



STANDING OUT AT STATE

Chiefs' Brown and Maus earn all-Ohio honors; WL-S squads place fourth



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Early voting sets record in Logan County

Polling locations, hours detailed for today

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The long-awaited General Election Day is here, and in Logan County, numerous voters have already cast their votes during early voting hours offered by the Logan County Board of Elections.

Deputy Director Adam Brannon said the county set records for its early voting this fall. "We ended this election's early voting period with more in-office voters than ever before. 13,194 Logan County voters voted at our office this election, that is more voters than



voted in some entire past countywide elections," he said this week via Facebook.

"My estimate for the total turnout for this election for Logan County is 77.92 percent of all regis-

tered voters with a range of 73.83 percent to 84.47 percent. That would be between 23,868 & 27,309 total votes."

For voters heading to the polls today, Nov. 5, their polling places can be found below. Hours are 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The Logan County Board of Elections website, www.boe.ohio.gov/logan, also has a search tool available for voters to type in their address and then

be directed to their polling location.

Logan County polling locations are as follows:

- BELLE CENTER, RICHLAND TOWNSHIP - American Legion Hall, 615 N. Center St., Belle Center.
- BELLEFONTAINE ALL WARDS - Bellefontaine High School, 555 E. Lake Ave.
- BOKESCREEK TOWNSHIP, WEST MANSFIELD, JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

NORTH AND SOUTH, RUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP - Benjamin Logan Middle School, 4626 County Road 26, Bellefontaine.

- DEGRAFF, QUINCY/MIAMI TOWNSHIP, PLEASANT TOWNSHIP, UNION TOWNSHIP - Riverside Local Schools 2096 S. County Road 24, DeGraff, use the north entrance.

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YEAR CAN'T END FAST ENOUGH

Picking up the pieces



Former Logan County family's home struck by semi Sunday



BY TJ HUBBARD
EXAMINER PUBLISHER/GM

ROUNDHEAD — Gerrick Hawkins, and his mother, Tricia Hawkins, have had a rough year.

Gerrick, 28, was renting a trailer with a roommate at Frontier Cottages in Lakeview when the March 14 tornado

Gerrick Hawkins, right, and his mother, Tricia Hawkins stand in her front yard preparing to pick up debris from an accident that had occurred to their property. (EXAMINER PHOTO | TJ HUBBARD)



Accident that occurred on Sunday, Nov. 3 to Tricia's home in Roundhead and the remains in Lakeview after the March tornado of Gerrick's home.

destroyed it and damaged two of his vehicles, forcing him to move in with his mother at her home in the 16000 block of State Route 117 north of Roundhead.

The 2015 Indian Lake High School graduate was struck in the head with a door and then by a couch before being sucked out of the trailer during the tornado. Miraculously, he was not seriously injured as a result.

Early in the year, the family lost a beloved pitbull mix dog, Maximus.

More recently, Gerrick had a friend

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Jury sees video of subway chokehold that led to veteran Daniel Penny's manslaughter trial

BY JENNIFER PELTZ
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP) — Jurors saw video Monday of Daniel Penny gripping a man around the neck on a New York City subway train as another passenger beseeched the Marine veteran to let go.

Two videos shot by bystanders — one a high school student, the other a freelance journalist — offered the anonymous jury its first direct view of the chokehold at the heart of the manslaughter trial surrounding Jordan Neely's 2023 death.

Prosecutors say the student's video has never been made public before. Jurors also saw what prosecutors said was a fuller version of Mexican freelance journalist Juan Alberto Vázquez's video, part of which he'd posted on social media and was widely seen.

A member of Neely's family held his head in his hands and then left the courtroom as Vázquez's video was replayed on big screens.

Prosecutors say Penny, 25, recklessly killed Neely, who was homeless and mentally ill. He had frightened passengers on the train with angry statements that some riders found threatening.

Penny has pleaded not guilty. His lawyers say he was defending himself and his fellow passengers, stepping up in one of the volatile moments that New York straphangers dread but most shy away from confronting.

Neely, 30, known to some subway riders for doing Michael Jackson impersonations, had mental health and drug problems. His family has said his life unraveled after his mother was murdered when he was a teenager and he testified at the trial that led to her boyfriend's conviction.

He crossed paths with Penny — an architecture stu-

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Many retailers offer 'returnless refunds.' Just don't expect them to talk much about it

BY HALELUYA HADERO
AP BUSINESS WRITER

It's one of the most under-publicized policies of some of the biggest U.S. retailers: sometimes they give customers full refunds and let them keep unwanted items too.

Returnless refunds are a tool that more retailers are using to keep online shoppers happy and to reduce shipping fees, processing time and other ballooning costs from returned products.

Companies such as Amazon, Walmart and Target have decided some items are not worth the cost or hassle of getting back. Think a \$20 T-shirt that might cost \$30 in shipping and handling to recover. There are also single-use items, such as a package of plastic straws, that might be difficult to resell or medicines that could be unsafe to market again.

Analysts say the companies offering returnless refunds do it somewhat sporadically, typically reserving the option for low-cost objects or ones with limited resale value. But some online shoppers said they've also been allowed to keep more pricey products.

Dalya Harel, 48, received a return-free refund recently after ordering a desk from Amazon that cost roughly \$300. When the desk arrived, she noticed it was missing some key pieces and would be impossible



People return items purchased online at an Amazon counter inside a Kohl's department store in Clifton, New Jersey, on September 3, 2021. (AP PHOTO/TED SHAFFREY, FILE)

to put together, Harel said. She couldn't request a replacement and have it within a reasonable time for the office of her New York lice detection removal service because the item was out of stock.

Harel, who routinely buys towels and other products from Amazon for her business, said her team reached out to the company's customer service line. She was pleasantly surprised to hear she would get a refund without having to

send back the desk.

"That's one less headache to deal with," Harel said. "It was really nice for us to not have to make an extra trip up to the post office."

She used the desk pieces to create makeshift shelves in her office in Brooklyn.

A mysterious process

While the retail practice of letting customers keep merchandise and get their

money back is not exactly a trade secret, the way it works is shrouded in mystery. Companies are not keen to publicize the circumstances in which they issue returnless refunds due to concerns over the potential for return fraud.

Even if brands don't provide details about such policies on their websites, returnless refunds are expanding in at least some retail corners.

Amazon, which industry experts say has engaged in the practice for years, announced in August that it would extend the option to the third-party sellers who drive most of the sales on the e-commerce giant's platform. Under the program, sellers who use the company's fulfillment services in the U.S. could choose to offer customers a traditional refund for purchases under \$75 along with no obligation to return what they ordered.

Amazon did not immediately respond to questions about how the program works. But publicly, it has pitched returnless refunds more directly to international sellers and those who offer cheaper goods. Items sold in an upcoming section of Amazon's website, which will allow U.S. shoppers to buy low-cost goods shipped directly from China, will also be eligible for returnless refunds, according to documents seen by The Associated Press.

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"Holdin' home together is a career enough fer a dozen women."

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

LOGAN COUNTY BEAT SHERIFF & HIGHWAY PATROL

Possible injuries in U.S. 33 crash

Deputies of the Logan County Sheriff's Office responded to a two-vehicle crash about that occurred about 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30, in the eastbound lanes of U.S. Route 33 near State Route 292.

Patric Dallace, 19, of Kenton, was driving an eastbound 2004 Ford Explorer on U.S. 33 and attempted to merge into the right lane when his vehicle struck an eastbound 2022 Jeep

Compass. Dallace sustained possible injuries and was transported by Tri-Valley EMS to Mary Rutan Hospital. He was not wearing a seat belt, according to reports.

The Jeep's driver, Samatha Horsley, 33, of Bellefontaine, was not injured. She was wearing a seat belt. The vehicles each reportedly sustained minor damage and the Explorer was later towed from the scene by a private vehicle.

FROM THE WEEKEND

DRIVERS IDENTIFIED IN FIERY CRASH ON U.S. 33

BY EXAMINER STAFF REPORTS

Impaired driving is a suspected contributing factor in a serious crash that occurred around 1:30 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 2, in the area of westbound U.S. Route 33 near State Route 540 that left both drivers critically injured, deputies from the Logan County Sheriff's Office report.

Chloe Gross, 18, of Huntsville, was transported by Medflight to Grant Medical Center after she was mechanically extracted from the 2023 white Honda Civic she was operating westbound along U.S. Route 33 near S.R. 540.

Emily Olvera, 28, of North Lewisburg, is listed in stable condition after she was transported by Medflight helicopter to Grant Medical Center. She was also charged with wrong-way driving after she was reportedly traveling eastbound in the westbound lanes of U.S. 33 in a 2019 black Honda CR-V.

First responders from Tri-Valley Fire and EMS told law enforcement they could smell the odor of alcohol coming from Olvera when they responded to the scene. Her SUV was on fire when they arrived and EMS personnel pulled her from the vehicle. First responders also told deputies that Olvera was uncooperative during their medical treatment and refused a blood draw for fear of consequences, according to the crash report.

Deputies were dispatched to that area on a report of a wrong-way driver in the westbound lanes of U.S. 33. Three minutes later there was a report of a vehicle collision with one of the vehicles on fire in the median near the State Route 540 exit. It was reported the occupant of the vehicle on fire, Olvera, was still inside.

The vehicle Gross was driving came to rest near the exit



(EXAMINER PHOTOS | T.J. HUBBARD) landed on the

ramp at S.R. 50. Gross was traveling westbound in the left lane along U.S. 33 when she was struck head-on, deputies report.

A vehicle traveling in the area westbound on U.S. 33 about the same time the crash occurred took evasive action to avoid the crash scene and spun out. Its occupants were not injured and no damage was reported to the vehicle.

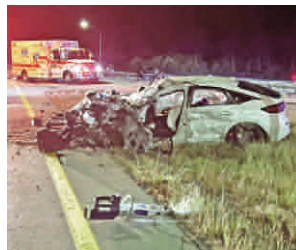
ORIGINAL STORY

Two people were flown to a Columbus hospital following a two-vehicle crash about 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, on the westbound lanes of U.S. Route 33 near the State Route 540 exit ramp.

A black sport utility vehicle was overturned onto its side and was on fire in the grassy median between the east- and westbound lanes of U.S. 33 just east of the S.R. 540 exit when firefighters arrived to extinguish the blaze. The SUV's female driver was being treated by emergency personnel in the median area just west of the vehicle. It is unclear if she was ejected from the vehicle.

The female driver of a heavily damaged white car that came to rest near the S.R. 540 exit ramp sign was trapped and had to be mechanically extricated from the vehicle.

Two medical helicopters



westbound lanes of U.S. 33 and transported the two injured drivers separately to Grant Medical Center. The extent of their injuries was not immediately available.

Deputies of the Logan County Sheriff's Office said they responded to the crash on a report of a wrong-way driver on U.S. 33.

A third vehicle may have crashed or been damaged either attempting to avoid the initial crash or the large amount of vehicle debris on the westbound lanes of U.S. 33 that resulted from it. Deputies were assisted by Bellefontaine Fire and EMS, Tri-Valley EMS, and Bellefontaine police. A crash investigation team was also called to the scene.

