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### **Lake County Celebrates the Lake County Captains: Midwest League Champions!**

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, September 23, 2024– The Lake County Commissioners are thrilled to announce that the Lake County Captains have won their second Midwest League title in franchise history! The Captains (77-53) triumphed over the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers (77-54) with a 9-4 victory on Wednesday at Classic Auto Group Park, marking a sensational conclusion to an exciting championship series.

After falling short in Game 1 of the 2024 Midwest League Championship Series, the Captains rallied to win the final two games of the best-of-three set at home, clinching the series 2-1. The dramatic victory was propelled by a remarkable five-run bottom of the sixth inning, highlighted by key contributions from MLB prospects including RF Jonah Advincula, SS Angel Genao, and 1B Ralphy Velazquez.

To honor this remarkable achievement and to celebrate the team’s incredible journey, the Lake County Courthouse will be lit blue, starting September 23, 2024, and continuing throughout the rest of the month.

"As a community, we celebrate not only the success of the Captains but also the spirit of teamwork and sportsmanship they represent," said Lake County Commissioner President, John T. Plecnik. "This illumination of the Courthouse is a symbolic gesture of our pride and support for the team and our commitment to fostering community spirit."

Commissioner Richard J. Regovich declared, "The Captains’ championship win is a testament to the talented athletes and coaches who have worked tirelessly this season. Their dedication inspires us all, and we hope this celebration shines a light on their hard work and determination."

Commissioner John R. Hamercheck also remarked, "Community events like this bring us together. We encourage everyone to enjoy the illuminated Courthouse and reflect on the remarkable achievements of the Captains. Let's come together as a community to support our team and enjoy the festivities this month brings!"

The Lake County Captains’ impressive performance throughout the season serves as a reminder that hard work and perseverance lead to success. We invite everyone to join us as we celebrate together and provide our Captains with the recognition they deserve!

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