



## Wynford falls to top team in D-VI, finish district runner-up

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## Spike strips stopped a bank robber after chase

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ALLEN TOWNSHIP – Ottawa County Sheriff’s deputies arrested a man whom they say robbed a Genoa Bank Feb. 27. The arrest came after the man collided with

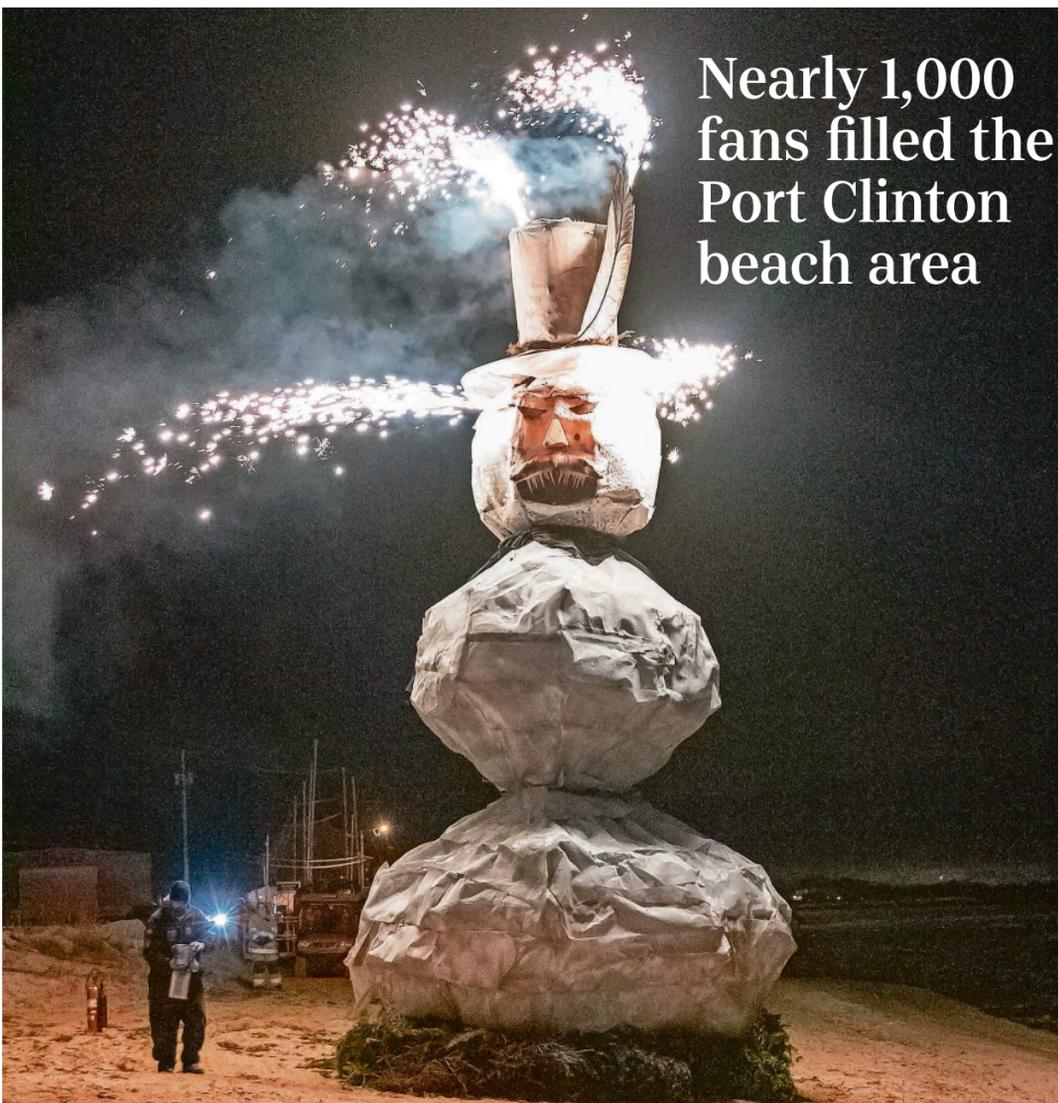
multiple vehicles and spike strips were used to stop a chase through Ottawa County at speeds of more than 110 mph.

