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What does Biden's decision to allow Ukraine to use longer-range US weapons mean?

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — The U.S. will allow Ukraine to use American-supplied longer-range weapons to conduct strikes deeper inside Russian territory, a long-sought request by Kyiv.

It isn't yet clear if there are limits on Ukraine's use of the Army Tactical Missile System, or ATACMS, as there have been on other U.S. missile

systems. Their deployment could — at least initially — be limited to Russia's Kursk region, where Ukrainian troops seized territory earlier this year.

Since the first year of the war, Ukrainian leaders have lobbied Western allies to allow them to use advanced weapons to strike key targets inside Russia — which they hope

would erode Moscow's capabilities before its troops reach the front line and could make it more difficult for the Russian forces to strike Ukrainian territory. It could also serve as a deterrent force in the event of future cease-fire negotiations.

The U.S. has long opposed the move, with President Joe Biden determined to avoid any escalation

that he felt could draw the U.S. and other NATO members into direct conflict with nuclear-armed Russia. The Kremlin warned on Monday that the decision adds "fuel to the fire."

The decision comes in the waning days of Biden's presidency, before President-elect Donald

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LOCAL CHARITABLE OPPORTUNITIES

A guide to giving back this holiday season

BY SHARYN KOPF
EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

Editor's Note: Part 1 (NOVEMBER) of this feature on holiday giving opportunities appeared in the Saturday, Nov. 16 edition of the Bellefontaine Examiner.

As Thanksgiving, Christmas and even New Year's draw ever closer, it's easy to get distracted by the shopping, decorating and what can seem like an endless amount of food prep.

Yet for all the busyness, finding time to reach out to your community can make the season sweeter than pumpkin pie. Opportunities to serve Logan County this holiday season are more numerous than we expected!

Here's a continued list of how you can help all the way through Christmas Day ...

DECEMBER

Santa's Workshop, Lakeview, will take place Thursday and Friday, Dec. 5 and 6, from 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 7, from 8 a.m. to noon, in the Young at Heart building, 490 W. Lake Street, Lakeview. They are looking for volunteers and/or monetary donations.

This 501(c)3 organization gives children a chance to buy Christmas presents for family members. Indian Lake Elementary School students will each receive a golden ticket to get four free gifts for others and one for themselves. For more information on how you can help this ministry, contact All Around Accounting at 937-843-3140.

For over 25 years, the Nu Beta Philanthropic Sorority has hosted Breakfast with Santa as a way to raise money for their community. This year's event is on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 201 N. Main Street in Bellefontaine.

All proceeds will go toward local food pantries. For a suggested donation of \$7 per adult and \$5 per child at the door, attendees will get a full hot breakfast and photo with Santa Claus. There will also be a large raffle table, gifts and other fun activities.

Ashley Furniture is holding its annual toy drive. The Bellefontaine store is accepting donations of new, unwrapped toys for all ages through Wednesday, Dec. 11.

Noah's Give Back—Bellefontaine Intermediate School fifth-grader Noah Goble is collecting items for local homeless shelters through Dec. 13. In 2023, Noah donated three full totes and he's hoping to gather enough necessi-

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Operation Christmas Child kicks off National Collection Week



Calvary Baptist Church, 1140 Rush Ave., Bellefontaine, is one of approximately 4,700 collection sites for Operation Christmas Child around the country. Shoebox gifts prepared by generous donors and filled with toys, hygiene items, school supplies and a \$10 donation for shipping and other costs may be dropped off now during National Collection Week, Nov. 18-25. Those drop-off hours at Calvary Baptist are 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19 through Friday, Nov. 22; 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 23; 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24; and 8 to 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 25. (EXAMINER PHOTO | MANDY LOEHR)

King family honored with Ohio Century Farm Award



Don King, left, displays the Century Farm award from the Ohio Department of Agriculture Friday, joined by his son, K.C. King, and the family's dog, "Rocky" at Clover Meade Farms, 2803 W. Township Road 30, Bellefontaine. (EXAMINER PHOTO | MANDY LOEHR)

BY MANDY LOEHR
EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

Don King feels very fortunate to have lived on his family farm on Township Road 30 for most of his nearly eight decades of life. The rural landscape, farming lifestyle and careful tending to the land and cattle suits his down-to-earth and hard-working personality.

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Clover Meade Farms, 2803 W. Township Road 30, Bellefontaine, owned by Don King, was named a Century Farm on the Ohio Historic Family Farms' list. (EXAMINER PHOTO | MANDY LOEHR)

Grocery chains vie for a place on Thanksgiving tables

NEW YORK (AP) — With Thanksgiving less than two weeks away, Walmart, Target, Aldi and other grocers are competing for a place on holiday tables with turkey dinner deals and other promotions to tempt Americans who haven't recovered from recent food price inflation.

Walmart, the nation's largest food retailer, first bundled the makings of a traditional turkey feast into a meal deal three years ago. This year, the 29-item offer, which includes a frozen turkey and ingredients for side dishes, costs less than \$55 and is intended to serve eight. That calculates to less than \$7 per person.

Target's version for four people costs \$20, \$5 less than the company's 2023 Thanksgiving meal, and includes a frozen turkey, stuffing mix and canned green beans and canned jellied cranberry sauce. Aldi's offers a frozen Butterball turkey with gravy mix as well

as pumpkin ingredients for pumpkin pie and ingredients for side dishes like sweet potato casserole. The German-owned supermarket chain priced it for \$47 and said that was less than it charged for the same items in 2019.

Meijer, with more than 500 supercenters in the Midwest, jumped into the fray last week by offering a frozen turkey for 49 cents per pound or lower and a \$37 Thanksgiving family meal for a group of four to six.

Comparing the respective menus to determine which represents the best value is difficult since recommended serving sizes and contents vary. But the promotions, introduced earlier than ever and at a time when many households remain put off by higher prices, underscore the importance of Thanksgiving to grocers, analysts said.

While consumer perceptions of grocery prices is based on the cost of staples like eggs and milk, "the

Thanksgiving meal has become essentially a new benchmark," Jason Goldberg, chief commerce strategy officer at Publicis Groupe, a global marketing and communications company.

It's the occasion for the second-largest holiday meal for retailers behind the feasts that accompany the winter holidays. Compared with an average, Thanksgiving meal shopping delivered a \$2.4 billion sales lift during the week before and after the holiday last year, market research firm Circana said. Shopping for Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year's Day meals gave stores a \$5.3 billion sales uplift compared with an average week, Circana said.

Joan Driggs, a Circana vice president, expects shoppers to buy items on sale for half of what they need to prepare Thanksgiving dinner meal. That's double the amount from 2022, when retailers pulled back on promotions due to limited sup-

plies left over from the coronavirus pandemic.

Consumers still aren't seeing discounts as deep as the ones grocers trotted out in pre-pandemic 2019, Driggs said. To attract customers, retailers therefore are creating strategies like meal bundles, which may "lessen the stress" for shoppers since they show the cost per person, she said.

Angel Rosario-Sanchez, 24, a New Jersey resident who was at a Walmart store in Secaucus on Wednesday, said he planned to have Thanksgiving with his friends but had not shopped for groceries yet. Seeing the big displays of Thanksgiving products in the store made him want to return to buy some.

For the past two years, Walmart, Target and others have seen price-conscious shoppers shift more of their purchases to store label brands. In response, retailers have improved their selections or created new food lines brands.

Walmart in April launched Bettergoods, its biggest store-label food brand in 20 years in terms of the breadth of items, to appeal to younger customers who aren't loyal to national brands and want chef-inspired foods that are more affordably priced.

But store brands aren't necessarily cheaper.

Wells Fargo's Agri-Food Institute, a team of national industry advisors that provides economic insights and research, compared the costs of store brands and national name brands for a typical Thanksgiving dinner. The name-brand versions of cranberry sauce were less expensive than the store brands the team inventoried, while the name brand pumpkin pies versus store brand versions were the same price.

Robin Wenzel, the head of the Wells Fargo institute, thinks the makers of some familiar brands realized they "overshot" with some of their post-pandemic price increas-

es and are retrenching.

The Agri-Food Institute's 10-person Thanksgiving menu includes turkey, stuffing, salad, cranberries, dinner rolls and pumpkin pie. Using all name-brand would cost \$90 this year, 0.5% less than last year. Preparing the same meal with store-branded food would cost \$73, or 2.7% more than a year ago.

