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BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL

BFD adds two firefighters to staff

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The Bellefontaine Fire Department added two new members to the fire-fighting staff at Tuesday, Dec. 10, regular meeting of the Bellefontaine City Council.

Jonathan Downing and Logan Searcy were sworn in by Mayor David Crissman as Bellefontaine's newest

firefighters prior to the council completing its agenda Tuesday. Both Downing and Searcy are expected to take their positions with the BFD after the first of the year.

With the addition of Firefighters Downing and Searcy, the BFD is now considered to be at full staff, a situation that Fire Chief Brian Wilson said was a long time coming.

The council Tuesday unanimously approved ordinances approving two new collective bargaining agreements, the first between the city and the International Association of Fire Fighters for fire safety services, and the second between the city and the Ohio Patrolman's Benevolent Association for police and safety services. Both agreements are

scheduled to run through the end of 2027.

Also approved at the meeting were ordinances establishing the compensation for the Bellefontaine Municipal Court Judge, as well as compensation for the president of council, council members, clerk of council, mayor, law director and city auditor. Three other ordinances also set

the hourly compensation for supervisory, service and clerical employees of the city.

Members also authorized the Bellefontaine Police Department to apply for a \$5,000 grant from the United Way of Logan County for community outreach programs, as well as approving several routine, end-of-year appropriations for the

Municipal Court, Prosecutor's Office, and Law Director, as well of authorizing the purchase of miscellaneous supplies, equipment and services for use by the city in 2025.

The Bellefontaine City Council will not meet again in 2024, as the next scheduled meeting would fall on Christmas Eve. Therefore, council will next meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14.

Local ceremonies planned

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Three Logan County area cemeteries are serving official Wreaths Across America locations Saturday, Dec. 14, joining in wreath-laying ceremonies in more than 4,800 other locations across the country to honor military service members laid to rest there.



SATURDAY, DEC. 14, NOON
Bellefontaine City Cemetery

Ceremonies begin at noon at Bellefontaine City Cemetery, 632 E. Brown Ave.; along with Calvary Cemetery, 1793 County Road 18, Bellefontaine; and Fairview Cemetery, located along State Route 273 east of Belle Center.

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WEST LIBERTY VILLAGE COUNCIL

Recycling updates and special recognition for students

BY SHARYN KOPF
EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

Dressed in Christmas sweaters and festive lights, the West Liberty village council held their last meeting of the year with a bit of a celebration. But that didn't keep them from getting a few things done on Monday, Dec. 9.

It wasn't until the meeting came to a close, though, that they embraced that Christmas spirit when Jayne Griffith, council president, presented two special requests: to acknowledge the work and accomplishments of the West Liberty-Salem High School cheerleaders and sports teams.

"The cheerleaders have done a lot for us," Griffith pointed out. "From the Pink Out to cookies with Santa ... everything we ask, they do."

She suggested the council show their gratitude by throwing a pizza party for the squad. The motion was passed, and they plan to make that happen in January.



The West Liberty Village Council hears from Bill Detrick, street superintendent (standing), at their regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 9. (EXAMINER PHOTO | SHARYN KOPF)

On a related note, Griffith mentioned not only the high school football team's success in placing fourth in their district, but similar strong season finishes for the cross country runners as well as the track team.

Wanting to show the council's support, Griffith asked for ideas, adding, "It says a lot about our kids and their commitment to excellence."

"We don't necessarily need to spend a lot of money," she concluded, "but we should just do something to recognize them."

Street Department
Bill Detrick, street superintendent, started his report with a recycling update and a recommendation. According to Detrick, 169 residents participated in cardboard recycling this week, while over 200 put out glass and plastic items.

Moving forward, though, Detrick suggested they disregard their usual schedule of not picking up recycling on the last Monday of the month.

"The Monday after Christmas is a huge day for people throwing stuff away," he said. "And peo-

ple might forget and set it out anyway."

With that in mind, Detrick requested they not only pick up recycling on Dec. 30 but do it every week from now on. He also recommended moving recycling day from Mondays to Thursdays. The council agreed, which means West Liberty residents will see that change go into effect starting Jan. 2.

Detrick said the department could use a sub employee for trash day at \$20 an hour, and the council approved that as well.

On a related note, Detrick expressed the need to do something about the truck they use. "It's not a recycling truck," he stated. "We need a solution."

He ended his report with a request for an ordinance regarding tree removal. Last month, a tree fell down on McClellan Street while the residents were away. Since trees belong to the homeowners, Detrick wondered

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BCS board hears fall athletic wrap-up

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Bellefontaine City Schools Athletic Director Jason Calton recapped a very successful fall sports season during the board of education's Monday evening meeting, Dec. 9.

Cross country standouts Hayden Maus and Grace Brown were honored.

Hayden finished 15th at the Division II boys state meet last month in a time of 15:42. Grace placed 6th at the Division II girls state meet in a time of 18:24.

Hayden, a junior, and Grace, a sophomore, were also named the CBC Kenton Trail Division Runner of the Year.

Both runners were joined by their coaches and family Monday night.

Calton then praised the Lady Chiefs volleyball team, which posted its best season in 20 years. The girls finished 17-7.

Kelsie Snapp, Taylor Banta, Madi Zedeker and Ava Reeves earned all-league honors.

The Chiefs enjoyed a record-setting season on the gridiron as well.

Senior quarterback Tavien St. Clair finished his career with 9,794 passing yards and 104 touchdown passes.

St. Clair signed with Ohio State last Wednesday.

Senior wide receiver Braylon Newcomb led the CBC with 77 catches for 1,195 yards, and 17 touchdown receptions.

In August, Newcomb broke the school record for receiving yards in a game (235) at Sidney.

Newcomb signed his letter of intent with Eastern Kentucky University last week.

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United Way grant will fund Mobi-mat for Old Field Beach

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities Superintendent Krista Oldiges reported on several grant-funded accessibility projects at several locations around the county at the board's meeting Thursday, Dec. 5.

She said the board received a \$13,000 grant from United Way of Logan County that will be used to purchase a Mobi-mat for Old Field Beach. This will allow people who utilize wheelchairs with easier access to the beach area at Indian Lake.

In addition, Oldiges said the board is using APRA grant funding to purchase and install automatic door openers for Buckeye at the Lake, Homegrown Yoga and Gathering Grounds.

Also during the meeting, members learned that the Early Intervention Department has seen an increase in referrals, receiving 24 in the month of November.

Typically, EI receives five to seven referrals in one month. Year-to-date they have received 111 referrals and have served 133 children.

A survey was sent out recently to families receiving Early Intervention services to see if there was an interest in starting a parent support group. There are several parents who responded that are interested in participating.

Jason Moyer, SSA Director, attended a training to learn how the Britco software can be used to allow providers access to view Individual Service Plans of the people they serve, submit incident reports and allow providers to notify if they would like to provide services to people currently searching for providers.

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Overnight warming shelter opening at local church

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The Bellefontaine First Church of God, 1000 E. Brown Ave., is opening part of its church facility as an emergency overnight warming shelter for the winter of 2024-25, for evenings when the temperature drops below 20 degrees.

Wednesday, Dec. 11, will be the first evening for the warm-

ing shelter. The shelter will be open Thursday, Dec. 12, as well.

Intake is from 6 to 8 p.m. at the youth center entrance, door 9.

The shelter will need to be vacated by 6 a.m. in the mornings, due to child care operations at the church.

There will likely be a transitional warming shelter opening in the mornings from 6 to 8 a.m. at another nearby church, with details still being finalized.

For more information, call (937) 210-9003.

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ABE MARTIN



"'Tis sweet t' be remembered, but it's sometimes still sweeter t' be overlooked."