Traffic in the eastbound lanes of U.S. 33 was delayed for about an hour. The westbound lanes remained closed as of 4 a.m. Saturday, and are expected to be closed for "some time," deputies report. The crash remains under investigation.

Boeing machinists hold contract vote that could end their 7-week strike

BY DAVID KOENIG ASSOCIATED PRESS

Unionized factory workers at Boeing were voting Monday whether to accept a contract offer or to continue their strike, which has lasted more than seven weeks and shut down production of most Boeing passenger planes.

A vote to ratify the contract on the eve of Election Day would clear the way for a major U.S. manufacturer and government contractor to resume airplane production. If members of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers vote for a third time to reject Boeing's offer, it would plunge the aerospace giant into further financial peril and uncertainty.

In its latest proposed contract, Boeing is offering pay raises of 38% over four years plus ratification and productivity bonuses. IAM District 751, which represents Boeing workers in the Pacific Northwest, endorsed the proposal, which is slightly more generous than one the machinists voted down nearly two weeks ago.

"It is time for our members to lock in these gains

and confidently declare victory," the district leaders said in scheduling Monday's vote. "We believe asking members to stay on strike longer wouldn't be right as we have achieved so much success."

Union officials said they think they have gotten all they can through negotiations and a strike, and that if the current proposal is rejected, future offers from Boeing might be worse. They expect to announce the result of the vote late Monday.

Boeing says average annual pay for machinists is \$75,608 and would rise to \$119,309 in four years under the current offer.

Pensions were a key issue for workers who rejected the company's previous offers in September and October. In its new offer, Boeing did not meet their demand to restore a pension plan that was frozen nearly a decade ago.

If machinists ratify the contract now on the table, they would return to work by Nov. 12, according to the union.

The strike began Sept. 13 with an overwhelming 94.6% rejection of Boeing's

offer to raise pay by 25% over four years — far less than the union's original demand for 40% wage increases over three years.

Machinists voted down another offer — 35% raises over four years, and still no revival of pensions — on Oct. 23, the same day that Boeing reported a third-quarter loss of more than \$6 billion. However, the offer received 36% support, up from 5% for the mid-September proposal, making Boeing leaders believe they were close to a deal.

In addition to a slightly larger pay increases, the new proposal includes a \$12,000 contract ratification bonus, up from \$7,000 in the previous offer, and larger company contributions to employees' 401(k) retirement accounts.

Boeing also promises to build its next airline plane in the Seattle area. Union officials fear the company might withdraw the pledge if workers reject the new offer.

The strike drew the attention of the Biden administration. Acting Labor Secretary Julie Su intervened in the talks several times, including last week.

VOTING

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- HUNTSVILLE, MCARTHUR TOWNSHIP - Cornerstone Church, 6611 Fruit St., Huntsville.
- HARRISON TOWNSHIP, LAKE TOWNSHIP - Logan County Electric Cooperative, 1587 N. County Road 32, Bellefontaine.
- LAKEVIEW, RUSSELLS POINT, BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP, STOKES TOWNSHIP NORTH, SOUTHEAST AND WEST, AND WASHINGTON

TOWNSHIP NORTH AND SOUTH - Indian Lake High School auxiliary gym, 6210 N. State Route 235, Lewistown.

• LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, WEST LIBERTY - Adriel John L. Yoder Center, 500 N. Detroit St., West Liberty.

• MONROE TOWNSHIP, PERRY TOWNSHIP, ZANE TOWNSHIP - Transportation Research Center, Rhodes Conference Center, 10820 State Route 347, East Liberty.

ELECTION DAY MEALS

• **First United Presbyterian Church** — 117 N Main St., Bellefontaine, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Election Day Luncheon and Bazaar, meal options include chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes; Soup & Sandwich (BBQ or shredded chicken) plus, salad & pie. Dine in, pick up or delivery. Cost \$12/meal. www.bellefontainepres.com to order online



• **Philadelphia Lutheran Church** — 5506 Township Road 201, Bellefontaine, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, dine-in and carry-out available, orders of five meals or greater can be delivered; menu: shredded chicken or sloppy joe sandwiches, chili or potato soup, homemade pies; cost is donation.

• **Rushsylvania United Methodist Church** — 152 Rush St., Rushsylvania; chicken and noodle curbside pick-up supper, serving begins at 4:30 p.m., menu includes: chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, cinnamon applesauce, roll, assorted pies; all for a donation.

• **West Mansfield Methodist Church** — 212 E. Center St., West Mansfield; b 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5; shredded pork or shredded chicken sandwiches, soups: potato, broccoli, vegetable beef or chili, and desserts; free will donation; carry-outs available.

VETERANS DAY EVENTS

• **Benjamin Logan Schools** — Monday, Nov. 11; breakfast for local veterans at 8 a.m., followed by ceremony at 9 a.m., Benjamin Logan High School commons and auditorium; highlights include: Star-Spangled Banner performed by the high school chorale, "America the Beautiful" performed by high school chorale and seventh-, eighth-grade choir, "Do You Wanna Know Freedom" by the fourth-grade choir, "Armed Forces Salute" and "Taps" performed by high school band; event organized by BLHS Student Government; make reservations to hemmelgarnt@benjaminlogan.org with your name and the number of guests attending, or call the high school office at (937) 592-1666.

• **Indian Lake Schools** — 12:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11, Indian Lake area veterans and their guests are invited to a day of celebration and recognition at Indian Lake High School; a full lunch will be served, followed by an assembly; make reservations with your name, branch of service and guests who will be attending, no later than Nov. 4, you may call the school at (937) 686-8851 ext. 4215 or the high school office with your information.

• **Riverside Schools** — Monday, Nov. 11, annual Veterans Day Breakfast and Assembly, breakfast in the cafeteria starts at 8 a.m., followed by assembly in the gymnasium at 9 a.m.; guests are asked to park in the east parking lot by the high school gym, enter through the high school gym doors to sign in; musical performances and a guest speaker are planned; all veterans and their spouses are welcome.

• **Bellefontaine City Schools' Veterans Day Field of Honor** — Nov. 8-15, at Blue Jacket Park.

LOCAL NOTES

East Liberty Community Choir hosts Christmas cantata practices

The East Liberty Community Choir has begun its rehearsals for the annual Christmas cantata. Rehearsals take place every Sunday at 5 p.m. at the East Liberty Church of Christ, until the performance date, Dec. 22.

Anyone with the joy of singing and appreciation of music is invited to participate.

Craft show planned for Nov. 9

Wake Up the World Ministries' annual craft show takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, at the First Church of God, 1000 E. Brown Ave, Bellefontaine, featuring gift shopping opportunities and concessions.

One hundred percent of the amount collected from the vendor set-up fee goes toward buying Christmas gifts for children through Logan County Children's Services. Vendors can choose to donate additional funds if they wish, but it's not required.

Contact Heather at (937) 441-5168 or e-mail, kenzy32309@embarqmail.com.

BHS Academic Boosters Christmas wreaths

Bellefontaine High School's Academic Boosters Club annual Christmas Wreath sale is underway, with orders due Wednesday, Nov. 13.

Wreaths will be delivered to you free of charge on Wednesday, Nov. 20. All proceeds benefit BHS academic students.

To place an order or for more information, contact Angie Horvath at 593-0545 or horvath@bcs-k12.org.

Les Fons' Cabaret show set for Nov. 15, 16

Bellefontaine High School's showchoir, Les Fons, will present its annual Cabaret at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15 and Saturday, Nov. 16.

This year's theme is "The Sound of the 60's." The BMS Dazzlers will open the show on Friday, and Jr. Show Choir Academy from BIS will open on Saturday.

Tickets are \$5 online through the BCS box office, <https://www.bcs-k12.org/athletics/bcs-box-office>, or at the door.

Trial

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dent who'd served four years in the Marines — in a subway train on May 1, 2023.

Neely was homeless, broke, hungry, thirsty and so desperate he was willing to go to jail, he shouted at passengers who later recalled his statements to police.

He made high schooler Ivette Rosario so nervous that she thought she'd pass out, she testified Monday. She'd seen outbursts on subways before, "but not like that," she said.

"Because of the tone, I got pretty frightened, and I got scared of what was said," said Rosario, 19. She told jurors Neely was shouting in "an angry tone, like when you're fed up."

She said she looked downward, hoping the train would get to a station before anything else happened.

Then she heard the sound of someone falling, looked up and saw Neely on the floor, with Penny's arm around his neck.

The train soon stopped, and she got out but kept watching from the platform.

She would soon place one of the first 911 calls about what was happening. But first, her shaking hand pressed record on her phone.

She captured video of Penny on the floor — gripping Neely's head in the crook of his left arm, with his right hand atop Neely's head — and of an unseen bystander saying that Neely was dying and urging, "Let him go!"

Rosario said she didn't see Neely specifically address or approach anyone.

But according to the defense, Neely lurched toward a woman with a stroller and said he "will kill," and Penny felt he had to take action.

Prosecutors don't claim that Penny intended to kill, nor fault him for initially deciding to try to stop Neely's menacing behavior. But they say Penny went overboard by choking the man for about six minutes, even after passengers could exit the train, after two of them stayed and helped hold Neely down, and after he stopped moving for nearly a minute.

Oklahoma storms injure at least 11 and leave thousands without power

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Severe storms and tornadoes battered Oklahoma early Sunday, tossing cars and ripping roofs off buildings in the middle of the night and leaving tens of thousands of homes and businesses without power. Among numerous injuries, 11 people required hospitalization, authorities said.

Much of the damage was reported in and around the state capital of Oklahoma City, near the state's center, but also scattered elsewhere around the state. The early morning storms set off tornado warnings that extended south to the Arkansas state line. Heavy rains caused flash flooding in some areas and one lightning-sparked house fire was reported.

More than 99,000 Oklahoma homes and businesses lost power during the overnight storms. By late Sunday afternoon, that number was reduced to around 24,000. No fatalities had been reported.

Richard Thompson, forecast chief for the National Weather Service Storm Prediction Center in Oklahoma, said he believes six or more tornadoes hit the state overnight. Meanwhile, forecasters warned state residents to brace for more heavy rain and possible severe weather through Monday.

"We're not done with it yet," he said.

A tornado watch for much of the central and southeast part of Oklahoma was in effect until 8 p.m. Sunday. Other areas were under thunderstorm or flood watches.

In the town of Choctaw, east of Oklahoma City, firefighters and police officers went door to door Sunday morning to ask about injuries.

"It leveled a complete neighborhood in Choctaw,"

the town's mayor, Chad Allcox, told The Associated Press. He added that debris hindered search and rescue efforts. "Power lines are down everywhere ... a lot of the roads are blocked, hard to get through. Very large trees blocking roadways."

Oklahoma City Fire Department spokesman Scott Douglas told the AP that heavy rain and the lingering threat of tornadoes in the early morning darkness complicated early search and rescue efforts. He described a first sweep of hard-hit areas around 1:30 a.m.

