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Narcotics, cash seized during execution of search warrant

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The Logan County Unified Drug Task Force and detectives from the Bellefontaine Police Department executed a search warrant Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 3129 County Road 130, Bellefontaine, which resulted in the arrest of the homeowner and the seizure of drugs, cash and a handgun.

Joseph Clifford, 34, was arrested on a felony warrant for trafficking in cocaine during the execution of the search warrant.

During a search of the

residence, a gallon sized plastic bag covered in cocaine residue was found next to the toilet. A large amount of suspected illegally pressed pills containing narcotics was located in the toilet and recovered.

Additionally, officers seized a large amount of psilocybin mushrooms, pills, approximately \$28,221 in cash and a handgun.

This operation was the result of a month's long investigation and a request for additional charges has been forwarded to the Logan County Prosecutor's Office.



Illegal contraband is pictured that was recovered by the Logan County Unified Drug Task Force and Bellefontaine Police Department detectives during the execution of a search warrant at a rural Bellefontaine residence Wednesday. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

WEST LIBERTY COUNCIL

New member introduced, Columbus Street Bridge restoration discussed

BY NIKKI BURKHAMER
EXAMINER CONTRIBUTOR



Rodney Brower was sworn in for his new council seat by Mayor Brad Hudson at the most recent West Liberty Council meeting this week.

Brower serves as the pastor of West Liberty United Methodist Church, and he leads the congregation of Lewistown Trinity United Methodist Church as well. When he heard that there was an open council seat, he immediately felt that he wanted to interview for the position.

"I've been living in West Liberty since October of 2023, and it was an immediate love affair. I'm just really happy being here, and I'm excited about being part of the council," Brower said.

"I want to bring some opportunities, particularly, for the older members of the village. I'd like to provide social opportunities where they can come together... do things together."

Following Brower's oath of office, the council discussed some old business, including the soon-to-be closed alley located between the West Liberty Branch Library and Dorsey's Flowers.

In two weeks, there will be closed signs posted at each end of the passageway.

The council plans to work with the Downtown Business Association to make the alley inviting. The Business Association received a \$2,500 grant that they plan to use to add lighting that is similar to what is lining Main Street. It's possible that they could install solar panels on top of the library building to offset the electrical cost.

The board accepted the resignation of local firefighter Derrek Thurman, who is moving to another community. His resignation left an opening for a new firefighter, and West Liberty Fire Chief Darin Leach recommended Erik Weeks, who has former experience in fire-fighting and paramedics, to the council for their approval.

Council members approved Weeks as Thurman's replacement.

Chief Leach also expressed his appreciation for the new equipment that his department will soon be

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New West Liberty Village Council member Rod Brower, left, is sworn in by Mayor Brad Hudson. (EXAMINER PHOTO | NIKKI BURKHAMER)

Mile after mile, cycling for veterans' well-being

City resident sets 14th World UCA record

BY MANDY LOEHR
EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

While an avid Ohio State Buckeyes fan, Bellefontaine resident Doug Chivington trekked to the state up north earlier this month with his Team Chivington crew in attempt to set a new World Ultra Cycling Association record.

Riding from the western coast of Michigan to the state's eastern coast in 11 hours and 37 minutes on Sept. 6, Chivington's new record for the 60-69 age group was verified this week, bringing his total of World Ultra Cycling Association records to 14. Ultra cycling is defined as distances past 100 miles.

It's a rewarding pursuit for the city resident and Honda of America retiree, who ties all of his endurance races to fundraising for a cause



City resident Doug Chivington hoists his bicycle over his head in Port Sanilac Harbor, Mich., celebrating his completion of a route from the western coast of Michigan to the state's eastern coast Sept. 6. (TEAM CHIVINGTON PHOTO)

that's close to his heart — coming alongside veterans with post traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury.

The need for advocacy and support is critical for veterans, as the inner struggles that former service members face sometimes can cost them their lives, the 65-year-old related.

"The war isn't over for veterans who come home. We know that so many are struggling and many veterans are plagued by PTSD and traumatic brain injury," Chivington said Friday.

"We lose 17 veterans every day to suicide in the U.S. Every mile on the bike is in memory of the 17 veterans we lose each day, and in support of those living with

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OHIO HI-POINT CAREER CENTER

Board recognizes innovative idea makers, chews on food service changes

BY SHARYN KOPF
EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

Better parent-teacher conference procedures. Workforce Wednesdays. A SkillsUSA student leadership team on campus.

The Ohio Hi-Point (OHP) Career Center employees who came up with these concepts took home the school's top innovative ideas awards at the monthly board of education meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 24.

Assistant Superintendent Brad Richardson broke down the winning ideas, chosen out of 15 submissions, which was double

last year's total. The top three awards include a monetary prize.

"This is part of our strategic plan," Richardson explained. "We want to keep encouraging staff to come up with new and innovative ways to serve our students."

Ohio Hi-Point 2025 Innovative Idea Award Winners:

· First place went to Shelby Clem, who found a way to leverage technology for a more efficient parent-teacher conference scheduling process.

· Justin Silver earned the second place award for coming up with

Workforce Wednesdays—a weekly class activity where students research different industry-related careers.

· Shelly Swaney grabbed the third place prize with the creation of a SkillsUSA on-campus leadership team, which facilitates communication and encourages student leadership within the organization.

Submissions are judged by a committee consisting of Anne Reames, board president; Richardson; Ben Vollrath, Logan County Chamber of Commerce CEO; Bailey Hemmelgarn, OHP business satellite teacher; and Melissa

Sizemore, OHP campus math teacher.

The other presentation Wednesday night came from Matt Heaston, OHP business operations director, who went over cafeteria updates, especially related to state nutrition standards, along with information about the business resource center.

For lunch, the cafeteria is required to offer five food components: meat/meat alternative, grain, vegetable, fruit and milk. Out of those, students are required to take at least three components, which can be any

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Winners of the 2025 Innovative Idea Award at Ohio Hi-Point Career Center were recognized Wednesday night. Pictured, from left, are Anne Reames, board president; Shelly Swaney, third place; Shelby Clem, first place; and Brad Richardson, assistant superintendent. Second-place winner Justin Silver was not in attendance. (EXAMINER PHOTO | SHARYN KOPF)

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ABE MARTIN



"Tipton Bud has a joke on his wife. She thinks he's losin' his hearin'."

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

Domestic incident leads to burglary charge

Cody Maynard, 33, of Troy, was arrested by officers of the Bellefontaine Police Department Wednesday, Sept. 24, following a domestic incident on the city's west side at 12:58 p.m.

According to the report, the victim called police after Maynard illegally entered the home of his estranged wife in what he reported was an attempt to remove his belongings, having not lived at the residence for the past two months.

Maynard reportedly forced his way in to the house through the front door, and again forced his way into a bedroom, pushing the victim on both occasions.