That gives shoppers the option to mix and match, Wenzel said.

For main Thanksgiving entrées and beverages, prices are easing, but given the spike in food prices in recent years, consumers may or may not feel it.

A 15-item Thanksgiving meal costs an average of \$65.51 this year, down nearly 3% from last year but 42% higher overall than in 2019, retail intelligence provider Datasegment said. For example, a 12-ounce can of jellied cranberry sauce averaged \$2.89, which is 1% lower than a year ago but still 90% higher compared with 2019.

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

LOGAN COUNTY BEAT

SHERIFF & HIGHWAY PATROL

Driver arrested for OVI

Alicia Walters, 33, of Maplewood, was arrested early Saturday, Nov. 16, following a traffic stop conducted by deputies from the Logan County Sheriff's Office in the area of State Route 117 near County Road 38.

Walters was stopped while traveling southbound on S.R. 117 at approximately 1:30 a.m. for exceeding the posted speed limit.

Deputies report Walters' vehicle, a black Acura, was clocked at 68 mph in a 55 mph zone. During the stop, a second vehicle, a Ford Fusion with temporary tags, was also stopped after following closely behind Walters' car. The driver of the Ford, identified as Jorge Campuzano, did not possess a valid driver's license.

When deputies made contact with Walters, they observed signs of impairment, including drooping, glassy eyes and slurred speech. A strong smell of marijuana was reportedly detected from her vehicle. Walters initially claimed she and Campuzano were on their way to a Waffle House in Bellefontaine, but she appeared to be confused about her direction of travel. She admitted to having consumed alcohol and eventually consented to field sobriety tests, which she failed.

Walters was placed under arrest for operating a vehicle while impaired. During a search, she admitted to deputies that she had two prescription Neurontin pills in her possession. The pills were confiscated and logged into evidence.

Her vehicle was towed from the scene, and Walters was transported to the Logan County Jail without incident. She consented to a urine test. Walters was charged with operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol and/or

drugs and an additional charge related to possessing a dangerous drug, and was cited for speed.

OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Motorist sustains serious injuries in semi, SUV crash

A Marysville man reportedly sustained life-threatening injuries in a two-vehicle crash involving his sport utility vehicle and a semi tractor-trailer that occurred shortly after 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15, on U.S. Route 33 just south of County Road 87.

Lavern L. Schroyer, 70, was transported by Indian Lake EMS to a waiting mobile intensive care unit along S.R. 235 in Champaign County, which then transported him to Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, troopers of the Marysville Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol report.

Troopers said Schroyer was operating a 2014 Hyundai Santa Fe sport utility vehicle southeast on U.S. 33 when his vehicle failed to stop in time and struck the rear of a 2009 Kenworth semi tractor-trailer that was stopped in traffic because of a separate nearby crash.

The semi's driver, David S. Jones, 51, of Galloway, did not report any injuries.

Schroyer reportedly was alert and talking with first responders at the scene.

The drivers each were wearing seat belts. Alcohol is not suspected as a crash factor.

Troopers were assisted by Logan County Sheriff's deputies, Washington Township police, Indian Joint Fire District, Lakeview Fire Department, Lakeview EMS, Wren's Towing, Englewood Towing and Logan County ODOT.

Republican Jason Stephens, who oversaw historically divided Ohio House, drops bid for speaker

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Republican Jason Stephens, who has presided for the past two years over one of the most tumultuous periods in recent Ohio House history, said Monday that he will not seek another term as speaker.

Stephens, 53, announced his decision during a Statehouse news conference where he touted the session's policy accomplishments and complimented the work of his staff. He said he expects his withdrawal from the contest will set up a vigorous speakership fight ahead of a caucus vote

scheduled for Wednesday. "As far as I'm concerned, this really resets the entire race, and, you know, it's really a new speaker's race over the next 48 hours," he told reporters.

Among those seeking the seat will be Republican Senate President Matt Huffman, who won an unopposed House race Nov. 5. Stephens declined to say whether he had met with Huffman ahead of Monday's announcement. State Reps. Ron Ferguson and Tim Barhorst are also reportedly considered contenders. In January 2023,

Stephens surprised the GOP-supermajority chamber by winning the speakership with support from a minority of the Republican caucus — but all 32 House Democrats.

A faction that backed a different speaker candidate and said they represented a majority of the House Republican caucus broke ranks, tried to form their own caucus and sued for control of the House GOP campaign fund. Rivals, some aligned with Huffman, used the fund to target Stephens' allies in the 2024 primaries, with some success.

THE FORUM

Grange Solar will benefit Logan County, Indian Lake

As a retired engineer, architect, certified energy manager, and accredited professional designer for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) projects, I feel strongly about solar energy and benefits the Grange Solar project can bring to Logan County and the Indian Lake area.

For 32 years, I worked for Dayton Power and Light Company (DP&L) in plant design and construction on the Ohio River. This work included the Zimmer Power Plant in Moscow, Ohio, which was a conversion from nuclear to coal fired.

Now at age 82, most of the power plants I worked on are being retired. The normal life of a power plant is 30 to 40 years but due to environmental conditions and economic factors, most are retiring early. In fact, the Zimmer plant took over 20 years to build, but closed five years early, in 2022, after only 31 years of operation. It was the sixth coal-burning power plant in the region to close in a decade. In 2017, DP&L announced plans to close J.M. Stuart along with its sister plant Killen Station — two plants I also worked on — due to economic and environmental challenges.

A typical 600 MW coal power plant burns 300 tons per hour and produces 75 tons of ash per hour. Tons of water are required for cooling towers. About 1,000 acres is required for the plant and ash disposal, and the runoff from coal piles and ash ponds must be treated.

Coal ash is toxic, containing arsenic, lead and other heavy metals, the EPA details at [www.epa.gov/coalash/coal-](http://www.epa.gov/coalash/coal-ash-basics)

ash-basics. These hazardous pollutants have been linked to cancer, reproductive failure, heat disease and neurological harm. Ohio has more than 160 coal ash dump sites that leach pollutants into our groundwater and threaten drinking water, according to the Ohio River Valley Institute, ohiorivervalleyinstitute.org.

Solar projects, on the other hand, are low-lying and unobtrusive to views, do not emit pollutants or sound, and the panels are made mostly of recyclable materials.

My wife and I drive from our home to our cabin at Indian Lake along State Route 235 several times per month, and we have watched the construction of the new Clearview Solar project in Champaign County. The project will occupy about 1,000 acres of agricultural land, which can be returned to farming after 40 years. Construction of the facility began in late 2021 and is already nearing completion. The construction site is clean and when landscaping is completed and construction equipment is removed it will not be noticed. There will be no ash or pollution from the site. The plant will add to the tax base for the county.

I am very surprised and disappointed by the anti-solar signs in Logan County aimed at the proposed Grange Solar project. Grange Solar will create jobs, generate millions of dollars each year for schools and other local services, and produce clean, affordable electricity for the power grid. It's not only advantageous over traditional energy sources from an environmental and fiscal perspective, but it will keep the land in agricultural production by using sheep grazing to manage the vegetation.

Ken Bailey
 retired, AIA, PE, CEM, LEED-AP

LOCAL NOTES

BHS set to host Logan County Financial Aid Night

The 47th annual Logan County Financial Aid Night is slated for 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, in the Bellefontaine High School auditorium.

College-bound juniors and seniors and their parents are invited to attend to learn about different opportunities to help pay for college.

Tony Dickman from OSU-Lima will lead the presentation with lots of great information about the FAFSA. There were new changes to FAFSA last year that he can address.

The presentation is sponsored by the guidance departments of Bellefontaine, Benjamin Logan, Indian Lake and Riverside high schools and the Ohio Hi-Point Career Center.

THANKSGIVING

• **Rushsylvania Lions Club's 75th annual turkey festival** — Saturday, Nov. 23, West Mansfield Conservation Club, 701 S. Main St., West Mansfield; food served beginning at 5 p.m., turkey raffle for 50 turkeys begins at 6 p.m.; drawing for three \$100 cash prizes, numerous gift items, including a door prize of a 25-pound turkey; the festival raises funds for Lions local community projects.

• **Riverside senior citizen Thanksgiving Dinner** — Monday, Nov. 25, free meal for seniors residing in the district, doors open at 4:30 p.m., the meal begins at 5 pm; Majesty Quartet set to perform.

