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## Post-tornado overdose deaths reviewed, prompting prevention focus on Indian Lake

BY MANDY LOEHR  
EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

Logan County District Board of Health members discussed at their September board meeting a goal of reaching citizens in the Indian Lake area through Harm Reduction Grant programming after statistics have shown a significant increase in overdose deaths in that region following the March 2024 EF3 tornado.



He showed a heat map of the county that displayed overdose deaths prior to the tornado, from a period of January 2022 to March 2024, where the highest percentage of deaths were reported in Bellefontaine. Several deaths were also reported in various regions around Logan County.

However, the heat map from March 2024 to June 2025 saw the majority of overdose deaths concentrated at Indian Lake. The health

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## Honored Navy veteran recalls her chance to see the world

BY SHARYN KOPF  
EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

Continuing what they describe as one of their favorite parts of the job, the Logan County commissioners presented their Distinguished Citizen Award to Ashley Moore on Thursday, Sept. 18. Each month, the commissioners honor a Logan County resident for their service and leadership.

As the latest recipient, Moore was given the American flag that flew over the county courthouse in Bellefontaine during the month of July 2025. She was chosen by the Logan County Veterans office for her service in the United States Navy from 2004 to 2012.

A Bellefontaine resident, Moore graduated from Indian Lake in 2003. During her time in the military, she received several commendations, including a Global War on Terrorism Medal, a Good Conduct Medal, a Humanitarian Service Medal and a National Defense Service Medal.

When asked her thoughts on her time in the Navy, Moore responded, "It was the best way to spend my twenties overseas." Later she added, "I wanted



Ashley Moore accepted the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Logan County Commissioners on Thursday. Pictured, from the left, are Greg Fitzpatrick, Moore, Michael Yoder and Joe Antram. (EXAMINER PHOTO | SHARYN KOPF)

to see the world."

And that's what she did. Moore spent most of her service on the USS Essex LHD2, traveling to places like Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, Bahrain and Sicily, working in operations and security clearances. Her son, who's now 15, was

born in Sicily.

Of all the countries she's been to, Moore claimed Japan as her favorite. But, she added, "I would go back to Hong Kong for Christmas. There's nothing like a Hong Kong Christmas."

Moore joined the Navy

on the encouragement of her aunt and uncle Susan and Larry Miller, who attended Thursday's ceremony. She lived with them for a year and said they were her main support. Her grandfather Richard Moore and uncle Paul Moore were also in the Navy.

## Special Response Team serves warrants resulting in four arrests

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Four arrests were made by the Bellefontaine Police Department Special Response Team Thursday, Sept. 18 after officers were dispatched to 727 W. Patterson Ave. to execute a firearms-related search warrant and search for a wanted male at about 2:16 p.m.

Officers from the BPD Special Response Team surrounded the residence and ordered those inside to exit the house, to which they received



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no reply. A non-lethal bean bag round was then deployed by police to break a window on the front of the residence, after which two males, one of whom was identified as Joseph Lakatos, 58, of Bellefontaine, came to the front door and were detained.

A drone was then

deployed inside the by the SRT, which revealed two other occupants in the basement of the house. Another window was broken by the officers with the intention of deploying gas and entering the house, but officers learned that a four-month-old infant was also inside, forestalling

the use of gas to clear the residence.

After reviewing the video footage from the drone, a team of officers entered and secured the house. The two remaining adults in the home surrendered without incident, including Timothy Tewksbury, 54, of Bellefontaine.

The SRT learned that shortly before their arrival, DeWayne L. Brown, 41, of Dayton, who was a person they were seeking to serve a

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SEASONS A CHANGIN'

## Logan County heading into fall with a variety of fairs and festivals

BY SHARYN KOPF  
EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

September is here, ushering in thoughts of pumpkin spice, changing leaves, bonfires and a chance to wear your favorite team hoodie to a Friday night football game.

But autumn has another benefit as it gives area crafters a chance to display the goods they've been working on since last Christmas at local fairs and festivals. And Logan County has plenty to choose from.

So for those who enjoy strolling past quilts and candles and homemade treats while snacking on caramel apples and kettle corn, here's a rundown of the various options we can look forward to this fall.

### SEPTEMBER

The season moves into action with the **Indian Lake State Park Fall Festival** this weekend, Sept. 19 to 21. The annual event continues today from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Parking and admission are free, as are wagon rides from your car to the event.

Then, this afternoon, Saturday, Sept. 20, stop by **Union Station**, 613 Hamilton St., Bellefontaine, for their **Fall Fest** from 2 to 4 p.m. The event includes a bounce house, pottery sale, face painting, yard activities, snacks and a martial arts presentation.

Next weekend, on Saturday, Sept. 27, the **Logan County Friendly Senior Center**, 934 S. Main St., hosts an **Autumn Glow Craft Show** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The show features 24 vendors and all handmade items. Food options will be available, too.

### OCTOBER

October starts off with **Downtown Bellefontaine's** annual **Pumpkin Walk** on Saturday, Oct. 4, from 2 to 6 p.m. The much-loved annual family friendly event transforms the streets of Bellefontaine to a Halloween-inspired day of games, food trucks, crafts, pumpkins, trick or treating, hayrides and more. Fun seekers of all ages are invited to wear costumes as they explore all the downtown has to offer.

**Harvest Round-Up Days** at **Marmon Valley Farm**, are every Sunday in October, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Attendees can enjoy a hayride, the hay maze, and the Play Barn as well as visit the animals and try out the rope bridge.

The pumpkin and pony package for children ages 11 and under costs \$14 and consists of a pie pumpkin, pony ride, hayride and animal feed. Other costs are: hayrides for \$6.50 and pumpkins of various sizes for \$1 to \$8. Riding reservations are recommended. You can call the office at (937) 593-8000 or register online at marmonvalley.com.

The village of **Russells Point** parks and recreation board is hosting its annual **Fall Craft Festival** on Fairview, Saturday, Oct. 11, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Fairview Avenue in Russells Point. The day will feature autumn décor, early Christmas shopping and lunch in the park.

The Logan County Fairgrounds hosts a **Fright Night Car Show & Flea Market** cancer benefit auction and trunk or treat on Saturday, Oct. 25, from noon to 10 p.m. The all-day, family friendly event will include car decorating and costume contests along with live music from Aaron Francis & Family and Logan Rush. DJ Joe Pine will be there as well.

### November

The annual **Indian Lake Music Boosters Holiday Market** will take place in the Indian Lake High School on Saturday, Nov. 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and includes a \$2 entry fee. They anticipate over 60 vendors selling items like soaps, candles, handmade crafts, gifts, toys and more. For lunch, you can once again enjoy Mel's homemade chicken and noodles.

Later in the month, **Downtown Bellefontaine** will hold its yearly **Holiday Open House** from Friday, Nov. 21, to Sunday, Nov. 23. Besides the grand reopening of the Santa Shed, the weekend offers you a chance to enjoy the lights, flavors and shopping of a small-town Christmas.

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"Another thing that may be discouragin' th' farmer is that he never gets his picture in the paper an' that's a mighty item these days."

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

## ■ BELLEFONTAINE BEAT POLICE & FIRE

### Suspicious vehicle report leads to summonses

Three young adults received a summons after officers of the Bellefontaine Police Department were called to the parking lot of Lowe's, 2168 S. Main St., on the report of a suspicious vehicle at 1:20 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17.  
The vehicle had a flat tire, and after officers agreed to help change the tire, they noticed open containers of alcohol inside the vehicle.

