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 Bellefontaine girls take top honors

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'Examiner' holiday printing schedule

During the week of Dec. 22 and Dec. 29, the Bellefontaine Examiner will be published Tuesday, Dec. 24; Saturday, Dec. 28; Tuesday, Dec. 31, and Saturday, Jan. 4.

There will be no print editions Thursday, Dec. 26, or Thursday, Jan. 2, because of the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

The business office at 1213 W. Sandusky Ave. will be closing at noon Christmas Eve and at noon New Year's Eve. The office will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day as well.

Library announces holiday closings

The Logan County Libraries will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 24, and Wednesday, Dec. 25, for Christmas.

Logan County Libraries will close at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, for New Year's Eve, and all day Wednesday, Jan. 1.

Churches join to serve free Christmas meal

West Liberty area churches join together to serve a free Christmas meal from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 25.

Drive-thru pick up meals are available at the Liberty Gathering Place, 111 N. Detroit St., West Liberty, or join in for dine-in fellowship at the Liberty Gathering Place.

Meal delivery requests are also available by calling Oak Grove Mennonite Church at (937) 465-4749 by Dec. 24.

Green Hills offers BINGOcize Jan. 7

Green Hills Community, 6557 U.S. 68 South, West Liberty, hosts BINGOcize, a fun 10-week health program that combines the game of BINGO with inclusive exercises for everyone.

The program kicks off on Tuesday, Jan. 7, and takes place from 1 to 2 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday for 10 weeks in Foundation Hall.

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Hundreds gathered for a heartwarming sing-a-long chorus last Thursday morning at Benjamin Logan High School. The auditorium was filled with joy and music as hundreds of grandparents attended the highly anticipated sing-a-long, a beloved tradition featuring the sweet voices of K-4 students. This event, reserved exclusively for grandparents, has grown in attendance over the past three years, making it a cherished highlight of the holiday season.

The Benjamin Logan Elementary School PTC went above and beyond, providing delicious breakfast treats and beverages to warmly welcome guests. The entire elementary staff worked together to ensure the event's success, offering support in countless ways.

Board member Karen Dill reflected on the event, saying, "It was a superb event that Benjamin Logan can be ex-

Grandparent Holiday Sing-A-Long at Benjamin Logan High School



tremely proud of. It is a great day to be a Raider! I graduated from BL, my career was at BL, my kids graduated from BL, and now my grandkids attend BL. I have never been more proud of our district than I am today!"

Community member Lori Young also shared her heartfelt appreciation, "Today's program was wonderful, well-done, and heartwarming. Mr. Young does a fabulous job with the students. Thank you to him, all of the kids (who were well-dressed and adorable), and to all of the staff who gave so much support. It was run like a well-oiled clock. Silent Night brought tears to my eyes and my grandparent partner's eyes. Thank you, and Happy Holidays to all!"

Benjamin Logan Schools extends a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make this event such a tremendous success. It truly takes a village, and we are grateful for our supportive and incredible community.

RIVERSIDE ELF ON A SHELF



Mr. Hodge (left, on top of school) and Mrs. Robison dressed as Elf on the Shelf and welcomed the students as they walked into school. Throughout the day students would find them in different areas of the school. The students had a fun filled day to kick off the holiday break. (RIVERSIDE SCHOOLS PHOTOS)



Members of the Bellefontaine girls varsity bowling team pose after taking first place at the Holiday Classic tournament on Saturday at T-P Lanes. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Bellefontaine girls capture Holiday Classic tourney title

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The Bellefontaine girls took first place at the Holiday Classic bowling tournament on Saturday at T-P Lanes.

The teams bowled three regular games and two Baker games. The top eight teams then advanced to a knockout round, with best-of-three Baker games being used for scoring.

Gracie Hood of Bellefontaine set a school record with a 712 series, having

games of 234, 263 and 215.

Haylee Yelton rolled a 601 (167-232-202), followed by Chloe Heminger at 598 (205-181-212) and Nevaeh LaFollette with 537 (150-222-165). Other game scores were Avery Mullins (160) and Rylee Anderson (200).

They had 2,940 pins in regular games and were the top team in the bracket.