• **22nd annual Thanksgiving Love Dinner** — Thursday, Nov. 28, noon to 3 p.m. First United Methodist Church, 201 N. Main St., Bellefontaine, meal served by delivery or dine-in; requests for delivery must be received before 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26, by calling the church office, (937) 592-9651 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday (do not leave a voicemail); donations are appreciated.

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ties to help out two additional shelters this year.

Here's what he's looking for: blankets, pillows, twin bedding, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, nail clippers, body wash, soap, towels, washcloths, laundry detergent and clear 10-gallon totes.

If you want to help, contact Noah's mom, Hannah, at goble9227@gmail.com.

Toys for Tots—New to Logan County for 2024, Toys for Tots looks to provide Christmas gifts to disadvantaged children in our community. This year's campaign, which started Oct. 1, will continue through Dec. 15. A U.S. Marine Corps Reserve program, collections boxes have been set up in Bellefontaine, Huntsville, Russells Point and Lakeview.

According to organizer Heather Wright, they still need more as collections have been low so far. "We just want people to know we're here. Also, monetary gifts allow us to buy toys to supplement what's been donated," Wright said.

Cash donations are appreciated year-round, but the Logan County coordinator will take care of the final pick up from collection sites for this year's drive on Dec. 16. You can find out more through Wake Up the World Ministries at 600 E. Brown Street, Bellefontaine, or call 937-592-0717.

Lutheran Community Services (LCS) is again offering its annual Christmas Basket Program. This adopt-a-family opportunity lets you help individuals or families in need in a tangible, holiday-focused way. But they will make the basket deliveries on Dec. 16, so don't wait to sign up!

When applications closed on Friday, Nov. 15, LCS had 484 families looking for help this Christmas season. Those who want to

support the ministry are invited to the thrift store at 820 W. Sandusky Avenue to look through their book of people who've requested assistance. You can stop by during open hours, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

"You pick someone out and you can purchase food and gifts or just food or just gifts; it's up to you," Evelyn Allen, LCS manager, said. "And we'll help as much as we can. We will still take care of anyone who doesn't get adopted."

If this is something you want to help with, or if you want to donate time to put food boxes together, or you just want to volunteer in any way possible, you can contact Kim Collum, LCS program director, or Evelyn at 937-592-9914.

Peak of Hope Shelter—Brewfontaine will host the 2024 Carols for a Cause, a holiday concert featuring local musician John Whitehead and Friends on Thursday, Dec. 19, at 6 p.m. Ten percent of sales for the day—dine-in and carryout—will go toward the shelter.

Many Churches, **One God Free Christmas Meal**—This annual event, which is organized by several West Liberty churches, will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 25, at Liberty Gathering Place, 111 N. Detroit Street.

Organizers will need help preparing, serving and delivering meals. To participate, contact Amy Pratt at 937-776-6904 or email her at amypratt117@gmail.com.

In a discussion on Facebook, resident Stephanie Norris said, "This is a wonderful outreach to the community, especially the elderly or those suffering with illness or injury or job loss."

Goshen Friends Church, 5527 CR 153, Zanesfield, has an Angel Tree. Each angel on the tree has the name of someone you can buy a gift for.

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Trump assumes office. Trump has said he would bring about a swift end to the war, which many fear could force unpalatable concessions from Kyiv.

What are ATACMS? The ballistic missiles, developed by U.S. aerospace and defense company Lockheed Martin, have nearly double the striking distance — up to 300 kilometers (190 miles) — of most of the weapons in Ukraine's possession. They carry a larger payload and have more precise targeting for pinpoint attacks on air fields, ammunition stores and strategic infrastructure.

The United States has supplied Ukraine with dozens of ATACMS (pronounced attack-ems) and they have been used to destroy military targets in Russian-occupied parts of Ukraine such as Crimea — but not on Russian soil.

What is Biden allowing Ukraine to do?

Biden authorized Ukraine to use the ATACMS to strike deeper inside Russia, according to a U.S. official and three other people familiar with the matter.

The longer-range missiles are likely to be used in response to North Korea's decision to send troops to support Kremlin forces, according to one of the people familiar with the development. Pyongyang's troops are apparently being deployed to help the Russian army drive Ukrainian forces out of Russia's Kursk border region, where they launched an incursion in August.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the U.S. decision publicly.

It was the second time that Washington has expanded Ukraine's authority to use its U.S.-provided weapons systems inside Russian territory.

OBITUARIES

Marie A. LeFever

Marie A. LeFever, 86, of Bellefontaine, passed away November 13, 2024, at Riverside Hospital in Columbus. The middle child of nine was born to Merrill and Gladys (Hiltibran) LeFever on June 23, 1938. She was always fun-



loving, generous, and exceptionally caring and loved to be around others. Marie was a favorite grandma, great-grandma, aunt, and great-aunt, and children especially were always drawn to her.

Although she was 86 in years, she was far younger in living her life, thoroughly enjoying playing with her great grandchildren, acting as the carpool driver for her siblings on trips to Sam's Club or the Amish store, or cooking or baking — which she did often. Marie never slowed down, until the final three weeks of her life.

Marie's lifelong partner was Kay Mummey, and he survives. Over the more than 40 years with Kay, Marie enjoyed a very special bond with Kay's daughter Gloria (Rick) Herring. Although Marie never married and had no children of her own, Kay's children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren loved Marie as if they were her own, as she did them.

Always a free spirit, Marie never had many restrictions when it came to nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. They will all remember her as the most fun babysitter, with more energy and enthusiasm than people far younger than she was. Everyone looked forward to visits with Marie, and there was never a dull moment.

She always remembered nearly everything about everyone — the specific foods, activities, and interests each had. Everyone benefited from her cooking and baking; she often shared whatever she had, and many times baked special items as a thank you for someone who helped her with a computer problem. Marie would often leave the front porch lights on in the evening for Gloria when she had left over dinner to share, and Gloria would stop in after work to visit and enjoy a great meal.

A graduate of Urbana High School, Marie's first job was at G.C. Murphy in Urbana. She later moved to Bellefontaine and worked for her brother-in-law Bob Erwin at Erwin Insurance Agency for more than 20 years. She was also a distributor for Home Interiors & Gifts. Marie later worked for the Logan County Recorder's Office, and at one point performed in-store food demonstrations. More recently she had returned to Erwin Insurance Agency for a day or two a week. There was rarely a time when Marie was not busy. She was quick to lend a helping hand to a neighbor, friend, or relative whenever she saw a need.

Marie and her siblings had a close relationship, and

there was always much laughing when they got together. It was often hard to tell which sibling was the ringleader, but they all stuck together through thick and thin. Marie's passing leaves a huge void in the families. Her spunky, vibrant spirit will be sorely missed.

In addition to Kay C. Mummey and Gloria and Rick Herring, survivors include children Carson (Darla) Mummey and Debbie Mummey. Daughter Julie (Mummey) Halsey preceded her in death. Also surviving are son-in-law Todd (Monica) Halsey; grandchildren Josh (Holly) Mummey, Jill (James) Green, Andrew Mummey, Elisa (Cameron) Klump, Erica (Stephen) James, Robert "Robbie" (Leesha) Herring, Hannah (Daniel) Hart, Nate (Abbie) Halsey, Luke Halsey, Wayne and Calvin Halsey; and great-grandchildren Owen and Jackson Mummey; Jadon, Landon and Makaylyn Klump; Bentley, Piper and Cooper James; and Rosella, Raelyn, Risoul, Remilee, and Riley Herring. Marie was preceded in death by her parents, as well as her siblings Norma LeFever and Ralph LeFever. Surviving siblings are Sue (Junior) Eaton, Nancy (Robert, dec'd) Erwin, Ruth (Gene, dec'd) Weese, Janice (Dave) Cook, Bill (Debbie) LeFever, and Clara (Bill Moore) LeFever. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and great-great-nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be at Jennings Farley & Seeley Funeral Home and Crematory on Thursday, November 21, from 3 to 5 p.m. A service will follow from 5 to 6 pm.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to the American Heart Association.

Dennis "Denny" Lynn Phelps

Dennis "Denny" Lynn Phelps, 72, of North Lewisburg, Ohio passed away on Saturday, November 16, 2024, in OSU Medical Center.

Denny was born on May 18, 1952, in Columbus, Ohio to the late Robert and Alice (Ferryman) Phelps.

