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Chief Standley launches MVP Leadership Series

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Bellefontaine High School student-athletes are learning leadership skills that will benefit them on and off the field.

Longtime Bellefontaine Police Chief Brandon Standley kicked off the first session of the MVP lecture series this week in the BHS Distance Learning Center.

Chief Standley presented the idea to Bellefontaine Athletic Director Matt Comstock last month.

Each one-hour lecture is an informal discussion led by Standley. His vision is to improve the mental side of sports (and life) for each

attendee.

The police chief has five goals with the program — have fun, learn something, support each other, don't be distracted, and trust one another. Standley said he was inspired to help because he cares about each student and our community.

The first session was titled "Developing a Winning Attitude."

Standley, a 1990 BHS graduate who has served with the BPD for 27 years, including the last 10 as chief, said attitude is where success in life starts. He discussed how self-image is important, and encouraged each student-athlete to be humble

and celebrate others, especially their teammates.

The program leader then asked each attendee to have an unquestionable work ethic and shine when no one is watching. He said success also depends on unquestionable integrity.

Approximately 40 BHS sophomores and juniors were chosen by their coaches to attend the leadership series, which will continue throughout the second semester.

Upcoming topics include: "Never Be Satisfied," "Representing Yourself," "How to be Elite in Life," and "Dangers of the Victim Mindset."



Bellefontaine Police Chief Brandon Standley and BHS student-athletes at the MVP lecture series. (BCS PHOTO)

Ben Logan teachers awarded Logan County Electric Cooperative grants

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The Logan County Electric Cooperative recently awarded Michael Kettler, Benjamin Logan



High School teacher, a \$5,000 Operation Round Up grant to support funding for a LabQuest set, which is a standalone and computer interface for Vernier sensors.

Students will be able to use its color touch screen to collect, graph, and ana-

lyze data in their classroom or in the field.

In addition, Benjamin Logan teachers Lora James, Joslin Lee, and Gretchen Powell received grant award checks this week from the Logan County Electric Cooperative

See GRANTS inside

Michigan school shooting suspect to pursue insanity defense

SOUTHFIELD, Mich. (AP) — A teenager charged with killing four students at a Michigan high school will pursue an insanity defense, his lawyers said in a notice filed Thursday as he, his parents and school officials faced a new lawsuit over the attack at Oxford High School.

The notice, listed in a summary of case filings, should lead to mental health exams of 15-year-old Ethan Crumbley, who is charged as an adult with murder and other crimes for the shooting, which also wounded six other stu-

dents and a teacher. Experts will consider whether the teen understood the wrongfulness of his conduct on the day of the shooting.

The lawsuit, meanwhile, was announced on behalf of the parents of Tate Myre, who was slain Nov. 30, and other students who witnessed the shootings. It alleges negligence by school officials and Crumbley's parents over the attack.

"We're sad and heartbroken — our lives forever changed," William Myre said at a news conference.

"Our family will never be the same. We're not doing good. All we do is walk around the house and think about Tate. We think about him every day. We sit in his room. We listen to his playlist off Spotify. We're not doing good, but we're going to find a way to get through it together."

The lawsuit, which seeks at least \$25,000, names Oxford High School's dean of students, two counselors and three teachers as defendants. Crumbley and his parents also are named as defendants.



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Lt. Governor visits downtown Bellefontaine businesses

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Lt. Governor Jon Husted recently visited Bellefontaine to tour downtown businesses with Small Nation Founder and CEO Jason Duff.

He stopped at businesses such as Small Nation's coworking facility BUILD Cowork + Space, gourmet pizza restaurant Six Hundred Downtown, Four Acre Clothing Co., and restaurant/event venue The Syndicate.

In addition to visiting with business owners, he highlighted his visit by throwing the ceremonial first axe ahead of the grand opening of Axe Ventura, the third premier axe throwing venue by owners Shannon and Anthony Taylor.

His visit marks the grand opening of the business, which was officially hosted a ribbon cutting last week. Bookings are now open for their six axe-throwing bays.

Husted, in his fourth year as lieutenant governor, oversees workforce development and transformation for the state as director of the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation.

He also leads the Ohio Common Sense Initiative reviewing Ohio's regulatory



Lt. Gov. Jon Husted visits with Ruth Williams at Four Acre Clothing Co. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

climate and InnovateOhio, a newly-created agency to coordinate data resources and technology services across the state government.

"We are very thankful for Lt. Gov. Husted's strong leadership and his accomplishments of cutting red-tape, making smart investments, expanding infrastructure and helping train and grow Ohio's workforce," Duff said. "The Lieutenant Governor has had a big hand in making Ohio one of the top 10 most affordable and business friendly states in the U.S. We're excited to work more with Jon and his team helping many other towns and communities around Ohio, too."

Adam Rammel, Small Nation vice president of mar-

keting and co-owner of The Syndicate, previously worked with Lt. Gov. Husted on the Governor's Restaurant Advisory Group during the COVID-19 pandemic to advise best practices for reopening restaurants and bars.

"We've been on a lot of calls with Lt. Gov. Husted and the Ohio Restaurant Association during the pandemic. It was great to be able to host him in Bellefontaine as we continue to navigate the crisis," noted Rammel.

"The revitalization of Bellefontaine that local leaders are accomplishing is truly amazing," Husted said after the visit. "Innovative business leaders with a great community spirit."

LOCAL NOTES

Village of Huntsville financial report available for review

The annual financial report for the Village of Huntsville is complete and available to the public at the Huntsville Municipal Building, 6740 Wishart Street, Huntsville.

Call (937) 686-4300 or e-mail hv2390@embarqmail.com for an appointment.

