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FORECAST

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Council approves pay scale for employees

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

he City of Bellefontaine now has a permanent fire chief and two new firefighters/paramedics on the payroll.

At the beginning of Tuesday's regular meeting of the Bellefontaine City Council, Mayor David Crissman administered the oath of office to Brian Wilson as the permanent Fire Chief for the Bellefontaine Fire Department. Chief Wilson has been the acting chief



for the BFD for since the retirement of Chief Fissell earlier this year, but had the "acting" part of his title removed at the meeting and fills the position with immediate effect

Mayor Crissman also swore in two firefighters/paramedics at Tuesday's meeting, adding Matthew McMillen and Slayde Wilcoxon as the

two newest members of the BFD.

In his report to the council, Chief Wilson said that two more candidates for firefighter positions are in the works.

In the only ordinance that was up for a third reading and final vote Tuesday, members passed a measure providing for the compensation for the president of council, council members, the clerk of council, mayor, law director, auditor and treasurer. The salaries will take effect Jan. 1, 2026.

Council Member Nick Davis cast the lone "no" vote on the measure. The salaries for each of the positions are listed at the

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Bellefontaine Mayor David Crissman, left, swears in Brian Wilson as the new chief of the Bellefontaine Fire Department. (EXAMINER PHOTO)



US inflation rose slightly last month after 2 years of steady cool

WASHINGTON (AP) nflation in the **United States** ticked up in October, driven by costlier rents, used cars and air fares, a sign that price increases might be leveling off after having

slowed in September to their lowest pace since 2021



Consumer prices rose 2.6% from a said Wednesday, up from 2.4% in September. It was the first rise in annual inflation in seven months. From September to October, prices edged up 0.2%, the same as the previous month.

Excluding volatile food and energy costs, "core" prices rose 3.3% from a year earlier, just as in September. From September to October, core prices rose 0.3% for a third straight month. Over the long run, core inflation at that pace would exceed the Federal Reserve's 2% target.

Most economists, though, think

inflation will eventually resume its peaked at 9.1% in 2022, has since fallen steadily, though overall prices are still about 20% higher than they were three years ago.

The price spike soured Americans on the economy and on the Biden-Harris administration's economic stewardship and contributed to Vice President Kamala Harris' loss in last week's presidential election.

Yet Donald Trump's victory has raised uncertainty about where inflation might be headed and how the Fed would react if it reaccelerated. Trump has vowed to reduce inflation, mostly by ramping up oil and gas have warned that some of his proposals, notably his plan to substantially increase tariffs on imports and pursue mass deportations of migrants, would worsen inflation if fully implemented.

Most of the September-to-October increase in consumer prices reflected a rise in rents and housing costs, a trend that Fed officials expect to fade in the coming months. As a result, Wednesday's figures could keep the Fed on track to cut its key rate for a third time in December, as its officials have previously indicated they likely

BHS LES FONS PRESENTS

Sounds of the 60's'

The Bellefontaine High School Les Fons Show Choir will present

their Cabaret performance this weekend.

Cabaret will be performed at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15, and Saturday, Nov. 16, in the high school auditorium.

Admission will be \$5 and tickets can be purchased at the door. You can also purchase tickets online at www.bcs-k12.org/athletics/bcs-box-office. Click on the "Music/Theater" tab, then select which night and "Get Tickets.'

Friday evening will feature the 30 BMS Dazzlers members. Saturday evening will feature 70 BIS students who are part of the Junior Show Choir Academy.

Brice Henry is the director of Les Fons.

SIXTH-GRADERS SING FOR SENIORS



Riverside Schools hosted its monthly senior citizen luncheon Tuesday, Nov. 12, which featured a musical performance by sixthgraders, who sang for them in honor of Veterans Day. The next senior citizen event is a Thanksgiving Dinner, which takes place Monday, Nov. 25. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and the meal begins at 5 pm. The entertainment for the night is Majesty Quartet. All senior citizens are welcome to come to any schools events and they are free of charge. The senior citizen luncheons take place the second Tuesday of each month. (RIVERSIDE SCHOOLS PHOTO)

Child predator sentenced to life in prison

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

A Bellefontaine man will spend the rest of his life in prison for the years-long sexual abuse of multiple children following a Tuesday, Nov. 12, sentencing hearing in Logan County Common Pleas Court.



Steven A. Fulmer Jr., 51, was sentenced by Judge Kevin P. Braig to consecutive 25 years-to-life prison terms following his conviction on seven counts of rape, first-degree felonies; and one count of gross sexual imposition, a third-degree

felony. The abuse spanned years and involved three victims, with one case dating back to 2007. One of the victims was as young as four years old at the time of

A Logan County jury delivered a guilty verdict Oct. 4 after deliberating for approximately five hours.

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Chicken barbecue serves up profit for **LCBDD's Foundation**

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities members were updated at their Nov. 7 meeting about the success of the annual chicken barbecue during October and were provided with details on the 2023 annual report.

All of the chicken barbecue meals were sold, generating a profit of nearly \$7,000 for the LCBDD Foundation, which helps individuals and families purchase items that are related to their disability, but are not covered by other funding sources.

Superintendent Krista Oldiges shared the 2023 Annual Report. One of the highlights last year was receiving a three-year accreditation, which is the highest the agency can receive

The board served more than 600 families last year, including 153 students on IEPs and 87 peer mentors at The Discovery Center.

Also during October, the board hosted a Free Sensory Friendly Movie for National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Ms. In addition, Oldiges and Ms. Sulich participated in the Protect and Play Community Day at Fox Island, with a table showcasing some of the available safety items for kids, including items such as ID bracelets and GPS tracking systems. This event was coordinated by the Family and Children First Council.

The Indian Lake Eagles 3615 has notified the LCBDD Foundation that they will be donating some of the gambling profits to the foundation.

The Eagles also has donated other funding, which was used to purchase pumpkins for the students at the Discovery Center to decorate, as well as funds toward shaving cream that will be used for the shaving cream skating later this winter.

The Early Intervention Department received several positive comments on a recent Family Questionnaire. One parent noted that "This program has been a godsend for me, not just in the guidance for my child, but also in the

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Pumpkins were decorated by students at the Discovery Center, utilizing funds donated by the The Indian Lake

Eagles 3615. (LCBDD PHOTO)

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ABE MARTIN



"Th' reason some men are never seen with their wives is 'cause they can't locate 'em."

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

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end of the article.

An ordinance that was was up for a first reading by the council Tuesday — a measure that will amend zoning regulations regarding solar energy systems for the city — passed on the first vote by the slimmest of margins, as council members John Aler, Jenna James and Kyle Springs all voted "no" on the legislation.

Also heard on the first readings at the meeting were ordinances approving a new collective bargaining agreements between the city and International Association of Fire Fighters and the Ohio Patrolman's Benevolent Association, with the contract scheduled to commence Jan. 1, 2025.

The next meeting is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27.

