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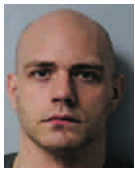


Second individual arrested following Lakeview standoff

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

A second suspect is in custody for allegedly refusing to cooperate with law enforcement's investigation into the whereabouts of a suspect wanted in a Cincinnati-area stabbing incident.

Robert Sturgill, 30, of Russells Point, was charged with obstructing justice after he allegedly impeded law enforcement's investigation into the whereabouts of a 28-year-old Kentucky man wanted for attempted murder.



BOWLIN



STURGILL

Michael Bowlin, of Berea, Kentucky was apprehended in Logan County on Saturday, Dec. 7, following a coordinated effort involving multiple law enforcement agencies. Bowlin was located in the Indian Lake area after a cell phone ping indicated his presence. The suspect had active warrants issued

by the Cincinnati Police Department. Officers from the Washington Township Police Department discovered a vehicle associated with Bowlin in the 7200 block of Delaware Drive, where he had been staying.

Through their investigation, officers determined Bowlin was not at the residence but learned he was with Sturgill. Officers contacted Sturgill, informing him of Bowlin's warrants and the potential for criminal charges if he refused to cooperate. Despite repeated warnings, Sturgill refused to disclose their

location.

Further leads directed officers to the 200 block of North Main Street in Lakeview. When approached, Sturgill was located, but Bowlin attempted to evade arrest by fleeing on foot and climbing onto the roof of a building. With the assistance of the Ohio State Highway Patrol Aviation Unit, Bowlin was taken into custody without further incident.

A search of the Delaware Drive residence uncovered crucial evidence, which was turned

over to detectives from the Cincinnati Police Department for further investigation.

Sturgill was arrested and charged with obstructing justice for his refusal to assist officers in locating Bowlin. Other individuals present during the operation cooperated with authorities and are not believed to have been aware of Bowlin's wanted status.

Washington Township Police, the Logan County Sheriff's Office, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Russells Point and Bellefontaine

police departments, and the Ohio State Highway Patrol Aviation Unit assisted.

"This was a collective effort by Logan County law enforcement agencies, and I am incredibly proud to serve alongside each officer, deputy, and trooper involved," a Washington Township Police said in a statement. "Logan County is safer because of their dedication and teamwork."

Bowlin was transported to the Logan County Jail and lodged on his outstanding warrants.

'Strong person of interest' apprehended for questioning

Man in custody had a gun, mask and writings tying him to killing of UnitedHealthcare CEO, police officers say

BY MICHAEL R. SISAK AND CEDAR ATTANASIO
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP) —

Police arrested a suspect Monday in the brazen Manhattan killing of UnitedHealthcare's CEO after a quick-thinking McDonald's employee in Pennsylvania alerted authorities to a customer who was found with a weapon, mask and writings linking him to the ambush.



New York Police officers arrive at Altoona Police Department, where a man with a gun thought to be similar to the one used in the killing of UnitedHealthcare CEO Brian Thompson has been taken into police custody for questioning, Monday, Dec. 9, 2024, in Altoona, Pa. (AP PHOTO/GENE J. PUSKAR)

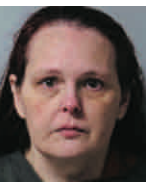
The chance sighting at the restaurant in Altoona led to a dramatic break in a challenging but fast-moving investigation that had captivated the public in the five days since the shooting that shook the health insurance industry. The suspect, identified

by police as 26-year-old Luigi Nicholas Mangione, had a gun believed to be the one used in last Wednesday's shooting of Brian Thompson, as well as writings suggesting anger with corporate America, police said.

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Suspect charged with felony-drug possession

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF



SNAVLEY

An employee in the radiology department at Mary Rutan Hospital was arrested Thursday, Dec. 5, while on shift on an out-of-county warrant and later charged with an additional felony drug offense following an investigation by officers of the Bellefontaine Police Department.

Becky Snavley, 48, of Cloverdale, was taken into custody on a theft warrant issued by the Findlay Municipal Court.

The arrest occurred at approximately 9:19 p.m. after officers located her vehicle in the hospital parking lot and confirmed her location inside the facility.

Officers on patrol entered the hospital and worked with hospital security to locate Snavley in the radiology department. She was informed of the active warrant, and it was confirmed through the Findlay Police Department.

Snavley was placed under arrest without incident. A search of her belongings turned up medications prescribed to a deceased relative for whom Snaveley had been the primary caregiver and held power of attorney.

Among the medications were approximately 65 Alprazolam pills, 31 broken Alprazolam tablets, 30 Oxycodone pills, 86 Hydroxide pills and one unidentified yellow pill. Most medications were prescribed to her late aunt. Snaveley had a valid prescription for 11 Tramadol pills found in her possession.

Snavley explained to officers that her aunt had passed away a month earlier and said she had not disposed of the medications since her death. Officers also discovered miscellaneous cards belonging to her late aunt and another individual in her belongings.

Following the search and investigation, Snaveley was transported to the Logan County Jail without incident. In addition to the theft warrant, she was charged with possession of a controlled substance, a felony of the fifth degree.

Trump promises to end birthright citizenship: What is it and could he do it?

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Donald Trump has promised to end birthright citizenship as soon as he gets into office to make good on campaign promises aiming to restrict immigration and redefining what it means to be American.

But any efforts to halt the policy would face steep legal hurdles.

Birthright citizenship means anyone born in the United States automatically becomes an American citizen. It's been in place for decades and applies to children born to someone in the country illegally or in the U.S. on a tourist or student visa who plans to return to their home country.

It's not the practice of every country, and Trump and his supporters have argued that the system is being abused and that there should be tougher standards for becoming an American citizen.

But others say this is a right enshrined in the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, it would be extremely difficult to overturn and even if it's possible, it's a bad idea.

Here's a look at birthright citizenship, what Trump has said about it and the prospects for ending it:

What Trump has said about birthright citizenship

During an interview Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press" Trump said he "absolutely" planned to halt birthright citizenship once in office.

"We're going to end that because it's ridiculous," he said.

Trump and other opponents of birthright citizenship have argued that it creates an incentive for people to come to the U.S. illegally or take part in "birth tourism," in which pregnant women enter the U.S. specifically to give birth to their chil-



Migrants walk along the Huixtla highway in the state of Chiapas, Mexico, Oct. 22, 2024, hoping to reach the country's northern border and ultimately the United States. (AP PHOTO/EDGAR H. CLEMENTE, FILE)

dren can have citizenship before returning to their home countries.

"Simply crossing the border and having a child should not entitle anyone to citizenship," said Eric Ruark, director of research for NumbersUSA, which argues for reducing immigration. The organization supports changes that would require at least one parent to be a permanent legal resident or a U.S. citizen for their children to automatically get citizenship.

Others have argued that ending birthright citizenship would profoundly damage the country.

"One of our big benefits is that people born here are citizens, are not an illegal underclass. There's better assimilation and integration of immigrants and their children because of

birthright citizenship," said Alex Nowrasteh, vice president for economic and social policy studies at the pro-immigration Cato Institute.