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

Albertsons sues Kroger for failing to win approval of their proposed supermarket merger

BY DEE-ANN DURBIN
AP BUSINESS WRITER

Kroger and Albertsons' plan for the largest U.S. supermarket merger in history crumbled Wednesday, with Albertsons pulling out of the \$24.6 billion deal and the two companies accusing each other of not doing enough to push their proposed alliance through.

Albertsons said it had filed a lawsuit against Kroger, seeking a \$600 million termination fee as well as billions of dollars in legal fees and lost shareholder value. Kroger said the claims were "baseless" and that Albertsons was not entitled to the fee.

"After reviewing options, the company determined it is no longer in its best interests to pursue the merger," Kroger said in a statement Wednesday.

The bitter breakup came the day after two judges halted the proposed merger in separate court cases. U.S. District Court Judge Adrienne Nelson in Oregon issued a preliminary injunction Tuesday blocking the merger until an in-house judge at the Federal Trade Commission could consider

the matter.

An hour later, Superior Court Judge Marshall Ferguson in Seattle issued a permanent injunction barring the merger. Ferguson ruled that combining Albertsons and Kroger would lessen competition and violate consumer-protection laws.

The companies could have appealed the rulings or proceeded to the in-house FTC hearings. Albertsons' decision to pull out of deal instead surprised some industry experts.

"I'm in a state of professional and commercial shock that they would take this scorched earth approach," said Burt Flickinger, a longtime analyst and owner of retail consulting firm Strategic Resource Group. "The logical thing would have been for Albertsons to let the decision sink in for a day and then meet and see what could be done. But the lawsuit seems to make that a moot issue."

Albertsons is unlikely to find another merger partner because it has significant debt and underperforming stores in most of its mar-



Evans wins Riverside Elementary spelling bee

The winner of Riverside Elementary's recent spelling bee was fifth-grader Parker Evans. Fellow fifth-grader Jayce Clerico was the runner-up spelling bee champion. Both students will advance to the Logan County Spelling Bee during January at the Holland Theatre. (RIVERSIDE SCHOOLS PHOTO)

BOARD

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Finally, Calton said tailgating at home varsity football games was a big hit this fall.

Prepping for next year, the board approved their meeting schedule for 2025.

Board meetings will be conducted Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 10, April 14, May 12,, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, and Dec. 8.

In personnel, the board accepted the retirement of third-grade teacher Mary Beaverson. Her final day will be June 1.

The board also accepted the retirement of Shanel Henry, who's been the BCS executive director of instructional services for the last decade. Her retirement is effective Dec. 31. The board then approved the rehire of Henry for the '24-'25 and the '25-'26 school year.

Members also approved the American Exchange Project, which takes place in the summertime during June and July. The program offers 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.

In other action, the board: Hired Jennifer Cyr as a home instruction/tutor, and Morgan Powers as an educational aide;

Approved the following supplemental contract resignations: Caleb Mitchell - Head 8th Grade Boys Basketball, and Dustin Van Buskirk - Robotics;

Extended the following supplemental contracts, including Maverick Aldo - Musical Production Assistant; Meagan Antram Hoyt - Musical Production Assistant; Jere Daniels, Keri Fergus, Trinity Ford, Robin Henry, Brian Timpe - Musical Production Assistant; Jack Clement - Head 8th Grade Boys Basketball; Chelsea Horsley - Assistant Coach for Middle School Girls and High School Girls Wrestling; and

Recognized December Seniors of the Month Taylor Banta and Ryan Alexander; they each received an achievement pin and a \$15 gift card to Ron's Pizza.

The board appointed Colin Yoder as President Pro-Tempore for the organizational meeting at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 13. The regular meeting follows the organizational meeting.



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The mobile dentist recently visited the Discovery Center, where they saw more than 30 preschoolers.

The board currently has two openings for teachers at the Discovery Center preschool. Anyone interested in applying for the posi-

tions can e-mail Staci Nichols at snichols@logancbdd.org.

Members reviewed and approved several contracts, including contracts with the YMCA, Midwest Regional Education Service Center, WestCON, Nineteen Services, Inc. and PT Services Rehabilitation, Inc.

The board reviewed and approved two policies, as well as the 2025 Administrative Calendar and the 2025 Board Meeting Calendar.

Board meetings are typically conducted the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at 1973 W. State Route 47.

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5:30 - Alicia Wilkins - Piano music, Orr Mansion
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SATURDAY, DEC. 14TH
1:00 - Leanna George Piano Students - Orr Mansion
2:00 - Leanna George - Piano music, Orr Mansion
3:30 - Cindy Bleining - Piano music, Orr Mansion

SUNDAY, DEC. 15TH
1:00 - Shirley McPherson's Piano Students - Orr Mansion
2:00 - St. Patrick's Church Choir - Transportation Museum
2:30 - Brenda Shinson Thomas & Kacey Adams - Piano music, Orr Mansion
3:00 - Popular Demand Quartet - Barbershop, Transportation Museum

■ OBITUARIES

JoAnn Bayliss

JoAnn Bayliss, 78, went home to be with her Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, on December 5, 2024.

Born JoAnn Harpest on October 14, 1946, in New Bedford, MA, JoAnn was the daughter of the late Don E. and Dolores "Del" (Correia) Harpest. The family then made their home in Logan County, OH.



JoAnn met her loving husband of 59 years, Charles William "Bill" Bayliss, at Shively's Restaurant and Drive In, Bellefontaine when he caught her eye with his Burgundy 1963 Mercury Comet Cyclone. They vowed to love one another on June 19, 1965 and from their marriage

their family grew with children - Shelley (Dave) Smyth, Scott Bayliss, and Jana (David) Caudill, grandchildren - Lydia, Noah, and Joel Smyth, Mallary (Tyler) Zimpfer, Adalyn and Jace Caudill, and great-granddaughter Amelia Jo Zimpfer.

JoAnn's greatest joy was her family, to whom she devoted her time, talents, and faith. A dedicated homemaker, she was also actively involved on the family's farm. She worked outside the home before embracing what she considered her most fulfilling role—being an active and loving grandmother. JoAnn took special delight in teaching her granddaughters to sew and encouraging their creative talents, while supporting her grandsons in their athletic and outdoor adventures. She also enjoyed spending time in her flowerbeds in Ohio and Florida.

JoAnn was deeply committed to Jesus, evident in her commitment to welcome, her hospitality, and service to all she encountered. JoAnn worshiped at their home church in Ohio, West Mansfield Methodist Church, and while at their Florida home, First Baptist Church Estero. She found fulfillment in Bible studies, sharing her faith, and cultivating meaningful relationships. JoAnn was caring and compassionate and will be remembered by many for consistently praying for others, sending cards and notes of encouragement.

In addition to her immediate family, JoAnn is survived by her sister Donna (Lowell) Hill; nephew Lance (Nikki) Hill and their children; the extended Bayliss family, including Bill's six siblings, their spouses, and numerous nieces and nephews; as well as her "adopted-in-love" family, Sharon (Clark) McDaniel, and Cole (Megan) and Myles McDaniel. She was preceded in death by her nieces, Jessica Bayliss and Lindsay Hill.

A Celebration of Life Service will be at noon Saturday, December 21, at RushChurch, 170 Mill Street East, Rushsylvania, OH. The family will receive friends prior to the service on Saturday at the church, beginning at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to JoAnn's beloved ministry: Cru (formerly Campus Crusade for Christ), 100 Lake Hart Dr, Orlando, FL 83832 (Memo #0356651), or to Universal Home Health & Hospice, 921 Rush Avenue, Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311.

Wilson Funeral Home, Schnurenberger Chapel 222 W. Center St. West Mansfield is assisting the family and condolences may be sent to the family at www.wilsonfuneralhomesinc.com.