Council meetings are the second and fourth Tuesday each month at 7 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Citizens Police Academy to begin new session Feb. 3

The Bellefontaine Police Department's Citizen's Police Academy is scheduled to start a new 13-week session Feb. 3, which continues through May 5.

Each class runs from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursdays in the basement of the Bellefontaine Police Department, 135 N. Detroit St.

The current session is full, but interested individuals can apply for the 2023 class in the upcoming months by contacting Officers Michael Morgan or Doug Walters for an application.

CAUV applications, renewal forms due

Logan County Auditor Jack Reser announces that the renewal forms and application for Current Agriculture Use Valuation program are currently available at the Logan County Auditor's website at www.co.logan.oh.us.

Additionally, the Auditor's office is mailing the forms for the renewal applications. A response is required by Monday, March 7, for the program.

A one-time \$25 application fee and a yearly renewal are required.

The change is in effect for Logan County for the 2022 tax year. Landowners must submit all required documentation to qualify.

The Auditor's Office has included with your application guidelines to determine for what your property qualifies.

If you have any questions, contact the Auditor's Office at CAUV@co.logan.oh.us or (937) 599-7209.



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CHURCH NOTES

- Pastor Dave Yinger will be preaching and teaching on 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 at the **West Liberty United Methodist Church**, 202 W. Newell St.. The message title is, "What's Love Got To Do With It?" Worship at 9:30 a.m., and Sunday School at 10:45 a.m.
- At **First Christian Church**, 215 E Sandusky Ave., Bellefontaine, Café Grace Praise & Worship begins at 9:15 a.m. in Bethany Hall. Jim Sanford will serve as the Host. Brenda Sanford presents the message at both services. Scripture text is from Luke 5:17-32. At the 10:45 a.m. Sanctuary Worship, Keri Fergus will serve as the Worship Leader.
- Guest pastor, Rev. Peggy Hoy, at **Bellefontaine First United Methodist Church** will bring the message, "My Confidence" based on Psalm 71:1-8 online and in person at the 9 and 10:30 a.m. services and via radio broadcast at 11 a.m.
- At **Belle Center United Presbyterian Church**, 202 Walnut St, Belle Center, Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. For the worship service at 10:30 am. Pastor Ted Dennis's sermon title: "Called By God." Scripture: Jeremiah 1:4-10, Luke 4:21-30.
- **First Lutheran Church** is hosting the worship service at 10 a.m., with installation of 2022 Council Members.
- Rev. Bryan Meadows offers the State of the Church presentation at the **Huntsville United Methodist Church**. Worship Leader Caleb Goodwin continues the sermon series, "The Life of Joshua: Rising Up," with the message, "Are We There Yet?"
- Saturday at the **Seventh-day Adventist Church**, Pastor Carl Brooks speaks on the subject, "Liberty under siege," based on Daniel 7:23-25. Nate Shough has the music.
- **Gretna Brethren Church** hosts the Worship Gathering service at 9:45 a.m. Pastor Rob Starnes will continue in the series, "The New Exodus: Ezra and Nehemiah part V 'Godly Leaders'" Ezra and Nehemiah show us important characteristics of a leader. Scripture Reference for this series read by Ezra & Nehemiah. Talent offered by Lilly Jackson and Marley Watkins.
- **Bethel Mennonite Church** in West Liberty's worship service begins at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Rebecca Kauffman will bring the message from Luke 4:21-30.
- At **Huntsville Presbyterian Church**, Pastor Ben Beres leads worship with a sermon based on Hebrews 4:14-16 titled, "Lasting Christmas Gifts: Solidarity." Dave Yanchik is the Lay Reader and Aryn Forsythe is the pianist. Worship service starts at 10 a.m.



GRANTS

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through their Energizing Education program, which rewards creative learning ideas that are not part of the regular school budget or curriculum, as follows:

- Mrs. James' grant is titled, "Click, Snap, and Zap" for the Benjamin Logan FFA in the amount of \$443.12.
- Mrs. Powell's grant, "Sixth Grade Open Mic Poetry Party" will benefit sixth grade language arts students in the amount of \$500.
- Mrs. Lee's grant in the amount of \$423.88 will benefit high school students with additional supplies as they complete science fair projects.



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■ OBITUARIES

Ronald Richard Brown

Ronald Richard Brown, age 80, passed away on Monday, January 24, 2022 in Sebring, FL.



He was born on July 17, 1941 in Richmond, IN, to Myron Richard and Delilah Mae (Wehrley) Brown. He worked as a truck driver, was of the Lutheran faith, proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy, was a member of the AMVETS in Bellefontaine OH, and has been a resident of Sebring, Florida for 10 years. Ron

enjoyed traveling, flying, boating, loved to ride motorcycles, shoot pool and volunteered at Avon Park Air Force Base Hunt Program.

He is survived by his loving wife, Linda; children Wendy Wren (Doug) of West Liberty, OH; Marcie Lynn Martin of Kenton, OH; Melissa Mangen (Chuck) of Loogootee, IN; Roger Martin (Mandy) Wapakoneta, OH; Robert Martin of OK; siblings- Robin Brown of Richmond, IN; Rick Brown(Kathy) of Greenfield, IN; Rod Brown (Gayle) of Caseville, MI; Sister in law Linda Brown of WV. Surviving are also 9 grandchildren-Miranda (Nizar) Zahraoui, Rebekah Wren; Isaac Yoder (Meredith);Kaylyndi Martin, Mason Martin, Briana (Robert) Handell, Marissa (Jarrod) Kindell, Morgan (Steven) Ferguson, Andrea Bodine, and many nieces and nephews and great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Robert Brown and great grandson Brooks Handell. A memorial is planned for July in Ohio.