In 2019, the Migration Policy Institute estimated that 5.5 million children under age 18 lived with at least one parent in the country illegally in 2019, representing 7% of the U.S. child population. The vast majority of those children were U.S. citizens.

The nonpartisan think tank said during Trump's campaign for president in 2015 that the number of people in the country illegally would "balloon" if birthright citizenship were repealed, creating "a self-perpetuating class that would be excluded from social membership for generations."

6 Guatemalans arrested and charged with human smuggling in 2021 Mexico bus crash that killed dozens

LAREDO, Texas (AP) — Six Guatemalans are charged with human smuggling linked to a semi-trailer truck crash in Mexico in 2021 that killed more than 50 migrants and were arrested in Guatemala and Texas on Monday, U.S. and Guatemalan authorities announced Monday.

The truck had been packed with at least 160 migrants, many of them Guatemalans, when it crashed with a support for a pedestrian bridge in Tuxtla Gutierrez, the capital of the southern state of Chiapas. The arrests were announced on the three-year anniversary of the accident.

According to an indictment unsealed Monday in the Southern District of Texas, Guatemalan authorities arrested Tomas Quino Canil, 36; Alberto Marcario Chitic, 31; Oswaldo Manuel Zavala Quino, 24; and Josefa Quino Canil de Zavala, 42.

Another man, Jorge Agapito Ventura, was arrested at his home in Cleveland, Texas, U.S. authorities said. Guatemala officials noted a sixth arrest. A sixth name listed on the U.S. federal indictment was blacked out.

The accused were charged with conspiracy, placing life in jeopardy, causing serious bodily injury, and resulting in death.

The indictment charges them with conspiring to smuggle migrants from Guatemala through Mexico to the U.S. for payment. In some cases that involved smuggling unaccompanied children, the defendants would provide scripts of what to say if apprehended, the indictment said.

The smugglers would move migrants on foot, inside minibuses, cattle trucks and tractor trailers, the indictment said.

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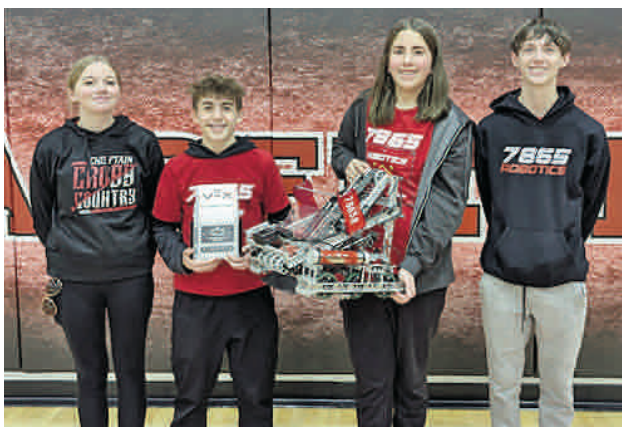
BMS Robotics shines in Highland County Classic

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The Bellefontaine Middle School Robotics teams showcased their skills and teamwork at the Highland County Classic – a blended middle and high school robotics event held on Saturday. Despite direct competition with high school teams, all seven BMS teams earned a spot in the tournament.

Teams 7865A, 7865F, and 7865X advanced to the quarterfinals, demonstrating precision and strategy in their game play.

Team 7865B (Greyson Huffman, Chloe O'Chocke, Max Miranda, and Charlie Moreland) finished in 3rd place, beating 20 high school teams in the qualification rounds. Their exceptional performance and dedication earned them the



The BMS Robotics team members that competed are (left to right): Chloe O'Chocke, Greyson Huffman, Charlie Moreland, and Max Miranda. (BCS PHOTO)

prestigious Middle School Excellence Award, a recognition of their outstanding engineering, programming, and skills.

This achievement not only highlights the depth of talent within the

Bellefontaine Robotics program but also secures Team 7865B a coveted spot at the Ohio State Robotics Competition held in the spring.

The BMS Robotics is coached by Jordan Reser.

SUSPECT

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Mangione was taken into custody about 9:15 a.m. after police got a tip that he was eating at a McDonald's in Altoona, Pennsylvania, police said.

"He is believed to be our person of interest in the brazen, targeted murder of Brian Thompson," NYPD Commissioner Jessica Tisch said.

Mangione had clothing and a mask similar to those worn by the shooter and a fraudulent New Jersey ID matching one of the suspect used to check into a New York City hotel before the shooting, Tisch said.

NYPD Chief of Detectives Joseph Kenny said Mangione was born and raised in Maryland, has ties to San Francisco and a last known address in Honolulu, Hawaii. A message left Monday with a Philadelphia-area phone number connected to Mangione was not immediately returned.

He was being held in Pennsylvania on gun charges and eventually will be extradited to New York to face charges in connection with Thompson's death, Kenny said.

Police found a three-page document with writings suggesting that Mangione had "ill will toward corporate America," Kenny said.

The handwritten docu-

ment "speaks to both his motivation and mindset," Tisch said.

Mangione had a ghost gun, a type of weapon that can be assembled at home from parts without a serial number, making them difficult to trace, investigators said.

"As of right now the information we're getting from Altoona is that the gun appears to be a ghost gun that may have been made on a 3D printer, capable of firing a 9 mm round," Kenny said.

Officers questioned Mangione, who was acting suspiciously and carrying multiple fraudulent IDs, as well as a U.S. passport, Tisch said. Officers found a suppressor, "both consistent with the weapon used in the murder," the commissioner said.

NYPD detectives and staff from the Manhattan district attorney's office traveled to Altoona to interview Mangione, Kenny said.

Thompson, 50, was killed last Wednesday as he walked alone to a hotel, where UnitedHealthcare's parent company, UnitedHealth Group, was holding its annual investor conference, police said.

UnitedHealth Group thanked law enforcement in a statement Monday. "Our hope is that today's apprehension brings some relief to Brian's family, friends,

colleagues and the many others affected by this unspeakable tragedy," a company spokesperson said.

The shooting shook U.S. businesses and the health insurance industry in particular, causing companies to rethink security plans and delete photos of executives from their websites.

The shooter appeared to be "lying in wait for several minutes" before approaching the executive from behind and opening fire, police said. He used a 9 mm pistol that police said resembled guns farmers use to put down animals without causing a loud noise.

LOCAL NOTES

Blood drive slated for Dec. 12

Versiti Blood Center (formerly Solvita Blood Center) is encouraging community members make an appointment to donate blood this coming week at a community blood drive near them.

Upcoming blood drives in Logan County include:

• Logan County Discovery Center Blood Drive — Thursday Dec. 12, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities Office parking lot, 1851 W. State Route 47, Bellefontaine.

All attempting donors will receive a holiday sock bundle. Walk-ins are welcome, or make an appointment by calling (937) 461-3220. To register online, visit www.versitidation.org.

East Liberty Christmas cantata planned for Dec. 22

The East Liberty Community Choir presents a Christmas cantata at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, at the East Liberty Church of Christ.

