

1 flown from C.R. 10 crash

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Two motorists sustained serious injuries in a two-vehicle, head-on crash Monday evening, Jan. 20, and one of the drivers was flown to a Columbus hospital after the crash in the 1500 block of County Road 10 just outside the Bellefontaine city limits.

Troopers of the Marysville Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol report Chloe L. Gallagher, 20, of Bellefontaine, was first transported by squad to the Mary Rutan Hospital helipad after the crash, which occurred at 6:23 p.m. She was then flown by MedFlight helicopter to Grant Medical Center in Columbus.

The second driver, Sharon A. Schlabach, 58, of West Liberty, was transported by Tri-Valley EMS to Mary Rutan Hospital.

Troopers report Gallagher was operating a northwestbound 2003 Honda Accord on C.R. 10 near Township Road 179. Schlabach reportedly was operating a southeastbound 2019 Buick Encore on C.R. 10. A head-on crash between the two vehicles occurred and it is being investigated.

Alcohol is not suspected as a factor in the crash and both drivers were found to



Bellefontaine Fire and EMS personnel work at the scene of a two-vehicle serious injury crash Monday evening on County Road 10 just outside the city limits. (EXAMINER PHOTO | T.J. HUBBARD)

be wearing their seat belts, troopers said.

Troopers also were assisted at the scene by Bellefontaine Fire & EMS, officers of the Bellefontaine Police

Department, Ace's Towing and Shafer's Towing. All assisting agencies and services were instrumental with the scene investigation and clearing of the scene.

LOCAL NOTES

Rushsylvania Planning Commission sets 2025 schedule

The Rushsylvania Planning Commission plans to meet every third Monday of the month for the year 2025, with the exception of January's meeting, which will take place Jan. 27.

All meetings will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the village council chambers for the purpose of discussing potential zoning ordinance changes and any other matters that may come before the commission.

HazMat Team to meet

The Logan County HazMat Team meets from 8 a.m. to noon Sunday, Feb. 2, for a business meeting and training at the Ohio Hi-Point Career Center.

AARP free tax prep begins Feb. 6 at senior center

The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide will be offering free in-person tax preparation at the Logan County Friendly Senior Center, beginning Feb. 6 and continuing through April 9.

Appointments are available beginning at 9 a.m. and continuing through 3 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at the center, 934 S. Main St., Bellefontaine.

Free tax preparation is offered to individuals of any age, especially those age 50 and older who cannot afford paid tax preparation.

Call (937) 593-1511 to schedule an appointment.

'Let's Talk School' Community Event set

Benjamin Logan Schools hosts a "Let's Talk School" event at 7 p.m. Feb. 12, at the Hays Community Center, 116 S. Main St., West Mansfield.

The evening will feature community discussions with the superintendent, treasurer and board of education members of Benjamin Logan Schools.

"We'll cover topics like district and building-level report cards, financial updates, and more," district officials said.

"Plus, there will be an open question and answer session for you to ask any questions you might have."

RAIDERS MAKE INAUGURATION TREK TO D.C.



Several Benjamin Logan High School seniors and alumni braved the cold to experience the historic atmosphere of Washington, D.C., for the 2025 inauguration of President Donald Trump on Monday, Jan. 20. Pictured, from the left, in front of the U.S. Capitol are seniors Harry Stratton, Tristan Sheets, Henry Wall and Nash Schneider and Class of 2023 alumni Evan Wall. "Though we were unable to watch the inauguration due to the move inside, it was a great experience to be in D.C. on such an important day. We visited several Smithsonian museums, saw all the major monuments, and got to walk across the frozen Reflecting Pool," shared Tristan, senior and student government president. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Chieftains knock off North Union

BY MIKE FRANK
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The Chieftains came through in the clutch.

Bellefontaine got back in the win column Tuesday with a 64-57 home victory over North Union in Central Buckeye Conference boys basketball play.

Bellefontaine had the lead in the early going, with the Wildcats going in front by six at the half. After trading haymakers in a fast-paced third, the Chiefs got three big shots by sophomore Blake Loomis in the closing minutes to grab the lead for good.