"It was a heavy down-pour. We were trying to sweep the area with another possibility of a tornado coming through," he said. "So that was in the back of our minds, too."

Emergency workers had to free two people from an overturned mobile home, including a woman injured when an air conditioner landed on her leg, Douglas said.

The scale of the damage came into focus as daylight broke. Local television footage showed downed power lines, walls peeled off homes, overturned vehicles and neighborhood streets littered with debris.

Douglas said 11 people were transported to hospitals with injuries that were not life-threatening. "There were some other minor injuries, some walking wounded, that were going to get treatment on their own," Douglas said.

Allcox said early weather warnings and tornado sirens likely saved lives.

A handful of shelters — including one opened at a casino by the American Red Cross — are available for displaced residents or those without power, the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management said.

OBITUARIES

Bruce E. Bowling

Bruce E. Bowling 85, of Lakeview passed away Saturday November 2, 2024 at his home surrounded by his family and his loving Jesus.

He was born September 24, 1939 in Boyd County Kentucky, the son of Elgan and Pauline Bowling.

Bruce was the retired owner of Bowling Optical with over 25 years of service. He was a member of the Bellefontaine First Church of God, and was a very active Gospel singer, as well as a former Country and Western Entertainer.

Survivors include his wife, Jean; children Kim (Don) Henderson, Jim (Cherie) Bowling, Elizabeth Bowling, Beth Ryan, Tom (Kathy) Ryan; grandchildren Amanda (Lee), Heather (Eric), Casey, Tamara (Ian), Katherine, Braden and Devin; also by four great grandchildren; brother Bert Bowling; sisters Arbie Frank and Betty (Jay) Morrow.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Mary Alice and his son Randy Bowling.

Pastor Gary Brown will officiate a funeral service 1:00 PM Thursday November 7, 2024 at Jennings Farley & Seeley Funeral Home 5591 US Route 68 S. West Liberty, Ohio 43357.

Visitation will be from 10:00 AM until time of service. In Lieu of flowers contributions may be directed to the Bellefontaine First Church of God, 1000 East Brown Ave Bellefontaine, Ohio.

Joan Elizabeth (Brenneman) Thoman

On November 2, 2024, Joan Elizabeth (Brenneman) Thoman, of West Liberty, Ohio, at the age of 96, slipped from this world into her place in eternity with her Heavenly Father, joining her loved ones who had gone on before.

Joan was born on August 2, 1928, in Delphos, Ohio. She was the daughter of Herschel and Mary (Good) Brenneman. On July 31, 1949, she married Joe Emery Thoman, of West Liberty, who preceded her in death on September 24, 1999. She was also preceded in death by her step-mother Nettie Brenneman, a half brother, Carroll (Helen) Brenneman, sisters, Jeanette (Clair) Gossard, Charlotte Brenneman, and brother-in-law Richard (Helen) Thoman.

They were blessed with three children, Stan (Geneva) Thoman, Mary Jean (Dean) Horn, and Marilyn (Arlis) Gascho. Joan deeply loved and treasured her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren: Anthony (Ivy), Abbie, Josiah, Hannah, and Leah Thoman, James (Megan), Maggie, and Simon Thoman, Jeff (Kara), Kaelyn, Jonah, Kolby, Jackson, and Brendan Thoman, Jill (Chad), Josh and Ashton Carey, Daniel, Aurora Horn, Tim (Samantha),



Isabella and Makenzie Horn, Kristyn, John Loritsch, Lisa (Andy), Caleb, Braden, and Tyler Hershberger, LeAnn (Reed), Eli, Loralye, and Clara Jones, Andrew (Erika), Forrest and Logan Gascho. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Joan was a faithful follower of Jesus Christ and freely shared her faith with those around her. She was a member of Oak Grove Mennonite Church where she enjoyed singing, teaching, helping with Bible School, and serving in many other ways. She loved her church family, young and old, and enjoyed praying for them and encouraging them in their faith journey.

Joan loved hosting people in her home over an abundant table of food, laughter, and meaningful conversation. She was always ready to welcome new people into the community and help a stranger.

Joan and her husband Joe, along with Joe's brother Richard (Helen), started the family grocery store (Thoman's IGA) in 1951. She loved the people she served as she made hot lunches, and homemade deli and bakery items. She also found great joy in delivering groceries. She made lasting friendships with many shoppers from the community. She loved working with all the wonderful store employees, and they were truly family to her.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be given in Joan's memory to Oak Grove Mennonite Church, or Mennonite Disaster Service, or West Liberty Cares, all in care of Oak Grove Mennonite Church, 1525 Mennonite Church Rd, West Liberty, OH 43357.

The family will receive friends on Friday November 8, 2024, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the Oak Grove Mennonite Church, 1525 Mennonite Church Road, West Liberty. Pastor Alex Dye will officiate Joan's Celebration of Life Service on Saturday, November 9, 2024, at 5:00 PM at the Oak Grove Mennonite Church.

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

DEATH NOTICES

■ CHANEY, Mary Ellen, 89, of Huntsville, passed away Monday morning, March 11, 2024, at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. Pastor Jim Ellington will officiate Mary Ellen's memorial service on Sunday, November 10, 2024, at 3pm, at the Indian Lake Community Church, 120 N. Orchard Island Road, Russells Point, where the visitation will be held two hours prior to the service (casual attire requested). In her own words, Mary Ellen doesn't want any boo-hooing or crying, but to remember her and celebrate the life she lived. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Indian Lake Community Church, 120 N. Orchard Island Road, Russells Point, OH 43348.

Ohio sheriff's lieutenant apologizes for 'won't help Democrats' post, blames sleep medication

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio (AP) — An Ohio sheriff's patrol commander who declared on Facebook that he would not help Democrats and would require proof of who a person voted for before providing them aid has apologized, blaming prescribed sleep aids for causing his "out of character" actions.

Lt. John Rodgers, a 20-year veteran of the sheriff's office in Clark County, where Springfield is the county seat, made the statements in several posts on Facebook, WHIO-TV reported.

"I am sorry. If you support the Democrat Party I will not help you," Rodgers reportedly wrote in one post. Another said: "The problem is that I know which of you supports the Democratic Party and I will not help you survive the end of days."

The sheriff's office said Rodgers, who has commanded the department's road patrol, would remain on duty, with a written reprimand for violating the department's social media policy.

"We've been in this battle over the last few months, with the attacks on the Haitian community and other immigrants, and we protect people's rights and we don't support the conduct to the contrary," Mike

Young, the county's chief deputy, told the Springfield News-Sun. "I can't go back in time and take that post away; the lieutenant made the post and he has received consequences for that."

Former President Donald Trump, the Republican presidential nominee, and his running mate JD Vance, drew Springfield into the national spotlight with false claims — some made during a nationally televised presidential debate — that the city's Haitian immigrants were eating people's pet dogs and cats. Springfield is in southwestern Ohio between Columbus and Dayton.

Clark County Elections Director Jason Baker said Rodgers was not scheduled to be at the county elections board on Tuesday night, but that the sheriff's office is still planning to send other officers there to provide security during the election count.

"I think the public should still be safe, with the Clark County sheriff's department and the Springfield Police Department at work," he told The Associated Press. "We're all fighting for the same outcome, which is to have a peaceful day."

A sheriff's office statement said the posts do not reflect the office's mission and values.

"It is understood that while these comments are

highly inappropriate, they in no means reflect the Clark County Sheriff's Office delivery of service to ALL our community," the statement said. "The community has a right to be upset over the actions of Lt. Rodgers and he, as well as the Sheriff's Office in general, will have to work even harder to replenish the trust of members of our community."

Rodgers formally responded to the reprimand, writing in a letter in his personnel file that he does not recall writing the posts or taking them down, and was alerted to them when a coworker asked if he was OK, the Springfield News-Sun reported. Rodgers wrote that he did not find them on

his page when he searched for them and that the first time he saw them was during a meeting with a department official.

Rodgers said he sometimes takes a prescribed sleep aid that can cause him to send "out of character" texts, phone calls or other forms of communication as a side effect. The lieutenant said that as soon as he learned of the messages on Tuesday, he deactivated his Facebook account and stopped taking the medication, the newspaper reported.

Clark is not the only Ohio county dealing with controversial statements made by law enforcement officials on social media.

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Big Orange squads 4th at state cross country meet

BY MIKE FRANK
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O BETZ — It was another statement day for the West Liberty-Salem Big Orange cross country program here Saturday.

Both the boys and girls teams finished fourth, with the girls competing in Division III and the boys in Division II at the state cross country meet.

The Big Orange boys finished with 178 points.

The top placer was Caleb Larson in 10th place who ran the course in a school-record time of 15:41.35. He was followed by Asher Knox (20th, 15:46), Dylan King (40th, 16:12), Asher Cole (48th, 16:22), and Brayan Gullett (60th, 16:31). Rounding out the performances were Troy Bradley (92nd, 17:00) and Brevin Loudon (114th, 17:37). There were 178 runners in all.

Andrew Walton of Fairfield Union won the race (15:09), and helped lead the Falcons to the team title with 88 points. Lexington was second (123) and Woodridge (136) third.

"I'm more than pleased. That's our best 5K finish in Division II," said Big Orange boys coach Mike Loudon. "These guys all ran their best race of the season on the most important day of the season. To have a one through five, collective team effort like that is



Malia Miller, left, led West Liberty-Salem's girls cross country team with a ninth-place finish at the Division III state cross country meet Saturday. Caleb Larson, right, finished 10th to lead Big Orange boys team in the Division II race. (EXAMINER PHOTOS | MIKE FRANK)



pretty special."

He added that "this is my 19th year of coaching and this is the best conditions we've had by far. No wind, no rain, no snow, not muddy, pretty much ideal."

"These young men have continued to improve every single week all season long, and today, on the sport's biggest stage, we were able to raise our own level to fin-

ish fourth in an elite field," said Loudon.

"Caleb Larson was able to put together one of the best races I've witnessed as a coach," he said. "He meticulously moved up from 138th a quarter-mile into the race, to 76th by mile one, 39th at mile two and then capped it off with an amazing surge to finish 10th."

Larson broke the previous program record of

15:41.9 set by Dylan Lauck in 2020. Knox earned All-Ohio honors for the second straight year.

"Dylan King continued his outstanding junior season, racing his best career race. Asher Cole and Brayan Gullett, despite being freshmen, showed no nerves in their first state championship race and turned in phenomenal finishes. Troy Bradley ran a career-best to cap off his

fourth and final race at state. Brevin Loudon finished things off with one of his better races of the season."

The Big Orange had a meet record of 16-3 and an overall season record of 164-4.

The WL-S girls matched the boys team with their fourth-place effort in the Division III race.

Minster won its 17th

team title with 135 points, followed by Summit Country Day (140) and Rittman (144).

First to cross for West Liberty-Salem was Malia Miller (9th, 18:53), followed by Addi Wallen (11th, 18:58), Gwen McCullough (19th, 19:13), Mariska Smith (56th, 20:27) and Isla Leichty (69th, 20:43).

