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BCS recognized for record gift to United Way



United Way of Logan County Director Dave Bezusko, left, presents on the Holland Theatre stage during the annual LIVE UNITED Awards Ceremony. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The generosity of Bellefontaine City Schools' employees was recognized this week by the United Way of Logan County during the annual LIVE UNITED Awards Ceremony at the Holland Theatre.

The United Way of Logan County annual campaign raised a record \$1,069,007 last fall. It's the fourth straight year the county has surpassed \$1 million.

BCS employees gave a school record of \$30,527. BCS Schools recent campaign history includes: 2011: \$20,638; 2012: \$17,042; 2013: \$15,558; 2014: \$14,776; 2015: \$17,001; 2016: \$22,634; 2017: \$13,962; 2018: \$25,827; 2019: \$21,767; and 2020: \$23,431.

United Way of Logan County Executive Director Dave Bezusko

recapped the record BCS donation.

"The big change occurred last fall, when we did the campaign right out of the shoot on the first day the teachers were back. That allowed deductions to occur over the course of the entire school year.

"In years' past, the UW campaign was in October and we only collected over 10 months of pay periods. So you, as an individual, could give the same amount per pay, but it was a larger donation over the course of the year. The strategy worked."

This year, the seven local school districts also combined to raise more than \$96,000, Bezusko noted.

"Of course, they do it without the benefit of a corporate match (it's not possible in public school districts). Five of the seven set new giving records. Three achieved major

giving milestones. In all, it was a 36 percent increase in giving from just last year.

"I have never seen an entire sector have such a tremendous increase. I think there are multiple reasons for it. For one, teachers see the benefit of United Way programming in their classrooms every day. They spend all day in the classrooms with their students and know which ones are benefiting from United Way programs when they are at home.

"Two, the incredible giving spirit of teachers, who give so much of themselves to their students each day. And three...the passion and leadership of the workplace champions, who mobilized their teams so very well."

For more info, visit www.uwlogan.org or call 937-592-2886.

US inflation highest in 40 years, with no letup in sight

WASHINGTON (AP) — Inflation soared over the past year at its highest rate in four decades, hammering American consumers, wiping out pay raises and reinforcing the Federal Reserve's decision to begin raising borrowing rates across the economy.

The Labor Department said Thursday that consumer prices jumped 7.5% last month compared with a year earlier, the

steepest year-over-year increase since February 1982. The acceleration of prices ranged across the economy, from food and furniture to apartment rents, airline fares and electricity.

When measured from December to January, inflation was 0.6%, the same as the previous month and more than economists had expected. Prices rose 0.7% from October

to November and 0.9% from September to October.

Shortages of supplies and workers, heavy doses of federal aid, ultra-low interest rates and robust consumer spending combined to send inflation leaping in the past year. And there are few signs that it will slow significantly anytime soon.

Wages are rising at the fastest pace in at least 20 years, which can pressure companies

to raise prices to cover higher labor costs. Ports and warehouses are overwhelmed, with hundreds of workers at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, the nation's busiest, out sick last month. Many products and parts remain in short supply as a result.

Prices for a broad range of goods and services accelerated from December to January — and not just for items directly

affected by the pandemic. Apartment rental costs rose 0.5% in January, the fastest pace in 20 years. Electricity prices surged 4.2% in January alone, the sharpest rise in 15 years, and are up 10.7% from a year earlier. Last month, household furniture and supplies rose 1.6%, the largest one-month increase on records dating to 1967.

Food costs, driven by pricier

eggs, cereal and dairy products, increased 0.9% in January. Air fares rose 2.3%. New car prices, which have jumped during the pandemic because of a shortage of computer chips, were unchanged last month but are up 12.2% from a year ago. The surge in new-car prices has, in turn, accelerated used-car prices; they rose 1.5% in January and are up a dizzying 41% from a year ago.

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SCHOOL NEWS

ILMS students of the month named

The Indian Lake Middle School January Students of the Month hit their stride at the start of 2022.

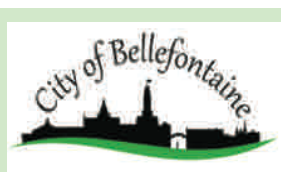
The ILMS Students of the Month were recently announced. Staff members and teachers selected these students for their great character during the first month of the year.

They are: ILMS fifth-grader Olive Butler, sixth-grader Alivia Kinney, seventh-grader Courtney Altstaetter and eighth-grader Ciara Lynch. These students are demonstrating good citizenship and earning good grades all with a positive attitude.

They receive a certificate, a homework pass, a pass to the front of the lunch line for the month and a pizza from Cassano's of Indian Lake.