The driver of the vehicle, Damen E. Young, 19, of rural Urbana showed no signs of intoxication and passed sobriety tests, and after police determined that Young was not impaired, he was nevertheless cited for underage possession of alcohol and open container.  
Two passengers in the vehicle, Cecilia K. Adams, 18, of rural DeGraff, was cited for underage consumption, and Jerry Lewis Jr., 20, of rural DeGraff, received a summons for possession of marijuana.

## Officials: Active shooter drill at OHPCC productive, beneficial

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Administrators, faculty, first responders and students had an opportunity Thursday morning, Sept. 18, to practice their handling of active school shooter scenarios during planned drill exercises conducted at the Ohio Hi-Point Career Center.

The drill was made possible by the Logan County Emergency Management Agency, which provided about \$6,000 in funding to contract with Preparedness Solutions, Inc., to set up the drill, local EMA Director Helen Norris said. She noted the firm has done more than 100 active shooter drills to date.

Norris oversaw operations at the Hilliker YMCA, which served as a reunification site during the drill. About a third of the Hi-Point's approximately 712 total student body made their way from campus to the Y during the drill. The EMA head said Ohio Hi-Point faculty was efficient in taking student attendance at the Y, making sure everyone was accounted for, even when she purposely pulled students

from where they were supposed to be to "throw a curve" at educators.

Critiquing the exercise from a general sense, Bellefontaine Fire Chief Brian Wilson said communications is an area that can always be improved, especially when dealing with block-wall school buildings that can hamper cellphone and radio communication. First responders will study Thursday's drills to find ways to "improve the flow" of how they handled them, Norris said.

Ohio Hi-Point Superintendent Dr. Rick Smith said he appreciated the local EMA and first responders' support. Dr. Smith was particularly impressed with the swift and decisive actions of campus school resource officer, Adam Niederkoher, who was "through the door before it locked" and neutralized the mock threat in about 90 seconds during the first scenario.

Kelsey Webb, Ohio Hi-Point marketing director, said about 1,200 alerts were sent to parents and guardians via the school's Parent Square notification system during the drill, with only three showing as being unreachable, according to school data. Parent Square sends phone, email, text and app notifications to parents, Webb noted.

Some 60 first responders took part in the exercises. Among the agencies participating were the Logan County Sheriff's Office (including dispatch and communication staff), Bellefontaine Fire and EMS, Bellefontaine Police Department, Russells Point Police Department, Washington Township Police Department, West Mansfield Police Department, Tri-Valley Fire District, Macohee EMS, Logan County Rescue Task Force, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Ohio Department of Natural Resources and others.

All of the officials who spoke with the Examiner about Thursday's drills said they felt like it was beneficial and that it would help school and emergency personnel with preparedness should an actual active shooter event ever occur. The drills lasted about three hours.

## ■ LOCAL NOTES

### Mended Hearts meets Sept. 25

The Top of Ohio Mended Hearts support group meets at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, in the first floor conference room at Mary Rutan Health Center, 1134 N. Main St., in Bellefontaine.

The guest speaker Amy Keller, MS, RDN, LD, will present "Beets Me! The Surprising Love Affair of Plants and Hearts." She will discuss the benefits of plant-based eating and tasting.

Mended Hearts is a national non-profit support organization for those of any age with heart problems and heart disease. All meetings are open to the public.

For more information about Mended Hearts or for information on how to connect to the meeting online through Microsoft Teams from your computer or phone contact chapter president Bruce Norris at (937) 919-7213.



### Autumn Glow Craft Show set for Sept. 27

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felony warrant out of Clark County, exited the house at 727 W. Patterson Ave. and entered the house next door at 725 W. Patterson Ave.

The SRT then surrounded the second house and made multiple announcements for those inside to leave the residence immediately. David Hunsicker, 58, of Bellefontaine, eventually complied with the order, but denied that Brown was inside the home. After several more announcements, Brown and a female eventually came out of the house and were detained.

A search of the 727 W. Patterson Ave. address recovered a Ruger 5.56 AR rifle with two 30-round maga-

zines and 50 rounds of ammunition as well as crack cocaine, while a search of the house at 725 W. Patterson found crack cocaine, drug paraphernalia and cash.

Brown was arrested on the felony capias warrant out of Clark County and possession of crack cocaine, while Lakatos and Tewksbury were both charged with having weapons under a disability. Hunsicker was charged with obstructing justice (harboring) and all four were lodged in the Logan County Jail without further incident.

No injuries to police, those arrested or other occupants of the houses were reported and no charges were brought against other occupants of the two houses Thursday.

## BHS celebrates AP Capstone Diploma recipients

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

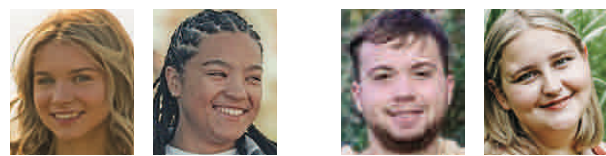
Bellefontaine High School is proud to be one of over 2,500 schools participating in the AP Capstone Diploma program, a project-based learning experience valued by colleges and universities across the U.S. and around the world.

During the 2024-2025 school year, two BHS students earned the AP Capstone Diploma and two earned the AP Seminar and Research Certificate.

2025 BHS graduates Claire Grandstaff and Nolan Core were awarded the AP Capstone Diploma by earning scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar, AP Research, and on four additional AP Exams.

In addition, 2025 BHS graduates Tiffany Boop and Laila Butler were awarded the AP Seminar and Research Certificate by earning a score of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research.

The AP Capstone Diploma program is in its sixth year at BHS and helps



**BOOP BUTLER CORE GRANDSTAFF**

students to develop critical thinking, research, collaboration and presentation skills that are critical to academic success.

"We proudly recognize the achievements of students who participated in the AP Capstone Diploma program," said BCS Gifted Coordinator Angie Horvath.

"With the help of our dedicated teachers, Jim Robinson and Meredith Richters, our AP Capstone students explored their passions through scholarly research as part of an impactful, multiyear program. This meaningful college readiness program will serve our students well after

high school."

Unlike traditional AP subject exams with a single end-of-year assessment, AP Seminar and AP Research assessments are project-based and evaluate skills mastery through group projects, presentations, and individual essays completed throughout the year.

Instead of focusing on

one specific academic discipline, AP Seminar and AP Research are interdisciplinary: Students are empowered to create research projects based on topics of personal interest and they are assessed on the critical thinking, research, collaboration, time management, and presentation skills needed to complete their projects.

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## BCS seeks changes on property tax abatements imposed in the city

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Bellefontaine City Schools has formally expressed its concern regarding the property tax abatements that are in effect in the city.

BCS Superintendent Brad Hall, BCS Treasurer Josh Wasson, and BCS Board President Colin

Yoder sent a letter to Bellefontaine City Council this week explaining how the abatements have stimulated growth, but also created concerns for the financial future of the district.

*Following is the letter that was sent to the City Council:*

September 18, 2025

### Dear Members of the Bellefontaine City Council,

On behalf of the Bellefontaine City School District Board of Education, we write to express our concern regarding the continued extension of Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) property tax abatements to future housing developments in our city. While we recognize and appreciate the role that these abatements have played in stimulating growth and revitalization, we believe it is time to reevaluate their ongoing use and impact—particularly as it relates to the long-term financial health of our school district and the broader community.

There is no denying that the City of Bellefontaine has experienced a period of positive transformation. CRA tax abatements have been instrumental in encouraging new residential development, supporting neighborhood improvement, and drawing new families to the area. These incentives have helped lay a foundation for the economic growth and momentum we enjoy today.