The defendant was standing in the front yard of the home when police arrived and after questioning both Maynard and the victim, officers arrested Maynard on the charge of burglary. No injuries to the victim were noted in the report.

Following his arrest, Maynard was transported to the Logan County Jail without further incident.

SEE YOU AT THE POLE



Calvary Christian School students and staff joined pupils around the globe in the See You at the Pole gathering Wednesday morning, Sept. 24. The group prayed not only for their school, but also for the community and nation. "Moments like these remind us that prayer unites us and strengthens the way we support one another. What a gift it is to lift up our school, community and nation together," CCS officials said. (CCS PHOTO)



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PARENTS: Wes and Molly Hall

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS: Golf, Basketball, Baseball, Key Club, National Honor Society, Student United Way, Choir, 2nd Team CBC Basketball, Golf Sportsmanship Award, Honda Academic Breakfast Award

If I were principal for a day: I would take students to Cedar Point for the day.

Favorite school memory: My favorite memory is winning the Volleyball Tournament and the DodgeBall Tournament before Thanksgiving and Christmas break.

People who have inspired me include: I'm inspired by parents, my coaches and my teachers.

Lately I've been reading: I do not read in my free time.

My advice to parents: My advice to parents is to let your kids explore different hobbies and interests when they are younger. Do not force anything on them if they do not enjoy or show interest in them.

My biggest regret: I regret not playing golf in my youth.

Next year I will be: attending an undecided college studying Accounting.



EVIE WAGNER

PARENTS: Kyle and Kelly Wagner

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS: Track, Swim, Cross Country, Meistersingers/Vocal Jazz, NHS, Key Club, SADD, Musical, Science Club, CBC Scholar Athlete, Student Council

If I were principal for a day: I would set up an ice cream bar with every single topping imaginable for the students and teachers.

Favorite school memory: My favorite memory is eating lunch with all of my friends Sophomore year.

People who have inspired me include: I'm inspired by family and my best friend, Augusta.

Lately I've been reading: "The Alchemist"

My advice to parents: Support your kids through the good and bad times.

My biggest regret: I have no regrets.

Next year I will be: Attending an undecided college, majoring in Zoology or Communications.

LOCAL NOTES

Last Thursday meal served tonight

The First United Methodist Church, 201 N. Main St., serves the free last Thursday meal from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. tonight, Sept. 25.

The menu includes chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, vegetable and dessert.

Tri-Valley Fire District Levy Committee hosts information session

Citizens for the Tri-Valley Fire District Levy Committee hosts a levy informational session from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, at the fire house, 2568 Sandusky St., Zanesfield.

"Our hope is to provide an opportunity for residents to ask questions and for us to provide information to any residents of Jefferson Township, Zanesfield or Valley Hi," committee members said regarding the meeting.

The Tri-Valley Fire District has proposed a 4.5-mill renewal operating levy that appears on the November ballot.

Mary Rutan Foundation Wellness Grant applications being accepted

Applications are now being accepted for the 2025-2026 Mary Rutan Foundation Community Wellness Grant program.

The purpose of the grant program is to foster community partnerships in the promotion and support of a healthier Logan County, by addressing areas of health-related risk and need in the community.

To address these concerns, youth mental health and youth healthy living were selected as the focus areas for grant requests ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 during the 2025-2026 grant cycle.

Applications and all required documentation must be submitted by midnight Oct. 8. The application may be accessed on the Mary Rutan Health website at www.maryrutan.org/forms and must be submitted electronically.

Questions regarding the grant or qualification guidelines may be directed to Mary Rutan Foundation at (937) 599-7003 or via email at tammy.gump@maryrutan.org.

McCoy convicted by jury on drug, weapons charges

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

A Logan County jury convicted Russell McCoy Thursday, Sept. 25, of aggravated possession of drugs, a felony of the third degree, with a one-year firearm specification, improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle, a felony of the fourth degree, and having weapons under disability, a felony of the third degree.

The firearm specification mandates at least a one-year prison term.

July 30, 2024, McCoy was arrested after a Logan County Sheriff's deputy noticed him traveling on U.S. Route 33 near Lakeview at a speed that exceeded the speed

limit. McCoy testified he was returning to his home in Indiana from Columbus to celebrate his birthday.

Law enforcement found 5 grams of methamphetamine in the car and two handguns. They found a Taurus GX charm on his key chain. One of the handguns was a Taurus GX.

The state was represented by Logan County Assistant Prosecutors Nathan Yohey and Nick Williams. McCoy was represented by defense attorney Veronica Armstrong of Bellefontaine.

The court scheduled a sentencing hearing for Nov. 7.

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LOGAN COUNTY BEAT

SHERIFF & HIGHWAY PATROL

Driver escapes submerged vehicle after crashing into pond

Deputies of the Logan County Sheriff's Office report an Enon man was able to escape from his submerged vehicle after he reportedly crashed into a pond at 6619 County Road 29 Wednesday morning, Sept. 24.

The driver, Reese W. Williams, 20, was transported by Macochee EMS to Urbana Mercy Hospital for treatment of suspected minor injuries, deputies report.

Williams reportedly was operating an eastbound 2015 Chevrolet Malibu on C.R. 29 about 6 a.m. when he went off the left side of the road on a curve, striking the ditch and continued over the driveway at the property and into the pond.

Deputies said after Williams freed himself from the submerged car and then swam to the shore as emergency responders arrived on scene. Damage was heavy to the car, which was towed from the scene.

The driver was cited for failure to control.

• Martin L. Bledsoe, 31, of Lima, also was cited for failure to control related to a single-vehicle non-injury crash Thursday evening, Sept. 25, on U.S. Route 33.

Deputies report he was operating a 2017 Kia Sorento in Zane Township about 6:50 p.m. when he lost control from water on the roadway and went off the right side of the road and struck a fence.

He was wearing his seat belt. Damage was moderate to

the sport utility vehicle, which was towed from the scene.

OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Crash sends 4 to hospital

A two-vehicle, minor injury crash about 12:10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, at the intersection of U.S. Route 33 and County Road 57 resulted in four people being transported to an area hospital.

Troopers of the Marysville Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol report that Christopher Zickefoose, 40, of Bellefontaine, was driving a northeastbound 2010 Chevrolet Equinox on C.R. 57 and stopped at the stop sign at U.S. 33. He then attempted to cross the highway, but failed to yield to westbound traffic on U.S. 33 and was struck by a 2022 Honda CR-V.

Zickefoose was transported by Lakeview EMS, while the Honda's driver, Jacob Hausch, 27, of Pickerington, was taken by Huntsville EMS, each with minor injuries to Lima Memorial Hospital.

Passengers in the Honda, Emily Hausch, and her infant daughter were transported by Bellefontaine EMS to Lima Memorial Hospital. The mother reportedly had minor injuries and her baby, who was properly secured in a rear-facing child safety seat, was not injured.

