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Honda details EV retooling process for local plants

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Honda is making critical progress in the establishment of the Honda EV Hub in Ohio, which will serve as a roadmap for production of electric vehicles (EVs) in North America, officials announced Friday, April 12.

As the company works toward the start of EV production in late 2025, retooling efforts are well underway locally, including preparation for vehicle production and in-house assembly of the Intelligent Power Unit (IPU), which houses the EV battery and serves as part of the vehicle platform. Based on its goal to achieve carbon neutrality, Honda is targeting 100 percent zero emissions vehicle sales by 2040.

Honda expects to hire 300 associates at its Ohio EV Hub, while 300 associates at the Marysville Auto Plant will upskill for IPU assembly. The company has committed to investing at least \$700 million to transform its Marysville Auto Plant, East Liberty Auto Plant (ELP) and Anna Engine Plant (AEP) to lead the start of EV production in North America.

Beyond the production of EVs at MAP and ELP, the EV Hub is where Honda associates will develop the knowledge and expertise in EV production that will be shared across Honda's North American auto production network in the coming years. The EV Hub will set the standard for Honda production of electric vehicles in North America and globally.

"The establishment of our EV Hub is not simply an investment in retooling and equipment, we are investing in the Honda associates who will be taking on new responsibilities to lead us into the electrified future," said Bob Nelson, executive vice president of American Honda Motor Co., Inc.

"Our EV Hub in Ohio is playing an essential and strategic role for the evolution of EV production at Honda, in North America and globally."

Honda will have the flexibility to produce both internal combustion engine (ICE) and EVs on the same line at MAP, its first auto production facility in America, giving the company a strategic advantage to quickly respond to shifting market demand while also demonstrating the ingenuity and experience of its associates to design a uniquely flexible assembly line. The associate-friendly improvements to MAP incorporate direct feedback from associates through focused discussions and valuable input from the Honda Associate Voice program.

"As we prepare for the electrified future, we continue to embrace 'The Honda Way,' which emphasizes teamwork, respect and open communication," said Nelson.

"These are the values that have



Former material consolidation area at the Marysville Auto Plant will create a new workspace where the IPU will be sub-assembled. (HONDA PHOTO)

helped us successfully grow our business in America over the last 45 years and will power us into the future."

The updates to Honda's EV Hub come as Honda and Acura prepare for the introduction of its first all-electric SUVs in the North American market, the Honda Prologue and the Acura ZDX.

The IPU cases produced at AEP will be supplied to MAP, where associates will install the battery modules produced at the new joint venture battery facility, which will power the EVs to be produced at MAP and ELP.

Following is a closer look at changes being made by each facility in the Honda EV Hub:

Key changes at Marysville Auto Plant include both the start-up of EV production and sub-assembly of the IPU:

- Line consolidation: MAP recently consolidated its two production lines, tearing out much of line two to enable production of both EVs and ICE vehicles on the same line. The additional space will be used to improve the ease of movement for people on the line and the efficiency of line-side parts delivery and staging for assembly of both ICE vehicles and EVs, as well as the expansion of the Vehicle Quality area to verify software-dependent vehicle functions.

- IPU sub-assembly: MAP also renovated a material consolidation area to create a new workspace where some 300 associates will sub-assemble the IPU that houses the EV battery module and its controlling hardware and software. Once MAP begins IPU production, it will supply IPU's for the production of EVs at both the Marysville and East Liberty Auto Plants.

- Upskilling: later this year, MAP associates will begin train-

ing programs to prepare them for the skills required for EV production and IPU assembly, with employment to remain stable at the facility.

Anna Engine Plant has produced everything from engines and engine components, transmissions, cam shafts, crankshafts, and high tech CVT components, and will now build the IPU case, that will contain the EV battery module and serve as the main frame structure for the floor of Honda and Acura EVs.

- High-pressure die casting: AEP is preparing to install six, 6,000-ton high-pressure die cast machines that will mega cast the IPU case. The new die cast machine, over 31 feet tall, will bring IPU manufacturing in house for the first time at Honda.

- Friction Stir Welding: the IPU case is much larger than anything Honda has die cast before. It will be die-cast in two pieces and welded together seamlessly using Friction Stir Welding.

- To create space for production of the IPU case, in 2023, AEP transferred production of engine components for two different generations of engines to the Alabama Auto Plant (AAP).

The East Liberty Plant will be producing EVs, but with a single production line. The changes required at ELP focus more on accommodating the heavier weight of EVs.

- ELP will be strengthening overhead conveyors that carry vehicles through the plant and is expanding the paint department to accommodate the heavier weight of battery-electric vehicles.

- Similar to MAP, the Vehicle Quality area at ELP is being expanded to verify software-dependent vehicle functions.

GRAND JURY

Indictments handed up

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

A Logan County grand jury handed up the following indictments this week in Logan County Common Pleas Court:

- Tyrell Artis, 31, of Bellefontaine: Domestic violence, abduction and strangulation, felonies of the third-degree; disrupting public services, a fourth-degree felony; and endangering children, a misdemeanor of the first degree;
- Michael Rice, 81, of Waynesfield: Kidnapping, a first-degree felony; and gross sexual imposition, a felony of the fourth degree;
- Frank Steffey Jr., 34, of Russells Point: Aggravated burglary, first-degree felony; and impersonation of a peace officer or private police officer, a felony of the fourth degree;
- John Gibbons, 40, of Lakeview: Aggravated possession of drugs, a third-degree felony;
- Mary Bond, 41, of Hilliard: Aggravated possession of drugs, a fifth-degree felony;
- Seth Hall, 39, of Marysville: Burglary, a second-degree felony; and aggravated possession of drugs, a felony of the fifth degree;
- Sable Six, 19, of Bellefontaine: Misdemeanor theft, a misdemeanor of the first degree;
- Cody Coil, 29, of Kenton: Possession of hashish, a third-degree felony;
- Allen Thomas, 45, of Bellefontaine: Aggravated burglary, a first-degree felony; and domestic violence, a misdemeanor of the first degree;
- Dominique Porter, 32, of Florida: Forgery, a fifth-degree felony;
- Shawn Bebout, 19, of Mechanicsburg: Failure to comply with an order or signal of a police officer, a third-degree felony;
- Lori Stahler, 54, of Urbana: Violating a protection order, a fifth-degree felony;
- Landon Dickinson, 27, of Bellefontaine: Discharging a firearm on or near prohibited premises, a third-degree felony;
- Megan Craft, 21, of Lakeview: Identity fraud, a third-degree felony; and aggravated possession of drugs, a felony of the third degree;
- Jonathon Navarre, 36, of Lakeview: Aggravated possession of drugs, a third-degree felony;
- Tanner Walls, 23, of East Liberty: Failure to comply with an order or signal of a police officer, a third-degree felony; and
- Ricky Salmons, 23, of Indiana: Failure to appear, a fourth-



Department of Public Safety donates cruisers to Washington Township

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

In the wake of the March 14 tornado, officers from the Washington Township Police Department found themselves facing a critical shortage of cruisers, just when the need for patrols was at its peak.