However, the financial reality for our district tells another side of the story. Each new housing development approved under a CRA abatement generates little to no property tax revenue for the school district for up to 12 years, despite the fact that these homes often bring new students into our classrooms and increase the demand for educational services. This mismatch between increased enrollment and stagnant revenue places a growing strain on our ability to sustain the quality of education our community expects and deserves.

As a public school district, we are largely funded through local property taxes. The continued use of tax abatements erodes our revenue base and threatens our capacity to fund essential operations, retain high-quality staff, and maintain the facilities and programming necessary for student success. Over time, the cumulative impact of these abatements may require us to seek additional levies from voters—effectively shifting the financial burden from developers to existing residents.

We believe Bellefontaine has reached a point in its growth where development can continue without the need for ongoing abatements. The original intent of the CRA program—to catalyze reinvestment in underdeveloped or declining areas—has largely been fulfilled. Now is the time to transition to a model that ensures all new developments contribute fairly to the infrastructure and institutions that make our city thrive.

We respectfully urge the City Council to discontinue the practice of granting CRA tax abatements for future residential developments and to work in collaboration with the school district to develop a more balanced approach to community growth—one that sustains both economic development and educational excellence.

Thank you for your attention and for your continued partnership in serving the Bellefontaine community.

Sincerely,

Colin Yoder

President, Bellefontaine City School District Board of Education

Brad Hall

Superintendent, Bellefontaine City School District

Joshua Wasson

Treasurer, Bellefontaine City School District



## OBITUARIES

### Diana K. Cox

Diana K. Cox, 66, of Indian Lake, Ohio passed away peacefully in her sleep on September 11, 2025.

Born on August 9, 1959, in Hollywood California, Diana was the daughter of Maria Ketel and Gary Cox. Diana had many hobbies as a child, including gymnastics and ice skating. She also took part in dog shows from a young age developing a lifelong love for dogs. During her teen years, she went to Hollywood High School and developed her love for adventure. She often reminisced about daring adventures in the Hollywood Hills or sunny days spent relaxing at the beach.

After high school she left California and spent several years traveling the country. She made it all the way to the east coast before heading back west and meeting Michael Hooker in Colorado, where they had the first of two children, William Hooker. After having a child, she settled down a little. They would spend their summers in Colorado and winters in Florida, where 4 years later they had a second child, Clayton Hooker.

They moved to Indian Lake area in 1989. During this time Diana was a stay-at-home mother and helped manage The Ark restaurant. In 1996 she started her career with the postal service where she spent 24 years serving the Indian Lake area. She took pride in her work and befriended many in the area.

She is survived by her partner of 43 years Michael Hooker; sons William Hooker and Clayton (Kayla) Hooker; and one granddaughter Alayna. She will be missed dearly and always in our hearts and minds.

Arrangements are in the care of Shoffstall Funeral Home, Lakeview, OH. Condolences may be expressed at [shoffstallfuneralhome.com](http://shoffstallfuneralhome.com).

### Howard "Bud" Jackson

Howard "Bud" Jackson, 91 of rural DeGraff, passed away at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 17, 2025, surrounded by his family.

Bud was born at home in rural Bellefontaine (Gretna) on March 23, 1934, to the late Joseph E. and Thelma R. (Young) Jackson. He and Jenean (Roush) eloped and married on June 2, 1952. They defied the odds of marrying young and made a wonderful life for them and their children. His heart was broken upon Jenean's passing on January 19, 2017, and he never fully recovered from her death. His family was the source of this love and happiness.

He is survived by their four children, Skip (Amy) Jackson of DeGraff, David (Jean) Jackson of Bellefontaine, Jeanie (Ron) Weiskittle of Fort Myers, FL, and Diana (Chuck) Gamble of DeGraff; 12 grandchildren, Scott (Kari) Jackson, Gregg (Jinger) Jackson, Michelle (Brian) Parsell, Matthew (Ashtyn) Jackson, Debbie Weiskittle, Julie (Jeremy) Pequinot, Becky (Kyle) Lentz, Emily (Jerrold) Henry, Abby (Stephanie) Harper, Emily (Dan) Jackson and Matthew and Natalie Smith; 19 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Bud and Jenean also raised their niece and nephew Jennifer and Michael Hughes.

He was preceded in death by his daughter-in-law Deb Kennel Jackson, brothers Robert, Bill, Paul, John and Sonny Jackson and sisters Eva Brenner, Emma Cloninger, Kathryn Danner and Helen Mohr.

In 1949, Bud, his father, brothers and a nephew were the only Father/Son Trap Shooting team in the United States. This became a family tradition for Thanksgiving for many years.

Bud attended DeGraff High School and received an honorary diploma in 2015. In 1959, Bud and Jenean purchased their lifetime farm and moved to their home on the hill in rural DeGraff. Being young, they worked hard to build a life of love. They instilled this mindset in their children. Anything worth having takes commitment and work. Along with farming, Bud drove semi for Super Foods for 42 years before retiring in 1994. He and Jenean traveled the world with their Super Foods family. In 1967, Bud attained his auctioneer license and conducted farm equip-

ment, household items, and livestock sales, while also donating his time for fundraising. In 1994, Bud and Jenean purchased Jackson Livestock Auction, where they poured their love into their customers. He continued dealing with livestock for area farmers for years after the sale of the business.

Bud showed cattle at the Logan County Fair as a youth. The love of the fair and people drove him to being a director of the Logan County Agricultural Society. He was a supporter of 4-H and FFA exhibitors. He was the creator of the Calf Scramble at the fair which continues to this day. Bud was also a board member of the IGA Credit Union, a member of the Gretna Brethren Church, Miami Grange, Boggs Lodge in DeGraff, Logan County Farm Bureau, Ohio Harness Association, United States Trotting Association, and Teamsters 908. Bud was a huge volunteer for the Riverside School District of which you could see him hauling a steer to Friday night football games and selling raffle tickets on the steer. He also was a disaster relief volunteer with the American Red Cross. Even though he was not a veteran, he loved supporting the Vets to D.C. trip and was honored by attending one of the many journeys to Washington D.C. His desire to help others was at the top of his list. He and Jenean loved square dancing and were members of the See Saw Club. Bud also loved playing Santa Claus for years and bringing smiles to so many children.

Bud's greatest love was God. He loved gospel music along with his country twang music. His love for his family was above all, and they always came first. He and Jenean loved the time traveling with their family. He was a huge supporter and defender of the underdog and those he felt were wronged. He loved his WWE wrestling. He never knew a stranger. He was a memory maker. He is best known for joke telling and making people laugh. We close this memory with one of his favorite lines. "Have you heard the latest? ... It's not out yet."

Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, September 21, 2025, at Gretna Brethren Church, 1564 Township Road 46 in Bellefontaine. Pastor Rob Starnes will officiate a funeral service at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, September 22nd at the church. Burial will follow in Greenwood-Union Cemetery in DeGraff, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be made, in Bud's memory, to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to any charity of the donor's choice.

Sanford Funeral Home & Cremation Services, DeGraff, is honored to care for Bud's family and encourages anyone to share a fond memory or kind message with the family at [www.sanfordfuneralhome.com](http://www.sanfordfuneralhome.com).

### David Lewis Leininger

David Lewis Leininger, 84 of Springfield, OH, passed away Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at the Hearth and Home El Camino Assisted Living facility in Springfield, OH.