All adult vehicle occupants were wearing seat belts.

Zickefoose was cited for failure to yield at a stop sign.

OBITUARIES

Carol Keller

Carol Keller, 81, of Bellefontaine passed away unexpectedly on Friday, September 26, 2025, at Mary Rutan Hospital. She was born in West Mansfield, Ohio on May 28, 1944, to the late Robert Henry and Iola Marie (Butcher) Small. She is also preceded in death by her infant daughter, Beth Renee, her sister, Marcia Thornton and a nephew, Richard Thornton.



She is survived by her children: Tamara Keller and John Michael Keller; sister, Judy Voss, many nieces and nephews; and her cats: Gracie, Ebony, and Pepper, whom she loved dearly.

Carol retired from the Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities after 26 years. She loved coloring pictures, scrolling on Facebook and watching the Cleveland Browns.

A funeral service will be conducted for Carol on Wednesday, October 1, at 11 a.m. at the Eichholtz Daring and Sanford Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 321 N. Main St., Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311. Visitation will be held one hour prior from 10 to 11 a.m. Burial will follow the service in Greenlawn Cemetery, West Mansfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Logan County Cancer Society c/o Mary Rutan Foundations, 205 Palmer Avenue, Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311.

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

Sandra Kay Stahler

Sandra Kay Stahler, 81, of Rushsylvania passed away surrounded by her family on Friday, September 19, 2025. She was born on November 12, 1943, in Bellefontaine, Ohio.

She is survived by her sons: Michael J. (Rebecca) Cook, Donald W. (Kristin) Cook, and Eric B. (Domini) Cook; grandchildren: Harley Cook, Timothy (Julia) Cook,



Aaron (Rachel) Cook, Brian Cook, Naomi (Jacob) Young, Madhuri Cook, Blake Foster, Brad (Candy) Foster, Tyler (Kya) McReynolds, Darrell (Leah) Davis, Ryan and Moriah; great grandchildren: Bellamy, Bryan, Ozzy, Aurora, James, Lizzy, Chelsea, Kim, Riley, Reed, Rory, Arlo, Silas, and Ellie. She is preceded in death by her parents: Roy and Clara (Fay) Westfall; her son, Ralph Roy "Rob" Cook; her sister, Earlena Westfall and her brother, Earl Fay.

Sandy graduated from Harriet Whitney Vocational High School in Toledo, Ohio and was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 2563, Bellefontaine. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, baking, and listening to music. She was a joy to be around, had a great sense of humor and loved to laugh.

Visitation for Sandy will be Thursday, October 2, 2025, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Eichholtz & Daring Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 321 N Main Street, Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311.

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

Wall Street rises and snaps out of its 3-day losing streak

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks climbed Friday and trimmed their losses for the week after a report showed that inflation is behaving roughly as economists expected, even if it's still high.

The S&P 500 rose 0.6% and broke its three-day losing streak. The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 299 points, or 0.7%, and the Nasdaq composite added 0.4%. All three indexes pulled closer to the all-time highs they set at the start of the week.

Stocks got some help from a report showing that inflation in the United States accelerated to 2.7% last month from 2.6% in July, according to the measure of

prices that the Federal Reserve likes to use. While that's above the Fed's 2% target, and it's more painful than any household would like, it was precisely what economists had forecast.

That offered some hope that the Fed could continue cutting interest rates in order to give the economy a boost. That's critical for Wall Street because it's already sent U.S. stocks on a blistering run to records from a low in April in large part because of expectations for a string of rate cuts.

Without such cuts, growing criticism that stock prices have become too expensive by rising too quickly would become even more powerful.

Voter registration deadline is Oct. 6

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Those who plan to exercise their right to vote in the Nov. 4 General Election must be registered to vote at least 30 days before the election. The deadline to register with the Board of Elections is Monday, Oct. 6.

In addition, anyone who has moved since they last voted and has not done a change of address with the Board of Elections should do so by the same deadline.

Registration forms are available at the Logan County Board of Elections, 225 S. Main St., Bellefontaine, where regular business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

In addition, the Logan County Board of Elections hosts special voter registration hours from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 6.

Online voter registration is available at www.myohiovote.com.

voter qualifications

To vote in the Nov. 4 General Election:

- Must be a U.S. citizen;
- Must be a resident of Ohio for 30 days before the election;
- Must register to vote 30 days before the election; and
- Must turn 18 years old on or before Nov. 4.

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three they want.

A limit to the amount of sugar in products has presented the cafeteria staff with a difficulty.

"It's a problem for us trying to find items that meet that [new standard] and that kids will eat," Heaston said. "We've had to get creative."

Those limits include no more than 12 grams of added sugars per six-ounce service of yogurt and no more than 10 grams of added sugars per eight fluid ounces of flavored milk.

But one of the biggest challenges is the requirement to buy mostly American-made products, meaning no more than 5 percent of non-domestic food purchases. In addition, schools are expected to reduce their sodium levels by 15 percent by fiscal year 2028.

As for numbers, the dis-

trict saw a 77 percent increase in the number of students buying breakfast last year and a 15 percent increase in lunch meals.

Unfortunately, according to Heaston, "This is the first year we've really had poultry problems due to the bird flu."

As a result, many places will have difficulty buying turkeys for Thanksgiving. This won't be a problem for OHP, though, since they were able to purchase what they needed over the summer.

"We don't know what changes are coming down the road," Heaston concluded. "They say the guideline is going from 168 pages to five, and we don't know what that means."

Heaston also updated the board on the Business Resource Center, which, he said, is a little easier to report on as it only employs three staff members.

Challenges there include

curriculum changes and outdated supplier support. On the positive side, they renewed their contract with Honda for another three years and have continued to maintain a positive cash balance.

Administrative Updates

Sept. 18, a successful active school shooter drill was conducted at the school, as detailed previously in the Examiner. Superintendent Rick Smith said they are still putting together the final survey on the event.

Once again, the school honored the Sloan family's contributions to the career center, which includes over \$12 million in donations, at a celebration on Sept. 25. Some of the people who work at the Sloan investment firm flew in from Boston to participate.

Plans to open a Community Health and Wellness clinic have been delayed until at least next

year, Richardson said.

"It will take more conversations and collaborations to determine the next step, including what funding will look like."

In the meantime, the space intended for the clinic will still be renovated for use as an on-site testing center. Smith attended a ConneCT professional development and network event in Tiffin on Sept. 19. He also reported on the Needs Assessment for Perkins lab, which he described as the most productive meeting he's attended toward improving the Perkins process.

Richardson reported on a CRA agreement with the village of Lakeview regarding an abatement.

Overall, though campus enrollment is down slightly this year, satellite student numbers are the highest yet.

Officials also highlighted the district's five-star rating on their latest state report card.