This hour-long program celebrates the birth of Jesus. The program is open to the public and is free of charge.

Churches join together to serve free Christmas meal

West Liberty area churches join together to serve a free Christmas meal from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 25.

Drive-thru pick up meals are available at the Liberty Gathering Place, 111 N. Detroit St., West Liberty, or join in for dine-in fellowship at the Liberty Gathering Place.

Meal delivery requests are also available by calling Oak Grove Mennonite Church at (937) 465-4749 by Dec. 24.

BHS accepting nominations for Distinguished Alumni Award

Nominations are currently being accepted for the Bellefontaine High School 2025 Distinguished Alumni Award.

All nominations are due Dec. 13.

Nomination forms can be obtained from the Bellefontaine City Schools website at www.bcs-k12.org or by contacting Angie Horvath at Bellefontaine High School at (937) 593-0545, ext. 3480 or e-mail horvath@bcs-k12.org.

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Wilson wins BIS Spelling Bee



Kyler Vollrath (left) and Masyyn Wilson. (BCS PHOTO)

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Bellefontaine Intermediate School held its annual spelling bee Friday afternoon.

30 fifth-graders competed in the bee, which was held in the gym.

Fellow fifth-graders along with family members were spectators.

In the 16th round, Masyyn Wilson correctly spelled "phantom" to become the champion.

Kyler Vollrath was runner-up.

Both students have qualified for the Logan County Spelling Bee at the Holland Theatre on January 14th at 6 p.m.

Wilson will also take an online spelling and vocabulary test to advance toward the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

Wilson is the son of Timothy & Ashlee Wilson.

Vollrath is the son of Ben & Jacey Vollrath. Lindy Martin was the moderator at BIS.

Angie Horvath and Katie Davis were the judges.

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Australia is banning social media for people under 16. Could this work elsewhere — or even there?

BY BARBARA ORTUTAY
AP TECHNOLOGY WRITER

It is an ambitious social experiment of our moment in history — one that experts say could accomplish something that parents, schools and other governments have attempted with varying degrees of success: keeping kids off social media until they turn 16.

Australia's new law, approved by its Parliament last week, is an attempt to swim against many tides of modern life — formidable forces like technology, marketing, globalization and, of course, the iron will of a teenager. And like efforts of the past to protect kids from things that parents believe they're not ready for, the nation's move is both ambitious and not exactly simple, particularly in a world where young people are often shaped, defined and judged by the online company they keep.

The ban won't go into effect for another year. But how will Australia be able to enforce it? That's not clear, nor will it be easy. TikTok, Snapchat and Instagram have become so ingrained in young people's lives that going cold turkey will be difficult.

Other questions loom. Does the ban limit kids' free expression and — especially

for those in vulnerable groups — isolate them and curtail their opportunity to connect with members of their community? And how will social sites verify people's ages, anyway? Can't kids just get around such technicalities, as they so often do?

This is, after all, the 21st century — an era when social media is the primary communications tool for most of those born in the past 25 years who, in a fragmented world, seek the common cultures of trends, music and memes. What happens when big swaths of that fall away?

Is Australia's initiative a good, long-time-coming development that will protect the vulnerable, or could it become a well-meaning experiment with unintended consequences?

Platforms will be held liable

The law will make platforms including TikTok, Facebook, Snapchat, Reddit, X and Instagram liable for fines of up to 50 million Australian dollars (\$33 million) for systemic failures to prevent children younger than 16 from holding accounts. "It's clear that social media companies have to be held accountable, which is what Australia is trying to do," said Jim Steyer, president and CEO of the

nonprofit Common Sense Media.

Leaders and parents in countries around the world are watching Australia's policy closely as many seek to protect young kids from the internet's dangerous corners — and, not incidentally, from each other. Most nations have taken different routes, from parental consent requirements to minimum age limits.

Many child safety experts, parents and even teens who have waited to get on social media consider Australia's move a positive step. They say there's ample reason to ensure that children wait.

The harms to children from social media have been well documented in the two decades since Facebook's launch ushered in a new era in how the world communicates. Kids who spend more time on social media, especially as tweens or young teenagers, are more likely to experience depression and anxiety, according to multiple studies — though it is not yet clear if there is a causal relationship.

What's more, many are exposed to content that is not appropriate for their age, including pornography and violence, as well as social pressures about body image and makeup. They also face bullying, sexual harassment and unwanted advances

from their peers as well as adult strangers. Because their brains are not fully developed, teenagers, especially younger ones the law is focused on, are also more affected by social comparisons than adults, so even happy posts from friends can send them into a negative spiral.

What unintended harms could be caused?

Many major initiatives, particularly those aimed at social engineering, can produce side effects — often unintended. Could that happen here? What, if anything, do kids stand to lose by separating kids and the networks in which they participate?

Paul Taske, associate director of litigation at the tech lobbying group NetChoice, says he considers the ban "one of the most extreme violations of free speech on the world stage today" even as he expressed relief that the First Amendment prevents such law in the United States.

"These restrictions would create a massive cultural shift," Taske said.

"Not only is the Australian government preventing young people from engaging with issues they're passionate about, but they're also doing so even if their parents are ok with them using digital services," he said.

OBITUARIES

Karen Eileen (Baker) Primavera

Karen Eileen (Baker) Primavera passed away Friday, Nov. 29, 2024, in Hamilton, Ohio.



Karen was born in Bellefontaine, Ohio, on Dec. 22, 1952, to the late Donald Eugene and Phyllis Eileen (Jenkins) Baker. She also was preceded in death by her beloved cousins, Debbie Benedict and Michael Weller and many, many other beloved family members.

Karen graduated from Bellefontaine High School, where she was elected homecoming queen of her senior class. We felt she received that honor not because of her beauty, but because she was always kind to everyone!

After school, she entered the work force until she married her loving husband, Tom Primavera of Columbus, Ohio, on Dec. 29, 1984.

They resided briefly in Cincinnati, Ohio, and then moved to Hamilton, Ohio, where Tom started his jewelry business, T & K Casting."

Karen worked outside the home initially, but later on worked with Tom as his helper-assistant in his jewelry business.

Karen's greatest regret about not overcoming this cancer was having to leave Tom. He, in turn, has been devastated to lose Karen. Theirs was a happy and loving union.

Karen is survived by her loving husband Tom Primavera of Hamilton. Also surviving are sisters Anne (Baker) Heinlen and Mary Jane Baker of Bellefontaine; and many, many wonderful cousins on both sides of our family trees, especially cousins John and Suzan Weller and family of Bellefontaine. She will truly be missed by all.

Karen's remains will be interred at a later date at Huntsville Cemetery, Huntsville, Ohio, near our mother and dad's final resting place. There are no plans at this time for a service.

Arrangements are handled by Eichholtz Daring & Sanford Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Bellefontaine. Contributions in Karen's memory may be made to the Logan County Cancer Society.

Larry "Bear" G. Franks

Larry "Bear" G. Franks, 83, of Urbana, OH passed away on Saturday, December 7, 2024, in Madison Health in London, OH.

