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Phil Forsythe: 'It's lots of fun to make people happy'

Ho ho ho! Santa Claus, aka Phil Forsythe, stands on his deck on Dushane Road in Bellefontaine and wishes people a Merry Christmas as they drive by. (EXAMINER PHOTO | SHARYN KOPF)

BY SHARYN KOPF
EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

Everyone knows what Santa Claus does on Christmas Eve, but his actions the rest of the year are up for speculation. Most of the time. But in Bellefontaine, Ohio, we often know where he is because he announces it on Facebook.



While portraying Saint Nick at Campbell Place years ago, Phil Forsythe heard what people wanted for Christmas, including the wishes of this elf, Jana Walker, in 2014. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Santa Claus or, as he's known around here, Phil Forsythe, has been wishing the community "Merry Christmas" from his deck on Dushane Road for 41 years. See **HAPPY** on Page 9

Local Big Lots prepares to close as company shuts down nationwide

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The local Big Lots store is set to close its doors for good in the next couple weeks.

The Bellefontaine Big Lots location at 1760 S. Main St., is among the remaining stores set to close as the discount retailer closes down operations, with going-out-of-business sales to begin soon. The closures are part of a nationwide shutdown, as the company prepares to cease operations by early January.

Big Lots, Inc., announced Thursday, Dec. 19, in a press release that it no longer anticipates completing a previously announced asset purchase agreement with Nexus Capital Management, and will be shutting down its remaining stores come the first of the year.

The company began closing some of its 1,500 stores earlier this year, and ramped up the the closures this fall. By late November, more than 400 stores had closed, with fewer than 1,000 remaining.

Founded in 1967 and headquartered in Columbus, the company became known throughout the 1990s as one of the nation's leading discount retailers. It rebranded to Odd Lots/Big Lots in 1982 and thrived for decades. However, in recent years, the company faced mounting financial struggles, and filed for bankruptcy this past September.

In addition to store closures, Big Lots shut down its distribution center in Columbus in October. Big Lots said in a statement that it will continue to serve customers in-store and online as it prepares for liquidation.



MAGISTRATE RAPP SWORN IN



Stacia Rapp takes the oath as she's sworn in as a new magistrate for the Logan County Court of Common Pleas, family court provision, Friday, Dec. 20. Rapp, who grew up in Clyde, Ohio, previously served as the assistant county prosecutor. Her daughter accepted the honor of holding the Bible for the ceremony. Also pictured, from left, are Judge Kim Kellogg-Martin, Judge Natasha Kennedy and Magistrate Sarah Warren. (EXAMINER PHOTO | SHARYN KOPF)

Navy veteran recounts sailing adventures during flag ceremony

BY MANDY LOEHR
EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

A U.S. Navy Veteran who had the honor of serving aboard a ship within the President's Fleet during the Vietnam War era was recognized Thursday, Dec. 19, by the Logan County Commissioners, who presented him with an early Christmas gift.

Campbell Place resident James "Garry" Woodard received the U.S. flag that flew over the Logan County Courthouse during November in the monthly tradition offered by the commissioners for local distinguished citizens.

"We're very grateful for your service and are glad to be here today among your friends and family to present you with our flag for the month of November. It's a small way that we can tell you 'thank you' for your many sacrifices," said Commissioner Joe Antram, who was joined by Commissioner Mike Yoder and several other county officials.

"That's so very nice; I really enjoy that," the Columbus native and longtime Bellefontaine resident said while admiring his flag. His brother, Vietnam veteran Danny Woodard, and several other veterans attended the celebration as well at Campbell Place.

It will be an extra special Christmas present to show his wife and fellow Campbell Place



James "Garry" Woodard, center, holds the U.S. flag presented to him Thursday at Campbell Place by Logan County Commissioners Mike Yoder, left, and Joe Antram. (EXAMINER PHOTO | MANDY LOEHR)

resident, Nancy, once she gets released from the hospital soon, hopefully this weekend, Woodard noted. She is also a veteran who served with the U.S. Army Reserve.

The National Defense Medal honoree detailed some of his distinguished service from 1963 to 1966 following his graduation from Central High School in Columbus in 1962.

Woodard said he was sta-

tioned at Norfolk, Va., and he was a barber during much of his time in the Navy. Being part of the President's Fleet was exciting, as "you never knew when he might come on board," and Woodard noted he even had the rare opportunity to meet President John F. Kennedy.

"Part of what I was taught was 'always be prepared,'" the city

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Man imprisoned for assault on underage victim

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

A defendant charged with assaulting an underage victim was sentenced to prison Thursday, Dec. 19, by Judge Kevin P. Braig in the Logan County Common Pleas Court.

Timothy Emerson, 32, of Bellefontaine, received a six-to-nine year prison term for convictions of felonious assault, a second-degree felony; and domestic violence, a first-degree misdemeanor.

The case involved a minor victim who sustained severe injuries during the assault on June 9, 2024. Court testimony and a pre-sentence investigation revealed that Emerson, under the influence of alcohol, became enraged and attacked the victim.

He struck her and violently threw her through a door, causing a broken jaw and other injuries that required three surgeries. The victim told the court she continues to endure pain and suffering from the incident.

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

Ohio Hi-Point anticipates flexible teacher licensing thanks to new law

BY SHARYN KOPF
 EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

Governor Mike DeWine signed House Bill 432 into law last week, which opens up the pool of teachers for career technical schools like Ohio Hi-Point (OHP). With that in mind, the OHP board of education was introduced to the options they have to consider at their regular meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 18.

"This new law will allow flexibility in the teacher licensing clause," Brad Richardson, assistant superintendent, told the board members. "And it goes into effect immediately."

According to Richardson, they have three ways to go—interested instructors can earn 24 credit hours or nine credit hours with 45 hours of professional development or 90 hours of professional development without any college. Richardson admitted they're leaning toward

option B but will know by the end of the month.

Whichever way they decide to go, they will be able to offer teachers coming to OHP from industry an easier path toward earning their teacher's license. The district plans to partner with the University of Toledo to provide the needed classes at the OHP campus.

District Update
 With the school finishing up finals week, students and staff can look forward to Christmas break starting on Monday, Dec. 23.

Superintendent Dr. Rick Smith told the board they are working on an operational planning review report, which he believes will be out in February or March. In the report, they will look for ways to improve, strengthen and enhance current programs.

"It's a comprehensive look at the district. How can we prepare for what's coming or even lead the charge?" Kelsey Webb, OHP marketing and public rela-

tions coordinator, later explained.

Smith also named Jazmyne Doty, cosmetology, Indian Lake, and Hayley Deitsch, Health Careers Academy, Benjamin Logan, as the December 2024 main campus students of the month.

Career Tech Update
 In his report, Richardson also informed the board about the National ACTE's CareerTech VISION Conference, which he attended in San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 4-7. He said it showed them areas where OHP is doing well, and other areas where they can improve.

"We came back with some good ideas and take-aways from there," Richardson said.

One of those ideas is a reverse career fair, where businesses get a chance to tour the school and see what students are doing in their labs and how their

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The victim and her family urged Judge Braig to impose the maximum sentence of eight to 12 years. Emerson's defense argued for leniency, citing his lack of a significant criminal history, with only a prior misdemeanor conviction in

Indiana.