With officers ready and willing to serve, the department encountered the challenge of insufficient vehicles to deploy them effectively.

Faced with this challenge and awaiting the delivery of a new cruiser with uncertain timing, the department reached out for assistance. The response from Director Andy Wilson of the Ohio Department of Public Safety has proven to be a game-changer for the Washington Township Police Department.

Understanding the urgency of the situation and the need to maintain patrols for public safety, Wilson authorized the donation of two cruisers for use by Washington Township police.

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BLHS juniors selected to attend Buckeye Boys State

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Benjamin Logan High School announces that several juniors have been chosen to participate in the American Legion Buckeye Boys State program at Miami University from June 9-16.

This eight-day immersive program offers young men a hands-on experience in the operation of democratic government, political party organization, and their interplay in shaping Ohio's governance.

Selected from Benjamin Logan High School by local American Legion Posts, the following juniors will participate in this year's program:

- From Belle Center Post 266: Carter Lyden, son of T.J. and Kae Lynn Lyden; Camden Spriggs, son of Scott and Alison Spriggs; Noah Stanford, son of Ryan and



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Deidre Stanford; Landon Stoodt, son of Kevin and Amy Stoodt.

- From East Liberty Post 745: Grahnsyn Bailey, son of Jarvey and Deanne Bailey; and Carter Yoder, son of Colin and Carrie Yoder.

- From Zanesfield Post 599: Damon Johnson, son of Robert and Marion Johnson; Bryden Morris, son of Quinn and Nichole Morris; and Liam Sweeney, son of Mitch and Morissa Sweeney.

Established in 1936, Buckeye Boys State stands as the largest Boys State program

nationwide, attracting over 1,200 participants annually.

Sponsored by the Ohio American Legion, the state's largest veterans organization, Buckeye Boys State provides participants with an impartial education on city, county, and state government functions. Through non-partisan instruction, attendees gain invaluable insights into governance while forging lasting friendships.

"This summer event is not just a program; it's an opportunity to prepare for the future," remarked former delegate, Matt

Chamberlain. "Participants will immerse themselves in a college environment, honing leadership and management skills applicable to any career path. Moreover, they'll form bonds that extend beyond the program, all while deepening their understanding of Ohio's governmental operations."

The American Legion Buckeye Boys State program continues to empower Ohio's youth with the knowledge and skills vital for effective citizenship and leadership.

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LOGAN COUNTY BEAT

SHERIFF & HIGHWAY PATROL

Woman arrested for assaulting family member

A suspect was arrested Wednesday, April 10, for physically and verbally assaulting her grandmother and later causing a scene at Mary Rutan Hospital. Deputies of the Logan County Sheriff's Office were dispatched shortly before 4 p.m. to a residence in the 3400 block of east State Route 273, Rushsylvania, on a report for a well-being check and potential domestic violence. Crystal Wilson, 33, of Rushsylvania, was seen standing directly behind the victim's vehicle and pushing on the trunk of the car as she attempted to leave the property when deputies arrived. Wilson also was observed screaming at the victim when law enforcement arrived. The caller told law enforcement that Wilson is the victim's granddaughter and the two share the residence together. The dispute

reportedly was over belongings in the residence as well as a court order of protection involving another member of the family. The victim told deputies that Wilson became irate and was screaming at her in her face, reportedly called her names and poked her in the eye. Wilson also reportedly head-butted the victim and struck her with an open palm on the left side of the face and placed her forearm across her neck. She also reportedly grabbed the victim's phone and would not allow her to contact law enforcement and spit in her face. Deputies observed several injuries to the victim, including cuts on her wrist and swelling and redness on her neck and chest area, a bump to her forehead and a swollen and red left eye. Additionally, a small table in the living room was smashed into pieces, deputies report. Wilson's children, ages 9 and 8, were inside the resi-

dence during the incident. Wilson was charged with domestic violence and was placed in a deputy's cruiser. En route to the jail, deputies report Wilson pretended to have a seizure and struck her head on the backseat divider. While almost to the jail, deputies said she started to have an actual, possible seizure and was transported to the hospital. Medical staff at the hospital reported that Wilson was not having an actual seizure and Wilson began screaming at hospital staff. She was cleared by the hospital and taken back to the Logan County Jail, and was charged additionally with disrupting public services. At the jail, she reportedly threatened to kill jail staff and told them she wanted them to die. The report is being forwarded to the Logan County Prosecutor's Office and children's services for review of additional charges and follow up.



Commissioners open Indian Lake Central Distribution Center

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF
 The use of the distribution center space was donated by a member of the Indian Lake business community. The center is managed by Michelle Grandi and staffed by volunteers. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Saturday. Items such as toiletries, water, food, diapers, batteries etc. are available.

Donates

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 That donation ensures that officers have the necessary resources to fulfill their duties and continue serving the community effectively. The donated cruisers will soon be operational upon the addition of essential equipment. However, their significance extends beyond mere vehicles. This gesture exemplifies the spirit of cooperation and collaboration between law enforcement agencies, Washington Township Police related in a social media post. "These cruisers will be

on the road patrolling your neighborhood. We can't thank Director Wilson enough," officers said in a statement. The resourcefulness of both the Washington

Township Police Department and the Ohio Department of Public Safety will help to sustain adequate law enforcement presence in and around Washington Township.

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POLICE & FIRE

Suspect arrested after threatening to 'shoot up' residence

A suspect was taken into custody at gunpoint Wednesday, April 10, after threatening to fire shots inside a home in the 600 block of Florence Avenue, officers of the Bellefontaine Police Department report. Jordan Brannan, 33, of Bellefontaine, was charged with aggravated menacing after witnesses told police he was threatening to "shoot up" the residence if he was not allowed inside. Police were dispatched to that area of Florence Avenue shortly before 9 p.m. on a report of a male with a gun threatening harm, and upon arrival observed the suspect standing outside with his hand tucked inside a front pocket. Officers attempted to make contact and the suspect began to approach with his hand still tucked in his coat. An officer drew his firearm and Brannan was ordered to go to the ground at that time and ultimately arrested. A search of his person revealed no firearm. Officers made contact with the victim and a neighbor who said the suspect has previously been known to brandish a firearm and the victim told officers he believed he would have caused physical harm had gone into the residence. Officers checked the immediate vicinity and never located a gun. Brannan was lodged in the Logan County Jail.

LOCAL NOTES

Rushsylvania flushes hydrants Monday

The fire hydrants in the Village of Rushsylvania will be flushed Monday, April 15, weather permitting.

State Treasurer Sprague speaks at Republican luncheon

The Logan County Republican monthly luncheon is slated for noon Monday, April 15, at the American Legion. It will be a week later than usual due to the eclipse on April 8.

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OBITUARIES

Judy (Munion) Hadley

Judy (Munion) Hadley, 73 of Bellefontaine, born April 3, 1951, daughter of the late Bill and Elaine Munion in Pittsburgh, PA, left her earthly life on April 9, 2024, at her home under hospice care surrounded by her loving family.