Denny was a quiet man with a big heart, known for his love of family and simple pleasures. A fan of old Westerns, OSU games, and Fox News, Dennis found joy in the little things.

Dennis' greatest joy in life was his family. He was especially proud of his grandson, Hudson, and loved nothing more than attending Hudson's sports events and school programs. The two shared a special bond, often teaming up for light-hearted mischief against "Grammy!" Whether they were enjoying trips to Cedar Point, Hotel Breakers trips, or going to the movies with Hudson, Denny cherished every moment spent with his family and those he loved.

Though Denny was a man of few words, those who knew him best understood that his love ran deep. His quiet nature didn't diminish the strength of his affection; it only made those moments when he did speak or show affection all the more meaningful. Denny will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who were lucky enough to know him.

Denny is survived by his loving wife and best friend, Chris Phelps; son, Michael (Rachel) Phelps; Grandson, Hudson Phelps; sisters, Judy Jackson, Linda Rutan, Alicia (Carl) Davis; brothers, Steven (Connie) Phelps, Douglas (Amelia) Phelps; as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Denny is preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Sharon Longberry, Pamela Spain; and brother Gary Phelps.

A gathering of family and friends will be held from 4 – 7 PM on Thursday, November 21, 2024, in Freshwater, McDonald & Vernon Funeral Home, North Lewisburg, Ohio.

Funeral service will be held at 10 AM on Friday, November 22, 2024, in the funeral home Pastor John Instine officiating.

Burial will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery, North Lewisburg.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.vernonfh.com.

Phyllis Jean Rafferty

Phyllis Jean Rafferty, 82, of Belle Center, passed away Monday morning, November 11, 2024, at Ayden Health Care at Belle Springs.

Phyllis was born in Dayton, Ohio, on August 26, 1942, to the late Albert and Mary (Bothen) Heiligenberg. She was preceded in death by her husband Michael D. Rafferty, son

Scott M. Rafferty, and a brother Joseph Heiligenberg.

Phyllis is survived by her cousin, Dorothy (Richard) Poepelmeier of Huntsville; and niece Stacy Pelger of Zanesfield.

Phyllis met her husband Michael in New York City and lived there for many years. Following his death, she returned to Ohio in 2000. Phyllis was devoted to her dogs, Lola and Brutus. She enjoyed volunteering, including at area nursing homes. Phyllis was a member of the Indian Lake Moose and St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church.

Fr. Shawn Landenwirth will celebrate a memorial mass on Friday, November 22, 2024, at 11am at St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church, 464 Madison Ave. Russells Point. Private urn burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Dayton, beside her husband Michael.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church, 464 Madison Ave. Russells Point, OH 43348.

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



SENIOR OF THE MONTH

DANIEL YOUNG
PARENTS: Matt and Bobbie Young

School Activities and Awards: NHS member, FCA President, Key Club, Soccer, Basketball, Track, Superior in academics, ASB Athletic Director, YLA, Wisdom Award

Favorite School Memory: During ESM week, took a bus ride through the Costa Rican jungle while it was pouring and we couldn't even see the road!

Something I'm Passionate About: I love playing soccer with my friends

People Who Have Inspired Me: Parents, Coach Aaron Adelsberger

Bible Verse That Has Had a Strong Impact on Me: Psalm 8:1. Just glorifying the Lord and standing in awe of His wonder is truly powerful!

Most Impactful High School Activity: Costa Rice missions trip

Current Plans After I Graduate: Gain my bachelor's degree in allied health, go to PTA school, then use the bridge program and become a Physical Therapist.

How Calvary Has Shaped My Worldview: It has helped me understand what is truly valuable and worthwhile in life.

Advice for Students Entering High School: Don't stress yourself out. Have fun and enjoy your friends. Not to be cringe, but time really does fly!





SENIOR OF THE MONTH

KARI GANTZ
PARENTS: Kyle and Kristy Gantz

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS: Varsity Volleyball Team, Varsity Basketball Team, Drama, Key Club – Vice President, FCA – Secretary, ASB – Worship Director, Youth Leadership Association, National Honor Society, Worship Team, Senior Class President

Favorite School Memory: Some of my favorite school memories have been playing volleyball and cheering in the student section at basketball games.

People Who Have Inspired Me: My parents, my youth leaders, my grandparents, and Kristen Brunner.

Bible Verse That Has Had a Strong Impact on Me: 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 – But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weakness, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Most Impactful High School Activity: I think the most impactful events at Calvary have been the worship nights.

Current Plans After I Graduate: Currently undecided but looking towards education or the medical field.

How Calvary Has Shaped My Worldview: My time at Calvary has shown me how to further my relationship with Christ. Many of my teachers and friends from school have encouraged me with their testimonies and their passion for the Lord.

Advice for Students Entering High School: You only have one chance to be a kid, enjoy it! Don't focus so much on your future that you didn't see the joys that the Lord has placed in front of you.





SENIOR OF THE MONTH

HUNTER ANDRIX
PARENTS: Jack Andrix & Sandy Benedum

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS: Football, Track, National Honor Society, BPA (Vice President), Student Government, FCA, Quiz Bowl, Sophomore Year Football Scout Player of the Year, All-Conference Academic Sports Team Awards, Ohio Governor's Merit Scholarship, and BPA State Qualifier for Personal Financial Management.

If I were principal for a day: I would advocate for a mentorship program from the upperclassmen to the lower classmen for academics similar to how college tutors do, begin taking requests for movies to play during lunches, and propose the idea for a Benjamin Logan Gas Station providing daily transportation needs for students and teachers while generating revenue that could be put back into school programs, athletics, or scholarships.

Favorite school memory: It's extremely difficult to choose one favorite memory as I have made so many over the years; however, every time I am asked this question, I can never go wrong by choosing my 8th grade class with Mrs. Mitchell.

People who have inspired me include: I think there's a lot of people that I take inspiration from, some specific individuals include: Mr. Fay, Coach Butler, Beau Harmon, and lots of my teachers, and some people outside of school are: athletes Kobe Bryant, and Hunter Reynolds, and businessman Warren Buffet.


Lately, I have been reading: "How to Win at the Sport of Business: If I can do it, you can do it" by Mark Cuban

My advice to parents: Encourage your children to do their best while also giving them space to grow. It is important to find a balance between offering support and guidance and understanding their challenges, and allowing independence. Let your child make some decisions for themselves and build confidence in their own abilities. They're going to be adults soon after all.

My biggest regret: Not joining more clubs earlier on in high school. There's plenty to choose from, pick one you're interested in and give it a shot, you may be surprised where it takes you!

Next year I will be: Attending a four-year in-state university double majoring in Marketing and Sports Management/Administration, and potentially continuing my athletic career in football.





SENIOR OF THE MONTH

PAITYN ANSPACH
PARENTS: Jeff and Januah Anspach

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS: National Honor Society, ROC, BPA, FCA, and Academic Letters.

If I were principal for a day: I would have a student and faculty bonding day.

Favorite school memory: All of the pep rallies and Relay for Life.


People who have inspired me include: My family, friends, teachers, and faculty.

Lately, I have been reading: People We Meet on Vacation by Emily Henry.

My advice to parents: Know that you have done the best at being parents and I wouldn't be where I am today without you. Also know that I will be fine in these next steps of life because you have taught and prepared me well.

My biggest regret: Not living in the moment more and not taking every opportunity that I could have.

Next year I will be: Attending college to study Accounting or potentially News Broadcasting.





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All-SW District gridiron team named St. Clair gets offensive POY; 13 others make first teams

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF
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A total of 14 area players were selected to the first team of the all-Southwest District football team.

The teams were chosen by members of the Ohio Prep Sports Media Association.

Bellefontaine quarterback Tavien St. Clair was named the offensive player of the year for Division III for the second straight season.

St. Clair completed 166 of 244 passes for 2,536 yards on the season. He averaged 10.4 yards per throw, with 29 touchdowns and four interceptions. On the ground, he had 34 carries for 254 yards and nine scores.

Also making the first team on offense were senior receiver Braylon Newcomb and senior center Brody Boy. Newcomb had 77 catches for 1,195 yards (15.5 average) and 17 touchdowns.

St. Clair and Newcomb led the Central Buckeye Conference in passing and receiving yards, respectively.