CITY EMPLOYEE SALARY SCALE

Starting salaries for city employees beginning Jan. 1, 2026:

POSITION	STARTING	TOP SALARY
Service Safety Director	\$ 115,000	\$ 130,000
City Engineer	\$ 100,000	\$ 120,000
Police Chief	\$ 105,000	\$ 115,000
Fire Chief	\$ 105,000	\$ 115,000
Police Lt.	\$ 95,000	\$ 105,000
Assistant City Engineer	\$ 80,000	\$ 100,000
Sewer Superintendent	\$ 80,000	\$ 90,000
Street Superintendent	\$ 80,000	\$ 90,000
Water Superintendent	\$ 80,000	\$ 90,000
Vehicle Maint. Supervisor	\$ 75,000	\$ 85,000
Chief Deputy Auditor	\$ 75,000	\$ 85,000
HR/Admin Coordinator	\$ 75,000	\$ 85,000
Utility Office Supervisor	\$ 75,000	\$ 85,000
Assistant Street Supt.	\$ 65,000	\$ 78,000
Tax Superintendent	\$ 55,000	\$ 65,000

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Jurors also determined that Fulmer used force or threats of force to compel the victims to submit.

"He's going where he belongs," Logan County Prosecutor Eric Stewart said. "In prison where he can no longer prey on children."

He was originally indicted in December

of 2023 after the mother of one of the victims reported the abuse to officers of the Bellefontaine Police Department. Judge Braig agreed with the prosecutor's recommendation that the sentences be served consecutively because there were multiple victims.

No victim impact statements were read aloud during the hearing. Fulmer declined to speak prior to being sentenced.

BCS Board reviews five-year forecast, salutes substitutes

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Bellefontaine City Schools' Treasurer Josh Wasson presented the district's five-year forecast to the board of education during their Monday evening meeting, Nov. 11, for the biannual update.

The district's five-year forecast is \$2.5 million more favorable compared to the same projections six months ago.

Additionally, the forecast has drastically improved in the last 18 months. In May of 2023, Wasson was projecting nearly \$1.8 million in deficit spending. School officials have put cost-savings measures into place and lowered the deficit spending.

"We're in a good position at this point moving forward," Wasson said. "The forecast is better than what it was in May. We're really trying to be good stewards of the taxpayers' money. We've looked at all of our programs and run the district as efficiently as we can."

Also during the meeting, Administrator Krista Adelsberger spotlighted the many substitute staff members and detailed the vital contributions they make each day at BCS, ahead of National Substitute Educators Day Nov. 22.

Substitute teachers Roz Brown, Allen Hadley, Beth Overs, Polly Rodenhausen and Mary Smith attended the board meeting. The district has about 60 substitute teachers.

Teacher Henry Stolly spoke to the board about the American Exchange Project. The program offers high school seniors a chance to explore another American town for a week shortly after graduation.

The goal is for the students to visit a community that is vastly different from their own.

Participants then welcome visiting students into their communities for the same experience. The program is conducted during June and July.

Currently, four BHS seniors are expected to travel and host in 2025. The program offers free travel along



Krista Adelsberger, standing, speaks about the substitute staff members. (BCS PHOTO)

with free room and board. Learn more at *www.ameri-canexchangeproject.org*/.

In other action, the

• approved a salary adjustment for additional training: master's plus 30 – Jordan Kesler;

• named Paula Shaw the multi-tiered system of support (MTSS) coordinator at the high school.

• hired Katelyne Ackley, Megan Cira and Cody Sigrist as home/school tutors for

the 2024-25 school year;
 • accepted the following resignations: Tiara Blevins, educational aide, effective Dec. 3; and Michelle Corwin, bus driver, effective Oct. 15;

• accepted the supplemental contract resignation of Brad Brown, assistant middle school girls basketball:

• approved the indoor track program to be coached by Ben Davis and Cody Sigrist; and

• recognized November Seniors of the Month Hunter Kerns and Reagan Standley; they each received an achievement pin and a \$15 gift card to Ron's Pizza.

The next meeting is 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9, in the Distance Learning Center at BHS. The board also will meet in special session to discuss district goals at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, at the board office.

Country Collection Christmas Boutique SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Allen County Fairgrounds - Lima, Ohio (Merchants, Youth Exhibits, Agriculture Bldgs, & Youth Activity Bldgs.) - OVER 250 BOOTHS ADMISSION \$4.00 A fine collection of woodworking, jewelry, floral arrangements, boutiques, farmhouse decor, candles, wearables, sweets and Much More! Find us on Facebook: Country Christmas Collection Boutique KUNTREE FRIENDS & KRAFTS 419-648-3747

■ LOCAL NOTES

BHS accepting nominations for its annual Distinguished Alumni Award

Nominations are currently being accepted for the Bellefontaine High School 2025 Distinguished Alumni Award.

All nominations are due Dec. 13.

This award has been established to honor alumni whose actions and achievements bring honor and distinction to the academic heritage of Bellefontaine High School.

In order to qualify, the candidate needs to be at least a 10-year graduate of BHS and have demonstrated significant success in the professional arena and/or shown a significant contribution in service to the community, state, or nation.

The 2025 Distinguished Alumni will be recognized at graduation ceremonies May 30, 2025.

Nomination forms can be obtained from the Bellefontaine City Schools website at *www.bcs-k12.org* or by contacting Angie Horvath at Bellefontaine High School at (937) 593-0545, ext. 3480 or e-mail *horvath@bcs-k12.org*.

East Liberty Community Choir hosts Christmas cantata practices

The East Liberty Community Choir has begun its rehearsals for the annual Christmas cantata.

Rehearsals take place every Sunday at 5 p.m. at the East Liberty Church of Christ, until the performance date, Dec. 22.

Anyone with the joy of singing and appreciation of music is invited to participate.

Logan County Braves benefit dinner set for Nov. 23

The Mad River Lodge hosts a benefit spaghetti dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, to benefit the Logan County Braves Special Olympics team.

The dinner takes place at the West Liberty United Methodist Church. The meal is prepared by lodge members and the cost is \$7, which includes spaghetti with homemade meatballs and sauce, salad, Texas toast, dessert and a drink.

For advance tickets, contact Larry Lance, (937) 465-6560 or any lodge member.

All proceeds benefit the Braves.

PUBLIC AUCTION

To Settle the Estate of Joseph Minnich (deceased) A public auction will be held @

Masonic Center, 600 N. Main St., Bellefontaine, OH 43311 SUN., NOV. 17 • NOON

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<u>Signed Framed Jerseys:</u> OSU Barrett, Johnny Bench, Joe Montana (49ers), Pete Rose, Sanders, Jim Brown (Cleveland) Several LaBron James, Smith (Cowboys), Gale Sayers (Chicago)

Misc. Collectibles: Danica Patrick SI signed, 1956 World Series on Canvas, Babe Ruth Collection in Showcase, OSU Fan Cave Plaque, Home Run Baseball Game, Fenway Park Replica, Vintage Baseball Pinball Game, CY Young Plate, (2) Ohio State Pennant, Seahawk Pennant, Looney Tunes Sports Pictures, Signed Barry Larkin Shirt in Frame, OSU SI 2002 National Title Framed, OSU Stained Glass, Michael Phelps picture signed, Crosley Field 1912 Picture, UFC World Champion Belt 2003, Earnie Shavers Glove Signed, LaBron James Jersey, OSU Warm-up Outfit, Ring Side Bell, Shea Stadium Base, OSU Leather Helmet, Round OSU Wall Hanger, Waterford Crystal 2014 National Championship, Cleveland Indians Foam, Slate OSU Wall Hanger, Joe Nuxhall Book, Goal Line Marker - Will Shields, Receiver Gloves OSU, Cardboard Cincy Bull Horn, Brutus Mascot, Pete Rose Glass Baseball, Stained Glass Helmet Light, Sports DVD's & Baseball Displays, Signed OSU Pictures, Stadium OSU Light, OSU/Tulsa Collection in Case, Autographed OSU Pictures, OSU Parking Sign, Baseball Pinball Games, Mickey Mouse & Bazooka, Super Bowl XXX Patch. Souvenir Programs, Album of Football Cards, Baseball Bats - Pete Rose, Cooperstown and Barry Larkin, Possible Cincinnati Bleacher Seats Blue 14-17, Hall of Fame Photos Some Signed, Group Photo- Rose, Bench, Perez, Guffey, Foster & Morgan, Brett Favre Framed Jersey, Signed Chicago Bears Picture, Red Uniform History Plaque, 500 Homerun Club Picture, Yankee Legends Rings, OSU Elliott Jersey in Showcase, 3 New Showcases, Mike Tyson Glove in Case, Signed Football Pictures, Mickey Mantle Signed Picture, Jordan Wrestling Prints, Reds Framed Memorabilia, Kenny Stabler Signed Print Framed, 13 Signed Baseballs, James Buster Douglas 1990 Glove, Bobby Knight Basketball, Muhammad Ali Signed Gloves, MANY MORE ITEMS Furniture: OSU Recliner and Sofa, Bobby Knight Chair All Items Sell As-Is