Arrangements entrusted to: Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, 4001 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870. Online condolences may be left at: www.stephensonnelsonfh.com.

Earl F. ‘Bud’ James

Earl F. James “Bud”, 79, of Kenton, Ohio passed away January 21, 2022, at Hardin Memorial Hospital.

Earl was born in Belle Center on August 15, 1942 to the late John Lemuel and Mamie Elizabeth (Groves) James. He married Jackie (Jones) the love of his life on September 15, 1963 and she survives.



Earl “Bud” is survived by one daughter, Deborah Kay Mahler (Brian), of Marion, Ohio, one son, Christopher Earl James (Staci) of Ridgeway, Ohio. He was graced with 4 grandchildren, Jordan Hurst, of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, Wyatt James, of Kenton, Ohio, Carson James, and Lily James both of Ridgeway, Ohio. There were many nieces and nephews as well that were truly a blessing to Bud as well.

He is also survived by two sisters Helen (Doug) Thompson of Bellefontaine, Ohio, Norma Jean (Karl) Stanbro of Franklinville, N.Y. Earl was preceded in death by his parents, John Lemuel James, Mamie Elizabeth James, sister Mildred (John) Hill, sister Ruth (Earl) Akers, and brother Richard (Sybil) James.

Earl spent three years in Hawaii serving his country in the United States Navy from 1960-1963. Upon his discharge he returned to Ohio and worked for Bryon Electric, International Car, Broderick Co, and ended his career at Imperial Paper Co. He did work part time for something to do later in life at Blossom Gallery.

Bud was a member of First Christian Church of Christ, Kenton Elks Lodge 157, Eastern Star, Kenton Masonic Temple and The Kenton Shriners.

He was the type of man who never knew how to say no to anyone. He was the hardest working man and the best friend anyone could ever ask for. He is going to be greatly missed by all who knew him. He enjoyed working and loved tinkering in his workshop.

He was an amazing Husband, Dad, Grandpa, Uncle, Friend that anyone could ever want. He never missed a game that his kids or grandchildren played or participated in if he could help it. Fly high until we meet again.

Visitation for Bud is planned for Saturday, February 12, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, with a memorial service at noon conducted by Minister John James. Service will be held at the Price-McElroy Funeral Home located at 123 N Main, Kenton, Ohio 43326. There will be a lunch following the service at the Masonic Lodge. All are invited to attend. His remains will be committed at Fairview Cemetery, Belle Center at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Not By Choice Outreach, Shriners Hospitals or charity of choice. Online condolences may be expressed at pricefh.net.

Anna Mae Martin

Anna Mae Martin, 63, of Bellefontaine, OH, passed away, early Wednesday morning, January 26, 2022, at her home.

Anna Mae was born on June 19, 1958, in Bellefontaine, a daughter of the late Albert and Persie Summer Bolling.

On October 10, 1985, she married Eddie Joseph Martin, Jr. In St. Ignace, MI and he preceded her in death on June 9, 2017. She is also preceded in death by a grandson, Justin Tucker, five brothers, Donald, Douglas, Roy, Rick, and Wayne,

and a sister-in-law, Lindean Schooster.

Anna Mae is survived by three children, Lee (Luke) Miller-Tucker, of Waynesfield, OH, Brooks Stanley Martin of Lynnwood, WA, and Charlotte (Andy) Hannah of West Mansfield, OH, Three grandchildren, Kennedy Hannah, Kylee Tucker, and Carson Martin, her sister, Sue (Bolling) Ball, a brother-in-law, George Schooster of St. Ignace, MI, special friends, Molly and Julie, and several nieces and nephews.

Anna Mae attended Ben Logan Schools. She was self-employed, making several friends over the years, cleaning houses and taking care of those who needed her. She enjoyed watching CBS soaps and drinking a Bud Light, playing cards, and rooting for The Team Up North. Anna Mae loved being with her family and friends, and watching her grandchildren, niece and nephews play sports.

A celebration of Anna Mae’s life will be 3 p.m. Saturday, February 5, at Shoffstall Funeral Home, 205 S. Main St., Lakeview with visitation from 1 to 3 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be given in Anna Mae’s memory to March of Dimes at marchofdimes.org.

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



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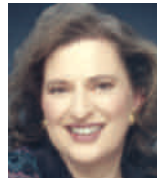
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Charlotte R. Williamson

Charlotte R. Williamson, age 76, of Sidney passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 23, 2022 in her home.

Charlotte was born on November 24, 1945 in Shelby County, Ohio, a daughter of the late Paul J. and Jane Ruth (Lickliger) Sprague. Her husband of 50 years, Gary Williamson, survives along with their daughter, Allana McCreight, and two sons, Shea Williamson and Cai (Tammy) Williamson.

She is also survived by sisters, Paula (David) Pullins, Jane Ford, and Barbara (Bud) McClain, sister-in-law, Patsy Williamson, a beloved grandson, and many nieces, nephews, and extended family members who were very special to her. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by sisters, Jean Walborn-Gantz and "Baby Sister," and brothers-in-law, Richard Walborn, Bobby Gantz, J.D. Williamson, and Joe Ford.



As a young girl, Charlotte took extensive road trips with her parents and eventually accomplished her goal of visiting all 50 states. After graduating from Graham High School, she volunteered with the Peace Corps and lived for years in India. She welcomed the opportunity as a grand adventure and had fond memories of time spent traveling and seeing the world.

