTO | T.J. HUBBARD)

RAIDERS ATTEND 97TH NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION



The Benjamin Logan FFA members traveled to Indianapolis for the 97th National FFA Convention on Oct. 23-25, and participated in several educational stops along the way. FFA members stopped at Shaffer's Goldrush which is a Boar Stud Farm, and also went to Beasley's Orchard. That night the FFA Members went to a Megan Moroney concert with special guest Nate Smith. The next day, the students attended the opening session and completed a service project at Robin Run Senior Living, where they removed invasive plants and hauled them out of the woods to a Dumpster. Friday morning, the FFA Members attended the fourth session of the National FFA Convention. (BENJAMIN LOGAN PHOTO)

APPROVAL

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operation per year for general operating expenses of LCCS. The 2.15 mills amounts to \$75 for each \$100,000 of the Logan County Auditor's appraised value of property.

In the spring, LCCS proposed a replacement levy on the March Primary Election, which was narrowly defeated by eight votes.

James previously noted that much of the levy funding is utilized by children's services for purchased care costs, which involves residential care, foster care and group home expenses.

"It's our biggest expense and serves our most vulnerable and highest-need kids," said James, a Logan County native who began her career as a child welfare worker at LCCS for six

years. For instance, the executive director noted that for some high-need youths, the cost for care can run between \$600-\$1,000 a day.

In addition, levy funds are utilized for drug screening costs for families served; along with psychological assessments that are ordered; food and other supplies to meet a child's

needs in an emergency situation; and local contracts, including with Logan County Family Treatment Court, the Logan County Sheriff's Office for a deputy on duty for 25 hours a week, the Logan County Prosecutor's Office for legal services and as a funding member of the Logan County Family and Children First Council.

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

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
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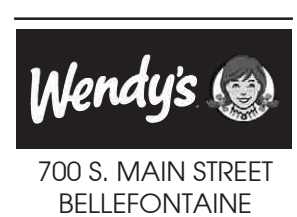
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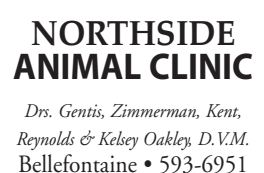
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10:30 a.m.

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

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

Covenant Fellowship
136 W. Columbus St.
Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; worship
10:30 a.m.; Bible study, 7:15 p.m.
Wednesday.

First Assembly of God
2833 S. U.S. Route 68
(937) 593-4778
John Musgrave, lead pastor
Sunday: 10:35 a.m. Worship &
Children's Church; Wednesday: 6:30
p.m. adult Bible studies, youth and
children's ministry.

**First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)**
215 E. Sandusky
Rev. Kevin Greenwald, minister
Sunday school and Cafe Grace Praise
and Worship led by Rev. Greenwald,
9:15 a.m.; Grace Care ages 1-4, 9:15
a.m.; Sunday school 10 a.m.;
sanctuary worship, 10:45 a.m.
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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.
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(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 Landenwicht
Mass: Saturday 4 p.m.; Sunday 10
a.m.; Tuesday, 8 a.m.; First, third
Thursdays, 6:15 p.m. followed by
Adoration and Confession.

Solid Rock Baptist
1470 W. Sandusky
(937) 844-1400
James Frost, pastor
Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Sunday
worship 11 a.m.; Wednesday: Bible
study, 7 p.m.
solidrockbaptistchurch.info

Vineyard Christian Fellowship
624 Township Road 55
(937) 593-0981
Eric Cook, pastor
Worship, Children's Worship &
Childcare, 9:15, 10:45 a.m.;
Student/Children ministries, Small
Groups, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.
vcfbellefontaine.org

Wake Up The World Ministries
600 E. Brown Ave.
(567) 674-2722
Terry Robinson, pastor
Sunday worship and children's
church, 10 a.m.; Wednesday Bible
study, 6:30 p.m.

Walnut Grove Methodist
David Moore, pastor
Corner of county roads 12 & 26
Service: 9 a.m. Sunday school, 10 a.m.

BELLE CENTER

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;
prayer meeting 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.
bcrpcchurch.org

United Presbyterian Church
202 Walnut St.
(937) 464-2695
9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30
worship.

DeGRAFF

Cornerstone Fellowship of DeGraff
(937) 585-5511
Mike Mitchell, pastor
Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday
school, 9:30 a.m.; Junior Church, 10:30
a.m.; Senior lunch 11:15 a.m. Thursday.
cornerstonedegraff.org

DeGraff Baptist Church
State Route 235
(304) 415-1728
Rev. Bruce Keeling
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship,
10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wed.: Prayer
and Bible study, 7 p.m.
degraffbaptistchurch.com

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

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

EAST LIBERTY

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

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

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

HUNTSVILLE

The Cornerstone Church at Huntsville
6611 Fruit St.
(937) 686-7101
Bryan Meadows, pastor
Ashley Sloan, youth pastor
Worship, 10 a.m.; Burnt Bagel Cafe,
9:15 a.m.; live stream worship and
archived worship services online;
staffed nursery, toddler programs;
Junior Church programs.
cornerstonehuntsville.com

Huntsville Presbyterian Church
6490 Fruit St.
(937) 686-2131
Ben Beres, pastor
Church school, 9 a.m. Worship, 10
a.m. Children's Church, 10:15 a.m.
huntsvillepresbyterianchurch.com

Christ United Methodist Church
110 Brown & State Route 235
(937) 843-3029
David Moore, pastor
10:15 a.m.; coffee and doughnuts,
10:45 a.m., worship, 10:15 a.m.

