



The Village News

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Mayor Jill C. McKelvey

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Scammers are like viruses: They continually evolve in response to the latest news and trends, using them for new ways to separate us from our cash. Americans ages 18-24 fell victim to fake check and money order scams, whereas Americans 65 and older were most commonly victims of tech support scams. To help educate and protect residents, the Village will be hosting "How to Know What When You Are Being Scammed" on March 20 at 6 pm at Green Hills Foundation Hall. The Presentation will be by Shawn Suter owner of Your Hometown Tech. This event is free and open to the entire community. Green Hills may require mask for audience participants that do not live at Green Hills.

Topics to discuss: a) How to spot online scams and spam accounts including phone scams; b) What to do if you have been scammed; c) The most common types of scams currently: Payday Loan Scams, One-Time Password Bot Scams, IRS or Government Imposter Scams, Charitable Donations Scams, Phishing Emails, and the Grandparent Scams. Shawn will also answer audience questions. If you would like more information please contact the Village Office at 937.465.2716

Mayor Jill

March Business Anniversaries:

Logan Lawn And Landscaping

Congratulations !



Clerk's Corner

Municipal Tax packets: for those with earned income, are available at the Town Hall Office and the Library. If you have **NO EARNED** income, an Individual Declaration of Exemption form needs to be filled out and sent every year. These can be found online at ritaohio.com Form 10A or stop at the town hall and pick up a form.

Village Alert System: If you are signed up but not receiving these alerts, or have **not** signed up, please call the Village office 937-465-2716 for this free service. You can choose to be notified by home phone, text or e-mail. This will keep you updated on snow removal, leaf collection, street work, street sweeping, changes in trash collection, recycling and other important events going on in the Village.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 24th & 25th West Liberty's Annual Spring Open Houses

April 1st Enjoy Lions Club Pancakes with the Easter Bunny
Lions Club Pancake Breakfast 7:00-11:00am at the W. Liberty Firehouse

The Easter Bunny will then be available for photos in the Gazebo from 9:00-11:00AM

April 2nd Easter Egg Hunt at Lions Park.
3:00 PM 5th grade and under.
Children will be grouped by age.



Trent Spriggs Council Member

With spring being around the corner, I'm sure many of us are happy that high heating bills will soon drop with higher temperatures! After aggregation passed on the last ballot, we have been checking off all of the boxes necessary to be able to get the aggregation going and the savings for the residents of West Liberty starting!

We are currently on step three of the aggregation process! There's a lot going on behind the scenes like collecting all of the paperwork needed and getting bids from suppliers that's needed to get the aggregation going! Here's what you can expect!

Around the middle of March beginning of April you will receive an opt out letter. If the rate the aggregation receives is higher than your current rate for gas, electric or both you can simply opt out of the aggregation. The great thing about aggregation is you can opt in or out at anytime! So if you opt out and your rate changes, you are able to opt in! As we wait for these letters to be sent, remember if you are in a current contract with a supplier we are unable to send you an opt out letter! Please watch the sign at city hall for any news or updates on the aggregation.

After these opt out letters are sent and returned, it will not take long to get the aggregation started if we can see savings with it, which we believe we will. We anticipate the aggregation starting in May or June!

We have noticed a lot of residents are receiving calls or solicitation from gas and electric suppliers about switching now to save money! You are more than welcome to do that if it saves you money but please make sure to ask if there's a cancellation policy before agreeing to it! If there is a cancellation policy, you would have to pay that before you would be able to join the aggregation! The calls or solicitors you receive now, are not from the aggregation!

If you have any questions you can email me at t.spriggs@mywestliberty.com and I'll do my best to answer them for you!

Trent Spriggs West Liberty Village Council

West Liberty Historical Society Event

Historical Society Annual Meeting Thursday March 9, 4PM

Thank you to those who sponsored our Valentine's Fundraising Gala in support of the Opera House Stage: People's Savings and Loan, Link Construction, Mad River Market, Marie's Candies, Sweetie Pies, Thrivent and others who made a donation. Special Thanks to our Band, Victorious Kay Birds from Columbus and our Caterer, Vic's Country Cookin, who were able to reschedule to February from New Year's Eve. And finally thank you to all who attended, we hope you had a fun evening and look forward to many more events in the Opera House. If you would like to support the purchase of stage lighting and curtains please contact the West Liberty Historical Society.