WL-S Middle School students of the month selected

West Liberty-Salem Middle School has awarded their January students of the month: eighth-graders Tori Douthwaite and Ricky Mattox; seventh-graders Jenna Cline and Casey Boyer; and sixth-graders Kendal Carroll and Carter Henderson.



APPLICATIONS SOUGHT FOR CITY COUNCIL FIRST WARD VACANCY

The Logan County Republican Central Committee is seeking candidates for the Bellefontaine City Council First Ward vacancy for the seat previously held by Richard Kurtz.

Cover letters and resumes should be mailed to the Logan County Republican Central Committee at: P.O. Box 345, Bellefontaine, OH, 43311.

The application deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 16.

Riverside snowball festivities moved to this weekend

Riverside High School recently crowned their winter Snowball Queen Rayce Yelton and King Ty Johnson after a winter storm delayed the festivities. Also pictured are princess Blair Yelton and prince Coy Yelton. The king and queen will rule over the snowball dance, which has been rescheduled for Saturday. (RIVERSIDE SCHOOLS PHOTO)



LOCAL NOTES

GriefShare offering upcoming seminars

West Liberty United Methodist Church is once again offering grief support through GriefShare, a 13-week seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild life after losing a loved one.

Two in person session times meeting at the church are: Mondays at 10 a.m. Feb. 21 through May 16; or Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 22 to May 17. Meetings will be at the church, 202 W. Newell St., West Liberty.

Register for all sessions by calling (937) 441-3592 or register online at griefshare.org. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Not So Bad Art By Good People auction moved to Feb. 12

The Logan County Art League has rescheduled its Not So Bad Art by Good People celebration finale and art auction for Saturday, Feb. 12, because of the inclement weather this past weekend.

Works of art created by eight celebrity artists will be auctioned, with proceeds supporting the activities of the Logan County Art League. Tickets are required for food and drinks being served from 5 to 6 p.m. Saturday. Then, the public is invited to attend the auction at 6 p.m. and participate free of charge.

Bloomfield Township trustees change Feb. 14 meeting time

Bloomfield Township trustees have changed their meeting time on Monday, Feb. 14, to 9 a.m. due to a scheduling conflict.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Children must be five years of age before Aug. 1, 2022, to be eligible for kindergarten in the 2022-23 school year:

- **INDIAN LAKE** — March 23 (8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.), March 24 (8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and 4 to 7 pm) and March 25 (8 a.m. to noon), at Indian Lake Elementary School; call ILES at 686-READ (7323) to schedule a time for your student.
- **BENJAMIN LOGAN** — April 20, 21 and 22; call the elementary school at (937) 592-4838 to schedule a screening appointment



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Local & State

BLES science fair award winners named

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF
PHOTOS FROM BENJAMIN LOGAN

Benjamin Logan Elementary School hosted its annual science fair this week with a record number of participants.

The pupils enjoyed presenting their creative projects. Throughout the process of conducting their science fair experiments, many parents and educators assisted each student along the way.

Bruce Smith and the BLES-PTC helped to organize the science fair. Judges included Scott Roach and Ryan Smith from the Logan County Electric Cooperative, and Steve Searson and Trace Smail. Student awards include the following recipients:

- Logan County Electric Cooperative awards — Maggie Mellen, first place, "Fruits and Vegetables"; Jaxson Wallace, alternate, "Tower Survival!"; and Kaleigha Alig, alternate, "Mission Im'pop'ible."

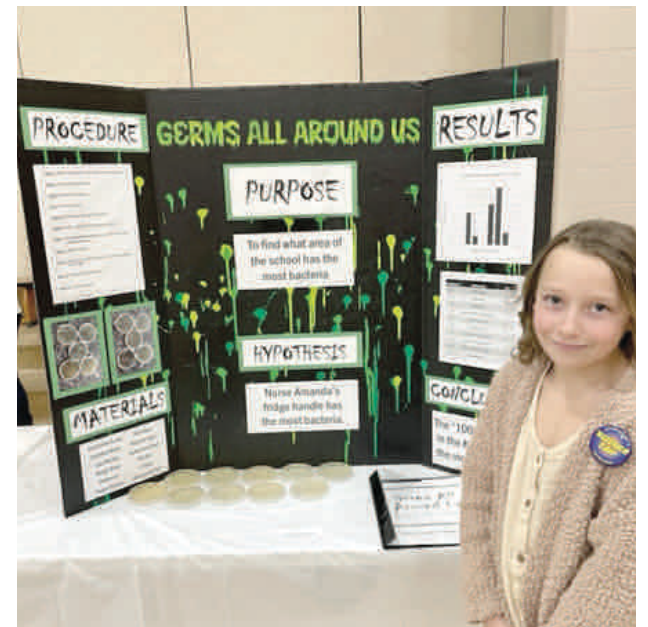
- Honda awards — Delaney Reffner, first place, "Eggcellent Egg Drop"; Calvin Smith, second place, "Blast Off!"; Max Schoepfle, third place, "What Holds Better; Nails or Screws?"