He was born on August 28, 1941, in Urbana, Ohio to the late Merle J. and Wilma J. (Trick) Franks.

Bear was an avid hunter, fisherman and enjoyed being outdoors. He will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Bear is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Bonnie J. (Bzoza) Franks; three daughters, Tessca (Ryan) Hites, Tiger Franks and Trayc (Bill) Petty; two sons, Travis (Kim) Franks and Terk Franks; 26 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two daughters, Tonya Franks and Tammy Elkins; one sister, Judy Franks; one brother, Rick Franks and a granddog, Peanut.

A gathering of family and friends will be held on Thursday, December 12, 2024 from 10 AM to 12 PM in the Grace Baptist Church, 960 Children's Home Rd., Urbana, OH.

Funeral service will be held on Thursday, December 12, 2024 starting at 12 PM in the Grace Baptist Church with Pastor Aaron Samples officiating.

Burial will follow in Oak Dale Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family in the care of the funeral home during this time of need.

Arrangements are entrusted to Vernon Funeral Home, Urbana, OH.

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

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Jury awards \$310 million to parents of teen killed in fall from Orlando amusement park ride

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The parents of a 14-year-old Missouri boy who fell to his death from an Orlando amusement park ride in 2022 have won a \$310 million verdict against the attraction's Austrian builder.

Late Thursday, the Orange County jury ordered that the manufacturer Funtime pay \$155 million each to Tyre Sampson's parents, Nekia Dodd and Yarnell Sampson. He died on March 24, 2022, after falling 70 feet (21 meters) from the Orlando Free Fall ride at Icon Park. The trial lasted only a day as Funtime never appeared in court to defend itself.

Icon Park, which rented the ride's space to Orlando

Slingshot, the ride's owner and operator, had already settled with Sampson's family for an undisclosed amount.

"The jury's decision confirms what we have long argued: Tyre's death was the result of blatant negligence and a failure to prioritize safety over profits," the family's lawyers, Ben Crump and Natalie Jackson, said in a statement. "The ride's manufacturers neglected their duty to protect passengers, and (Thursday's) outcome ensures they face the consequences."

The family will now have to seek an order from an Austrian court to collect the damages.

Funtime did not respond to an email sent to its head-

quarters Friday seeking comment. The company's website shows that it manufactures thrill rides that throw, drop and spin passengers at high speeds and from tall elevations, including attractions named Vomatron, Sling Shot and Chaos Pendle.

Sampson, a football standout who stood 6 foot, 2 inches tall (1.9 meters) and weighed 380 pounds (172 kilograms), was visiting Orlando on spring break from the St. Louis area when he went with friends to the downtown amusement park.

They rode the Orlando Free Fall, which placed 30 riders in seats attached to a tower, secured them with a shoulder harness and then

dropped them 430 feet (131 meters). It didn't have seat belts, something most drop rides have as an additional safety measure.

Because of Sampson's size, the harness didn't lock properly and he was ejected from his seat when the ride braked 70 feet from the ground.

His parents argued that Orlando Slingshot and Funtime should have warned their son about the risks of someone his size going on the ride and didn't provide an appropriate restraint system. Adding seat belts would have cost \$660.

The state ordered the ride closed after the accident and it never reopened. It is now being demolished.

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Bellefontaine earns first league win



LEFT: Laila Butler, left, of Bellefontaine drives to the basket as she is defended by London's Riley Cremens during Monday's game. RIGHT: Quinlan Zedeker of the Chiefs rises up for a shot in the lane during the first half. Defending for the Red Raiders are Aliyah Tyree (21) and Katelyn Duvall (5). (EXAMINER PHOTOS | MIKE FRANK)

BY MIKE FRANK
 EXAMINER SPORTS WRITER

The Chieftains girls keep going back and forth.

Bellefontaine has started the 2024-25 season by alternating wins and losses, and that continued Monday as they rallied to defeat visiting London 48-41. It was the first Central Buckeye Conference battle of the year for both squads.

The victory puts them at 3-2 overall, while London falls to 2-2 and 0-1 in the CBC.

Bellefontaine had some slow going at the start, with a dry spell in the second quarter allowing London to build a five-point lead at the half.

The second half was a different case, with both teams getting hot in the third, and Bellefontaine staying that way down the stretch.

The Chiefs had three players in

•BELLEFONTAINE 48, LONDON 41

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•LONDON (0-1, 2-2)

•Quinlan Zedeker 3 4-7 12; Halle Lamb 0 1-2 1; Rylie Reames 1 0-0 3; Emma Whitaker 0 0-0 0; Tiffany Boop 6 0-2 13; Laila Butler 5 2-2 15; Gabbe Hoon 2 0-0 4

•TOTALS: 177-13 48

•BELLEFONTAINE (1-0, 3-2)

•Riley Cremens 1 0-0 2; Madilyn Adkins 1 3-4 5; Cameron Markley 4 0-0 9; Addison Lambert 2 1-4 5; Katelyn Duvall 1 1-2 3; Chyann Lewis 4 2-3 12; Aliyah Tyree 0 0-0 0; Addison Sims 2 0-0 5;

•TOTALS 15 7-13 41.

double figures. Laila Butler led with 15, while Tiffany Boop had 13 and Quinlan Zedeker got 12.

"The second half was us taking it to the bucket," said Bellefontaine coach Meghan Ashcraft. "We were offensively being stronger. We were rebounding more in the second half; we were playing better defense for sure. It starts with defense. Once you get that defense going, it

helps us at the offensive end."

For London, Chyann Lewis led with 12 points and Cameron Markley had nine.

Scoring was scarce in the early going. Zedeker and Butler hit shots to give the Chiefs the lead, but London used a basket and two free throws to square it.

Boop would hit a couple more shots over the rest of the first quarter and Bellefontaine led 8-7 after one round.

London opened the second with Addison Sims connecting on a 3-pointer. Baskets by Addison Lambert and Lewis stretched the lead to six as the quarter neared its midpoint.

Three-pointers by Zedeker and Ryle Reames kept Bellefontaine in range and snapped a dry spell of about five minutes of game time. After a free throw by London with 2 1/2 minutes left, there would be no more scoring until the final 50

seconds.

London sank a pair of shots, but Butler had the final score to make it 21-16 at intermission.

Butler picked right back up when play resumed, hitting a 3-pointer. London then used a basket by Lewis to start a 6-0 run.

The pace and the accuracy picked up on both ends with about five minutes to go in the third. Butler and Zedeker nailed shots from behind the arc, while London answering each time.

The first was a three by Lewis, and the other was a three and a two from Markley. That made it a 10-point lead for the Red Raiders, 35-25, with three minutes to go. But five points courtesy of Butler shaved that lead in half.

In the fourth quarter, Zedeker was fouled on a 3-point shot and made one of the attempts. Bellefontaine kept chugging with two scores by Boop, and a turn-

around jumper from Gabbe Hoon in between.

That put the hosts back in front by two and led to a London timeout.