Emerson was indicted in July on charges of felonious assault, a felony of the second degree; strangulation, a felony of the third degree; and two counts of domestic violence, both first-degree misdemeanors.

Judge Braig emphasized the severity of the injuries

and the ongoing impact on the victim as key factors in the sentencing decision. Emerson will serve his term in a state correctional facility, with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction determining his release date within the six-to-nine-year range.

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LOCAL NOTES

'Examiner' holiday printing schedule announced

During the week of Dec. 22 and Dec. 29, the Bellefontaine Examiner will be published Tuesday, Dec. 24; Saturday, Dec. 28; Tuesday, Dec. 31, and Saturday, Jan. 4.

There will be no print editions Thursday, Dec. 26, or Thursday, Jan. 2, because of the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

The business office at 1213 W. Sandusky Ave. will be closing at noon Christmas Eve and at noon New Year's Eve. The office will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day as well.

East Liberty Christmas cantata planned

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.

Library announces holiday closings

The Logan County Libraries will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 24, and Wednesday, Dec. 25, for Christmas.

Logan County Libraries will close at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, for New Year's Eve, and all day Wednesday, Jan. 1.

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.

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OBITUARIES

Brittany A. Burger

Brittany A. Burger, 41, of Russells Point, OH, passed away peacefully, early Monday morning, December 16, 2024, at her home after a courageous battle with cancer.

Brittany was born on October 4, 1983, in Mesa, AZ, a daughter of the late Marc Burger, and Beth Rettig Kautz, who resides in Russells Point. She was preceded in death by her father, and grandparents, Arthur and Betty Rettig, and Thomas and Ester Burger.

Brittany is survived by her mother, three children, Dalton Hurley, Kamaray Schaefer, both at home, and Hunter Schaefer of Uhrichsville, OH, her life partner, Mitch Schaefer, two stepbrothers, Everett Kautz II of Lima, OH, and Hunter Kautz of Columbus, OH, great aunt, Jean King of Atlanta, GA, and aunts and uncles, Bob Rettig of South Carolina, Joyce Burger Goare of Columbus, Diana Burger of St. Marys, OH, and Brian Burger of Lima, friend and Dalton's father, Isaac Hurley.

Brittany was a 2002 graduate of Indian Lake High School where she was a member of National Honor Society, Key Club, Choir, and ran track. She furthered her education with a bachelor's degree graduating Summa Cum Laude. Brittany worked at Henshen in Jackson Center, OH and at Vicario's in Bellefontaine, OH. She enjoyed raising her houseplants, and working her gardens, making crafts, hiking, going to Yellow Springs, volunteering at school and caring for her furbabies, Anubis and Trump. Brittany's greatest joy was being "Mom" and spending time with her children, as she loved to watch their participation in various activities including Kami's dancing, and flag corps. She was extremely proud of Dalton and Kami, for their work ethic and dedication to their schoolwork.

Pastor Karen Blackburn will begin memorial services at 3:00 pm, Saturday, December 28, 2024, at Shoffstall Funeral Home, 205 S. Main St., Lakeview with visitation from 1-3 pm. Inurnment will be at a later date in Arlington Cemetery, Arlington, OH.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given in Brittany's memory to assist with Dalton and Kami's scholarship at Quest Federal Credit Union, 148 W. Main St, Russells Point, OH 43348.

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

Diane Olivia Lois (Linker) Tabor

Diane Olivia Lois (Linker) Tabor, 82, of East Hampton, CT, with a heart full of love for her family and friends, passed on into the glory of the kingdom of the Lord on Tuesday, December 3, 2024. Diane was born in Ft. Wayne, IN, to Carl and Wilma Winona (Crawford) Linker. Diane was the youngest of four children: Bill Linker, Margaret Ross (MN), and Carla Wilhoit (IN).

On November 1, 1963, Diane married the love of her life, D.F. John Tabor. Diane is now welcomed with open arms into the kingdom of heaven by her husband, who preceded her in death on June 21, 2003. A devoted and loving mother, she leaves behind her children: daughter Diana (Tabor) Marsh and her husband Paul of East Hampton, Connecticut; son Jon Tabor and his wife Misti (Deaton) of Trenton, OH; and son Stephen Tabor and his wife Wendy (Walter) of Marysville, OH. Her children were her source of laughter and joy, and they remain committed to carrying on her memory and wisdom, particularly with her grandchildren – Niklas Paul Marsh and Olivia Louise Marsh (Diana and Paul), Emily Armina Tabor and Amanda Louise Tabor (Jon and Misti), and Lyla Lynn Tabor, Malynn Farnbauch, Caitlin Andrick, and Connor Andrick (Stephen and Wendy). In addition to her children and grandchildren, she will be missed by her nephews, who were like younger brothers to her.

Upon graduating from the Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing in 1963, Diane started her career as a nurse in the Lutheran Hospital's OBGYN department in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Over her 50+ years as a nurse, Diane worked in various areas of nursing in Indiana, Ohio, and Connecticut. While her career started in Indiana, many of her years were spent nursing in Ohio. Diane and her family lived in Bellefontaine, Ohio, for over 25 years, where she and her husband raised their three children and were an active part of the community. Diane worked at Mary Rutan Hospital and Heartland of Bellefontaine in various nursing-centric positions. Her final nursing roles were in CT, with her final position being with Alzheimer's patients, which became her favorite part of her career. After retiring as a nurse, Diane enjoyed attending Bethlehem Lutheran Church with her family and friends, spending time at the East Hampton Senior Center, but most of all, spending time with family and friends in CT and Ohio. Diane was an avid sports fan

and loved all sports, but she especially loved THE Ohio State Buckeyes and Cincinnati Bengals. She got great joy watching her grandchildren participate in sporting events and activities. Diane was an avid card player, and for the record, never let her children or grandchildren win.

Though the void her absence has created can never be filled, we are so grateful for the time the Lord gave her to spend on this earth. She gave of her heart, mind, body, and soul, and this world is truly a better place for her having been in it. A special thank you to Middlesex Health Hospice, especially Hannah, Dori, and Sarah. Their love and care throughout the last seven months meant everything to Diane and her family. A service to welcome her home into God's kingdom will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in East Hampton, CT, on Saturday, December 28th, at 11:00 a.m. Services will be led by Pastor Jamie Stall-Ryan, whom Diane adored. In lieu of flowers, donations in celebration of Diane's life can be made to Middlesex Health Hospice Program c/o Middlesex Health, Office of Philanthropy, 28 Crescent Street, Middletown, CT 06457, or online at MiddlesexHealth.org/hospicedonation. To leave online condolences please visit www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com.

Ohio lawmakers approve charging up to \$750 for police and jail videos

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — People seeking copies of police and jail videos in Ohio may have to pay up to \$750 per department if Gov. Mike DeWine signs a measure approved by the state Legislature. The amendment to the state's sunshine laws was quietly introduced and passed early Thursday by the GOP-controlled

Legislature. It's not clear if the Republican governor supports it. A news media group is urging a veto. First Amendment and government transparency advocates said they were blindsided by the measure. These are public records, routinely provided for free or at little cost following a decades-old state court ruling.