- Mary Rutan Hospital award — fourth-grader Addison Hayter, "Germs All Around Us."
- Logan County Soil and Water Conservation District awards — Brooks Bodin, "Save Our Soil"; Elizabeth Bramlage & Annemarie Shafer, "The Race to Germination"; and Claire Price, "Farm Friendly Fertilizers."



Logan County Soil and Water Conservation District science fair award winners include, from the left, students Claire Price, Brooks Bodin, Annemarie Shafer and Elizabeth Bramlage.



Mary Rutan Hospital award winner Addison Hayter is pictured with her science fair project.



Logan County Electric Cooperative science fair award winners include, from the left, Jaxson Wallace, Kaleigha Alig and Maggie Mellen.



Honda award recipients at the science fair include, from the left, Delaney Reffner, Calvin Smith and Max Schoepfle.



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■ OBITUARIES

Florence M. Thobe

Florence M. Thobe, 94, of Bellefontaine, passed away Tuesday evening, February 1, 2022, at her home.



Florence was born in Logan County on October 9, 1927, to the late Raymond and Grace (Chamberlin) Shafer. She married Lawrence Thobe on July 22, 1946, in Indiana, and he preceded her in death on September 10, 2013. Florence was also preceded in death by siblings Mary Corwin,

George Shafer, Bess Collum, Stanley Shafer, and Fred Shafer.

Florence is survived by daughters: Valarie (Jeff) Latimer, Kim Thobe, and Mary Ann Thobe, all of Bellefontaine; a granddaughter Annie (Ben) Manbevers; a great-granddaughter Faith Ann Manbevers; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A 1945 graduate of Indian High Lake School, Florence was an avid bowler and was a seamstress for many years. In her younger years, she was a postcard model for Indian Lake. Florence had been a member of a Women's Club while living in Cincinnati. She enjoyed woodworking, cooking, and spending time with her family. With her husband Lawrence, they owned and operated a grocery store at Indian Lake.

A private family burial was held in Huntsville Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family, in care of Buckeye Monuments, for a future monument, 321 N. Main St. Bellefontaine, OH 43311.

Eichholtz Daring & Sanford Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Bellefontaine, is honored to serve the Thobe family and encourages anyone to share a fond memory or message of condolence at www.edsfh.com.

Janet L. Wilcox

Janet L. Wilcox, 75, of Bellefontaine, passed away at 7:05 p.m. on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, in Hospice of Central Ohio in the Wexner Medical Center at The Ohio State University, Columbus.

She was born in Logan County, Ohio on April 29, 1946, the daughter of the late Earl E. and Goldie Mae (Routt) Allmon.

On July 12, 1964, she married Gordon L. Wilcox and he preceded her in death on July 5, 2016.



She is survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews, and a brother-in-law, Donald Williams of Quincy.

In addition to her parents and husband, she is preceded in death by two brothers, Thurman and Kenneth Allmon and two sisters, Ruth Hess and Carol Ann Williams.

Janet was a 1964 graduate of Buckeye Local School and worked for Production Credit and FN Davidson Jeweler, both in Bellefontaine. She was a longtime member and

Past Madam President of the Fraternal Order of Eagles #2166, Bellefontaine. She and her late husband Gordon were very active with the Eagles lodge and enjoyed attending many Eagles events. They also enjoyed traveling to different racetracks with Gordon's love of driving Midget racecars.

Pastor Ken Neighoff will officiate a funeral on Monday, February 14, 2022, at 12Noon in the Eichholtz Daring & Sanford Funeral Home, 321 N. Main St., Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311. Friends may call one hour prior to the funeral. Burial will be in Harper Cemetery, Rushcreek Township.

The family would like to express their gratitude for the wonderful care that Janet received at Green Hills Care Center and also to the staff of Hospice of Central Ohio at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 5455 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43214.

Eichholtz Daring & Sanford Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Bellefontaine, is honored to serve the Wilcox family and encourages anyone to share a fond memory or message of condolence at www.edsfh.com.