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■ OBITUARIES

Marsha Ann Gardner

Marsha Ann Gardner, 70 of rural Kenton passed away in the comfort of her home, surrounded by her family. She was born in Kenton on October 25, 1954 to the late Russell Stuart and Madeline Arlene (Oates) Mabrey. On February 23, 1974, she married Ricky Lee Gardner, this year they celebrated fifty years of marriage. She is also survived by two



daughters, Michelle (Chris) Brooks of Lima, Nicole (Matt) Brim of Kenton; three grandchildren, Mackenzie Brooks, Tyler Caudill and Tristan Long. She was persistent that she needed her granddaughter to have a baby before she left us. She learned, on her birthday, that her wish had been

granted. We know she will be watching over all.

A brother, Bill (Cindy) Mabrey of Bellefontaine, OH, nephew, Jeff (Stefani) Mabrey of Akron, OH, niece Kelly Caudill of Bellefontaine, OH and three great-nephews, Alex, Carter and Aven Caudill also survive.

She graduated from Kenton Senior High School in 1972 and went on to work with her mother in 1974 as an administrative assistant to the superintendent for the Kenton City School District. She remained in that position until retirement (over 30 years of service).

She most enjoyed spending time with her family (especially her grandkids). She loved being outdoors. She enjoyed working on her flowerbeds, catching sun, boating, going to Kenton football games, cheering on the Wildcats with her mother and rooting for her Buckeyes (O-H-I-O). We can't forget to mention her contagious smile.

Her battle with cancer started at the end of 2011. Her diagnosis was stage 4 terminal cancer and they didn't expect her to make it more than a year. She beat all odds and "put up one heck of a fight". We were all blessed with her presence for almost 13 years after her diagnosis.

Visitation will be held at Schindewolf-Stout-Crates Funeral Home from 6-8 pm Friday, November 15, 2024 and for one hour prior to the funeral service (10-11am) which will start at 11am Saturday, November 16, 2024. Memorials can be directed to the Kenton High School lunch program or Universal Home Hospice in her memory and online condolences can be shared by visiting stoutcrates.com.

The family would like to thank her care team for their contribution in helping her stay home and comfortable until her passing.

Dolores Arlene Pettit

Dolores Arlene Pettit, age 86, peacefully passed away on Saturday, November 9, 2024, at Green Hills Community in West Liberty.

She was born on February 27, 1938, in West Mansfield, Ohio, to Luther "Dude" and Zula "Pood" McDonald Atkinson, who preceded her in death.

Dolores graduated from West Mansfield High School in 1956. On December 28, 1958, she married the love of her life Richard "Dick" Pettit, who preceded her in death in 2002.

She is survived by her loving daughters, Diane (Ken)



Foreman and Dorra Gilmore, and brotherin-law Rick Hutchins, whom she was blessed to raise as her own. Her greatest joys were her grandchildren: Mike (Wanda) Foreman, Shel-Leigh (Shawn) Sadler, Shelby and Kamryn Gilmore and Cylie (Adam) Whitt, her great-grandchil-

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support I have received as a mom.

"I have met several other moms with kids in the program, and they have all talked about how much this program helps them and their children. It's an incredible valuable resource, and the people that work in it are angels."

Business Director
Jennifer Frail reviewing the
financials for September
2024, noting that most of the
funding from the ESC Early
Childhood Education Grant
for 2023-2024 has been
received. The board also
recently had an audit completed by the Ohio
Department of Education
and Workforce with no concerns reported.

Human Resources Director Staci Nichols updated the board on job



openings. Currently there are two openings for preschool instructors and one opening for a speech assistant.

Approximately 59 percent of staff participated in the United Way of Logan County campaign, donating almost \$4,000.

The next blood drive at the board office, 1851 W. State Route 47, Bellefontaine, is slated for Dec. 12.

Board meetings are typically conducted the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at 1973 W. State Route 47, Bellefontaine. The next meeting of the board is 5:30 p.m. Dec. 5. For further information on services, contact (937) 592-0015.

dren Taylor, Brook, Colin, Hunter and Riley Foreman, Kaylee and Jayda Henry, Winston Williams, Declan Gilmore, IzaBelle Sadler, Connor, Ashton and Ava Whitt and great-great-grandson Kayson Smith She is also survived by her beloved brother Duane (Charlene) Atkinson and treasured sisters-in-law Charlotte Potter and Sue Slusher. She had numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and church family whom she cherished.

A bookkeeper at heart, Dolores worked at Bulldog/ITE, Benjamin Logan School as a cook and proudly served her beloved hometown of West Mansfield as village clerk, taking over for her father after his untimely death and later as utilities clerk.

A member of the West Mansfield Methodist Church, she served on multiple committees, including the Ice Cream Social Task Force, United Methodist Women and sang in the choir. Dolores was devoted to community service and was a past member of the Kings Daughters Silver Circle and supported her husband for many years during his service with the Lions Club.

Dolores was a huge sports fan, especially basketball. She often referred to the NCAA March Madness as "the most wonderful time of the year." She enjoyed cheering on the Ohio State Buckeyes, Tennessee Volunteers, and Texas Longhorns. She loved her Cincinnati Reds and the Big Red Machine, and her greatest wish was for Pete Rose to be in the Hall of Fame.

Dolores loved her family deeply and enjoyed their gettogethers, food fights, and card games. She and Dick traveled all over the United States, with San Francisco and Tarpon Springs having a special place in her heart.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 16th, at the West Mansfield Methodist Church. Pastor David Wilson will conduct a memorial service at 2:00 pm. Burial will follow at the Greenlawn Cemetery. Pallbearers are Shawn Sadler, Taylor, Colin and Hunter Foreman, Connor and Ashton Whitt, and Jamie and Cole Harbour. Honorary Pallbearers are Duane, Ron and Zac Atkinson, and Mark Oswald

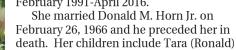
Memorial contributions can be made to Benjamin Logan Schools Attn: Food Services Department 4626 Co Rd 26 Bellefontaine Ohio 43311, helping those with late lunch charges so that they may enjoy a warm meal during the school day. Arrangements are being handled by Wilson Funeral Home, Schnurrenberger Chapel 222 W. Center St. West Mansfield. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.wilsonfuneralhomesinc.com.

Alana C. Robinaugh

Alana C. Robinaugh 79, of West Liberty, formally of Bellefontaine passed away November 11, 2024 at Greenhills Care Center Assisted Living. She was born August 10, 1945 in Bellefontaine, the daughter of Henry Raymond and Marjorie (Warner) Scott.