Boop then rose and fired from the top of the key, and splashed it with 5:18 left. London finally got its first point on a free throw by Lewis.

The Chiefs answered with Zedeker feeding the ball to Hoon in the lane. After trading scores, Bellefontaine led 44-39.

A turnover led to a London score to make it a one-possession game, but that would prove to be the final points of the night for the Red Raiders.

In the final 90 seconds, Bellefontaine forced London to foul, and hit four shots from the line to seal the victory.

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A member of the Ben Logan girls swim team competes in an event at the Ned Reeb Invitational on Saturday at Ohio State University (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Raiders swimmers compete in large field at Ned Reeb invite

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The Benjamin Logan swimming teams were in action at the Ned Reeb Invitational on Saturday at Ohio State University.

The boys placed 25th out of 41 teams.

Top swimmers for the Raiders were Liam Sweeney in the 50 freestyle with a time of 25.26 finishing 27th out of 221 swimmers. Sweeney also finished 14th out of 23 swimmers in 200 individual medley with a time of 2:32.26.

Landon Braddock in the 50 Free with a time of 25.91 finishing 45th. Braddock also finished 41st out of 172 swimmers in the 100 free with a time of 58.31.

Jerrick Stephens in the 50 free with a time of 26.22 finishing 55th. Stephens also finished 68th out of 172 swimmers in the 100 free with a time of 1:02.42.

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A boys swimmer competes in an event for Ben Logan at the Ned Reeb Invitational on Saturday at Ohio State University (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

ROUNDUP

Ben Logan boys win; girls fall to Urbana

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The Benjamin Logan boys bowlers defeated Urbana at T-P Lanes on Monday night in a Central Buckeye Conference match.

The Raiders are now 4-1 on the season.

Ben Logan had 2,900 pins total to Urbana's 2,675.

Leading the Raiders was Caleb Knight with a 483 series (216-267), followed by Nate Davis at 466 (231-235); Dylan Stewart 435 (234-201), Jarrett Buckenroth 410 (196-214) and Landon Stoodt 341 (174-167).

The teams split the Baker games, with each winning two.

In the JV match, Ben Logan won 2,246 to 1,740. Conner Chambers had a 351 series (153-198); with Jace Lyons 330 (183-147), Colton Klopfenstein 304 (171-133) and Asher Wade

(189 game) and Wyatt LeVan (163 game) contributing as well. They won all four Baker games.

Ben Logan will be back in action Wednesday against Northwestern at T-P Lanes. Action begins at 4 p.m.

The Ben Logan girls bowlers lost to Urbana on Monday, 2,275 to 2,198. The match was held at T-P Lanes.

Aubrey Zedlitz led the Raiders with a 387 series (193-194). Reigan Thomas had a 343 (152-191) and Hunter McColloch had a 179 game.

In the JV match, Urbana won 1,811 to 1,458. Gi Saunders had a 296 series (146-150) and Kaydon Wilber rolled a 268 (122-146).

The girls will also face Northwestern on Wednesday.

JUNIOR HIGH

Lady Chiefs win at Kenton

The Bellefontaine girls junior high teams traveled to Kenton on Saturday, with both getting wins.

The eighth grade squad won 43-10. Mia Brown had 13 points and Lexey Brown 10. Other scoring was Cameo Greene with eight, Paxton Stewart six, Alli Meyers four and Leila Hammond two. Mia Brown also had four rebounds, five steals and two assists. Lexey Brown got five boards, two assists and two blocks; Greene had three rebounds, a pair of steals and two assists; Stewart made five steals and got five rebounds; and Meyers had

three rebounds and steals apiece. Annie Clem also had good minutes at both ends of the court.

In the seventh grade game, Bellefontaine won 27-12. For Bellefontaine, Gianna Davis had 10 points, five rebounds and four steals. Combining for six assists were Annie Gallaway, Zyannia Bean-Breaston and Alexis Hogan. Hogan also had five points and six rebounds. Kennedy Hairston had eight points. Klyn Slayback, Samantha Bricker, Brookelyn Oaks and Alexis Skaggs also contributed minutes.

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Junior

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On Monday night, Bellefontaine visited Shawnee and got victories. The eighth grade team won 37-22. Mia Brown had 19 points for Bellefontaine, with eight rebounds and two steals. Lexey Brown had eight points, five boards and two steals. Paxton Stewart got six points and five steals, and Cameo Greene had four points and three rebounds. Allie Meyers, Rylee Crabtree, Leila Hammond and Annie Clem played solid minutes. The seventh graders won 20-16. Kennedy Hairston, Annie Gallaway and Gianna Davis were the top scorers. Alexis Hogan, Gallaway and Davis combined for five assists.

Spartans in action

The Calvary Christian junior high girls basketball team defeated Emmanuel Christian 21-13 on Saturday. Caroline Moore and Avery Rogers had six points apiece. Adding two each were Madelyn Carter, Karis Willets, Eden LeCrone, and Destiny Mathys, and Mazie Worley had one. Moore led the team with 12 rebounds. On Monday, Calvary Christian lost to St. John's Lutheran 19-13. Caroline

Moore had six points. Karis Willets, Eden LeCrone, and Destiny Mathys had two each, and Madelyn Carter got one.

Raiders wrestlers place first at tourney

The Benjamin Logan middle school wrestlers took first place at a tournament on Friday, Dec. 6. There were 14 teams in the field. Earning first-place finishes were Owen Marshall (86 pounds); Ryan Miller (110); Rhett Newman (142); and Madden Palmer (205). Other place winners were Emerson Carpenter (2nd, 172); Konnor Barns (3rd, 160); Eli Carpenter (3rd, 128); Danielle Hoagland (3rd, 104); Kaleb Linkenhoker (4th, 92) and Cayde Buck (4th, 80).

Raiders boys get split

Benjamin Logan's eighth grade boys basketball team defeated Tecumseh 39-35. Gabe Predmore had 13 points and seven rebounds. Carrick Spriggs and Micah Gregg each scored nine, while Brantley Korn had five and Colton Little three. Tecumseh won the seventh grade contest 31-12. Preston Mikes had four points, and Anson Nicols, Nevada Coleman, Balkyr Roberts and Luke Long got two each.

Swim

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In the 100 breaststroke Carter Daniels with a time of 1.13 was 19th out of 77 swimmers. Also in the 50 free, Holden Zehner with a time of 28.77 finishing 99th and Finch Hone with a time of 29.20 placed 113 out of 221 swimmers. The girls placed 28th out of the 41 teams in action. For the Lady Raiders, Fiona Sweeney in the 50 free with a time of 28.69 placing 24th out of 243 swimmers, and 100 free with a time of 1.06.58 plac-

ing 51st out of 197 swimmers. Winnie Bodin in the 50 free with a time of 29.39 and placing 50th. Annika Chappell in 100 free with a time of 1.07 placing 55th out of 197, and in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2.46.16 placing 20th out of 38 swimmers. In the 50 free, Lottie Bodin (30.48) was 74th and Annika Schmidt (30.68) was 80th and Leah Braddock (31.31) was 93rd. Benjamin Logan will swim again Wednesday night at Trotwood-Madison at 6:30 p.m.