David was born July 13, 1941 in Lakeview to the late Everett Wilbur and Florence Marie (Smith) Leininger. On September 16, 1962 in Columbus he married the love of his life, Sue Ellen Maurey, who survives. He is also survived by his son, Andrew (Sarinda) Leininger of North Carolina; daughter, Luanne Leininger of Bellefontaine; two grandsons, Edward (Hannah) Leininger and Eric Leininger both of North Carolina; four great grandchildren, Emmett, Heidi, Eliza and Grace all of North Carolina; sister, Barbara (Joe) Cramer of Russells Point; numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

David was a 1959 graduate of Stokes Local High School in Lakeview. He worked at Airstream in Jackson Center before retiring from Rockwell in Kenton after 30 years. He was an avid hunter and was a member of the Indian Lake Fish & Game. David was very sociable, and he never knew a stranger. He will be missed by all his family and friends. He is preceded in death by his sister, Susan Deckling.

A Memorial Service will be Wednesday, September 24, at 1 p.m. at Jennings Farley & Seeley Funeral Home & Crematory. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial will take place in Highland Memorial Cemetery at a later date.

Condolences may be expressed at [www.jenningsfarley.com](http://www.jenningsfarley.com).

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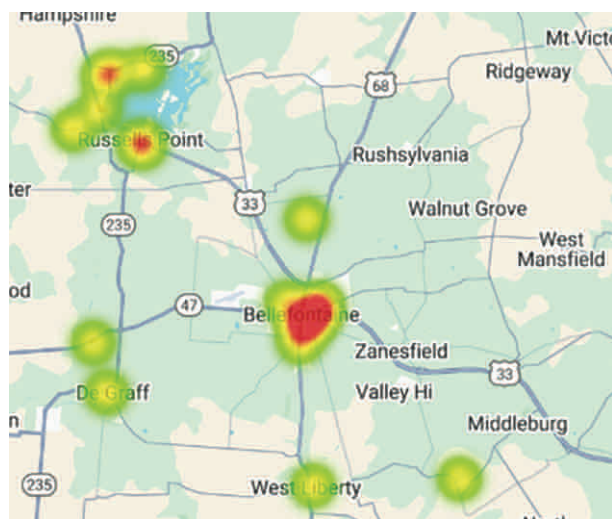
commissioner said both men and women were represented among the deaths, and on average, overdose victims were in their 40s and 50s. A number of the deaths were linked to fentanyl.

In the early stages of the tornado recovery, Irvan and LCHD staff also were onsite at Indian Lake, and the staff were able to take advantage of counseling in those initial days following the natural disaster. In their grief counseling de-briefings, an analogy involving carrying the weight of a heavy backpack that they learned about could also apply when looking at possible scenarios surrounding the overdose deaths, Irvan related.

"While we can't say that the after affects of the tornado caused these deaths, we can look at the stress and baggage that people were carrying with them 'in their backpacks' before the tornado. Then to think about adding to their backpacks the compounded weight of losing their homes or a loved one being hurt in the tornado, and that backpack becomes very heavy to carry."

To that end, the health commissioner discussed channeling recently applied for Harm

## BEFORE TORNADO



Heat maps of Logan County displays overdose deaths from specific periods of time in various regions of Logan County pre and post tornadoes explored by the LCHD.

**BEFORE:** Depicts the timeframe of January 2022 to March 2024, where the highest percentage of deaths were reported in Bellefontaine, and several deaths were reported in various regions of Logan County. **AFTER:** The timeframe of March 2024 to June 2025 shows the majority of overdose deaths concentrated at the Indian Lake area. (HEALTH DISTRICT GRAPHICS)

Reduction Grant Funding, if it is approved, toward new programming at Indian Lake. He hopes to potentially offer the health district's Wellness Wednesday as mobile clinic at Indian Lake, and discussed the idea of installing a wellness vending machine somewhere in the region, similar to the one that was installed late last year outside of the health district, 310 S. Main St., containing Narcan, hygiene kits, fentanyl test kits and other items.

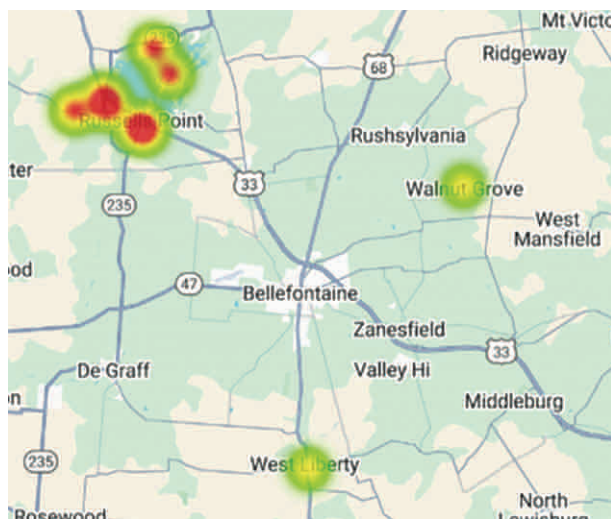
Wellness Wednesdays at the health district offers programming that

includes counseling referrals, disease control, Fentanyl test strips, Hep A and C vaccines, HIV and syphilis testing, medication lock boxes, Narcan kits and training, tobacco quit line referrals and wound care.

Also at the board meeting, members discussed the upcoming **National Falls Prevention event, planned for 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24**, at the Logan County Friendly Senior Center, 934 S. Main St.

LCHD staff will be assisting with Bingocize and Matter of Balance demonstrations, chair

## AFTER TORNADO



yoga, blood pressure checks, hearing screenings, walking assessments, and walker and cane checks. A fire department presentation also is planned.

During the environmental health report, the board passed on their first of three required reading the 2026 fee schedule for the environmental division, with most of the fees increasing based upon cost methodology reporting, Director Matt Stonerock said.

During the nursing report, Nursing Director Lee Watts said the Ohio

Board of Pharmacy had completed a surprise inspection just that day, and they passed their inspection with no issues to report.

The WIC baby shower took place recently and public health nurse Kelli Parr participated. A raffle basket and goodie baskets were handed out, along with information about the Complex Medical Health Program, infant safe sleep, maternal mental health and dental health in pregnancy.

In financial matters, members approved changes to the 2026

budget approved at their August meeting to reflect 27 pay periods next year, instead of 26. Irvan reported last month that the 2026 budget shows the agency in deficit spending totaling approximately \$211,000, which "we will be keeping an eye on," he said.

He also recently met with the county budget commission to request an increase in the health district's inside millage, which is set at \$400,000 for 2026. Irvan said the commission offered that a small increase in the LCHD's inside millage amount should be possible in the near future.

**In other action, the board:**

- approved a condemnation order as requested by the Logan County Prosecutor's Office for a property at 7764 State Route 366, Russells Point, for a vacant property, which has a collapsing roof;

- approved a variance request from Tom Wiechart, 9324 Buckeye Drive, Huntsville, for a well variance request at his property; and

- accepted the resignation of Faith Hoffer, environmental health clerical specialist, effective Sept 5.

The next meeting is 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8.

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# Indian Lake controls Chiefs for big road win

BY MIKE FRANK  
EXAMINER SPORTS EDITOR

For Indian Lake, there's no place like the road.

The Lakers came into AccuSport Stadium on Friday and left with a 45-21 victory over Bellefontaine in Central Buckeye Conference crossover football.

A couple of quick drives put the Lakers ahead 14-0 before each team scored in quick succession in the second quarter. Late in the half, Indian Lake got another to lead 28-7 at the break.

An interception on the first play of the second half led to more points for the Lakers.

Bellefontaine rallied a bit with two scores by Carter Caudill, but Indian Lake salted it away, moving to 3-2 on the year.

Brady Golliday was sharp, going 13-of-16 for 198 yards passing, with three touchdowns. He also ran 14 times for exactly 100 yards.

Noah Shirk toted it 16 times for 46 yards, reaching the end zone on three occasions, from three, four and five yards out.