Alana graduated from Bellefontaine High School in 1963. She moved to Columbus, Ohio and went to modeling

school. She would later in life become the owner of Acrux Investigation Agency from February 1991-April 2016.



LeVan Jr and Michael (Lori) Horn;

Grandchildren Cami (Curtis) Morgan, Hilary and Haley Horn; great-grandchildren Bentley and Beckham Morgan. Alana later married Frank N. Robinaugh in March 1980 and he preceded her in death in 1991.

Her step-children include David, Stephanie and Elizabeth all of Arizona and Clifford "Kip" Robinaugh. Stepgrandchild Justyne Robinaugh of West Jefferson; also surviving family members include her Longtime companion John Predmore of 31 years;

Brothers Randy (Diane) Scott and Bradley Scott; many

Alana loved her cats, bowling, playing cards, traveling and spending time with her family.

A celebration of her life will take place 10:30 AM Saturday November 16, 2024 at Jennings Farley & Seeley Funeral Home and Crematory with Pastor Ken Neighoff officiating.

Visitation will be Friday from $4:00\ \mathrm{PM}$ to $7:00\ \mathrm{PM}$ at the funeral home.

In Lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be directed to Universal Home Health and Hospice.

Ronny Rutan

Ronny Rutan went home to his Lord and Savior on Saturday, November 9, 2024.

Ronny was born in Urbana, Ohio on July 25, 1944. He graduated from Triad High School in 1962, where he played football, basketball, track, and baseball, excelling as a pitcher. He married Brenda Blazer, his high school sweetheart and the love of his life in 1963.



Ron worked at Grimes MFG. for 8 ½ years and retired from Navistar International after 32 years. Outside of work, he was deeply involved in sports—playing, coaching, and supporting his sons and grandkids in their athletic endeavors. Later in life, he enjoyed playing golf in sev-

eral leagues. Whether he was coaching, teaching, or just having fun with his sons, he always made work enjoyable.

In addition to his love for sports, Ron had a passion for history and nature. He enjoyed visiting botanical gardens, historical villages, log cabin sites, and forts. With the help of friends, he even restored an original old log cabin on his 3-acre property.

Ron was known for his kindness, humor, and generosity. He never met a stranger and always had a large, forgiving heart, ready to lend a helping hand. In 1989, Ron accepted the Lord and became a devoted servant, faithfully participating as a trustee, greeter, and choir member at his church. He especially cherished his time visiting shut-ins with David Kauffman.

For 20 years, Ron bravely battled Parkinson's disease. In the end, he chose to donate his body to Ohio State University Hospital, hoping his contribution would help others.

Ronny is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Brenda Rutan; sons, Douglas (Angela) Ray, Deron (Amy) Bradley; six grandchildren, Jordan (Cambria) Rutan, Rachael Rutan (Zachary) Ravert, Jessica Rutan (Michael) McDonald, Megan Rutan, Jacob Rutan, Justin Rutan; seven great grandchildren, Pierce, Gemma, and Thessalli Rutan, Zoey and Chloe Ravert, Charlotte McDonald, Abigail Dunlap; sisters-in-law, Karen Bea Blazer and Karen Sue Blazer.

Ronny is preceded in death by his parents, Glen and Kathryn (Shelpman) Rutan; sister, Sharon Smith; and brother-in-law, William Blazer.

A gathering of family and friends will be held from 10 – 11:30 on Saturday, November 16, 2024, in Urbana Church of Christ in Christian Union, Urbana, Ohio.

Memorial service will follow at 11:30 AM in the church with Pastor Mike Phillips and Pastor Jeff Allen officiating. Honorary Pallbearers; Jordan Rutan, Justin Rutan, Jacob Rutan, Zachary Ravert, Michael McDonald, and Pierce

Arrangements are entrusted to Vernon Funeral Home, Urbana, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be made to Urbana Church of Christ in Christian Union, 1121 N Main St, Urbana, OH 43078 or Universal Home Health and Hospice Care, 921 Rush Ave. Bellefontaine, OH 43311.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at *www.vernonfh.com*.

Sandra Sue Toeppe

Sandra Sue Toeppe, 77, of Bellefontaine, passed away at 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 10, 2024, at her residence. She was born in New Castle, Indiana on May 15, 1947, to the late Goldman and Marjorie (Sanders) Kidd.

On July 3, 2007, in Honolulu, Hawaii, she married Donald Toeppe Jr., and he survives.



Sandra is also survived by her sons, Jason (Kirstin Klinger) Farmer and Jon (June) Farmer; stepchildren, Heather (Todd) Vicary and Tim Toeppe; grandchildren, Jayden, Casey, Jacob, Robert and Timothy; siblings, Mike, Danny, Lisa, Pam, Alyce, Cathy, Nancy and Melanie; and many nieces and nephews.

Along with her parents, she was also preceded in death by her first husband, Clyde Farmer.

Sandra was a 1966 graduate of Blue River Valley High School in Indiana. She loved to travel, cook, and read. Sandra had a bubbly personality and a sense of humor. She enjoyed "people watching" on her front porch and riding on the motorcycle with Donald. Sandra loved her family, grandkids, and her cat, Whiskers. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Sandra's wish was to be cremated, and services will be held at the convenience of the family at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Universal Home Health & Hospice, 921 Rush Avenue, Bellefontaine Ohio 43311.

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







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Auburn Avenue Baptist Church

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

auburn-avenue.org

Bellefontaine Apostolic Temple 500 Lawrence St. (937) 539-0906

Praise worship, Sunday school, 10 a.m. Evangelistic service, 6 p.m. Sunday. Bible study, 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Bellefontaine Church of Christ 109 Township Road 217

(next to Lee's Chicken) (937) 593-2938 Sunday: 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. Bible

study; Wednesday: 6 p.m. **Bellefontaine Open Bible** 516 Eastern Ave.

(937) 844-6721 Justin DuVall, pastor Sunday school, 10:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.

Calvary Baptist Church 1140 Rush Ave. (Associated with GARBC)
Jeffory D. Willetts, pastor; Brandan 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

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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(937) 599-2251 Mike Roberts, pastor Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship,

Church of the Nazarene 345 Washington St.

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

Common Ground Church 613 Hamilton St.

Sunday worship gathering: 10 a.m.

cgchurch.net; fb.com/cgchurchteam Covenant Fellowship

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

Wednesday. First Assembly of God 2833 S. U.S. Route 68

(937) 593-4778

John Musgrave, lead pastor Sunday: 10:35 a.m. Worship & Children's Church.; Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. adult Bible studies, youth and children's ministry.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

215 E. Sandusky Rev. Kevin Greenwald, minister

Sunday school and Cafe Grace Praise and Worship led by Rev. Greenwald, 9:15 a.m.; Grace Care ages 1-4, 9:15 a.m; Sunday school 10 a.m.; sanctuary worship, 10:45 a.m. bellefontainefcc.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 1505 S. Main St.

Hillcrest Baptist Church, S.B.C.

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

meeting, 8:35 p.m

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

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@jubileemenno

Pilgrim Fellowship, **Congregational & Reformed** (937) 592-6387

Dr. Marshall Pierson, pastor Sunday school 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:45 a.m. Meeting at Shawnee Springs, 400 Kristina Dr.