While no one appears to have been hurt in the chase or robbery, the suspected robber rammed a police vehicle and hit two other cars with his getaway vehicle as he fled from five law enforcement agen-

cies.

“The way he was operating that vehicle before we got close to him was (at) a high rate of speed. He passed the deputy at about 95 mph on Ohio 51,” Sheriff’s Office Captain of Operations Aaron Leist

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Nearly 1,000 fans filled the Port Clinton beach area

## BURNING SNOWMAN FESTIVAL

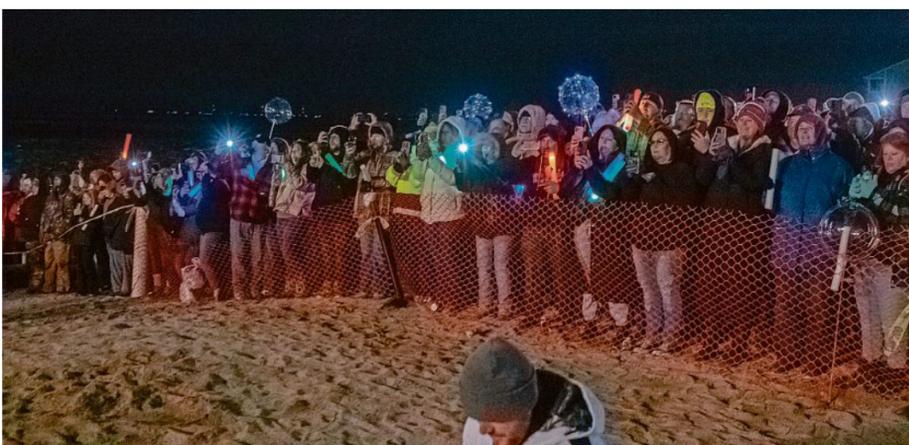
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PORT CLINTON - The snowman went up in a blaze of glory on Feb. 28 just as planned after being assembled on the beach and stuffed with Christmas trees.

This year’s snowman was named Leroy and with his giant top hat, he topped 38 feet tall. The snowman was built on the beach outside Dock’s Beach House. While festival events began at noon, the snowman was set on fire at 7:30 p.m.

Organizer Lenny Kromer, the lead snowman builder, was on site with possibly 1,000 burning snowman fans. The Port Clinton Fire Department was also on hand to keep the hot snowman under control. The night along the beach was filled with music, food, a blazing snowman and several vendors.

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Hundreds stood along the beach during the 2026 Burning Snowman Fest.

**TOP: Port Clinton’s Burning Snowman Fest 2026 was held on Feb. 28.**

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## Ohio Dem defends U.S. attack on Iran

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An Ohio Democrat defended the United States’ attack on Iran as others in Congress called the move an unconstitutional escalation.

The U.S. and Israel bombed Iran on Feb. 28, launching what President Donald Trump called “major combat operations” that could lead to American casualties. In a recorded statement, Trump said Iran was attempting to rebuild its nuclear program and develop long-range missiles that threaten the U.S. and its allies.

Trump also called on the Iranian people to take over their government.

Rep. Greg Landsman, D-Cincinnati, said he hopes the strikes lead to lasting peace in the Middle East. For too long, Landsman said, Iran has “caused mayhem and bloodshed” at home and throughout the region.

“The U.S. is destroying Iran’s missiles and bombs to stop them from taking more lives,” Landsman said. “These strikes are targeting military infrastructure – with warnings to Iranian civilians to take shelter away from these military targets. If it wasn’t for the regime, the region may very well know peace.”

Landsman’s response was a stark contrast to comments by his fellow Democrats – and some Republicans – who contend Trump illegally attacked Iran without congressional approval.

Prior to the U.S. strikes, Rep. Warren Davidson, R-Troy, said any war with Iran would require support from Congress and argued no case had been made for intervention. He appeared critical of the Trump administration’s actions in a Feb. 28 statement.

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