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receiving. A Bureau of Workers Compensation Safety Grant was received, and this allowed for the purchase of six new sets of turnout gear.

Additionally, efforts are continually being made to restore the bridge on west Columbus Street, near the old high school.

Previously, the biggest concerns for the bridge's repair was the funding. However in 2024, the State of Ohio granted the village \$1.265 million for its repair through the "One Time Strategic Fund."

Now, the challenge for the restoration is the easement, or the allowance, that is needed from The Heritage Company to begin the work.

Heritage owns the

properties that support the bridge on each side and the railroad tracks underneath. The company is worried that the bridge will fall on their tracks during the bridge's improvements. This could cause damage to the tracks while also halting product transportation for their company.

West Liberty Village Administrator Richard Ford has asked to speak to the board of Heritage at their next meeting. Certain insurance policies and procedures that could be put in place might allow the company and their board members some ease with their worries.

"If we put in these protective measures, I am hopeful that they will listen," Ford said. "I am thankful that the CEO is willing to present all of our information to the

board if they do not allow me to speak. They are a very generous organization, and I hope they give us a fair shot with an agreement that protects their interests."

The current monies from the state are due to expire in June of 2026. These funds can be reapplied for if there is a need for the village to do so. The council remains determined to find a way to restore the bridge.

The Pink Out event in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month is planned for Oct 8 in the village.

West Liberty's Village Council has approved a change to meeting once a month starting in October — the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. The next meetings are Oct. 21, Nov. 18 and Dec. 16.

Humberto intensifies to a major hurricane

MIAMI (AP) — Humberto has roared to a major Category 3 hurricane and is expected to gain even more strength over the next couple of days. The National Hurricane Center in Miami said Friday that Hurricane Humberto had maximum sustained winds

of 115 mph. It was centered about 430 miles northeast of the northern Leeward Islands. Forecasters say Humberto could produce life-threatening surf and rip currents for the northern Leeward Islands, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Bermuda over the weekend.

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Chieftains earn CBC win over Kenton Ridge

BY MIKE FRANK
EXAMINER SPORTS EDITOR

A fight to the finish went the Chieftains' way. Bellefontaine battled its way to a 23-21 win over Kenton Ridge on Friday night, making it a happy Homecoming celebration in Central Buckeye Conference Kenton Trail football.

The teams traded scores to begin the contest, then did so again in the early part of the second. A short run by Carter Caudill put the Chiefs back in front with five minutes to go in the half. The try for two was no good, leaving them up by six, 20-14.

It stayed that way until early in the fourth when the Cougars scored and went back up.

Bellefontaine powered its way down the field, getting a field goal by Kaiden Foulk with just over five minutes to go, then made a final defensive stop.

The Chieftains are 1-0 in league play and back even overall at 3-3.

"I'm so proud of our players for their grit, determination and their effort," said Bellefontaine coach Jason Brown. "What an exciting high school football game this was, and it was back and forth. Our kids answered



COUGARS	7	7	0	7	-	21
CHIEFS	7	13	0	3	-	23

TEAM STATS	KR	BFN
First Downs	16	17
Total Net Yards	337	359
Rushes/Yards	31/157	38/178
Passing Yards	180	181
Comp-Att-Int./TDs	13-20-0/2	15-24-0/1
Punts/avg.	1/32.0	2/30.5
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	0-0
Penalties/Yards	10/86	10/84

the bell every time, and when we needed to make plays tonight, we made them."

Caudill had 29 carries for 182 yards with two touchdowns, coming from 3 and 4 yards out respectively.

Reign St. Clair completed 15 of 24 passes for 181 yards on the night.

Spencer Stolly had 10 catches for 100 yards, including a 52 yard touchdown reception.

For Kenton Ridge (0-1 CBC, 4-2 overall), Brody Runkle had 26 carries for 148 yards.

Julian Daniels was 10 of 15 for 148 yards. He was injured near the end of the third quarter.

Bryndyn Parsons was 3 of 5 for 32 yards. Each had one pass picked off.

Bellefontaine received the opening kickoff. They got one first down, then



Spencer Stolly of Bellefontaine (#2) gets in position for a catch in the first quarter against Kenton Ridge's Xavier White. Stolly scored on the play. (EXAMINER PHOTO | TONY BARRETT)

faced fourth-and-short from their own 40. St. Clair's pass was picked off by Xavier White of Kenton Ridge.

The Cougars started at their own 46, with a long completion to Caleb Hall, followed by a 10-yard toss to Aidan Pennington, then a catch and run by Hall for the final 17 yards with 8:38 to play in the first.

Bellefontaine started its second drive at the 20. After a few small gains, an 11-yard pass to Caudill got them near midfield. St. Clair then dropped back and fired deep over the middle to find Spencer Stolly 1-on-1 with a Cougars defender around the 10 yard line. Stolly made the grab and got across the goal line with 5:46 to play. Foulk's PAT tied the score at 7.

The next Cougars drive was short, with Sutton Daring picking off a pass at midfield.

After being sacked to start the drive, St. Clair moved the chains with a 21-yard throw to Daring to reach the Cougars' 33. From there, it was all the ground game with five

runs by Caudill and one by Bryant Carter.

On the first play of the second, Caudill burst through for the score and Foulk's kick made it 14-7.

The Cougars set up the 32 after the kickoff. They moved to midfield with a catch by Pennington. Runkle took it for seven, four and then another long run. A penalty for a chop block on Bellefontaine put KR at the 10.

Three runs left them at the 2. Daniel tossed a pop pass over to Brennan Shaffer with eight minutes left and the PAT got things square at 14.

St. Clair converted a third down early in the ensuing drive with a 15-yard throw to Patrick Stolly. After a solid run by Caudill and a flag on Kenton Ridge, St. Clair hit Spencer Stolly for 13 yards.

Kenton Ridge held on the next three plays, but the Chiefs kept it alive with a 13-yard pass to Spencer Stolly. Two plays later, Caudill went around the right end for a 4-yard score with 5:07 to go.

The team lined up for

the PAT, but the Cougars were called for encroachment. On the conversion attempt, St. Clair was stopped short, leaving it at 20-14.

Kenton Ridge had it for four plays before a backwards pass was fumbled and recovered by Foulk.

Bellefontaine's final drive of the first half was helped on a couple of occasions by big penalties on the Cougars. They would drive down to the 9 yard line, then St. Clair was stopped for a loss on fourth down.

The teams exchanged punts, the first ones of the game, to begin the third period.

Kenton Ridge started at its own 36. They moved the chains a couple of times and got into Chiefs territory, before another fumble on a pitch. The stalemate continued with another punt by Bellefontaine.

A few plays into the Cougars' drive, Daniels was shaken up on a run and replaced by Parsons. He threw to Jamison King for eight yards, then Runkle pulled off a weaving run for 35 yards down

to the Chiefs' 21. The period ended with an 8-yard throw to Caleb Hall.