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Chiefs' Brown, Maus earn all-Ohio honors

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O BETZ — Bellefontaine's cross country teams were represented by their respective star runners here at the state meet Saturday, and both again rose to the occasion with sterling performances.

Sophomore Grace Brown was sensational with a sixth-place effort in the Division II girls race, while junior Hayden Maus ran a blistering time of 15:42 to place 15th in the Division II boys race. Both earned all-Ohio honors.

Brown dramatically improved in her second trip to the state meet. She finished 36th a year ago, and on Saturday, charged her way to a sixth-place finish.

Her time of 18:24 broke the school record she had previously set.

"I got boxed in pretty early, so I should have

went out harder, but coming back from last year is a huge accomplishment," said Brown. "We went to a lot of competitive meets so I think that really helped us in the postseason. I feel like we were well prepared."

BHS girls head coach Stacey Wilson was elated with the showing from her star sophomore.

"Every few years you get a race that has it all," said Wilson. "Elite competition, great course conditions and almost perfect weather. Grace was ready and ran with something to prove. It's been a comeback season of sorts for her. Her freshman cross country season ended with some serious injuries that lingered into track. She has been unbelievably patient with her training and racing. I could not be more proud of how she raced not just today, but this entire season."

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Bellefontaine's Grace Brown runs during the Division II state cross country meet Saturday at Fortress Obetz. (EXAMINER PHOTO | MIKE FRANK)



Bellefontaine's Hayden Maus sprints to the finish line during Saturday's Division II state cross country meet at Fortress Obetz. (PHOTO COURTESY OF JACKELYN JOHNSON, THE LIMA NEWS)

19 local players earn 1st-team CBC football honors

Chiefs' St. Clair, Lakers' Clay and Shirk receive player of year awards

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The three local Central Buckeye Conference football teams were well represented on the all-league squads this fall.

Bellefontaine saw eight of its players selected to the Kenton Trail division first team, Indian Lake had seven first-teamers and Ben Logan had four on the Mad River division side.

Bellefontaine quarterback Tavien St. Clair was named the Kenton Trail division

offensive player of the year, while Indian Lake swept the top honors for the Mad River division, with Quest Clay the offensive player of the year and Noah Shirk the defensive player of the year.

Joining St. Clair on the KT first team were teammates Carter Caudill (linebacker), Brody Boy (offensive line), Ayden Clary (defensive line), Maddox Curtis (defensive line), Braylon Newcomb (wide receiver), Jacob Salyer (wide receiver) and Jayden



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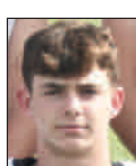
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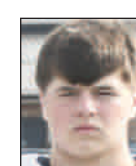
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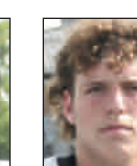
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Temple (linebacker). Along with Clay and Shirk, the Lakers were represented on the MR first team by Drake Cosby (running back), Franklin Kinney (offensive line), Madden Lillard (quarterback),

Brodey Reisinger (defensive back) and Tristan Shoffner (defensive line).

Ben Logan's first-team selections included Jaxon Bowman (defensive line), Brandon Heater (kicker), Collin Powell (wide receiver)

and Camden Spriggs (offensive line).

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At 4-5, Bengals believe they are still a playoff team

CINCINNATI (AP) — With a healthy Joe Burrow, the Cincinnati Bengals were expected to be contenders in the AFC North.

Instead, they've been disappointing, clawing and scratching just to get to 4-5 at the halfway point. Their four victories have all come against sub-.500 teams that have a current combined record of 8-28.

Cincinnati has played two divisional games, losing to the Ravens by three points and beating the Cleveland Browns by a touchdown. The Bengals still have to play the Ravens (6-3) on Thursday, the Browns (2-7) again the week before Christmas and

the division-leading Steelers (6-2) twice.

In other words, winning the AFC North or even backing into the playoffs as a wild card is going to be a lot tougher than out-playing some of the league's weaker teams. Of Cincinnati's remaining eight games, five are against teams with winning records.

Burrow firmly believes the Bengals can still win enough games to get into the playoffs. He figures it will take 10 wins to do that, so Cincinnati has to win six of the last eight.

"I'm going to be hard on myself," he said. "I'm going to be hard on us to execute the way that I feel like we

need to."

What's working

Cincinnati ended the first half of the season on a high note. The offense and defense were both dominant in Sunday's 41-24 win over the Las Vegas Raiders. Burrow tied a career high with five touchdown passes, defensive end Trey Hendrickson had four sacks, tight end Mike Gesicki caught two touchdown passes and Cincinnati finally got its running game out of the mud, with Chase Brown rushing for a career-high 120 yards. ... Star WR Ja'Marr Chase has been as reliable as ever. He leads the NFL with seven touchdown catches, is second with 717 receiving yards

and is tied for third with 55 catches.

What needs help

The Raiders are among the worst in the league at stopping the run, and it remains to be seen whether the Bengals can sustain Sunday's effort against better teams, especially with starting left tackle Orlando Brown Jr. out with an injury. Cincinnati came into the Raiders game averaging just under 90 yards per game on the ground. Only four NFL teams were worse. Chase Brown got to be the No. 1 guy Sunday with his backfield partner Zack Moss out with a neck injury.

Stock up

With Hendrickson's four

sacks, he became the NFL leader with 11, two more than Dexter Lawrence of the Giants. Hendrickson also was credited with seven QB hurries against Las Vegas.

"You know, if they gave out midseason awards, that would be something you could get excited about. But they don't, so it's on to the next challenge, and that's the Ravens," Hendrickson said.

Gesicki caught his first touchdown pass as a Bengal and the first since last Christmas Eve, when he played for the Patriots. He has become an important target for Burrow with receiver Tee Higgins sidelined. Gesicki has 30 catch-

es for 353 yards and caught Burrow's last two TD passes Sunday.

"He makes contested catches, and he continues to show why I have so much trust in him," Burrow said. "He continues to make plays for us. So, his role is going to continue to increase."

Stock down

Rookie WR Jermaine Burton somehow got himself on coach Zac Taylor's naughty list. Expected to be part of the game plan Sunday in place of Higgins, Burton instead was a healthy scratch. Taylor didn't provide details, but said benching him was "absolutely the right decision."

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Second-team picks for Bellefontaine were Jesse Castle (offensive line), Alex Crabill (kicker) and Jon Hoffman (defensive line).

Local second-team selections on the Mad River squad were Bryce Burton (linebacker), Cy Cummins (linebacker), Kolton Cummins and Aaron Rapp (offensive line) for Indian Lake and Gus Bibart (offensive line), Wyatt Blackburn (defensive line), Everett Clapsaddle (defensive back), Daniel Koehler (defensive line), Jordan Pender and Ashton Whitt (linebacker) for Ben Logan.

Special mention honors went to Bellefontaine's Kaiden Foulk, Indian Lake's Gavin Henry and Ben Logan's Carson Bergey.

Sportsmanship awards were given to Bellefontaine's Conor Evans, Ben Logan's Hayden Hltes and Indian Lake's Colin Bender.

London's Stevie Gravely was selected as the Kenton Trail defensive player of the year.

The remaining first-team

selections for the KT division were Kenton Ridge's Nick Arnold (defensive back), Jackson Patton (running back), Brody Sarven (linebacker) and Ben Schaefer (offensive line), London's Braxton Brown (linebacker), Gravely (defensive back), Taven Huff (defensive line), Brecken Kennell (offensive line), Daquanne Parks (running back), Detrick Portman (offensive line), Jesse Rojas (offensive line), Roysten Skaggs (defensive line), Noah Sellars (running back) and June Turner (defensive back), Jonathan Alder's Grant Horne (defensive back) and Urbana's Grady Lantz and Colton Teepe (wide receiver).

Filling out the second team were London's Garrett Cremeens (offensive line), Tim Leach (defensive line), Ladainan McNeal (defensive line), Kyler Russell (defensive back) and Nicco Yerian (offensive line), Kenton Ridge's Sam Cultice (offensive line), Julian Daniels (quarterback), Caleb Hall (wide receiver), Levi Harper (linebacker), Brennan Shaffer (wide

receiver), Kye Lade and Xavier White (defensive back), Tecumseh's Mason Dean (offensive line) and Aidan Magsaysay (defensive line), Jonathan Alder's Zach Gantz (defensive line), Jace Schrock (wide receiver), Cashton Wheeler (wide receiver) and Caleb Wiltshire (defensive back), Urbana's Austin Hill (linebacker), Zaidan Johnson (offensive line) and Preston Wisma (linebacker).

The rest of the KT special mention selections were Urban's Julian Davis, Kenton Ridge's Caleb Gutierrez, London's Marquise McFarlane, Tecumseh's Aiden Mossbarger and Jonathan Alder's Braxton Overmyer.

For the Mad River division, rounding out the first team were Northwestern's Preston Allen (linebacker), Braiden Langston (offensive line) and Xander Stacey (defensive line), Springfield Shawnee's Logan Collier (defensive back) and Conner Earles (linebacker), North Union's Tyler Krebehene (linebacker) and Nick VanHoose (running back) and Graham's

Adam Levy (wide receiver), Kaden Marshall (defensive line/offensive line), Izaiah Smith (defensive back) and Caden Strader (linebacker).

The remaining second-team selections for the Mad River division were Shawnee's Carter Bumgardner (linebacker), Hayden Coppess (running back) and Caiden Craig (wide receiver), Graham's Andrew Clark (offensive line), Kamren Hardwick (running back), Danny Hoke (running back), Brody Jenkins (defensive back/wide receiver), Bear Korte (linebacker), Arden McGuire (defensive line), Gage Stull (quarterback) and Jack Traylor (linebacker) and North Union's Griffin Osborne (wide receiver) and Austin Schindewolf (offensive line).

Filling out the Kenton Trail division special mention selections were Shawnee's Evan Ballard, Graham's Wyatt Kaemmerer, Northwestern's Eli Keplinger and North Union's Miles Marlette.

Sinking Browns look to regroup at bye week in disappointing season soured by Watson's play, injury

CLEVELAND (AP) — Deshaun Watson was nowhere near the field Sunday as the Cleveland Browns stumbled their way to another defeat, and yet the much-maligned quarterback's presence could be felt in every corner of Huntington Bank Field.

As fans expressing a mixture of disappointment and disgust flooded toward the exits in the final minutes of an ugly 27-10 loss to the Los Angeles Chargers, they carried their last hopes of a mid-season turnaround with them.

The dream of division titles, playoff games and Super Bowls that accompanied Watson's arrival in 2022 has become a nightmare.

Despite having one of the league's most expensive rosters, the Browns (2-7) are back at the bottom.

"Everybody's frustrated," coach Kevin Stefanski said Monday on a Zoom call.

Watson's season-ending Achilles tendon injury two weeks ago slammed the brakes on what was viewed as a vital, bounce-back year for him and the team, which signed the former Pro Bowl QB to a fully guaranteed \$230 million contract — a deal that could go down as one of the worst in sports history.

It was a colossal mistake, not only because Watson hasn't played well and he split the fan base due to his off-field behavior, but because the team is now in a financial straightjacket to do anything to fix its situation.