Baseball world reacts to Soto deal

BY RONALD BLUM AND STEPHEN HAWKINS
 AP BASEBALL WRITERS

DALLAS — Shortly after striking a record \$765 million, 15-year contract for Juan Soto with the New York Mets, agent Scott Boras walked into Nick & Sam's, a restaurant near the winter meetings hotel, with about a dozen of his staff.

They were given a bottle of celebratory champagne and dined on deviled eggs, crab, shrimp and a New York strip steak — appropriate given that the Mets had stripped the All-Star outfielder from the rival Yankees.

"Scott is coming with his army of personnel. It was kind of like the 'Gladiator,'" said Boston Red Sox manager Alex Cora, who watched from across the steakhouse Sunday night.

Soto's deal, the largest and longest in baseball history, was pending a physical. The agreement reverberated across the winter meetings and stung the Yankees, who on Sunday

morning had raised their offer to \$760 million over 16 years from \$712.5 million for 15 years.

"My first thought is that my oldest kid is going to be 28 when he's done playing. That really puts it in perspective for me," San Francisco president of baseball operations Buster Posey said.

Yankees manager Aaron Boone learned of Soto's decision when his flight arrived in Dallas.

"Literally that the wheels hit the runway and the alert hit my phone that he had signed with the Mets," Boone recalled.

He texted an emoji of a face to Mets manager Carlos Mendoza, a former Yankees coach. Mendoza wasn't sure what Boone meant.

"I sent him another face," Mendoza said Monday, shrugging his shoulders.

Soto's deal, which includes a \$75 million signing bonus, would rise to \$805 million if the Mets exercise their right to void Soto's ability to opt out after

the 2029 season.

"I was shocked when I saw the bonus. My goodness," said Cincinnati manager Terry Francona, thinking about the implications for prices other teams will have to pay for players. "I think it makes it harder, but I certainly don't begrudge teams for doing it if they can. They're not breaking the rules. We're going to have to make really good decisions, and we're not going to be able to outspend on mistakes, so we have to limit those."

Soto's deal sparked even greater expectations in a free agent market that includes pitchers Corbin Burnes and Max Fried, first basemen Pete Alonso and Christian Walker, third baseman Alex Bregman and outfielder Anthony Santander.

"I think everybody's intent is hopefully to land their planes as soon as possible, whether it's trades or free agency," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said.

Some teams have feared

the economic might of Mets billionaire owner Steve Cohen, whose team has been baseball's biggest spender during the last two years.

"We want to win and we have an owner that is willing to do whatever it takes," Mendoza said.

Mets president of baseball operations David Stearns wouldn't discuss Soto because the deal wasn't finalized.

"Every year I've ever been around the game at some point in the offseason there is a cry of inflationary free agency," he said. "And then at some point in the offseason there's this worry that a bunch of players aren't going to either get paid what they deserve or aren't going to have jobs."

Many small-market teams have long sought a salary cap but the consensus since the 1994-95 strike has been not to propose a hard limit, knowing it would provoke another lengthy work stoppage. The current labor contract expires in December 2026.

Girls

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"We were able to take care of the ball at the end," said Ashcraft, "which is not easy to do. We were tired. This was our fourth game in one week. These girls fought through. It always helps when they come together and play as a team."

Bellefontaine (1-0 CBC, 3-2) is back in action on Saturday at home against Tecumseh. JV play begins at noon.

Lakers win another game in overtime

Indian Lake defeated Greenville 47-34 in overtime in non league play. It was the second straight win

in extra time for the Lakers. Indian Lake improves to 3-3 on the season.

Mackenzie Dixon led the Lakers scoring with 19, and 10 in the extra frame. Courtney Altstaetter had nine points and nine rebounds. Kennedy Swaderer had eight points and four steals.

Greenville led 15-11 after the first and 24-19 at the break. After regulation, it was all even at 32. Indian Lake then scored 15 in the OT, and held the Green Wave to two free throws.

The junior varsity lost 35-18. Terra Beltz had 11 points, 10 rebounds and three blocks.

Indian Lake (1-0 CBC, 3-3) will host Northwestern on Saturday. JV play tips off at noon.

Triad falls to Elgin

The Triad girls lost to Elgin 61-11 in nonleague play on the road.

Mia LeMay had five points and nine rebounds for the Cardinals. Abby Overfield had four points and five rebounds. Bre Parsons grabbed six rebounds.

Triad (1-2 OHC, 2-4 overall) will play Wednesday at West Jefferson. It will be varsity only, with action starting at 6 p.m.

West Liberty tops Greenon at home

West Liberty-Salem got a 42-38 win over visiting Greenon in non conference action.

The Tigers had seven points in each of the first three periods, then erupted for 21 in the final frame.

Addi Wallen led WL-S with 12 points. Ava Johnson had nine and Maddie McGill added eight.

West Liberty-Salem won the JV game 47-27. Grace Jones and Lucy Cole had 12 apiece.

The Tigers (1-0 OHC, 4-1 overall) travel to Fairbanks on Thursday.

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Entertainment

Stolen ruby slippers worn by Judy Garland in 'The Wizard of Oz' are auctioned for \$28 million

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A pair of iconic ruby slippers that were worn by Judy Garland in "The Wizard of Oz" and stolen from a museum nearly two decades ago sold for a winning bid of \$28 million at auction Saturday.

Heritage Auctions had estimated that they would fetch \$3 million or more, but the fast-paced bidding far outpaced that amount within seconds and tripled it within minutes. A few bidders making offers by phone volleyed back and forth for 15 minutes as the price climbed to the final, eye-popping sum.

Including the Dallas-based auction house's fee, the unknown buyer will ultimately pay \$32.5 million.

Online bidding, which opened last month, had stood at \$1.55 million before live bidding began late Saturday afternoon.

The sparkly red heels were on display at the Judy Garland Museum in her hometown of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, in 2005 when Terry Jon Martin used a hammer

to smash the glass of the museum's door and display case.

Their whereabouts remained a mystery until the FBI recovered them in 2018. Martin, now 77, who lives near Grand Rapids in northern Minnesota, wasn't publicly exposed as the thief until he was indicted in May 2023. He pleaded guilty in October 2023. He was in a wheelchair and on supplementary oxygen when he was sentenced last January to time served because of his poor health.

His attorney, Dane DeKrey, explained ahead of sentencing that Martin, who had a long history of burglary and receiving stolen property, was attempting to pull off "one last score" after an old associate with connections to the mob told him the shoes had to be adorned with real jewels to justify their \$1 million insured value. But a fence — a person who buys stolen goods — later told him the rubies were just glass, DeKrey said. So Martin got

rid of the slippers. The attorney didn't specify how.

The alleged fence, Jerry Hal Saliterman, 77, of the Minneapolis suburb of Crystal, was indicted in March. He was also in a wheelchair and on oxygen when he made his first court appearance. He's scheduled to go on trial in January and hasn't entered a plea, though his attorney has said he's not guilty.

