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'Christmas Capital' celebrated downtown, Santa Shed unveiled

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Cold temps and sleeting rain didn't stop the Clauses and a few of their elves from showing up in Bellefontaine on Saturday, Nov. 23, to inspect the new Santa shed, which sits in front of the courthouse on Main Street.

To get the downtown holiday merriment started, Santa took care of the ribbon-cutting ceremony for what's sure to be a

cozy home-away-from-the-North-Pole for the next five weekends, continuing through Dec. 22.

Saturday's grand opening, which also included free hot chocolate and cookies, kicks off a month of events proving Bellefontaine is Ohio's Christmas capital.

"This year, our team has gone above and beyond to make Downtown Bellefontaine a true winter wonderland," said Andrea

Wrocklage, president of the Downtown Bellefontaine Partnership and a longtime downtown retailer.

"We're incredibly proud of the way our small businesses, community organizations, and local talent have come together to make the downtown an experience like no other. This season, we invite everyone to discover the magic here and see why Bellefontaine truly shines

during the holidays."

Monday, Nov. 25, Bellefontaine Mayor David Crissman also joined in the holiday spirit by issuing a proclamation for the festivities.

"Whereas the city of Bellefontaine is the highest point in the state, probably standing as a pinnacle of Ohio's landscape.

"And whereas Bellefontaine is historical-

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Mayor David Crissman reads a proclamation Monday declaring Bellefontaine Ohio's Christmas Capital. (SMALL NATION PHOTO)

Vietnam veteran grateful to celebrate Thanksgiving under new roof

BY MANDY LOEHR
 EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

A three-time Purple Heart recipient and U.S. Marine Corps veteran will no longer be grabbing buckets when it pours down rain outside his Bellefontaine residence, worried about his older roof and the inevitable water leaks around the chimney flashing.



Charley Marlow, center, stands in front of his Blair Avenue residence in Bellefontaine and completed new roof alongside Lee's Roofing Inc. representatives Slayde Wilcoxon, left, and Lee Wilcoxon. (EXAMINER PHOTO | MANDY LOEHR)



City residents Charley and Vicki Marlow display Mr. Marlow's military service medals, including three Purple Hearts and a Vietnam Campaign Medal. (EXAMINER PHOTO | MANDY LOEHR)

Charley Marlow, a dedicated husband, father and grandfather, and his family are feeling especially grateful this Thanksgiving season after he was named the winner of Lee's Roofing Inc.'s fourth annual veteran roofing giveaway earlier this month.

Roofing company owner Lee Wilcoxon said the roof giveaway has been such a rewarding annual project since its inception. He loved hearing about Mr. Marlow's reaction to the news that he would be receiving a brand new roof, which was completed by Lee's Roofing crews Nov. 13 and 14.

Mr. Marlow's wife, Vicki, nominated him for this honor. They have lived at their Blair Avenue residence since their marriage in 1976.

"They have been so appreciative," Mr. Wilcoxon said. "Vicki was jumping up and down and she said Charley was tearing up when he heard the news.

"This has been such an enjoyable project for us to be able to honor local veterans and a practical way that we can extend our deep appreci-

ation for their service."

Mr. Marlow, who celebrated his 78th birthday in October, was born in Tennessee and his family moved to Ohio when he was 6 years old, settling in Sidney.

A 1966 Sidney High School graduate, he joined the Marine Corps in 1966, serving for four years during the Vietnam War. The distinguished service member was wounded three times during the war, but he persevered and stayed the hard-fought course.

Mrs. Marlow noted in her nomination letter for her husband that he also suffers the effects of Agent Orange, including heart issues, diabetes and diabetic neuropathy.

Stateside, he was stationed at Camp Lejeune and then was sent to Virginia for further specialty training. He later was deployed to Scotland on a nuclear submarine tender, and then was honorably discharged in Washington state.

The longtime city resident, who

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FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

West Liberty Christmas parade moved to Saturday night

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The West Liberty-Salem Tiger Football Team made history by winning the program's first Regional Championship. They'll be playing in the State Semifinals on Friday, Nov. 29.

To show the community's support and celebrate their season, the West Liberty Christmas in the Village Parade has been moved to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30. Following the parade in the Town Hall Gazebo, Santa arrives bearing gifts for the kids and sits for pictures in Santa's Gazebo on the lawn of the Town Hall.

The 24th annual Luminaria 5K run still takes place Friday evening.

Cookies and cocoa with Santa has been moved to 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 30.

At 10 a.m. Saturday, shoppers can snag their Shop Small Business shopping bag, sponsored by American Express. Limited supplies available, each bag will be filled with exclusive discounts, coupons and offers from our local small business community in West Liberty.



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THANKSGIVING TRAVEL LATEST:

Airport strike, staff shortages and weather could impact holiday travel

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Airports and highways are expected to be jam-packed during Thanksgiving week, a holiday period likely to end with another record day for air travel in the United States.

AAA predicts that nearly 80 million Americans will venture at least 50 miles from home between Tuesday and next Monday, most of them by car. However, travelers could be impacted by ongoing weather challenges and those flying to their destinations could be grounded by delays brought on by airline staffing shortages and an airport service workers strike.

- Here's the latest:
- 2.2 billion packages are expected to ship between Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve
 - U.S. airlines are preparing for a Thanksgiving holiday rush, and so are the U.S. Postal Service, United Parcel Service and FedEx.
 - Shipping companies will deliver about 2.2 billion

packages to homes and businesses across the U.S. from Thanksgiving to Dec. 31, said Satish Jindel, a shipping and logistics expert and president of ShipMatrix.

That's down from 2.3 billion packages last year. Because the shopping period is a week shorter than in 2023, consumers are shopping further ahead of Black Friday and more purchases are taking place in physical stores, he said.

The number of holiday package shipments grew 27% in 2020 and by more than 3% the following year during the pandemic. The numbers have been falling since then, with a projected decline of about 6% this holiday season.

What are striking Charlotte airport workers' demands?

Employees of ABM and Prospect Airport Services cast ballots Friday to authorize the work stoppage at Charlotte Douglas International Airport, a hub for American Airlines. They described living paycheck to

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ABE MARTIN



"All the laws an' safety devices in th' world won't stop a nut, so git your affairs in shape an' keep 'em that way."

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

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also served with the Ohio Army National Guard, began working for AMP in Sidney after the war. For many years, he was employed by SuperFoods and then eventually retired after 32 years from Nash Finch at the age of 62.

His new roof is a high-dimension roof with desert rose shingles, with Lee's Roofing representatives noting that the supplier ABC Roofing Supplies Inc. donated all accessories and Owens Corning Duration Shingles also provided a rebate when they learned about the veteran roof giveaway.

Again this year, Lee's Roofing received many deserving area veteran nominees for the program, and it's always a difficult decision to determine the winner, Mr. Wilcoxon said.