After changing ends, Bellefontaine made two stops. On fourth down, they came across early, giving Kenton Ridge new life. Three plays later, Parsons ran it in with 10:04 left in the contest. The point-after by Parker Lefel put the visitors ahead 21-20.

Caudill got things going with a 17-yard gain on the first play of the ensuing drive. He had a couple short runs, then a 15-yard gain to the KR 23, to move the sticks. A holding call on Kenton Ridge got them to the 11.

Caudill ran three more times. The last saw him suffer an injury. He was taken out and would not return to action.

The Chieftains sent in Foulk for the 24-yard field goal, and he drilled it with 5:19 on the clock.

A big return by the Cougars started them at their own 48, and Runkle gained 14 yards on first down. After another run, a holding call moved them back. Parsons connected with King for 16 yards and a first down at the 27.

Runkle ran three times for a total of 17 yards. Parsons then went for a pass, but Patrick Stolly grabbed it and got all the way to the 39 before being pulled down.

The Chieftains picked up one first down, then took a knee to run out the final seconds.

Brown praised the work of the coaches and the support from the fans. "I'm so grateful to our community for supporting us on Homecoming night. You know, we could feel their energy tonight, and it was a big change in momentum, and they got involved and really helped our team feed off what they were giving us."

Bellefontaine will take on London next Friday at home.



Reign St. Clair throws a pass as a lineman blocks Kenton Ridge's Joe North. (EXAMINER PHOTO | TONY BARRETT)

Pirates run to victory over Bethel Friday night

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Riverside made it three wins for the three area teams celebrating Homecoming on Friday, as they held off Bethel 21-16 in Three Rivers Conference football.

The Pirates got the first score of the game on a 1-yard run by Tony Robinson with 10:16 to play, and Camden Shoe's PAT made it 7-0.

Bethel answered with a 31-yard field goal with

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BRYCE HODGE
Riverside head coach

6:40 to play, making it 7-3 at the half.



RIVERSIDE 21, BETHEL 16

BEES	0	3	7	6	-	16
PIRATES	0	7	14	0	-	21

TEAM STATS	BET	RIV
First Downs	15	17
Total Net Yards	311	257
Rushes/Yards	30/213	47/237
Passing Yards	128	20
Comp-Att-Int./TDs	9-12-1/0	2-3-0/0
Punts/avg.	1/38.0	2/50.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties/Yards	9/77	5/53

Gunner Carpenter had a 4-yard run with 6:18 to go in the third. The Pirates went for two, but did not get it.

The Bees then had a big 86-yard run by Lucas Truman and the PAT was good, making it 14-10.

It took Riverside just under two minutes to respond, with Robinson going in from the 9-yard line with 3:08 to play. Brody Orsborne ran it in for the conversion, and

giving the hosts a double-digit lead at 21-10.

The Bees got a 3-yard run by Truman with nine minutes left. The conversion failed and the Pirates held on from there.

Riverside head coach Bryce Hodge said, "I'm excited for the kids. We got better blocking up front and ran the ball like we wanted to. We did it more efficiently."

He noted that while they allowed some big

plays, "we got stops when we need. I'm proud of the guys and how they responded."

Carpenter had 17 carries for 107 yards, Robinson had 18 for 92 and Dylan Trimble ran seven times for 17 yards.

Orsborne completed two passes, both to Carston Bell, for 20 yards.

Riverside is now 2-1 in the TRC and 3-3 overall. They will host Northridge next week.

Tigers dominate Fairbanks for Homecoming victory

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

West Liberty-Salem got a dominant win on Friday, shutting out visiting Fairbanks 42-0 for a Homecoming victory in Ohio Heritage Conference football.

The Tigers scored three times in the second, and once in each of the other periods.

Corbin Wallace had a 1-yard run with 9 1/2 minutes to go in the first period.

In the second quarter, Beckett Sullivan threw three touchdown passes. The first was to Carson Poppe for six yards with 8:30 to go, the second was for 30 yards to Wallace at 5:36, and the



Corbin Wallace dodges around a would-be tackler and uses a block to gain yardage during Friday's game against Fairbanks. (EXAMINER PHOTO | DAVID BOWDEN)

last was a 60-yarder to Isaac Sertell with just over a minute left.

Sullivan tossed touchdown number four for 46 yards to Reese Oeder with just over two minutes gone by in the third quarter.

With the rest of the game played under a running clock, the Tigers' final score came on a 4-yard run by Zade Bielecki with 3 1/2 minutes remaining in the fourth.

Sullivan completed 10 of his 13 attempts for 218 yards. Three catches were to Sertell for 107 yards, and four went to Oeder for 73.

The ground game was split between Silas Krabill (10 runs for 52) and Wallace (14 runs for 44).

The Tigers outgained Fairbanks 363 to 111 on the night.

Carson Shope of the Panthers ran 11 times for 43 yards. Bryson Griffith was 5 of 13 for 18 yards passing.

West Liberty-Salem (1-0 OHC, 4-2 overall) plays at Northeastern next Friday.

WL-SALEM 42, FAIRBANKS 0

PANTHERS	0	0	0	0	-	0
TIGERS	7	21	7	7	-	42

TEAM STATS	FAIR	WL-S
First Downs	5	11
Total Net Yards	111	363
Rushes/Yards	27/93	32/145
Passing Yards	18	218
Comp-Att-Int./TDs	5-13-0/0	10-13-0/4
Punts/avg.	7/26.6	1/32.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-2
Penalties/Yards	3/30	2/15

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Lakers grind out tough road win over North Union

RICHWOOD — Indian Lake used a fourth-quarter score to get a 17-14 win over host North Union in Central Buckeye Conference Mad River football on Friday. Each team scored a touchdown in the first, with the Lakers adding a field goal in the second for a 10-7 halftime lead. The Wildcats took the lead with a score in the third, then the Lakers got what proved to be the winner on a run by Noah Shirk early in the fourth.

Brady Golliday completed 12 of 19 passes for 100 yards, with one touchdown and one interception. He also ran 18 times for 90 yards. Noah Shirk carried it 21 times for 148 yards, and scored once.

Colin Bendler had six catches for 59 yards, and Brodey Reisinger had five grabs for 35.

Nickolas Hajjar threw a 44-yard touchdown to Dainon Lindsey with 7:52



Noah Shirk rushes during first quarter action from Friday night. (EXAMINER PHOTO | JAMIE ROSS)

to go in the first period to take the initial lead.

Golliday connected with Bendler on a 34-yard pass with 2:39 left, and Pequinot hit the PAT to tie it.

The only points of the second came from Pequinot, with a 35-yard field goal with 5:42 to go.

North Union seized the lead with 2:53 left in

the third on a 29-yard run by Griffin Osborne and PAT by Greyson Bledsoe.