The shoes were returned in February to memorabilia collector Michael Shaw, who had loaned them to the museum. They were one of several pairs that Garland wore during the filming, but only four pairs are known to have survived. In the movie, to return from Oz to Kansas, Dorothy had to click her heels three times and repeat, "There's no place like home."

Over 800 people had been tracking the slippers, and the company's webpage for the auction had hit nearly 43,000 page views by Thursday, said Robert Wilonsky, a vice president with the auction house.

'Polarization' is Merriam-Webster's 2024 word of the year

(AP) — The results of the 2024 U.S. presidential election rattled the country and sent shockwaves across the world — or were cause for celebration, depending on who you ask. Is it any surprise then that the Merriam-Webster word of the year is "polarization"?

"Polarization means division, but it's a very specific kind of division," said Peter Sokolowski, Merriam-Webster's editor at large, in an exclusive interview with The Associated Press ahead of Monday's announcement. "Polarization means that we are tending toward the extremes rather than toward the center."

The election was so divisive, many American voters went to the polls with a feeling that the opposing candidate was an existential threat to the nation. According to AP VoteCast, a survey of more than 120,000 voters, about 8 in 10 Kamala Harris voters were very or somewhat concerned that Donald

Trump's views — but not Harris' — were too extreme, while about 7 in 10 Trump voters felt the same way about Harris — but not Trump.

The Merriam-Webster entry for "polarization" reflects scientific and metaphorical definitions. It's most commonly used to mean "causing strong disagreement between opposing factions or groupings." Merriam-Webster, which logs 100 million pageviews a month on its site, chooses its word of the year based on data, tracking a rise in search and usage.

Last year's pick was "authentic." This year's comes as large swaths of the U.S. struggle to reach consensus on what is real.

"It's always been important to me that the dictionary serve as a kind of neutral and objective arbiter of meaning for everybody," Sokolowski said. "It's a kind of backstop for meaning in an era of fake news, alternative facts, what-

ever you want to say about the value of a word's meaning in the culture."

It's notable that "polarization" originated in the early 1800s — and not during the Renaissance, as did most words with Latin roots about science, Sokolowski said. He called it a "pretty young word," in the scheme of the English language. "Polarized is a term that brings intensity to another word," he continued, most frequently used in the U.S. to describe race relations, politics and ideology.

"The basic job of the dictionary is to tell the truth about words," the Merriam-Webster editor continued. "We've had dictionaries of English for 420 years and it's only been in the last 20 years or so that we've actually known which words people look up."

"Polarization" extends beyond political connotations. It's used to highlight fresh cracks and deep rifts alike in pop culture, tech trends and other industries.

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Horoscopes

ROYAL STARS | FROM KING FEATURES SYNDICATE By Georgia Nicols

MOON ALERT: Avoid shopping or important decisions after 5 p.m. EST today (2 p.m. PST). The Moon is in Aries.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2024: You need adventure in your life! You are sincere, organized and an excellent problem-solver. You are loyal to loved ones. This is a fun-loving, playful year. Socialize and enjoy life! Let your guard down and loosen up a bit. Old friends might reappear to rekindle friendships.

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 is an upbeat, fun-loving day. Because you feel energetic and enthusiastic, you want to play! Be careful about thinking something is better than it is, because this is possible. Nevertheless, this is a good day to make travel plans, because you're thinking big. Tonight: You're chatty.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ This is the perfect day to do research in any subject, but especially in matters related to real estate, home and family, plus anything to do with taxes, debt or shared property. You're in the right frame of mind to do this. Furthermore, you're open to big ideas that might boost your income. Tonight: Learn something.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You're full of vibrant energy when it comes to dealing with friends and groups today. In fact, you might take charge! Discussions with partners, spouses and members of the general public will be optimistic. (Stay real.) They might be about old issues or wrapping something up. Tonight: Make goals.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ People are impressed with you today, especially bosses, supervisors and authority figures. They see you as optimistic, energetic and proactive. In fact, this is how you are, especially when it comes to financial matters or shopping. Finish old business with legal or health matters. Tonight: You're admired.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ This is a wonderful day to travel because you're enthusiastic and confident! It's also a great day to espouse your ideas to others; you'll be convincing. If you need to discuss politics, religion or racial issues, others will listen. This is also a good day to enjoy sports, entertaining outings and time with kids. Tonight: Study.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Family discussions will be practical and productive today. However, be careful about grandiose plans, especially related to home repairs or helping a relative. Make sure you agree to something that is doable. Don't stretch yourself too thin or make pie-in-the-sky plans with others. Stay real. Tonight: Check your finances.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ This is a marvelous day to schmooze with others, because you are high-energy and in a positive frame of mind. It's also a great day to learn or study something new. You're focused and persevering, and you will absorb what you learn. Tonight: Cooperate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You will accomplish a lot today because you're bursting with energy and enthusiasm! Furthermore, you have an ambitious agenda. When handling financial matters, especially related to vacations, entertainment, sports or children, be careful to double-check details. Tonight: Work.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ This is a great day to tackle new projects. You feel healthy, competitive and passionate about things. Make plans to enjoy entertaining diversions, the theater, sports events, fun outings, as well as playful times with kids. Be careful with financial speculation. Get your facts. Tonight: Socialize.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You have lots of energy to make positive changes and improvements at home today. In fact, you might even make positive improvements to family relationships. Meanwhile, this is a great day for research, because your mind is eager and hopeful for results. Tonight: Relax.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ It's a great day to schmooze! You're full of friendly energy today, which is why you'll enjoy short trips and talking to others, especially colleagues, siblings and relatives. You will also enjoy learning something new. Meanwhile, discussions with friends and groups about financial matters will be positive and reassuring. Tonight: Schmooze.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ When it comes to cash flow, shopping and earning money today, your confidence is high. Very likely, you will pick up the tab for someone because you feel generous and enthusiastic. However, stay real in discussions with bosses and authority figures. Don't bite off more than you can chew. Tonight: Check your money.

BORN TODAY
Celebrity chef Bobby Flay (1964), actor Kenneth Branagh (1960), actress Melissa Roxburgh (1992)

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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.

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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 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.
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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
NOTICE OF SALE UNDER JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE OF LIENS FOR DELINQUENT LAND TAXES
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

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

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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 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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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
TERMS OF SALE: Property cannot be sold for less than two-thirds of the appraised value. Required deposit must be deposited with the auction company prior to the sale and balance in cash or certified check upon confirmation of sale. If Judgment Creditor is purchaser, no deposit is required.
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Attorney Angela Kirk
Phone: 614-220-5611
Nov. 26; Dec. 3, 10, 2024

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All closing cost and title work to be paid by buyer
Buyer responsible for title insurance, if desired
Possession at closing
Mayor reserves the right to reject any bids and re-advertise until real estate is sold
Sealed bids with highest and best bid should be sent to:
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c/o Mayor Orsborne
DeGraff, OH 43318
Bids will be opened on 12/19/2024 at 7 pm at 107 S. Main St., DeGraff, OH 43318.
Pictures of the property can be viewed at 107 S. Main St., DeGraff, OH 43318. During the following hours ONLY Monday and Friday 9am-4pm, Tuesday and Thursday 10am-4pm.
All back taxes will be paid from proceeds of sale. Successful bidder, if any, will be notified the night of December 19th and will have ten (10) days to provide a cashier's check for the proceeds of sale.
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Dave Parker and Dick Allen elected to baseball's Hall of Fame

DALLAS (AP) — Having waited for the call from Cooperstown for nearly three decades, Dave Parker burst into tears Sunday when he was elected to baseball's Hall of Fame along with the late Dick Allen.