"A lot of it is based on need and the current shape of the roof — where we can make the most difference for the veteran. We replaced all of the decking underneath Charley's roof, and we're so glad we could do this for him in time for the winter season."

Next year, the company aims to expand the giveaway and honor two recipients by getting additional suppliers on board. Individuals can submit

new nominations for the 2025 Logan County veteran roof giveaway through several methods — via e-mail to e-mail to Office Administrator Joni Burton at joni@leesroofinginc.com; mailing to the office at: 805 E. Columbus Ave., Bellefontaine, OH, 43311; or dropping off at business during regular office hours.

The nominations should include the nominee's name, address and a contact phone number, and participants are invited to provide information regarding why a new roof would be beneficial for this nominated Logan County veteran.

An ex-casino dealer is accused of stealing from the pot more than a dozen times

CLEVELAND (AP) — A former casino dealer in Ohio has been charged with skimming from the pot more than a dozen times this summer.

How much the onetime poker room dealer at the JACK Cleveland Casino is accused of stealing isn't spelled out in court records.

The 51-year-old man, of North Olmsted, Ohio, pleaded not guilty on Nov. 15 to violating casino gaming laws and misdemeanor theft. He's

due back in court for another hearing in early December.

A message seeking comment was left with his attorney on Monday.

Authorities began investigating after a poker player accused the dealer of stealing from the pile of chips being wagered during a hand in September, according to records from the Ohio Casino Control Commission, which regulates casinos and investigates gambling

crimes. The casino reviewed the video and found other instances where he stole from the table, according to the commission. He was fired a day later. Court records show he is accused of stealing 14 times since early August.

Trial in killings of 8 Ohio family members will be moved to another county

(AP) — The trial for a man accused in the killings of eight people from another Ohio family will be moved to a different county, a judge ruled Monday.

George "Billy" Wagner III, who has pleaded not guilty in the killings, is the last of four family members facing charges in the 2016 fatal shootings of seven adults and a teenager from the Rhoden family in southern Ohio.

Judge Jonathan Hein agreed to Wagner's request to move the trial. "The small population of Pike County and the intense media coverage leads the court to conclude that no jury could truthfully answer that they have no prior knowledge of the horrendous facts of this case," he wrote.

Prosecutors have said the killings, which initially spurred speculation about

drug cartel involvement, stemmed from a custody dispute. The killings at four different homes led to one of the most extensive criminal investigations in state history.

Wagner is charged with aggravated murder and other charges. His wife, Angela, already has pleaded guilty to helping to plan the killings and will be sentenced Dec. 17.

Their youngest son, Edward "Jake" Wagner, pleaded guilty to aggravated murder and agreed to testify against his brother and their parents in a deal to help the family avoid potential death sentences. He will also be sentenced Dec. 17.

The couple's other son, George Wagner IV, was found guilty in 2002 and sentenced to eight consecutive life sentences.

HOLIDAY NOTES

THANKSGIVING

• **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.



No paper Thanksgiving Day, other closures announced

■ The Bellefontaine Examiner will not be published Thursday, Nov. 28, in observance of Thanksgiving. The office at 1213 W. Sandusky Ave., also will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 29.

■ The Logan County Libraries will be closed for Thanksgiving at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, and all day Thursday, Nov. 28.

■ The City of Bellefontaine offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28, and Friday, Nov. 29, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

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 Parents: Todd and Jamie Dixon

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS: Softball, Basketball, Volleyball, Key Club, BPA, NHS

If I were principal for a day: I would have a two-hour delay.

Favorite school memory: My favorite memory is going to state for softball, getting runner up, and making school history as a team.

People who have inspired me include: My mom and dad have shaped me into the person I am today.

Lately I've been reading: Lately, I have been reading a lot of books, but

I'm enjoying "The Catcher in the Rye" at the moment.

My advice to parents: Support your kids and let them make their own mistakes, but be there for them when they do.

My biggest regret: I don't have one yet. I've learned and grown from everything I have done.

Next year I will be: Going to an undecided college to become an Ultrasound Technician.

DANIEL WAHL
 Parents: Mark and Michelle Wahl

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS: Meistersingers, Choir, Musical, Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, Cross Country, Track, Key Club, SADD, Science Club, Student United Way, National Honor Society, 3.5 Honor Roll, Class Vice President

If I were principal for a day: I would have fun with it and give kids a free day, with volleyball and dodgeball.

Favorite school memory: My favorite memory is doing my first musical freshman year and really having fun with my role

People who have inspired me include: People who have been an inspiration to me are my parents, my siblings- especially Rachel, Coach Metzger, Mrs. Notestine, and the Wickline family.

Lately I've been reading: Percy Jackson

My advice to parents: Let your child do as much as they want throughout school.

My biggest regret: I regret not getting another personal record in Cross Country since my freshman year.

Next year I will be: Pursuing an undecided college degree in either Human Resources or Music of some kind.

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■ **OBITUARIES**

Norma Jean Telling Beach

Norma Jean Telling Beach, 91, of Bloomington, IL, passed away on Friday, November 22, 2024. She has resided in Bloomington, IL for the past several years.

Norma was born on February 14, 1933, in Geneva, Ohio, daughter of Orville and Alice Roxberry Phelps. She graduated from Platt R. Spencer High School in 1951. She married H. James Telling on October 11, 1952. They moved to Bellefontaine Ohio from Geneva Ohio in 1969 with their two children. James preceded her in death in 1972 and Norma remained in Bellefontaine for 50 years. She remarried on August 20, 1983, to Dr. Douglas Beach. They retired together and traveled for the next 20 years until his passing.

While living in Ohio, Norma was active in the Bellefontaine United Methodist Church, where she was also active in its Priscilla Circle, Agrarian Club and Weekday Religious Education. She was employed by Bellefontaine National Bank.

She is survived by her son, Jeffrey (Crystal) Telling of Bloomington, Illinois; a daughter,

Brenda Telling of Kenton, Ohio; three granddaughters, Katie (Zach) White, Sarah (Taylor) German and Grace Telling; one great-granddaughter, Sadie Grace White, and two great-grandsons, Owen Jeffrey White, and August James German. Also surviving is brother-in-law Arnold Fuller of Ohio, several nieces and nephews, and five step-sons: James (Sharon) Beach of Florida, Jeff (Patty) Beach of North Carolina, John (JoAnn) Beach of Florida, Joe (Ann) Beach of Georgia, and Jerry (Suzanne) Beach of Bellefontaine, Ohio, as well as many step-grandchildren and step great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; both husbands; a sister and brother-in-law June and Donald Horner; brother-in-law Donald Telling; nieces Cathy Coss and Amy Horner; and nephew Ted Horner, a sister and brother-in-law Carol and Ken Coss; and sister-in-law Dixie Fuller.

In later years she enjoyed playing cards and socializing with family and friends, assembling puzzles, and being active in the Hollybrook Community where she resided. She always loved watching THE Ohio State University football program, never missing a game.