Hope Harbor Baptist Church
8330 S.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.
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MIDDLEBURG

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

PICKRELLTOWN

Monroe Community
6458 County Road 29, West Liberty
(937) 935-8293
Rob Kilgore, pastor
Sunday School, 9 a.m.; last Sunday
Friends and Family breakfast; 10
a.m. worship; Bible study first three
Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
Find them on Facebook

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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
fcog.com

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

RUSHSYLVANIA

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

Church of Christ
(937) 935-9651
office@rushchurch.com
John Watkins, senior pastor;
Cody Caudill, student pastor;
Ashlee Phillips, children's minister
Sunday 9:30 worship, adults, youth
(7th-9th grade), nursery and
children's classes; 11:30 worship,
adults, youth (10th-12th grade),
nursery and children's classes
rushchurch.com

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

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

RUSSELLS POINT

Galilee Lutheran Church
301 Lincoln Blvd.
(937) 843-3906
galileeoffice@embarqmail.com.
Karen Torrez, pastor
Coffee fellowship 9:30 a.m., worship
with Holy Communion 10 a.m.
Sunday; Alcoholics Anonymous 8:30
p.m. Tuesday; Community Outreach
Center homework help, 3 to 6 p.m.
Wednesdays.

**Indian Lake Community Church/
Lighthouse of Indian Lake**
(937) 843-5636
Ministry team: Jim Ellington, Karen
Blackburn, Dave Hafenbrack and
Tara Cascioli
10 a.m. traditional service, 11 a.m.
contemporary service. Children's
programs are offered during both
services. No nursery care. Good
Samaritan-Outreach program, 10:30
a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Thursdays; free
community meal, 5-6:30 p.m. last
Wednesdays of the month (at the
Lighthouse); Ignite program 6-8:30
p.m. Wednesdays (Lookout youth
center).
indianlakecommunitychurch.org

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

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

St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church
464 Madison Ave.
(937) 843-3127
Rev. Shawn Landenwicht, 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

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

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

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

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

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

South Union Mennonite Church
56 State Route 508
(937) 465-6085
Matthew Williams, pastor
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship,
10:30 a.m.
southunionchurch.org

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

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

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

Entertainment

Influencer is banned from future NYC marathons for bringing a camera crew to last weekend's race

NEW YORK (AP) — A social media influencer from Texas was disqualified from last weekend's New York City Marathon and banned from future competitions after he ran the race with a camera crew on e-bikes in tow.

New York Road Runners, which organizes the venerable race, said in a statement Tuesday that Matthew Choi violated the group's code of conduct and competition rules, not to mention those of World Athletics, running's international governing body.

"One of the incidents brought to NYRR's attention was that Choi ran with the assistance of two unauthorized people riding the course on electric bicycles, obstructing runners," the group said.

Choi, 29, finished the 26.2-mile (42.2-kilometer) course with a time of 2:57:15, or about 50 minutes behind Abdi Nageeye, the winner of the men's race.

The former football player for Monmouth University in New Jersey posted several videos of him running the marathon on his social media accounts that immediately drew scorn.

"As a runner, seeing him was amazing. Gave me extra motivation to pass him and make sure I never had to see him and his dumb crew for the rest of the race," wrote one user on Reddit.

Choi, of Austin, Texas, didn't immediately respond to an email seeking comment Tuesday. He was apologetic on his Instagram account, where he posts videos about running and fitness to his more than 400,000 followers.

Choi acknowledged that the filming endangered other competitors, prevented some from possibly reaching personal best race times, and even blocked some from getting a drink at designated water stations. More than 55,000 runners completed the race,

which wound through all five of New York City's boroughs.

"I have no excuses, full-stop," Choi said on camera in the Tuesday post. "I was selfish on Sunday to have my brother and my videographer follow me around on e-bikes, and it had serious consequences."

"With the New York City Marathon being about everyone else and the community, I made it about myself," he continued. "And for anyone I impacted, I'm sorry. To be clear, this was 100% on me."

New York Road Runners said Choi has the right to appeal, but the influencer said he is resigned to his fate.

"I made my bed, so I'm gonna lay in it," Choi said, acknowledging he's been criticized before for using e-bike film crews to shoot content during major competitions. "It won't happen again. My word is my bond."

Ruby slippers from 'The Wizard of Oz' are for sale nearly 2 decades after they were stolen

DALLAS (AP) — A pair of ruby slippers worn by Judy Garland in "The Wizard of Oz" is on the auction block nearly two decades after a thief stole the iconic shoes, convinced they were adorned with real jewels.

Online bidding has started and will continue through Dec. 7, Heritage Auctions in Dallas announced in a news release Monday.