Watson is owed \$46 mil-

lion for each of the next two seasons, the salary-cap machinations are crippling and it's hard to imagine the Browns simply cutting bait and releasing him as that's an enormous bill to pay even for billionaire owners Dee and Jimmy Haslam.

Once he's done with rehab, Watson could return next year as a backup, but what would that do? Anyone who has watched him play the past two seasons can see that even when healthy he's not a long-term answer.

It's pretty clear the Browns are back to square one at quarterback.

And maybe elsewhere. Jameis Winston provided a one-week spark but reverted to his old ways by throwing three interceptions on Sunday. Stefanski said he intends to stick with Winston going forward for the rest of this season, but the Browns need to get a longer look at second-year QB Dorian Thompson-Robinson.

Beyond the QB mess, there are other major questions with two months left.

Stefanski and general manager Andrew Berry both received contract extensions from the Haslams following last year's playoff run, but the team's putrid performance in 2024 has put everyone on notice.

Stefanski recently handed over play-calling duties to first-year coordinator Ken Dorsey, and it's still not clear if the two-time NFL Coach of the Year made the decision or if it was something forced upon him.

Orange

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Completing the lineup were Ivy Matthews (91st, 21:28) and Isabella Hughes (109th, 22:01) in the field of 183 runners.

The times represented personal bests for all of the runners except Leichty.

Twelve of the top 20 finishers were running as individuals.

"I could not be more proud of these ladies," said WL-S coach Aaron Lauck. "They have been fantastic down the final stretch of the season. Their ability to be relaxed and perform in high-stakes races is extraor-

dinary considering there are no seniors and only two returning with state experience (Miller and McCullough)."

"The girls had a solid start navigating the often tricky first turn of the race," Lauck added. "They all moved up between the 800m and 1600m marks and settled in at or above their place ranges. Although the weather contributed to faster times, their performances definitely show they were at their very best for state. This is quite a capstone on a very successful season. I am excited to have all of them back next year."

Chiefs

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Sophia Szolosi won the Division II girls race in 17:39, nearly 30 seconds ahead of the runner up. In the team competition, Minerva was first with 110 points, followed by Hathaway Brown (110) and Athens (142).

Maus capped a phenomenal season in which he etched his name atop the program's history books.

His time of 15:42.15 on Saturday bested BHS career leader Aaron Augustus' third-place time of 15:44 at state in 1993.

"Hayden's improvement from last season's 16:36 PR

to this year's 15:42 state time is tremendous," said Bellefontaine head boys coach Ben Davis. "His work ethic and dedication to detail with out-of-season training is phenomenal. It paid large dividends in what was the fastest D2 boys race in state meet history."

Maus credited his training to the incredible improvement he enjoyed this season.

"Hundreds of miles and plenty of hills led to a great state meet race experience," he said.

Maus, who has a 3.98 GPA, also received academic all-Ohio honors.

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Entertainment

Remembering Quincy Jones: 10 career-spanning songs to celebrate his legacy

BY MARIA SHERMAN
AP MUSIC WRITER

Few artists have legacies so mammoth their very name could be considered synonymous with the music industry, but then again, most musicians are not the prodigious producer Quincy Jones.

The larger-than-life figure died Sunday night at his Los Angeles home, surrounded by his family. He was 91 and scheduled to receive an honorary Academy Award later this month.

Across his career, the 28-time Grammy Award winning Jones worked with everyone from Ray Charles and Frank Sinatra to Michael Jackson with hundreds in-between. The best way to celebrate his legacy, of course, is to listen to the music he made.

Read on, and then listen to all of the tracks on our Spotify playlist, here.

1963: Ella Fitzgerald and Count Basie's orchestra, "Honeysuckle Rose"

Those looking to kickstart their Jones listening journey at the very beginning of his career could do so with "Liza," from his first album, "Jazz Abroad," a joint release with Roy Haynes. For everyone else, look to his arrangements on 1963's "Ella and Basie!," an album by Fitzgerald with Count Basie's orchestra. Moving from just vocals and bass before building into its own grandness — not to mention, a delightful scat solo from Fitzgerald — "Honeysuckle Rose" from the album is an exemplar of Jones' jazz brilliance.

1963: Lesley Gore, "It's My Party"

Teenage heartbreak met its match on Lesley Gore's "It's My Party," recorded when its pop singer was still in her own adolescence. Jones produced the record, with its addictive melodies, percussion and cheerful horn section — emotionally and diametrically opposed to its narrative tale of a girl getting dumped by her boyfriend for

her best friend on her birthday. You'd cry, too, if it happened to you.

1964: Frank Sinatra, "Fly Me to the Moon"

Jones' legacy is defined by an idiosyncratic ability to master various American musical forms with an apparent ease. That is the case of this canonized cover by Frank Sinatra, "Fly Me to the Moon," from Sinatra's 1964 album, "It Might as Well Be Swing," arranged by Jones. The producer set the song to a punchy, swinging rhythm and wistful flute, and the rest is history. You can also thank Jones for "The Best Is Yet to Come."

1967: Ray Charles, "In the Heat of the Night"

Jones scored the 1967 film "In the Heat of the Night," which includes its R&B-gospel title track, "In the Heat of the Night," performed by his good friend Ray Charles. It is soul committed to wax, amplified by the inclusion of a lusty tenor sax solo.

1979: Michael Jackson, "Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough"

Perhaps Jones' best-known production partnership is the one he had with Michael Jackson, working with the King of Pop on his culture-shifting albums, 1979's "Off the Wall," 1982's "Thriller" and 1987's "Bad."

The pair met while working on the 1978 movie "The Wiz" — Jones worked on its soundtrack, and Jackson was its star. "Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough," with its inventive disco-funk, ambitious production and Jackson's signature falsetto set the stage for the massive career to come.

1981: Quincy Jones, "Just Once"

Put it in the pantheon of great piano ballads: On Jones' 1981 album "The Dude," James Ingram takes over lead vocal duties for "Just Once," the big-hearted and bigger-feelings track.

1982: Michael Jackson, "Billie Jean"

What songs are more

immediately recognizable? An elongated drum and bass lick introduce "Billie Jean," one of the great genre-averse pop songs of all time, from Jackson's record-breaking "Thriller" album. Here, Jones' production is post-disco, but still funky, still prescient. And time tells the greatest tale: "Thriller" sold more than 20 million copies in 1983 alone and has contended with the Eagles' "Greatest Hits 1971-1975" among others as the best-selling album of all time.

1982: Donna Summer, "Love Is in Control (Finger on the Trigger)"

And now for something completely different: In 1982, Jones worked with Donna Summer on her self-titled album, a dance-forward record that includes the synth-y pop single "Love Is in Control (Finger on the Trigger)," which earned a Grammy nomination for best R&B vocal performance, female.

1985: USA for Africa, "We Are the World"

Nearly four decades ago, some of the biggest stars on the planet — Jackson, Bob Dylan, Tina Turner, Dionne Warwick, Billy Joel, Stevie Wonder, Willie Nelson and Bruce Springsteen among them — came together for an all-night recording session. The result was "We Are the World," a pop superhit overseen by Jones, the 1985 charity record for famine relief in Africa.

Lionel Richie, who co-wrote "We Are the World" and was among the featured singers, would call Jones "the master orchestrator."

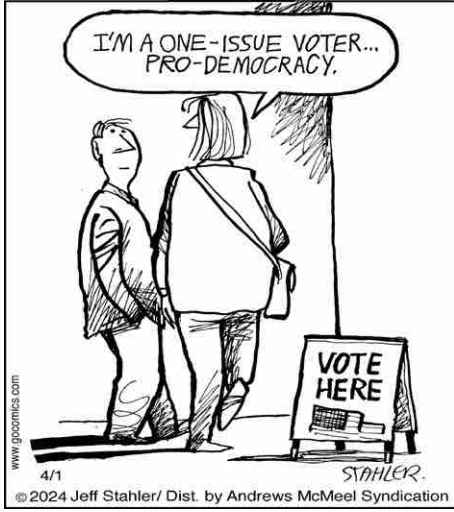
1989: Quincy Jones with Ray Charles and Chaka Khan, "I'll Be Good to You"

Back in 1976, Jones produced the Brothers Johnson's R&B hit, "I'll Be Good to You," and then re-recorded the track with Ray Charles and Chaka Khan — an ebullient number with contemporary production, completely transforming the classic.

COMICS

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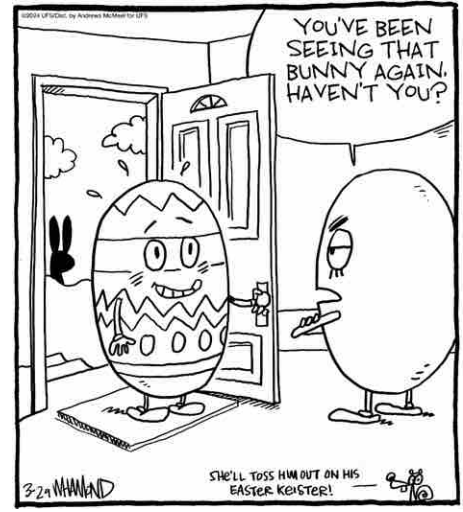
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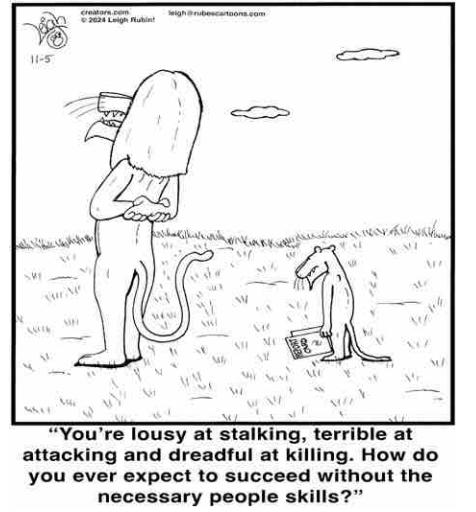
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- 1 Pen pals?
 - 5 Calendar squares
 - 9 "So there!"
 - 12 From the top
 - 13 "— Excited" (Pointer Sisters hit)
 - 14 Hoppy brew
 - 15 Hydro-power producer
 - 17 Fish-fowl insert
 - 18 Pro votes
 - 19 Milk dispenser
 - 21 Social division
 - 24 Help in a heist
 - 25 Allows
 - 26 Window casings, trim, e.g.
 - 30 NPR's Shapiro
 - 31 Wartime riveter
 - 32 Triumphed
 - 33 Toil away

- 35 Big party
- 36 Indy winner A.J.
- 37 Donnybrook
- 38 Deserve
- 40 Sports group
- 42 Inventor Whitney
- 43 Pipe clogger, at times
- 48 Mao — -tung
- 49 1003, in old Rome
- 50 Dryer fuzz
- 51 Blue
- 52 Piggy bank
- 53 Slender opening
- 54 Slender weapon