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Chiefs finish strong to beat Arrows



C.J. Butler of Tecumseh (33) lines up a shot between Austin Clark (24) and Corey Russell (11) of Tecumseh during Friday's game. (EXAMINER PHOTO | TONY BARRETT)

BY MIKE FRANK
 EXAMINER SPORTS WRITER

The last run was the best one.

Bellefontaine earned a 60-56 win over visiting Tecumseh in Central Buckeye Conference boys basketball action Friday night.

The momentum swung back and forth all night, but each time the Chieftains found themselves down, they put together scoring runs.

That included coming back from seven down in the third quarter, and trailing by five with about three minutes left.

The defense did its part, allowing just one score by Tecumseh in the final stretch and making a couple of key steals to seal it.

C.J. Butler hit six 3-pointers and finished with a game-high 23 points on the night for Bellefontaine. Jair Mundy had 15 and Jacob Salyer added 10.

Bellefontaine improves to 1-1 in league play and 2-2 overall. "It was a game of runs," said Bellefontaine coach Henry Stolly. "If you look at the whole game, especially in the second half. Our kids just kept fighting and I'm proud of our kids for that fight."

"We had a nice lift off our bench. C.J. Butler hit some shots for us. Then a couple nice defensive possessions headed by Braylon Newcomb," added Stolly.

For Tecumseh (1-2 CBC, 2-4 overall), they had three

BELLEFONTAINE 60, TECUMSEH 56

ARROWS	18	12	10	16	-	56
CHIEFTAINS	18	9	13	20	-	60

TECUMSEH (1-2, 2-4)

Chase Stafford 7 2-2 19; Carson Staton 0 1-2 1; Brycen Dixon 2 0-0 6; Corey Russell 5 0-0 10; Tate Ehlinger 2 0-0 4; Nolan Cornett 0 0-0 0; Braylon Augaitis 0 0-0 0; Austin Clark 7 1-1 16.

TOTALS 23 4-5 56.

BELLEFONTAINE (1-1, 2-2)

Patrick Stolly 0 0-0 0; Jair Mundy 7 0-0 15; Grayson Lotts 1 2-2 4; Braylon Newcomb 2 4-6 8; Jacob Salyer 4 1-2 10; A.J. Conaway 0 0-0 0; C.J. Butler 8 1-4 23; Jamison Clement 0 0-0 0.

TOTALS 22 8-14 60.

in double figures — Chase Stafford with 19, Austin Clark with 16, and Corey Russell with 10.

After trading scores to open the contest, Tecumseh used a three-score burst to go in front.

Bellefontaine heated up starting at the midway point of the first, getting four 3-pointers — two by Butler, and one each by Salyer and Mundy.

Tecumseh kept matters close, and Stafford drove the lane for a layup to tied the game at 18 after one.

Russell and Grayson Lotts scored for their squads to start the second, then Clark hit a shot for the lead.

After a missed free throw, Bellefontaine corralled the rebound and Butler banked in a shot from deep. Salyer followed with a baseline drive to make it 25-23.

Tecumseh controlled the rest of the first half, getting a deep 3 by Clark, free throws by Stafford and a

bucket and foul shot by Clark. That last one came with just over a minute to go and would be the difference at the break, with the Arrows up 30-27.

The third period saw Tecumseh control the early going and build a 38-31 lead. Salyer started the rally with a score, followed by a layup and a corner 3 by Butler. Clark hit for the Arrows, but two from the line by Lotts made it 40-all with one frame left.

A slice through the lane by Newcomb, then a score off an inbounds by Mundy was answered by a score by Russell and a three by Brycen Dixon.

Butler and Dixon traded scores, then Newcomb made a nifty up-and-under move to tie it at 48.

Back to back scores from Stafford gave the Arrows a 53-48 advantage.

Butler answered the bell, hitting two from long distance just before and after the two-minute mark.

Stafford sank one from 3-point land, but it would prove to be their last hurrah. Bellefontaine got a free throw with 1:08 to go, then forced the Arrows into a 5-second violation. Mundy scored off a nice pass from the outside to take the lead, 57-56, with just 38 seconds left.

Two steals then forced the Arrows to foul, and the Chieftains made three of four to wrap up the win.

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Chiefs swimmers 1st, 2nd at Trotwood meet

The Bellefontaine swim team took part in an eight-team meet on Wednesday at Trotwood-Madison.

The girls team took first place with 418 points and the boys were second with 329 behind Bellbrook.

"We had a great night in the water," said Sharon Lewis. "Many swimmers hit season best times and quite a few were lifetime best swims as well. Our teams are starting to come together as we try new events and find our strengths and I'm proud of them for accepting each new challenge."

For the Lady Chiefs, Brooklyne Kuntz won the 200 freestyle and 100 butterfly. Kate Myers took first in the 500 freestyle and was also third in the 200 individual medley.

Other top-five finishes were Kaeleigh Flora with third in the 100 free and fifth in the 200 IM; Elaina Ullom third in the 50 freestyle and fifth in the 100 breaststroke; Emma Nieto fourth in the 100 backstroke and fifth in the 100 butterfly; and Maddie Ullom fifth in the 100 backstroke and Gillian Steele fifth in the 50 freestyle.

Maddie Ullom was sixth in the 200 free, and Steele took ninth in the 100 breaststroke. Claire McDaniel took sixth in the 100 breaststroke and eighth in the 50 freestyle. Kaidi Freeman finished seventh in the 100 freestyle and ninth in the 100 backstroke.

Nieto, Flora, Myers and Kuntz won the 400 free relay. In the medley relay, Kuntz, Elaina Ullom, Flora and Myers were second, while Maddie Ullom, Steele, Nieto and Elaina Ullom were third in the 200 free relay.

For the boys, Elias Abrego won the 100 freestyle and was second in the 500 free.

Also placing in the top eight were Ryan Alexander (5th, 100 butterfly; 8th, 50 freestyle); Jaylen Henry (5th, 200 freestyle; 6th, 100 backstroke); Cody Hudson (4th, 100 breaststroke); Oliver Grandstaff (8th, 200 freestyle); Beckham Harman (4th, 100 backstroke); Will Myers (5th, 200 IM); and Grady Feasel (7th, 100 butterfly; 7th, 100 backstroke).

Other results were Myers (11th, 100 breaststroke); Grandstaff (12th, 100 freestyle); Hudson (13th, 50 freestyle); Harman (15th, 50 free); and Blaine Mitchell (9th, 100 breaststroke; 26th, 50 freestyle).

In the relays, Feasel, Hudson, Henry, and Abrego were third in the 400 free. Taking fourth place were Harman, Hudson, Abrego and Alexander in the medley and Henry, Mitchell, Myers, Alexander in the 200 free.

Bellefontaine travels to Bowling Green University today for the Northwest Classic meet.

SWIMMING

Raiders do well at tri-meet

Benjamin Logan participated in a tri-meet with Central Crossing and Groveport Madison on Thursday night.