■ BELLEFONTAINE BEAT

POLICE & FIRE

Man lodged for intoxication

Mark A. Dugan, 53, of 1709 Township Road 33, DeGraff, was arrested Tuesday for public intoxication after he was belligerent with Mary Rutan Hospital staff.

An officer of the Bellefontaine Police Department was working at the hospital and met with Dugan around 7:45 p.m.

He was intoxicated but did not want to stay at MRH or receive treatment.

The officer tried to call a ride for Dugan but the woman who answered said she did not want to deal with Dugan.

He was lodged in the Logan County Jail.

■ LOGAN COUNTY BEAT

SHERIFF & HIGHWAY PATROL

Driver cited in Lakeview crash

Blake C. Carter, 39, of DeGraff, was cited for driving left of center in a non-injury crash Wednesday afternoon.

Deputies of the Logan County Sheriff's Office report he was operating a southbound 2017 Honda Accord about 1:55 p.m. on U.S. Route 33 and attempted to turn westbound onto north Oak Street in Lakeview.

While making the turn, his vehicle went left of center and struck an eastbound 2014 Chevrolet Cruze operated by Lauren A. Yoder, 18, of Urbana.

Damage was light to both vehicles. The drivers were wearing their seat belts.

■ CHURCH NOTES

- At **West Liberty United Methodist Church**, 202 W. Newell St., West Liberty, Pastor Dave Yinger will be preaching and teaching on Psalm 1. The message title is, "Two Ways, Which Is It For You?" Worship at 9:30 a.m., and Sunday School at 10:45 a.m.

- Pastor Ted Dennis presents the sermon, "If You're Happy and You Know it..." at the 10:30 a.m. service at the **Belle Center United Presbyterian Church**. Scripture: Jeremiah 17:5-10, Luke 6:17-26. Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m.

- **First Christian Church**, 215 E Sandusky Ave., hosts Café Grace Praise & Worship in Bethany Hall at 9:15 a.m. The Rev. Kevin Greenwald will serve as the Host. Brenda Sanford presents the message at both services, "Our Dangerous, Beautiful Savior!" Scripture text is from Matthew 16:13-28. Sanctuary Worship is at 10:45 a.m., where the Rev. Kevin Greenwald will serve as the Worship Leader. Services livestreamed on Facebook at "FCCBELLEFONTAINEOHIO."

- **First Lutheran Church** will have 8:45 a.m. Bible Study and worship service at 10 a.m. led by Doug Ware, Synod Authorized Minister.

- The Rev. Steve Merrin continues through the Gospel of John at the **First United Presbyterian Church**, worship begins at 10:45 a.m. All are welcome.

- Guest Pastor David Bridgman at **Bellefontaine First United Methodist Church** brings the message, "More Identity," based on 2 Peter 1:1-8 online and in person at the 9 a.m. service and via radio broadcast at 11 a.m.

- At the **Huntsville United Methodist Church**, Rev. Bryan Meadows continues the series, "Rise Up: The Life of Joshua," with the message, "The Shouting Match."

- **Bethel Mennonite Church's** worship service begins at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Rebecca Kauffman will bring the message, "Love - your enemies" from Luke 6:27-36.

- At the **Huntsville Presbyterian Church**, Pastor Ben Beres leads worship with a sermon based on Jeremiah 17:5-10 titled "A Peculiar Pair of Particular Plants." Betty Jane Davis is the Lay Reader and Aryn Forsythe is the pianist. Worship service starts at 10 a.m.

- Saturday at the **Seventh-day Adventist Church**, Pastor Carl Brooks has the message. Music will be provided by Martha Haut.

- **Gretna Brethren Church** hosts the Worship Gathering service at 9:45 a.m. Perry Erb will be the Guest Speaker this Sunday with another edition of the periodic series, "This Is My Story Personal stories of Jesus working in and transforming lives." Talent Offering by: Nancy Jo Beatty. Adult and Children's Sunday School at 8:45 am. Children's Worship Leader: Jennifer Thornburg.



EXAMINER Sports

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Matt Hammond x1122

Chiefs struggle late, lose to Hillclimbers 45-44 in tourney opener

BY MATT HAMMOND
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NEW CARLISLE — Bellefontaine's girls basketball team stumbled at the finish line in a Division II sectional tournament loss here Thursday.

The Chiefs held a 10-point lead with less than six minutes remaining in the game, but Urbana rallied for a 45-44 victory at Tecumseh High School.

The Chiefs end their season with an 11-12 record.

Urbana is now 15-8 and advances to play the Eaton-Benjamin Logan winner on Tuesday in the sectional semifinal round.

Bellefontaine played well in spurts Thursday but struggled at the start and finish.