The Lakers then drove and Shirk scored on a 12-yard run with 10:46 left. Pequinot hit the point after, with the defense making it stand up from that point.

Indian Lake (1-0 CBC, 4-2 overall) will host Shawnee next Friday,

which is also Homecoming.

Indian Lake 17, North Union 14

LAKERS	7	3	0	7	17
WILDCATS	7	0	7	0	14

TEAM STATS	IL	NU
First Downs	17	8
Total Net Yards	346	193
Rushes/Yards	40/246	35/110
Passing Yards	100	83
Comp-Att-TDs-Int./TDs	12-19-1/1	4-8-1/0
Punts/avg.	2/32.5	1/43.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties/Yards	7/57	3/22

Raiders come up short against Graham

ST. PARIS — Benjamin Logan lost to Graham 26-21 on the road in CBC Mad River division play on Friday.

Graham got the first score of the game in the opening quarter.

The Raiders tied it in the second quarter, then Graham answered to go ahead 14-7.

Ben Logan scored again to make it 14-all at the half. Graham scored but did not get the conversion in the third quarter.

Ben Logan got a touchdown and PAT to lead 21-20, but the Falcons were able to score one more time to pull out the win.

“We made too many mistakes in the first half,” said Coach Paul Jenne. “We had our chances and didn’t take advantage of it.”

Wyatt Predmore completed 2 of 3 passes for 25 yards. Adam Tinsman came in after Predmore was injured and threw for 82 yards, completing eight of his nine throws.

Predmore ran 17 times for 23 yards, and Tinsman 18 for 29.

Alex Hassell had four carries for 22 yards rushing and three catches for 28 yards, scoring all three touchdowns for the Raiders.

Diesel Baughman carried it 16 times for 94 yards, and Jordan Pender had three runs for 14 yards.

Andrew Frederick, Brandon Heater and Cayden Brown had two catches apiece.

Ben Logan (0-1 CBC, 3-3 overall) will celebrate Homecoming next Friday as they take on North Union.



Former local players reach college milestones

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

A pair of area players hit milestones for the Bluffton University volleyball team recently.

Jenna Woods, a senior opposite hitter from Riverside, reached 1,000 career kills in a road match against Trine on Sept. 23.

She recorded 21 kills and hit .240 for the match.

Gabby Williams, a senior setter and graduate of West Liberty-Salem, had 46 assists in the match, which Trine won in four sets. She passed 1,000 assists for her career. Last season, she had 50 assists in the program’s 1,000th win.

Woods and Williams were also teammates in club and travel volleyball before playing for the Beavers.

A third member of the team, libero Emma Organ has reached 1,000 digs for her career.

Sophomore **Madison Brentlinger** of Indian Lake is an outside hitter for the team.

Bluffton is 7-10 overall on the season. They will host the Sommer Center Spiketacular this weekend. Other teams will be Adrian College, Baldwin Wallace University, University of Olivet, Hanover College and Heidelberg University.

Bluffton is a Division III program and plays in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Jenna Woods, pictured right, celebrates her 1,000th kill recently with Gabby Williams, her Bluffton teammate who also passed 1,000 assists in her college career. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)



MLB PLAYOFF CHASE

Reds overtake Mets for NL’s 3rd wild-card spot by beating Brewers 3-1

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Gavin Lux hit two doubles and scored the go-ahead run as the Cincinnati Reds defeated the Milwaukee Brewers 3-1, overtaking the New York Mets for the third National League wild-card spot. Cincinnati’s win and New York’s 6-2 loss to Miami enabled the Reds to tie the Mets in the standings. However, the Reds — vying for their first postseason berth since 2020 — own the head-to-head tiebreaker over the Mets. The Reds handed a rare loss to Quinn Priester after he had set a Brewers record by winning 12 straight decisions.

Guardians remain tied in the AL Central after 7-3 loss to Rangers

CLEVELAND (AP) —



Alejandro Osuna hit a three-run homer in the first, rookie Jack Leiter matched a career high with 10 strikeouts and the Texas Rangers beat Cleveland 7-3 on Friday night. The Guardians (86-74) remained tied with Detroit for the AL Central lead after the Boston Red Sox rallied for a 4-3 victory over the Tigers. The Guardians still have a magic number of two — wins and/or Houston losses — to clinch a postseason spot. If Cleveland and Detroit end up tied after Sunday’s games, the Guardians would win the AL Central due to an 8-5 advantage in the season series and host a Wild Card Series starting Tuesday.

THURSDAY NIGHTS PREP SPORTS ACTION

Lady Raiders fall to Northwestern

SPRINGFIELD — Benjamin Logan lost to host Northwestern in three sets on Thursday in Central Buckeye Conference volleyball play.

The Warriors won by scores of 25-18, 25-23 and 25-20.

Ben Logan’s Abby Vance had 11 kills, and Summer Cline had eight. Georgia Daniels had five kills, Annika Chappell four and Caroline Spriggs two. Marlee Butcher recorded two aces and Kylie Harner had 26 assists.

Ben Logan (2-4 CBC, 5-12 overall) will host Graham on Tuesday.

Indian Lake 3, Shawnee 1

SPRINGFIELD — Indian Lake defeated host Shawnee in

ROUNDUP

four sets, 22-25, 25-13, 25-21 and 30-28, in CBC play.

Cami Bailey Had 15 kills and three aces, Courtney Altstaetter had 12 kills and two blocks and Annie Rapp had eight kills and three blocks, Alivia Kinney had three kills, three blocks and two aces, and Kit Miller had seven kills and one ace.

Rapp had 18 digs, Riley Ross 17, Bailey 13 and Addison Beck 11. Addy Roby had 41 assists.

The junior varsity team won 25-19, 25-8 and the freshman team won 25-8, 25-9.

Indian Lake is now 7-0 in the CBC and 14-2 overall. They

will host North Union on Tuesday.

Troy Christian 3, Riverside 0

Riverside lost to Troy Christian at home in three sets, 25-10, 25-16 and 25-19 in a Three Rivers Conference match.

Zoey Ransbottom had seven assists and seven digs. Kara Klingler had four assists, two aces and six digs. Miah Carman had eight digs and six kills, and Emilee Robinson had seven digs.

The junior varsity team lost 25-23, 25-19.

Riverside (2-8 TRC, 2-14 overall) plays Fairlawn today at 10 a.m. and Lehman Catholic on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Spartan boys shut out Fairlawn

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The Calvary Christian boys soccer team defeated Fairlawn 8-0 in a Western Ohio Soccer League match on Thursday.

Trent Comer had two goals and one assist, and Nehemiah Dillon had one goal and two assists.

Also scoring were Tanner Hurley, Evan Schmidt, and Brett Gildow, Elijah Navarro and Sam Mihoci.

Kole Gantz had two assists, with one each by Cohen McDonald, Cale Buchenroth and Schmidt.