Charlotte had served as a nurse's aide and factory worker before settling into her role as a homemaker. She was a practical type of crafter who stitched up clothes with her trusty sewing machine. She recognized the importance of a nutritious diet filled with organic foods and shared her extensive knowledge of natural remedies to help the body heal itself. A farmer through and through, she took care of animals and raised countless chickens. Planning and tending to her vegetable garden was an annual event rewarded by a bountiful harvest which she would preserve in preparation for the winter months.

Charlotte loved spending time with family and friends and was an active member of Myrtle Tree Baptist Church. She was a woman of God who was always willing and able to help others in their time of need and was described by those who knew her best as having a heart of gold. It brought her true joy to know when she had made a positive difference in the lives of others. Charlotte's spirit will live on in Heaven and in our hearts.

Private funeral services will be held at the convenience of the family. Burial will be in Rosedale Cemetery, Rosewood, Ohio. A celebration of life will be planned at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family would be grateful to have memorial donations made in Charlotte's name. Donations to support community help outreach services may be sent to Myrtle Tree Baptist Church, P.O. Box 687, St. Paris, Ohio 43072.

Condolences to the family may be sent to www.shively-funeralhomes.com.

Marker Development plans second project in Weinland Park

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Marker Development has announced a new development located in the current location of the Godman Guild Association in Weinland Park, Columbus.

The new development will add another phase to the company's Crossline project, which is currently under construction and scheduled to complete this summer. This is Marker's second development project in Weinland Park. The new development will bring another 275 residences with secured parking, amenities, and ground floor commercial space to the neighborhood.

"We are incredibly grateful for the opportunity to work with the Godman Guild Association and continue building on our relationships with Weinland Park Community Civic Association, neighbors and friends who have welcomed us into their community," Marker Development's VP of Acquisition & Development Grant Dolven shared.

"We love the vibrancy and community of Weinland Park and are thrilled to be a part of its fabric."

"We are very excited to begin an impactful new chapter in Guild history," said Ellen Moss, president and CEO of Godman Guild Association. "The closing of this deal with Marker Development gives Godman Guild the unique opportunity to expand and upgrade the programs and services we provide through the creation of a state-of-the-art workforce development center at our new headquarters. This is a tremendous value add for our programs and for local workforce development initiatives."

Marker Development, and its affiliate Marker Construction, is a full-service development and construction firm with over 140 associates and two fully staffed offices in Bellefontaine and Columbus.

The Weinland Park development is planned to be completed by summer 2024, with pre-leasing to start in the first quarter of 2024.



A rendering of Marker Development's second project in Weinland Park. (RENDERING BY EDGE)

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Lady Raiders dodge Falcons for CBC win

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Benjamin Logan's girls basketball team was able to grind out a 44-31 win over host Graham on Wednesday.

Ben Logan is now 13-7 overall and 6-3 in the Central Buckeye Conference. Graham drops to 3-14, 1-7.

The Raiders have won eight of their last nine games.

"It wasn't a pretty game, but it is a win," said Ben Logan head coach Ryan McClain. "I tip my hat to Graham for the fight they gave us. We got away from things that have we prided ourselves on all year. Mia Stahler had a big night off the bench. She gave us a

good spark in the fourth. We will regroup and clean up the small things."

It was a low-scoring first half as the Raiders led 11-6 after one quarter and 18-13 at halftime.

Ben Logan pushed its lead to nine points (30-21) after three quarters and outscored the

Falcons 14-10 in the final period to wrap up the win.

Mia Stahler paced the Raiders with 12 points. Kerry Copenhaver had 11 points and Kayla Reeves chipped in seven points.

Abby Yukon led Graham with a game-high 16 points.

Ben Logan plays at home Saturday against Northwestern.

BEN LOGAN 44, GRAHAM 31

BEN LOGAN (13-7, 6-3)

L. Cronkleton 2 0-0 5; Bailey 1 0-0 2; Reeves 3 0-0 7; Copenhaver 2 5-6 11; Daniels 1 0-0 2; Bates 0 1-3 1; Stahler 4 1-2 12; Homey 2 0-2 4. **Totals:** 15 7-13 44.

GRAHAM (3-14, 1-7)

Nash 1 0-0 2; Larmee 1 0-0 2; Johnson 1 2-2 4; A. Yukon 5 5-6 16; E. Yukon 0 0-1 0; Jones 1 1-2 3; Sells 2 0-0 4. **Totals:** 11 8-10 31.

Raiders 11 7 12 14 — 44

Falcons 6 7 8 10 — 31

Three pointers: Ben Logan 7 (Stahler 3, Copenhaver 2, L. Cronkleton, Reeves); Graham 1 (A. Yukon). **Team fouls:** Ben Logan 10; Graham 12.

WL-S gets revenge over West Jeff with 48-37 victory

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

West Liberty-Salem's girls basketball team avenged an earlier season loss to West Jefferson on Thursday by beating the host Roughriders 48-37 in

an Ohio Heritage Conference game.

The Tigers, who fell 34-29 to WJ in the first matchup, move to 10-9 overall and 9-5 in the OHC.

West Jefferson drops to 8-8, 5-7.

The Tigers got off to a fast start as they took a 16-4 lead after one period of play.

WL-Salem went on to lead 25-11 at halftime.

The Tigers stayed in control in the second half.

They led 36-21 after three quarters.

Bailey Poppe paced the Tigers with 15 points. Gabby Williams had nine points and Chaley Wade, Lillian Weaver and Megan Hollar each had eight

points.

In the junior varsity contest, the Tigers won 27-18. Caitlyn King led WL-S with eight points.

The Tigers are back in action Tuesday at home against Jonathan Alder.