Seventh-day Adventist Church 1910 County Road 130 Saturday afternoon services, Bible study hour 12:50 p.m. Worship

service 2:30 p.m. St. Patrick Catholic Church

316 E. Patterson Ave. Fr. Shawn Landenwitch Mass: Saturday 4 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.; Tuesday, 8 a.m.; First, third Thursdays, 6:15 p.m. followed by Adoration and Confession.

Solid Rock Baptist 1470 W. Sandusky

(937) 844-1400 James Frost, pastor Sunday School: 10 a.m.; Sunday worship 11 a.m.; Wednesday: Bible

study, 7 p.m. solidrockbaptistchurch.info **Vineyard Christian Fellowship** 624 Township Road 55 (937) 593-0981

Eric Cook, pastor Worship, Children's Worship & Childcare, 9:15, 10:45 a.m.; Student/Children ministries, Small Groups, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. vcfbelle fontaine.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

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/bcrpcna; prayer meeting 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

bcrpchurch.org **United Presbyterian Church** 202 Walnut St. (937) 464-2695

9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 worship

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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. corners to ne degraff. or g

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.

degraffhantistchurch.co **Logansville Community Church** (937) 441-1473.

Dana Kidder, pastor Sunday: 9:30 Sunday school; 10:45 a.m. worship

logans ville church. net;

New Beginnings Community Church 127 N. Main Mark Weaver, pastor

Sunday worship and praise, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bible study, 7 p.m.

Stony Creek Church Harold Liess, pastor Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Bible study/prayer meeting and youth group, 7 p.m. Wednesday.

stonycreekcoh 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

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

Huntsville **Presbyterian Church** 6490 Fruit St. (937) 686-2131

Ben Beres, pastor

8330 S. S.R. 235

(937) 935-9314

cornerstonehuntsville.com

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

Fred Albert, pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.; worship 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Sunday; carry-in dinner and youth group, 6 p.m. Wednesday.

Indian Lake Baptist Church

225 W. Lake (937) 596-6880 Donald D. Faulder, pastor Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Indian Lake Northside Church of the Nazarene 13699 N. State Route 235 (937) 843-5946

Tim Moebs, pastor Sunday school, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10 a.m.; Sunday evening service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday service, 7 p.m.; nursery provided.

LEWISTOWN

Lewistown-Trinity United Methodist Church 8088 County Road 54 (937) 686-8355

Rod Brower, pastor Sunday school 10 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.; wheelchair lift available. LTUMC.com

MIDDLEBURG Middleburg

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

middleburgcch@gmail.com

school.

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 rfcog.com

Ridgeway United Methodist Church Mike Raypholtz, pastor

Adult Bible Study 9 a.m., Church 10a.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).

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Nick Shaner, pastor Contemporary worship and children's ministry 10 a.m. Sunday. questindianlake.com

(937) 524-9821

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

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(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;

reconcilation by appointment also

WEST LIBERTY

Bethel Mennonite Church 416 Washington St.

Rebecca Kauffman, pastor Worship, 10:40 a.m. bethelchurchwl.org

First Church of God

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

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

Grace Chapel

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,

south union church. 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,

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

Keith Landis, pastor Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Worship,

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 **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, **York Center United Methodist** 28170 State Route 739

April Phillips, pastor Worship, Sunday 9:15 a.m

7ANESFIELD Goshen Friends Church 5527 County Road 153 Wayne Downing, pastor

Sunday: Worship 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School 11 a.m.; Wednesday: Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m. goshenfriendschurch.org **New Salem Lutheran Church**

6646 E. State Route 540 Worship, 9: 30 a.m. **United Methodist Church**

April Phillips, pastor **Corner of Columbus & Main Streets** Blended worship, 11 a.m., Sunday school, 10 a.m. zanesfieldumc.org

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

Zanesfield Community Chapel

OTHER CHURCHES **Harper Community Church** 3679 N. County Road 25, Bellefontaine (470) 345-8506 Anthony Davis, pastor

Worship, 9:30 a.m., Sunday school 10:30 a.m.

Millcreek Church of Christ

24538 Lunda Road, Raymond

Jack Knox, minister Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m., 7 p.m. Mt. Carmel Friends Church

3470 Kennard-Kingscreek Road,

Cable

(937) 652-3252 Jereme Proudman, pastor

Mt. Tabor Church of God Nathan Price, pastor

Worship, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 10:30 a.m. Wed.: Bible study, 7:30 p.m.

New Hampshire

Church of the Nazarene Curtis Randolph, pastor

Bible school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Thurs.: Prayer meeting, 7 p.m. Teens and Junior services, 7:30 p.m.

New Hampshire

Rev. Hal Argabright, pastor Sunday school, 9:15 a.m. Worship,

New Richland Baptist Church

Steve Smith, pastor Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship,

10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. worship, singing and praising;

5506 Road 201 (937) 638-1407 Jonathan Schriber, pastor

philchurch.com. Roundhead

17958 SR 117 Rev. Debra Ketcham, pastor

Rum Creek

United Methodist Church Corner of County Roads 34 and 59 Abigail Adams, pastor

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Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., Wednesday: Prayer meeting, 7 p.m., Friday: Young people, 6:30 p.m.

Muchinippi Church Edward Shady, pastor

United Methodist Church

10:45 a.m. Bible study, 7 p.m. Wednesday

8651 County Road 39. Belle Center

Wednesday: Prayer meeting, 6 p.m.

Philadelphia **Lutheran Church**

Hospitality 9 a.m., Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m.

United Methodist Church

Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.; FREE meal - 3rd Thursdays 4:30 - 6 p.m.

Woship, 9 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m.

9491 Santa Fe Line Rd, Wapakoneta (740) 505-1859

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BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Indian Lake High School and Middle School students honored local members of the military during this year's ILHS Veterans Day Luncheon and Celebration.

Dozens of local veterans and some active members of the military gathered for a hearty meal in the ILHS Auxiliary gym served by members of various ILHS Clubs.

Then they moved into the Auditorium for a recognition ceremony. Each veteran was introduced as they entered the assembly and escorted to their seat. ILHS Student Council members led the Pledge of Allegiance and senior Daniel Wahl sang the National Anthem.



Local veteran Gerald Houchin poses with his family and grandchildren who attend Indian Lake Schools. (INDIAN LAKE SCHOOLS PHOTO)

Three Indian Lake Middle School students were invited on stage to read their essays

of thankfulness to the veterans. Their essays were selected from a group of submitted works at ILMS. Students Samantha Altstaetter and Zeke McVety shared their essays, which emphasized how grateful they are for those people willing to serve our country. ILMS student Ali Everhart was sick, so senior Cambria Tuttle read her essay.

High school students explained the significance of the folds of the flag and senior trumpet player Svea Martini played "Taps." Both the ILHS Chorale and ILHS

Band offered up patriotic music, as well.

The event ended with students personally thanking the veterans and getting photos with loved ones.

ILHS students Riley Shaner and Matthew Culp fold the flag, while Gavin Spring explains the process. (INDIAN LAKE SCHOOLS PHOTO)



RIVERSIDE RECOGNIZES VETERANS



Riverside Local Schools had a record-breaking attendance for the 2024 Veterans Day Breakfast and Assembly Monday, Nov. 11. The breakfast was served by student council members, with entertainment by sixth-grade and high school choirs. The assembly included guest speaker Tim Shaw (First Vice Commander for Ohio American Legion Second District Region), poems by Student Council and music from the high school band, senior Kaylee Fulkerson and the Majesty Quartet. (RIVERSIDE SCHOOLS PHOTOS)

■ COMICS

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(INDIAN LAKE SCHOOLS PHOTO)

ILHS students serve lunch to local veterans.