Robert Bruce "Bob" Bibart

Robert Bruce "Bob" Bibart, 79 of Zanesfield passed away Monday, December 9, 2024 at his residence.

Bob was born April 27, 1945 in Newark, OH to the late George Harry and Genevieve June (Proctor) Bibart. On July 9, 1967 in Zanesfield, OH he married the love of his life Rebecca L. Park, who survives.

For those that had the privilege to know Bob, he was larger than life and will be deeply missed by those who loved him.

He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Becky Bibart; children; Stephanie (Scott) Waugaman, Robert (Elizabeth) Bibart and Erin (Ron) Winn; 13 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; siblings, Mary June Neshat and Charles Bibart.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

In honoring Bob's wishes there will be no formal services.

Anthony "Tony" Ray Luthman

Age 72, of Sharp Road, Sidney, passed away peacefully of natural causes Monday afternoon, December 9, 2024, at Ohio Living Dorothy Love in Sidney, Ohio. He was born January 27, 1952, in Sidney, Ohio, to the late Vincent & Betty (Schaffner) Luthman. On October 27, 1979, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Osgood, Tony



married Mary "Grace" (Pohlman)

Luthman who preceded him in death on August 10, 2020. Surviving are four children: Benjamin & Erin (Winner) Luthman of Huntsville, Sarah & Aaron Heilers of Anna, Patrick & Melissa (Gaerke) Luthman of McCartyville and Katelin & Luke Hemmelgarn of Fort Loramie; 19 grandchildren: Alice, Louis, Adam, Anthony, James, Esther and Eleanor Luthman, William, Elijah, Luke and Zeke Heilers, Lilly, Vincent and Jackson Luthman and Carly, Harper, Carter, Ella and Jude Hemmelgarn; several sisters & brothers-in-law: Regina Luthman of Sidney, Norma & Irvin Osterloh of Arkdale, WI, Ruth & Thomas Knapke of Celina, Margie & David Bensman of New Bremen, James & Linda Pohlman of Frenchtown, Donald Heitkamp of Pagosa Springs, CO, Henry & Becky Pohlman of Versailles, Marilyn Pohlman of Russia, Teresa Pohlman of Versailles, Sharon Eyink of Montezuma, Ted & Diane Pohlman of Yorkshire and Sam & Betty Pohlman of Yorkshire along with numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one brother, Thomas Luthman as well as sisters and brothers-in-law: Elaine Heitkamp, Nick Pohlman, William Pohlman and David Eyink.

Tony was a 1970 graduate of Holy Angels High School and also served in the Ohio National Guard during the Vietnam era. He was owner and operator of Luthman Truck Service and had also been engaged in grain farming all of his working life. Tony was a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church where he had been a Eucharistic Minister. He also belonged to the McCartyville Knights of Columbus and the Anna Young Farmers. He was a founding / lifetime member of Anna FFA Alumni and a past officer of the Shelby County Farm Bureau. Tony loved his wife and family; especially interacting with his grandchildren. He was a life-long mechanic and enjoyed keeping the farm machinery in pristine condition.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10:30 AM,

Saturday, December 14, 2024,

at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in McCartyville with Rev. Andrew Reckers presiding. Interment will follow at the church cemetery. Family and friends may call Friday, 2:00 to 7:00 PM at Gehret Funeral Home in Fort Loramie and Saturday 9:00 to 10:00 AM at the church. Memorials may be made to Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Anna Rescue Squad or charities of choice. Private condolences may be expressed at the gehretfuneralhome.com website.

Kathleen Judith Price

Kathleen Judith Price, 91, of Bellefontaine, passed away peacefully Sunday, December 1, 2024 at Logan Acres Care Center.

Kathleen was born in Petoskey Michigan on September 5, 1933, to the late Ralph and Norma (Griffin) Conklin. She married Robert (Bob) Price on May 29, 1954, at St. Francis Catholic Church in Petoskey. Bob passed away April 24, 2015, after 61 years of marriage.



Kathleen is survived by six children; Stephen Price of Drexel Hill Pennsylvania, Kathryn (H. William) Craver of Braselton Georgia, Daniel (Patty) Price of Bellefontaine, David (Milena) Price of Zanesfield, Robert (Wanda) Price of

Simpsonville South Carolina, and Joseph (Diane, deceased) of Beavercreek Ohio, 10 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and a brother David (Mary) Conklin of Angola Indiana.

Kathleen retired from Mary Rutan Hospital as the department head of Medical Records in 1995. She was an active member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church for 47 years. Kathleen was an avid birdwatcher, traveling near and far keeping annual journals of sighted birds. She also enjoyed traveling, shopping, working in her flower gardens, reading and cooking for her family and friends.

Kathleen's greatest passion was quilting. She was truly an artist and she gifted numerous beautiful quilts for her beloved family's weddings, births and other occasions. She made unique wall quilts for every holiday and lovingly passed on her sewing skills to her granddaughters. She was President of Logan County Peacemakers Quilt Club for many years as well as a member of West Central Ohio Quilt Guild. During her travels she stopped at every quilt store along her path and accumulated a very large fabric collection. Kathleen generously donated her fabric to the Quilt Club for their many service projects.

Kathleen's family extends their gratitude to all the staff at Logan Acres Care Center who treated her with such dignity and love for the last three years. Kathleen was also blessed to have many friends that visited her faithfully.

Fr. Shawn Landenwirth will celebrate Kathleen's memorial Mass on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 12:00 noon at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Bellefontaine. Entombment will follow services in Calvary Cemetery, Bellefontaine.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, in care of St. Patrick's Catholic Church at 316 E Patterson Ave. Bellefontaine Ohio 43311.

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

Notice of application by Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, LLC d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Ohio for Authority to Increase Rates and Charges for its Gas Distribution Service and for Approval of an Alternative Rate Plan

PUCO Case Nos. 24-0832-GA-AIR, 24-0833-GA-ALT, 24-0834-GA-AAM, 24-0835-GA-ATA

In accordance with Section 4909.19, Revised Code, Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, LLC d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Ohio hereby gives notice that on October 29, 2024, it filed an Application with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) requesting authority to increase the rates and charges for natural gas distribution services to its customers. CEOH has also applied, under Section 4929.05, Revised Code, for approval of an alternative rate plan including three elements.

This notice describes the substance of the Application. Any interested party, however, desiring complete, detailed information with respect to any affected rates, charges, regulations, and practices may inspect a copy of the Application and supporting schedules at the offices of the Commission at 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, or at the business office of CEOH at 211 NW Riverside Drive, Evansville, Indiana 47708, during normal business hours. The Application and supporting documents may also be viewed by visiting the Commission's website at <http://www.puco.ohio.gov>, selecting DIS, inputting 24-0832 in the case lookup box, and selecting the date the Application was filed, or by visiting CEOH's website at <https://www.centerpointenergy.com/ohioratereview/>.

A notice of intent to file this Application to increase rates and a copy of the proposed rates were filed with the Commission and also mailed to the mayors and legislative authorities of the communities located within the areas served by CEOH on August 27, 2024.

The Application, which contains proposed revisions to CEOH's Tariff for Gas Service, affects the rates and charges for, and various terms and conditions applicable to, natural gas service to all customers of CEOH served within all or portions of Auglaize, Champaign, Clark, Clinton, Darke, Fayette, Greene, Highland, Logan, Madison, Miami, Montgomery, Pickaway, Preble, Shelby and Warren Counties in Ohio. The Application states that the current rates and charges do not provide a just and reasonable rate of return on CEOH's used and useful property as of December 31, 2024, the date certain in this case. The Application states that CEOH requires the proposed revenue increase to provide an opportunity to earn a fair return on its assets and to recover its costs of operation.