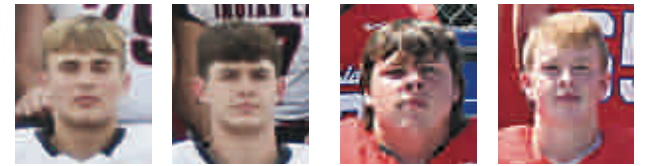
The first-team defense includes linebacker Jayden Temple, who had 122 tackles, four sacks and two interceptions.

Chosen for the second team defense were senior Ayden Clary (defensive end), and junior Carter Caudill (linebacker). Caudill made 115 tackles, two interceptions and recovered two fumbles. Clary had 56 and 3.5 sacks.

Bellefontaine finished at 8-3, losing to Chaminade



Tavien St. Clair of Bellefontaine, above, was named the Offensive Player of the Year in Division III for the Southwest District. (EXAMINER FILE PHOTO)



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Second team offense picks were quarterbacks Madden Lillard of Indian Lake and Nick Shifflet of WL-S, as well as receiver Jack Bahan and kicker Gideon Cole of the Tigers.

Lillard has completed 143 of 259 throws for 1,872 yards (7.2 average) with 21 touchdowns and 14 interceptions. His rushing totals are 106 carries for 231 yards and one TD.

Shifflet has completed 147 of 231 for 2,059 yards (8.9 average), with 20 touchdowns and three interceptions.

Bahan has pulled in 56 catches for 981 yards with 11 touchdowns. Cole has made four of six field goals and 62 of 69 extra points.

The second team on defense includes Taran Longwood of WL-S at lineman, who has 41 tackles and a team-high 6.5 sacks.

Honorable mention went to Drake Cosby of Indian Lake, who has 949 yards on 213 rushes with 11 TDs.

The Lakers (11-2) and Tigers (12-1) will meet for the Region 20 championship on Friday at Piqua's Alexander Stadium.

In Division VII, Riverside had three first team selections: Travis Brooks (offensive lineman); Jordan Dunham (defensive lineman) and Braylon Dunn (linebacker).

Dunn had 116 tackles, two sacks, three fumble recoveries and two interceptions. Dunham made 62 tackles, with 4.5 sacks and picked off one pass.

The Pirates finished at 4-7, losing to Lehman Catholic in the first round.

Julienne in the opening round of the postseason.

In Division V, Indian Lake selections were Quest Clay at wide receiver, linebacker Noah Shirk and defensive back Brodey Reisinger on the first team.

For West Liberty-Salem, offensive lineman Luke

McGill, defensive lineman Cam Bair, linebacker Josh Wilcox and Jacob Evans in the secondary for the first team.

Clay has 72 catches for 910 yards (12.6 average) and 11 touchdowns. Shirk leads the Lakers with 108 tackles. He has five sacks, one fumble recovery and two inter-

ceptions. Reisinger has 66 tackles.

For the Tigers, Wilcox leads the team with 93 tackles. He has 3.5 sacks and one fumble recovery. Evans has made 55 tackles, and picked off three passes. Bair has 40 tackles, 1.5 sacks, with one fumble recovery and one interception.

Taylor: Bengals can still make playoffs

BY GREG BEACHAM
 AP SPORTS WRITER

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Even after yet another painful loss in a season full of heartbreakers for Cincinnati, head coach Zac Taylor insisted his beleaguered Bengals can still make the playoffs.---

Taylor's Bengals (4-7) and their fans might be finding it increasingly hard to keep the faith after the Los Angeles Chargers delivered their latest gut punch.

Cincinnati lost 34-27 Sunday night after rallying back from a 21-point deficit in the second half, only to give up a dramatic 84-yard touchdown drive in the final minute. The Bengals have six losses by seven points or fewer this season, including two in a row.

Taylor remained passionately optimistic about his team even after its flawed performance at SoFi Stadium.

"This is sick, the way that these games are ending, and the way that we feel coming off the field every week, the feeling I've got when I've got to talk to the team in the locker room after all these endings," Taylor said. "What I just keep telling the team is, 'At some point, this has got to help us.' At some point, we've got to find some momentum, and we've got to get on a run, and we've got to find ourselves in a good position where we reflect back. We don't ever want to use a loss for good, but it's got to help us in some way."

Cincinnati is 4 1/2 games behind AFC North leader Pittsburgh (8-2). Nine AFC teams have better records than the Bengals as they head into their bye

week.

Taylor repeatedly insisted he thinks his Bengals can still be a playoff team, saying they've "played good football" this season.

"We believe in our guys," he said. "We've got good systems in place, and we're going to hang in there and support each other and find a way to get this thing done. And if we can get it done, it's going to be a dang good season. It's not so far what we would have written for ourselves, but I tell you, I stand here today with the utmost belief that we can still get this done on the back half of our schedule."

When Joe Burrow was asked if he shared his coach's beliefs, the quarterback quietly said: "Hope so."

Moments later, Burrow responded, "Yeah," when asked if this was the most frustrating season of his football life.

"Pretty self-explanatory," he added.

Indeed, the Bengals' passion and frustration boiled over occasionally in Inglewood, and it's logical to wonder whether cracks are forming.

Ja'Marr Chase had seven catches for 75 yards and two TDs to top 1,000 yards already for the fourth consecutive season, but the NFL's receptions leader gave an odd answer when asked how the Bengals can start executing late in games.

"I don't know," Chase said. "Ask Zac. Ask the coaches. Don't ask me. That's not my job. I play football on the field. I don't call plays for us, so I can't really do nothing."

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Above left, Indian Lake defenders make a tackle during the game against Preble Shawnee. Above right, quarterback Nick Shifflet of West Liberty-Salem hands the ball off. The Lakers and Tigers meet Friday night for the Region 20 championship in Piqua. (EXAMINER FILE PHOTOS)



Lakers, Tigers to meet at Piqua for Region 20 title

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF
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History will be made on Friday night.

That is when Indian Lake (11-2) and West Liberty-Salem (12-1) face off at Alexander Stadium in Piqua with the Region 20 championship on the line.

Neither program has ever advanced to the state semifinals.

The Lakers, seeded fifth, have won eight games in a row. They finished first in the Mad River division of the Central Buckeye Conference.

In the postseason, they defeated No. 12 Versailles 19-7, No. 4 Preble Shawnee 28-14, then knocked out top

seed Jamestown Greeneview 28-13. They have forced 12 turnovers in those three contests, using those to set the offense up in good scoring position.

West Liberty-Salem took the North Division crown in the Ohio Heritage Conference and earned the second seed. They will be the designated home team Friday.

WL-S has relied on its offense, winning 41-26 over No. 15 Arcanum and 62-28 over No. 7 Miami East. Last Friday, they held off third seed Waynesville 45-42.

The other regional finals in Division V are:

Region 17 – South Range vs. Poland Seminary (at Youngstown)

Region 18 – Edison vs. Liberty Center (at Millbury)

Region 19 – Ironton vs. Wheelersburg (at South Point).

The bracket pairings for the semifinals will be announced later this week by the OHSAA.

In Division III, London will face Bellbrook in the Region 12 final at Springfield. The Region 16 final in Division IV is Taft taking on Archbishop Alter.

Down in Division VI, Region 24 has Coldwater against Anna. The Region 28 contest in Division VII is an all-Midwest Athletic Conference affair, with Marion Local taking on Minster.

The state championships will be held Dec. 5-7 in Canton.

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SPORTS

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Kansas stays on top of hoops poll

BY JOHN MARSHALL
 AP SPORTS WRITER

Kansas strengthened its grip on No. 1 in the AP Top 25.

The rest of the top 10 turned into a jumble of teams swapping places.

The Jayhawks picked up five first-place votes in The Associated Press men's college basketball poll released on Monday, receiving 49 from a 61-person media panel. No. 2 UConn had seven first-place votes. No. 3 Gonzaga earned two and No. 4 Auburn three. Iowa State climbed two spots to round out the top five.

The shuffling started with No. 8 Alabama's 87-78 loss to No. 6 Purdue, a game that dropped the Crimson Tide six spots and bumped the Boilermakers up seven. Losses by Duke and Arizona shook up the top 10 further.

The No. 12 Blue Devils dropped six spots from last week after their 77-72 loss to No. 9 Kentucky. The Wildcats climbed 10 spots for their first top-10 ranking this season. Arizona lost 103-88 at No. 19 Wisconsin and fell eight spots to No. 17. The Badgers are ranked for the first time this season.