The auction company received the sequin-and-bead-bedazzled slippers from Michael Shaw, the memorabilia collector who originally owned the footwear at the heart of the beloved 1939 musical. Shaw had loaned the shoes in 2005 to the Judy Garland Museum in Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

That summer, someone smashed through a display case and stole the slippers. Their whereabouts remained a mystery until the FBI recovered them in 2018.

Now the museum is among those vying for the slippers, which were one of several pairs Garland wore during the filming. Only four remain.

Grand Rapids raised money for the slippers at its annual Judy Garland festival. The funds will supplement the \$100,000 set aside this year by Minnesota lawmakers to purchase the slippers.

The man who stole the slippers, Terry Jon Martin, was 76 when he was sentenced in January to time served because of his



Ruby slippers once worn by Judy Garland in the "The Wizard of Oz," are displayed at a news conference, Sept. 4, 2018, at the FBI office in Brooklyn Center, Minn. (AP FILE PHOTO)

poor health. He admitting to using a hammer to smash the glass of the museum's door and display case in what his attorney said was an attempt to pull off "one last score" after an old associate with connections to the mob told him the shoes had to be adorned with real jewels to justify their \$1 million insured value.

The auction of movie memorabilia includes other items from "The Wizard of Oz," such as a hat worn by Margaret Hamilton's Wicked Witch of the West and the screen door from Dorothy's Kansas home.

COMICS

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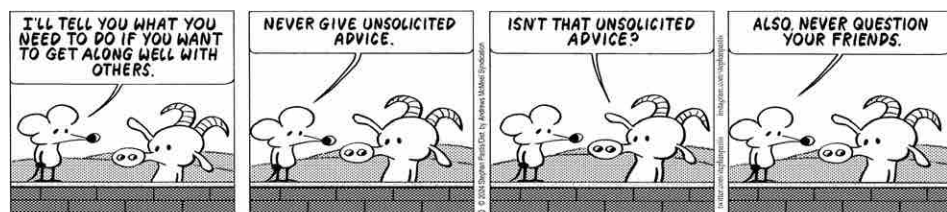
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13 Actress Perlman

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15 Speeches

17 Band boosters

18 Fanatic

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24 Poorly lit

25 "A Chorus Line" song

26 Eye undoer

28 Argue against

32 Farm fraction

34 Aachen article

36 Judicial garb

37 Limerick feature

39 Pre-schooler

41 "Angie" actor Stephen

DOWN

2 Romance

1 That girl

3 Citrus greenhouse

4 Poseidon's son

5 "So that's it!"

6 Clothing store section

7 Founded (on)

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9 Sailor's saint

10 Gratuities

11 Radiator sound

16 Boy king

20 Melody

21 Piglet's dad

22 Foot fraction

23 Writer's block?

27 However

29 Polynesian island

30 Modern taxi rival

31 Brewed drinks

33 Envoy's residence

35 Sinbad's bird

38 Long time

40 Like some car windows

43 Vatican-related

45 "How frustrating!"

46 Rhine feeder

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Difficulty: ★★ 11/5

Horoscopes

ROYAL STARS | FROM KING FEATURES SYNDICATE By Georgia Nicols

MOON ALERT: Avoid shopping or making important decisions from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. EST today (2:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. PST). After that, the Moon moves from Capricorn into Aquarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024:
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★ Steer clear of political and religious discussions today, because they could be nasty. Likewise, relations with parents, bosses and the police could turn angry quickly. These things don't have to happen, but the possibilities exist. Be aware of this and tread carefully. Tonight: You're needed.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★ People have intense emotional reactions today, especially about money and how things are divided. In fact, you might talk to someone today who is obsessed. (Possibly this person is you.) Steer clear of controversial subjects, especially religion and poli-

tics, because things could get nasty. Tonight: Avoid extremes.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★ Be patient with friends, spouses and partners today. Some people can't let go of an idea, which, in turn, makes them difficult to deal with. If possible, don't even go there. Give this kind of situation a wide berth; you don't need trouble. Go gently. Tonight: Check your finances.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★ Today you might feel angry with someone, which, in turn, makes you feel obsessed about ideas, especially those that are work-related or even related to a pet. Do your best to stay calm. Avoid important discussions, because you will risk alienating someone close to you. Tonight: Patience.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★ Relationships with your kids as well as romantic relationships are endangered by irrational feelings of anger as well as power trips. Don't get involved in this. People can be hurt by unkind words. Instead, focus on learning something new. Take a short trip. Tackle home repairs. Tonight: Work.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★ Postpone social occasions for another day, especially romantic get-togethers. Tension between people could be nasty and petty. This will be hard for you, because more than other signs, you need to have harmony in your environment. You like to get along. Keep your head down and your powder dry. Tonight: Socialize.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★ Be patient with parents and family members today. It's easy to slip into a nasty argument. One of the things that might lead to conflict is you might insist on something. You might be fixated on a particular issue, and you can't let it go. Not wise. Tonight: Cocoon.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★ This is the classic day for arguments, especially events where you end up saying something you later regret. This conflict might be triggered about financial issues or something you own, and it really bothers you. Stay frosty. Tonight: Discussions.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★ Be careful today. This morning the Moon is in your sign lined up with Pluto, which can make you obsessed about something. You can only see your own point of view. Later in the day, money squabbles or fights about your possessions might take place. Chill out. Tonight: Check your belongings.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★ You are progressive and a modern thinker. Therefore, keep your wits about you today and don't lose your temper, because many around you might be doing so. You are high-viz right now, which means you have the ability to influence others. Be a symbol for sanity and common sense. Tonight: You win!
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★ Be patient with co-workers today. Meanwhile, avoid friends or members of groups who are too zealous. It's as if some people have lost their common sense. A female friend might be vociferous or obsessed about something. Be a calm role model for others. Tonight: Solitude.