The Chiefs fell behind 9-1 to start the game before coming alive to cut the Urbana lead to one point (12-11) at the end of the opening period.

The Hillclimbers led by two points (23-21) at halftime.

Bellefontaine dominated the third quarter to lead 30-26.

The Chiefs opened the fourth period with an 8-2 run to open up a 10-point advantage (38-28) with 5:51 remaining in the game.

But Urbana clawed back on the strength of some stellar out-



Bellefontaine's Tiffany Boop puts up a shot against Urbana during Thursday's Division II sectional tournament game at Tecumseh High School. (EXAMINER PHOTO | MATT HAMMOND)

side shooting by Lyza Forson.

Forson hit a pair of three-pointers during a 14-2 Urbana run that propelled the

Hillclimbers to a 42-40 lead with 1:12 left.

Bellefontaine tied the game on a bucket from Tayteum Vigansky

with 44 seconds remaining.

Vigansky then split a pair of free throws with 21.9 seconds to go that put BHS up 43-42.

Forson followed with her fifth three-pointer of the night, lifting Urbana to 45-43 lead with nine seconds remaining.

After taking a timeout with 3.5 seconds left, Bellefontaine was able to get the ball inside to Vigansky. She rebounded a miss and was fouled while attempting a putback with sixth-tenths of a second left on the clock.

Vigansky knocked down the first free throw to cut Urbana's lead to one point, but the second one didn't go down and the ball was batted around as the buzzer sounded.

Vigansky and Lexi Robinson each scored 10 points for the Chiefs. Tiffany Boop had nine points and Carmen Shumaker added eight points.

Forson led Urbana with 15 points.

The Chiefs enjoyed a nice turnaround this season, improving six wins on last year's 5-17 campaign.

URBANA 45 BELLEFONTAINE 44

URBANA (15-8)

Mounce 2 3-5 7; Murphy 5 0-0 12; Forson 5 0-0 15; Corner 3 5-9 11. Totals: 14 8-14 45.

BELLEFONTAINE (11-12)

Shumaker 3 2-2 8; Middaugh 1 0-2 2; Vigansky 3 4-8 10; Robinson 3 4-6 10; Casey 1 0-0 2; Penhorwood 1 1-1 3; Boop 2 5-8 9. Totals: 14 15-27 44.

Hillclimbers. 12 11 3 19 - 45

Chieftains. 11 10 9 14 - 44

Three pointers: Urbana 7 (Forson 5, Murphy 2); Bellefontaine 0. Team fouls: Urbana 18; Bellefontaine 16.



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Sports



Calvary Christian's Hannah Marlow takes a shot during Thursday's home game against Spring Valley. (EXAMINER PHOTO | TONY BARRETT)

Calvary girls top Spring Valley

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Calvary Christian's girls basketball team upended visiting Spring Valley 38-23 on Thursday at Union Station.

The Spartans are now 9-10 on the season.

The Spartans led 6-2 at the end of the first quarter and they held a 14-11 lead at halftime.

Calvary went on to lead 23-15 after three quarters and the Spartans stayed in control during the fourth quarter to wrap up the win.

Hannah Marlow led Calvary with 14 points. Abigail Reinhard had seven points and Anna Kratz added six points.

Calvary boys roll to another hoops win

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Calvary Christian's boys basketball team stayed hot Thursday with a 53-36 win over visiting Spring Valley.

Calvary jumped out to an 18-9 lead after the first quarter and the Spartans led 30-17 at halftime.

The Spartans opened up a 20-point lead (44-24) after three quarters.

Isaac Reinhard led the

Spartans with 20 points. Xavier Daniels had 16 points and Patrick James added 10 points.

CALVARY 53, SP. VALLEY 36

SPRING VALLEY

Burns 2 0-0 5; Wright 2 0-0 5; Shull 2 0-0 5; O'Geare 3 0-0 7; Mainess 1 1-2 3; Staats 3 3-3 9; Montes 1 0-0 2. **Totals:** 14 2-5 36.

CALVARY

Davie 2 0-0 4; Carter 1 0-0 3; Daniels 6 1-2 16; Reinhard 9 2-4 20; James 5 0-0 10. **Totals:** 23 3-6 53.

SP. Valley. 9 8 7 12 — 36

CC. 18 12 14 9 — 53

Three pointers: SP. Valley 4 (Burns, Wright, Shull, O'Geare); Calvary 4 (Daniels 3, Carter).

Team fouls: Sp. Valley 7; Calvary 6.