Judy was raised in Sharon, PA and graduated from Hickory High School in 1969. In March 1973, she graduated with an elementary education teaching degree from Youngstown State University. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Sharon, PA and later First United Methodist Church in Bellefontaine. She was a Past Matron of Eastern Star, Chapter #242, in Sharon, PA. She was a member of La Cultura and enjoyed playing with the Ladies Bridge Club.

She was the Executive Director of the Logan County Senior Center from 1998 to 2023. She loved working at the center helping seniors grow older, find their needs being met and going on trips. Judy poured her whole heart into her work and loved every person she had the privilege to meet. Judy was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She will be deeply missed.

She is survived by the love of her life Allen Hadley, whom she married on June, 15, 1974. Her children, Anjanette "Anj" (Sam) Hook of Jamestown, OH and AJ (Emilie) Hadley, of Geneva, OH. Her grandchildren, Alice Hook, Garrett Hook and Logan Hadley and her brother, Mike (Sandy) Munion of Mesa, AZ. She has numerous nieces and nephews. She loved being with family and friends, they were one of the greatest joys in her life.

Pastor Joe Ziraldo will lead a Celebration of Life Monday, April 15, at 1 p.m. at Jennings Farley & Seeley Funeral Home & Crematory. Visitation will take place from 11 a.m. until the time of the service.

The family would like to thank the staff of Universal Home Health & Hospice for the support of the family during the final days of her life. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Universal Home Health & Hospice, 921 Rush Ave, Bellefontaine, OH 43311, or a charity of the donor's choice.

Online Condolences may be expressed jenningsfarley.com.

Becca M. Vickery

Rebecca Maier Mallory Vickery passed away in the early morning of Thursday, March 28, 2024, surrounded by her husband and family. She was 35 years old.

Becca was born and raised in the countryside of DeGraff, Ohio. Her early years were spent running around barefoot on her parents' beautiful 16 acre property, enjoying the comfort of the home her father built. Growing up near Indian Lake, she always enjoyed being outside. She spent her summer months boating with her friends and family and played soccer all throughout high school. As a child, she showed an affinity for all things creative, and much of her early artwork still decorates the walls of her parents' home today. She continued to cultivate her artistic talents throughout her young life, choosing to pursue a career path in art and design.

Becca attended the University of Cincinnati College of DAAP (Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning), earning a degree in Graphic Design. In addition to sharpening her skills as a designer, her five years at UC brought her together with some of her closest friends. Celebrated for her strength of character and her contagious laugh, she maintained incredibly strong relationships with her group of college friends long after they had graduated. It was during her college years, while participating in a service trip to El Salvador, that Becca met Joe Vickery, with whom she chose to share her life.

Becca and Joe were married in the summer of 2012 at the Mallory Pond on her parents' property. The pair could spend hours together simply talking and laughing, the love they shared both playful and resilient. To be in the presence of these two together was to witness an indomitable bond of friendship and support; their three daughters remain a testament to the strength of their partnership. Mallory was the first to join the family in 2013, followed by Hazel in 2015 and Rosie in 2018. These three girls, though very different in

character, can't help but light up a room, and their mother's bright spirit continues to shine through each of them in unique ways. Becca and Joe spent nearly 15 years by each other's side, living each day as the closest of friends, supportive spouses, and loving parents.

Following her keen talent for design, Becca worked with multiple brands and companies for five years before she joined the Cincinnati-based Boca Restaurant Group in 2016. She worked with Boca as a key member of the creative team for many years before "retiring" to better prioritize her family, her health, and her own creative pursuits. In 2023, she started a small studio where she designed and created 3D plaster artwork under the name Curio. Becca spent the final year of her life immersed in her creative work, finding joy and fulfillment in uninhibited artistic expression.

Becca harbored a lifelong love of travel, finding inspiration in the pursuit of new experiences. She loved to share stories of her time spent living and working in Anancy, France, as well as a trip with her siblings through southeast Asia. Further international excursions include a food and wine tour through Italy with her mother Suzy, a stint in Greece with her close college friends, and a trip to Barcelona with her then-future-husband. Closer to home, Becca enjoyed camping with her family in their pop-up Eurovan, ceremoniously dubbed "Janet" by her three goofy girls. She always loved the beach; in particular, she held a special fondness for Grayton Beach in Florida, which she visited regularly with her family growing up. Later in life, she, Joe, and their girls regularly returned to this beach. It's no surprise that Mallory, Hazel, and Rosie love the sunny beaches of Florida just as much as their mother did.

Becca received her cancer diagnosis in the fall of 2017. Her family is thankful to her dedicated team of doctors who helped her navigate six and a half years of life with this diagnosis.

She leaves behind a memory of unbroken spirit, of brightness and light and laughter in everything and everyone she touched. Look to it in the artistic pieces she brought into the world, from her earliest drawings to her professional work. Hear it in the giggles of the three daughters she raised with her husband and the warm stories shared among her friends. Feel its presence in the places she loved, swimming in the Mallory pond, or walking along the beach in Florida. Witness it in the relationships of those she held dear, and celebrate the undeniable impression of her character on all who knew her.

If you would like to support the family during this time, in lieu of any flowers, food, or gifts, you may contribute to the A consistent theme in Becca's life was an appreciation for experience and education. In celebration of her legacy, all funds collected will go directly to the Vickery family to be used for experiential travel and higher education for each of her three daughters. You can also support cancer awareness efforts by donating directly to the or any cancer research non-profit of your choosing.

Becca is predeceased by her father, Curt Mallory (2021); and her grandfather, Cyrus Mallory (2011). She is survived by her husband, Joe Vickery; first daughter, Mallory Vickery; second daughter, Hazel Vickery; and third daughter, Rosie Vickery; as well as her mother, Suzy (Maier) Mallory; brother, Grant Mallory; sister, Sarah Mallory; brother, Michael Mallory; grandmother, Verida Mallory; grandfather, Bob Maier; and grandmother, Carol Maier.

Becca's wishes were to be cremated and laid to rest in Spring Grove Cemetery in Cincinnati. A private memorial will take place on April 18, 2024 with an open invite reception and Celebration of Life to follow at Urban Artifact, 1660 Blue Rock Street, Cincinnati, OH 45223 beginning at 4 p.m. Friends and family are invited to the Celebration of Life gathering at Urban Artifact to enjoy a drink or two, mingle with the family, and share their favorite stories of Becca.

Arrangements are handled by Dalbert Woodruff and Isenogle Funeral Home Inc. of Cincinnati.

Kelley A. Butler Shroyer

Kelley A. Butler Shroyer, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully on April 10, 2024, surrounded by loved ones at her home. She was 53 years old.

Kelley was born on January 5, 1971, in Bellefontaine, Ohio, to the late Franklin D. and Carolyn J. (Goldsberry) Butler. She was preceded in death by her brother, Neil F. Goldsberry, her sister, Rebecca J. Goldsberry Church, her father-in-law, Donald E. Shroyer, and her brother-in-law, Jeffrey A. Metz.