Brodey Reisinger had nine catches, including 70, 24, and 6-yard touchdowns for a total of 160 yards.

Coach Jonn Rapp of the Lakers said, "I'm super proud of the coaches and the game plan they put together. I'm super proud of the players. The deck was stacked against them, and they handled it perfectly."

He noted that there



LAKERS	14	14	7	10	- 45
CHIEFS	0	7	14	0	- 21

TEAM STATS	IL	BFN
First Downs	14	19
Total Net Yards	334	313
Rushes/Yards	31/136	32/51
Passing Yards	198	262
Comp-Att-Int/TDs	13-16-0/3	25-38-1/0
Punts/Avg.	3/42.3	1/30.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties/Yards	7/65	4/27

were mistakes, "but I love the momentum going into league play. It's the defense's job to pick up the offense when they make a mistake, and it's the offense' job to pick up the defense. And I think it allows guys to play a little bit more free knowing that their buddies have got their back."

For the Chieftains, now 2-3, Caudill had 84 yards on 25 carries, scoring on two short runs from inside the five.

Reign St. Clair completed 25 of 38 passes for 262 yards with one interception. Patrick Stolly had six catches, Sutton Daring and Kaiden Foulk both had five, with four apiece by Spencer Stolly and Josh Phillips. All had around 50 yards.

Bellefontaine coach Jason Brown shouldered the responsibility. "I've got to do a better job coaching. We didn't play very well at times. We were inconsistent, and that's on me. So we've got to turn the page, learn, and get better for next week."

Bellefontaine won the coin toss and deferred.



Brady Golliday of Indian Lake throws a pass during Friday's game against Bellefontaine. Pictured for the Chieftains is Drake Hoon. (EXAMINER PHOTO | TONY BARRETT)

Each team's opening drive ended with a punt.

The Chiefs punt was short and a good return gave the Lakers the ball at the Bellefontaine 38. After a couple runs by Shirk, Golliday converted on third down with a 9-yard scramble. A pass interference call against the Chiefs on third down moved the Lakers to the 11.

It took three more cracks before Shirk scored with 4:16 to play on a 3-yard burst up the middle. Avery Pequignot hit the PAT.

The ensuing hit behind the Chiefs' return man, bouncing at the 2 but not going into the end zone. They were able to only get it back to the 8.

After a short run, a completed pass led to a fumble, with the Lakers recovering at the 18.

Golliday threw to Shirk, then handed it off twice. The second was a 4-yard score with just over three minutes to go in the period, and another PAT made it 14-0.

Bellefontaine got a first down on the ensuing drive, then had a third-down conversion with St. Clair throwing to Patrick Stolly along the sideline and moving to the 45. Caudill got the ball into Lakers territory as the first quarter

ended.

Facing 4th down at the 38, Caudill was able to get just enough for a new set of downs. A pass interference call on the Lakers moved them to the 20.

The Lakers defense stepped up, dropping Caudill and then St. Clair for losses. After an incompleteness in the end zone, St. Clair threw outside to Stolly. He managed to get 11 yards, but that was five short of what was needed.

Shirk went into the middle on first down. The ball was popped free, and Caudill scooped it up and ran it 15 yards to get his team on the board.

The Lakers wasted no time in answering, however. Golliday dropped back and fired over the middle to Reisinger. He caught the ball just shy of midfield and outraced the defense for a 70-yard touchdown, using just 18 seconds of game time.

Another point-after from Pequignot made it 21-7.

Bellefontaine set up at its own 20 and found some rhythm, with St. Clair spreading the ball around and Caudill doing his part as well. After 11 plays, they had reached the Lakers' 15 yards. Three incompleteness and a run for no gain put the Lakers back

on offense.

Golliday hit Reisinger for two solid gains, then ran for 11 yards to the 47. He went back to Reisinger for 17 yards, then to Shirk for 12. The aerial attack continued with Reisinger outjumping a defender on the edge of the end zone with just over a minute to play in the half and the Lakers went up 28-7 after the PAT.

Bellefontaine used a big completion to Spencer Stolly for 26 yards, then called time-out with 30 seconds left. St. Clair completed passes to Phillips and then Daring to reach the 25. After an incompleteness, the Lakers sacked St. Clair to end the half.

The Chieftains returned the third quarter kickoff to the 28. St. Clair fired to the outside, but Noah Shirk jumped the route and intercepted the ball.

The Lakers needed five plays to score, the final one being a six-yard throw to Reisinger in the right corner with 9:58 to play.

Bellefontaine went to the ground game on the next drive, marching 80 yards, with Caudill getting chunks of yardage. BHS then got a 44-yard completion to Phillips after the Lakers had sacked St. Clair to force

third-and-long.

They went back to Caudill, who moved them steadily along until a 3-yard score with 5:43 to go. The PAT was wide, leaving it 35-13.

After forcing a punt by the Lakers, Bellefontaine took over at the Indian Lake 40. They scored after just six plays, with Caudill going in from the 1-yard line. He ran for the conversion as well, making it 35-21.

Indian Lake started with a big run by Golliday, then a completion to Gavin Henry as the quarter ended. They covered the remaining 39 yards in seven plays, with Shirk crossing the line with 9:31 left.

Bellefontaine attempted a fake punt on the next drive, but St. Clair was stopped quickly.

Indian Lake used the field position to set up a field goal by Pequignot, who hit from 35 yards with 5:48 to go, capping the scoring.

Each team had one more drive, with Bellefontaine turning it over on downs and Indian Lake punting.

Next Friday, the Chieftains will celebrate Homecoming against Kenton Ridge. Indian Lake hits the road again, going to North Union.



Josh Phillips of Bellefontaine squares off with Indian Lake's Jordan Henderson during Friday's game. (EXAMINER PHOTO | TONY BARRETT)

# West Liberty-Salem edges Greenon in OHC action

ASBY THE EXAMINER STAFF

SPRINGFIELD — West Liberty-Salem defeated host Greenon 17-13 in Ohio Heritage Conference play on Friday.

Each team scored once in the first and once in the second, with a missed PAT by the Knights making it 14-13 at the break.

Corbin Wallace ran for 29 yards with 8:55 left in the first, then Kai Ricks of Greenon had a 75-yard run almost exactly a minute later.

Early in the second, Wallace had a 6-yard touchdown run. It stayed that way until Ricks caught a 19-yard pass from Teagan Henry with 5:19 to play. The PAT try by Greenon was no good.

The only points of the second half came with 6:44 to go in the fourth on a 34-yard field goal by Jake Lauck.

Wallace ran 37 times for 167 yards for the Tigers, with Beckett Sullivan having seven carries for 35 yards.

Sullivan was 7 of 13 passing on the night for 48 yards. Reese Oder had three catches for 15 yards, and Dustin Bolton had two, also for 15.

For Greenon, Ricks had 10 carries for 122 yards. Henry completed 6 of 13 throws for 93.

West Liberty-Salem is now 3-2 overall. They will host Fairbanks next Friday night.

## WL-Salem 17, Greenon 13

TIGERS	7	7	0	3	- 17
KNIGHTS	7	6	0	0	- 13

TEAM STATS	WL-S	GRN
First Downs	17	7
Total Net Yards	280	219
Rushes/Yards	50/232	19/132
Passing Yards	48	93
Comp-Att-Int/TDs	7-13-0/0	6-13-0/1
Punts/Avg.	2/31.0	4/29.8
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties/Yards	2/10	9/70



Silas Krabill (#44, left) and Carson Poppe (#31) of West Liberty-Salem combine to tackle a runner from Greenon during Friday's game. (PHOTO BY DAVID BOWDEN)

# Examiner sports

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## Pirates fall on road to Buccaneers

COVINGTON — Riverside lost 34-6 to host Covington in Three Rivers Conference football on Friday.