BORN TODAY
 Singer-songwriter Joni Mitchell (1943), actor Adam DeVine (1983), actress Lindsay Duncan (1950)

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Nov. 7, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the Bellefontaine City Planning Commission on Tuesday, December 10, at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers on the 2nd floor of the Municipal Building, 135 N. Detroit St., Bellefontaine, OH.

David Hodge of Underhill & Hodge LLC Wx2 Ventures LLC, 8000 Walton Pkwy., Suite 260, New Albany, OH 43054 is requesting a change of zone for the 292+/- acres located between St Rt 540 and St Rt 47. This property is currently zoned in three separate zoning classifications. Most of the property is in the R-1, One Family Residence District, a portion along the eastern perimeter is in the R3C Condominium Residence District and along the southern portion of the property at St Rt 540 is zoned B3 General Business District Property. The applicant requests a change of zoning to the M-1 Manufacturing District, to create a shovel ready site in furtherance of the economic development objectives of the City of Bellefontaine. Rezoning request requires a 30-day public notification. The maps and other pertinent information concerning this petition are on file in the offices of the City Engineer in the Municipal Building, 135 N. Detroit St., Bellefontaine, OH for public examination Monday through Friday, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
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Unexpectedly, news outlets wind up having a relatively traditional election night experience

BY DAVID BAUDER
AP MEDIA WRITER

For all the concerns about a tumultuous process that could leave Americans waiting for days to learn who its next president would be, news outlets instead experienced an election night that hewed close to tradition.

Fox News Channel declared Donald Trump had reclaimed the presidency at 1:47 a.m. on Wednesday. Broadcast networks and The Associated Press had Trump on the precipice of returning to the presidency when he took the stage in Florida at 2:25 a.m. to declare victory. "This is, I believe, the greatest political movement of all time," Trump said onstage at his victory party in West Palm Beach.

His opponent, Vice President Kamala Harris, would speak later Wednesday morning, her campaign manager said, dispersing a crowd that had gathered to celebrate her at Howard University.

Broadcast, cable news networks, digital news sites and one streaming service — Amazon — covered the count steadily into Wednesday morning. Many of their journalists had warned viewers that determining the winner could be a protracted process that could take several days, like it had in 2020.

Yet from the first hints provided by exit poll results shortly after 5 p.m. Eastern time, the election night story moved methodically in Trump's direction. The dam broke at 11:18 p.m. on Tuesday, when the AP called the first of seven battleground states, North Carolina, for the former president.

The networks forge forward quickly

The networks moved quickly into the post-

mortem stage.

"This looks a lot more like 2016 to me than 2020," NBC's Chuck Todd said, a reference to Trump's victory that year over Democrat Hillary Clinton.

Fox News Channel pointed to exit poll results that showed Trump making gains among young voters and Latinos. "The Biden-Harris people pushed them into Trump's open arms," said Fox's Dana Perino, a former White House press secretary under President George W. Bush.

"Maybe," Fox News' Brit Hume said, "it's time for his enemies to stop it."

In his speech, Trump praised his running mate, JD Vance, for "going into the enemy camp" for interviews on places like CNN and MSNBC. "He absolutely obliterated them," he said.

Hours earlier, when the first exit poll results showed the unpopularity of President Joe Biden and Americans with a dim view of where the country was headed, CNN's Chris Wallace said that "it would be a miracle if Harris could win with that." His colleagues, Dana Bash and Audie Cornish, warned him of jumping to conclusions that Harris would be blamed for that, but Wallace sounded more prescient as the night progressed.

"She was trying to do something as a sitting vice president that had never been done before — succeed an unpopular president," Todd said.

Analysts question the element of race

Former Sen. Claire McCaskill, an NBC News analyst, said the element of race could not be discounted. Some Americans were more comfortable with President Joe Biden, a white man, than Harris, who was attempting to be the first woman of color to be elected president, she said.

"Can you imagine a woman of color acting the way Donald Trump acted — even for one day?" CNN analyst Van Jones said. "The kinds of stuff that he said, the kinds of stuff that he did, the way that he would insult people. If you're a person of color, you don't feel like you have the freedom."

Trump had "a license to just be a fool, just to be an obnoxious ass ... and he gets to be president," Jones said.

Due to remarkably close pre-election polls, the outcome was considered a mystery that could take many days to resolve. In his last pre-election prediction, statistician Nate Silver said it was no better than a coin flip, giving an ever-so-slight edge to Harris.