Interment will be at Evergreen Cemetery, Geneva, OH. Carmody-Flynn Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. To express condolences online, visit www.carmodyflynn.com.

Raymond G. Hentges

Raymond G. Hentges, 94, of Lakeview, OH passed away peacefully, Friday night, November 22, 2024, at Mary Rutan Hospital, Bellefontaine, OH.

Raymond was born on March 19, 1930, in Weston, OH, a son of the late Jacob and Martha Long Hentges. He married Myrna Robinson on September 28, 1957, and she preceded him in death on September 19, 1999. He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Rose Marie Echelbarger and Mary Lou Ferguson.

On June 23, 2001, Ray married Evelyn L. Meditz at St. John Roman Catholic Church in Joliet, IL and she survives. He is also survived by two daughters, Julie (John) O'Driscoll of Buford, GA, and Margaret Odle of Sidney, OH, three grandchildren, Olivia O'Driscoll, Sean O'Driscoll, and Camille (Jared) Magoteaux, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Ray was a 1948 graduate of Liberty High School in Custar, OH, and 1953 graduate of The Ohio State University with a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Studies. He was a veteran of the United States Army during the Korean War earning the rank of First Lieutenant.

Ray was a farmer and spent his working career as a farm appraiser with Equitable. He was an active member of St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church in Russells Point. He was also a member of Doyle R. Miller Amvet Post #39, Indian Lake Moose Lodge #1533, OSU Alumni, and Father Anthony Wolf Knights of Columbus Council #4378.

Ray loved traveling across the continental United States and to several places around the world. He and Evelyn spent several years wintering in Florida. He was an avid reader, enjoyed crossword puzzles, being outdoors, watching his corn grow, visiting with friends and attending his grandchildren's activities. Ray was a straight-shooter and one would always know how they stood with him.

Father Shawn Landenwirth will begin A Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. Wednesday, November 27, at St. Mary of the Woods Church, 464 Madison Ave, Russells Point, OH with visitation from 10 to 11 a.m. Burial will be in Huntsville Cemetery with military rites performed by the Logan County Veterans Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given in Ray's memory to St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Arrangements are in the care of Shoffstall Funeral Home, Lakeview, OH. Condolences may be expressed at shoffstallfuneralhome.com.

Sandra L. (Fulton) Johnson

Sandra L. (Fulton) Johnson, also known as Sandy, Mammy, Grandma, Aunt Sandy and "Sandy of America" went home to Jesus on Monday, November 18, 2024.

Sandy was born to James and Madalene "Penny" Fulton on November 7, 1951. She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister; Connie Burden; a brother, James Fulton; and son, Robert L. Richards.

She is survived by her earthly King, Kelly Johnson, whom she married on May 12, 2020 and he never left his wife's side. Sandy is also survived by her sister, Carol (Chuck) Lefebvre; sons, James (Kendra) Campbell and Jesse (Kim) Richards; grandchildren, Katie (Texas) McCoy, John Richards, Isabelle Richards and Madalene Campbell; great grandchildren, Harlem McCoy and Mylan McCoy; along with many cousins, nieces, nephews and loving friends, all of whom will feel her loss terribly.

Sandy worked various jobs over the years but the one she enjoyed the most was taking care of her elderly friends so that they could remain at home. Once retired she would take meals to anyone that she thought needed some "good ole' home cookin'." Sandy never met one of God's creatures that she didn't feel the need to care for, from the most cantankerous of people down to the praying mantis that she made sure had a home in her flowers.

Sandy enjoyed poetry but loved a gathering of people so she could be her social self. She always wanted people to know how much they were appreciated, usually by bringing one of many plates of cookies that always came with a hug. Sandy cared for countless children, elderly, and animals through the years. Her love for all of God's creations will be greatly missed. In memory of Sandy, cook a meal for someone in need, take cookies to someone for no reason or simply feed the birds. As Sandy would say, "See you around the pool room."

A gathering of family and friends to Celebrate Sandy's life will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, December 1, at the Wilson Funeral Home, Schnurrenberger Chapel 222 W. Center St. West Mansfield. A memorial service will immediately follow.

Memorial contributions can be made to Universal Hospice, in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.wilsonfuneralhomesinc.com.

Mary Elizabeth Weber

Mary Elizabeth Weber, 89, of DeGraff, went home to meet her Lord and Savior at 1:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 23, 2024. She was born in DeGraff, Ohio on March 13, 1935, to the late Gregory W. and Laura Anna (Foughty) Cox.

On September 6, 1958, she married the love of her life, Ralph Edward Weber, and he preceded her in death on March 5, 1998. Mary was also preceded in death by 12 of her 14 siblings, Jim, Walter, Laura Mae, Wilson, Carlyle, Delmar, Alfred, Lena, Herb, Naomi, Velda and Earl; her beloved grandson, Bryant Cole Newman; loyal son-in law, Greg Barton; grandson, Reese; and great-granddaughter, Iris.

She is survived by her sisters, Phyllis Ann and Betty Jane. She is also survived by her daughters, Robin Barton, Pamela "Pam" Robson, Betsy (Patrick) Price, and Linda Pitchford; sons, Carl "Buzz" (Isabell) Weber, Douglas "Doug" Weber, and Jeffrey "Jeff" Weber; grandchildren, Bianca Dinovo, Justin (Alicia) Dinovo, Erin Mihoci, Heather (Paul) Lindquist, Ryan Weber, Kyle Weber, Victoria (Tori) Weber, Jordan (Greg) Bright, Camron Bensman, Hunter Lee, Marley Myers, Dakota Price, Skyler Price; great grandchildren, Huss, Keaton, Mayah, Oliver (Oli), Genevieve, Anne Marie,

Penelope, Eleni, Harmony, Ellie, Tate, Bennett, Cora, Lincoln, Eleanor (Nellie), Kaiden; honorary son, David Lyons.

Mary was a 1953 graduate of Bellefontaine High School. She spent most of her years as a homemaker devoting her time to her husband, children, family, her church and God. She loved to garden, sew, play cards with her siblings and their significant other, and engage in conversation with anyone willing to talk (or listen). She will truly be missed by those who knew and loved her.

Mary was a long-standing member of the First Friends Church, where she tended nursery, taught Sunday school and engaged in any and every effort in her years to support many committees.

Pastor Matthew Sandlin will officiate a funeral service at 11 a.m. Wednesday, November 27, at the First Friends Church, 808 W. Columbus Avenue, Bellefontaine. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the church. Burial will follow the funeral at Highland Memorial Cemetery in West Liberty.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Friends Church, 808 W. Columbus Avenue, Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311

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

■ **LOCAL NOTES**

South Main Street closure planned for today

South Main Street between Court Avenue and Columbus Avenue in Bellefontaine will be closed from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26, so that crews can repair a water main break. Motorists are asked to avoid the area.