The 200 medley relay team of Annika Chappell, Winnie Bodin, Fiona Sweeney and Lottie Bodin were first. The combo of Kelley Forsythe, Leah Braddock, Kaydence Hamlin and Annika Schmidt were second.

The 200 free relay saw Winnie Bodin, Chappell, Lottie Bodin and Sweeney in first place, with Braddock, Junah Tingley, Montana Coleman, and Schmidt second.

Taking second in the 400 relay were Hamlin, Kylie

Curtis, Coleman and Forsythe, with Catherine Branlage, Nora Kopus, Mallie Ricketts and Tingley in third.

Sweeney won the 200 individual medley, with Hamlin second and Forsythe in third.

Coleman was second in the 200 freestyle.

In the 50 freestyle, Sweeney was second and Schmidt third. Lottie Bodin was second and Winnie Bodin third in the 100 butterfly.

Schmidt touched the wall first in the 100 free and Forsythe took third.

Schmidt, Coleman and Tingley were the top three in the 500 freestyle.

Ricketts was second in the 100 backstroke.

Chappell was second and Braddock third in the 100 breaststroke.

For the Raiders boys, Jerrick Stephens, Utah Coleman and Wyatt Gordon were the top three in the 50 freestyle.

Stephens was second and Holden Zehner third in the 200 free.

Carter Daniels took third in the 200 IM and Liam Sweeney was third in the 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke.

Daniels and Dylan Vance were second and third in the 100 free. Taavo Simovart won the 500 freestyle, with Coleman in second.

The 100 breaststroke saw Gordon, Joe Meeker and Zehner earn the first three spots.

In relays, Landon Braddock, Daniels, Sweeney, and Stephens won the 200 medley relay. Vance, Utah Coleman, Joseph Meeker and Zehner were third.

Sweeney, Stephens, Braddock and Daniels won the 200 free relay.

Finishing second in the

400 free relay were Vance, Meeker, Zehner, and Coleman. Finch Hone, Levi Hanson, Colton Walley and Gordon placed third.

BOWLING

Bellefontaine splits matches with Alder

The Bellefontaine girls bowling team defeated Jonathan Alder on Friday.

Bellefontaine had a total of 2,727 versus 2,121 for Alder.

Gracie Hood led the Lady Chiefs with a 484 series (247-237), followed by Chloe Heminger at 420 (247-173). Next was Nevaeh LaFollette 392 (187-205), then Haylee Yelton 377 (163-214). Rylee Anderson got 149 in the second game and Avery Mullins had a 146 first game.

The Baker games total was 759, and the regular games 1,968.

In the JV match, Bellefontaine had a 2,143 pin total to Alder's 1,011. Addison Prosser had 335 (159-176), Isabelle Gunnett 334 (157-177), Kinzie Bernard 315 (157-158) and Rhiana Bear had a 149 game.

Johnathan Alder won the boys' match 2,810 to 2,550.

For the Chieftains, Rory Pierce led with a 421 series (199-222), followed by Alex Moon at 400 (185-215), Alex Williams 380 (193-187), and David Allen 374 (187-187). Also contributing were Colton Wisner (178 game) and Eli Stone (153 game).

They had 1,906 in regular action and 644 in the Baker games.

In the junior varsity contest, Bellefontaine got the win. Van LaFollette had a 421 series (232-226), followed by Robert Spain at 397 (199-198). Jeffrey Knotts added a 144 game.

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Fighting Irish shut down Indiana in CFP

BY MICHAEL MAROT
 AP SPORTS WRITER

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Jeremiah Love tied the Notre Dame record with a 98-yard touchdown run, Riley Leonard added two more scores and the Fighting Irish shut down the highest-scoring team in the College Football Playoff, overwhelming Indiana 27-17 on Friday night.

The seventh-seeded Fighting Irish (12-1) won their 11th straight — and their first playoff victory. They'll face second-seeded Georgia in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 1. Notre Dame coach Marcus Freeman got the biggest win of his three-year career by extending his Irish record to 12 victories over ranked teams in three seasons.

Tenth-seeded Indiana (11-2) completed a magical season by finishing with its second fewest points this season on a cold, brisk night in the first CFP game ever played on a campus site. Both of the Hoosiers' losses came to top-five opponents. Indiana set a single-season school record for wins but still hasn't won at Notre Dame since 1898.

Notre Dame took control on its third offensive play when Love scooted around the right side of Indiana's defense, eluded one tackle and sprinted down the sideline to make it 7-0. He matched Josh Adams' longest run in school history, set in 2015 against Wake Forest. It was also the longest run in CFP history.

Love finished with eight carries for 108 yards despite appearing to reinjure his left knee later in the first half. Indiana never recovered

after Notre Dame made it 14-0 early in the second quarter.

Leonard's 1-yard TD run late in the fourth gave him 15 this season to break Notre Dame's season record by a quarterback.

Indiana scored both of its touchdowns in the final 1:27.

Notre Dame made it 14-0 on Leonard's 5-yard TD pass to Jayden Thomas early in the second quarter. The Irish settled for three more field goals, and the defense took care of the rest — allowing just one field goal.

Leonard was 23 of 32 with 201 yards and one interception. Notre Dame receiver Jordan Faison caught seven passes for 89 yards.

Indiana quarterback Kurtis Rourke turned in another poor game against a top defense, finishing 20 of 33 with 215 yards, with two TDs and one interception and the Hoosiers rushed for just 63 yards.

Takeaways

Indiana: The Hoosiers trailed fewer minutes than any other FBS team this season entering the playoffs and had the highest-scoring team in the playoffs. They didn't do either Friday night against a stout Irish defense that rattled Rourke early.

Notre Dame: The Irish have relied on the running game and defense all season — and it was that combination that gave Notre Dame the first playoff win in school history. They may need more out of their passing game to win their first national championship since 1988.

Notre Dame will now play Georgia in the Sugar Bowl on New Year's Day.

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Boys

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"We had some fouls to give," said Stolly. "So we told the kids you can be pretty aggressive on the ball. Just don't foul the shooter. We were just able to get some hands in the passing lanes and a couple tipped balls and it worked out for us."

In the JV game, Tecumseh won 43-32. Sutton Daring had 11 points. Reign St. Clair, Spencer Stolly and Josh Phillips had five each, Blake Loomis had four and Zylar Huffman added two.

The Arrows also won the freshman contest 43-37. Tiler Monnin had 12 points.

Bellefontaine is back in action on Monday when they will travel to West Liberty-Salem.

Indian Lake gets road win

Indian Lake defeated host Northwestern 66-52 in a CBC matchup.

Avery Pequignot led the team with 20 points. Brodey Reisinger had 15 and Tyler Tidwell added 13.

Indian Lake led by three after the first, 19-16, then had a five-point edge in the second for a 32-24 lead at the break.

The third was high scoring on both ends with 24 for

the Warriors and 23 for the Lakers. Indian Lake kept Northwestern in check with a three-point difference in the fourth.

Indian Lake took the JV contest 44-41. Skyler Haas had eight points.

The Lakers are now 2-0 in the league and 3-1 overall. They are back in action tonight at Jackson Center.