"Yeah, I cried," Parker said after receiving the news from Hall chair Jane Forbes Clark. "It only took a few minutes, because I don't cry."

Parker received 14 of 16 votes from the classic era committee at the winter meetings, and Allen got 13. A vote of 75% or more was needed for election.

They will be inducted into the Hall in Cooperstown, New York, on July 27 along

with players voted in by the Baseball Writers' Association of America, whose balloting will be announced on Jan. 21.

Tommy John was third with seven votes on a committee that considered candidates whose primary impact was before 1980. Ken Boyer, Steve Garvey and Luis Tiant each received less than five votes, as did Negro Leaguers John Donaldson and Vic Harris.

Parker, who turned 73 in June, never got more than 24.5% during 15 appearances on the BBWAA ballot from 1997-2011. Allen, who died in 2020 at age 78, received a high of 18.9% on the BBWAA ballot from 1983-97. Both also had fallen short in a

series of prior committee votes.

His body shaking during a Zoom news conference from Parkinson's disease that was diagnosed in 2012, Parker flashed the quick wit he became known for during a 19-year career that ended in 1991 and included a pair of World Series titles. Asked whether he had thought of himself as a Hall of Famer, Parker responded with one of his often-said remarks.

"Without a doubt. When the leaves turned brown, I'd be wearing the batting crown," he said. "That was one of my sayings, so I always thought that I was going to be a major leaguer. I told my mother at 8 years

old that I would be a baseball star and one day buy her a house. Well, I did that in '78. I got that done."

Nicknamed The Cobra, Parker hit .290 with 339 homers and 1,493 RBIs for Pittsburgh (1973-83), Cincinnati (1984-87), Oakland (1988-89), Milwaukee (1990), California (1991) and Toronto (1991).

Since 2002, the Hall has made the decision on what team logo is used on a player's cap.

"I might have to split it up three ways," Parker said.

He won World Series titles in 1979 and '89. He was the 1978 NL MVP, won the 1977 and '78 NL batting titles, and was a seven-time All-Star and three-time Gold

Glove right fielder.

"I was a five-tool player. I could do them all," he said. "I never trotted to first base. I don't know if people noticed that, but I ran hard on every play."

He had the Pirates wear T-shirts that read: "If you hear any noise, it's just me and the boys boppin," an idea sparked when Pittsburgh lost three of four after a 5-0 start in 1976.

"Don't go out and try to copyright it because it's mine," he recalled telling his teammates.

Parker homered for the A's in the 1989 World Series opener and took credit for helping the Bash Brothers of Jose Canseco and Mark McGwire take the title.

"I taught them how to win," Parker said. "They didn't know how to win. They had all that thunder and didn't know how to win."


Parker led major league outfielders with 26 assists in 1977 and finished with 143.

"I enjoyed throwing out players," he said. "And if they kept running, I would hit them in the back of the head with the ball."


Allen, who died in 2020 at age 78, was born in Wampum, Pennsylvania, and he was nicknamed The Wampum Whammer along with Crash — shortened from Crash Helmet, which started when wore his helmet in the field to protect himself from demanding Philadelphia Phillies fans.

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Election Day has long passed

In some states, legislatures are working to undermine the results

WASHINGTON (AP) — While the election was over a month ago, voters in some parts of the country are discovering that having their say at the ballot box is not necessarily the final word.

Lawmakers in several states have already initiated or indicated plans to alter or nullify certain results. Republican lawmakers in North Carolina are moving to undercut the authority of the incoming Democratic governor, Republicans in Missouri are taking initial steps to reverse voter-approved abortion protections, and Democrats in Massachusetts are watering down an attempt by voters to hold the Legislature more accountable.

The actions following the Nov. 5 election continue a pattern that has accelerated in recent years and has been characterized by critics as undemocratic.

"I think certainly when you're a voter and you're voting on the issue, you're not thinking about whether someone's then going to

overturn or just ignore the things that you voted on," said Anne Whitesell, an assistant professor of political science at Miami University in Ohio.

The strategies range from outright reversals to "slow walking" the implementation of voter-approved ballot initiatives, such as lawmakers refusing to provide funding. Whitesell said that was a prevalent strategy for some Republican governors and lawmakers after voters in their states approved expanding Medicaid coverage following the passage of the Affordable Care Act. The matter ultimately had to be settled in the courts, extending the lag time between vote and implementation.

"When you're a voter, that's not what you're thinking is going to happen," Whitesell said.

North Carolina provides one of the most egregious examples of a legislature moving to counter the will of the voters.

Barring pending protests changing a legislative race result, voters there ended the Republican supermajority for the upcoming two-year session and elected Democrats to several statewide offices, including governor and attorney general. Despite that, Republican lawmakers

holding a lame-duck session pushed through a series of wide-ranging changes before they lose their veto-proof majority next year.

Those include taking powers from several of the Democrats elected to statewide office. Under the abrupt changes, the new governor would lose the authority to appoint members to the state elections board. Current Gov. Roy Cooper, a Democrat, vetoed the bill, but that action was overridden by the Republicans in the state Senate. The House vote is expected this coming week.

The Republican change would put control of the state election board in the hands of the state auditor, which was won by a Republican last month. The legislation also weakens the authority of the governor to fill vacancies on the state court of appeals and the state supreme court, while prohibiting the attorney general from taking legal positions contrary to the legislature's.

The Rev. Rob Stephens, an organizer with Repairers of the Breach and the Poor People's Campaign, was among those who protested the moves at the state Legislative Building. He said North Carolinians had "voted to end single party

rule" and select the state officials to lead the incoming government, only to have that threatened by Republican lawmakers in a process he called "a betrayal of democracy."

Patrick Williamson, general counsel with the Fair Elections Center, an election reform group based in Washington, D.C., said more than 5.7 million North Carolina voters elected whom they wanted and did so with the understanding of what authorities those officials would have.

"This runs entirely contrary to what voters expected when they were casting their ballots in November," he said.

He also said the actions run counter to voters' actions in 2018, when they rejected a proposed constitutional amendment that sought to strip part of Cooper's authorities surrounding the elections board.

In Missouri, voters approved a constitutional amendment last month enshrining abortion rights into the state constitution. Shortly after, a Republican state senator introduced a new attempt at a constitutional amendment that "prohibits the performance or inducement of an abortion upon a woman, except in cases of medical emergency."

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