The Pirates are now 1-1 in the TRC and 2-3 overall.

Covington scored twice in the first quarter, both on running plays. The first was a 27-yard score by Landin Cassel and the other was for 19



yards by Jordan Miller.

Tyler Palsgrove of Covington then had a 3-yard run with eight minutes left in the second quarter. The PAT was no

good, leaving it 20-0.

Justin Mazariegos pulled in a 16 yard pass from Brody Orsborne with 5:45 to play in the third quarter to get the Pirates on the board.

Covington then had two touchdowns in the fourth period. Trenton Havenar caught an 18-yard pass from Cassel, and Miller ran in from the 2-yard line.

Tony Robinson of the Pirates had 16 carries for 116 yards, and Gunner Carpenter ran 15 times for 51.

Orsborne completed 3 of 14 passes for 35 yards, with all three to Mazariegos.

Riverside is home next Friday with Bethel as the opponent.

## Brown, Crabtree win CBC doubles title

The Bellefontaine girls tennis team took part in the Central Buckeye Conference tournament on Friday.

The Lady Chieftains' first doubles pair of Rylee Crabtree and Mia Brown entered as the number one seed with a 12-0 record on the season.

The freshmen tandem had a first-round bye. In the second round, they defeated Mia Gastineau and Shyla Thompson of Tecumseh, 8-1. In the championship, they won 9-7 over Northwestern's Samantha Wolfe.

In second singles, Olivia Wayre lost to Dakota Hofstede of Tecumseh (8-1); then defeated Northwestern's Sophia Blankley (8-4) and Urbana's Chloe Nannarone (8-5) to finish in fifth place.

Ava Dolan finished sixth in first singles. She lost to Sammy Russell of Tecumseh (8-1), defeated Eveline Schelle of Urbana (8-3), then lost to Caitlyn Yates of Jonathan Alder (8-2).

Also taking sixth was Oriana Vasquez at third singles. She lost to Kenton Ridge's Ximena Juarez (8-0), got a win over Northwestern's Karamalita Gonzalez (8-4), then lost to Urbana's Mallory Stokes (8-1).

The second doubles team of Adison Postle and Maria Casanas finished seventh. They lost 8-0 to Kenton Ridge's Jade Jenkins and Bella Whisler, then fell 8-4 to Tecumseh's Alexa Barcenas and Kayla Wood.

Bellefontaine will play Tuesday at Lehman Catholic at 5 p.m.

## Raiders break Arrows in CBC

Benjamin Logan got back in the win column on Friday, as they traveled to Tecumseh and earned a 37-12 victory in Central Buckeye Conference crossover football.

Wyatt Predmore completed five passes for 50 yards. Two were to Brandon Heater for 31 yards, and one each were to Jordan Pender, Alex Hassel and Cayden Brown.

Diesel Baughman led the rushing attack with 13 carries for 129 yards. Predmore ran seven times for 54 yards, and Pender carried it 10 for 58 yards and Alex Hassell had five runs for 29 yards.

The Raiders are now 3-2 on the year. They begin division play next Friday with a trip to Graham.

## Reds, Guardians stay in playoff hunt

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Bo Naylor snapped an eighth-inning tie with his second two-run single of the game, and the Cleveland Guardians beat the Minnesota Twins 6-2 on Friday night for their eighth straight victory.

The Guardians (82-71) won for the 13th time in 14 games to pull within 2 1/2 games of the first-place Tigers in the AL Central. Cleveland was coming off a three-game sweep of Detroit, which lost 10-1 to the visiting Braves on Friday with three games looming in Cleveland next week.

José Ramírez had a two-out double off Cole Sands (4-6) in the eighth and Kyle Manzardo was intentionally walked. Ramírez stole his 40th base and Manzardo followed with his second to

set the table for Naylor, who lined a full-count pitch to right field for a 4-2 lead.

Steven Kwan and Angel Martínez had two-out RBI doubles in the ninth off Michael Tonkin to cap the scoring.

Kwan led off the game with a single off Pablo López and Ramírez walked with one out.

Both advanced a base when Manzardo flied out to left and Naylor followed with a two-out single to right for a 2-0 lead.

The Twins tied it in the sixth on a wild pitch by Parker Messick and Royce Lewis' RBI single off Matt Festa.

Messick struck out nine in 5 1/3 innings and allowed two runs on five hits. Jakob Junis (4-1) struck out four in two hitless innings for the win.

Lopez left after four

innings with right forearm tightness. He allowed two runs on three hits in his third start since missing three months with a right shoulder strain.

Minnesota (66-87) has dropped seven of 10 to the Guardians this season.

### Reds 7, Cubs 4

CINCINNATI (AP) — Spencer Steer hit two of Cincinnati's season-high five homers as the Reds beat the Chicago Cubs on Friday night to keep pace in the National League wild-card race.

The Reds (78-76) remained two games behind the New York Mets, who beat Washington on Friday night, for the final wild-card spot. The Cubs have the top wild-card spot and have already

clinched a playoff berth.

Steer's two-run homer in the sixth inning off Porter Hodge (2-2) broke a 4-all tie, and Elly De La Cruz took Hodge deep on the next pitch. It was each player's 20th homer of the season.

The Reds hit their other three homers off Shota Imanaga. Miguel Andujar went deep in the first inning, Matt McLain in the third and Steer in the fourth.

Dansby Swanson hit his 23rd homer of the season in the second for the Cubs. Matt Shaw added a two-run shot in the fourth, but the Cubs didn't score again.

Connor Phillips (1-0) worked 1 1/3 scoreless innings in relief of Nick Lodolo, who gave up four runs on nine hits in 4 2/3 innings. Emilio Pagan pitched the ninth for his

## THURSDAY NIGHTS PREP SPORTS ACTION

## Lakers top Urbana to stay unbeaten in league

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The Indian Lake volleyball team defeated host Urbana in Central Buckeye Conference play on Thursday.

Urbana won the first set 26-24, then Indian Lake won 25-21, 25-12 and 25-7.

Courtney Altstaetter had 14 kills and Kit Miller had 12 kills and 16 digs.

Annie Rapp was 20-of-20 serving, Riley Ross 14-of-14; Cami Bailey 10-of-10 and Addy Roby 12-of-12.

Rapp had 10 kills and eight digs; Bailey eight kills, seven digs and three blocks; and Ross 13 digs.

Alivia Kinney had eight kills and three blocks; Addison Beck 11 digs; Makenna Hurley nine digs; and Roby 46 assists and 14 digs.

The junior varsity team lost 25-15, 25-15. The freshman team won 25-8, 25-17.

Indian Lake is 6-0 in the CBC and 13-1 overall. They will host Kenton Ridge on Tuesday.

### Bellefontaine 3, Shawnee 1

Bellefontaine got a home win over Shawnee in CBC play on Thursday.

The Chieftains won 25-16, 22-25, 25-14, 25-21.

Presley Vigansky and

### ROUNDUP

Kelsie Snapp had 13 kills each, with 11 by Kaeleigh Flora and 10 from Ava Layman. Madi Zedeker had 47 assists.

Ari Rangle had two solo blocks, Jillian Ullom had 28 digs, Zedeker 13, Snapp 12, Layman eight, and Flora seven.

On the service line, Vigansky was 25-of-25 with seven aces; Zedeker 19-of-19 with three aces; Flora 15-of-15 with one ace and Snapp 15-of-16 with four aces.

The JV team won 2-25, 25-21, 26-24. The freshman team lost 25-18, 25-13.