The New York Times' predictive Needle judged the contest a "toss-up" in the beginning of the evening, leaning slightly toward Trump. But it moved steadily in Trump's direction, to the point where the Times by midnight judged Trump with a 90 percent likelihood of capturing the presidency again.

Also by midnight, CNN's count had Trump leading Harris in Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin — the so-called blue wall that was central to her strategy for victory.

"It's not mission impossible" for Harris to come back and win Pennsylvania, CNN's John King said, looking over voter statistics. "But it's becoming mission improbable." Within two hours, CNN awarded Pennsylvania to Trump.

For much of the night, the journalists who stood before "magic boards" — King, Bill Hemmer on Fox News Channel, Steve Kornacki on MSNBC — took up much of the airtime with granular reports on results. State-by-state,

county-by-county, they showed numbers where Trump was outperforming his 2020 campaign and Harris lagged behind Biden's results.

If anything, the networks relied too much on their numbers czars than on their reporters.

To have results was a relief

The presence of actual results were a tonic to news organizations that had weeks — and an excruciatingly long day of voting — to talk about an election campaign that polls have repeatedly shown to be remarkably tight. They tried to extract wisdom from anecdotal evidence.

"Dixville Notch is a metaphor for the entire race," CNN's Alyssa Farah Griffin said, making efforts to draw meaning from the tiny New Hampshire community that reported its 3-3 vote for Harris and Trump in the early morning hours.

Former NBC News anchor Brian Williams, during his one-night leading Amazon's streamcast appearance, had one unexpected guest in the California studio where he was operating. Puck reporter Tara Palmeri was supposed to report from Trump headquarters in West Palm Beach but was denied credentials to attend by the former president's team.

Trump campaign manager Chris LaCivita described her as a "gossip columnist" in a post on the social media site X. Palmeri told Williams she had accurately reported some anxiety within the Trump camp about who was voting early.

Neither Axios nor Politico would immediately confirm reports that some of their reporters were similarly banned, and the Trump campaign did not immediately return a call for comment.

AREA 2024 PLAYOFF PREVIEW

Balanced Vikings to pose big test for Tigers

BY MATT HAMMOND
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West Liberty-Salem is set to host a rare seventh home game on Friday.

The Tigers, by finishing in the top four in their region, earned the right to play at home twice.

After dispatching Arcanum in the opening round of the Division V, Region 20 playoffs last Friday, the second-seeded Tigers (10-1) will host Miami East (8-3) in a quarterfinal game Friday.

"I'm very proud of this senior group, they've done a great job of being bought in to the 'team first' mentality," said WL-S head coach Dan McGill. "I'm happy they earned another home game and we certainly don't take it for granted."

WL-S handled its business in Week 1 of the postseason with a 41-26 victory over Arcanum.

Miami East advanced to the quarterfinal round with a 14-6 win over Milton-Union.

"Miami East is athletic and they have good size," said McGill. "They are really well coached and have steadily improved as the season progressed."

The Vikings finished fourth in the Three Rivers Conference this fall with a 4-3 mark.

It was a roller coaster of a season for Miami East. The Vikings went 3-0 in the non-conference part of the schedule, but opened TRC play with three straight losses: Northridge (28-10), Lehman Catholic (45-35) and Milton-Union (32-14).

With a record of 3-3 at that point, Miami East proceeded to play its best football of the season down the stretch.

The Vikings blew out Troy Christian 51-0 in Week 7, shut out Riverside 35-0 in Week 8, rolled past Bethel 43-12 in Week 9 and thumped Covington 42-14 in Week 10.

Miami East then earned a chance for redemption with a rematch against Milton-Union last week.

After three scoreless quarters, Miami East outscored the Bulldogs 14-6 in the fourth quarter to pull out the win.

On offense, the Vikings feature a balanced attack led by sophomore quarterback KJ Gustin.

Gustin has completed 62 percent of his passes (158-of-251) for 2,080 yards and 24



Senior Jack Bahan leads the West Liberty-Salem receivers with 837 yards and nine touchdowns on 47 catches. (EXAMINER PHOTO | NATE SMITH)

touchdowns against seven interceptions.

The Vikings have been equally impressive on the ground. They have rushed for 1,729 yards and 21 touchdowns on 320 attempts.

Senior Aaron Mills (5-9, 165) has powered the Vikings rushing attack with 1,276 yards and 16 touchdowns on 191 attempts.

Jack Hamaker is the leading receiver for the Vikings with 881 yards and 13 touchdowns on 49 catches. Senior Kaden Francis (6-1, 175) has 46 catches for 588 yards and four touchdowns and sophomore Lincoln Littlejohn has added 433 yards and sixth touchdowns on 49 catches.

"We really need to be assignment sound on defense," said McGill. "They run a lot of RPO (run pass option) schemes so eye discipline will be huge."

Defensively, the Vikings are spearheaded by senior linebacker Luke Bowsher (5-10, 190). He has piled up 133 tackles with

two sacks and eight tackles for loss.

Junior defensive lineman Emmitt Ondera leads the team in sacks (8) and tackles for loss (10).