They defeated Fairbanks and won in two games, 228-153 and 190-119. In the semifinals, they faced Fort

Loramie, winning 169-157 and 225-152. The final pitted them against Shawnee and they won 168-107 and 173-149.

The junior varsity team finished seventh in the 11 team field. Kyrah Moon had a 486 series (181-149-156). Other scores were Isabelle Gunnnett 482 (179-143-160); Addison Prosser 465 (187-143-135); and Kinzie Bernard 433 (135-149-149).

Bellefontaine will host a tourney on Dec. 30.

Chiefs in action at NW Classic meet

Several members of the Bellefontaine swim teams traveled to Bowling Green University this weekend for the annual Northwest Classic.

The meet had over 1,000 swimmers participating with preliminaries and finals.

Elias Abrego swam 23.66 seconds in the 50 yard freestyle prelim round. He finished 23rd with a 23.51 in the finals.

Brooklyne Kuntz qualified for the finals in the 100 yard butterfly and 200 yard individual medley. She had a time of 1:04.70 in the fly and 2:23.50 in the IM. She finished 12th in the butterfly finals with a 1:02.88 and 11th in the IM at 2:18.88. Overall, her times were eighth and sev-

enth best.

Several personal bests were achieved during prelims including Abrego in the 100 free (52.33) and 50 free (23.23 relay lead off); Grady Feasel 100 free (1:08.08) and 50 free (28.20); Beckham Harman 100 backstroke (1:17.24); Jaylen Henry 100 backstroke (1:20); and Kate Myers in the 200 free (2:27.61).

"I was very impressed with our athletes who pushed through sore muscles and tired bodies to still drop time and compete strong," said Coach Sharon Lewis of Bellefontaine. "We were very excited to send two swimmers to finals who both improved times from the prelims. It was a great day for Chieftain swimming."

Area hoops teams suffer defeats

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Indian Lake fell to Jackson Center 64-48 in non-league boys basketball play on Saturday.

Brodey Reisinger had 14 points and Cooper Hall 12 for the Lakers.

The Tigers jumped out to a 22-14 lead after one period. Indian Lake had a slight edge in the second, and trailed 34-28 at the break.

In the second half, Jackson Center got 15 points in each frame, and Indian Lake managed 10 in both.

In the JV action, Jackson Center won 56-39. Braden Tussing had 13 points for the Lakers.

Indian Lake (2-0 CBC, 3-2 overall) has one more contest tonight at home against Versailles before the holiday break.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Pirates suffer loss

Riverside lost to Emmanuel Christian 71-62 on Saturday in nonleague action.

They trailed 21-9 after one period, but fought back, getting as close as six points in the second half.

Jaxon Woods had 28 points and 10 rebounds as well as two blocks. Gavin Orsborne had 13 points and Landon Purtee nine. Brody Orsborne scored seven points and collected five rebounds.

The junior varsity won 52-50. Colton Hurley had 18 points, with Justin Mazariegos and Blaine Shoe getting 12 each. Hurley and Mazariegos had seven rebounds apiece.

The freshman team lost 33-15. Garrett Purtee had six, Gabe Steinman five and Aiden Four four.

Riverside (0-5 TRC, 2-7 overall) will be off until Jan. 4 when they host Temple Christian.

Calvary falls to

Bradford

Calvary Christian lost to Bradford 68-58 on Saturday.

The Spartans led by three after one, with the game tied at the half. Bradford got a small lead and gradually pulled away at the end.

Christian Rogan led CCHS with 19 points, as well as four rebounds and two steals. Daniel Young had four 3-pointers and five assists. Philip Davie and Zeeke Wylie each scored a dozen points as well. Davie had six rebounds, four steals, and three assists. Wylie made four assists. Evan Schmidt had six rebounds and a 3-point basket.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Bellefontaine defeated by Urbana

Bellefontaine lost 56-44 to Urbana at home in Central Buckeye Conference play on Saturday.

The Hilltoppers led 15-8 after the first. Each side had 12 in the second leaving Urbana ahead 27-20. Urbana maintained the lead in the second, with a three-point edge in the third quarter and having two points more than Bellefontaine in the fourth.

