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Attorney Marie Wheeler represented Bradley Shaneyfelt during a two-day jury trial in Coshocton County Common Pleas Court. A jury found Shaneyfelt guilty on two counts of rape and one count of sexual battery after 30 minutes of deliberations. LEONARD HAYHURST/TRIBUNE

Victim testifies through tears as man is convicted of rape

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COSHOCTON – An 18-year-old rape victim through tears and sobs could only say, “I want him to suffer for what he did to me,” July 8 in Coshocton County Common Pleas Court before the sentencing of her convicted rapist.

In contrast, Bradley E. Shaneyfelt showed no emotions as a jury found him guilty on two counts of rape and one count of sexual battery after 30 minutes of deliberation.

The 41-year-old Coshocton man will spend at least the next 27 years in prison and will have to register as a Tier III sex offender upon release.

Shaneyfelt was indicted in February on the same charges for incidents on June 10, 2025. The trial began on July 7.

The evidence presented by the prosecution included a recorded phone call between the victim and Shaneyfelt, an interview with Shaneyfelt by Det. Adam Mast of the Coshocton County Sheriff’s Office and DNA from Shaneyfelt found on the victim.

During opening statements, defense

attorney Marie Wheeler questioned the victim’s testimony as well as the DNA evidence.

The sentencing

In crafting the sentence, which has time for all counts being served consecutively, Judge Robert Batchelor noted the pain the victim said she suffered, the fact that she thinks about what happened every night and the theft of her innocence, which was detailed in

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Celebration of life set for Jacob Holbrook

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The Times-Reporter
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NEW PHILADELPHIA – It’s too late. He knew that, but it continues to eat at Curtis Wilkerson.

The Coshocton man and father of embattled Jacob Holbrook mourns the loss of his son. Jacob’s body was discovered in the Tuscarawas River beneath the South Broadway Bridge on June 22.

Multiple times a day Curtis asks himself if there was more he could’ve done for Jacob.

He and many of Jacob’s friends and family members will honor the 29-year-old during a celebration of life at 2 p.m. July 10, at a pavilion near the basketball courts in New Philadelphia’s Tuscora Park.

Jacob rejected help

Curtis raised Jacob since he was 6 months old and slowly watched his descent escalate, especially in the past two years.

Jacob had more recently been living in a state of self-imposed homelessness, Curtis noted, and he struggled with a marijuana addiction.

“He had no control of himself, what he was doing or where he was going,” Curtis said.

It started when Jacob was a teenager, falling into the wrong crowd, but Curtis

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Jacob Holbrook with his daughter Amariya. PROVIDED BY CURTIS WILKERSON

Picnics, memories highlight Dresden’s signature festival

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Zanesville Times Recorder
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DRESDEN – America’s Basket Festival meets America 250.

The annual festival, an ode to Dresden’s basketmaking history, is returning to Dresden for its fourth year on July 11. It’ll be a homecoming with a picnic celebration, local vendors and basket signings by Rachel Longaberger Stukey, ac-

ording to an announcement from Destination Dresden.

The event will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., mostly along Main Street. The day will start off with vendor’s row and baskets, homemade goods, food and decor. Vendors will be open until 3 p.m.

The live basket auction will be from 10 a.m. to noon at the corner of Sixth and Main streets. Bid registration starts at 9:30 a.m. Approximately 125 Longaberger Baskets and collectibles will be

auctioned off.

A picnic lunch in a basket will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., also located at the corner of Sixth and Main streets. It will include a tote with a sub, pasta salad, chips, dessert and water. The cost is \$89 per person; pre-registration is required.

Stukey will be signing baskets from noon to 2 p.m., with a two-basket limit per person, at the Longaberger General Store at 606 Main St. Guests are invited

to bring their own baskets, according to Destination Dresden.

General attendance is free and registration can be completed on Eventbrite. Some activities require advance ticket purchase such as picnic lunch in a basket, 2026 Longaberger event basket and the event T-shirts.

The Longaberger event basket is \$69. Commemorative T-shirts are \$20. Some

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