Calvary Christian's Xavier Daniels drives to the basket during Thursday's game against Spring Valley. (EXAMINER PHOTO | TONY BARRETT)

Triad boys edge Shekinah Christian

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Triad's boys basketball team fought past Shekinah Christian 61-58 in a non-league game Thursday night.

The Cardinals are now 8-12 on the season. Shekinah falls to 5-12.

Ayden Spriggs led the Cardinals with 24 points. Ayden Sanford had 20 points and Carson Manley added six points.

In the junior varsity game, Triad won 50-17.

The Cardinals return to action today at home against Fairbanks.

TRIAD 61, S. CHRISTIAN 58

S. CHRISTIAN (5-12)

Kauffman 4 3-3 13; Arnold 1 0-0 3; Yutzy 2 0-0 5; Bauermeister 3 4-4 10; Yutzy 3 0-1 6; Helmuth 2 3-3 8; Helmuth 1 0-0 3; Showalter 5 0-0 10; Greenwell 0 0-2 0. **Totals:** 21 10-13 58.

TRIAD (8-12)

Sanford 6 6-9 20; Bailey 2 0-0 5; Cal. Thomas 2 0-0 5; Cam. Thomas 0 1-2 1; Spriggs 8 8-11 24; Manley 3 0-0 6. **Totals:** 21 15-21 61.

Three pointers: S. Christian 8 (Kauffman 2, Yutzy, Helmuth 2, Showalter 2); Triad 3 (Sanford, Bailey, Cal. Thomas). **Team fouls:** S. Christian 17; Triad 15.



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Sports

Lady Cardinals lose to SE in regular-season finale

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Triad's girls basketball team fell to host Southeastern 52-26 in an Ohio Heritage Conference game Thursday.

The Cardinals end the regular season at 2-20 overall and 1-15 in the OHC. The Trojans are now 14-8, 9-7.

Madi Cox scored a season-high 15 points to lead

the Cardinals. Kaley Nott had five points and four rebounds.

In a two-quarter junior varsity game, Triad lost 28-8.

Olivia Hall and Cylie

Nott each had three points for the Cardinals.

Triad enters Division IV sectional tournament action Wednesday at Sidney against the winner of the first-round game

between Ft. Loramie and Ansonia.

SOUTHEASTERN 52 TRIAD 26

TRIAD (2-20, 1-15)
Cox 6 0-0 15; Nott 1 3-6 5; Allison 1 0-2 2;
LeMay 2 0-0 4. Totals: 10 3-8 26.
SOUTHEASTERN (14-8, 9-7)

Sulfridge 2 0-0 5; Moore 1 0-0 2; Vollrath 3 5-6 11; Hudson 3 3-4 9; Bertermes 1 2-2 4; Hudson 2 1-2 5; Simmons 3 0-0 6; Bonifay 2 4-5 10. Totals: 17 15-19 52.
Cardinals: 6 5 6 9 - 26
Trojans: 16 12 17 7 - 52
Three pointers: Triad 3 (Cox 3); Southeastern 3 (Bonifay 2, Sulfridge 1).
Team fouls: Triad 16; Southeastern 10.

JUNIOR HIGH

GIRLS BASKETBALL Chiefs fall to JA in CBC final

Bellefontaine's eighth-grade girls basketball team lost to Jonathan Alder 26-22 in the championship game of the Central Buckeye Conference tournament Wednesday night. Kelsie Snapp led

Bellefontaine with 16 points, 11 rebounds and four steals. Addison Wical had seven rebounds and four steals and Maddie Zedeker added seven rebounds, three assists and two steals.

The Chiefs finished the season with a 13-5 record. **Calvary girls lose pair** Calvary Christian's jun-

ior high girls basketball team lost to Spring Valley 23-10 and fell to Sidney Christian 18-4.

Megan Palmer led Calvary with six points against Spring Valley.

WL-S eighth-graders derailed in OHC final West Liberty-Salem's eighth-grade girls basket-

ball team lost to Mechanicsburg 35-16 in the Ohio Heritage Conference tournament championship game Thursday.

Ava Poppe led the Tigers with seven points.

**BOYS BASKETBALL
BMS seventh-graders lose to IL**

Bellefontaine's seventh-grade boys basketball team lost to Indian Lake 31-18 on Tuesday.

The Chiefs finish the season with a record of 11-7.

Pirates lose to M-Union Riverside's junior high boys basketball teams lost to Milton-Union on

Thursday.

The seventh-grade Pirates lost 35-17. Syler Clark and Colton Hurley each had six points to lead Riverside.

Riverside lost the eighth-grade game 43-23. Camden Shoe led Riverside with eight points and Joel Brooks had five points.