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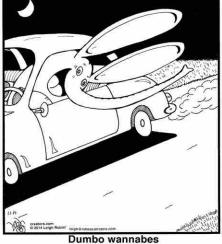


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■ Horoscopes

ROYAL STARS | FROM KING FEATURES SYNDICATE By Georgia Nicols

Moon Alert: After 2:15 a.m. EST today, there are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions. The Moon is in Taurus. HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday,

Nov. 14, 2024: You are creative and talented. Even though respect is important to you, your love life is colorful. This is a year of service for you, primarily service to family. Therefore, it's important to take care of yourself so you can be a sup-port to others. Is it time for a make-

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** You're ready to work hard for
your money today. In fact, you might
do some serious practical planning,
perhaps with the help of a boss, parent
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morning irritation with your kids or a
romantic partner. Let it go. Tonight:
Make plans.

TARINIES (April 20 May 20)

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign, which makes you more emotional. Don't take the bait this morning with a family member. Keep your cool. Later in the day, someone older or more experienced might have excellent advice for you. It will be a smart move to keep things practical and orderly. Tonight: Serious discussions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Early this morning, you might be grumpy. Fortunately, this is shortlived. In fact, it's an excellent day for research of any kind. You'll enjoy coming up with answers. Quite likely, you'll impress someone — a boss or a parent. Gifts and favors might come your way today. Tonight: Solitude.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Ignore some silly squabbles this morning about money or posses-sions. Later in the day, travel plans might look doable. You also might explore school schedules and opportu-nities in publishing, medicine and the law. Enjoy schmoozing with friends today. You feel sociable. Tonight: Get advice.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

today. You feel sociable. Tonight: Get advice.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Don't get your belly in a rash today, especially when dealing with parents and bosses in the early morning. Move on. You will impress others today with your willingness to accept your duties. You also have practical suggestions. You might look heroic because you're prepared to go that extra step. (It's your style.) Tonight: Show respect.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Avoid controversial subjects early in the morning, because they will frustrate you. Instead, travel plans and chances to explore avenues in medicine, the law and higher education will please you. Make plans to see people from other countries or different backgrounds. You might learn something. Tonight: Study.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Do what you can to keep the peace with a friend or a group this morning, especially when dealing with shared responsibilities. In fact, you're willing to forgo your own comfort to fulfill your obligations to someone, which is admirable. Your reward might be a pleasant day at home. Tonight: Check your finances.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Avoid morning squabbles with bosses and parents. Don't waste your time. Instead, make practical plans about vacations, the arts or your kids. You might be involved in sports in a vigorous way today. Meanwhile, you'll impress others with your charm and diplomacy. Tonight: Cooperate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** Avoid controversial discussions this morning. They might be nasty. Actually, this can be a great day for you. Financial negotiations will go well. And you're prepared to work hard to get practical results, especially at home or when helping a family member. Tonight: Work.

CAPRICORN (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
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CAPRICORN (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Be patient with your kids this
morning. (How a morning begins can
affect one's entire day.) The fact is that
fair Venus is in your sign making this a
wonderful day to schmooze with others. Accept invitations to socialize. You
also might work out vigorously in
sports or the arts. Tonight: Accept
responsibilities.

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★★★ Avoid family squabbles this morning or difficulties with a partner. Instead, focus on practical matters, because you can accomplish a lot today. You feel confident and happy about how something is unfolding. To get the results you want, you're willing to be inconvenienced. Tonight: Relax. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ This morning you might find yourself at odds with someone at work or even a neighbor, colleague or sibling. Don't waste your energy on this. Instead, focus on relations with friends and groups, which will be positive. Today you're willing to undergo some hardship to accomplish something. BORN TODAY

BORN TODAY Actor Josh Duhamel (1972), actress Olga Kurylenko (1979), King Charles (1948)

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LEGAL NOTICE

Richland Township Trustees reg-ular meeting for November 27 2024 will be held at 6 pm instead of 7 pm. The meeting will be held at Richland Township Building, 615 N. Center St., Belle Center, OH 43310. Nov. 14, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Washington Township Zoning Commission, Logan County, OH, will hold a public thearing concerning proposed amendments to the Washington Township Zoning Resolution on November 25, 2024, at 6:00PM at the Washington Township Hall. The building address is 7464 Co Rd 91, Lewistown, Ohio, 43333. The proposed amendments, initiated by motion of the Zoning Commission Board, propose to amend Article V Supplementary District Regulations by amending Section 571 Solar Energy Systems amends Article Definitions by amending Solar Energy related definitions. The text and map(s) of the pro

posed amendments will be available for examination at the Russells Point Post Office building, 24 hours per day, for a period of 10 days prior to the public hearing. The building address is 901 State Route 708, Russells Point OH 43348.

After the conclusion of such hearing, the matter will be submitted

LEGALS

Washington Township Board of Trustees for its action. Gary Bias, Zoning Inspector Lisa Miller, Fiscal Officer Washington Township Nov. 14, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Perry Township Trustees will be taking Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for an archiservices in Renovation/Addition Township Perry Township Fire Department Station #4.

The RFQ's will be opened at our December 9, 2024 Township Meeting at 7:00 pm at the East Liberty Community Room. This is located at the corner of Main & Foundry Streets in East Liberty, Ohio 43319. The Trustees have the right to accept and/or reject any or all RFQ's. To obtain an RFQ sheet, contact

any of the Perry Township Trustees:

John Gibson 937-441-9486 John Brose 937-597-5937

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NOTICE OF DRAWING OF **JURORS**

On the 21st day of November, 2024, at 9:00 o'clock, A.M., at the office of the Election Board of Logan County, 225 South Main Street, Bellefontaine, Ohio, Jurors will be publicly drawn for the 2nd term 24/25 of the Common Pleas Court of said County. Commissioners of Jurors

Linda Erwin-Hutchins Susan Neer Nov. 14, 2024

LEGAL NOTICE

Stokes Township will hold a Zoning Commission Board meeting on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the Twp Building at 275 Oak St., Lakeview. This meeting will only affect Avondale, Indian Isles and Wolfe Island. Interested parties are urged to attend. Janna Rice

Fiscal Officer Stokes Township Nov. 14, 2024



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PLAYOFFS PREVIEWS

Lakers face top seed Greeneview

BY MIKE FRANK EXAMINER SPORTS WRITER

The Lakers' defense is on

the prowl, and has helped get them to new ground. For the first time, they have reached the regional

have reached the regional semifinals, hoping that week 13 will be as good as the past several.

In the Region 20 semifinal matchup, they face the #1 seed, Jamestown Greeneview. The Rams come in at 12-0, having won the South Division in the Ohio Heritage Conference.

In the playoffs so far, they have defeated Graham 27-6 and held off Lima Bath 28-23

The Lakers have seven straight victories, including wins over Versailles by a count of 19-7 in the opening round and then 28-14 over Preble Shawnee in the quarterfinals.

One key for the Lakers is their ability to create turnovers. They had four in the second half against Versailles, and then had five (two interceptions and three fumbles) giving the offense good chances to score.

"I believe the number of takeaways is due to a number of things," said Indian Lake coach Jonn Rapp. "We do occasionally work on it in practice, we talk a lot about it, and the heightened intensity of the playoffs is helping as well."

To get past Greeneview, the focus will be on senior quarterback Alex Horney (5-11, 190).