Any person, firm, corporation, or association may file, pursuant to Section 4909.19 of the Revised Code, an objection to such proposed increased rates by alleging that such proposals are unjust and discriminatory or unreasonable. Recommendations that differ from the Application may be made by the Staff of the Commission or by intervening parties and may be adopted by the Commission.

CEOH is proposing a new rate schedule, Rate 375, for customers whose annual consumption is greater than 6,000,000 Billing Ccf. CEOH is also proposing various revisions to non-rate terms and conditions contained in its Tariff for Gas Service, including modifications to the terms and conditions applicable to transportation service and its Choice program.

The increase in the revenue requested by CEOH for its various rate schedules is as follows:

Rate Class (Rate Schedule)	Proposed Revenue Increase
Residential (310, 311, 315)	37.4%*
General Service (320, 321, 325)	13.9%
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*The proposed increase for the average overall monthly bill of a CEOH residential customer would be approximately 29.6% (inclusive of gas costs and riders).

CEOH is also seeking approval of an Alternative Rate Plan that includes the following three elements.

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Tax Savings Credit Rider (to be renamed Tax Adjustment Rider (TAR)). CEOH proposes modifications to and extension of its existing Tax Savings Credit Rider to include credits and charges associated with the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022.

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auburn-avenue.org

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Police Department

Police Chief Shane Oelker informed the council the department is down to one vehicle because their 2016 Ford Explorer is "undrivable." He asked them to approve a \$3,500 estimated repair bill to replace the water pump and timing chain.

"We have one patrol car and our new one won't be on the road until May or June," Oelker told them, pointing out it takes about

five months to outfit a new service vehicle.

Another concern for the police department was being out of money to pay salaries. The council approved taking \$9,000 out of medical insurance to go toward staff pay.

Levy

Village clerk Cindee Boyd stated she received a letter from county auditor Jack Reser last week about West Liberty's .80 mil levy, which will be up for renewal once the 2024 tax year ends.

This levy generates about \$21,000 for the village annually. West Liberty Mayor Brad Hudson said that works out to about \$26 a year per household. The money goes into the village's general fund.

"It may not seem like a lot, but we don't want to lose \$21,000," Griffith admitted. Still, she expressed her concern about making sure residents know what the money is used for.

The issue will go on the spring ballot, and the council had to decide whether they wanted to make it a permanent levy

or one that has to be renewed every five years. The council voted to go with the latter.

Other Board Action

During public participation, resident James Burkhamer asked if there were plans to put electric aggregation on the ballot. Boyd said it's not a ballot issue, adding Logan County joined that aggregation and residents can opt in, if they want.

Village solicitor Chris Moell said he spoke with the county treasurer's office about obtaining the property next to the Shell gas station. It has passed the approval stage and now goes to the county for the next step.

The council discussed the purchase of flooring for the town library, choosing sheet vinyl for \$1,643 over vinyl wood, which would have cost about \$600 more.

To celebrate the holidays, the village employee Christmas potluck is Thursday, Dec. 19, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The next West Liberty Village Council meeting will take place on Monday, Jan. 13, 2025, at 7 p.m.

WREATHS

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Local volunteers, sponsorship groups have raised funds throughout the year to sponsor the placement veterans' wreaths on the headstones of our fallen service members.

At the Bellefontaine City Cemetery, veteran wreaths will total 1,068. Deliveries of the wreaths took place during the last week, with the Bellefontaine Joint Recreation District unloading and storing the wreaths until the ceremony day.

Wreaths Across America was founded to continue and expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery initiated by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992.

The organization's mission - Remember, Honor, Teach - is carried out in part each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in December at Arlington, as well as at thousands of veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond.

The commemoration started as "a simple gesture of thanks that has grown



The delivery of more than 1,000 wreaths for the Bellefontaine City Cemetery's Wreaths Across America program took place during the last week, with the Bellefontaine Joint Recreation District unloading and storing the wreaths until the ceremony day. (WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA - BELLEFONTAINE PHOTO)

into a national movement of dedicated volunteers and communities coming together to not only remember the nation's fallen and honor their service, but to teach the next generation about the sacrifices

made for us to live freely," officials related.

This annual event seeks to further the yearlong mission to Remember, Honor, Teach, ensuring that the memory of those who served our country endures.

COMICS

MODERATELY CONFUSED

Jeff Stahlter



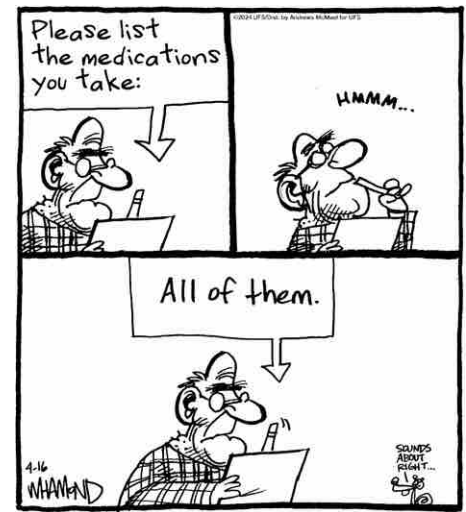
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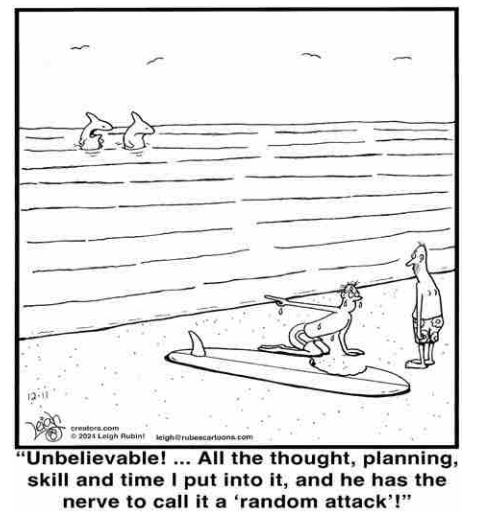
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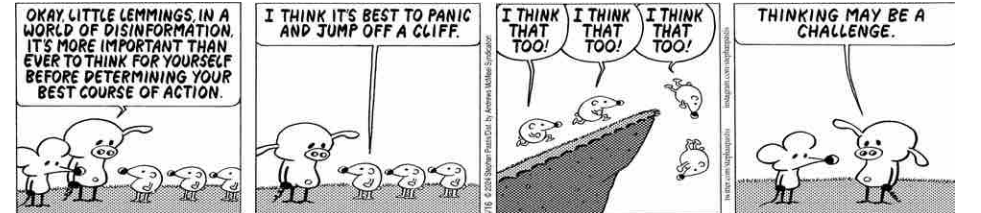
PEANUTS

Charles Schulz



PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

Stephan Pastis



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12 "The Time Machine" people
13 Chowd down
14 Leak out slowly
15 Starting quartet
16 Logical beginning?
17 Entreaty
18 Get by
20 Planets
22 Knock
23 Fresh
24 Life stories
27 Nudniks
32 Request
33 — long way
34 Brit's restroom
35 Raze
38 Lost traction
39 One of us
40 Actress Thurman

DOWN

1 Squad
2 Actress Jessica
3 Canal feature
4 Autumnal drinks
5 Samoan port
6 Numbered rd.
7 Cry of pain
8 Fish-eating hawk
9 "Oho!"
10 Must have
11 Relaxing resorts
15 Distort
19 Opposite of nyet
21 Lennon's partner
24 Belfry critter
25 British verb ending
26 "I heard you the first time!"
28 At once
29 Mork's sign-off
30 French monarch
31 Turf
36 Awakens harshly
37 Flop
38 Brazilian dances
41 "Heavens!"
42 Furnace fuel
43 Tibetan monk
44 Country singer Evans
46 Quick kiss
47 "Present!"
48 Hearty dish
51 Poke