Left to cherish her memory is her devoted husband of 28 years, Darryl Shroyer, and their four sons, whom she adored: George Shroyer of Fairborn, Ohio; Dean Wells of Beavercreek, Ohio; Evan Wells of Colorado Springs, Colorado; and Cole (Emilee) Shroyer of Fairborn, Ohio. Kelley also leaves behind her precious granddaughter, Benteigh Peyton Wells, and grandson, Grant Christopher Shroyer, with whom she shared a special bond.

Kelley is survived by her brother, Jon (Jennifer) Butler, sister-in-law Stephanie (John) Boyer of Alabama, and her special mother-in-law, Beverly Shroyer of Beavercreek, Ohio. She is also remembered fondly by numerous nephews, a niece, and a large extended family of aunts, uncles, and cousins. Throughout her life, Kelley found companionship and joy in her two beautiful blue point Siamese cats, Dominick and Greyson.

A devoted family woman, Kelley's main focus in life was her husband, sons, and grandchildren. She poured her heart and soul into nurturing and supporting them, finding fulfillment in their happiness and well-being.

Kelley had a passion for cooking and baking, and she cherished the moments spent gathered around the table with her loved ones. Whether hosting dinners, family gatherings, or holiday celebrations, she found immense joy in these shared experiences, feeling most complete when surrounded by her cherished family.

Professionally, Kelley dedicated many years as a Project Manager at Appen, a company committed to utilizing Artificial Intelligence for Good. She valued her work and cherished the relationships she formed with her colleagues.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Hellan and Dr. Nanda, as well as the compassionate oncology nurses at Kettering Cancer Care in Kettering, Ohio, and Soin Medical Center in Beavercreek, Ohio. Special thanks are also extended to Dr. Mittra at The James Cancer Center at The Ohio State University for their dedicated care, which greatly impacted Kelley's quality of life.

Kelley's final wish was to advocate for early detection of colon cancer. She urged everyone aged 45 and older to prioritize their health by scheduling a colonoscopy, especially if there's a family history of colon cancer. She emphasized that early detection saves lives and encouraged others not to delay this vital screening.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The American Cancer Society in honor of Kelley's legacy of love and advocacy.

Kelley's warmth, kindness, and unwavering love will be deeply missed by all who knew her. May her memory be a source of comfort and inspiration to those whose lives she touched.

A private service will be held by the family. Arrangements in care of Belton-Stroup Funeral Home, Fairborn. Condolences may be made to the family at BeltonStroup.com.

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Lady Chiefs get dual win over Delaware Hayes

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Bellefontaine's girls track and field team defeated Delaware Hayes in a dual meet Wednesday.

The Chiefs had 81 points and Hayes tallied 51 points.

Leading Bellefontaine with wins were Kelsie Snapp in the shot put (35-0), Alexis Robinson in the discus (117-11), Kylie Adams in the long jump

(16-8.5), Parker Penhorwood in the pole vault (8-0), the 3,200 relay team of Kailyn Newman, Kayleigh Flora, Brianne Sechrest and Grace Brown (11:10.53), the 800 relay team of Elyncia Allen, Carisse Comstock, Parker Penhorwood and Jillian Ullom (1:59.57), the 400 relay of Adams, Callie Shumaker, Ava Reeves and Parker Penhorwood (51.35),

Reeves in the 100 (12.80) and 200 (26.85), Grace Brown in the 1,600 (5:35), Brianne Sechrest in the 3,200 (13:32) and Shumaker in the 100 hurdles (16.59) and 300 hurdles (49.90).

Taking second for the BHS girls were Robinson in the shot put (35-5.5), Reeves in the long jump (15-10.5), Newman in the 800 (2:35.84), Adams in the 100 hurdles (16.69) and Jillian

Ullom in the 300 hurdles (56.12).

Adding third-place finishes were Perri Neeld in the shot put (32-1) and the discus (99-10) and Shumaker in the high jump (4-04).

Delaware Hayes won the boys meet with 81.75 points. Bellefontaine had 55.25 points.

Earning wins for the Chiefs were Haiden Manns

in the shot put (51-0) and discus (147-3), the 3,200 relay team of Oliver Grandstaff, Xavier May, Ollie Moreland and Wes Dunn (10:06.69), the 1,600 relay team of Grandstaff, Dunn, May and Alex Crabill (3:42.89), the 800 relay of Harper Scott, Kaiden Foulk, Caiden Snapp and Jacob Henry (1:35.91), the 400 relay team of Scott, Foulk, Snapp and Henry (46.76)

and Hayden Maus in the 1,600 (4:45) and 3,200 (10:14).

Taking second for BHS were Snapp in the 100 (11.62) and the 200 (24.42) and Brandon Wong in the 100 hurdles (19.39).

Adding third-place finishes were Anthony Stamm in the shot put (39-06), Jake Moreland in the 1,600 (4:51) and 3,200 (10:40) and Henry in the 300 hurdles (48.53).

Tiger makes Masters cut for record 24th straight time

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Tiger Woods claimed more history at Augusta National on Friday, making the cut for a record 24th consecutive time.

Of course, his sights were fixated on a far greater goal — a record-tying sixth green jacket.

Woods broke the cut record he shared with three-time champion Gary Player, who advanced to the weekend 23 straight times beginning in 1959, and 1992 winner Fred Couples, whose own streak lasted until 2007.

"It means I have a chance going into the weekend," said Woods, whose even-par 72 left him 1 over through 36 holes. "I'm here. I have a chance to win the golf tournament. I don't know if they're all going to finish today, but I'm done. I got my two rounds in. Just need some food and some caffeine, and I'll be good to go."

It was a grueling day for the five-time Masters champion, even more so considering the 48-year-old has endured numerous injuries, countless surgeries and a devastating car wreck that nearly cost him his right leg.

Woods was back at the



Tiger Woods and caddie Lance Bennett shield, their faces form the blowing sand on the 18th hole during second round at the Masters golf tournament Friday at Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga. (AP PHOTO/ASHLEY LANDIS)

course before sunrise to finish up the final five holes of his opening round, which was cut short by darkness after storms Thursday morning delayed the start of the tournament by 2 1/2

hours.

He made a couple of bogeys to complete a 73, then had less than an hour to rest up for another 18 holes.

With the wind howling

again at Augusta National, Woods had to do all sorts of scrambling to compensate for one wayward approach shot after another. But he kept pulling off nifty chips and clutch putts to keep his

score safely above the cut line, which was projected at 4 over when he finished his round.

"I was forced to get up-and-down a few times today, and I was able to do

that," Woods said. "A lot of those chip shots I was able to get up-and-down because I left it in the perfect spot, and that's understanding how to play this golf course. ... Most of the up-and-downs I was in a perfect spot."

Woods went through a stretch of six straight holes before the turn where he made nothing but birdies or bogeys, but he settled things a bit on the back nine with a single bogey at the 14th — where his approach from 150 yards sailed into the gallery behind the green — and a two-putt birdie at the par-5 15th after clearing the pond with two booming shots.

Woods headed into the weekend likely to face a daunting deficit, with leader Bryson DeChambeau at 7 under with three holes remaining.

But Woods, of course, still thinks he has a chance to equal Jack Nicklaus' record of six green jackets.