"He is a a runner first and passer second." Rapp said. "Eyes have to be on him. We have to hit him. We have to make him give the ball up to someone else."

Horney has rushed 147 times for 1,500 yards with an average gain of 10.2 per carry. He has reached the end zone 24 times.

Other rushing threats are senior Cooper Payton (5-8, 185), who has 116 carries for 760 yards (6.6 average) and senior Chase Walker (5-9, 175), with 91 rushes for 801 yards (8.8 average). Walker has 10 touchdowns and Payton has seven.

Horney has thrown the ball just 64 times, with 31 completions for 564 yards. He has eight touchdowns and two interceptions.

The leading receiver is senior wide receiver Joey Glannobile (5-11, 175) with 19 catches for 400 yards and six TDs.



Keaton Yohey (64) of Indian Lake makes a tackle of Preble Shawnee's Kaden Taylor during last week's playoff game at Preble Shawnee. The Lakers face Greeneview this week in the regional semifinal. (EXAMINER PHOTO I MIKE FRANK)

Defensively, Payton is the team's leading tackler with 104. Blake Midlam with 93 and Walker with 82

are the other big factors. Rapp said that "we are treating this week as normal as possible. Our playoff routine is working out well, and players and coaches have settled into it."

If the Lakers win Friday,

they could see familiar faces next week with West That'
Liberty-Salem, which faces Waynesville in the other Fremifinal.

"Effort, toughness, and

doing the small things. That's our focus," said

Friday's game will be held at Fairborn Stadium and kicks off at 7 p.m.

WL-S to duel high-powered Waynesville

BY MIKE FRANK

EXAMINER SPORTS WRITER

This has the makings of a shootout.

West Liberty-Salem remains in the pursuit of a state football championship. This Friday night, they will meet Waynesville in the Region 20 semifinals of Division V.

The Tigers (11-1) have been on the winning side for nine straight weeks and have overwhelmed the two playoff opponents so far. They downed Arcanum 41-26, then blew out Miami East 62-28.

"Offensively, we have done a good job of staying balanced and patient," said Tigers coach Dan McGill. "Additionally, we have taken care of the football and not given the opponent extra possessions."

The Spartans come in with a mark of 9-3. They finished second in the Buckeye Division of the Southwestern Buckeye League.

Two of the losses came to start the season. They then rolled off seven straight wins before falling to Valley View in the regular season finale.

Like West Liberty-Salem, they have not been shy about lighting up the scoreboard. The first round was a 42-9 win over Middletown Madison, followed by a 55-6 drubbing of Madeira last



Josh Wilcoxon of West Liberty-Salem (left) stiffarms a Miami East defender during last week's playoff game. The Tigers will face Waynesville on Friday in a regional semifinal. (EXAMINER PHOTO I TONY BARRETT)

Friday

"Waynesville has several explosive athletes, and they do a great job of moving them around to create matchups they like," McGill said of the Spartans'

Quarterback Alex Amburgy, a 6-1, 185-pound senior, has completed 137 of 230 throws this year for 2,428 yards. His average completion is 10.6 yards, with 27 touchdowns and 10 interceptions.

The main targets on the other end of those passes

have been seniors Garrett Lundy (5-8, 165) and Trenton Davis (5-11, 180), both with over 1,000 yards. Lundy has 63 catches for 1,106 (11 touchdowns) and Davis has made 44 for 1,028 and 13 scores.

Lundy and Amburgy are the statistical leaders when it comes to the ground game as well. Lundy has 1,068 yards on 153 carries and 18 touchdowns. When Amburgy keeps it, he has done so 121 times for 880 yards and 14 touchdowns.

"They have a strong running attack and a dynamic passing game.," McGill said. This will be the best offense that we have faced all season."

Looking at the defense, "They play matchup manto-man coverage, and they keep the box full to stop the run," he said. "They have great size up front so we will need to really run our feet on our blocks."

Lundy has 95 tackles on the year, with 90 by senior Kellen Philpot and 86 by senior Adam Neu.

Starting this week, games are at neutral sites. Friday's clash between WLS and Waynesville will be at Welcome Stadium at the University of Dayton.

"We are excited to play at Welcome Stadium for sure, but at the end of the day, once the ball is kicked off it doesn't matter where you are playing, it matters how you are playing," said McGill.

The winner will advance to the regional championship on Nov. 22.

Chargers take on flashy Cincinnati offense

BY JOE REEDY
AP SPORTS WRITER

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — Bud Dupree knows the challenge awaiting the Los Angeles Chargers' defense on Sunday against the Cincinnati Bengals. With Bengals quarterback Joe Burrow leading the league in passing yards and Ja'Marr Chase tops in receiving, it is a prime opportunity for the Chargers defense to show the rest of the league it should get more respect. The 6-3 Chargers — who have won three straight and four of five — have allowed a league-low 13.1 points per game and are trying to be the first team since the 1990 New York Giants to allow 20-or-fewer points in each of its first nine games. Four of the wins have come against offenses ranked 24th or lower.

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"Somebody wants to see us play, we've got to prove them right. We can't go out here and (pee) down our leg. We have to turn it up harder," Dupree said.

The 6-3 Chargers — who have won three straight and four of five — have allowed a league-low 13.1 points per game and are trying to be the first team since the 1990 New York Giants to allow 20 points or fewer in each of its first nine games.

Critics, though, point out that the Bolts' early-season success is lacking a win against a big-time offense and quarterback.

Four of the Chargers' wins have come against offenses ranked 24th or lower and four of the six lowest-ranked passing attacks in the league.

Of the nine quarterbacks they have faced, none are in the top 10 in passer rating. That changes significantly over next five weeks with Burrow (third), Baltimore's Lamar Jackson (second) and Tampa Bay's Baker Mayfield (sixth) on the horizon.

"Those games just show you who you are, competitively and especially from a mental standpoint. You have the strength of the offense on their side with the quarterback," linebacker Khalil Mack said after last Sunday's 27-17 win over Tennessee.

The highest-ranked quarterbacks the Chargers have defeated so far is Cleveland's Jameis Winston (28th) and Denver rookie

Bo Nix (29th).

Burrow leads league in attempts (358), completions (246) and yards (2,672) and has a 108.1 passer rating.

The Chargers have had the perfect combination of pressuring the quarterback and being sound in coverage, but both will be put to the test against the Bengals.

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According to the NFL's
Next Gen Stats, Burrow is
fifth in yards per attempt
and has the fourth-highest
passer rating against split
safety coverages this season. The Chargers have the
second-highest rate in the
league of using that cover-

Chase has 795 of his 981 yards receiving against zone coverage. The Chargers utilize zone coverage on 83.7% of pass plays, third-highest in the league.

Chase also leads the league in touchdowns (seven) and yards after the catch (462).

Burrow said on
Wednesday that moving
Chase around along with
his understanding of coverages has elevated his game
to another level.

"He has taken a step and done a great job understanding zone coverage and what his job is on all these different details in his routes," Burrow said.
"Teams can't focus on him in one spot and always to be aware of where he is at."

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Unbeaten Hoosiers are toast of college football

BY MICHAEL MAROT AP SPORTS WRITER

Ed Miller has attended Indiana football and basketball games since the early 1970s, and he's never seen a fall quite like this.

As the leaves change colors and flutter to the ground, and the action ramps up for one of college basketball's true blueblood programs, everyone around Bloomington is focused on what's happening inside the football stadium

Here, the 70-year-old Miller has been part of three straight home sellouts, seen the spinning towels and decibel levels attain new heights while the favored candy-striped basketball pants have been replaced by the increasingly fashionable candy-striped overalls. Yes, even the start of basketball season cannot tarnish this season's most unthinkable story in college football — the rise of the Hoosiers.