Ridgemont's senior citizen lunch slated for Dec. 5

Ridgemont Schools hosts its annual senior citizen luncheon at noon Thursday, Dec. 5, at the pre-K-12 building in Mt. Victory for seniors who are 60 years or older living in the school district.

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Bath & Body Works sees strong sales in Q3

(AP) — Bath & Body Works fiscal third-quarter performance topped analysts' estimates thanks to strong sales, and the retailer

boosted its full-year outlook. The owner of Victoria's Secret, Bath & Body Works and other chain stores

earned \$106 million, or 49 cents per share, for the period.

A year earlier the Columbus, Ohio-based company earned \$119 million, or 52 cents per share. The prior-year period's results were helped by a \$12 million pretax gain related to the early payment of debt.

The performance beat the 46 cents per share that analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research predicted.

Revenue totaled \$1.61 billion, up 3% from \$1.56 billion a year earlier. The results topped Wall Street's forecast of \$1.58 billion.

"We are capitalizing on our agile business model and predominantly U.S.-based supply chain, and we believe we are well-positioned to navigate a volatile retail environment and shorter holiday calendar," CEO Gina Boswell said in a statement. "As we enter the

critical holiday period, I am pleased with our strong execution and the momentum we are building, as we drive towards sustainable, long-term profitable growth."

Neil Saunders, managing director of GlobalData, was pleased that Bath & Body Works saw increased sales both in stores and online during the quarter.

"One of the areas where Bath & Body Works has excelled is in trying to reinvigorate its core product categories," Saunders said. "There has been a significant amount of innovation around scents, product design, and in-store displays to capture consumer imaginations and drive volume. This includes selective collaborations with franchises like Stranger Things to create limited-time collections which drive both interest and urgency when it comes to consumer purchases."

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ly rich and vibrant community with roots dating back to its role as a former radar base during the Cold War, was used to track Santa's journey around the world, adding a touch of holiday magic to its legacy.

"Bellefontaine's unique location and warm hearted spirit have made it a beloved destination, especially during the holiday season, where it's festive atmosphere, charming

shops and inviting streets make it an exceptional place to visit and enjoy the magic of Christmas."

Along with Santa's appearances each weekend downtown, the annual hometown Christmas parade is set for Friday, Dec. 6, along with holiday-themed performances at the Holland Theatre, and other festive family fun.

Visit downtownbellefontaine.com/christmas to get Santa's shed schedule and to find out more about upcoming activities.

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Black 'and Orange' Friday as WL-S plays in state semi

This Thanksgiving, football is on the menu

BY MIKE FRANK
EXAMINER SPORTS WRITER

With a win over neighbor Indian Lake, the West Liberty-Salem Tigers advanced to the state semifinals for the first time in program history.

On Friday night, they will face another set of Tigers, hailing from Ironton, who are the champions from Region 19.

"I am very proud of what these players have accomplished this season," said WL-S coach Dan McGill. "They set a goal early on to be a team that leaves a legacy. They didn't shy away from that lofty goal or the work that was needed to achieve it."

HOW THEY GOT HERE

Both teams come in with 13-1 records on the year.

West Liberty opened with a pair of wins over Graham and Ben Logan, then fell to Greeneview on Sept. 6.

That was followed with seven wins in the regular season, the only close calls being a 24-21 win at Northeastern and a thrilling 29-27 regular season finale over Fairbanks.

After routing Arcanum (41-26) and Miami East (62-28), they won an offensive battle over Waynesville (45-42), then claimed the Region 20 trophy with a 21-14 win over the Lakers.

Ironton is in Lawrence County, at the southern tip of the state. The Fighting Tigers are also 13-1 on the season.

They are in the state semifinals for the 15th time. In the postseason, they defeated Worthington Christian 68-14, then shut out Portsmouth 44-0. They followed up with a win over Harvest Prep by a score of 41-13, then another shutout, 55-0, over surprise #14 seed Wheelersburg last Friday.

In the final Associated Press poll, Ironton was tied for first with South Range.

They have won two state titles, in 1979 and 1989, and finished as runner-up nine times, most recently in 2022.

OFFENSE

"Ironton has explosive athletes on the perimeter," said McGill, "and they do a great job of getting those guys the ball in space. But they feature a very physical



Jack Bahan of West-Liberty Salem pursues a ball carrier during last Friday's regional final against Indian Lake. (EXAMINER PHOTO | TONY BARRETT)

running attack as well, so they keep the defense honest."

Ironton quarterback Braden Schreck has completed 71 percent of his passes, going 152 of 214 for 2,552 yards. He has tossed 31 touchdowns and eight interceptions.

On the ground, Schreck has 82 carries for 405 yards with six TDs.

Shaun Terry is the squad's leading receiver with 69 catches for 1,251 yards and 17 touchdowns. Terry, who has committed to Missouri, has 16 carries for 143 yards and three scores.

Schreck has a number of options in the passing game. They include Tyler Roach (21-432, 5 TDs), Zayne Williams (18-292, 4 TDs), Braydon Baker (21-268, 4 TDs) and Kayden Edwards (14-266, 3 TDs).

DEFENSE

"Ironton's defense thrives on creating pressure and being aggressive," said McGill. "We will need to be very disciplined with our assignments and communicate up front well."

The Fighting Tigers have allowed just 145 points, or an average of 10.35 per game. Austin Bump has a

team-high 97 tackles. Brycen Mullins has 67 tackles, with five interceptions. Others to look out for are Nick Sites (58), and Jesse Copas and Josh Johnson (51 each).

For West Liberty-Salem to continue its season, "We need to take care of the ball first and foremost," said McGill. "Offensively we need to take what they are giving us and sustain drives. We have to be smart with our special teams play."

When Ironton has the ball, "we must contain their explosive plays and make them grind out drives. Lastly, we need our guys to play with confidence and focus on one play at a time."

The teams will square off at Herrnstein Field at Chillicothe High School. The other semifinal has Liberty Center taking on South Range, the Region 17 and 18 champions.

The winners will advance to the Division V championship, which will be Dec. 7 at 3 p.m. at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton.

— Information from the Ironton Tribune was used in this article.

OHSAA

The state championship schedule:

Thu. Dec. 5 — Division II, 7 p.m.

Fri. Dec. 6 — Division VII, 10:30 a.m.; Division III, 3 p.m.; Division I, 7:30 p.m.

Sat. Dec. 7 — Division VI, 10:30 a.m.; Division V, 3 p.m.; Division IV, 7:30 p.m.



Hunter Knotts of West Liberty-Salem upends Indian Lake's Drake Cosby during the Region 20 final last Friday. Also pictured are Sam Strapp (50) and Carson Poppe (31). (EXAMINER PHOTO | TONY BARRETT)



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LOGAN COUNTY HISTORY:

Bellefontaine - Urbana Football Games

BY MARY E. MORTIMER
 LOGAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

From 1914 to 1916 the Bellefontaine and Urbana high school football teams played each other on Thanksgiving Day. The games were played in some of the worst weather conditions. When the field was wet, mud packed in their cleats making it hard to run and they wore thermal underwear to ward off the cold.