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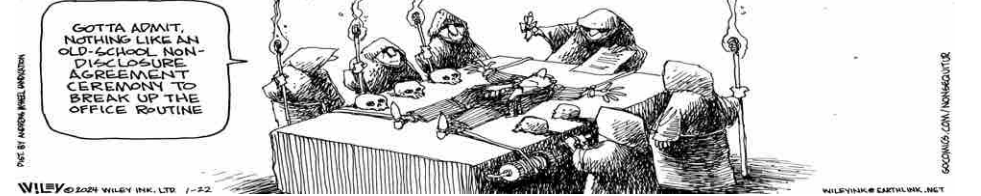
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Yesterday's answer 12-11

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Difficulty: ★★★ 12/12

Answer to previous puzzle

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Difficulty: ★★★ 12/10

Horoscopes

ROYAL STARS | FROM KING FEATURES SYNDICATE By Georgia Nicols

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Taurus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Dec. 12, 2024: You like harmony in your surroundings. You're a good listener and an excellent counselor. You appreciate the finer things in life. This is a year of change, which will bring you increased personal freedom. Stay flexible so you can grab new opportunities and act fast. Expect to travel.

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) ★★★ This is a good day to wrap up writing projects, especially related to colleges and universities or manuscripts. It's also an excellent day to study history and subjects about the past. You might enjoy doing this in conjunction with someone or with a group. Tonight: Guard your possessions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You might feel restless and impulsive today. Nevertheless, you can wrap up old business related to shared property, taxes, debt and insurance issues. People in authority will smile on you. In fact, someone might have advice for you! Tonight: Stay flexible.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Today you will welcome a chance to be alone with your thoughts so that you can reflect on matters or contemplate your navel. In particular, you might wonder how to best approach an authority figure. You also might revisit travel plans with a romantic partner. Tonight: Be alert.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Someone older might have excellent advice for you. In fact, it's a good day to ask professors and instructors for their opinion. You also might be successful in negotiating a payment from someone, especially if they owe you money. Tonight: New friend? LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You're high-viz today, which means people notice you more than usual. You'll create a solid impression on others because you will look thrifty, careful, reliable and responsible. (Even if you don't feel this way.) Meanwhile, discussions with partners and old flames might be interesting. Tonight: Pay attention.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Do what you can to satisfy your urge for some adventure and a change of scenery. Obviously, travel would be the first choice. However, you can also be a tourist in your own city. You can talk to new people and see different places. Home repairs to improve where you live might happen. Tonight: Ideas!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ You might talk to relatives and acquaintances from the past who you haven't seen for a while. Allow extra time for delays today, especially related to transportation. Meanwhile, stay on top of banking details and anything to do with insurance and shared property, because some surprises might occur. Tonight: Check your finances.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Be prepared for a few surprises from partners, spouses and close friends today. They might be minor; they might be major. Meanwhile, it's a good time to finish family discussions, home repairs or a project that makes your home look more attractive. You'll be glad you did this. Tonight: A surprise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Your work routine might be interrupted today. Pet owners should be vigilant about their pets to avoid mishaps. Equipment breakdowns (including computers) might occur. Meanwhile, you're a smooth talker today! You might impress someone from your past. Tonight: Interruptions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You should be extra vigilant today, because this could be an accident-prone day for your kids. Sports related accidents also might occur. Meanwhile, social appointments might be canceled, delayed or changed. You might have a breakthrough or an epiphany with a creative project. Tonight: Be resourceful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Something unexpected might occur at home today. Small appliances might break down or a minor breakage could occur. Surprise company? It could be a friend from your past. Whatever happens, you will be charming and diplomatic as you deal with the unexpected, as well as financial matters. Tonight: Stock the fridge.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Pay attention to everything you say and do, because this is an accident-prone day for you. However, you also might have a brilliant idea or an epiphany about something. This is a particularly good day to talk to bosses and people in authority about an issue that might not have succeeded before, but you want to run it up the flagpole one more time. Tonight: Listen.

BORN TODAY
Singer, actress Dionne Warwick (1940), singer Connie Francis (1937), actor Bill Nighy (1949)

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FOR INFORMATION Concerning American Red Cross Blood Services Program, call 650-5000.

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HELP WANTED

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YARD MACHINE 20hp Briggs & Stratton, 42" cut, needs battery & safety start switch. \$250 cash. Call 937-414-7984 leave message.

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FOR RENT

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FINANCIAL

NOTICE LENDING OPPORTUNITIES
Borrow Smart. Contact the Ohio Division of Financial Institutions' Office of Consumer Affairs BEFORE you refinance your home or obtain a loan. BEWARE of requests for any large advance payment of fees or insurance. Call the Office of Consumer Affairs toll free at 1-866-278-0003 to learn if the mortgage broker or lender is properly licensed. (This notice is a public service of the Bellefontaine Examiner.)

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NOTICE
The Bellefontaine Examiner does not knowingly accept Help Wanted ads from employers covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act if they offer less than the legal minimum wage or fail to pay at least time and one-half for overtime hours.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
This is to inform you that Richland Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on an application for Variance on the 17th day of December, 2024 at 7 PM in Richland Township Memorial Building, 615 N. Center, Belle Center, Ohio 43310. The application applied for by John & Traci Jones, requests that a Variance be granted for the following described property located in R2 district to permit a 16 X 30 garage addition. Address: 16065 Barnes Dr. Belle Center, OH 43310 Richland Township Zoning Board of Appeals Dec. 12, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Richland Township Zoning Commission, Logan County, OH, will hold a public hearing concerning proposed amendments to the Richland Township Zoning Resolution on December 17 at 6:30 PM at the Richland Township Hall. The building address is 615 N. Center St., Belle Center, OH 43310. The Proposed amendments, initiated by motion of the Zoning Commission, propose to amend the zoning district of the following properties: Parcel #37-033-00-00-039-000 at address 6586 Twp Rd 95, owned by DSC Capital LLC, from low Density Residential District (R-1) to Local Business District (B-2). The text and map(s) of the proposed amendment will be available for examination at the Front door of the Memorial Building, 615 N. Center St., Belle Center, OH 43310 between the hours of 12 AM and 12 PM for a period of 10 days prior to the public hearing. After the conclusion of such hearing, the matter will be submitted to the Richland Township Board of Trustees its action.

Cathy Pool
Richland Township Fiscal Officer
937-464-3789 Office
937-539-1977 Cells
Dec. 12, 2024

Notice to Contractors
The Logan County Land Reutilization Corporation (aka "LCLR" or Land Bank") is now accepting sealed bids for the State of Ohio Brownfield Remediation Program Grant until January 14, 2025, 2:00 pm local time at which time bids will be opened and read aloud. The RFP can be found on the Logan County Land Bank website (logancountylandbank.com).