Senior quarterbacks Caleb Staley and Kamden Wolfe each have two interceptions to lead the Vikings' secondary.

The focus for the Tigers is to continue to be physical on both sides of the ball.

"Offensively, we need to take care of the football first and foremost," said McGill. "We need to be very physical in the trenches and with our perimeter blocking."

In the win over Arcanum last Friday, the Tigers rushed for 335 yards on 36 attempts. Josh Wilcoxon led the way with 18 carries for 163 yards and two touchdowns and quarterback Nick Shifflet had nine carries for 92 yards and one TD.

Shifflet was 12-of-22 passing for 100 yards.

It's time to say goodbye

I've always believed the biggest achievement one can experience is to establish a career you are passionate about.

For the past 26 years, I can say without question I have maintained that goal here at the *Examiner*.

My time here in Logan County has come to an end, as some changes in my personal life have resulted in a move to relocate to Columbus to be with my wife.

I look back at my days at the *Examiner* with nothing but fondness.

In 1998, I began my sports writing career fresh out of college, eager but raw. I wanted to be involved in the sports realm in some capacity from a young age. An English teacher in high school told me I had the potential to make writing a career. That was all the encouragement I needed to turn my love of sports into a profession.

At Bluffton University (it was Bluffton College at the time), I served as the editor for the student newspaper for two years and also performed an internship with the *Bluffton News*.

Fortunately, it took just a couple of months after graduation to find a job I was interested in. My parents noticed an advertisement in the *Examiner* for an assistant sports editor and I immediately applied.

My interview was conducted by then sports editor Don Hensley and editor Fred Harris.

Within a week or so, I was offered the position. At that point in my life, it felt like I was just hired by the *New York Times*.

Don put me through my paces, a period of my career I refer to as my "journalism bootcamp." He had experience working for a high level newspaper and taught me how to cover sports the right way: attack every story with enthusiasm, diligence and detail.

Those years were still a bustling era for the newspaper business. We had a newsroom with double-digit writers and we had a staff photographer, Paul Vernon, who is as talented as any photographer as I've ever been around.

Paul was a high energy guy, partly because he always seemed to have a substantial amount of Mountain Dew flowing through his veins. His talent and work ethic inspired me to learn to take decent sports pictures. Prior to my arrival at the *Examiner*, I had no experience with a camera. It became something I really enjoyed.

Jim Mason and Miriam Baier were also part of the early group that helped mold me. Miriam had a knack for being tough but encouraging. She also has a big heart, helping me through some personal struggles, and for that I will always be very grateful.

After about a year or so as Don's assistant, he moved up to take the editor's job, and at 23 years of age, I was promoted to the sports editor position. Looking back, I wasn't ready for that type of responsibility yet.

But I learned from my mistakes, again relying on the experienced staff around me to perform my tasks with professionalism and an acute attention to detail.

Cory McCartney was my first assistant and was a great help. Cory also had a burning passion to cover sports, and quickly worked his way to *Sports Illustrated* and eventually to a regional Fox Sports network in Atlanta. It was rewarding to have a bit of a hand in his development.

Next came along one of the best human beings I've ever met in Aaron LaBatt.

I covered Aaron while he played football and wrestled at Bellefontaine. I was immediately impressed with how he handled himself around adults.

Aaron also wanted to pursue a career in journalism and started out at Bowling Green, when he offered to help me cover wrestling on weekends during his freshman year.

Although he was still learning from a writing standpoint, his work ethic was incredible. What struck me from the start was his ability to take advice, sometimes given in a bit of a terse and urgent tone (Don helped gift me with this trait), and take it to heart and put it into action.

Aaron so impressed us during his stint volunteering as a wrestling reporter that we offered him a position to assist me. He ended up transferring to Urbana University and worked for the *Examiner* while also getting a journalism degree on the side.

Aaron and I made a good team. He never balked at an assignment and he always put a high level of energy into his work.



MATT HAMMOND

Lakers hit road for regional quarters

BY MIKE FRANK
EXAMINER SPORTS EDITOR

It's time to dodge the arrows of misfortune.

Indian Lake remains one of the teams still pursuing the goal of a state championship in football and will go on the road Friday night.

The Lakers opened the Region 20 playoffs in Division V with a hard-fought 19-7 win over Versailles on their home turf.

That earned them a matchup with #4 seed Preble Shawnee in the quarterfinals. The Arrows blanked #13 seed Pleasant by a count of 28-0.

Shawnee has just one blemish on its season record, bringing in a mark of 10-1. They finished second in the Western Ohio Athletic Conference race behind Ansonia. The Tigers defeated Shawnee 24-13 in a contest on Oct. 19.

Shawnee opened with a non-league win over Madison (52-0), then won seven more all by very comfortable margins.

Those came against Tri-Village (42-25); National Trail (39-6); Twin Valley South (48-7); Bradford (70-12); Mississinawa Valley (35-0); Tri-County North (55-8); and Arcanum (34-0).

After the loss to Ansonia, they finished the regular season with a 62-0 rout of Dixie.