Voracek scores in OT, Blue Jackets rally to beat Sabres 4-3

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Jakob Voracek scored 16 seconds into overtime to give the Columbus Blue Jackets a comeback 4-3 win over the Buffalo Sabres on Thursday night.

Oliver Bjorkstrand, Jack Roslovic and Brendan Gaunce also had goals as Columbus rallied from a two-goal deficit for a second consecutive road victory to open a five-game trip, following Tuesday's 5-

4 win at Washington.

"Obviously, it's not optimal to go down two goals," Voracek said. "It takes a lot more energy to come back in those games. But two games in a row, two wins after the break, I think we'll take it."

The Blue Jackets have scored 24 goals in winning four of the past five games. Elvis Merzlikins made 24 saves.

Voracek recorded his team-leading 29th assist on

Bjorkstrand's goal. He surprised teammates by shooting instead of passing on the rush in overtime.

Following a face-off win by Boone Jenner, who scored the winner in Washington, and a short pass in the defensive zone from Zach Werenski, who tallied his 20th assist, Voracek skated up the right wing and beat Dustin Tokarski with a wrist shot from the circle to the far

post for his second goal of the season and first in 31 games.

"You know, we were as surprised as anybody," Blue Jackets coach Brad Larsen said. "I'm happy for him. I'm thrilled. A pretty good shot. And a huge goal for us."

Voracek said he didn't feel pressure to break his scoring drought, but was happy to do it in a key moment.

"I never had a scoring drought this long in my life,"

the 32-year-old said. "As long as I play my game, you know you're going to pick up either an assist on a winning goal, or make a difference with something else. I've been in those struggles, goal-scoring droughts a lot of times. And I'm too old to get in my head."

Rasmus Dahlin, Kyle Okposo and Alex Tuch scored for the Sabres in their first game back from the All-Star break. Tage

Thompson had two assists and Tokarski stopped 30 shots for the Sabres, who have lost three in a row.

"We got that 3-1 lead, we had a couple good shifts afterward, and then we started changing the way we were playing," Tuch said. "We were playing too much defense, sitting back. We just have them opportunities that I didn't think we did in the second period."



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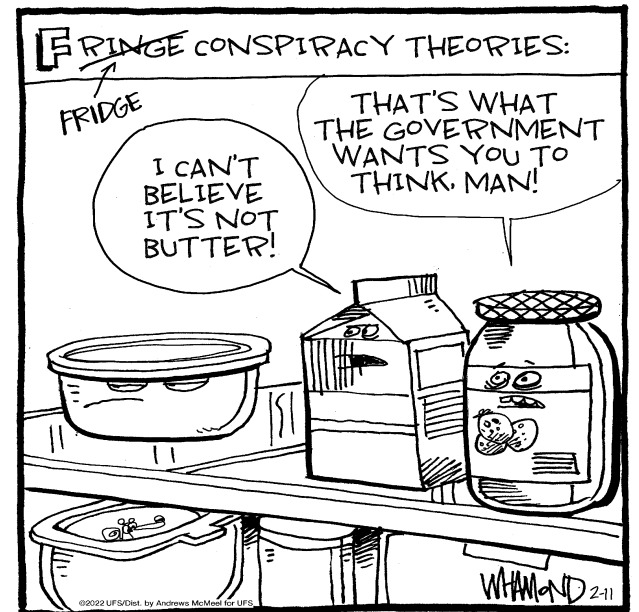
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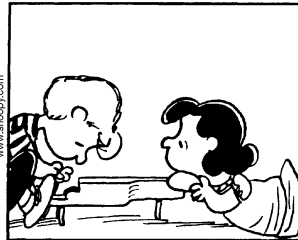
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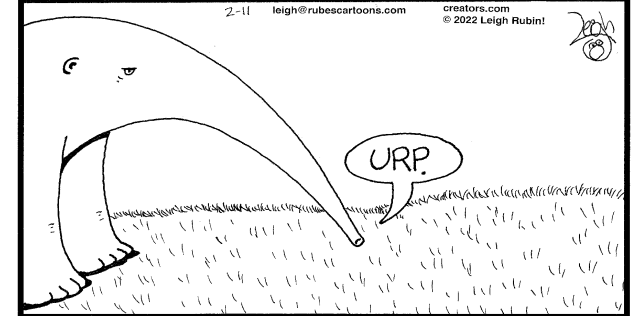
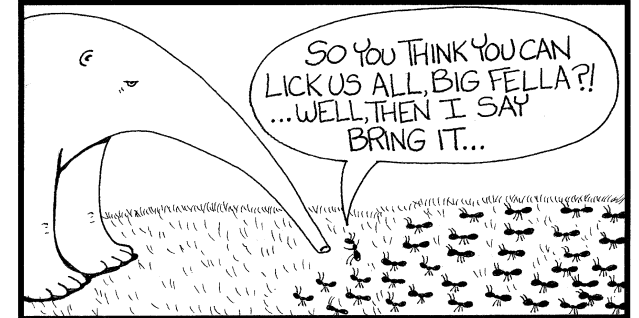
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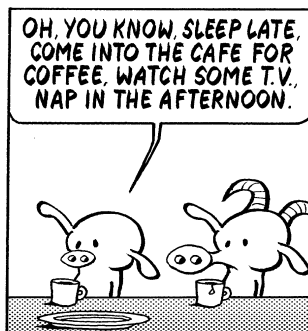
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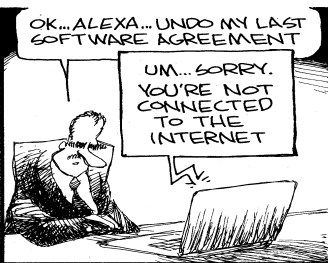
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Moon Alert: Caution! Avoid shopping or making important decisions from 3 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. EST today (midnight to 3:30 p.m. PST). After that, the Moon moves from Gemini into Cancer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Feb. 11, 2022:

You have amazing drive and energy to achieve what you want to do. You inspire others. You are courageous and risk-taking. This is an exciting year because it's the first year of a fresh, nine-year cycle. This means it will be full of new beginnings, adventure and major changes. Open any door!

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)

★★ This is a tricky day because you might be obsessed about making your point with a parent, boss or member of the police. However, this is a poor day to make important decisions or stick your neck out. Bad combo! (Check the Moon Alert.) Tonight: Home and family.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Today you are hyped about political, religious or racial issues. You have strong views and you want to proselytize and convince others to agree with you. Meanwhile, this is a poor day to advance your cause about anything. Wait until tomorrow.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★ You have strong feelings about shared property or issues related to insurance matters and inheritances. Nevertheless, this is a poor day for you to stand your ground or make decisions. Wait until after 6:30 p.m. EST

today (3:30 p.m. PST). Tonight: Moneymaking ideas.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★ A conversation with a partner, spouse or close friend might become heated today because one of you is adamant about something. (People are fixated on their ideas today and want others to agree with them.) However, this is a poor day to advance any cause. Wait until tomorrow. Tonight: You win!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★ You might have great ideas about how to improve your job, health or how to take care of a pet today. Be smart and wait until tomorrow or this evening to state your claims. Today is not the day to stand firm on any issue. Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ This is a curious day. You might be involved in something to do with the arts, the entertainment world or a social occasion. If so, you have strong views about what you want to happen. However, this is a poor day to dig in your heels (especially with kids). Tonight: Think goals.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★ Tread carefully today when talking to family members. No doubt you are keen to make home improvements, especially in plumbing, bathroom and laundry areas, or perhaps garbage and recycling. Despite your determination, this is a poor day to launch your pitch. Wait until tomorrow. Tonight: People respect you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★ Go gently when talking with others today, because you might steamroll people into agreeing with you. You might be obsessed! Meanwhile, this is a poor day to make important decisions. Therefore, postpone this discussion for

tomorrow. Ya think? Tonight: Explore!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★ You might be gung-ho about earnings, making money or perhaps something that you own. Nevertheless, this is a poor day to make your stand about anything. Instead, backpedal and wait until tomorrow. Be smart. Tonight: Check your finances.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★ Today Mercury and Pluto are lined up in your sign, which gives you the energy to influence and persuade others. However, this is a poor day to do this! (And, by the way, you might attract someone who is obsessed with you.) Either way, wait until tomorrow to act. Tonight: Cooperate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★ You will be relentless in your effort to research something today. You'll be like a dog with a bone. You won't stop until you find what you're looking for. Regardless of what you discover, wait until tomorrow to dazzle others with your discovery. Not today. Tonight: Get organized.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★ Today you have the ability to influence friends or to speak to groups and make them listen to you. However, because it's a Moon Alert, all this will be to no avail. (How ironic!) Therefore, save your intellectual energy for tomorrow, when you will be successful. Tonight: Socialize.

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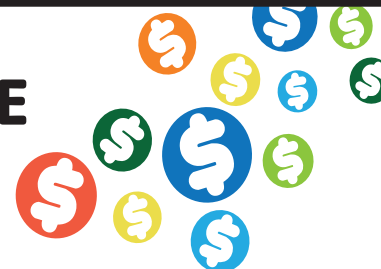
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