WL-S 48, WEST JEFFERSON 37

WL-S (10-9, 9-5)

Weaver 3 0-1 8; Hollar 2 4-6 8; Wade 3 2-3 8; Poppe 5 2-2 15; G. Williams 2 1-3 9. **Totals:** 16 9-15 48.

WEST JEFFERSON (8-8, 5-8)

Grace 3 0-0 9; Brown 3 0-0 7; Mannon 4 2-4 12; Roberts 3 3-4 9. **Totals:** 13 5-8 37.

Tigers 16 9 11 12 — 48

Roughriders 4 7 10 16 — 37

Three pointers: WL-S 7 (Poppe 3, Weaver 2, G. Williams 2); WJ 6 (Grace 3, Mannon 2, Brown).

Pirates derailed by Buccs in TRC hoops action

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Riverside's girls basketball team did not have much luck in slowing down Covington on Thursday as the host Buccs won 57-24

in a Three Rivers Conference game.

Riverside drops to 4-13 overall and 3-9 in the TRC. Covington improves to 16-4, 10-2.

Covington grabbed a

15-8 lead after one quarter and the Buccs led 36-14 at halftime.

The Buccs went on to lead 54-17 after three periods.

Jade Copas led the

Pirates with eight points and Ayva Stewart and Emma Saylor each added five points.

Gracie Anderson led the Buccs with a game-high 17 points.

The Pirates are back in action Saturday at Jackson Center.

COVINGTON 57

RIVERSIDE 24

RIVERSIDE (4-13, 3-9)

Ka. Schlumbohm 1 0-0 2; Stewart 2 0-0 5; Huston 1 0-0 2; Perk 1 0-0 2; Saylor 2 1-2 5;

Copas 4 0-0 8. **Totals:** 11 1-2 24.

COVINGTON (16-4, 10-2)

Long 1 0-0 3; G. Anderson 5 6-6 17; M. Anderson 2 2-3 6; Harrington 5 0-4 11; Beseker 4 5-6 13; Fraley 3 1-3 7. **Totals:** 20 14-22 57.

Pirates 8 6 3 7 — 24

Buccs 15 21 18 3 — 57

Three pointers: Riverside 1 (Stewart);

Covington 3 (Long, G. Anderson, Harrington).

Team fouls: Riverside 16; Covington 7.



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Sports

Buckeyes pull away for win over Minnesota



Ohio State guard Malaki Branham (22) goes to the basket as Minnesota guard Sean Sutherlin defends against him in the second half of an NCAA college basketball game Thursday in Minneapolis. (AP PHOTO/BRUCE KLUCKHOHN)

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — E.J. Liddell had 23 points and a career-high 15 rebounds to help No. 16 Ohio State muscle past Minnesota for a 75-64 victory Thursday night.

Liddell, who stretched his double-digit scoring streak to 27 games, became the 60th player in program history to pass 1,000 career points and led an overpowering effort by the Buckeyes on the glass. The rebounding margin was 48-22, more than enough to offset a quiet night for Ohio State's outside shooters.

Kyle Young scored 14 points and Zed Key added 12 points and eight rebounds for the Buckeyes (13-4, 6-2 Big Ten), who played without point guard Jamari Wheeler — a foot

injury keeping him out for the first time in his five-year career after 143 consecutive games.

Meechie Johnson Jr. started in Wheeler's place, wearing a protective mask after missing three games with a facial fracture. Malaki Branham pitched in with 11 points and six rebounds for the Buckeyes, who played their first conference game in 11 days due to a COVID-19 postponement of their matchup with Nebraska last weekend. They beat IUPUI on Jan. 18 in an add-on game to make up for the three cancellations they had during a 22-day layoff in December.

Jamison Battle returned from an illness to score 15 points for the Gophers (11-6, 2-6), who also had E.J.

Stephens back from a COVID-19 absence. Payton Willis and Sean Sutherlin each had 12 points, and Luke Loewe added 11 points for Minnesota.

Willis, a co-winner of the Big Ten Player of the Week award after scoring a career-high 32 points against Rutgers, carried the Gophers to that critical victory on Saturday while three of their top four scorers were sidelined.

The transfer-heavy team in coach Ben Johnson's first season is already short on size and depth, and this was another one of those games in the unrelenting Big Ten when cohesion, heart and hustle weren't enough against one of the league's top teams.

JUNIOR HIGH

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Lakers, Raiders split
Indian Lake and Benjamin Logan split their middle school girls basketball games Thursday night.

The Raiders won the seventh-grade game 23-13. Kaylee Hays led BL with nine points, Elliott Butler had six points and Kylie Harner added four points

and seven rebounds.

Indian Lake won the eighth-grade game 21-17. Carly Strayer led the Lakers with 10 points and Alex Kinney added four points.

For the Raiders, Adilynne Gregg had eight points and Rylan Norviel added three points.

Pirates fall to ME

Riverside's junior high girls basketball teams lost to Miami East on Thursday.

The seventh-grade Pirates fell 24-17. Kara Klinger led Riverside with six points and Madelyn Lemly added five points.

In the eighth-grade game, Riverside lost 36-10. Reaghan McDaniel led the Pirates with six points.

WL-S eighth-graders top NE

West Liberty-Salem's eighth-grade girls basketball team won 29-13 over Northeastern on Thursday.

Naomi Cole led the Tigers with 10 points and five rebounds, Ava Astorino had seven points and six steals and Ava Poppe added four points, seven rebounds and five

steals.

BOYS BASKETBALL
Raiders lose to Lakers
Benjamin Logan's eighth-grade boys basketball team lost to Indian Lake 49-22 on Thursday.