The Arrows have an average of 390.9 yards of offense per game, favoring the run (221.9) over the pass (169). They have scored 43.5 points per contest.

They had several first-team selections, including senior Isaac Blankenship (WR/DB), Lane Lovely (RB/LB), Cooper Shrout (OL/DL) and Brody Lynch (OL/LB) on both sides of the ball, plus quarterback Brody Morton and wide receiver



Standout receiver Brodey Reisinger and Indian Lake are focused on the regional quarterfinal round of the playoffs as they face Preble Shawnee on Friday (EXAMINER PHOTO | TONY BARRETT)

er Reece Smith.

Morton, a junior, has completed 120 of 173 passes for 1,856 yards with 21 touchdowns and six interceptions. His average completion has gone for 10.7 yards.

Lovely leads the ground attack with 98 carries for 743 yards and 14 scores (7.6 yards per carry). Morton and Blankenship each have handled it 48 times, with Blankenship (504 yards, 9 TD, 10.5) having the better numbers, but Morton (406 yards, 8 TD, 8.5) still a threat.

Blankenship leads the receivers with 48 catches (843 yards, 9 TD, 17.6) with Smith grabbing 31 (509 yards, 7 TD, 16.4) and Caleb Blankenship with 25 (314 yards, 3 TD, 12.6).

"We have received and

watched a lot of film since Saturday," said Indian Lake coach Jonn Rapp. "They are very balanced between running and throwing the ball. We have seen multiple defensive looks from them, so we have to be prepared for everything."

On defense, Shawnee has kept squads to an average of just 79.5 yards on the ground and 46.6 passing, and have allowed basically one touchdown per game (7.5).

Lynch was named the WOAC defensive player of the year. He has 116 tackles (62 solo) and has recovered three fumbles. Lovely has 78 tackles, Nolan Earles 62 and Bryson Doran 58.

They have forced eight fumbles and made seven interceptions.

Rapp said that "we will have the ability to hurry things up if we need energy or slow things down if we need to as well. The defense is going to have to play well. They will force us to be disciplined and carry out our responsibilities."

"If we have to run the ball to win the game, then that's what we'll do. The same goes with throwing the ball. We want to make them defend everything."

The winner of Friday's game will advance to the regional semifinals to face either #9 Bath or #1 Greeneview.

The bottom half of the bracket has #7 Miami East at #2 West Liberty-Salem and #11 Madeira at #3 Waynesville. All games begin at 7 p.m.

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Cavaliers are 9-0 for 1st time in their history

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Donovan Mitchell scored 29 points and the Cleveland Cavaliers defeated the New Orleans Pelicans 131-122 on Wednesday night to open 9-0 for the first time in their 55-year NBA history.

Caris LeVert and Jarrett Allen each added 16 points, and Allen grabbed 14 rebounds as the Cavaliers surpassed an 8-0 start by the 1976-77 squad that finished 43-39 under coach Bill Fitch.

Zion Williamson returned from a two-game absence and had 29 points for the Pelicans. He temporarily took himself out after playing 10 minutes, but returned to start the second half and scored 23 after halftime.

Jose Alvarado hit all seven 3-pointers he took and finished with 27 points for New Orleans. Brandon Ingram added 20 points for the Pelicans, who have lost three straight and six of seven.

Takeaways
 Cavaliers: Cleveland had

no trouble rallying back from an early 12-point deficit on the road and did so in part by shooting 54.2% overall, including 48.6% from 3-point range.

Pelicans: The injury-depleted Pelicans played with effort but simply lacked the firepower needed to hang with the hottest team in the NBA for a full 48 minutes.

Key moment

After Alvarado's back-to-back 3s made it 112-106, Mitchell responded with a hesitation move in the lane and a floater to make it 114-106 and stem the Pelicans' momentum with 5:20 left. Cleveland kept New Orleans at arm's length from then on.

Key stat

Cleveland got 50 points from reserves, led by LeVert and Ty Jerome (11 points).

Up next

The Cavaliers play at home Friday against the Golden State Warriors, who own the best start in NBA history at 24-0 in 2015-16.

The Pelicans visit Orlando on Friday night.



Cleveland Cavaliers forward Evan Mobley blocks a shot by New Orleans Pelicans center Yves Missi (21) in the first half of an NBA basketball game in New Orleans on Wednesday. (AP PHOTO/GERALD HERBERT)

Dodgers not counting on Ohtani to pitch at the start of next season

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Los Angeles Dodgers aren't counting on Shohei Ohtani to pitch at the start of next season and will wait to see how his rehabilitation progresses following shoulder surgery on his non-throwing arm.

Ohtani had a procedure Tuesday to repair a torn labrum in his left shoulder, an injury sustained while sliding during a stolen base attempt in Game 2 of the World Series on Oct. 26. The two-way star did not pitch this year while recovering from elbow surgery on Sept. 19, 2023.

"We're going to take it piece by piece and get through this and then take it in one-, two-week chunks

and make sure that we're in a really good place on each of those benchmarks and then go from there and not try to say, 'Hey, we need to be ready by this day,'" general manager Brandon Gomes said Wednesday.