Kansas backed up its win over North Carolina in the season's opening week by beating Michigan State and Oakland last week.

UConn continued to roll in its bid for a third straight national championship, blowing out Le Moyne 90-49. Gonzaga crushed UMass Lowell, Auburn rolled over Kent State and Iowa State beat Kansas City by 26.

No. 7 Houston moved up a spot bouncing back from a 74-69 loss to Auburn by blowing out Louisiana-Lafayette.

BUILDING BADGERS
 Wisconsin had to reload its roster after an upset loss

to James Madison in the first round of the NCAA Tournament last season.

Coach Greg Gard filled the holes with some solid additions through the transfer portal, but the Badgers were still picked to finish near the bottom of the Big Ten.

The projections may have been off.

After rolling through three easy wins against smaller conference schools, Wisconsin made a few waves by running over Arizona. John Tonje scored 41 points, two off the school record, and the Badgers never trailed in a convincing win over a top-10 team that led to a passionate post-game speech by Gard.

IN AND OUT

No. 25 Illinois joined Wisconsin as the only teams to move into the top 25. The Illini knocked off Oakland 66-54 last week.

Ole Miss dropped out from No. 25 despite beating South Alabama and Colorado State last week. Ohio State fell from No. 21 after its 78-64 loss to No. 23 Texas A&M.

RISING AND FALLING

Arizona had the biggest drop, losing eight spots. Alabama and Duke were next, each dropping six places.

Kentucky had the biggest jump among teams already in the poll, climbing 10 places and Purdue was next at seven.

CONFERENCE CHECK

The Southeastern Conference led the way with seven ranked teams, including No. 11 Tennessee, No. 20 Arkansas and No. 21 Florida.

The Big 12 has six teams in the poll and the Big Ten five, followed by the Big East with four. The Atlantic Coast Conference has two, while the West Coast Conference has one.

Skenes, Gil are Rookies of Year

BY BERNIE WILSON
 AP SPORTS WRITER

Hard-throwing Pittsburgh Pirates ace Paul Skenes capped a remarkable season by winning the National League Rookie of the Year Award on Monday, while Luis Gil of the New York Yankees edged Baltimore's Colton Cowser to take the AL honor.

It's the first time the rookie awards went to two pitchers since 2011, when Tampa Bay starter Jeremy Hellickson and Atlanta closer Craig Kimbrel won.

Skenes didn't make his big league debut until May 11 but the right-hander was such an immediate sensation he was selected to start the All-Star Game for the NL on July 16. He beat outfielders Jackson Merrill of the San Diego Padres and Jackson Chourio of the Milwaukee Brewers for the NL rookie prize.

The 22-year-old Skenes, the top pick in the 2023 amateur draft, finished 11-3 with a 1.96 ERA in 23 starts. He struck out 170 and walked 32 in 133 innings.

"I was super pleased

with what happened this year in terms of going out there and competing, but there's more work to be done for sure," said Skenes, who planned to celebrate with his girlfriend, LSU gymnast and influencer Livvy Dunne.

Skenes said he's looking forward to pitching a full season next year.

"I think it starts now. The postseason is flying by and I can't wait for spring training to start already," he said. "I think the biggest thing is going to be proving it over a full season next year also. If nothing else it's going to be a challenge and an opportunity to prove it again next year."

Skenes received 23 first-place votes for 136 points while Merrill had seven firsts and 104 points. They were listed on all ballots. Chourio had 26 points.

Skenes also is a finalist for the NL Cy Young Award.

Gil, who moved into the Yankees' rotation after ace Gerrit Cole was injured in spring training, received 15 first-place votes for 106 points. Cowser got 13 firsts for 101 points, and Yankees

catcher Austin Wells received 17 points.

The only closer election since 1980 was when Royals shortstop Angel Berroa beat Yankees outfielder Hideki Matsui 88-84 in 2003.

Gil went 15-7 with a 3.50 ERA in 29 starts for the AL champions. The right-hander had 171 strikeouts in 151 2/3 innings.

"It means so much to me. I'm so happy about being able to win this award," Gil said through an interpreter. "Everybody in my corner, they're so happy for me and so proud. I'm also proud of the opportunity that was given to me by the team. It turned out to be a good season for me, a great experience."

Yankees manager Aaron Boone said Gil "worked so hard to put himself in a strong position heading into spring training after coming back from Tommy John surgery. Without a guarantee of a major league spot, he absolutely kicked in the door this spring and went on to have a phenomenal rookie season."

Skenes became the second Pirates player to win the award after Jason Bay in 2004.

Because he finished among the top two in voting, Skenes will be credited with a full year of major league service instead of 142 days, under the collective bargaining agreement. If he isn't sent back to the minor leagues, he would become eligible for free agency after the 2029 season.

Merrill, 21, came on strong during the second half, igniting a debate over whether an everyday player deserved the award more than a starting pitcher.

Merrill was converted from shortstop to center field during spring training, when the Padres had only two outfielders on their roster.

He was picked for the All-Star team and helped the Padres reach the playoffs, where they swept Atlanta in a Wild Card Series and then lost a Division Series to the eventual World Series champion Los Angeles Dodgers.

Chourio was a 20-20 player at age 20.

Bengals

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Three-time Pro Bowler Trey Hendrickson came off the field screaming in Taylor's direction during the first half, and he swatted away Taylor's outstretched arm.

Hendrickson said he was frustrated with a no-call.

"Everybody tries to calm me down, but it's the (NFL)," Hendrickson said. "You play with an edge. Everybody does. Everybody should, and flicking that switch off ... I love Zac. He's a great head coach. He's done a lot for me as a person. I love him."

But Hendrickson acknowledged the defense deserved to feel low after surrendering 272 yards in the first half.

"I wish I knew all the answers," Hendrickson said. "Right now I don't. It's humbling, the (NFL). We have a very talented roster, I think, individually, these pieces. It's not coming together as a defense like we planned."

Cincinnati started the season 1-4, with its four losses coming by a combined 15 points. After a 3-1 surge, the Bengals blew a 14-point lead over Baltimore last week and

then rallied to catch up, only to lose 35-34 when their two-point conversion attempt failed with 38 seconds left.

The loss to Los Angeles negated another comeback led by Burrow, who passed for 214 yards in an electric five-drive stretch of the second half alone. Cincinnati scored three touchdowns on those drives — but Evan McPherson missed field goals to end the other two drives, leaving him 6 for 10 beyond 39 yards this season.

Taylor defended his kicker, and he insisted the

Bengals don't need any major changes in an attempt to save their season.

"We can see it's just coming down to one play in every single game, so why would you make a big, wholesale change when it's just coming down to one?" Taylor said. "To me, that's just panic. That's not what we're about. We believe in what we're doing, and so we're not going to be those people that just panic because the record is 4-7 and we start making all these significant changes. That's not what the answer is."

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Entertainment

Hollywood stars gather for honorary Oscars event celebrating Quincy Jones, Bond producers, more

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The family of Quincy Jones was not sure they wanted to attend the Governors Awards.

Their father died two weeks before he could accept his second honorary Oscar, alongside Bond producers Barbara Broccoli and Michael G. Wilson, filmmaker Richard Curtis and casting director Juliet Taylor.

But the Jones family decided to show up for the event Sunday night in Hollywood for a celebration of his life and work with humor from Jamie Foxx, a rousing performance by Jennifer Hudson and a moment with his family: His daughter Rashida Jones even read the speech he had been working on up until a month ago.

"We felt like we wanted to celebrate his beautiful life and career," she said. "His music has literally defined an entire century of culture spanning genres."

It was a moving end to a celebratory evening that had Hugh Grant roasting Curtis for getting a "kind of Oscar" and Daniel Craig celebrating

the legacy of the James Bond films.

The audience in the Ray Dolby Ballroom was starrier than even the Oscars. The event, put on by the film academy's board of governors, is also a de-facto campaign stop for Oscar hopefuls as awards season gets underway.

Everywhere you looked there were famous faces greeting one another: Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson at the bar ordering a margarita on the rocks; Jude Law and Kristen Wiig exchanging hellos; Zoey Deschanel sipping champagne; Brooklyn Beckham and Nicola Peltz Beckham wandering around; Saoirse Ronan and Elizabeth Olsen deep in conversation; Sharon Stone hugging Kieran Culkin; Jesse Eisenberg chatting with Elle Fanning; and Jeremy Strong taking a selfie with Guy Pearce.