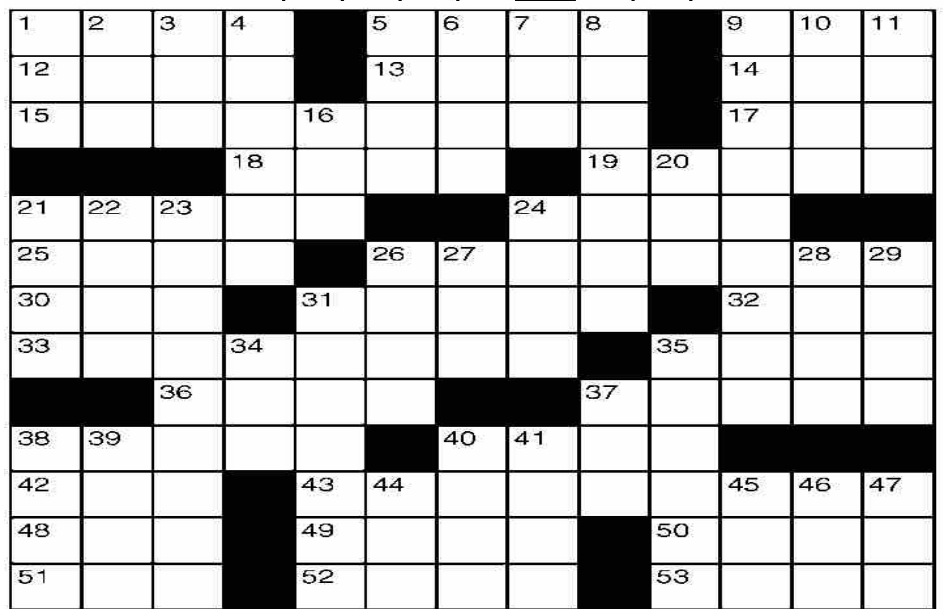
- DOWN**
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 - 3 Retrieve
 - 4 Workout wear
 - 5 Ten-cent piece
 - 6 "Lucky Jim" author
 - 7 Designer monogram
 - 8 Like salt in H₂O
 - 9 Small wiper
 - 10 Lotion additive
 - 11 Frau's mate
 - 16 Deli bread
 - 20 Lawn coating
 - 40 Bash co
 - 43 Ol' Ol' mc
 - 44 Cc die
 - 45 Mc ba
 - 46 Pr st

- 21 Hammer part
- 22 Aviation prefix
- 23 Prepared in a wok
- 24 "Put — on it!"
- 26 Castle defense
- 27 Medit. nation
- 28 Memory method
- 29 Leg joint
- 31 Beats
- 34 Japanese pond carp
- 35 Like does and mares
- 37 Big mouth
- 38 Citi Field squad
- 39 "Frozen" snow queen
- 40 Sextet half
- 41 Revise
- 44 Have the flu
- 45 Bit of advice
- 46 Away from WSW
- 47 Numbered rd.

Solution time: 21 mins.



Saturday's answer 11-4



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Difficulty: ★★ 11/5

Horoscopes

ROYAL STARS | FROM KING FEATURES SYNDICATE By Georgia Nicols

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or important decisions from 5 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. EST today (2 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. PST). After that, the Moon moves from Sagittarius into Capricorn.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY For Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024: You are charming and adaptable. You are also introspective and socially skilled. You're excellent with words. This is a year of service for you, especially to family, which means it's important to take care of yourself so you can be a support. Might this be time for a makeover?

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) Professional and business concerns are your focus today. Nevertheless, be aware that your personal life is on public display more than usual, and you might find it difficult to conceal certain facts about yourself. Be careful about blurring the distinction between your professional and personal relationships today. Tonight: You're noticed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today you have a strong urge to "get away from all this." Travel and an opportunity to do something different will appeal to you. You might meet new friends from other cultures and different countries. It's a good day to explore opportunities in publishing, the media, medicine and the law. Tonight: Explore!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today your emotional experiences will be more intense than usual. Likewise, your emotional encounters with others will be memorable! You also might find that you want some-

thing that belongs to someone else so you feel envious in some way. (It happens.) Tonight: Check your finances.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today the Moon is opposite your sign, which means you will have to go more than halfway when dealing with others. It's no biggie, really. It simply means you have to be accommodating and, preferably, friendly, which is your style anyway. Enjoy socializing! Tonight: Cooperate.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Home and family are your primary focus today. Fortunately, you're bursting with energy because fiery Mars is now in your sign giving you physical drive and assertion. You might have to put the emotional considerations of someone else before your own today. Tonight: Get organized.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) This is a busy, fast-paced time for you! You're eager to schmooze with others. You're also eager to learn as well as share your ideas. It's difficult for you to conceal your feelings today, which is why you are exuberant, especially in social situations and romance. Don't hesitate to entertain. Tonight: Socialize!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Your schmooze factor is high with both Mercury and Venus in your House of Communications. Nevertheless, today you want to retire and relax in familiar surroundings. It's time to reflect on your values and examine your possessions. Do they serve your needs or do you serve theirs? Tonight: Relax.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) It's a strong day for you because the Sun is in your sign and the Moon is in your House of Communications. You're pumped! Furthermore, fiery Mars is at the top of your chart arousing your ambition.

(No moss growing on you!) This is an exciting day and you have a lot to say. Tonight: Discussions!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Contradictory influences are at play today. In one way, you want to run away and hide. Nevertheless, both Mercury and Venus in your sign make you talkative and charming! Find a comfy perch to survey your realm and share your views. Tonight: Check your belongings.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today the Moon is in your sign, which will make you excitable. Fortunately, it will also tend to boost your good fortune, which is why things will tend to go your way. This is a popular time for you. Enjoy the company of others! Tonight: You win!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) With the Sun high in your chart, you make a fabulous impression on everyone. And yet, the Moon is hiding today, which means you have mixed feelings about your public persona. Nevertheless, interactions with young, creative people will be rewarding. Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) This is an exciting day! You're keen to do something different so that you can expand your world. Your interactions with a female friend or acquaintance might be significant today. You will also impress important people and boss with your words and your style. Tonight: Be friendly.

BORN TODAY Actress Tilda Swinton (1960), actor Sam Rockwell (1968), actor Luke Hemsworth (1980)

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Position will be responsible for the cleaning & maintenance of the Logan County History Center facility and grounds. Must have high school diploma/GED. The position will be 16 hours per week. Competitive compensation based on experience. Qualified applicants must submit a resume and cover letter by 5:00 pm on November 8, 2024, to Todd McCormick, Curator/ Director, Logan County Historical Society, 521 E. Columbus Ave., Bellefontaine, OH 43311. For more information email historycenter@loganhistory.org

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IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO GENERAL DIVISION

RHONDA STAFFORD LOGAN COUNTY TREASURER Plaintiff

vs EDDIE H. COLEMAN, et al. Defendants
Case No. CV 23 10 0320

TAX SALE-LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT LAND TAXES

Whereas, judgment has been rendered against certain parcels of real property for taxes, assessments, charges, penalties, interest and cost as follows: **Parcel No. 17-091-07-17-008-000 (Lot 2610) & 17-091-07-17-008-001 (Lot 2609)** Full Street Address: 408 N. Walker St., Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311 and adjacent lot

A copy of the legal description can be obtained from the County Engineer Map Room, 100 S. Madriver St., Bellefontaine, OH 43311 Reference Vol. 1121, Page 80.

Amount of Judgment: \$10,148.22 plus additional taxes and costs Last known owners and tax list addresses: Eddie H. Coleman and Unknown Heirs of Eddie C. Coleman Jr., 408 N. Walker St., Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311.

Whereas, such judgment orders such real property to be sold or otherwise disposed of according to law by the undersigned to satisfy the total amount of such judgment, now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that I, Randall J. Dodds, Sheriff of Logan County, Ohio, will sell such real property at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder of an amount that equals at least Seventy Thousand and 00-100 Dollars (\$70,000.00), at 10:00 a.m. In the lobby of the Logan County Sheriff's Office located at 284 C.R. 32 S., Bellefontaine, in Logan County, Ohio, on Wednesday, the 20th day of November, 2024. If any parcel does not receive a sufficient bid or is not otherwise disposed of according to law, it may be offered for sale, under the same terms and conditions of the first sale and at the same time of day and at the same place, on Wednesday, the 18th day of December, 2024, for an amount that equals at least Seventy Thousand and 00/100 (\$70,000.00).

Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price will be due at the time of sale. Defendants have redemption rights pursuant to R.C. 5721.25. Breanne N. Parcels (0089370) 117 East Columbus Ave. Bellefontaine, OH 43311 Telephone: 937-592-7272 Facsimile: 937-599-7271 bparcels@logancountyohio.gov Attorney for Plaintiff Oct. 22, 29; Nov. 5, 2024

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

The State of Ohio, Logan County

Scott E. Foulk Plaintiff vs Brian E. Foulk Defendants
No: CV 24 01 0005

In pursuance of an Order of Sale in the above entitles action, I will offer for sale at public auction the following described real estate, situated in the County of Logan and State of Ohio and in the Township of Stokes, to-wit: Situated in the Township of Stokes, County of Logan, State of Ohio: Being Lot Number Ninety (90) as the same is known and designated on the recorded plat of Shawnee Island on record in the Office of the Recorder of Logan County, Ohio.

Subject, however, to all legal and enforceable restrictions of records. Also subject to the following reservation as contained in deed from C.C. Derr, et ux. To Fred Clum, recorded in Vol. 200, page 94 of the Deed Records of Logan County, Ohio: "Reserving to the grantors herein, C.C. Deer and/or Marie Derr, for themselves and other owners of lands situated nearby the right to use said three (3) foot strip for ingress and egress to the waterfront." **Parcel No. 43-019-09-03-011.000** Address: 9661 Lakeshore Dr. E., Huntsville, Ohio 43324

Auction will take place in person at 284 Co. Rd. 32 S., Bellefontaine, OH on Wednesday, November 20th at 10:00 a.m.

If property remains unsold after the first auction, it will be offered for sale at auction again on Wednesday, the 27th day of November, 2024

Said premises appraised at: \$200,000.00 Appraisals are completed by viewing the outside of the property only.

Required deposit: \$5,000 **TERMS OF SALE:** Property can not be sold for less than two-thirds of the appraised value. Required deposit must be deposited the day before the sale and balance in cash or certified check upon confirmation of sale. If Judgment Creditor is purchaser, no deposit is required.

TERMS OF 2ND SALE: Property to be sold without regard to minimum bid requirements, subject to payment of taxes and court costs; deposit and payment requirements same as the first auction. Pursuant to ORC 2329.21, purchaser shall be responsible for those costs, allowances and taxes that the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.

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chaser shall be responsible for those costs, allowances and taxes that the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover. Attorney Terrence C. Stolly Phone: 937-592-6065 Fax: 937-593-9978 Oct. 22, 29; Nov. 5, 2024

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

The State of Ohio, Logan County

PennyMac Loan Services LLC Plaintiff

vs Kane Kuhn Defendants
No: CV 23 02 0031

In pursuance of an Order of Sale in the above entitles action, I will offer for sale at public auction the following described real estate, situated in the County of Logan and State of Ohio and in the Township of Washington, to-wit:

Tract I: Situated in the State of Ohio, County of Logan, Township of Washington and Village of Lewistown.