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The proposals must be made on the forms provided in the Bid packet or a copy thereof and shall contain the full name and address of the bidder. All bids shall be sealed and plainly marked "LCLR Brownfield Sealed Bid". They can be mailed, or hand-delivered to the office. The sealed envelope should be addressed as: Attn: LCLR Brownfield Sealed Bid Logan County 117 E. Columbus Ave Bellefontaine OH 43311

Inquiries regarding bid documents must be submitted by email to heathermartin@lucplanning.com no later than January 10, 2025. Each bid must be accompanied by either a bid bond in an amount of 100% of the bid amount with a surety satisfactory to the aforesaid Logan County Land Reutilization Corporation (LCLR) or by certified check, cashier's check, or letter of credit upon a solvent bank in the amount of not less than 10% of the bid amount in favor of the aforesaid Logan County Land Reutilization Corporation. Bid Bonds shall be accompanied by Proof of Authority of the official or agent signing the bond. This project is funded by the Brownfield Remediation Program through the Ohio Department of Development. Therefore, the contractor must comply with state prevailing wages, Equal Employment Opportunity laws, and state and federal Fair Labor Standards. The bid packet contains insurance requirements, equal opportunity provisions, drug-free workplace requirements, environmental concerns, etc. Asbestos remediation will be bid in a separate RFQ. The bidder, by submission of a bid, agrees to commence work on the day the award notice is given and to fully complete the project within the timeframe to be agreed upon. No bidder may withdraw their bid within sixty (60) days after the actual date of the opening. LCLR reserves the right to disqualify any bidder that does not meet the specifications and requirements set out in this packet. Dec. 12, 19, 2024

LEGAL NOTICE
The Zane Township Board of Trustees of Logan County, Ohio, will hold a public meeting to budget plan for 2025, 8:00am on Monday, December 23, 2024, located at 10495 Columbus St, Middleburg Oh 43336. BY ORDER OF ZANE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES Dec. 12, 2024

LEGAL NOTICE
The Zane Township Board of Trustees of Logan County, Ohio, will hold their regular public meeting, at 8:00am on Monday, January, 6th 2024, located at 10495 Columbus St, Middleburg Oh 43336. BY ORDER OF ZANE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES Dec. 12, 2024

SUMMARY OF BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS
Passed on Dec. 10, 2024
Ordinance No. 24-86
AN ORDINANCE MAKING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

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AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Passed on Dec. 10, 2024
Ordinance No. 24-87
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES FOR USE IN 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO.
Passed on Dec. 10, 2024
Ordinance No. 24-88
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION OF THE BELLEFONTAINE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR 2025 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Passed on Dec. 10, 2024
Ordinance No. 24-91
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION FOR THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, COUNCIL MEMBERS, CLERK OF COUNCIL, MAYOR, LAW DIRECTOR AND AUDITOR FOR 2025 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Passed on Dec. 10, 2024
Ordinance No. 24-92
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN HOURLY EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (2025 SUPERVISORY WAGE ORDINANCE)
Passed on Dec. 10, 2024
Ordinance No. 24-93
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN HOURLY EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (2025 CLERICAL WORKERS PAY ORDINANCE)

Passed on Dec. 10, 2024
Ordinance No. 24-94
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN HOURLY EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (2025 SERVICE WORKERS PAY ORDINANCE)

Passed on Dec. 10, 2024
Ordinance No. 24-95
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN HOURLY EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (2025 BELLEFONTAINE MUNICIPAL COURT WAGE ORDINANCE)

Passed on Dec. 10, 2024
Ordinance No. 24-98
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A NEW COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OHIO PATROLMAN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION AND THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE FOR POLICE SAFETY SERVICES COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2025 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Passed on Dec. 10, 2024
Ordinance No. 24-100
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A NEW COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS AND THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE FOR FIRE SAFETY SERVICES

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COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2025 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Passed on Dec. 10, 2024
Ordinance No. 24-102
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISION OF CHAPTER 921 UTILITIES GENERAL OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Passed Dec. 10, 2024
Ordinance No. 24-105
AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS AND AMENDING THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR PURPOSES OF COURT, PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE AND LAW DIRECTOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
Passed on Dec. 10, 2024
Resolution No. 24-106
A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A NEW FUND, ESTABLISHING NEW REVENUE AND EXPENSE ACCOUNTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Passed on Dec. 10, 2024
Resolution No. 24-107
A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INVESTMENTS AND

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EXPENDITURES FROM THE DR. EARL SLOAN ENDOWMENTS FUND FOR 2024 AND RETURN OF UNUSED GRANTS.

Passed on Dec. 10, 2024
Resolution No. 24-108
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE POLICE CHIEF TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE UNITED WAY OF LOGAN COUNTY, INC. FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH FUNDING FOR 2025.

I, Bonnie Campbell, Bellefontaine City Clerk of Council, do hereby certify that these summary titles of Ordinances and Resolutions are true as passed by City Council of Bellefontaine during regular and special meetings (as prescribed by law) of the City of Bellefontaine on December 10, 2024. Ordinances and Resolutions in full form may be read or a copy secured thereof (for .25 per page) at the Clerk of Council's Office located at 530 E. Chillicothe Ave., Bellefontaine, Ohio. Ph. 937-599-1196. Joshua Stolly, City Law Director Bonnie Campbell, Clerk of Council Dec. 12, 2024

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\$30	\$18
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• INDIAN LAKE ROLLARENA	
\$6 (Fri & Sat 7-10:30 p.m.).....	\$4.50
• KIRKMONT CENTER HABITAT HOUSE	
\$100 (Good for (1) night rental)	\$70
\$600 (Good for (1) week rental)	\$420
• KNEAD MORE MASSAGE	
\$85 (Good for (1) ONE HOUR MASSAGE)	\$52
(Only 3 available per month)	
• LEE'S COMFORT SHOES	
\$20 (Only 25 per month, 5 per customer)	\$14
• McDONALDS (BFN. NORTH & SOUTH)	
\$10	\$8
\$20	\$15
• OHIO FITNESS & MARTIAL ARTS	
\$39.99	\$28
(Good for (1) Month Gym Membership)	
\$70	\$49
(Good for (1) Month Family Gym Membership)	
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All-state football honors announced

St. Clair, Newcomb, Clay, McGill, Wilcoxon on first teams

BY MIKE FRANK
 EXAMINER SPORTS WRITER

The final honors for the 2024 football season are rolling out.

Bellefontaine senior quarterback Tavien St. Clair, who has committed to playing at the next level for Ohio State, was named the co-Offensive Player of the Year for the all-Ohio football team in Division III on Wednesday.

He shared the honor with fellow signal-caller D.C. Ferrell of Ursuline.

Also honored for the Chieftains was wide receiver Braylon Newcomb on the first team offense. Brody Boy (offensive line) and Jayden Temple (linebacker) got honorable mentions.

In his final campaign for Bellefontaine, St. Clair had 2,536 passing yards (166 of 244) with 29 touchdowns. He also had 254 rushing yards on 34 carries and nine scores.

Newcomb was the team's leading receiver with 1,195 yards on 77 receptions with 17 touchdowns.

Boy served as the team's center. Temple led the defense with 122 tackles and four sacks.

Bellefontaine finished 8-3 on the season.

"This group has been fantastic leaders in our football program," said BHS coach Jason Brown. "in the classroom, (and) on the field. They've been a part of raising the standard here and have been excellent examples for all the players in our program."

He added that "Brody's unselfishness helped to settle our offense and bring the consistency the last two seasons. Braylon was an electric player on offense and defense. He had a knack for making big plays and was impactful in all three phases of the game."

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Tavien St. Clair of Bellefontaine, above left, was named the co-Offensive Player of the Year for Division III football. Teammate Braylon Newcomb, right, made the first team offense at wide receiver. They are shown taking the field during the Oct. 4 homecoming game against Tecumseh. (TONY BARRETT FILE PHOTO)



West Liberty Salem's Luke McGill (75) blocks for Josh Wilcoxon (7) during the regional final against Indian Lake. Both were named to the first team all-Ohio, McGill on the offensive line and Wilcoxon at linebacker for the defense. (TONY BARRETT FILE PHOTO)



Quest Clay of Indian Lake runs with the ball during the regional final against Indian Lake. Clay made first team all-Ohio at wide receiver. (TONY BARRETT FILE PHOTO)

Tigers rout Cedarville in opener

BY MIKE FRANK
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West Liberty-Salem answered the opening bell just fine.