Others remained near their seats, like Jennifer Lawrence, June Squibb and Angelina Jolie, who attended alongside her son Knox Jolie-Pitt. They sat beside her "Maria" director Pablo

Larraín and across from "His Three Daughters" stars Natasha Lyonne and Olson. At another table, Barry Keoghan kept making his way to Margarat Qualley's side, squeezing in between her and Demi Moore.

But most of the schmoozing subsided for the main event. With no television cameras or band to play anyone off during a speech, it is a night during which friends and colleagues can pay tribute to the year's honorary Oscar recipients.

Broccoli and her brother Wilson followed in her father's footsteps receiving the rarely given Irving G. Thalberg Memorial Award, celebrating the work of producers. Albert "Cubby" Broccoli accepted his own trophy, then a bust of Thalberg, at the 1982 Academy Awards as they looked on from the audience.

"It's heavier than I thought," Wilson said, holding the Oscar statuette.

Broccoli also commented on the importance of producers, a credit she said that lately is being handed out like

party favors.

They got some gentle ribbing from Craig beforehand. Broccoli, he said, "cackles, I mean, crackles with passion." But for a man who has always had a seemingly conflicted relationship with his Bond era, his admiration for them was evident.

"I can't tell you how much I admire your integrity," Craig said. "These (Bond movies) are the most expensive independent films ever made."

Grant was less delicate but infinitely funnier paying tribute to Curtis, who has written for and directed him in many films including "Four Weddings and a Funeral," "Notting Hill" and "Love, Actually."

"Would we call it an Oscar? It's a kind of Oscar," Grant said. "It's a better than nothing Oscar."

Curtis may be best known for his contributions to romantic comedies, but the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award was for a lifetime of charitable work, which Grant said was "annoying and frankly selfish." In his acceptance speech, Curtis made a

plea to the room to set aside a small portion of film budgets to hire an impact producer.

Nicole Kidman presented the honorary Oscar to Taylor, a casting director unaccustomed to being publicly celebrated for her contributions to cinema. In her career of more than four decades, she cast classics like "Annie Hall," "Working Girl," "Sleepless in Seattle" and "Schindler's List." Squibb, at the event with her "Thelma" director Josh Margolin, said that Taylor cast her in her first film, Woody Allen's "Alice."

"I don't know if I'd have a career in motion pictures without it," Squibb said.

While Taylor was excited about her award, she was even happier that her peers are soon going to be regularly recognized. Starting with films released in 2025, the film academy will give a new competitive Oscar to casting directors.

There were many somber references throughout the evening to the events of the "last few weeks," although no one speaking from the stage said anything much more

specific. Jamie Foxx, introducing the Quincy Jones tribute, did his own little impersonation of President Elect Donald Trump.

"Why is everyone so down on these few weeks," he said. Foxx quickly got back on track to speak about Jones, whose celebration closed out the evening on a cathartic note.

"He was really excited to attend tonight," Rashida Jones said. "He has so many friends in this room. Well, actually, probably in every room to be honest because wherever he went he made connections with everyone. Real ones. He knew how to stay present, to stay curious, to stay loving."

Jones invited the audience to listen on the way home, to go for the deepest cuts.

"There's an entire universe waiting in his seven decades of music," she said. "And while you listen, hear him, hear how he imbued love into every single second of music he made. That was his real legacy: Love."

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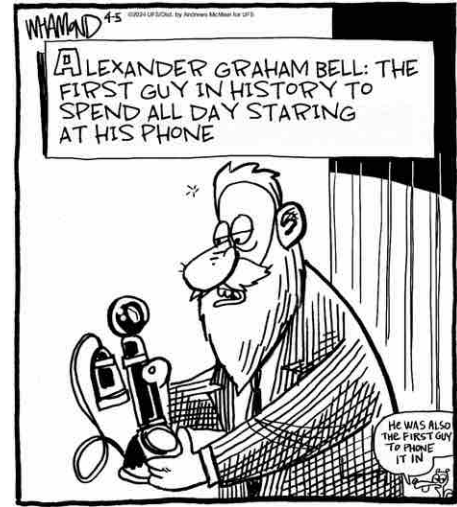
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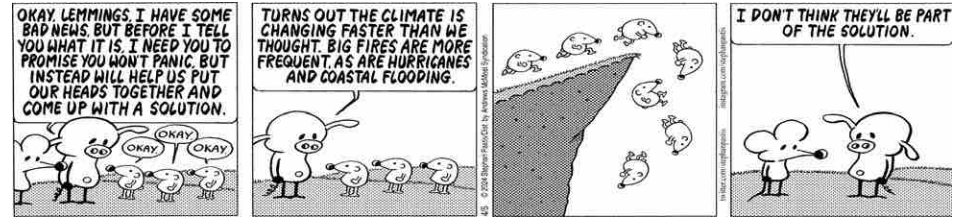
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Horoscopes

ROYAL STARS | FROM KING FEATURES SYNDICATE By Georgia Nicols

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024: You are intelligent, determined, private and strong-willed. You have a quirky sense of humor. This is a slower paced year. Take time to rest and rejuvenate yourself. It's also time to focus on your closest relationships and make sure these people are kind, and that they have your back.

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) ★★ Today you might want to retire by yourself and enjoy your privacy, especially at home among familiar surroundings. Perhaps you want to contemplate your attitude about something. Memories from your past might make you realize how much you are controlled by habits. Tonight: Patience. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Today you're very keen to talk to someone. Not only do you have something to say, you want to make sure that you are heard. This means you have to find someone who will listen to you with an open mind and sincerity. (You don't want to waste time on superficial chitchat.) Tonight: Avoid accidents.

★★★ For two days every month, the Moon is in your sign, and when this occurs, it heightens your feelings and reactions. However, it can also improve your good luck! Seek out the company of others today. You feel a need to belong to something or someone. Tonight: Stay calm. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Today you will be happy to withdraw from the busyness of your daily world so that you have a chance to enjoy your own solitude. Regardless of your gender, relations with females could be challenging. It's also a good day to explore any kind of mystical or spiritual discipline that interests you. Tonight: You're restless. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Your emotional contact with a friend or a member of a group might be very important today. In fact, you might feel protective toward a friend or want to nurture them or take care of them in some way. You might even feel jealous if they pay more attention to someone else. Tonight: A surprise encounter. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ People might view you as sympathetic or empathetic today, which is why you might be approached by someone who needs or wants something. Be careful about blurring the distinction between professional and personal relationships today, because it might happen. Tonight: Obey rules.

★★★ There's a strong possibility that you will have to put the wants and needs of someone else before your own today. This does not mean that you're being a martyr. It's just what's happening. Focus on taking care of your health details and matters related to a pet. Tonight: A surprise. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You'll be more playful and keener to socialize with others today. In fact, relations with romantic partners, your kids, sports events, social outings and anything to do with the arts will delight you. Take time to enjoy yourself! Tonight: Unexpected situations.

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Spirit Airlines filed for bankruptcy

What does that mean for travelers?

NEW YORK (AP) — Spirit Airlines, the largest budget carrier in the U.S., filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection Monday. The airline said customers should not see any disruption to their travel plans while the process unfolds.

The filing followed years of struggles for the Florida-based airline, which is known for its no-frills, low-cost flights. Spirit failed to bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic, largely due to rising operating expenses and stiffer competition. The airline has lost more than \$2.5 billion since the beginning of 2020 while also racking up mounting debt.

The bankruptcy proceed-

ings are aimed at restructuring the company and shoring up its finances. Still, unease around the bankruptcy petition may have some travelers looking elsewhere for flights ahead of the busy holiday travel season.

Here's what you need to know. Will the Chapter 11 affect my booking or loyalty points with Spirit?

For now, it's business as usual. Spirit says it expects to continue operating normally throughout the bankruptcy process, and that travelers can continue making reservations and taking flights without interruptions.

All existing tickets, credits and loyalty points remain valid, as do the airline's affiliated credit cards and other membership perks, the company said.

Reassuring customers that the bankruptcy won't impact their travel plans or

loyalty programs will be crucial to Spirit's short-term ability to preserve business, according to Sarah Foss, global head of legal at financial services company Debtwire.