Darin Leach WL Fire Department

March has arrived, and with that, hopefully, Spring. It also brings the time change in which we will spring forward. We want to remind all residents to change your batteries in smoke and CO2 detectors when you change your clocks. Working smoke detectors have been proven to save lives. If you do not have a working smoke detector, please get in touch with the fire department and we will assist in providing a smoke detector to you at no charge.

The number one cause of fire related deaths in Ohio in 2022 was due to individuals smoking while on oxygen. We want to remind residents that smoking and breathing on oxygen do not mix. While we know we cannot convince anyone to quit smoking if they do not choose to on their own, we would ask that if you are breathing on oxygen, please take the O2 canula off, shut down the machine or bottle, and go to a different room or better yet, outside if you want to light up. The room that you sit in while on oxygen is saturated and can also catch fire easily.

Darin Leach
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Fun facts about March

National Craft Month

Women's History Month

National Reading Month

Disability Awareness Month

World Wildlife Day March 03

St Patrick's Day March 17

1st day of Spring March 20

International Day of Forests March 21



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Article written and submitted by Brenda Snyder, WLBA Secretary

We would like to congratulate our 2023 March West Liberty Business of the Month Winner, Logan Lawn & Landscaping. Logan Lawn & Landscaping is owned by West Liberty native, Jake Vitt. Jake recently “retired” from WLS Schools as the Athletic Director after 20 years. He is on his 25th year of driving a school bus for WLS and recently took on an interim position as the transportation supervisor.

Jake started mowing yards in 1990 when he was still in Jr. High. Now he hires 8 full time employees as well as 10-12 summer positions. His business started in his parents garage, then moved to a rented garage owned by Vivian Dodge. After that, he moved to a barn that John Detwiler allowed him to operate out of and finally moved to his current location at 8193 US 68 South, West Liberty, Ohio. He credits all of those individuals with aiding in the success of his business through their generosity. Jake recalls his first ever customers were lifelong West Liberty residents June and Joyce Hostetler, who both just recently passed away. They supported him for many years! He says he is very thankful for the customers that have stuck with him year in and year out and that means a lot to him! “West Liberty is a small community, but my business would not make it without them!” says Vitt.

Logan Lawn & Landscaping now offers all lawn maintenance services including fertilization, landscape maintenance, and design, Spring and Fall clean up, hardscape, and snow removal. They also offer the residents of West Liberty an added service in which they will pick up and take care of hauling all of their lawn waste away, so they don’t have to set it along their curb in buckets for the street department to pick up. Jake always loves to hear customers comment on the work ethic of his employees and the way they take pride in their work and make it personal. He has no set hours but works long days in the busy months.

Something unique that Jake offers is that he sponsors a float in the West Liberty Labor Day parade every year and has since 1995. The parade watchers always look forward to seeing the new designs and ideas for the floats every year. Jake says there is a big change coming for 2023 so be on the lookout!

Jake is very involved in the West Liberty community. He is a member of the West Liberty Business Association, and active member of the West Liberty Lions Club, and enjoys taking care of the downtown flower pots and landscaping around the town hall and the Welcome to West Liberty signs. Jake is also a member of the West Liberty Fire Department as well as a Trustee for Liberty Township. His hobbies include watching sports events, going on walks or runs with his dogs, working in his yard, or visiting Florida.

One of his favorite things is that so much can be established by word of mouth. Jakes says “If you do good work, people talk. You can spend all the money you want on advertising, signs, etc., but if you do a bad job, people will tell 3 or 4 people and that news travels fast. If you do good work, people see that or hear about it, and will find ways to hire you. People in West Liberty, for the most part, have each other’s backs and want them to succeed so they will help refer you and keep you busy.”

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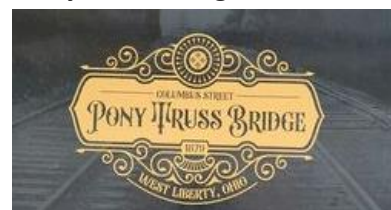
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