Roman Maxwell led the Raiders with eight points and Cayden Brown added five points.

Pirates drops games to Covington

Riverside's junior high boys basketball teams were defeated by Covington on Thursday.

In the seventh-grade game, Riverside lost 34-22. Syler Clark had seven points and David Gross added six for Riverside.

The eighth-grade Pirates fell 39-26. Blaine Shoe led the Pirates with 12 points.



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Sports

Big Ben retires after 18 years with Steelers

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Ben Roethlisberger didn't play football like a quarterback. Not today's quarterback anyway.

He didn't run from contact as much as he welcomed it. The harder the hits, the higher the stakes, the longer the odds, the more Roethlisberger seemed to dig in during a career in which he led the Pittsburgh Steelers to a pair of championships while developing a reputation as a throwback in a city that fashions itself as one even as it has evolved into something far more modern.

Pittsburgh moved on from steel mills long ago. And the position Roethlisberger commanded so well for so long has moved on, too. The game has become quicker since the Steelers drafted him with the 11th overall pick in 2004. The quarterbacks, more versatile than the semi-dad-bodded 6-foot-5, 240-pounder known universally as "Big Ben."

No player understood this more than Roethlisberger. And what he hinted at for months became reality on



Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger runs onto the field before an NFL wild-card playoff football game against the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday, Jan. 16, in Kansas City, Mo. The longtime Steelers quarterback announced his retirement on Thursday. (AP PHOTO/COLIN E. BRALEY)

Thursday when he announced his retirement, saying it was "time to clean out my locker, hang up my cleats" after 18 seasons, two Super Bowls, countless team records and a spot in the

Hall of Fame all but secure.

"I don't know how to put into words what the game of football has meant to me and what a blessing it has been,"

Roethlisberger, 39, said in a

video message. "But I know with confidence I have given my all to the game; I am overwhelmed with gratitude for what it has given me."

The announcement came less than two weeks

after Pittsburgh's lopsided loss to Kansas City in the first round of the postseason, the 12th time in Roethlisberger's career the Steelers reached the playoffs.

He hinted before his

final game at Heinz Field that it was time for him to move on and spend more time with his wife, Ashley, and their three children. He made it a point to embrace the moment following the Jan. 3 win over the Browns, doing a victory lap of sorts before disappearing down the tunnel surrounded by his family.

Roethlisberger described the journey that carried him from northwestern Ohio to Pittsburgh to almost certainly the Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, in five years as "exhilarating."

It also was wildly successful.

The Steelers never endured a losing season during Roethlisberger's tenure and captured Super Bowls 40 and 43 — the latter coming on a touchdown pass over the outstretched hands of a sea of Arizona defenders to Antonio Holmes in the back corner of the end zone in the final seconds.

"Putting that jersey on every Sunday with my brothers will always be one of the greatest joys of my life," he said.



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Sports

No. 1 Rahm shares lead with Thomas, Schenk at Torrey Pines

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Top-ranked Jon Rahm and Justin Thomas made the birdies they needed to keep pace on the easier North Course at Torrey Pines on Thursday and shared the lead with hard-charging Adam Schenk after two rounds of the Farmers Insurance Open.

Schenk made eight straight birdies to shoot a career-low, 10-under 62, also on the North Course, and joined Rahm (65) and Thomas (63) at 13-under 131.

The 30-year-old Schenk, who grew up on an Indiana sod farm, started his impressive run of birdies on the fourth hole and ended it on No. 11. He also birdied Nos. 16 and 17 in his bogey-free round.

All three leaders opened Wednesday on the South Course, where Rahm won the U.S. Open last year for his first major. Rahm also got his first PGA Tour victory in 2017 at Torrey Pines, a municipal facility on the bluffs overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

The final two rounds will be played on the South Course.

Schenk recorded the



Jon Rahm hits his tee shot on the eighth hole of the North Course during the second round of the Farmers Insurance Open on Thursday in San Diego. (AP PHOTO/DENIS POROY)

longest consecutive birdies streak at this tournament since 2003.

"I lost track of how many I made in a row, but there was a lot of low scores on the North Course yesterday and I knew there was a lot of gettable holes and I needed to keep going if I wanted to get up on top

of the leaderboard and hopefully stay there throughout the weekend," Schenk said. "So I know I had to try to keep the pedal down and not get satisfied with how many birdies I made."

Schenk struggled to hit fairways, but his approaches were good enough to

give himself reasonable birdie chances.

"Just a lot of long putts," he said. "It's not like I was hitting it to 10 feet every time making the putts. I had a lot of lengthy ones."

Schenk said he made eight birdies in a row in an age-group championship in his early teens.

"So I had done it before, obviously not on the PGA Tour, on this stage. I just lost track and knew I had some par 5s coming up and wanted to take advantage of them. Luckily I hit some good shots on 9 and then 10 I made a long putt."

The Farmers Insurance Open is being played Wednesday through Saturday to avoid a television conflict with the NFL's two conference championship games on Sunday.

Rahm closed his opening round Wednesday with an eagle for the best score of the day on the South Course. The Spaniard birdied five of his first eight holes on the North on Thursday before making his only bogey.

"I mean, it wasn't bad yesterday, it certainly wasn't bad today," Rahm said.

"I managed really well today and it feels good because if you tell me before the round I'm going to hit four fairways and shoot 7-under, I'd tell you that something out there must have been really good, which today was. For how little fairways I hit, I was able to hit a lot of those greens from the

rough, which is not the easiest thing to do."

Thomas, playing the Farmers Insurance Open for the first time since 2015, had nine birdies in his bogey-free round.