"I'm right there," he said. "I don't think anyone is going to run off and hide right now, but it's really bunched. The way the ball is moving on the greens, chip shots are being blown, it's all you want in a golf course."

Kentucky hires BYU's Pope to replace Calipari

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Initially off the radar among Kentucky's coaching targets, Mark Pope is now entrusted with maintaining the program's gold standard.

Makes sense, since he helped do so as a player.

Kentucky hired the BYU coach to guide its men's basketball program, bringing home a captain of the Wildcats' 1996 national championship team to succeed John Calipari.

The school announced the 51-year-old Pope's hiring in a release Friday morning but did not mention any contract details. He will be introduced at a Sunday afternoon news conference at Rupp Arena.

Pope replaces Calipari, a Hall of Famer who took Kentucky to its eighth NCAA title in 2012 among four Final Four appearances in 15 years. Kentucky hasn't returned there since going 38-1 in 2015. Calipari stepped down on Tuesday and was introduced as Arkansas coach the next day.

Pope was 110-52 in five seasons with the Cougars and went 23-11 in their first season in the Big 12 Conference. BYU is also coming off a second NCAA Tournament appearance in four years under Pope.

He was 77-56 before that in four seasons at Utah Valley and guided the Wolverines to consecutive runner-up finishes in the Western Athletic Conference his final two years. They reached the CBI quarterfinals both times.

Kentucky athletic director Mitch Barnhart cited Pope's impressive 187-108 career record as a head coach and keen knowledge of the program's meaning to the state. The AD also praised Pope's "dynamic" up-tempo offense and tough defense and called him an innovator.

"He is a strong recruiter with international ties and a person of integrity," Barnhart said. "He fully embraces our high expectations and standards and I know that as our fans get reacquainted with Mark, they will be eager to join



BYU head coach Mark Pope talks to his players during the first half of a game against UCF on March 13 in Kansas City, Mo. Kentucky has hired Pope as men's basketball coach, bringing home a member of the Wildcats' 1996 national championship team to succeed John Calipari. The school announced Pope's hiring in a release Friday morning, April 12, but did not mention any contract details. The 51-year-old Pope will be introduced at a later date, the release said. (AP PHOTO/CHARLIE RIEDEL, FILE)

him on what promises to be an exciting ride."

Pope said he understands the expectations of taking over college basketball's winningest program and the high expectations that come with it.

"It's the definition of blue-blood program where hanging a banner is the expectation ever year," Pope said. "Equally as important, UK changed my life forever as a human being. The love and passion I have for this program, this University and the people of the Commonwealth goes to the depth of my soul."

Pope's hiring is highly surprising considering the higher-profile coaches mentioned as Kentucky's top candidates. But Baylor's Scott Drew and UConn's Dan Hurley,

both of whom have led schools to NCAA titles, turned down offers on Thursday. Chicago Bulls coach Billy Donovan, a Kentucky assistant on that championship team before guiding Florida to consecutive NCAA titles, restated his commitment to the NBA club.

Pope faces his biggest task in returning his alma mater to national title contention after two first-round exits the past three seasons under Calipari. Kentucky's last deep NCAA Tournament came in 2019, when the team lost to SEC rival Auburn in the Elite Eight.

Saint John's coach Rick Pitino, a Hall of Famer who led Kentucky back from NCAA sanctions to that 1996 title, believes the school found the right candidate, saying

Pope "will go on to greatness."

"You have one of the premier young coaches in the game. Relish it because he will do you proud," Pitino said in a video posted to social media. "I know I sit here today in Saint John's and I couldn't be any more proud than to see Mark Pope lead the Kentucky Wildcats to another championship. He'll get it done. He's got the right stock."

Pope's initial mission is rebuilding a roster that has already lost guard Rob Dillingham and 7-foot-1 Aaron Bradshaw to the NBA draft and Adou Thiero to the transfer portal. Several other players appear likely to follow Calipari to Arkansas, while several All-American signees have re-opened their commitments.

However it settles for Kentucky, Pope's offensive philosophy mirrors the high-octane approach that helped the Wildcats rank second nationally at 89 points per game last season.

BYU wasn't far behind, averaging 81.4 points to lead the Big 12 and rank 22nd nationally. The Cougars were third with 11.1 made 3-pointers and 18.5 assists, and sixth with a 1.73 assist-to-turnover ratio. They ranked as high as 12th in the AP Top 25 on Jan. 1 after going 12-1 in nonconference action and winning the Vegas Showdown.

Defensively, BYU tied for 104th of 351 Division I teams at nearly 70 points allowed per game and ranked 26th with 39.5 rebounds.

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De La Cruz excitement hasn't let up in Cincinnati

CINCINNATI (AP) — Elly De La Cruz's power and speed are generating more excitement for the Cincinnati Reds.

The 22-year-old Dominican star hit a sinking liner Monday that skipped over the glove of diving center fielder Sal Frelick and rolled toward the warning track. With great, long strides, the 6-foot-5 De La Cruz shifted into hyperdrive on his way to second base and legged out his first inside-the-park home run at 30 feet per second. He rounded the bases in a shade under 15 seconds.

"When I saw him miss

that ball, I said 'I'm going home.'" De La Cruz said. "No matter what happens, I'm going home."

Two innings before his homer in the 10-8 Reds win, De La Cruz crushed a 3-2 sinker from J.B. Bukauskas 450 feet off the top of the batter's eye behind center field. He walked halfway to first, tossing his bat away nonchalantly while admiring the arc.

In the fourth inning, De La Cruz scored from first base on a bunt. In Wednesday night's loss to Milwaukee, his homer into the left-field seats was clocked off the bat at 110.4 mph.

The Reds lost two of

three to their NL Central rivals, but De La Cruz had six hits, three homers, four RBIs and six runs along with a stolen base. He struck out only once.

"That kid over there," Milwaukee manager Pat Murphy said, "he's pretty special."

De La Cruz had hit in 11 of 12 games this season entering Friday and has reached base in 17 consecutive games dating to Sept. 26. He's raised his average to .318 with a 1.034 OPS.

Last July 8 at Milwaukee, the audacious De La Cruz made highlight reels by stealing second, third and home in the span of two

pitches.

"The exciting, fun part is to watch Elly run, which is incredible," Reds manager David Bell said. "But at the same time, we're looking at the at-bats he had to get into those positions. He's working so hard at it. It's nice to see it pay off."

The lanky, switch-hitting De La Cruz was a sensation as soon as he was promoted to the majors. He struck out a lot, diving at sliders down and away. His fielding is still a work in progress, although his throws to first are among the fastest in the majors.

De La Cruz smiles often while playing and celebrat-

ing with reckless joy. He's the first one waiting to exchange flying high-fives with teammates after wins. A Spanish speaker, he's trying to improve his English because he says he wants to be able to communicate better with the fans, who can't get enough of him.

"I enjoy every moment," he said.

He also brings a spark to the clubhouse.

"I think Cincinnati is truly blessed with a real superstar," Reds outfielder Will Benson said. "He doesn't change, regardless of what he's going through. He's a genuine treat to be around."