"If you're someone that's booking your holiday December travel ... are you going to book Spirit, which is in bankruptcy? Or are you going to choose maybe Southwest or Delta — or something else that you view as potentially being more stable?" Foss said.

As long as Spirit is on track to reach a deal with lenders relatively quickly and avoid wider liquidation, frequent flyer miles and other loyalty program should remain untouched, she said. But the response from customers to the Chapter 11 could threaten the company's turnaround efforts.

Foss said Spirit estimates show some 34.3 billion fre-

quent flyer miles worth about \$105 million are currently unredeemed. "A rush to use these miles or otherwise have its customers choose another airline to travel for the holidays could be disastrous for the airline's reorganization efforts," she said.

Will there be fewer flights available down the road?

While Spirit says currently scheduled flights won't be affected, the airline already warned about tightened capacity before Monday's filing and said it would reduce the number of trips it offered in the coming months.

In a highly unusual move, Spirit announced plans to cut its October-through-December schedule by near-

ly 20%, compared with the same period last year. The airline also has had to ground dozens of its Airbus jets due to required repairs to Pratt & Whitney engines.

A reduced schedule should help prop up Spirit's fares, according to some analysts, but it would give the airline's rivals more of a boost than Spirit itself. Analysts from Deutsche Bank and Raymond James say Frontier, JetBlue and Southwest would benefit the most because of their overlap with Spirit on many routes.

Where does Spirit primarily fly in and out of?

Spirit flies in and out of destinations across the U.S., as well as Latin America and

the Caribbean.

The airline's largest hub is Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport in Florida. Spirit is the biggest airline at the airport, accounting for 30% of all passengers in August, according to Transportation Department figures.

Spirit's second-biggest hub is also in Florida. It's Orlando International Airport, where Spirit follows only Southwest in terms of passenger counts — ranking slightly ahead of Delta, Frontier and American. The airline also has big operations in Las Vegas, Atlanta and Los Angeles. The carrier's largest maintenance facilities are in Detroit and Houston.

FARM

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"I love living out here. I wouldn't want to live in the city," he said Friday, Nov. 15, while surveying the rolling hills of Clover Meade Farms, 2803 W. T.R. 30, Bellefontaine, purchased by his grandfather Amos Shem King in 1915. It was on this peaceful 118 acres where Don spent his early days doing chores and learning to drive a tractor alongside his father, Paul M. King, and his mother, Ida, and then in his adult years, raising his four children with his wife, Phyllis.

Now Don continues to operate the farm with the help of his youngest son, K.C. King, where they grow corn, beans, wheat, oats and hay and raise beef cattle.

Friday, Don was presented with a Century Farm Award through the Ohio Department of Agriculture, as a result of several months of efforts and application with the assistance of Bob Stoll from the Logan County Land Trust and Logan County Recorder Pat Myers.

Clover Meade Farms joins 23 other Ohio Historic Family Farms in Logan County on the Ohio Department of Agriculture's list of more than 2,000 registered historic family farms in the state, according to agri.ohio.gov. Some of the historic family farms in Logan County even date back to the 1830s under the same family ownership.

Designations for Ohio Historic Family Farms are: Century Farms (100-149 years); Sesquicentennial Farms (150-199 years); and Bicentennial Farms (200 years and more).

Don, a 1963 graduate of West Liberty-Salem High



Don King maintains a number of antique tractors on his property, including a 1958 Cockshutt 570. (EXAMINER PHOTO | MANDY LOEHR)

School and a retired Logan County Sheriff's Office deputy, said he was hired at the LCSO on New Year's Day 1969. While also maintaining his family's farm and raising his children, Don spent a longtime career as a deputy and also serving as D.A.R.E. officer in the area, just recently retiring as a deputy about five years ago.

"By the grace of God, I retired to farm in 2019," he said.

Earlier this year, Don reached out to the Logan County Land Trust regarding pursuing this historic designation for the farm. "I've seen signs for Century Farms in different places, and a good friend of mine, Tim Yoder, has a Century Farm in Champaign County," the 79-year-old said.

"We worked with Don to gather the background information and the big thing is gathering all of the titles for the land," Stoll said. "Pat Myers was a huge help to us, gathering the titles and providing her assistance."

The Century Farm application was submitted to the Ohio Department of Agriculture Aug. 22, and in late October, the Land Trust was notified about the official recognition for Clover Meade Farms.

Regarding the name of the farm, Don said his grandfather Amos Shem, and grandmother, Nancy, raised "a lot of red clover" and clover seed also was previously sold at the property.

In October of 1935, tragedy struck the family when his grandfather's life was claimed in a faming accident.

Soon after his grandfather's death, Don's father, Paul M., took over Clover Meade Farms, which provided for a rewarding upbringing for Don.

"I've farmed all my life, helping my parents from a young age. I worked construction for about five years after high school, and then I decided I wanted to be a police officer. I just missed the test for the Bellefontaine Police Department at that time; I think my mother was glad about that," the retired deputy said, with a chuckle. "Then I applied to be a deputy at the sheriff's office."

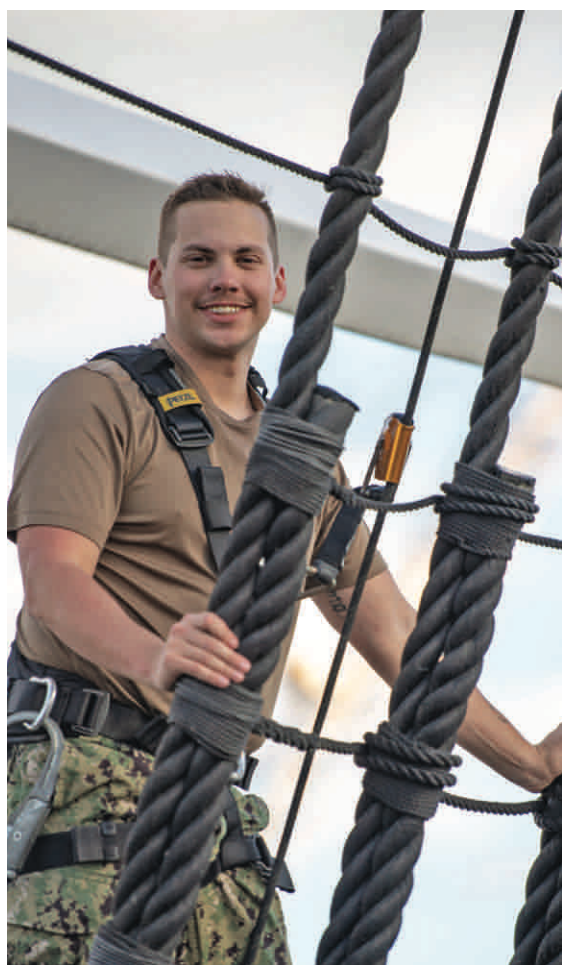
In addition to K.C. King, Phyllis and Don's three other children are Michelle Reed, Donita Hammond and D. Rea King. After 51 years of marriage, Phyllis passed away in December of 2018. Their family has grown to 10 grandchildren, a great-grandchild and a step great-grandchild as well.

The Kings' agriculture lifestyle has also included being an integral part of the legacy of the Logan County Fair. Don reminisced about showing livestock there when he was young, followed by his children participating in the fair, and now being a proud grandfather who gets to watch his grandchildren in the show arena. Some of the beef cattle on the farm have been raised by his grandchildren for exhibition at the fair.

Also among Don's fond fair memories are utilizing a horse-drawn carriage to haul the Logan County Fair Queen and her court around the fairgrounds in royal fashion years ago, when the family still had horses.


Don's machine shed on the property contains antique tractors from the fleet he operated as a young man, including a 1958 Cockshutt 570 and a 1958 John Deere 520. His grandchildren now enjoy driving the tractors in the West Liberty Labor Day Festival's parade each year.

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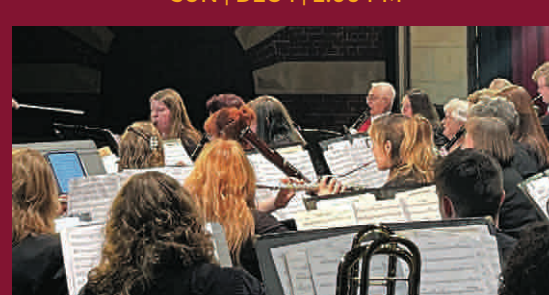
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