"I played well, I drove it well, something you've got to do out here on the North Course," Thomas said. "I mean, both courses, but if you drive it well, you've got a lot of wedges, a lot of short holes, four par-5s. Made some nice putts when I needed to, just kind of some of those short mid-rangers and it was a solid day."

Cameron Tringale shot a 65 on the North and was one shot behind the leaders. Peter Malnati was two back after a 66 on the North.

Billy Horschel, who opened with a 63 on the North, struggled through a 1-over 73 on the South and dropped five shots off the lead. He made a double-bogey 6 on No. 14.

The featured afternoon threesome of Jordan Spieth (78), Rickie Fowler (76) and Bryson DeChambeau (72) all missed the cut, with the big-hitting DeChambeau grabbing at his lower back in apparent pain on several occasions.



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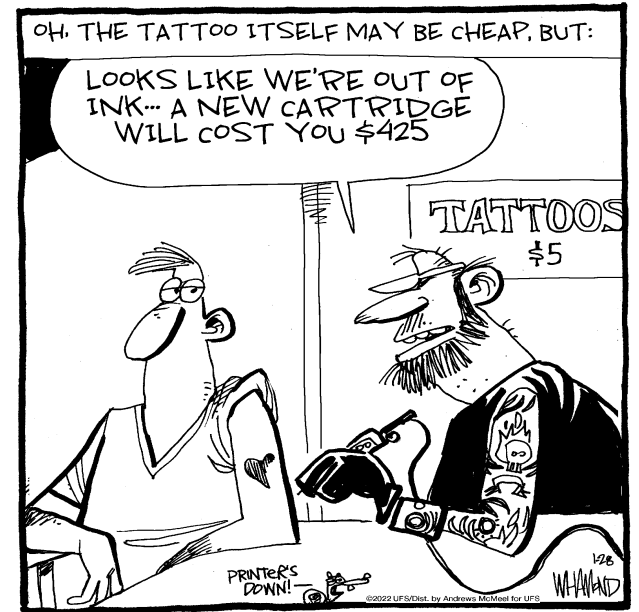
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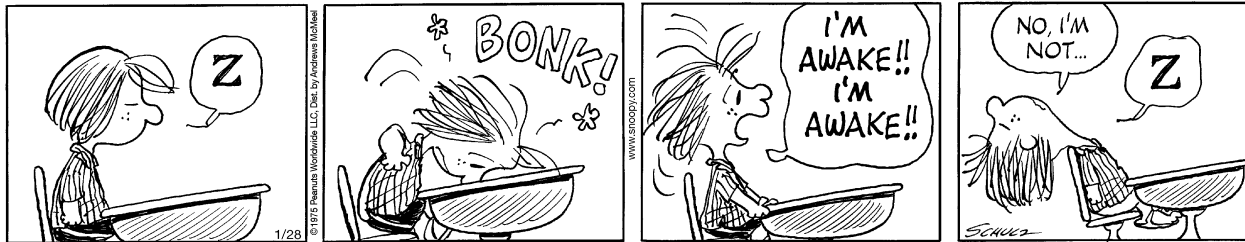
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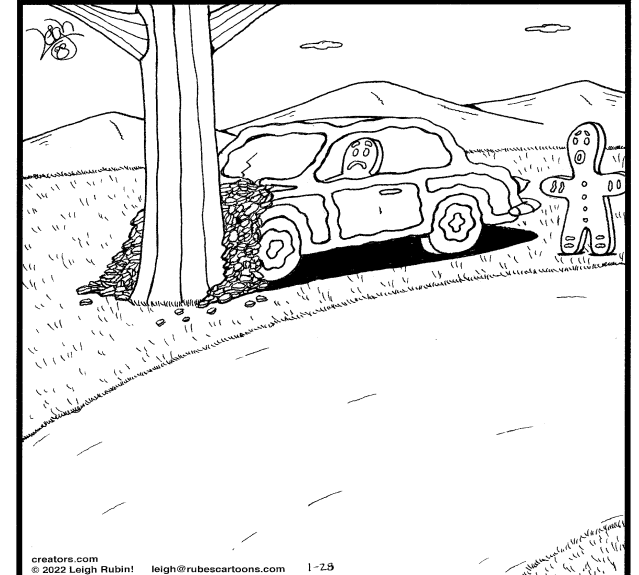
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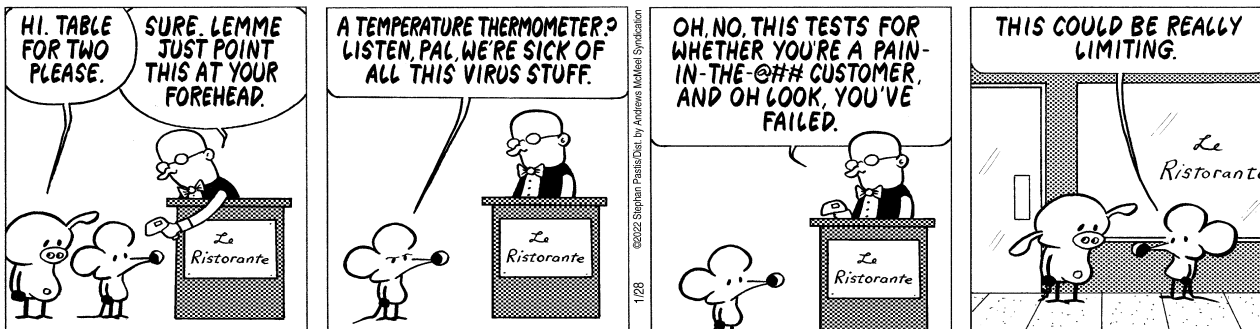
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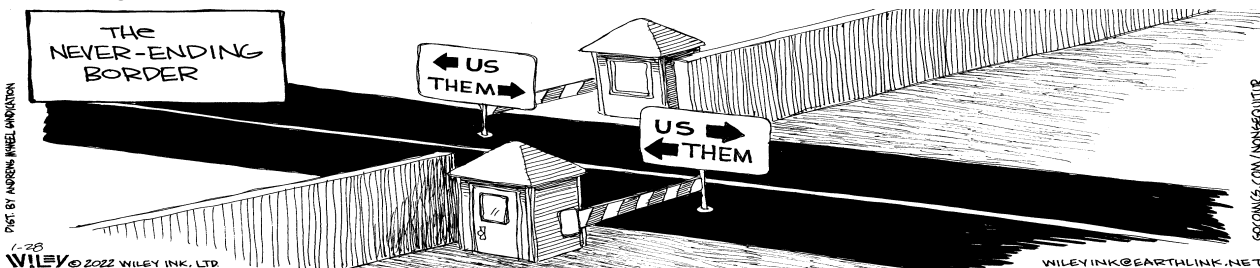
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15 Excoriate
17 Picked up the tab
18 Speck
19 Pablo Casals' instrument
20 Tightly packed
22 Actor Julia
24 Showy flower
25 Spoofs
29 Early hrs.
30 Heroic tales
31 "Cock-a-doodle—!"
32 Bewailed
34 "Don't ask" initials