Bellefontaine (2-3 CBC, 10-3 overall) plays at Triad today at 11 a.m.

### West Liberty-Salem 3, Southeastern 0

West Liberty-Salem won at home over Southeastern in Ohio Heritage Conference play on Thursday.

The Lady Tigers won 25-12, 25-5, 25-14.

Naomi Cole had eight kills, Ava Poppe seven and Lilli Heminger six. Cole had 18 assists and Reagan Winters had 14 digs.

The JV won 25-10, 25-21.

West Liberty-Salem is

10-1 in the conference and 10-2 overall. They will be at Minster for an invitational today, with Tri-Village and Archbishop Alter.

### Kenton Ridge 3, Ben Logan 0

Ben Logan was swept by host Kenton Ridge in CBC action on Thursday.

Kenton Ridge won 25-13, 25-15, 25-15.

For the Raiders, Georgia Daniels had five kills and two aces; Summer Cline had six kills, Abby Vance four, and Storm LeVan and Lilly Kerns two each.

Ben Logan (2-3 CBC, 5-9 overall) will host Marysville today at 11 a.m.

### Bethel 3, Riverside 0

Riverside lost to Bethel in Three Rivers Conference play on Thursday.

The Bees won 25-18, 25-9, 25-20. Zoey Ransbottom had nine assists and 13 digs. Kara Klingler had five assists. Miah Carman had seven kills and Valerie Knight had five. Emilee Robinson had two aces and 14 digs.

The junior varsity lost 26-24, 25-16.

Riverside (1-7 TRC, 1-13 overall) will host Troy Christian on Sept. 25.

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The Riverside boys and girls golf teams took part in the Three Rivers Conference tournament on Thursday.

The host course was Cherokee Hills.

The Lady Pirates' Reagan McDaniel carded a 75 for the 18 holes, which is a school record. She earned the Medalist

of the Year award for the fourth season.

Whitney Leatherman had 127, Adalynn Calaway 131, Lei Hurley 132 and Grace Owen 154 for Riverside.

In the boys tournament, Lehman Catholic was the team champion with a score of 321. Miami East's Aiden Crumline

was the medalist with a 78.

For the Pirates, Hayden McCully shot 81 and was named to the first team all-conference. Syler Clark had a personal best 92, followed by Hayden Sanford (104) and Zane Armbruster (107).

Other scores were Daniel Esh (110) and David Gross (117).

## soccer ROUNDUP

### BOYS

#### WL-Salem 2, Greenon 0

The West Liberty-Salem boys soccer team shut out host Greenon on Thursday in Ohio Heritage Conference play.

Wyatt Longaberger had the first goal, with Elijah Christison making the assist. The second goal was by Noah Sarver, and Caleb Ling setting it up.

Tucker Searles had three saves.

West Liberty-Salem (3-1 OHC, 10-2 overall) hosts Greeneview tonight at 7:30 p.m.

### GIRLS

#### West Liberty-Salem 3, Greenon 2

West Liberty-Salem got a road win over Greenon in Ohio Heritage Conference play on Thursday.

Jenna Cline had two goals and Ellery Wygal one for the Lady Tigers.

Kaylee Blair had seven saves.

West Liberty-Salem (3-2 OHC, 4-6-1 overall) is off until next Wednesday, when they will host Miami East for a 7 p.m. game.

#### Indian Lake 3, Harding 3

Indian Lake got a tie against visiting Marion Harding on Thursday.

Brylee Buyer had a goal for the Lakers in the first half, with Harding having two scores.

After Harding scored midway through the second half, Harley Kinninger scored with five minutes left, then Olivia Hurley scored after a corner kick with eight seconds left in regulation.

Kylee Hartford had seven saves and Bre Wisener had six.

Indian Lake (0-5 CBC, 1-7-1 overall) hosts Calvary Christian at noon today.

#### Graham 5, Indian Lake 0

Indian Lake lost to Graham in CBC play on Wednesday.

Kylee Hartford made 11 saves for the Lakers.

Harly Kinninger had three shots on goal.

# THURSDAY NIGHTS PREP SPORTS ACTION

## Chief netters drop match to Sidney

Bellefontaine lost 4-1 to Sidney in a nonleague girls tennis match on Thursday.  
 At first singles, L. Spade defeated BHS' Ava Dolan, 6-3, 6-1.  
 At second singles, J. Martin defeated the Chiefs' Olivia Wayne, 6-4, 6-4.  
 At third singles, H. Dietz defeated Oriana Vasquez of the Chiefs, 6-0, 6-1.  
 The first doubles pair of Mia Brown and Rylee Crabtree remained unbeaten, as they won over Echols and Ervin, 6-0, 6-1.  
 At second doubles, Stover and Long defeated BHS' Adison Postle and Maria Casanas, 1-6, 7-6 (7-1), 10-8.  
 Charlie Hughes and Vanshika Shah played a singles match against each other.

## Chieftain girls golfers compete at sectional tourney

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The Bellefontaine girls golf team finished 11th at the Division I sectional tournament on Thursday at Echo Hills Golf Club.

The Lady Chieftains had a team score of 419. Elliott Lang had 96, followed by Olivia



Dearwester (104), Gillian Steele (107), and Allison Myers (112). Also playing

was Ella Fultz (117).

Teams advancing to the district tournament were Springboro (312), Tippecanoe (372), Greenville (377) and Fairmont (389).

Individual qualifiers were Megan Fosburg of Northmont (81), Caroline Roelle of

Oakwood (88), Rosie Gray of Carroll (89) and Taylor Myers of Urbana (89).



## junior high

### VOLLEYBALL

#### RIVERSIDE

Riverside faced Milton-Union on Tuesday.  
 The eighth graders won 9-25, 25-20, 25-18. Lillian Jackson had three aces; and Lillyanne Hanes, Sofia Butler, Gracie Rench and Bella Robinson each had two.  
 Jackson, Hanes, Butler, Rench, Robinson, Aliya Salo and Alexis Skaggs contributed to the scoring.  
 The seventh grade team lost 25-19, 25-20. Kinsley

Crawford and Avery Wheeler each had four aces, and Belle Monnin. Also contributing were Bella Beaty, Ruth Morrison, Bella Shultz and Paloma Quixan.

On Thursday, the Pirates traveled to Northridge.

The eighth grade team won 25-15, 25-15.

Salo had four aces, Hanes and Robinson three each, and Butler, Skaggs, Rench, and Jackson two each. Annabelle O'Neal also contributed.

The seventh graders won

25-6, 25-14, Shultz had 13 aces and 17 points, Morrison 11 points and five aces. Others contributing were Crawford, Wheeler, Monnin and Beaty.

#### WEST LIBERTY-SALEM

West Liberty-Salem faced Springfield Catholic Central on Wednesday.

The eighth grade won 25-2, 25-12. They had seven kills, 19 aces, five assists and 13 digs.

The seventh grade won 25-22, 25-11. They had 14

kills, four aces, 16 assists and 21 digs.

The Lady Tigers swept Triad on Thursday.

The seventh grade team won 25-15, 25-14. They had 19 kills, 17 aces, 27 digs and 14 assists.

The eighth graders won 25-5, 25-7. They had 30 aces, eight kills, eight assists and four digs.

#### BELLEFONTAINE

Bellefontaine faced Tecumseh on Wednesday.

The eighth grade team

won 25-22, 25-17. Alexis Hogan had seven digs and Gianna Davis and Brookelyn Oaks had five.

Elijana Bosiljavec had four aces. Others contributing were Brooklyn Muck, Eva Martinez, Jazmin Nelson, Alejandra Mergote, Amanda Moran, Ellie Irick, Eden Smith, and Kennedy Hairston.