The first year, Urbana defeated Bellefontaine 12 to 6. The second year, Bellefontaine lost to Urbana 10 to 7, however, Bellefontaine came back strong in 1916 beating Urbana 31 to 0. Earlier in the season they beat Urbana 53 to 0. The teams did not play each other from 1917 to 1921, possibly due to World War I and the flu epidemic between 1918 and 1920.

In 1922, Bellefontaine and Urbana renewed their football rivalry. That year, Bellefontaine beat Urbana 31 to 0 early in the season. Urbana was victorious on Thanksgiving Day with a 20 to 0 score.

The next year, Bellefontaine won 13 to 0 at home on a wet and slippery field in driving rain that completely soaked the players and fans. Bellefontaine scored their first touchdown early in the first quarter. On a blocked punt, Bellefontaine's Webster took it to the five-yard line. Urbana's linesmen could not hold Bellefontaine back in the slippery mud and Richey scored. Richey, who was also the kicker, missed the extra point.

Bellefontaine scored another touchdown in the second quarter after Urbana fumbled the ball. Fitzpatrick ran it in for the score and Richey kicked the extra point. The field was so muddy they



The 1914 Bellefontaine High School football team pictured in the 1915 BHS yearbook titled *The Argus*. (LCHS PHOTO)

called time out about every few minutes so they could clean the football. Players on both teams were covered with mud.

The 1924 Thanksgiving Day game was played at 10:00 am so the players and fans could all be home with their families for Thanksgiving dinner. Urbana won the game 27 to 0.

Bellefontaine beat Urbana 18 to 0 on Thanksgiving Day in 1925 before a record 2,500 fans at Bellefontaine stadium.

Bellefontaine scored early in the first quarter when Dowell rushed for a touchdown. The second quarter was scoreless, but Bellefontaine was able to score in the third and fourth quarters. The Urbana Daily Citizen reported after the game, "The sportsmanship displayed is deserving of comment, for the game was exceptionally clean and free

from objectionable features, which usually mar games in which the rivalry is so keen. The joint band concert, between the halves, showed the true spirit of fellowship existing between the two schools."

In 1926, Bellefontaine beat Urbana 14 to 0 in regular season and then 12 to 0 on Thanksgiving Day. This was the first time they won a game at Urbana's stadium.

In 1927, the Tecumseh High School Athletic League was formed with Bellefontaine, Urbana, Marysville, and London. In the spring of 1928, London withdrew because they felt their school was not large enough to compete. Delaware joined the Tecumseh league in 1929.

Bellefontaine beat Urbana 7 to 0 on Thanksgiving Day game at their home stadium in 1927.

The next year, after losing the annual Thanksgiving Day game four years in a row, Urbana beat Bellefontaine 14 to 0.

The 1929 Thanksgiving Day game ended in a scoreless tie. The game was played at Bellefontaine stadium before an estimated 3,000 fans. The playing field was covered with several inches of snow and driving winds. It was a hard-fought battle in terrible conditions.

The 1930 football game ended on a controversial play that ended their Thanksgiving Day tradition. The Bellefontaine Daily Examiner reported on November 28, 1930, "The below freezing game was played at Urbana before a weather braving crowd estimated at 1,500 persons on a field covered entirely with hard-packed snow. The melee supplied every type of

football thrill. But throughout was the gradually convincing indication that the hosts had the better-performing team.

The fourth period was well underway when Humphrey got off a fine, long punt that rolled and rolled to Urbana's 27-yard line where it stopped. Milliard Murphy, Bellefontaine left end, was among the Bellefontaine players down the field after the punt. It seemed several seconds elapsed, then Murphy dropped to one knee, put his hand on the ball and to all intents and purposes, legally and intentionally, grounded the ball. The officials did not blow the ball dead. As players from both teams gathered around, Urbana's half-back, Scott, saw the ball unguarded, swept in and scooped it up and ran 73 yards for a touchdown.

Players scattered from one end of the field to another, and spectators began swarming on the gridiron. Bellefontaine's Coach Harry A. Dodd questioned the official and when he received the answer told his team to leave the field and the game was forfeited.

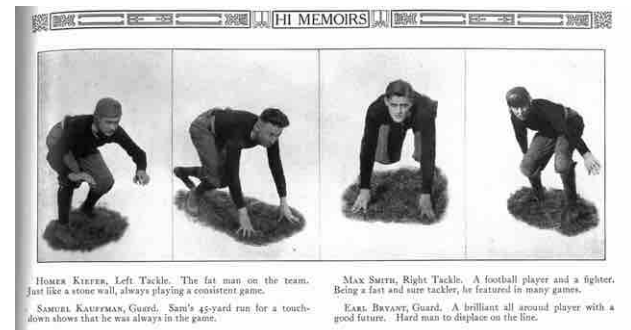
Referee Yantis said he "was waiting on the umpire to signal the ball dead." Yantis said he was too far

from the ball to see what the situation was and had not blown the whistle awaiting the ruling of the umpire. The official score was then 1 to 0 in Urbana's favor. The actual score was Urbana 18 and Bellefontaine 0.

There were no outstanding stars on the Bellefontaine team, but every player showed a quality of bravery against unusual odds that made many hearts glow with pride. Burry, who played harder than ever despite the loss of blood from a blow in the mouth that knocked three teeth out, and Wooley, whose torn right knee went completely "out" on him in the first few minutes of the game, and others suffering from injuries and hurts of long standing, were among those brave players."

Because of the controversy, the Tecumseh league was dissolved in December 1930 and the Thanksgiving Day tradition between Bellefontaine and Urbana was cancelled.


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Members of the 1915 Bellefontaine High School football team pictured in the 1916 BHS Hi Memoirs yearbook. (LCHS PHOTO)

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Entertainment

'Wicked' and 'Gladiator' make gravity-defying theater debuts

NEW YORK (AP) — With a combined \$270 million in worldwide ticket sales, "Wicked" and "Gladiator II" breathed fresh life into a box office that has struggled lately, leading to one of the busiest moviegoing weekends of the year.

Jon M. Chu's lavish big-budget musical "Wicked," starring Ariana Grande and Cynthia Erivo, debuted with \$114 million domestically and \$164.2 million globally for Universal Pictures, according to studio estimates Sunday. That made it the third-biggest opening weekend of the year, behind only "Deadpool & Wolverine" and "Inside Out 2." It's also a record for a Broadway musical adaptation.

Ridley Scott's "Gladiator II," a sequel to his 2000 best picture-winning original, launched with \$55.5 million in ticket sales. With a price tag of around \$250 million to produce it, "Gladiator II" was a big bet by Paramount Pictures to return to the Colosseum with a largely new cast, led by Denzel Washington and Paul Mescal.