DOWN

- 35** Conked out
36 Barrels
37 Call on
40 Tools with teeth
41 Apple computer
42 Eellike fish
46 Shade
47 Scent
48 "How dare —!"
49 Small bills
50 Boo-Boo's mentor
51 Soak (up)

DOWN

- 1** MSN alternative
2 Vitamin stat
3 Audre Lorde's cause
4 Wooden box
5 "Mona —"
6 Revue segment
7 Born
8 Elvis' birth-place
9 Mideast airline
10 Shadow
11 Within (Pref.)
16 Employer

- 19** Coffee servings
20 Use an old phone
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS | FROM KING FEATURES SYNDICATE

MOON ALERT: Avoid shopping or making important decisions after 1:45 p.m. EST today (10:45 a.m. PST). The Moon is in Sagittarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Jan. 28, 2022:

You are an idealist who can be a perfectionist at times. You are patient, even strategic, because you like to be in control of things around you. You have excellent instincts and intuition. Good news! This year you will receive kudos, awards, promotions and acknowledgement for your efforts. Congratulations!

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)

★★★★ Tread carefully when talking to parents, bosses or the police, because this encounter could be nasty. People are inclined to be insistent, even obsessed, with their point of view. Meanwhile, Mercury is retrograde and there is a Moon Alert after 1:45 p.m. EST today (10:45 a.m. PST). Tonight: Patience.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Avoid politics, religion and racial issues today, because you will get nowhere. You might have heated views about something, or you might encounter someone else with strong views. Nevertheless, this is not the day for this discussion. Tonight: Stay silent

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★ You might be concerned or intense about issues related to shared property, taxes, debt or insurance matters. These might be issues from the past that are unfinished. Nevertheless, it's hard to make headway today. Postpone things for another day. Tonight: Do your homework.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Be reasonable when talking to partners and close friends today, because it's easy to go off the deep end. You might insist on something, or someone else might be just as emphatic (especially concerning ex-partners). Much of today is a Moon Alert. Do not act. Tonight: Be agreeable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You have strong ideas about how to clean up things at work today. You want to get rid of what is no longer needed. (Out with the old! In with the new!) You might have similar ideas related to your health or a pet. Don't coerce others into agreeing with you. Easy does it. Tonight: Get your facts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Don't come on too strong when dealing with your kids today, because it's easy to do. Lighten up. Likewise, issues with old flames or current romantic partners might be too intense. This is a poor day for important discussions. It's best to sidestep things today. Tonight: Lighten up and have fun.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Don't try to get your way in family discussions today, which you'll be tempted to do. Possibly, you will encounter a family member who is coming on like gangbusters. Either way, dial things back a bit. Take a broader view of things. Easy does it. Tonight: Tidy up at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Today people think they know what they're talking about, including you. And perhaps they do. However, they might not. Therefore, think twice before you try to convince someone to agree with you. Distance yourself from these issues so you have more perspective. Tonight: Listen.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You might be obsessed about financial matters today. Or perhaps you are obsessed about buying something. If making important financial decisions or purchases, please avoid doing this after 1:45 p.m. EST today (10:45 a.m. PST). Be smart! Tonight: Save your money.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Today Mercury retrograde is lined up with Pluto in your sign. In addition to which, most of this day there is a Moon Alert. This means it's a poor day to make decisions or purchases, especially about the future. Put everything on hold. Just tread water. Tonight: Be agreeable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ This is definitely a squirrely day, which is why you might feel adrift. You might have strong feelings about what you want to achieve, and yet you are blocked or detoured. Be smart and avoid shopping or important decisions after 1:45 p.m. EST today (10:45 a.m. PST). Tonight: Research.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Don't try to convince a friend, especially someone younger, to agree with your ideas today, which you'll be tempted to do. Alternatively, don't let someone bully you into agreeing with them. Everything is vague and unsure after 1:45 p.m. EST today (10:45 a.m. PST). Sit this one out. Tonight: Listen to friends.

BORN TODAY

Actor Elijah Wood (1981), actress Ariel Winter (1998), singer-songwriter Sarah McLachlan (1968)

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