Calvary Christian is now 6-6-1 on the season. They are 1-2-1 in the Metro Buckeye Conference and 3-2 in the WOSL.

They are off until Oct. 2 when they will play at Spencerville at 6:45 p.m.



junior high

VOLLEYBALL

WEST LIBERTY-SALEM

West Liberty-Salem got a split of matches with Northeastern on Wednesday.

The eighth grade team won 25-11, 25-21. They had 21 kills, eight aces, 24 digs and 18 assists.

The seventh grade team lost 25-18, 23-25, 25-4. They had 26 kills, six aces, 51 digs and 24 assists.

BELLEFONTAINE

Bellefontaine lost matches to Jonathan Alder on Wednesday.

The eighth grade team

fell 25-19, 25-11.

Brooklyn Muck had three aces and was 7-of-7 serving.

Alexis Hogan had four assists and four digs, Gianna Davis nine digs, and Ellijana Bosiljavec and Brookelyn Oaks five digs each. Others contributing were Jazmin Nelson, Alejandra Mergote, Amanda Moran, Ellie Irick, and Kennedy Hairston.

The seventh grade team lost 25-11, 25-16.

Alivia Rogan had five kills, while Braelyn Neer and Arianna Rumer had four digs each. Also contributing were Skylar Phan,

Sirinity Holt, Marianna Castano Infante, Me’lah Conklin, Charley Frazier and Marissa Oaks.

RIVERSIDE

Riverside lost matches to Lehman Catholic.

In the eighth grade match, Lillian Jackson had six points with one ace, Bella Robinson had two points and two digs, Sofia Butler three points with two aces. Izzy Hudson and Aliya Salo also contributed.

For the seventh grade, Kinsley Crawford, Paloma Quixan, Gracie Poppe, and Bella Beaty all had two points each. Also contributing were Bella Shultz, Ruth

Morrison and Bella Monnin.

Ben Logan splits with Indian Lake

Ben Logan and Indian Lake split matches on Wednesday.

Indian Lake won the eighth grade match 25-16, 18-25, 26-24. Ben Logan had 12 kills, 11 assists, 12 aces and 20 digs.

Ben Logan won the eighth grade contest 25-22, 12-25, 25-23. The Raiders had 12 aces, 10 kills, four assists and 39 digs.

FOOTBALL

Benjamin Logan tops

Shawnee

The Ben Logan eighth grade football team defeated Shawnee 32-14 on Tuesday.

Nevada Coleman had 22 carries for 218 yards and two touchdowns rushing, and also a 36-yard touchdown catch.

Brayden Sims had seven carries for 35 yards, and Stone Angles four times for 12 yards and two touchdowns. Lucas Long completed 3 of 7 passes for 42 yards.

On defense, Anson Nichols had nine tackles (two for losses), Stone Angles had five (one for

loss), Chance Coldiron had a sack. Gavin Vermillion forced a fumble and recovered it, and Sims made an interception.

The seventh grade team won 32-0. Carter Crumm had four touchdowns, with 15 carries for 223 yards rushing. Bexley Ruble had three runs for 57 yards, and Brayden Ramos had three carries for 24.

Defensively, Bryson Greiner and Crumm each had seven tackles; Bentley Lewis, Archer Stratton and Bentley Hatmaker had four apiece; and Marshall Elliott made a sack and forced a fumble.

CYCLING

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PTSD and TBI.”
Team Chivington is currently working to raise funds for the Ohio Warriors Sled Hockey Team, which offers veterans an enjoyable, therapeutic outlet and camaraderie on the ice. The fundraising supports the hockey team’s rental time on the ice, along with their travel to play other teams in the league.

The Ohio Warriors Hockey Program is an affiliate of the USA Warriors Ice Hockey Program, which have been organized for disabled veterans who served in defense of the United States.

At Chivington’s last World Ultra Cycling attempt, members from the Ohio Warriors Sled Hockey Team came to cheer him on from the sidelines.

“We’ve made some wonderful friends through this organization and it’s an enjoyable partnership,” he noted.

The endurance athlete said supporting the organization is a way that he and his wife, Amber, and their family can give back after their own personal experiences. The couple’s oldest

“There have been so many people who were there for us, and now this is our chance that we can help other families and other veterans.”

DOUG CHIVINGTON

son was injured by an IED while on a tour of duty in Iraq during 2006, and he required “quite a bit of rehab after that,” Chivington said.

“So many people helped our family during that time, from providing airfare to hotels and even getting sports tickets for my son to give him something to look forward to as well.

“There have been so many people who were there for us, and now this is our chance that we can help other families and other veterans.”

For the recent World Ultra Cycling Association record in Michigan, his wife Amber and friend Alan Kingsbery, a 1976 Olympian and 1975 Pan American athlete, accompanied Chivington to assist as his



Team Chivington members gather around the Ohio Warriors Sled Hockey Team. (TEAM CHIVINGTON PHOTO)

crew. Kingsbery served as the World Ultra Cycling Association official for the ride as well.

The cyclist started his race day in Muskegon, Mich., and navigated through five construction zones throughout the day. His 206-mile ride concluded in Port Sanilac Harbor, but not without a big obstacle at the very end.

“Nine miles from the finish in the last construction zone, a bridge was out and

the detour suggested were on secondary roads that was dirt and gravel, not ideal for a road bike,” Chivington said, noting that he’d likely have a flat tire if he attempted the gravel route.

Fortunately, he had completed a recon trip about a month prior to the record attempt, and received some expert advice from a construction crew member.

“He said, ‘Just take the foot bridge,’ so I did,” he explained. “On race day in

my bike shoes, I threw my bike on my shoulder, went down the embankment, crossed the foot bridge and climbed out of the creek bank. From there I had a 100-yard jog across grass back to the road.”

It’s an exhilarating experience to finish the 206-mile ride in record time, but also requires an acute mental focus throughout the day.

“I try not to think about the whole thing or the finish line when I’m getting started. You want to break it down

and focus on one section at a time, and make sure you’re eating and drinking right.”

Next up, Chivington will be heading to the World Ultra Cycling Championships in November in Palm Springs, Calif., where he’s looking forward to completing world time trials and continuing his mission to uplift veterans and raise awareness.

Donation information for the Ohio Warriors Hockey Team is available on the Team Chivington’s Facebook page.