While it opened with a touch less than the \$60 million predicted in domestic ticket sales, "Gladiator II" has performed well overseas. It added \$50.5 million internationally.

The collision of the two movies led to some echoes of the "Barbenheimer" effect of last year, when "Barbie" and "Oppenheimer" launched simultaneously. The nickname this time, "Glicked," wasn't quite as catchy and the cultural imprint also was notably less. Few people sought out a double feature this time. The domestic grosses in 2023 — \$162 million for "Barbie" and \$82 million for "Oppenheimer" — also were higher.

"Glicked" falls short of "Barbenheimer" for Universal, which distributed "Oppenheimer" last year, the weekend was more a triumph of "Wicked" than it was of "Glicked."

"We saw an opportunity to dominate a weekend and get a very large running start into the Thanksgiving holiday," said Jim Orr, distribution chief for Universal. "We're very con-

fident that it will play ridiculously well through the Christmas corridor and into the new year."

But the counter-programming effect was still potent for "Wicked" and "Gladiator II," which likewise split broadly along gender lines. And it was again the female-leaning release — "Wicked," like "Barbie" before it — that easily won the weekend. About 72% of ticket buyers for "Wicked" were female, while 61% of those seeing "Gladiator II" were male.

"Standing on their own, each of these movies may have done pretty much what they did, but it's hard to know," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for Comscore. "Raising awareness can indeed lead to an increase in box office. Let's put it this way: They didn't hurt each other at all."

Massive marketing campaigns paved the way for opening weekend.

While "Barbenheimer" benefited enormously from meme-spread word-of-mouth, both "Wicked" and "Gladiator

II" leaned on all-out marketing blitzes.

The "Gladiator II" campaign featured everything from a much-debated Airbnb cross-promotion with the actual Colosseum in Rome to simultaneously running a one-minute trailer on more than 4,000 TV networks, radio station and digital platforms.

The "Wicked" onslaught went even further, with pink and green-themed "Wickedly Delicious" Starbucks drinks, Stanley mugs and Mattel dolls (some of which led to an awkward recall). Its stars made appearances at the Met Gala and the Olympics.

"We had roughly 400 global brand partners on 'Wicked,' so the campaign was inescapable," said Orr. "And our cast, led by Cynthia Erivo and Ariana Grande, worked so hard on this. They were everywhere. They did everything we asked them to do."

Going into the weekend, box office was down about 11% from last year and some 25% from pre-pandemic times. That meant this week's two headline

films led a much-needed resurgence for theaters. With "Moana 2" releasing Wednesday, Hollywood might be looking at historic sales over the Thanksgiving holiday.

The two films boosted sluggish box office performance. "This weekend's two strong openers are invigorating a box office that fell apart after a good summer," said David A. Gross, a film consultant who publishes a newsletter for Franchise Entertainment.

Though "Wicked" will face some direct competition from "Moana 2," it would seem better set up for a long and lucrative run in theaters than "Gladiator II." Though some have dinged "Wicked" for running long, at 2 hours and 40 minutes, the film has had mostly stellar reviews. Audiences gave it an "A" on CinemaScore. The reception for "Wicked" has been strong enough that Oscar prognosticators expect it to be a contender for best picture at the Academy Awards, among other categories.

Producers, perhaps sensing

a hit, also took the step of splitting "Wicked" in two. Part two, already filmed, is due out next November. Each "Wicked" installation cost around \$150 million to make.

"Gladiator II" has also enjoyed good reviews, particularly for Washington's charismatic performance. Audience scores, though, were weaker, with ticket buyers giving it a "B" on CinemaScore. The film will make up for some of that, however, with robust international sales. It launched in many overseas markets a week ago, and has already accrued \$165.5 million internationally.

Coming in a distant third place for the weekend was "Red One," the Dwayne Johnson, Chris Evans holiday movie turned action film. In its second week of release, the Amazon MGM Studios release grossed \$13.3 million to bring its two-week global haul to \$117 million. At a cost of \$250 million to make, "Red One" is the season's biggest flop, though it could recoup some value for Amazon if it's more popular once it begins streaming.

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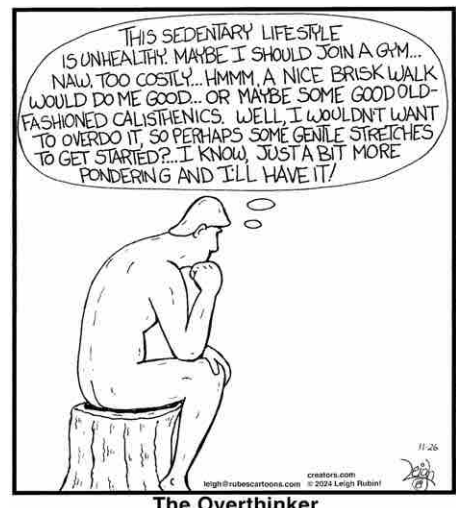
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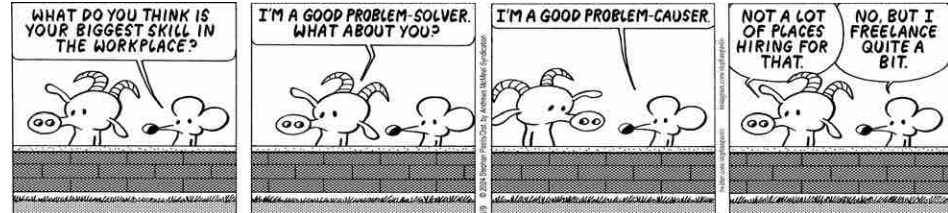
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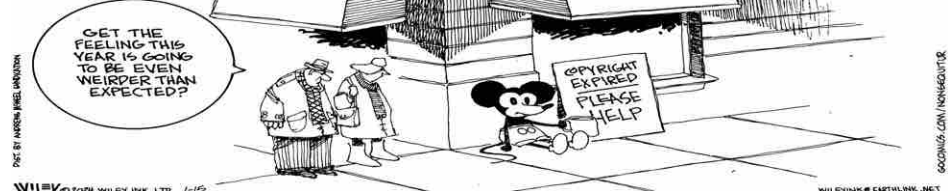
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Horoscopes

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 Libra.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2024: You're intelligent and intense, and you want answers. You don't take things for granted. People rely on you. This is the last year of a nine-year cycle, which means it's time to let go of people, places and things from the past that have held you back. Clear the decks!