The seventh grade lost 14-25, 25-8, 25-18. Arianna Rumer had six assists and was 13-of-15 serving. Skylar Phan had six digs, Alivia

Rogan six kills, and Marianna Castano Infante was 10-of-11 serving. Also contributing were Braelyn Neer and Gemma Rutan.

#### BEN LOGAN

Ben Logan faced Shawnee on Wednesday.

The eighth grade lost 17-25, 25-22. The Raiders had seven kills, five assists, six aces and nine digs.

The seventh grade team lost 25-22 and 25-21. They had 11 kills, seven assists, 13 aces and 19 digs.

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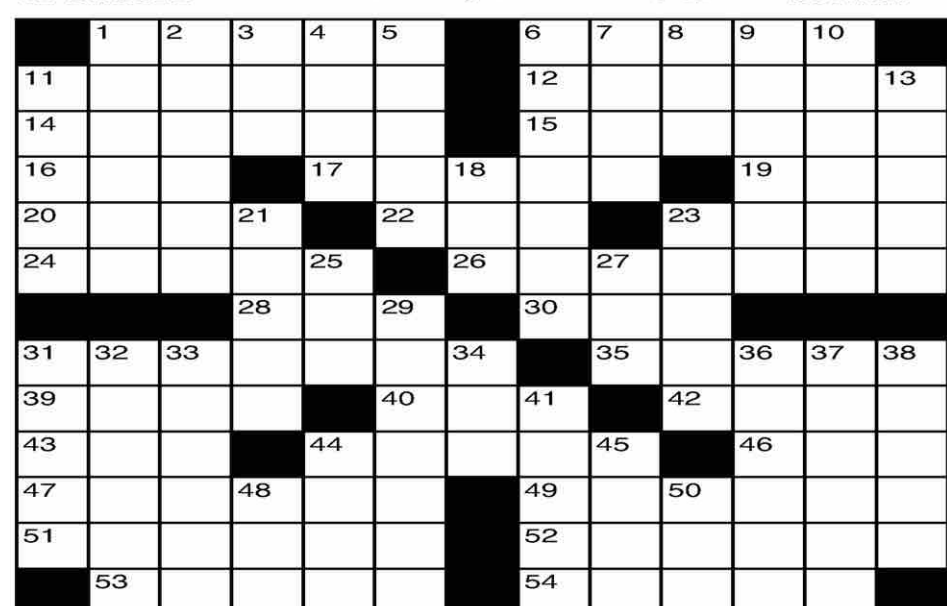
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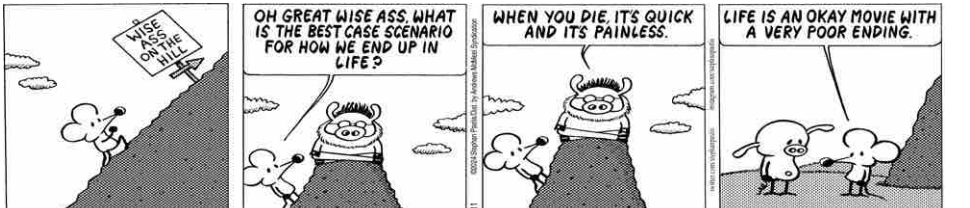


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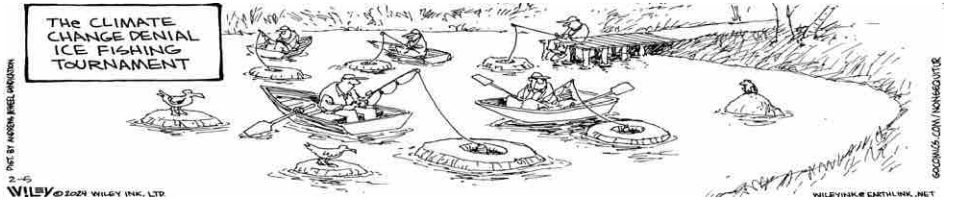
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## HOROSCOPES

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 Virgo.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025:  
 You are outgoing and friendly. You also like to take control of the situation. This is a slower paced year. Take time to rejuvenate your energy and outlook. Focus on close relationships and seek out people who are kind, helpful and have your back. Trust your intuition.

**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) ★★ Be polite, respectful and patient with co-workers today. Something unexpected might spark an argument and send things south in a New York minute. (What just happened?) Admittedly, you will be impatient with others. This also might be a situation dealing with a pet. Tonight: Patience.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★ Romance might suffer from arguments and impulsive decisions today. Ironically, it might even happen because someone feels bored and wants to create a stimulating situation to make life more interesting. Don't do this. Meanwhile, parents should be extra vigilant with their kids to avoid accidents. Tonight: Be understanding.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★ Your home and family routine will be interrupted today. Small appliances might break down or a minor breakage could occur. A family member might have surprising news. Someone unexpected might knock on the door. Stock the fridge — food is always reassuring. Tonight: Don't challenge authority.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★ Pay attention to everything you say and do today, because this is an accident-prone day for you, definitely. (Obviously, an accident does not have to happen if you are mindful and aware.) However, an unexpected distraction could put you at a disadvantage. Be careful. Tonight: Stay positive.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★ Keep an eye on your possessions and money today. Something unexpected could create a problem for you. On the upside, you might find money. On the downside, you might lose money. Be smart and protect what you own against loss, theft or damage. Be alert! Tonight: Check your money.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★ Today Venus in your sign is at odds with unpredictable Uranus. You might have a strong urge to "get things out in the open." Or perhaps you want to seek new, unusual experiences. Whatever the case, your desire to flirt with the unknown could create problems in a relationship. Tread carefully. Tonight: Choose to compromise.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★ You are strong, focused and a bit aggressive now with Mars in your sign. You're also talkative because Mercury is in your sign. However, today something unexpected that is going on behind the scenes could catch you off guard. Don't do anything that you might later regret. Tonight: Be strong.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★ Your relations with friends and members of groups might not unfold as you hope today. In fact, brace yourself, because something out of the blue might trigger an argument or some kind of conflict or jealousy. (It could be anything.) Be ready to do some diplomatic damage control. Tonight: Listen.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★ Don't take for granted your rela-

tions with parents, bosses, teachers and the police today. Something out of left field could change everything in an instant. Suddenly, you might be at odds with an authority. You might have to explain yourself. Don't be caught with your hand in the cookie jar. Tonight: Be respectful.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★ Travel plans might suddenly change today. This could be a favorable or disappointing. Something might be canceled or changed, or a sudden opportunity to travel might fall in your lap. Likewise, issues related to the law, medicine, publishing and higher education are up for grabs. Be vigilant. Tonight: Avoid controversy.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★ Make friends with your bank account today, because something unexpected could impact your wealth, especially anything that you own jointly with someone else — property, possessions or debt. Meanwhile, romance might be suddenly and adversely affected. An argument might occur. Easy does it. Tonight: Check your finances.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★ Caution about flirting and looking for new experiences today, especially if toying with the idea of making someone jealous. You might bite off more than you expected. This is a classic day where something that's attractive can turn into a headache. Be careful. Tonight: Diplomacy.

**BORN TODAY**  
 Actress Sophia Loren (1934), author, TV writer George R.R. Martin (1948), actor Gary Cole (1956) ★★ ★★

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# FRIDAY NIGHT

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Brodey Reisinger of Indian Lake leaps above Bellefontaine's Sutton Daring for a touchdown catch on Friday. (TONY BARRETT)



Dustin Bolton of West Liberty-Salem catches a pass for a first down against Greenon. (DAVID BOWDEN)

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