Riverside falls to Miami East

Riverside lost to Miami East 78-47 in Three Rivers Conference action.

Jaxon Woods had 19 points and nine rebounds. Gavin Orsborne had 10 points. Brody Orsborne added eight points, along with three assists and three steals.

Miami East won the JV game 62-32. Grady Jenkins had 10 points, Justin Mazariegos nine and David Gross and Camden Shoe seven each.

The Riverside freshmen lost 46-18.

Riverside (0-4 TRC, 2-5 overall) hosts Emmanuel Christian this evening at 7.

Raiders lose to Shawnee

Benjamin Logan lost to Shawnee 52-27 in a CBC contest.

Maddox Vermillion had 10 points and Peyton

Vermillion scored six for the Raiders.

Shawnee led 29-13 at the half. Ben Logan's best quarter was the third with 12 points.

The junior varsity Raiders won 53-27. Dylan Tracey had 12 and Diesel Baughman had 11 points.

Ben Logan (0-3 CBC, 1-8 overall) is now idle until Jan. 3 when they will host Indian Lake.

WL-S downs Triad

West Liberty-Salem collected a 61-18 win over Triad in Ohio Heritage Conference matchup at Triad.

For the Tigers, Taran Logwood had 19 and Brevin Louden scored 17 points. Caleb Hershberger added eight.

Triad got seven points by Brayden Hoffman, five by Caleb Jordan, along with a 3-pointer by Adler Perry, a basket by Caleb Thomas and a free throw from Holden LeVan.

West Liberty-Salem won both of the JV contests. In the "A" game, they won 64-25. Josiah Johnson and Beckett Sullivan had 13 points. Tucker Searles had 10 and Sam Strapp got nine.

In the "B" contest, the Tigers won 42-21. Leaders for WL-S were Braylan Gullett with 10, and Zeke Longshore with nine.



Bellefontaine's Braylon Newcomb puts the ball up as Tecumseh's Corey Russell (11) defends during Friday's game. (EXAMINER PHOTO | TONY BARRETT)

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WL-S sweeps Southeastern

The West Liberty-Salem bowlers faced Southeastern in Ohio Heritage Conference action Thursday, and won both the boys and girls matches.

The WL-S boys had a total of 2,714 pins to Southeastern's 2,630.

Devon Jones had the high series of 493 (236-257), with Luke Thomas next at 440 (227-213). They were followed by Zander Gluckle 380 (172-208); Brock Mills 331 (147-184) and Evan Borgerding 299 (173-126).

They had 1,943 pins in regular games and 771 in the Baker games.

JV high game scores were Carson Kerns 180; Jerome Cordrey 173; Carson Instine 153; Austin Markin 146; Xzavior Nicholl 105; and Patrick Brooks 101.

The girls won their match by a score of 2,317 to 1,972.

The high series belonged to Sadie Paul with 489 (266-223), followed by Alyssa Mueller at 451 (242-209). Next was Lilly Gearheart 328 (169-159), Elli Ullery 271 (119-159) and Jenny Replegle 191 (93-98).

They had 587 in Baker games and 1,730 in the regular

games.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Spartans get victory

Calvary Christian defeated Oakstone 64-24 on Thursday night.

Philip Davie led with 16 points and seven rebounds, while Daniel Young had 11 points and four assists. Zeeke Wylie had nine, Christian Rogan eight and Evan Schmidt seven.

Schmidt had seven boards, and Wylie had five. Rogan made four steals.

Rounding out the scoring were John Gaertner five, Ian Schmidt four, and Jace Harpst four.

The Spartans are back on the road again today as they take on Bradford.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lady Chiefs top Kenton Ridge

Bellefontaine defeated Kenton Ridge 54-26 in Central Buckeye Conference action on Wednesday.

Quinlan Zedeker had 17 points and Tiffany Boop 13 to lead the Lady Chieftains scoring. Laila Butler added nine. Gabbe Hoon had seven rebounds and Boop made five

assists.

Bellefontaine outscored Kenton Ridge by five in the first and three in the second for a 27-19 lead. They held the Lady Cougars to just seven points in the second half.

Bellefontaine JV won 21-2 in two quarters of play. Emma Whitaker had seven points.

Bellefontaine (3-0 CBC, 5-2 overall) hosts Urbana today. JV begins at noon and will be two quarters, with varsity starting around 12:45 p.m.

Raiders fall to Graham

Benjamin Logan lost to Graham 61-45 Wednesday in CBC play.

Lahna Cook had 16 points and Kylie Harner added 10. Joplin Schneider scored seven and Daylin Varner added six.

Graham took a 20-7 lead in the first, and outscored Ben Logan by six in the second for a 37-18 lead.

Ben Logan rallied in the third scoring 17 points to close the gap. But the hosts held on with a solid fourth quarter.

Ben Logan's JV won 27-24. Haley Smith had 14, Madison Shields eight, and Lauren Kennedy and Bryleigh Burnside each scored two.

Ben Logan (0-4 CBC, 1-8 overall) is at Shawnee this afternoon.



Philip Davie of Calvary Christian takes a shot during Thursday's game against Oakmont. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

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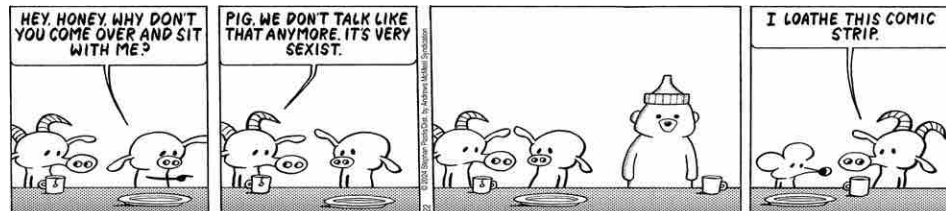
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- 52 Turkish inn
- 54 Sequentially
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- 10 Cavern, poetically
- 11 Taxpayer IDs
- 12 "It's c-c-cold!"

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- 18 Reverses
- 21 "— fan!"
- 23 Buck-eyes' sch.
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- 25 Zero
- 26 Type of menu
- 28 Day-dreamer
- 30 Acapulco gold
- 31 Drench
- 33 Wall St. deal
- 34 Gal. fractions
- 39 Mixes up
- 41 Astro-naut's milieu
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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 Virgo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Dec. 21, 2024: You have great people skills. You're charming, entertaining and veracious. You're comfortable with attention. Sudden change. Tonight: Be alert. This year has brought change into your world, and in 2025, service will be a theme, especially service to family. Therefore, take care of yourself so that you can be a resource.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Unexpected events might take place today that affect your job, your health or your pet. (Note: Pet owners should be vigilant to avoid mishaps.) Big ideas might lead to exciting, new plans. You're in an exploratory mood! Perhaps an exciting trip is in your future. Tonight: Surprise! **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Social plans might suddenly change today. You might cancel a particular event or commitment, or perhaps you might get an unexpected invitation. Parents should be vigilant, because this could be an accident-prone day for your kids. Be alert. Meanwhile, upbeat feelings make you want to party! Tonight: Be aware. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Your home routine will be interrupted today. Minor appliances might break down or a minor breakage could occur. Nevertheless, because you feel upbeat and happy, you might entertain at home, because something unexpected or unusual might occur. Turn up those speakers! Tonight: Relax. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Keep your wits about you today,