THE WHIRL

NEWSMAKERS IN BRIEF

Yankees-Guardians series opener postponed by rain

CLEVELAND — A total solar eclipse, stirring come-back, home runs by brothers in the same inning, a rainout and doubleheader.

Stephen Vogt's first homestand as Cleveland's manager has had a little of everything.

And, it's not over.

On Friday, steady rain and a forecast for wet weather along strong winds postponed the Guardians' three-game series opener against the New York Yankees. The teams will now play a split doubleheader today, with the first game starting at 12:10 p.m., and the second game slated for 6:10 p.m.

This is New York's only visit to Cleveland this season, so it was essential for the game to be made up right away.

Carlos Carrasco, who was scheduled to start Friday, is expected to pitch Game 1 for the Guardians with Triston McKenzie pitching the second game.

New York will start Clarke Schmidt in Game 1, and Cody Poteet will make his season debut in the second game.

It will be Carrasco's first start in Cleveland since 2020, when he was traded following the season to the New York Mets in the Francisco Lindor deal. The popular 37-year-old Carrasco signed as a free agent during the offseason and made the Guardians' opening-day roster.

Titans trade a 7th-round pick to Cleveland for a reserve OT

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans have traded a seventh-round pick in the upcoming NFL draft to the Cleveland Browns for offensive tackle Leroy Watson IV.

The Titans announced the deal Friday, pending Watson passing a physical. Tennessee will send the No. 227 pick overall to Cleveland to add depth to the offensive line.

The 6-foot-5, 311-pound Watson played seven games with Cleveland last season. He spent the 2022 season on the San Francisco practice squad after signing as an undrafted college free agent out of Texas San Antonio. He played tight end with 25 catches for 297 yards and two touchdowns.

Titans general manager Ran Carthon worked for San Francisco in 2022, and new offensive line coach Bill Callahan coached the Browns' offensive line last season.

USBC youth city tournament winners



Bantam Singles

Dillon Darst (first), Annabelle Walls (third), Benjamin Palmer (second)



Prep Doubles

Carla Moon and Alex Palmer (first), Autumn Walls and Mia Collom (second), Roman Staley and Nolan Darst, not pictured, (third)



Bantam Doubles

Dillon Darst and Haylee Boyer (first), Marleigh Hamm and Annabelle Walls (second), Brianna Wulf and Ian Clay, not pictured, (third)



Junior/Major Doubles

Kody Palmer and Kynze Henry, not pictured, (first), Landon Jackson and Liam Harrington, not pictured, (second), Luke Kirkpatrick and Finn Ammons (third)



Prep Singles

Mia Collim (first), Raina Young (second), Nolan Darst (third)



Bumper winners

Maddy Laber (second), Jake Boyer, missing, (first), Graysen Young (third)



Junior/Major League Singles

Grayson Barnes (first), Connor Chambers (second), Landon Jackson, missing, (third)

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- **March 1, 2024:** Eric and Amber Olson of Marysville, a son, Henry Neil; grandparents: Eric and Valerie Olson, and Michelle Myers and Kip May, all of Belle Center, and Jessica May of Bellefontaine.
- **March 2, 2024:** Jessica and Justin Baughman of Huntsville, a daughter, Reign OakLynn; grandparents: Kellie McClanahan and Karen and Von Baughman, all of Bellefontaine, and Sharyn and Rodney Slayback of Robertsdale, Ala.
- **March 3, 2024:** Allison Reisinger and Christopher Barnes, a daughter, Kinsley Keigh Barnes; grandparents: Dana and Mike of Bellefontaine and Nikki and Mike of DeGraff.
- **March 5, 2024:** Jada Nichols and Chase Everhardt of Bellefontaine, twin daughters, Alice Grey and Autumn Hayes Everhardt; grandparents: Aaron and Darlene Crites and Chrissy and Billy Shoots of Bellefontaine.
- **March 12, 2024:** Courtnie Smith and Jaxon Heath of DeGraff, a daughter, Leighton LeeAnn Lynn Heath; grandparents: Mindy Purtee, Alan and Cassie Smith and Gwen and Duane Heath, all of DeGraff.
- **March 12, 2024:** Cori and Nickolas Carmichael of Urbana, a son, Jude Ryker; grandparents: Lori and Todd of Beaver Creek and Jo and Scott of Kettering.
- **March 12, 2024:** Edward D. Huffman III and Taylor Huffman of Bellefontaine, a son, Waylon Dean; grandparents: Michael Knox, Edward Huffman II, Maryann Huffman and Daniel Huffman, all of Bellefontaine, and Michelle LeMar of Alger.
- **March 13, 2024:** Ryan and Heidi Alloway of Bellefontaine/Indian Lake, a daughter, Seraphina.
- **March 16, 2024:** Audrey Hire and Domnick Miller of Bellefontaine, a daughter, Sariah Imani Miller; grandparents: Cynthia Jackson and Jason Knight, and Suzan Miller, all of Bellefontaine, William Miller and Kayla Miller of Urbana, and Jon Hire of Van Wert.
- **March 19, 2024:** Dalton and Chelsea Hiltbran of West Liberty, a son, Harrison Edward; grandparents: Tina Fannin of Marion, Alan and Angie Hiltbran of Urbana and

David and Misty Snyder of LaRue.

- **March 22, 2024:** Erica and Jake McFarlin of DeGraff, a son, Jaxon Allen; grandparents: Francesca and Bart Higgins of Butler, and Sarah and Mike McFarlin of DeGraff.
- **March 22, 2024:** Philip and Lauren Blake of Bellefontaine, a son, Thomas; grandparents: Greg and Becky Krisher of DeGraff and David and Tammy Blake of Bellefontaine.

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- **March 2, 2024:** Jadon and Jennifer Miller of Mt. Victory, a son, Kaysen Michael Miller, at Memorial Hospital in Marysville; paternal grandparents: John and Jessica Engle of Ridgeway; maternal grandparents: Shane and Stephanie Jordan of Kenton.
- **March 11, 2024:** Garrett and Megan Leeds of Milford Center, a daughter, Lainey Gene, at Memorial Hospital; paternal grandparents: Ron and Cheryl Leeds of Milford Center; maternal grandparents: Parrish and Tracy McIntosh of Marysville.
- **March 15, 2024:** Nolan and Cierra Hunt of West Mansfield, a daughter, Elawyn Mae, at Memorial Hospital; paternal grandparents: Gene and Barb Hunt of Bellefontaine; maternal grandparents: Tony and Andrea Fields of West Mansfield.
- **March 20, 2024:** James Gessler and Samantha Schaffner-Gessler of Richwood, a daughter, Willow Kate Gessler, at Memorial Hospital; maternal grandparents: Leslie and Laura Schaffner of Fayette; paternal grandparents: Jim and Beth Gessler of Bridgeport.
- **March 22, 2024:** Josh and Lynn Davis of Bellefontaine, a daughter, Rosalie Rae, at Memorial Hospital; paternal grandparents: Steve and Lisa Davis of New Lebanon; maternal grandparents: Mark and Bev Mellum of Bellefontaine.
- **April 4, 2024:** Titus and Natalie Davie of Bellefontaine, a son, Jerusalem Shawn, at Memorial Hospital; maternal grandparents: Shawn and Beth Davie; paternal grandparents: Brad and Marie Angus.