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) ★★★★★ Discussions with partners, spouses and close friends will be warm and mutually reassuring today. A sense of optimism pervades everything. You feel good about your future and, in turn, this instills hope in someone else — and vice versa. It's a positive day! Tonight: Patience.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ This is an excellent day for business in general because the vibes are good! People are in a positive frame of mind. Discussions can promote big thinking and ambitious ideas, which can create better profits or boost your earnings. Teamwork will pay off today. Tonight: Focus.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Grab every opportunity to socialize and have fun today. This is an excellent day to schmooze! Enjoy fun activities with children, sports events, anything related to the arts and the entertainment world, as well as casual get-togethers over coffee or a beer. Tonight: Be helpful.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Enjoy the company of others at home today. This is a welcoming day

for family get-togethers. Even though you might feel stymied by delays and errors at work, or in matters that are health-related, everything in your domestic kit seems to be fine today. You will also enjoy time alone. Tonight: Relax.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Discussions with daily contacts, siblings and relatives will be upbeat and friendly today. But you will be talking! This is because you're enthusiastic about something and want to share your ideas. This is also a great day for a short trip. Remember that old flames might be back on the scene. Tonight: Be clear.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ This is a great day for business. Financial discussions could promote increased earnings or solid results. Furthermore, you might impress bosses and supervisors. Meanwhile, relatives and your extended family might be camped on your doorstep. Juggle everything as best you can. Tonight: Check your assets.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign dancing with lucky Jupiter, which makes you feel confident and happy. It's a good day for business. It's also a good day to schmooze with others. It's a particularly good day to make travel plans or explore opportunities in publishing, the media, medicine and the law. Tonight: Clearly thing.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Despite financial delays that Mercury retrograde might create, your ambition is aroused and you're determined to achieve something. However, be careful about offending a boss or co-worker. You might be coming on too strong. It's all good, but know your limits. Tonight: Research.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ This is a wonderful, warm,

popular day! Enjoy the company of friends as well as intermingling with groups, clubs and organizations. Discussions with others will be ambitious and idealistic. Meanwhile, you might hear from ex-partners and old friends from the past. Don't let them dampen your spirits. You rock! Tonight: Tolerance.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You make a fabulous impression on others today because you are high-viz due to the fact that the Moon is at the top of your chart, in addition to which the Moon is dancing beautifully with lucky Jupiter! This makes you look fortunate and successful. Look for ways to improve your job or get a better one. Tonight: Humility.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Be patient with partners and close friends. Promote harmony. Meanwhile, this is an excellent day for making travel plans or doing anything to expand your horizons. It's the perfect time to wrap up legal or medical issues or anything related to publishing, the media and higher education. Tonight: Learn.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Financial matters are favored today, especially discussions about shared property, taxes, debt and insurance issues. Whatever happens, you'll come out smelling like a rose! Contact with a previous boss or someone from your past might help. Tonight: Get information.
BORN TODAY Actress Tamsin Egerton (1988), actress Gacelle Beauvais (1966), singer Tina Turner (1939) *** Find more Georgia Nicols horoscopes at georgianicols.com.

THE FORUM

Solar project would provide much-needed financial boost for community, renewable energy benefits

We are residents of Lakeview, Ohio, and are in support of the Grange Solar Project. The obvious benefits of this project are many, most importantly including renewable energy with little resultant emissions and dramatic cost savings over the long term. Solar is in short; clean, reliable, and easily integrated into the energy grid.

The arguments against solar are not persuasive. One of the complaints is that projects such as this use prime farmland and that this will imperil the food supply. There are approximately 13.1 million acres of arable farmland in Ohio. The Grange project will occupy approximately 2,600 acres or 2 one-hundredths of 1 percent of total said average. A related argument propounded by our elected state officials is that this land might be needed for Indian Lake tornado recovery. We fail to see how this could possibly be the case. The proposed site is several miles south of Indian Lake, not visible from the lake, and in no way associated with the lake. In short, the land attained for the Grange project will in no way affect the availability of farmland or land required for recovery from the tornado.

Those same legislators see a threat to the water quality of Indian lake. We cannot fathom this line of reasoning unless of course the Great Miami River reverses course and even in that case, water quality would not be adversely affected. Water quality however is negatively affected by uncontrolled farm runoff and chemicals used in growing crops. Solar fields placed on farmland do not contribute to this when surrounded by healthy vegetation and well-draining soil.

It has been argued that this project is a waste of taxpayer money when in fact the project will

generate a huge tax benefit to the community, amounting to millions of dollars over the years. The Lakeview/Indian Lake area was devastated by the March 14 tornado. It is desperately in need of a "shot in the arm" of added revenue. Businesses and young families are seeking a prosperous community to grow in. Currently the Lakeview area has a poverty rate of 20.91 percent while overall Ohio has a poverty rate of 13.4 percent. We have lost population due to the storm and current residents have seen a 40 percent increase in property tax over the last several years. We need new people and new sources of revenue to grow and to continue to fund services and schools at adequate levels. If our area is unable to build back and "build forward", the seasonal boost of tourism will continue to drop. New projects such as Grange Solar are badly needed.

Certain factions believe there is a better site for this project. They believe that such a project lowers property value. Studies completed by Purdue University in Indiana have shown that properties near solar projects have dramatically increased in value. These factions promote misleading and false information about solar. We would be interested to see what their "site study" shows with regard to more positive locations for solar. We know that Grange has extensively studied the issue and has released their results to the Ohio Power Siting Board. We are in favor of solar in our community. Coal plants present a risk to the environment, public health, and the economy. Natural gas prices are volatile. Ohio must have a reliable, diverse power supply and solar is an important part of that.

Jon and Kimberly Doughty
Lakeview

Travel

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paycheck while performing jobs that keep planes running on schedule.

Most of them earn \$12.50 to \$19 an hour, union officials said. Rev. Glencie Rhedrick of Charlotte Clergy Coalition for Justice said those workers should make \$22 to \$25 an hour.

The strike is expected to last 24 hours. Several hundred workers participated in the work stoppage.

US flights are running normally

Forty-four flights have been canceled today and nearly 1,900 were delayed by midday on the East Coast, according to FlightAware.

According to the organization's cheekily named MiseryMap, San Francisco International Airport is having the most hiccups right now, with 53 delays and three cancellations between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. EST.

While that might sound like a lot of delays, they might not be so bad compared to last Friday when the airport suffered 671 delays and 69 cancellations.

Cutting in line? American Airlines' new boarding tech might stop you now at over 100 airports

In an apparent effort to reduce the headaches caused by airport line cutting, American Airlines has rolled out boarding technology that alerts gate agents with an audible sound if a passenger tries to scan a ticket ahead of their assigned group.

This new software won't accept a boarding pass before the group it's assigned to is called, so customers who get to the gate prematurely will be asked to

go back and wait their turn.

As of Wednesday, the airline announced, the technology is now being used in more than 100 U.S. airports that American flies out of. The official expansion arrives after successful tests in three of these locations — Albuquerque International Sunport, Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and Tucson International Airport.

Tips to make holiday travel a bit easier

Travel can be stressful in the best of times. Now add in the high-level anxiety that seems to be baked into every holiday season and it's clear travelers could use some help calming frazzled nerves.