because this is a mildly accident-prone day. It's also a fun-loving day full of surprises, new people, new situations and new places. You might have clever new ideas. Profound discussions about philosophical, spiritual matters will appeal to you. You will feel concern for the welfare of someone. Tonight: Sudden change. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Keep an eye on your money today. For example, you might find money; you might lose money. It will be wise to do what you can to protect your belongings against loss, theft or damage. Be cautious about impulse spending. Meanwhile, you might meet someone unusual today, someone intriguing. Tonight: Be alert. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Guard against impulsive, rash behavior, which might tempt you today. This is because the Moon is in your sign dancing with unpredictable Uranus. Be wise and think before you speak or act. Make sure your big ideas are doable. Easy does it. Nevertheless, you will impress bosses, supervisors and people in authority. Tonight: Stay steady. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ This is a feel-good day for you! Stay on top of banking details and credit charges, because something unexpected could affect you. Meanwhile, discussions about lofty topics including philosophy and religion will intrigue you. (Librans are excellent debaters and comfortable in the legal arena.) Tonight: Solitude. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Expect to meet some unusual people today. Friends and members of groups will surprise you. Stay light on your feet, because this is a changing landscape. Fortunately, gifts, goodies and favors from others will come your way. Keep your pockets open! Tonight: Friendships. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You are high-viz today, which means people notice you more than usual. Very likely, you will do something unexpected or unusual, which will surprise someone, especially someone in authority like a boss, supervisor, teacher or even the police. Fortunately, relations with partners and close friends are warm and uplifting. This is a great day to socialize! Tonight: You're noticed. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Unexpected opportunities to travel might fall in your lap today. Likewise, you might meet someone unusual or from another background, someone intriguing. Work-related travel is likely for some of you. Meanwhile, you have opportunities to boost your income or buy pretty things. Tonight: Explore! **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Make friends with your bank account, because something unexpected could affect your assets. This surprise also might affect your relationship with shared property, taxes, debt or insurance matters. Meanwhile, your plans for vacations or social outings are exciting and grandiose! Tonight: Check your finances. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Expect a few surprises from partners and close friends today. They might change plans. Someone might want to change the arrangement in a partnership. They might want more freedom. They might want to expand your home base in some way. Anything is possible. Tonight: Cooperate. **BORN TODAY** Actress Jane Fonda (1937), actor Samuel L. Jackson (1948), actor Kiefer Sutherland (1966) ★★★★★ Find more Georgia Nicols horoscopes at georgianicols.com.

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Nov. 23, 30; Dec. 7, 14, 21, 2024

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS COURT BELLEFONTAINE, OHIO

WILLIAM ASMAN, TRUSTEE OF THE MARYSVILLE SUBDIVISION PROPERTY OWNERS, Plaintiff,
vs.
JOHN A. DOOLAS, EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT DOOLAS, ET AL., Defendants.
Case No.: CV 24 07 0207
LEGAL NOTICE
Defendant, John A. Doolas, Executor of the Estate of Robert Doolas, whose residence is unknown, will take notice that on the day of July, 2024, Plaintiff William Asman, Trustee of the Marysville Subdivision Property Owners ("Plaintiff") filed his Complaint in the Common Pleas Court of Logan County, Ohio, 101 S. Main St., Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311, in Case Number CV 24 07 0207, known as William Asman, Trustee of the Marysville Subdivision Property Owners, Plaintiff, -vs- John A. Doolas, Executor of the Estate of Robert Doolas, Et Al., Defendants, demanding that certain piece of land more particularly described real estate be partitioned and that all Defendants, including the above named Defendants or anyone claiming by or through them, be forever barred from asserting any interest in the hereinafter described real estate, and for such other and further relief as may be just and proper. The last known address of the Defendant is as follows: 4585 W. Wenger Road, Clayton, Ohio 45315
Description of Real Estate:

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Situated in the Township of Richland, in the County of Logan, in the State of Ohio, and bounded and described as follows: Being in VMS 9968: Beginning at a point on the west side of Hardin Road as the same is known and designated on the plat of Marysville Allotment in said Township, 50 feet north-easterly of the intersection of Hardin Road and Park Road; thence along the West side of the said Hardin Road north-easterly 50 feet; thence westerly 90 feet to a point on the east side of Otie's land, which point is directly opposite of the northeast corner of Lot No. 10 in Marysville Allotment; thence south-westerly along the East side of Otie's land 50 feet to a point; thence south-westerly 90 feet to the place of beginning. It being the intention of this deed to convey Lot No. 19 in Marysville Allotment as it was originally laid out, but which has since been vacated. Containing 0.100 as per tax duplicate. The within deed is executed and delivered by the Grantor and accepted by Grantee, and the within conveyance is made subject to the conditions and restrictions set forth in the deed from Thomas E. O'Connor to Robert L. Harmont and Clara R. Harmont, recorded in Vol. 157 at page 331 of the Deed Records of Logan County, Ohio.
Parcel No.: 37-019-10-05-009
Prior Instrument: Vol. 4 Page 469
COMPLETE LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE LOGAN COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE (ORC 2703.141) Said Defendants are required to answer 28 days from last date of publication which is December 28, 2024 or the demand of the Complaint will be granted. Respectfully submitted, THOMPSON, DUNLAP & HEYDINGER, LTD. Terrence G. Stolly (#0073266) Gabriel Wickline (#0078340) 1111 Rush Ave., P.O. Box 68 Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311 Telephone: (937) 593-6065 Facsimile: (937) 593-9978 Email: tstolly@tdhlaw.com gwickline@tdhlaw.com Attorneys for Plaintiff Jackie Prater Logan County Clerk of Courts 101 S. Main St., Room 218 Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311 November 23, 30; December 7, 14, 21, 28

LEGAL NOTICE
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
Sealed proposals for the Logan County Recovery Zone Building Rehabilitation Project will be received by the Logan County Commissioners at their office located at 117 E. Columbus Avenue, Suite 100, Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311 until 10:30 a.m., January 14, 2025, and then at 10:31 a.m. at said office opened and read aloud. Plans, Specifications, and bid forms may be secured by contacting Tom Perry with CDC of Ohio, Inc. at 614-445-8373 or email thomasjerry@att.net for the Dropbox link. Each bid must be accompanied by either a bid bond in an amount of 100% of the bid amount With a surety satisfactory to the aforesaid Logan County Commissioners or by certified check, bid bond,

cashiers check, or letter of credit upon a solvent bank in the amount of not less than 10% of the bid amount in favor of the aforesaid Logan County Commissioners. Bid Bonds shall be accompanied by Proof of Authority of the official or agent signing the bond. Bids shall be sealed and marked as Bid for: Logan County Recovery Zone Building Rehabilitation Project and mailed or delivered to: Logan County Commissioners 117 E. Columbus Avenue, Suite 100 Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311 Attention of bidders is called to all of the requirements contained in this bid packet, particularly to the Federal Labor Standards Provisions and Davis-Bacon Wages, various insurance requirements, the Federal Section 3 and Equal Opportunity provisions, and the Buy American provisions. No bidder may withdraw his bid within sixty (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. The Logan County Commissioners reserve the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids. The Architect's cost estimate with contingencies is Three Hundred Sixty Eight Thousand Eighty Six (\$368,086) dollars. A pre-bid meeting is required to be attended by potential bidders to be held at the project site on January 3, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. Dec. 21, 28, 2024; Jan. 4, 2025