Pie-in-the face fundraiser provides \$1,200 for tornado relief

Riverside Schools student Eli Kindle, left, got to throw a pie at teacher Lucinda Fleming, this week for as a part of a larger effort to raise funds for the United Way's Indian Lake Tornado Relief. When Riverside students returned from spring break, they had the opportunity to participate in the fundraiser put on by junior high and high school student council from April 2-5. Pupils gave money throughout the week that was added in a jar of their choice that contained the name of a Riverside staff member they would like to see get a pie in the face. The staff members with the most money in their jars were presented April 9 for a group of students to splatter them with pies. In just three days, Riverside was able to raise more than \$1,200 for tornado victims. (RIVERSIDE PHOTO)

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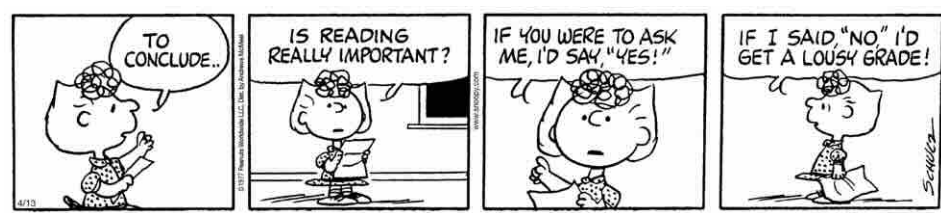
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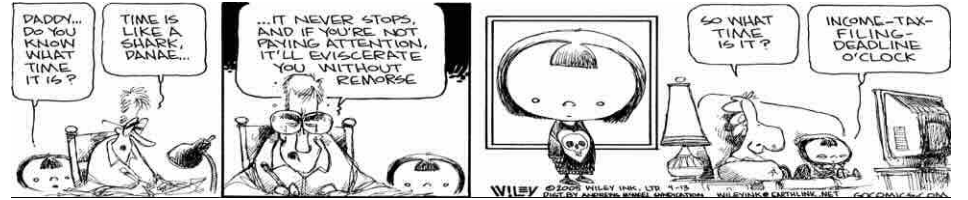
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Horoscopes

ROYAL STARS | FROM KING FEATURES SYNDICATE By Georgia Nicols

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping or important decisions from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. EDT today (7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from Gemini into Cancer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, April 13, 2024: You're intelligent and have excellent ideas. You're a tireless worker, reformer and problem-solver. This is a year of learning and teaching. You might renew your spiritual or religious beliefs. Explore philosophies that give you a better idea of how to get closer to the meaning of your life.

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) ★★ Initially today, you might have strong feelings of sympathy for a friend, sibling or neighbor. Or, instead, these same feelings might arise as some kind of confusion and indecisiveness. No worries, because once the Moon Alert is over, focus on home and family. Tonight: Home and family.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) ★★ Be careful at the beginning of today, especially this morning, with respect to shopping or spending money because of the Moon Alert. After it is over, the pace of your day will accelerate and you will be busy with errands, discussions and learning new things. Tonight: Discussions!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★ This morning you might have a fuzzy state of mind or spend a lot of time daydreaming or being lost in a fantasy world. Obviously, this is a poor time to make important decisions, especially about spending money. After

the Moon Alert is over, pay attention to your cash flow and your possessions. Tonight: Check your belongings.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★ Take it easy at the beginning of this day until the Moon Alert is over. Don't take things too seriously. Go with the flow. After the Moon Alert is over, the Moon will move into your sign, which will give you an advantage over all the other signs. Make use of this! Tonight: You win!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★ You might feel concerned about a friend or a group and want to help them in some way. However, because there is a Moon Alert this morning, hold onto your money and postpone important decisions. After it's over, you will have a clearer idea of what to do. Tonight: Solitude.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★ People might be confused by you this morning. Or perhaps you will be confused dealing with parents and authority figures. Wait until the Moon Alert is over before you decide what to do today. At that time, a conversation with a friend could be meaningful to you. Tonight: Friendships.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★ Feelings of escapism are strong this morning. You might be drawn to metaphysical or mystical subjects or supernatural phenomena. (Always fascinating.) After the Moon Alert is over, be aware that you're high-viz and people notice you more than usual. Tonight: You're admired.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★ Until midday, the Moon Alert today is taking place in one of your Money Houses. Therefore, do not spend money, except for food and gas. Postpone important decisions about inheritances, shared property, taxes

and debt. Be smart. Tonight: Explore!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★ Conversations with partners and close friends might be confusing this morning. You might make assumptions about someone, or they might make false assumptions about you. Pay little attention to this. Wait until the Moon Alert is over to get down to business. Tonight: Check your finances.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★ After the Moon Alert is over today, the Moon will move opposite your sign, which means you will have to compromise and be ready to go more than halfway when dealing with others, especially partners and close friends. It's just what it is. No biggie. Tonight: Cooperate.

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BORN TODAY
Actor Ron Perlman (1950), actress Allison Williams (1988), actress Kelli Giddish (1980)

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SUMMARY OF BELLEFONTAINE CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS
Resolution No. 24-31
Passed on April 9, 2024
A Resolution establishing two new accounts in the Capital Improvement #2 Fund and the Wastewater Department

I, Bonnie Campbell, Bellefontaine City Clerk of Council, do hereby certify that these summary titles of Ordinances and Resolutions are true as passed by City Council of Bellefontaine during regular and special meetings (as prescribed by law) of the City of Bellefontaine on Feb. 13, 2024. Ordinances and Resolutions in full form may be read or a copy secured thereof (for 25¢ per page) at the Clerk of Council's Office located at 530 E. Chillicothe Ave., Bellefontaine, Ohio. Ph. 937-599-1196.

Joshua Stolly,
City Law Director
Bonnie Campbell,
Clerk of Council
April 13, 2024

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Jefferson Township Zoning Commission of Logan County, Ohio, will hold a public meeting at 6:30 PM on Thursday, April 25, 2024, at the Jefferson Township Hall located at 4912 County Road 153, Zanesfield, OH 43360.

The purpose of the meeting is to address the election of officers, discuss and consider zoning amendments, and address any other matters presented to the Commission.

By order of the Jefferson Township Fiscal Officer,
Heather Clapsaddle.
April 11, 13, 2024

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

In the Matter of Adoption of Skylar Storm Patrick "Child's Name AFTER adoption if granted", A Minor
Case No. 24-AD-01

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADOPTION

To: RICHARD THOMAS SHOFFNER, last known

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address 310 S. Main Street, Mount Victory, Ohio 43340
You are hereby notified that on the 30th day of January, 2024, Christopher Michael Patrick filed in this Court, a Petition for Adoption of Skylar Storm Shoffner, a minor, whose date of birth is December 28, 2012, and to have the name of the minor changed to Skylar Storm Patrick. This Court, located at the Logan County Courthouse, 101 S. Main Street, Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311 will hear the petition on the **10th day of June, 2024, at 0:00 o'clock a.m.**

It is alleged in the petition, pursuant to R.C. 3107.07, that the consent of **Richard Thomas Shoffner** is not required due to the following:

The parent has failed without justifiable cause to provide more than a minimis contact with the minor for a period of at least one year immediately preceding the filing of the adoption petition or the placement of the minor in the home of the petitioner.