Being Lot One Hundred Nine (109) in block number two, as the same is known and designated on the recorded plat of Charlotte D. McKinnon's Northeast Addition to the Village of Lewistown, Ohio, Township of Washington.

Subject to any and all valid and enforceable conditions, restrictions, easements, rights-of-way, and highways of record.

Parcel Number 51-060-06-06-002-000

Tract II: Situated in the State of Ohio, County of Logan, Township of Washington and Village of Lewistown.

Being Lot One Hundred Eleven (111) of the Village of Lewistown as the same is known and designated on the Recorded Plat of said Village.

Parcel Number: 51-060-06-06-001-000

Also any interest the Grantor may have in a vacated street adjoining said lot as described in Volume 396 at Page 338 of the Deed Records of Logan County, Ohio.

Subject to any and all valid and enforceable conditions, restrictions, easements, rights-of-ways, and highways of record. Property Address: 7827 County Road 54, Lewistown, OH 43333 Deed Reference Book 1391, Page 4487

Said Premises Located at : 7827 Co. Rd. 54, Lewistown, OH 43333

PPN: 51-060-06-06-002-000 & 51-060-06-06-001-000

Auction will take place online Wednesday, November 20th at 1:00 p.m. At <http://logan.sheriff-saleauction.ohio.gov>

If property remains unsold after the first auction, it will be offered for sale at auction again on Wednesday, the 27th day of November, 2024

Said premises appraised at: \$125,000.00 Appraisals are completed by viewing the outside of the property only.

Required deposit: \$5,000 **TERMS OF SALE:** Property can not be sold for less than two-thirds of the appraised value. Required deposit must be deposited with the auction company prior to sale and balance in cash or certified check upon confirmation of sale. If Judgment Creditor is purchaser, no deposit is required.

TERMS OF 2ND SALE: Property to be sold without regard to minimum bid requirements, subject to payment of taxes and court costs; deposit and payment requirements same as the first auction.

Pursuant to ORC 2329.21, purchaser shall be responsible for those costs, allowances and taxes that the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.

Attorney Suzanne M. Godenswager Phone: 216-373-1001 Fax: 216-373-1002 Oct. 22, 29; Nov. 5, 2024

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

The State of Ohio, Logan County

Quest Federal Credit Union Plaintiff vs Jason C. & Tiffany J. Shaffer Defendants
No: CV 24 02 0050

In pursuance of an Order of Sale in the above entitles action, I will offer for sale at public auction the following described real estate, situated in the County of Logan and State of Ohio and in the Township of Bokescreek, to-wit:

Situated in the Village of Mansfield, Township of Bokescreek, County of Logan and State of Ohio and bounded and described as follows:

Being Lot Number One hundred thirty (130) as the same is known and designated on the recorded plat of the Amanda Riley Addition to the Village of West Mansfield, Ohio.

Being Lot Number One hundred thirty (130) as the same is known and designated on the recorded plat of the Amanda Riley Addition to the Village of West Mansfield, Ohio.

Permanent Parcel No. 07-084-05-04-008-000 Lying in Virginia Military Survey 775-6155, Village of West Mansfield, Bokescreek Township, Logan County, Ohio (all records reference herein refer to the Logan County Records of Deeds).

Being out of the Victor Wenzl and Julie Wenzl 1.790 acre tract as described in Official Record 754, Page 936 and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a 1 inch iron rod found at the intersection of the centerline of Highland Avenue (40 feet wide) and the extension of the south right-of-way line of State Street (50 feet wide), being an extension of the north line of Riley Addition (Plat Cabinet A, Slide 189);

Thence, partly across the right-of-way of said Highland Avenue and partly with said south right-of-way

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line of State Street and said north line of Riley Addition, N. 74 deg. 50' 02" E., a distance of 327.92 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod found at the northeast corner of Lot 131, also being the west right-of-way of a 16 feet wide alley;

Thence, with the east line of said Lot 131 and said west right-of-way line of said 16 feet wide alley, S. 15 deg. 06' 31" E., a distance of 158.27 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod set on the centerline of 16 feet wide alley, said 5/8 inch iron rod set being on the north line of said 1.790 acre tract;

Thence, with said south right-of-way line of a 16 feet wide alley and the north line of said 1.790 acre tract, N. 74 deg. 51' 40" E., a distance of 49.43 feet to a railroad spike set in the base of a tree, referenced by a 5/8 inch iron rod found bearing N. 74 deg. 51' 40" E., a distance of 56.80 feet, said railroad spike being on the west line of the Toledo & Ohio Central Railway Company tract as described in Volume 103, Page 217;

Thence, with lines common to said 1.790 acre tract and said Toledo & Ohio Central Railway Company tract, the following two (2) courses:

1. S. 08 deg. 44' 19" W., a distance of 99.51 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod set; and

2. S. 11 deg. 03'31" W., a distance of 282.70 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod set, referenced by a 1 inch iron bar found bearing S. 11 deg. 03' 31" W., a distance of 41.99 feet;

Thence, with a new division line through said 1.790 acre tract, N. 15 deg. 26' 09" W., a distance of 229.72 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod found at the southeast corner of the Kevin R. Stevens and Amy S. Stevens 0.500 acre tract as described in Official Record 843, Page 389;

Thence, with the line of common to said 1.790 acre and 0.500 acre tracts, N. 15 deg. 26' 09" W., passing a 5/8 inch rod found at a distance of 114.94 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod set at a distance of 121.01 feet, a total distance of 122.94 feet to a point (inside a barn) on said centerline of 16 feet wide vacated alley;

Thence with the centerline of said 16 feet wide vacated alley, N. 74 deg. 51' 40" E., a distance of 117.49 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 0.695 acre, more or less Iron rods set, where indicated are 30 inches in length, 5/8 inch in diameter with an orange plastic I.D. Stamped "P.S. 85333."

Property is subject to any and all previous easements and rights of way of record.

The basis for bearings, described herein, is an assumed bearing for the south right-of-way line of State Street, being N. 74 deg. 50' 02" E., distances are express in US Survey Feet. All other measurements are from angles and distances measured in a field survey by Lee Surveying and Mapping Co. on August 22, 2018.

This description was prepared by Daniel A. Neer, Professional Surveyor No. 8533 on August 24, 2018.

Permanent Parcel No.: 07-084-05-04-002-002 Said premises known as 362 E. State St., West Mansfield, OH 43358

Prior Transfers: Volume 720, Page 890 and Volume 1314, Page 592, Logan County, Official Records.

Said Premises Located at : 362 E. State St., West Mansfield, OH PPN: 07-084-05-04-008-000 & 07-084-02-04-002-000

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(82) as the same is known and designated upon the recorded plat of said village, except that portion heretofore conveyed to the L.C. & E Traction Company and also except two feet off the North side thereof now owned by Glenn O. Outland, all as recorded in Vol. 176, at Page 331 of the Logan County Deed Records.

Tract II: Situated in the County of Logan in the State of Ohio, and in the Village of Huntsville, McArthur Township, and bounded and described as follows: Being part of Rude's Addition to the Village of Huntsville and being a strip of Land 2 ft. wide off of the north side of Lot 82 in said Village and a strip of Land 44 ft. wide off the south side of Lot 81 in said Village, reserving to the said Grantors and their successors the right of ingress and egress over a strip of land 6 feet wide along the North side of said 44 ft. strip.

Also, granting to the Grantees and their successors, the right of ingress and egress over a strip of land 6 ft. wide off of the north side of said Lot 81 in said village. Said 6 ft. strip herein granted and said 6 ft. strip herein reserved is to be used for driveway purposes only.

Being the same property as conveyed from Philip D. Davis and Marty Davis aka Marty L. Davis to Anthony Williams and Carol Williams, husband and wife, for their joint lives, remainder to the survivor of them, as described in Official Record 501, Page 816, dated 05/23/2001, recorded 05/30/2001.

Parcel ID: 24-048-15-01-005-000 (Tract II) and 24-048-15-01-006-000 9Tract I)

Property also known as: 6577 Findlay Street, Huntsville, OH 43324

Prior Deed Reference No.: Book 501, Page 816

Said Premises Located at : 6577 Findlay Street, Huntsville, OH 43324

PPN: 24-048-15-01-005-000 & 24-048-15-01-006-000

Auction will take place online Wednesday, November 20th at 1:00 p.m. At <http://logan.sheriff-saleauktion.ohio.gov>

If property remains unsold after the first auction, it will be offered for sale at auction again on Wednesday, the 27th day of November, 2024

Said premises appraised at: \$75,000

Appraisals are completed by view-

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ing the outside of the property only.

Required deposit: \$5,000
TERMS OF SALE: Property can not be sold for less than two-thirds of the appraised value. Required deposit must be deposited with the auction company prior to sale and balance in cash or certified check upon confirmation of sale. If Judgment Creditor is purchaser, no deposit is required.

TERMS OF 2ND SALE: Property to be sold without regard to minimum bid requirements, subject to payment of taxes and court costs; deposit and payment requirements same as the first auction.

Pursuant to ORC 2329.21, purchaser shall be responsible for those costs, allowances and taxes that the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.

Attorney Susan M. Godenswager
Phone: 216-373-1001
Fax: 216-373-1002
Oct. 22, 29; Nov. 5, 2024

SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

The State of Ohio, Logan County

Newrez LLC dba Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing Plaintiff

vs Amanda L. Fouse Defendants
No: CV 24 01 0035

In pursuance of an Order of Sale in the above entitles action, I will offer for sale at public auction the following described real estate, situated in the County of Logan and State of Ohio and in the Township of Washington, to-wit: Situated in the Township of Washington, County of Logan, State of Ohio and in the Village of Russells Point: Being Lots Numbered One Thousand Thirty-Five (1035) and One Thousand Thirty-Six (1036), according to the new numbering in the Village of Russells Point.

Property Address: 204 E. Cline Street, Russells Point, OH 43348

PPN: 52-032-13-31-001.000

Prior Deed Reference: Quit Claim Deed filed in Official Record Volume 693, Page 448 on December 22, 2003 in Logan County Records.

Said Premises Located at : 204 Cline St., Russells Point, OH 43348

PPN: 52-032-13-31-001-000

Auction will take place online Wednesday, November 20th at 1:00 p.m. At <http://logan.sheriff-saleauktion.ohio.gov>

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for sale at auction again on Wednesday, the 27th day of November, 2024

Said premises appraised at: \$60,000.00

Appraisals are completed by viewing the outside of the property only.

Required deposit: \$5,000
TERMS OF SALE: Property can not be sold for less than two-thirds of the appraised value. Required deposit must be deposited with the auction company prior to sale and balance in cash or certified check upon confirmation of sale. If Judgment Creditor is purchaser, no deposit is required.

TERMS OF 2ND SALE: Property to be sold without regard to minimum bid requirements, subject to payment of taxes and court costs; deposit and payment requirements same as the first auction.