Alan Kingsbery, left, and Amber Chivington, right, joined Doug Chivington as his crew members for the Michigan race. (TEAM CHIVINGTON PHOTO)

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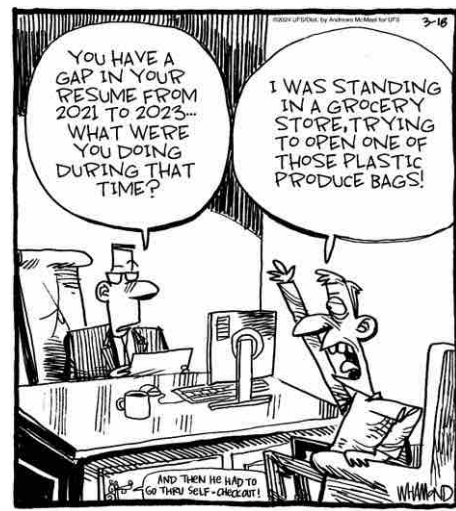
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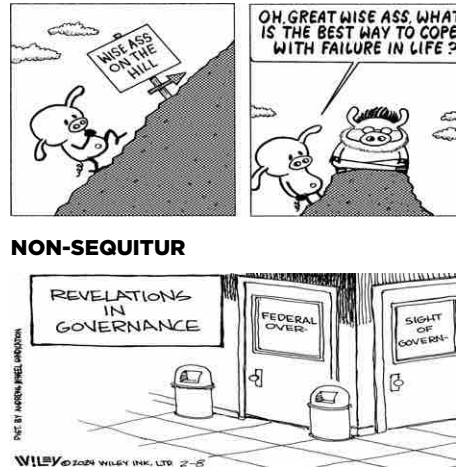
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ROYAL STARS | FROM KING FEATURES SYNDICATE By Georgia Nicols

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025:
 *** Dynamic, fearless, determined and perceptive. You have a strong sense of justice. Take inventory of your life this year to do some internal and external housecleaning. It’s the end of a cycle, which means let go people, places and things that have held you back. Clear the decks to get ready for your future!

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 great day for a day trip. If possible, travel to get a change of scenery. (You’re always up for this because Aries is the pioneer of the zodiac). Be a tourist in your own town. Sign up for a course. Learn something new. Or if you prefer, just take it easy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 *** This is a pleasant day to socialize — enjoy the arts, sports events, the theater, restaurants and hotels. All of these activities will please you. You’ll also enjoy being involved in children’s activities and anything sports related — participating or viewing — your choice. Tonight: Check banking details.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 *** Today the Moon is in a sign that is directly opposite from your sign, which means you have to accommodate others. Just go along to get along. Cooperate with loved ones, partners and spouses in order to have an easygoing, laid-back day. Partying and socializing will definitely appeal to you.

Tonight: Genuinely listen.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 *** Although this is an easygoing day, some of you will nevertheless want to work to get a lot done. (Naturally, some of you have to work at your job.) However, because there’s a laid-back vibe today, you can be low-key. But sports events will be aggressive and competitive. Tonight: Get organized.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 *** This is the perfect day to please yourself. Stay at home and relax, or go out and mingle. Either way, you’ll be happy. In fact, with both the Sun and Mercury in your Third House, short trips and a chance to meet new faces will please you. Tonight: Be social.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 *** With Venus in your sign now, you’ll enjoy schmoozing with others. However, today in particular, the placement of the Moon means you’ll be very happy to relax at home with good food and drink, and your favorite book or TV show. Tonight: Cocoon.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 *** This is the perfect day to take it easy. You’ll enjoy chatting with friends, because although you want to relax, you also want to chat with someone and feel the stimulation of interesting conversation. (This will happen, because with the Sun in your sign, you attract people to you right now.) Tonight: Converse and learn.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 *** Today you’re like the king “in his counting house” — counting out his money. Certainly, you’re thinking about earnings, cash flow and even your possessions. Nevertheless, this is a laid-back day, which promotes lounging at home or casual good times with friends. Tonight: Check your assets.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 *** Today the Moon is in your sign, which means things will tend to go your way. (Your luck is a bit better than the luck of the other signs.) You certainly will enjoy schmoozing with friends, especially because you make a great impression on others at this time. Have fun! Tonight: You’re in charge.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 *** Most signs will enjoy lounging about today. You might be an extreme example, because ideally, you want to hide. You value your privacy today. You want to take it easy and not be bothered. However, if involved with friends and groups, ironically, you’ll be competitive. Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 *** Friendships are important to you, which is why this is the perfect day to schmooze with others. (Lucky Aquarians are travelling with a friend.) Romance is also favored today. Relations with someone special are particularly affectionate. Tonight: Be friendly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 *** You’re high-viz today, which is unusual, because most of you will prefer to relax at home. Either way, something will call attention to you. Meanwhile, all your relations with others are warm and reassuring. Lucky you! Tonight: Be modest.

BORN TODAY
ACTRESS Jenna Ortega (2002), actress, entrepreneur, singer-songwriter (1972), musician, singer-songwriter (1972), Bachman (1943)

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LEGALS

Monday, October 13th, no later than 10:00 A.M. (Local Time) at 116 North Everett Street, Bellefontaine, OH 43311. The RFQ and related documents may be obtained by emailing jjones@lcmha.com Questions concerning this RFQ may be directed to Josh Jones at jjones@lcmha.com
Sept. 27; Oct. 4, 2025

LEGAL NOTICE
The Bokescreek Township Trustees have moved their next regularly scheduled meeting to

LEGALS

October 15, 2025, at 7:30.
Jennifer Wright,
Fiscal Officer
Sept. 27, 2025

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS
Washington Township Trustees are holding a Special Meeting on Tuesday, September 30, 2025 at 8:00 AM.
Topics of discussion are:
-vote on which roads to pave
- vote on which roads to chip seal

LEGALS

- review chip seal bids
- update and discuss ball park court case
- road department personnel

All meetings are held at the Washington Township Hall, 7464 CR 91, Lewistown, OH and the public is welcome to attend.
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FRIDAY NIGHT

bellefontaine examiner sports presents



Carter Caudill of Bellefontaine runs with the ball as Kaiden Foulk (#3) makes a block during Friday's game against Kenton Ridge. (TONY BARRETT)



Caleb Sechrest (#7) and Patrick Stolly (#18) combined to tackle Brody Runkle of Kenton Ridge. Also pictured is Braelin Saxton (#58). (TONY BARRETT)



Carson Poppe of West Liberty-Salem makes a one-handed catch as Fairbanks' Reid Phelps defends on the play. (EXAMINER PHOTO | DAVID BOWDEN)



Brady Golliday looks for running room Friday night during the Lakers victory over North Union. (EXAMINER PHOTO | JAMIE ROSS)

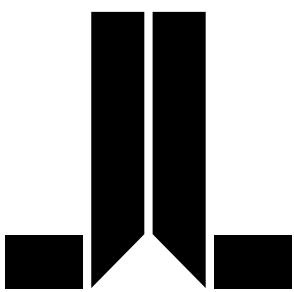


Jake Lauck kicks an extra point for West Liberty-Salem. Lauck was also named Homecoming king. (EXAMINER PHOTO | DAVID BOWDEN)



Sutton Daring of the Chieftains hauls in a pass during Friday's win over Kenton Ridge. (TONY BARRETT)

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