The parent has failed without justifiable cause to provide for the maintenance and support of the minor as required by law or judicial decree for a period of at least one year immediately preceding the filing of the adoption petition or the placement of the minor in the home of the petitioner.

A FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION, IF GRANTED, WILL RELIEVE YOU OF ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO CONTACT THE MINOR CHILDREN, AND, EXCEPT WITH RESPECT TO A SPOUSE OF THE ADOPTION PETITIONER AND RELATIVES OF THAT SPOUSE, TERMINATE ALL LEGAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE MINOR AND YOU AND THE MINOR'S OTHER RELATIVES, SO THAT THE MINOR THEREAFTER ARE A STRANGER TO YOU AND THE MINOR'S FORMER RELATIVES FOR ALL PURPOSES.

IF YOU WISH TO CONTEST THE ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE AN OBJECTION TO THE PETITION WITHIN FOURTEEN (14) DAYS AFTER PROOF OF SERVICE OF NOTICE OF THE FILING OF THE PETITION AND OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING IS GIVEN TO YOU. IF YOU WISH TO CONTEST THE ADOPTION, YOU MUST ALSO APPEAR AT THE HEARING. A FINAL DECREE OF ADOPTION MAY BE ENTERED IF YOU FAIL TO FILE AN OBJECTION TO THE ADOPTION PETITION OR APPEAR AT THE HEARING. R.C. 2107-07

RIGHT TO COUNSEL:

Any party is entitled to be represented by an attorney throughout these proceedings. Upon request and application, an indigent parent who is facing the loss of parental rights and who wishes to contest or object to the adoption will be appointed an attorney upon determination of indigency. If you believe you are indigent and cannot afford an attorney, complete and file (personally or by U.S. mail) a "Financial Disclosure Form" to the Probate Clerk's office in the Logan County Courthouse at 101 S. Main Street, Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311 immediately but not later than the date set for hearing. Upon receipt of the form, the Court will review the information and determine whether you qualify for court-appointed services. A hearing may be held if your application is incomplete or unclear.

The State Public Defender requires that you pay an application fee of \$25.00. This fee may be added as costs at the conclusion of this case if you do not pay at the time of presenting your affidavit of indigency. Please read the affidavit carefully because it contains important information about

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the potential recoupment process.

You have the right to represent yourself as a pro se litigant. Please take notice that you are presumed to have knowledge of the law and correct legal procedures. Therefore, you remain subject to the same rules and procedures to which represented litigants are bound. You are not given greater rights than represented parties and must bear the consequences of your mistakes (Williams v. First Merit Bank, N.A., 9th Dist. No. 24011, 2008-Ohio-5038).

Pleadings MUST be reduced to writing and presented to the Court in person or by mail. You are responsible for providing a copy of the pleadings to all parties of record.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CALL (937) 599-7252, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

WARNING: A REQUEST FOR COURT APPOINTED COUNSEL DOES NOT POSTPONE THE 14-DAY DEADLINE FOR FILING AN OBJECTION TO THE ADOPTION.

Kim Kellogg-Martin,
Judge
By: Alisha Geboy,
Deputy Clerk

April 6, 13, 20, 2024

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Freight railroads ask courts to throw out new rule requiring two-person crews on trains

BY JOSH FUNK
AP BUSINESS WRITER

Four railroads have asked federal appeals courts to throw out a new rule that would require two-person train crews in most circumstances, saying the mandate is arbitrary, capricious and an illegal abuse of discretion.

The identical challenges of the Federal Railroad Administration's rule were all filed this week in different appellate courts on behalf of Union Pacific, BNSF and two short line railroads — the Indiana Railroad and Florida East Coast Railway.

The new federal requirement, announced last week, was a milestone in organized labor's long fight to preserve the practice and came amid increasing scrutiny into railroad safe-

ty, especially in the wake of the fiery February 2023 derailment in eastern Ohio.

Most of those railroads did not immediately offer additional explanation for why they don't like the rule, but the industry has long opposed such a regulation and the Association of American Railroads trade group said last week that the rule was unfounded and not supported by safety data. The Indiana Railroad — like many short lines across the country — already operates with one-person crews, but the major freight railroads all have two-person crews that their union contracts require.

Union Pacific said in a statement "this rule, which lacks any data showing two people in a cab are safer than one, hinders our ability to compete in a world



A maintenance worker walks past the company logo on the side of a locomotive in the Union Pacific Railroad fueling yard in north Denver, Oct. 18, 2006. Four railroads, including Union Pacific, have asked federal appeals courts to throw out a new rule that would require two-person train crews in most circumstances. (AP PHOTO/DAVID ZALUBOWSKI, FILE)

where technology is changing the transportation

industry and prevents us from preparing our workforce for jobs of the future."

BNSF deferred comment to AAR, and the two smaller railroads did not immediately respond to messages Thursday.

The regulators who announced the rule last Tuesday and the unions that have lobbied for the policy for years all argue there are clear safety benefits to having two people in the cab of locomotives to help operate the train because they can keep each other alert and the conductor can respond immediately to any problems they encounter, including serving as the initial first-responder to a derailment.

Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg has said the need to improve railroad safety was made glaringly clear last year when a Norfolk Southern train derailed on the outskirts of a town on the Ohio-Pennsylvania border and spilled an assortment of hazardous chemicals that caught fire. That East Palestine derailment inspired calls for reform

that have stalled in Congress.

But Buttigieg and the Federal Railroad Administration declined to comment Thursday on the legal challenges to the new rule that is set to take effect in early June.

The head of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen union Eddie Hall said this legal challenge is just another sign the railroads "place profits over safety." He said keeping two people in the locomotive won't keep railroads from investing in new technology, and the industry should focus on improving safety.

"This move by the railroads was predictable. The railroads and their trade association appeal every safety reform," Hall said.

Railroads have long argued that the size of train crews should be determined by contract talks, not regulators or lawmakers, because they maintain there is not enough data to show two-person crews are safer. Current safety stats can't show how safe one-person crews are because

all the major railroads have two-person crews now.

The new rule does include an exception that would allow short line railroads to continue operating with one-person crews if they have been doing it for more than two years and have a plan to ensure safety. But the rule would make it difficult for any railroads to cut their crews down to one person.

The railroads have often challenged states when they tried to require two-person crews, so it's not a surprise that they went to court over this new federal rule.

The major freight railroads have argued that automatic braking systems that are designed to prevent collisions have made the second person in the locomotive cab unnecessary and they believe a conductor based in a truck could adequately respond to any train problems. Plus, they say taking that conductor off of the train would improve their quality of life because he or she would no longer have to work unpredictable hours on the road.

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