Pursuant to ORC 2329.21, purchaser shall be responsible for those costs, allowances and taxes that the proceeds of the sale are insufficient to cover.

Attorney Kim M. Hammond
Phone: 216-771-6500
Oct. 29; Nov. 5, 12, 2024

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR, 135 N. DETROIT ST., BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO, 43311, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M., LOCAL TIME FOR THE "CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE COOPERATIVE CURB AND SIDEWALK PROJECT 2024-02M."

BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY VIA THE BID EXPRESS WEBSITE. BID PACKET MATERIALS MAY BE VIEWED ONLINE FOR FREE AT WWW.BIDEXPRESS.COM ALL BIDDERS MUST REGISTER ON THE BID EXPRESS WEBSITE AND CREATE A DIGITAL ID. REGISTRATION AND DIGITAL ID CREATION ARE FREE. IT CAN TAKE UP TO FIVE BUSINESS DAYS TO PROCESS YOUR DIGITAL ID AND IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT A DIGITAL ID IS ENABLED 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF SUBMITTING AN ELECTRONIC BID. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY. A FEE OF \$40 WILL BE INCURRED FOR THOSE

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WHO WISH TO BID ELECTRONICALLY ON A PAY-PER-SOLICITATION BASIS; ALTERNATIVELY, YOU MAY SUBSCRIBE FOR \$50 PER MONTH TO HAVE UNLIMITED ACCESS TO ALL BID EXPRESS SOLICITATIONS AND EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS. ALL QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS PROJECT MUST BE SUBMITTED THROUGH WWW.BIDEXPRESS.COM; PHONE CALLS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. RESPONSES WILL BE POSTED ON BID EXPRESS AS AN ADDENDUM.

NOTICE OF PUBLISHED ADDENDA WILL BE POSTED ON WWW.BIDEXPRESS.COM ALL BID DOCUMENTS (INVITATION FOR BID, SPECIFICATIONS, PLANS AND FUTURE ADDENDA) ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AND DOWNLOAD AT WWW.BIDEXPRESS.COM. EACH PROPOSAL MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY BID GUARANTY IN THE FORM OF A BID BOND WITH AN APPROVED SURETY COMPANY AS SURETY FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT. THE BID GUARANTY AND CONTRACT BOND SHALL BE FOR THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE BID PROPOSAL AND IN THE FORM AS CONTAINED IN THE BID DOCUMENTS. ALTERNATELY, A CERTIFIED CHECK, CASHIER'S CHECK OR LETTER OF CREDIT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 1305 OF THE REVISED CODE, IN THE AMOUNT OF TEN PERCENT OF THE BID WILL BE ACCEPTED AS A BID GUARANTY. EACH PROPOSAL MUST CONTAIN THE FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF EVERY PERSON OR COMPANY INTERESTED IN THE SAME.

THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE HEREBY NOTIFIES ALL BIDDERS THAT IT AFFIRMATIVELY ENSURES THAT REGARD TO ANY CONTRACT ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO THIS ADVERTISEMENT, MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES WILL BE AFFORDED FULL OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT BIDS IN RESPONSE TO THIS INVITATION AND WILL NOT BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST ON THE GROUNDS OF RACE, COLOR OR NATIONAL ORI-

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GIN IN CONSIDERATION FOR AN AWARD. THE CITY OF BELLEFONTAINE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER AND REQUIRES ALL PERSONS CONTRACTING WITH THE CITY TO CERTIFY THAT THEY ARE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYERS AND THAT THEY DO NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE GROUNDS OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX OR NATIONAL ORIGIN.

BIDS MAY BE HELD FOR 60 DAYS. AS THE PROJECT INVOLVES THE USE OF CITY FUNDS, STATE OF OHIO PREVAILING WAGE RATES FOR LOGAN COUNTY SHALL APPLY.

THE CITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND THE TO WAIVE ANY IRREGULARITIES. ALL BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED BASED ON LOWEST AND BEST BID.

November 5, 12, 2024

LEGAL NOTICE

WHEREAS, INVENTORIES AND APPRAISEMENTS HAVE BEEN FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT, LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO BY THE EXECUTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS OF THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS TO:

Gary Cox, Guardian of the Guardianship of Donna Cox

Notice is hereby given to the surviving spouse, if any; next of kin, if any, fiduciaries, attorney and attorneys, if any; representing any of aforementioned persons or any other interested person that said Inventories and Appraisements are now on file in the office of said court, being suspended for hearing and confirmation until the 13th day of November, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. and that day and hour set for hearing when, if no exceptions are filed thereto or to any thereof any time prior to five days before the date set for hearing, or to the date which such hearing has been continued, until finally disposed of.

Kim Kellogg-Martin, Judge
Natasha R. Kennedy, Judge
Logan County Family Court Probate Division
By Shawna Cooley
Probate Deputy Clerk
Nov. 5, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

The annual work of equalization in compliance with section 5715.16 and 5715.26, Ohio Revised Code, has been complet-

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ed. The tax lists have been revised and the real estate valuations have been completed as of tax lien date, January 1, 2024.

Such lists are open for public inspection in the office of Jack Reser, Logan County Auditor, County Jail/Office Complex, 100 South Madriver Street, Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311.
Jack Reser, Secretary
Logan County Board of Revision
Nov. 5, 12, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Washington Township Zoning Appeals Board, Logan County, OH, will hold a public hearing concerning two variance applications on Monday, November 18, 2024, starting at 6 PM at the Washington Township Hall. The building address is 7464 County Rd. 91, Lewistown, Ohio 43333.

The first proposed variance, from Danny P. & Sherry B. McFadden is requesting a rear & side setback variance; minimum lot size variance, road frontage variance at parcel 51-032-06-25-001-000, located at 9041 Chestnut St., Lakeview OH 43331. The second proposed variance starting at 6:30 PM, from Brandee M. Cooper is requesting a side setback variance at parcel 51-033-09-03-019-000, located at 7700 S R 366, Private Drive, Unit 50, Russells Point, OH 43348.
Zoning Appeals Board
Steve Strauser, Chair
Gary L. Bias, Zoning Inspector
Nov. 5, 2024

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pass away locally, who had served in the military.

Then events of Sunday, Nov. 3, hit the Hawkins family, almost literally, when a tractor-trailer struck their home. Causing significant damage to the entire structure.

Deputies of the Hardin County Sheriff's Office report Gary Lee Campbell, 67, of Belle Center, was transported by Alger EMS to Lima Memorial Hospital for treatment of suspected serious injuries after the semi struck the home around 2 p.m.

Campbell reportedly was operating a northbound 2008 Volvo 240 Series semi about 2 p.m. along State Route 117 near County Road 180 when he went into the southbound lane of S.R. 117 and went off the left side of the road.

Deputies said the semi struck a ditch and continued into a yard along S.R. 117 where it grazed a tree, then struck the residence.

No other injuries were reported for occupants of the residence.

Gerrick was returning from a friend's house on his motorcycle which he parked in the backyard prior to the crash. He said he began to take his helmet and jacket off when he heard a loud bang and the sound of his mother screaming.

Tricia, a third-shift associate at Honda Transmission, happened to be letting her two dogs out when the semi crashed into her bedroom, where she normally would have been sleeping at that time of day.

The semi driver was reportedly in and out of consciousness at the scene. It is not known if he was wearing a seat belt.

Damage to the semi, owned by Heinz Farms Partnership of Lakeview, was heavy. It was empty at the time of the crash and believed to be en route to the fields to pick up a load.

Neither alcohol nor drugs were suspected as factors, according to the crash report. No citations have yet been issued as deputies continue to investigate.

Roundhead Fire Department personnel responded to the scene. Emergency personnel from USV Ambulance District, Wayne Township, Richland Township, BMRT EMS, St. Johns and Huntsville Fire provided mutual aid.

First responders were on scene until about 7:30 p.m. Traffic on S.R. 117 in the area was delayed for a time.

Monday afternoon, Nov. 4, Gerrick, Tricia, her boyfriend, Dean Siebold, and Gerrick's friend, Tony, were doing what they could to clean up debris and salvage items from the home.



Tricia Hawkins begins picking up debris left behind after a semi crashed into her home. (EXAMINER PHOTO | TJ HUBBARD)

Tricia purchased the home in 2015 after living in various places in Logan County. It was shifted off its foundation as a result of the crash.

The home had recently been remodeled with new siding, windows and a new front porch, Tricia said, along with adding new carpet and kitchen cabinets inside.

Now there are concerns about how the insurance company will handle the

claim, taking time off work and just dealing with the mess, in general.

Tricia also shared she lost some irreplaceable items, like photos of her now deceased parents. She was also grateful to fire personnel who retrieved boxes containing cremated family pets from the home after the crash.

Taking the difficult events in stride, Gerrick and Tricia joked that "2025 will have to be a better year."

'Venom 3' tops box office again, while Tom Hanks film struggles

BY LINDSEY BAHR
AP FILM WRITER

"Venom: The Last Dance" enjoyed another weekend at the top of the box office. The Sony release starring Tom Hardy added \$26.1 million in ticket sales, according to studio estimates Sunday.

It was a relatively quiet weekend for North American movie theaters leading up to the presidential election. Charts were dominated by big studio holdovers, like "Venom 3," "The Wild Robot" and "Smile 2," while audiences roundly rejected the Tom Hanks, Robin Wright and Robert Zemeckis reunion "Here." Thirty years after "Forrest Gump," "Here"

opened to only \$5 million from 2,647 locations.

"Venom 3" only fell 49% in its second weekend, which is a notably small drop for a superhero film, though it didn't exactly open like one either. In two weeks, the movie has made over \$90 million domestically; The first two opened to over \$80 million. Globally, the picture is brighter given that it has already crossed the \$300 million threshold.

Meanwhile, Universal and Illumination's "The Wild Robot" continues to attract moviegoers even six weeks in (and when it's available by video on demand), placing second with \$7.6 million. That's up 11% from last weekend. The animated

charmer has made over \$121 million in North America and \$269 million worldwide.

"The Wild Robot" has quietly been this absolute juggernaut for the fall season," said Paul Dergarabedian, the senior media analyst for Comscore. "For that film to see an increase after six weeks is astounding."

"Smile 2" landed in third place with \$6.8 million, helping to push its worldwide total to \$109.7 million.

The time-hopping "Here," a graphic novel that was adapted by "Forrest Gump" screenwriter Eric Roth, was financed by Miramax and distributed by Sony's TriStar. With a fixed position camera, it takes

audiences through the years in one living room. Critics were not on board: In aggregate it has a lousy 36% on Rotten Tomatoes.

"It was a slow weekend anyway, but it didn't resonate in a way that many thought it might," Dergarabedian said. "There are a lot of films out there for the audience that 'Here' was chasing."

Overall box office continues to lag behind 2023 by almost 12%. But holiday moviegoing will likely give the industry an end-of-year boost with titles like "Gladiator II" and "Wicked" on the way.

"In a couple of weeks, it'll get a lot more competitive," Dergarabedian said.