Scoring information for Bellefontaine was not available.

The Lady Chieftains (3-1 CBC, 5-3 overall) are at Lima Shawnee this evening.

Lady Raiders lose in league play

Benjamin Logan lost to Shawnee 46-37 in CBC action Saturday.

Shawnee had the edge in the first quarter (14-9) and fourth (18-11), with Ben Logan keeping pace in the middle two periods.

Scoring for Ben Logan was not available.

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The Benjamin Logan boys wrestlers took first place at the Versailles Duals tournament on Saturday. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Raiders win Versailles Duals

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

VERSAILLES — Benjamin Logan's boys wrestling team captured the championship at the Versailles Duals tournament on Saturday.

The Raiders defeated Waynesville 48-24 and Brookville 52-24. Next they won over Tippecanoe 42-35, then downed St. Marys 42-

10.

In the final against the hosts, Ben Logan overcame an 18-point deficit due to three forfeits and earned a 40-28 win.

Going undefeated (5-0) on the day were Jeremiah Parker (120 pounds); Cooper Buck (126); Carter Buck (132); Kyle Kibler (138); Owen Weaks (144) and

Ethan Carpenter (175).

Jordan Pender (157) and Levi Achor (215) both went 4-1. Kendall Plikerd (150) and Hayden Hites (165) were each 3-2, and Owen Jordan (190) had one win.

Ben Logan returns to action this weekend at the GMVWA tournament in Vandalia on Friday and Saturday.

Hoops

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Ben Logan (0-5 CBC, 1-9 overall) will be off for the holidays and returns to action Jan. 3 at home against Indian Lake.

Indian Lake falls to Wildcats

Indian Lake lost to North Union 53-43 in a CBC matchup on Saturday.

The Lakers were up by one, 12-11, after the first, and down by one, 23-22, at the intermission.

With the game tied at 26, North Union went on an 18-6 run late in the third period to pull ahead 44-32. The fourth was even with 11 for Indian Lake and 10 by North Union.

Courtney Altstaetter had a double-double with 16 points and 14 rebounds for Indian Lake. She also made five steals.

Carly Strayer had 13 points and Kennedy Schwaderer scored six.

North Union won the JV game 40-15. Madison Davis and Chloe Borgerding each had five points.

Indian Lake is now 3-1 in the CBC and 5-4 overall. They will play Point Pleasant Friday at Marietta College. Game time is 2 p.m.

Lady Tigers lose on road

West Liberty-Salem lost to host Madison Plains 38-30 in Ohio Heritage Conference play on Saturday.

WL-S led by three after the first period, but was outscored 16-1 in the second by the Golden Eagles. That made it 22-10 at the half. West Liberty-Salem had a four point edge in the third and each team got seven in the fourth.

Addi Wallen had 16 points and Ava Astorino 10 for the Lady Tigers.

Madison Plains outscored WL-S 17-12 in two quarters of JV play.

West Liberty-Salem (3-2 OHC, 5-3 overall) is off until Jan. 4 when they will travel to Springfield Catholic Central with play starting at noon.

Cardinals downed by Cedarville

Triad lost to Cedarville 58-30 on Saturday in Ohio Heritage Conference action.

Mia LeMay had 16 points and eight rebounds. Gracie Martin scored eight and got six rebounds, with Abbey Overfield having four points and three assists.

The best quarter for Triad was the third, as they scored 14 points.

Triad (1-6 OHC, 2-9 overall) faces Catholic Central at home on Saturday at 4 p.m.

Riverside falls to Houston

Riverside lost 42-16 to Houston in a nonleague game Saturday.

Houston led throughout, including 20-4 at the half.

Avery Perk, Aubree Huston and Kenzie Stotler each had four points.

The JV game was two quarters, with Houston outscoring Riverside 16-12. Molly Carman had five and Valerie Knight had three.

Riverside (1-3 TRC, 3-5 overall) is at Newton on Saturday at 11 a.m.



Brooklyne Kuntz of Bellefontaine competes in an event at the Northwest Classic on Saturday at Bowling Green University. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)