The Tigers got the 2024-25 season under way on Tuesday with a comfortable 64-44 victory at home over Cedarville in Ohio Heritage Conference boys basketball.

Due to the school's extended run in the football postseason to the state semifinals, the first few games of basketball had to be rescheduled.

On Tuesday, the Tigers looked to senior Taran Logwood and junior Brevin Loudon. They led from wire to wire, though the Indians kept things close during the first half. Logwood racked up 22 points on the night and Loudon had 17.

For Cedarville, now 1-1 in the OHC and 3-2 overall, Brett Haemmerle led with 19. Ryan Reed had 10 and Nate Van Loo added nine.

"I wasn't quite sure what we were going to get in the first live action," said Tigers coach Darrin Leichty.

He noted that "(Cedarville) played a little faster than I anticipated. They put us on our heels a little bit. They had some open threes. I wasn't expecting that. It's early in the season, so you're still not quite sure what everybody's roles are."

Logwood opened the scoring with an up-and-under move on the opening possession, then had a steal and layup.

•WLS 64, CEDARVILLE 44

INDIANS	13	11	7	13	-	44
TIGERS	16	13	17	18	-	64

•CEDARVILLE (14, 3-2)

• Brett Haemmerle 5 5-8 19; Nate Van Loo 3 1-2 9; Micah Burr 2 0-0 4; Ryan Reed 3 3-4 10; Steven Fletcher 0 0-0 0; Cooper Hardy 1 0-4 2; Nate Terrell 0 0-0 0; Lincoln Pyles 0 0-0 0.

•TOTALS 14 9-18 44

•WEST LIBERTY-SALEM (1-0, 1-0)

• Isaiah Reames 2 1-2 7; Troy Christison 0 2-2 2; Suttan Wilcoxon 0 0-0 0; Sam Strapp 0 0-0 0; Caleb Hershberger 2 0-0 5; Brevin Loudon 5 6-6 17; Carson Poppe 4 0-0 9; Taran Longwood 10 2-4 22; Garrett Wallen 1 0-0 2.

•TOTALS 23 11-14 64.

After a score by Reed for the Indians, Carson Poppe and Caleb Hershberger each hit shots and Cedarville called a timeout with 5:15 to go in the first to settle things down.

A couple scores by Cedarville pulled them within two at 8-6. Poppe then banked in a 3 from the top of the arc, with Van Loo answering in kind.

After Logwood drove and scored, another trading of 3s and a free throw by Cedarville made it a three-point contest, 16-13, after one.

Logwood and Loudon then helped the Tigers seize control with a 9-2 run in the first 4 1/2 minutes of the second period. After another Indians timeout, Haemmerle hit a pair of 3s from the side of the arc about 30 seconds apart. That cut the lead down to four, 25-21.

Loudon scored twice more before the half ended, with Haemmerle hitting from the opposite side in between.

That left the hosts still up four as they went to the locker room.

To start the third, Isaiah Reames hit from the top of the 3-point line and Loudon buried one from the corner.

Logwood followed by making a block on a Cedarville shot. He took the ball and raced down. He made the layup, drew a whistle, and completed the play with the foul shot to push the margin up to 14 points, 38-24.

West Liberty-Salem then got called for several fouls, and Cedarville made five of the eight attempts it got.

Two free throws by Loudon, and baskets by him and Logwood kept the Tigers lead safe. The Indians finally got a shot from the floor to fall with just six seconds left.

The pace eased off in the fourth quarter. Garrett Wallen drew cheers as he scored to open the period. Reames made another 3-pointer with just under six minutes left.

A basket by Logwood and two free throws by Loudon made it a 20-point game, 56-36. Leichty rotated in some younger players as time wound down, with the Tigers rolling to win number one.

In the junior varsity games, the JV "A" team won 57-27. Leading scorers were Tucker Searles with 14 and Beckett Sullivan 12.

The JV "B" team won 43-25. Brayon Gullett and Zeke Longshore each had 10 points.

West Liberty Salem (1-0 OHC, 1-0) travels to face Mechanicsburg on Friday.

In other boys hoops

action Tuesday:

Raiders down Yellow Springs in overtime

Benjamin Logan got a 75-72 win in overtime at Yellow Springs in non-league competition. It was their first victory of the season.

For the Raiders, Peyton Vermillion had 21 points. Roman Maxwell scored 15, Ethan Miller had 13 and Maddox Vermillion put in 12.

The Raiders led by three after the first and were up 29-28 at halftime. Yellow Springs had the edge by two in the third, with Ben Logan getting one more point in the fourth, leaving it even at 65.

In the overtime, Ben Logan put up 10 points. Peyton Vermillion had three baskets and a free throw, and Cayden Brown made three of six at the line.

In junior varsity play, Ben Logan won 50-24. Diesel Baughman had 18 and Xavier Allen scored eight.

Ben Logan (0-1 CBC, 1-5) hosts North Union on Friday.

Pirates take loss

Riverside lost to host Northridge 90-48 in Three Rivers Conference boys basketball play.

The Pirates are 0-2 in the TRC and 2-3 overall.

Gavin Orsborne led Riverside with 19 points. Jaxon Woods had eight points and five rebounds. Landon Purtee and Brody Orsborne each scored six.

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Raiders bowlers top Northwestern

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The Benjamin Logan boys bowlers defeated Northwestern Wednesday at T-P Lanes.

The Raiders had an overall total of 2,937 pins to the Warriors' 2,710.

Caleb Knight led with a 484 series (226-258), followed by Dylan Stewart 440 (246-194), Nate Davis 439 (177-262) and Jarrett Buckenroth 429 (182-247), and Landon Stoodt 365 (153-212).

Ben Logan had 2,157 pins in regular games and a Baker games total of 780.

For Northwestern, Jamie Partlow had a 486, with Cooper Brackney at 409. Other scores were Landon Kegley 374, Timothy Spencer 346 and Pierce Gallagher 317. They had 1,932 in the conventional games and 778 in the Baker games.

In the junior varsity match, Ben Logan won 2,220 to 2,196. Scores for the Raiders were Colton Klopfenstein 347 (190-157), Asher Wade 344 (171-173), Conner Chambers 302 (156-146), Pierce Jenkins 289 (145-144) and Jace Lyons 272 (156-116).

Ben Logan (5-1) returns to action next Tuesday when they face Graham at 4 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Triad falls to Roughriders

Triad lost to West Jefferson 53-18 in Ohio Heritage Conference play

Wednesday.

Mia LeMay had six points and seven rebounds, and Abbey Overfield scored five points and got five rebounds. Other scoring was Emma Bailey four, Grace Martin two and Jazz Ford one.

Triad (1-3 OHC, 2-5 overall) visits West Liberty-Salem Saturday. It will be varsity only at 7 p.m.

GIRLS BOWLING

Raiders lose to Northwestern

Ben Logan was edged by five pins in a Central Buckeye Conference match at T-P Lanes Wednesday.

Northwestern had 2,142 to Ben Logan's 2,137.

Kaelyn Corwin led Ben Logan with a 327 series (148-179), followed by Hunter McColloch 317 (189-128), Lorali Klopfenstein 303 (152-151), Aubrey Zedlitz 297 (161-136) and Maddy Hamm 245 (139-106).

They had 1,459 in regular games and 683 in the Baker games.

Northwestern's scores were Leah Via 352, Roxie Shaw 291, Bella Highlen 268, Andie Murakami 261, Taylor Scott (181 game) and Abigail Wagner (106 game).