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LEGAL NOTICE
Miami Township, Logan County Ohio's monthly meetings held on the third Monday of each month beginning January 1st, 2025 will begin at 6pm, instead of 7pm. The meetings will still be held at the Miami Township Building at 112 Jefferson Street, Quincy, OH, 43343.
Dec. 21, 2024

LEGAL NOTICE
Tri-Valley Fire District's year end / reorganize meeting will be Monday, December 30, 2024 at 1:00 pm at the Tri-Valley Fire Department.
Becky Shepline, Clerk/Treasure Tri-Valley Fire District December 20, 2024 Dec. 21, 2024

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All Netflix wants for Christmas is no streaming problems for its first NFL games

BY JOE REEDY
AP SPORTS WRITER

Netflix is planning to provide plenty of gifts for viewers of its two Christmas Day games, including Mariah Carey kicking it all off with a taped performance of "All I Want for Christmas is You."

Yet, Netflix executive Brandon Riegg realizes it all amounts to a lump of coal if there are streaming problems.

Riegg, vice president of nonfiction series and sports, has had to answer plenty of questions about the streaming giant's readiness for the influx of viewers on what

could be its biggest day ever, especially after streaming problems during the Nov. 14 fight between Jake Paul and Mike Tyson.

"The sheer tonnage of people that came to watch was incredible. And for all the testing that the engineering team had done ahead of that, and I think they're the best in the business, the only way to test something of that magnitude is to have something of that magnitude," Riegg said. "We never want to have technical issues or a disappointing experience for our members. There was a subset of people that were watching that struggled with that and we acknowledge that. The good news is they stress-tested the system to such a degree that there's a lot of these fixes and improvements that they realized that they could make,

and they're applying all that stuff."

Netflix has two games Wednesday, starting with a two-hour pregame at 11 a.m. EST before the Pittsburgh Steelers host the Kansas City Chiefs. The second game between the Baltimore Ravens and Houston Texans kicks off at 4:30 p.m. EST.

The games will be available to Netflix's 282.3 million subscribers in over 190 countries, marking the first time one outlet has distributed an NFL game globally.

Many observers had not expected Netflix to make a foray into carrying games for one of the four major sports leagues.

The NFL games, though, are part of a pronounced push by Netflix to become a destination for all sports fans. On Friday, it secured the U.S. rights for the 2027 and 2031 FIFA Women's World Cup.

Netflix's worldwide partnership with World Wrestling Entertainment will begin on Jan. 6 when "Monday Night Raw" moves to the streaming service.

Netflix said the Tyson-Paul fight was viewed by a worldwide audience of 60 million and peaked at 65 million concurrent streams, including 38 million concurrent streams in the United States.

According to the website Down Detector, nearly 85,000 viewers logged problems with outages or streaming leading up to the fight.

By comparison, the largest audience for a streamed-exclusive NFL game was 23 million on Peacock for last season's AFC wild card game between the Miami Dolphins and Chiefs. For a regular-season game, it was 17.3 million

on Amazon Prime Video on Dec. 5, when the Detroit Lions rallied to beat the Green Bay Packers.

Nielsen will measure the ratings for the Christmas Day games, with early numbers expected late afternoon on Dec. 26.

The games will air on CBS affiliates in Kansas City, Pittsburgh, Baltimore and Houston as part of a long-standing league policy where games that are on cable or are being streamed must also be on an over-the-air station in the markets of the competing teams.

The heaviest demand will likely come around 6 p.m. EST, which would be halftime of the Ravens-Texans game and when Beyoncé will be performing.

The games are the first in a three-year deal for Netflix, which also has one game apiece in 2025 and '26. Netflix is paying \$150 million for this year's package.

While acquiring a season-long package of games does not fit with Netflix's philosophy, doing games on Christmas Day made sense.

Mike North, the NFL's vice president of broadcast planning, said in May when the schedule was announced that the league wasn't thinking about putting games on Christmas this year because it falls on a Wednesday. The increased ratings, though, made it impossible to pass up.

Last year's three Christmas games averaged 28.68 million viewers. The early afternoon contest between the Las Vegas Raiders and Chiefs led the way, averaging 29.48 million. NFL owners approved

doing two games on Christmas during its spring meetings in March. Shortly afterwards, Netflix expressed its interest.

Netflix already had a relationship with the league through the "Quarterback" and "Receiver" series.

"It's sort of an event. It's not just a random Week 17 game," Riegg said. "My north star to everyone has been this needs to feel warm, festive, family and fun. We're really going to try to make it feel elevated and something that feels consistent with what holiday represents."

Netflix is also trying to make this a family affair with its announcers. The father and son duo of Ian and Noah Eagle will be the play-by-play announcers, JJ Watt will be the analyst for Chiefs-Steelers as his brother, linebacker TJ Watt, tries to limit Chiefs QB Patrick Mahomes.

Brothers Jason and Devin McCourty will be part of the pregame crew from Pittsburgh, with Laura Rutledge serving as host.

Ian Eagle will call the game in Pittsburgh with Watt and Nate Burleson as the analysts. Melanie Collins and Stacey Dales will be the sideline reporters.

Noah Eagle and Greg Olsen have the action in Houston with Jamie Erdahl and Steve Wyche reporting from the sidelines.

There will also be a crew anchoring pregame, halftime and postgame coverage throughout the day from NFL Network's studios in Inglewood, California. Kay Adams will be the host with analysis from Drew Brees, Robert Griffin III, Mina Kimes and Manti Te'o.

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years. And though he may not be able to handle the winter cold like he once could, he still can't resist taking time out to make people smile.

"It doesn't matter what age they are, everyone knows Santa," Phil said.

Phil's journey as Kris Kringle began over 50 years ago when he dressed as Santa for the Christmas program at the Bellefontaine elementary school on east Brown Avenue (called Northeastern at the time), where he taught third grade back in 1973. That led to other opportunities to visit people and bring gifts and see faces light up.

A lifetime Logan County resident, Phil grew up on a farm near Huntsville, then moved to Rushsylvania after he married Jean Schneider 49 years ago. He spent his

career at Bellefontaine City Schools, and though he retired in 2013, he's still there as a regular substitute teacher.

Jean, who taught middle school math for 12 years and coached junior high girls basketball for three, is also a seamstress, and a pretty good one. She made Phil's Santa costume over four decades ago, and he hasn't needed another one since, thanks to her tender, loving care for the material.

For Phil, entertaining people as the "jolly old elf" has no age limit. "I've been Santa with preschoolers and kindergartners," he said, "but older people like visits from Santa too. They're tricky, though. One lady motioned for me to lean down and, when I did, she kissed me on the cheek, saying she'd always wanted to kiss Santa."