"We're going to let the rehab process play out." Ohtani and the Dodgers begin next season in Tokyo, with a two-game series against the Chicago Cubs on March 18 and 19.

After signing a record \$700 million, 10-year contract, the 30-year-old Ohtani hit .310 with 54 homers, 130 RBIs and 59 stolen bases this year, becoming the first player with at least 50 homers and 50 stolen bases in a season.

"I think it's safe that he will not steal 50 bases next year," Gomes said. "I have a hunch. I don't want to count it out because I don't ever bet against Shohei."

Gomes said left-hander Clayton Kershaw had surgery Wednesday but he could not go into details because the three-time Cy Young Award winner was a free agent.

He also said Mookie Betts is likely headed back to the infield next year and the World Series champions would like to reach a new contract with manager Dave Roberts, whose current deal runs through next season.

Ohtani was operated on by head team physician Dr.

Neal ElAttrache.

"The rehab stages have different lower-intensity exercises and may just be movement," Gomes said. "Our trainers and performance coaches and doctors are all in lockstep on that and we'll be with him along the way."

Ohtani has stopped his throwing program.

"He probably would have stopped throwing anyway with the offseason, but he needs to recover from this and then get that back up," Gomes said.

Los Angeles expects to have right-handers Yoshinobu Yamamoto, Tony Gonsolin, Dustin May and Tyler Glasnow ready for opening day. Yamamoto

was sidelined by right triiceps tightness between June 15 and Sept. 10, Glasnow didn't pitch after Aug. 11 because of right elbow tendinitis, Gonsolin spent all of 2024 recovering from Tommy John surgery, and May didn't pitch this year following elbow and esophagus operations.

Betts started the season at shortstop, broke his left hand on June 16 when hit by a pitch and moved to right field when he returned on Aug. 12. His shift back to the infield is a product of trying to protect his body and the desire of the 32-year-old, an eight-time All-Star.

"That's not set in stone but I think just the toll of

the outfield and I think it's really hard on guys bouncing back and forth," Gomes said. "We'll have those more in-depth conversations soon and get some clarity on it."

Moving Betts from right field would create intrigue over whether Los Angeles might pursue Juan Soto, the top free agent on the market.

If Betts moved back to second base instead of shortstop, the Dodgers would need to find another position for Gavin Lux, who made 117 starts at second this year. Lux returned after missing the 2023 season with a torn ACL and was moved from shortstop after defensive struggles early in spring training.

Goodbye

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Aaron moved on to a different career a few years ago, and it has mainly been up to me to handle local

sports. It's been a challenge because there is a certain standard that I want to maintain in our coverage, but trying to do that with

not a lot of help wasn't always easy.

I owe a lot of thanks to Tony Barrett, who I met when I noticed him taking pictures at some area sports events. He has a real love of photography and has turned that into a nice side career for himself.

Tony became a loyal contributor to our sports page with his talented photo skills. He also has developed into a great friend. I will miss our trips to games and Tony's sense of humor and his overall kindness.

There are so many others to thank. Nate Smith and Mandy Loehr remain in our newsroom, and have over a decade of experience on our staff. Nate is a very versatile writer, he has helped with with sports and is also very good on the news side.

Mandy has been a pillar of our news coverage, and like Tony, her kindness and

compassion has made a lasting impact on me. I like to think I am maybe a little bit nicer of a person now because of watching how Mandy treats people. The Examiner has been incredibly blessed to have Mandy's dedication and loyalty to covering local news.

Steve Smith, our graphic artist, IT pro and an overall jack of all trades for the paper, is another extremely talented person who has been a huge help for me. Steve has done incredible work with the covers of our preview sections over the years and has been the key to keeping the *Examiner* afloat from a technical perspective as technology has rapidly changed in the industry.

TJ Hubbard and his late father Jon Hubbard have also been a big factor in my longevity at the Examiner.

Jon was the general manager when I started and TJ eventually followed in his

dad's footsteps. They both inspired confidence in my abilities and allowed me to do the job the way I believed it has needed to be done.

Family owned newspapers are mainly a thing of the past, but the Hubbard family has navigated a difficult time by doing everything in its power to make sure the Examiner remains a fixture of news coverage in Logan County.

I also must thank my family. This job can't be done without supportive people at home. My parents have been my biggest fans. My mom pulled out a bunch of old stories of mine the other day and it filled me with pride to hear her say, one after another, "oh, this was a great story" and "look at this photo you took!"

My wife Jackie has been a great source of support, allowing me to continue to work at the Examiner over the last three years while

only seeing each other on abbreviated weekends carved out around football and basketball games, and various other sports events.

Covering my son Austin's golf career at Bellefontaine High School was a personal highlight that will forever be near and dear to my heart.

Lastly, I would like to thank the hard working athletic directors and coaches I've been blessed to get to know.

This role relies heavily on the cooperation of athletic directors and coaches and I have nothing but respect and admiration for all of them that I have worked with over the past two-and-a-half decades.

It is a bittersweet transition for me. I am looking forward to a new chapter of my life, but will miss being your sports editor.

Thank you Logan County. A piece of you will always be with me.

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