"It's hard this time of year usually to keep going to football games, but that has totally flipped," Miller said. "And now, honestly, I'm a little disappointed in basketball. I'm more excited about football than basketball, and I didn't think I'd ever say that.'

For decades, Indiana football was mired in mediocrity or worse - irrele-

Indiana has the most losses (713) and the 10thlowest winning percentage (.422) in FBS history. The Hoosiers three bowl wins are the fewest of any Power

4 team and the 33-year run between postseason victories still is the secondlongest active drought among teams with multiple bowl bids.

How bad had things gotten? When ESPN broadcaster Joe Buck identified an Indiana alum during a Monday Night Football telecast a couple years back, Buck's broadcast partner, Troy Aikman, jokingly asked if the Hoosiers still played football.

Curt Cignetti took the Indiana job to change that image and while fans liked his passion, they were skeptical of his bold, brash promise of immediate suc-

"Hey, look I'm super fired up about this opportunity," he shouted at a December basketball game. "I've never taken a backseat to anybody and don't plan on starting now. Purdue sucks. But so does Michigan and Ohio State."

Nobody's questioning Cignetti now.

Nick Saban's first recruiting coordinator at Alabama is a frontrunner to be this year's national coach of the year, especially after Saturday's 20-15 victory over the defending national champion Wolverines.

Indiana earned just its second series win since 1988 while sealing the first 10-win season in school history, perhaps fittingly, against college football's winningest program.

No. 5 Indiana (10-0, 7-0 Big Ten, No. 5 CFP) now has one more win than its

combined total over the previous three seasons and finds itself ditching the halffull stadiums that had become the norm in Octobers and Novembers of seasons past.

"We were excited to get a new coach. We knew there was going to be a lot of turnover with the football guys, but we never could have imagined 10-0," said 47-year-old Jennifer Worman, who lives in an Indianapolis suburb. "It is unreal for IU football.

There have been no shortage of milestone moments in 2024.

- Indiana's 77-3 victory over Western Illinois in Week 2 was the most lopsided in school history and its 56-7 win over Nebraska six weeks later matched the school record for margin of victory in league play.

— The Hoosiers 42-13 victory over UCLA was their first ever at the Rose Bowl.

– Indiana became the first bowl eligible in the team with a 41-24 victory at Northwestern.

— They've scored at least 40 points, seven times, won nine times by 14 or more points and have trailed only twice briefly all season.

– And if the Hoosiers win at No. 2 Ohio State, something they haven't done since 1987, a win over rival Purdue (1-8, 0-6) could send them to their first Big Ten title game.

It's a season on the brink only this locker room thought possible.

"We have playmakers all across the board," sixth-

year quarterback Kurtis Rourke said earlier this season. "It makes my job a lot easier. The O-line is playing great so we can run and pass. We're just clicking right now.'

Naturally, all these wins have put players such as Rourke, the 2022 Mid-American Conference MVP, in the postseason award debate. Some think Rourke even belongs in the Heisman Trophy race.

He's hardly alone. Defensive end Mikail Kamara, a transfer from James Madison, leads the conference in sacks (9 1/2) and earned two national defensive player of the week awards following a 2 1/2sack, 4 1/2-tackle for loss performance as Indiana reclaimed the Old Brass Spittoon at Michigan State.

Elijah Sarratt also played previously for Cignetti at James Madison and now ranks fifth in the Big Ten in catches (38), yards (685) and yards per catch (18.0). He's tied for sixth with six TD receptions.

And while some contend a soft schedule has helped the Hoosiers, it didn't in other years.

Indiana may in fact be the most balanced team in the nation. It's ranked second in scoring offense (43.9 points), seventh in scoring defense (13.8) and among the top 25 nationally in passing offense (23rd, 276.5 yards), run defense (first, 72.7), pass defense (22nd, 183.3), turnover margin (tied for 12th, 1.0 per game) and takeaways (20th, 17).

Cavaliers top 76ers to stay unbeaten

BY KEVIN COONEY

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PHILADELPHIA — Donovan Mitchell scored 11 of his 23 points in the final three minutes of the game and the Cleveland Cavaliers became the sixth team in NBA history to start a season 13-0 with a 114-106 win over the Philadelphia 76ers on Wednesday night.

Mitchell also grabbed 13 rebounds and added nine assists as Cleveland became the first team since the 2015-16 Golden State Warriors to win 13 straight to begin a season. That Warriors team holds the record for most wins to begin a campaign at 24

straight.

Darius Garland scored 25 points while Evan Mobley had 14 points with seven rebounds.

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Jared McCain had a career-high 34 for the 76ers, who played without Paul George and Joel Embiid on the second night of a backto-back as part of left knee injury maintenance. Kelly Oubre Jr. had 20 points while Caleb Martin added 18 for the Sixers.

On a night when Cleveland didn't come with its best game, the team had enough firepower to hold off a gritty bunch of young Sixers who played perhaps their best all-around game of the season.

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If anyone knows how dangerous Chase can be, it is Chargers cornerback Kristian Fulton. Both played together in high school and then at Louisiana State.

Fulton is on track to return to the lineup this week after missing the past two games due to a hamstring injury.

"He can make plays anywhere on the field. It's on us pre-snap to know his alignment and know how they are trying to get them the ball," Fulton said. "It's not just going to be one-onone. It is going to be a whole back end thing (with the secondary) and make sure we have no busted coverages. We kind of saw that happen last week with Baltimore and a couple other games they played. We have to make them earn

"We know they're going to throw the ball. That's what we live for and more opportunity for us to make

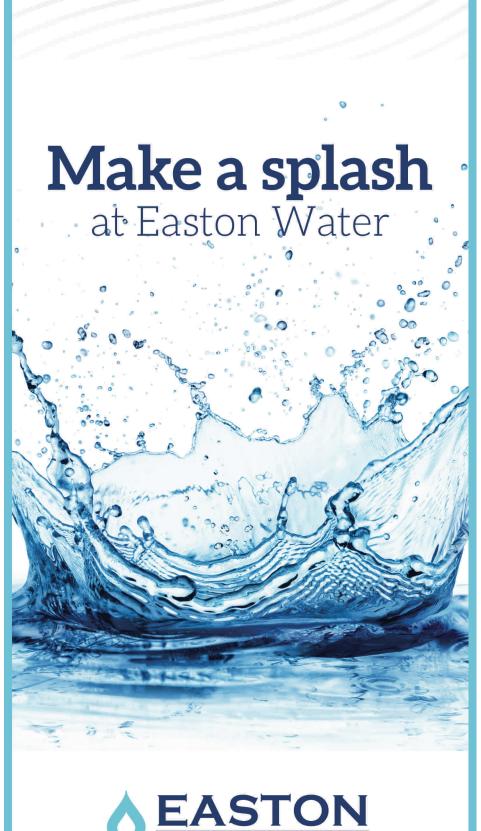
plays."

gains on defense the last three weeks have been with their pass rush. They have 18 sacks in the past three games, with all but five

The Chargers' biggest

coming without blitzing. Second-year linebacker Tuli Tuipulotu has all of his 5.5 sacks in the last three

"It shows progress. Every moment is a big moment and we have to continue to strive," Dupree said of the pass rush. "People are going to do a lot of chips and slides, we have to create ways to get one-on-one and when we do we have to



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