Besides schools, Phil

dresses as Father Christmas for private parties and nursing homes, particularly Homestead at Logan Acres, where he's worked as an assistant activity director for over two years.

But it was when the family moved to Bellefontaine and built a deck on the back of their Dushane Road home that Phil truly embraced his Santa spirit. He would go out there for hours at a time, often with his daughter, Lisa, portraying one of Santa's helpers ... until it got too cold and she scurried inside.

"I've had busses go by, and a horse and buggy," he said. "One weekend, when I first started keeping track, I counted 900 cars. It would get backed up, and I was afraid I'd get in trouble, but I never did."

When he was younger, Phil could stay out on the deck for as long as four

hours. Not so much anymore. On a recent night, for instance, he only lasted 40 minutes and, he added, "I almost had frostbite. I'm 73, and I just can't go until 11 anymore."

Fortunately, there's such a thing as Christmas in July and similar warmer opportunities to play St. Nick. And he has other characters in his repertoire, like playing a panda with a big red heart on Valentine's Day and the Easter bunny at egg hunts. Jean made those costumes too.

Still, at this time of the year, Phil braves the cold to bring warmth into people's lives. One particular treat is seeing his students drive by, then, years later, bring their own children to wave at Santa. For one former third-grade student, though, it was a chance to set things right.

Now an adult, the young

man was driving around town with friends and they passed Dushane Road. When he found out Santa was Mr. Forsythe, he asked them to pull over.

"He came up to me and said, 'I'm sorry I wasn't a good student,'" Phil shared. "I asked if he had some time. When he said yes, I went in and got his grade book."

Yes, Phil's the kind of teacher who hangs onto grade books so he can show students they weren't as bad as they thought they were. Which is a pretty Santa-like thing to do. And just what some kids might need to get moved to the nice list.

Families are welcome to contact Phil to play Santa for their children, even online, if that's easier. Plus he's been known to send letters and cards through Santa Claus, Indiana, so it looks more legit. Basically, Phil's just

always up for making someone's day a little brighter.

He's particularly impressed by the kindness and generosity of the Bellefontaine community and feels blessed to live here. With that in mind, he thinks his town being named the Christmas Capitol of Ohio is very appropriate.

Phil admits he was inspired to put on the red suit by Willie Yoder from West Liberty, who played the part for 50 years. Though he never imagined he'd be at it this long, Phil has no plans to retire any time soon. And he now hopes to inspire other people to make a difference in the lives of those around them. That's the kind of thing he thinks is important.

"I don't get paid and I wouldn't want to," he concluded. "It's lots of fun to make people happy."

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training can benefit companies. In addition, he learned new ways to not only attract more students but to bring in businesses as well.

"We saw cutting edge equipment and current resources we didn't know were available," he concluded. "Overall, it was a good trip and a valuable experience."

Treasurer Action Items
On the recommendation of Caleb Lang, treasurer, the board approved the November 2024 financial statement. He also presented the HB312 purchasing card report 1) for 2024. The total came to \$1,160,994.25, which was slightly over the 2023 amount of \$1,036,684.10.

Interest and investments: HNB Gen Op Investments: \$20,091.78; HNB Bldg Fund Investments: \$541.33; HNB Bond Trust: \$2.30; Star Ohio interest: \$24,452.71; Middlefield Bank interest: \$73.74; Richwood Bank interest: \$1.49; Total: \$45,163.35.

The board approved disposing of the following assets: a 2002 Freightliner—scrapping with D&J Metals; 100 Mitel telephones—donating to Marysville Exempted Village Schools; and various electronic waste to be recycled with GreenWave.

A modification of \$3,000 was taken from the assistant superintendent general fund and put in the technical general fund.

Superintendent Recommendations
Smith presented the following for approval:

- Internship agreements with Downsize Farm, Woodstock; My Work Choice, Kenton; TP Mechanical, Columbus; Urbana Health & Rehab Center.
- Employment of Richard Whitehead as a substitute

teacher from Dec. 13, to June 30, 2025, on a limited, as needed contract.

- Resignation of Frank Valero, CBI instructor, effective Jan. 10, 2025, for the purpose of retirement.

- A \$50 six-month (January to June) cell phone stipend to Elyse Brown, career tech financial assistant.

- Building lease agreement with the Midwest Regional Educational Service Center.

- Classified staff employment, facilities and grounds salary schedule, to Dustin McClain, facility specialist, from Jan. 21, 2025, to June 30, 2025.

- Out-of-state professional development request from Ashley Thompson, Marysville High School agriculture edu-



Brad Richardson, assistant superintendent at Ohio Hi-Point, standing, explains how a new Ohio law will impact their ability to help instructors earn their teaching license. He went over their options at the district board of education's last meeting of 2024 Wednesday evening. (EXAMINER PHOTO | SHARYN KOPF)

cation satellite instructor, to attend CASE Veterinary Science Briefcase Training in Schuylerville, NY, from Feb.

16-17, 2025, at a cost of \$2,175.

The next meeting is 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22.

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Amazon and Starbucks workers are on strike

(AP) — Amazon delivery drivers and Starbucks baristas are on strike in a handful of U.S. cities as they seek to exert pressure on the two major companies to recognize them as unionized employees or to meet demands for an inaugural labor contract. Strikes during busy periods like the holidays can help unions exercise leverage during negotiations or garner support from sympathetic consumers. One

expert says he thinks workers at both companies are "desperate" to make progress before President-elect Donald Trump can appoint a Republican majority to the National Labor Relations Board. Workers at Starbucks, Amazon and some other prominent consumer brands are fighting for their first contracts after several locations voted to unionize.

VETERAN

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resident said. "Some people get hung up on all the rules and regulations in the military, but what I found was to keep your tongue clean and keep your shoes shiny all the time, and you'll be just fine."

"I really had a lot of fun during my service." The 80-year-old said keeping on his toes and following that advice fared well for him, as he was selected to serve on the honor guard aboard his ship.

Woodard had the chance to visit many locales along the Atlantic Ocean during

his time in the Navy, and said they traveled to the Guantanamo Bay area during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He also visited Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and said his favorite place they stopped was New York City.

Following the ceremony, he also posed for photos in front of the patriotic Veterans Wall of Honor at Campbell Place, which was completed several years ago by Campbell Place maintenance director Ray Seymour. It features photos of Campbell Place residents who served in the U.S. armed forces.



James "Garry" Woodard stands by the Veterans Wall of Honor at Campbell Place Thursday after the flag ceremony. The patriotic display was created several years ago by the facility's maintenance director Ray Seymour. (EXAMINER PHOTO | MANDY LOEHR)

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Bellefontaine Intermediate School fifth-graders perform the song, California Christmas from the 1960s, during their Christmas concert titled "Holly Jolly Jukebox" in the Bellefontaine High School auditorium on Monday night, Dec. 16, directed by BIS music teacher Darcy Need. The program featured a very animated Santa Claus, played by Gunner Law, and six different jukebox voices: Jomeryon Williams, Bane Liebhart, Austin Bland, Baiden Godwin, Gunnar Stratton, and Jase Lump. (BCS PHOTO)

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