The junior varsity team won 1,651 to 1,328. Reigan Thomas had a 325 series (160-165). Other highlights were Jacey Kohler with 136 and Makinzy Legge with 110. The varsity (2-4) will participate in the Monarch Tournament on Saturday at T-P Lanes at 9:30 a.m.

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The Polar Bears put up over 30 points in each of the first two quarters and led 63-30 at the half.

Northridge won the junior varsity contest 52-40. Syler Clark had 12 points, David Gross 11 and Colton Hurley five.

Gross and Hurley had six rebounds each.

The Riverside freshmen lost 47-15. Garrett Purtee had six.

Riverside is back in action on Friday when they will host Troy Christian.

Spartans edged by

Ridgemont

Calvary Christian lost to Ridgemont 52-50 in non-league action.

Philip Davie led the team with 19 points, six rebounds, six assists and two steals. Christian Rogan followed with 17 points, two rebounds, three assists and four steals. Zeekie Wylie scored 11 points, grabbed four rebounds and had two assists. Daniel Young had a 3-point shot.

Calvary Christian, now 0-4 on the year, will travel to Miami Valley on Saturday.

JUNIOR HIGH

The Benjamin Logan middle school boys split with London on Tuesday.

The Raiders eighth grade team won 34-32. Colton Little set up a shot by Carrick Spriggs for the buzzer-beater.

Gabe Predmore had 13 points and five rebounds. Micah Gregg added 10 points and 11 rebounds. Spriggs got five points and made three steals. Rounding out the scoring were Brantley Karn and Little with three points each.

London won the seventh grade game 65-13. Scoring for Indian Lake was Luke Long and Nevada Coleman

with four points each, Gavin Vermillion with three and Zayden Wilson with two.

WL-S eighth grade boys get win

The West Liberty-Salem eighth grade boys defeated Northeastern 36-26 Monday.

Brandel Sullivan had 14 points and Tyler Hershberger eight. Other scoring was Isaiah Barth 5, Rylan Leichty 3, Terrell Sadler 3, Elia Jones 2, and Nate Shively 1.

Tigers girls win

The West Liberty-Salem seventh grade girls

downed Northeastern 26-17 Monday. Scoring for WL-S: were Bella Johnson 8, Elin Leichty 6, Rylee Falloon 5, Avery Randall 5, and Lilly Yeater 2.

Lakers girls in action

The Indian Lake eighth grade girls lost 38-21 to Graham on Wednesday. Scoring for IL were Tyler Carruthers 10, McKayle Clary five, Laura Metzger three, Karlee Taylor two and Audra Harford one. Claire Tidwell had 11 rebounds, and Carruthers and Metzger each had five.

The seventh graders beat Graham 18-16.

Addison Headings had eight points, Abby Bihn and Caroline Jones four and Samantha Altstaetter two. Headings and Bihn had six steals each. Jones had 13 rebounds, with six apiece by Bihn and Altstaetter.

On Monday, the eighth grade girls lost 28-15 to Kenton Ridge. Scoring for Indian Lake: Tyler Carruthers 5, Laura Metzger 4, Claire Tidwell 4, and Makayle Clary 2.

The seventh graders lost 17-14. Scoring for the Lakers: Addison Headings 8, Abby Bihn 4, and Samantha Altstaetter 2.

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"Jayden has been leading tackler in our conference for the last couple seasons. He has a true nose for the football on defense."

As for St. Clair, "I'm glad for Tavien," said Brown. "He's just a kid that consistently worked when nobody else was watching and put in extra time to improve his craft. He's been an amazing teammate the entire time."

The Division III defensive players of the year were defensive backs Victor Singleton of Toledo Central Catholic and Brody Saccoccia from Steubenville. The coach of the year award went to Casey Mock of Linden-McKinley.

On Friday night, St. Clair will also be honored as a Navy All-American. He will receive a jersey during halftime of the boys basketball game against Urbana on Friday.

In Division V, historic seasons by Indian Lake and West Liberty-Salem earned multiple selections for players.

The Tigers were 13-2, getting to the state semifinal before bowing to eventual champion Ironton. "I

am very proud of these guys and happy for their recognition," said WL-S coach Dan McGill. "All of them would be the first to tell you that their recognition is a reflection of the hard work that they and their teammates put in. We know that there is no individual success apart from the team's success."

Wide receiver Quest Clay of Indian Lake and offensive lineman Luke McGill of West Liberty-Salem were named to the first team on offense.

Clay led the Lakers with 76 catches for 963 yards and 12 touchdowns.

"Luke was a 3-year starter on the offensive line and had an outstanding senior season," said Coach McGill. "He is responsible for making our line calls and did a great job of making sure we were blocking things correctly. He played with a very high motor and was a leader up front for us."

The Tigers' Josh Wilcoxon was a first-team defense selection at linebacker. Wilcoxon led WL-S with 104 tackles (12 for losses) and 4 1/2 sacks. "He was the leader of our defensive front," said McGill, "and did a great job of getting us

into the right calls. Josh runs to the ball really well and is an excellent tackler. He is one of the best linebackers to have gone through WL-S."

Making the second team defense were Cam Bair of West Liberty-Salem (lineman) and Noah Shirk of Indian Lake (linebacker) as well as Brodey Reisinger of the Lakers and Jacob Evans of WL-S, both at defensive back.

Shirk had 177 tackles, five sacks, two forced fumbles and two interceptions. Reisinger made 70 tackles.

For the Tigers, Bair had 53 tackles, and one interception. Evans had 59 tackles and four interceptions. Each had one forced fumble. McGill said that Bair "is a big and physical defensive tackle. He was very disruptive and one of the big reasons why our defense performed at such a high level this season." As for Evans, "(he) really bought into being a leader in the back end of the defense. He made a ton of the calls and checked us into the right coverage," McGill said.

Earning honorable mention were quarterbacks Madden Lillard

of Indian Lake and Nick Shifflet for the Tigers.

Lillard threw for 1,950 yards (150 of 272). He had 22 touchdowns on the year. On the ground, he rushed 118 times for 274 yards, scoring once.

For WL-S, Shifflet completed 160 of 259 throws for 2,121 yards with 21 touchdowns. He also had 1,025 yards rushing on 174 carries, and scored 11 times. "I am not sure that I could have imagined a better senior year for Nick," said McGill. "He was a first-year starter who grew up quick and played like a seasoned veteran as the season wore on. He took care of the football and made big plays when we needed it in crucial games."

Regarding the Lakers' honors, "the first thing that comes to mind is I love that when the team has more success, it seems to mean more guys have individual success," said Indian Lake coach Jonn Rapp. "With this group of four it's neat to see them achieve this in a variety of ways ranging from pure raw talent to effort and work ethic to the mental side of the game. I'm super proud of these four and this team."

Indian Lake went 11-3 on the

year, losing in the regional final to West Liberty-Salem.

The Division V players of the year were wide receiver Shaun Terry from Ironton on offense and lineman Alex Reese of Martins Ferry and linebacker Luke Starkey of South Range for the defense. Ironton's Trevon Pendleton and Greeneview's Ryan Haines shared coach of the year.

For Division VII, Travis Brooks of Riverside was named to the second team on the offensive line. Jordan Dunham made the third team defense at lineman. Braylon Dunn got honorable mention at linebacker. The Pirates had a record of 4-7.

Dunham had 62 tackles, 4 1/2 sacks, and one interception. Dunn made 116 tackles, got two sacks, and had two forced fumbles and three interceptions.

Brogan Stephey, quarterback of Minster, was the offensive player of the year, and Marion Local linebacker Drew Laue got the defensive award. The coaches of the year were Trevor Cline of Hillsdale, Andy Schaefer of Columbus Grove and Derek O'Hara of Conotton Valley.

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