Here are a few ways to make your holiday journey a little less stressful:

1. Make a checklist of what you need to do and what you need to bring
2. Carry your comfort with you — think noise-canceling headphones, cozy clothes, snacks and extra medication
3. Stay hydrated
4. Keep up to date on delays, gate changes and cancellations with your airline's app

The timing of this year's holiday shapes travel patterns

Thanksgiving Day takes place late this year, with the fourth Thursday of November falling on Nov. 28. That shortens the traditional shopping season and changes the rhythm of holiday travel.

With more time before the holiday, people tend to spread out their outbound travel over more days, but everyone returns at the same time, said Andrew Watterson, the chief operating officer of Southwest Airlines.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The Board of Perry Township Trustees will be taking Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for an architect's services in the Renovation/Addition Perry Township Fire Department Station #4. The RFQ's will be opened at our December 9, 2024 Township Meeting at 7:00 pm at the East Liberty Community Room. This is located at the corner of Main & Foundry Streets in East Liberty, Ohio 43319. The Trustees have the right to accept and/or reject any or all RFQ's. To obtain an RFQ sheet, contact any of the Perry Township Trustees: John Gibson 937-441-9486 John Brose 937-597-5937 Kenneth Rosebrook, Sr. 937-441-2937 By Order of the Perry Township Trustees: Cindy Stalling, Perry Township Fiscal Officer 937-597-5935 Nov. 14, 21, 26, 2024

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

RHONDA STAFFORD
LOGAN COUNTY TREASURER
Plaintiff vs **PARCELS OF LAND ENCUMBERED WITH DELINQUENT TAX LIENS AND TERRY R. KLOPFENSTEIN, et al.**
Defendants
Case No. CV 24 06 0172
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. 51-060-06-08-002-000 Full Street Address: 7652 C.R. 91, Lewistown, Ohio 43333
A copy of the legal description can be obtained from the County Engineer Map Room, 100 S. Madriver St., Bellefontaine, OH 43311 Reference Vol. 464, Page 737.
Amount of Judgment: \$6,500.00 plus additional taxes and costs
Last known owners and tax list addresses: Terry R. Klopfenstein, Curtis Martin, Shane Holcomb and Kimberly K. Woods.
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 Six Thousand and Five Hundred and 00-100 Dollars (\$6,500.00), 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 18th day of December, 2024. I Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price will be due at the time of sale.
Potential purchasers of the property are also given notice that the property is subject to the condemnation orders of the Logan County Health District issued March 22, 2023 and the nuisance abatement order of Washington

LEGALS

Township issued June 10, 2024 requiring removal of the structure. In the event the property is not sold at the sheriff's sale, pursuant to R.C. 5722.03(D), the Logan County Reutilization Corporation ("Land Bank") shall be deemed to have submitted the winning bid for no consideration other than the amounts charged pursuant to R.C. 5722.03 and the officer conducting the sale shall announce the bid of the Logan County Land Bank at the sale and shall report the proceedings to the court for confirmation of sale.
Breanne N. Parcels (0089370)
117 East Columbus Ave.
Bellefontaine, OH 43311
Telephone: 937-592-7272
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Attorney for Plaintiff
Nov. 26; Dec. 3, 10, 2024

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

RHONDA STAFFORD
LOGAN COUNTY TREASURER
Plaintiff vs **MARGARET PAYNE AKA F. MARGARET EASTMAN AKA FLORENCE MARGARET EASTMAN, DECEASED, et al.**
Defendants
Case No. CV 20 12 0270
TAX SALE-LEGAL NOTICE
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Whereas, judgment has been rendered against the following real estate:
Parcel No. 07-083-08-06-009-000 Full Street Address: 194 S. Main St., West Mansfield, Ohio 43358
A copy of the legal description can be obtained from the County Engineer Map Room, 100 S. Madriver St., Bellefontaine, OH 43311 Reference Vol. 187, Page 506.
Amount of Judgment: \$6,392.09 plus additional taxes and costs
Last known owners and tax list addresses: Unknown Heirs of Margaret Payne aka Margaret Eastman aka Florence Margaret Eastman, deceased.
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 Ten Thousand and 00-100 Dollars (\$10,000.00), 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 18th day of December, 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 15th day of January, 2025, for an amount that equals at least Ten Thousand and 00/100 (\$10,000.00).

Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price will be due at the time of sale.
Pursuant to R.C. 2329.71, Plaintiff U.S. Bank, N.A., has priority to claim any excess proceeds of sale after payment of all taxes, assessments and court costs in full.
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IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO GENERAL DIVISION
RHONDA STAFFORD
LOGAN COUNTY TREASURER
Plaintiff vs **UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ROBERT G. WELLNITZ, et al.**
Defendants
Case No. CV 23 05 0136
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. 52-032-13-20-007-000 Full Street Address: 636 High Ave., Russells Point, Ohio 43348
A copy of the legal description can be obtained from the County Engineer Map Room, 100 S. Madriver St., Bellefontaine, OH 43311 Reference Vol. 1398, Page 1260.
Amount of Judgment: \$21,779.11 plus additional taxes and costs
Last known owners and tax list addresses: Unknown Heirs of Robert Wellnitz, 636 High Ave., Russells Point, Ohio 43348
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 Twenty-Five Thousand and 00-100 Dollars (\$25,000.00), at 10:00

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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 18th day of December, 2024. If any parcel does not receive a sufficient bid or is not otherwise disposed of according to law, Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price will be due at the time of sale.
This property was previously offered for sale on March 20, 2024, and the bid was insufficient resulting in a higher minimum bid at this sale.
Potential purchasers of the property are also given notice that the property is subject to the condemnation orders of the Logan County Health District issued July 10, 2019 and May 8, 2024 requiring removal of the structure as well as nuisance abatement orders of the Village of Russells Point.
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IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF LOGAN COUNTY, OHIO GENERAL DIVISION THE STATE OF OHIO, LOGAN COUNTY Liberty Savings Bank Plaintiff vs Jeffrey J. Hall Defendants Case No. CV 20 03 00 62

In pursuance of an Order of Sale in the above entitled 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 Zane, to wit: Said premises located at: Vacant Lot on County Rd. 153, East Liberty, OH
PPN: 53-125-00-00-035-000, 53-125-00-00-034-002, 53-125-00-00-036-000, 53-125-00-037-004
Auction will take place online at reauctions.com on Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. Online.
If property remains unsold after the first auction, it will be offered for sale at auction again on Wednesday, the 25th day of December, 2024.
Said premises appraised at \$175,000
Appraisals are completed by viewing the outside of the property only.
Required deposit: \$5,000

LEGAL NOTICE
The Bloomfield Township Trustees will be holding a special meeting on Tuesday, December 11th at 8 AM at the township house. This meeting will be held in Executive Session (ORC 121.22 G3).
Beth Owers
Fiscal Officer
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