The Chieftains go to 3-3 in conference play and are 8-6 overall. They are midway through a six-game stretch against league opponents.

Loomis had 10 points on the night, with eight of those coming at the end.

There was plenty of balance as Jair Mundy had 17, Grayson Lotts 13, and Braylon Newcomb 11, along with nine by Patrick Stolly.

North Union goes to 5-2 in the CBC and 7-7 overall. They were paced by the duo of Miles Hall with 21 points and Tyler Krebehenne with 19.

“Blake Loomis is a kid that’s played JV most of the year,” said Bellefontaine coach Henry Stolly. “And he came down and hit a couple of real big shots in the corner for us, and we’re happy for him because nobody works any harder than he does.”

“Both teams played hard. It’s one of those games that would seem like it was going to go back and forth right down the stretch,” noted Stolly. “Just an exciting game for the kids. Maybe not a clean game all the way around for us. We need to get better defensively going into Urbana Friday night, but we’ll work that the next couple of days.”

Bellefontaine plays the next four games on the road, and has just one more home game this season — Feb. 7 against Jonathan Alder.

“We’ll have to be road warriors,” said Stolly. He said the remaining schedule includes

BELLEFONTAINE 64, NORTH UNION 57

WILDCATS	11	22	15	9	57
CHIEFTAINS	14	13	19	18	64

NORTH UNION (5-2, 7-7)

Wyatt Arver 0 0-0; Dainon Lindsey 2 0-0 5; Nickolas Hajjar 3 0-0 8; Trenor Kyte 2 0-0 4; Tyler Krebehenne 9 0-0 19; Miles Hall 7 3-4 21.

TOTALS 23 3-4 57.

BELLEFONTAINE (3-3, 8-6)

Patrick Stolly 3 2-2 9; Jair Mundy 8 1-2 17; Grayson Lotts 6 0-0 13; Braylon Newcomb 4 0-0 11; A.J. Conaway 2 0-0 4; Jamison Clement 0 0-0 0; Blake Loomis 4 0-0 10.

TOTALS 27 3-4 64.

tough non conference opponents in Vandalia Butler and Troy as well as CBC foes. “That’s going to sharpen us up and get us ready for tournament play,” he said.

Three scores by Mundy and one by A.J. Conaway helped Bellefontaine get out to an 8-4 lead after four minutes of play. The teams traded baskets the rest of the way with Bellefontaine up 14-11 after the first.

Lotts splashed a three-pointer from the corner to start the second period scoring. After Trenor Kate hit for the Wildcats, Loomis answered for the Chiefs.

Scores by Nickolas Hajjar and Krebenne cut that lead down, then a free throw by Krebehenne tied it at 19 with five minutes to go.

Mundy got two shots to fall, then North Union answered with a three by Hajjar and a score by Kate.

After a timeout, Mundy set up Lotts with a nice slant pass, and Lotts dropped it through.

North Union then closed the half on a 11-2 run to lead 33-27 as the teams headed to the locker rooms.

Newcomb, Lotts and Patrick Stolly hits shots for Bellefontaine in the third quarter. However, North Union answered each time — the first by Hall and the others by Krebehenne — keeping the lead.

After a three by Stolly, Mundy made a steal, and took it for a breakaway and dunk. The Wildcats leaned on Hall, but Bellefontaine stayed right on their heels with a pair of 3s by

Newcomb. With 26 seconds left, Lotts hit a shot to make it a two-point game, 48-46.

Neither team was called for a foul in the entire period. That streak ended shortly into the fourth, as Krebehenne drew contact and hit both shots.

A trey by Lotts and another dunk from Mundy gave Bellefontaine the lead back with just over five minutes left.

Krebehenne made a baseline runner, but Mundy then made one of two at the foul line, tying the game at 52.

Hall drained one for the visitors. Then it was Loomis’ time to shine. The first was a bank shot. The second was a three-pointer. The third was again from deep, coming after Newcomb made an outstanding play to save the ball from going out of bounds. That made it 60-54.

Krebehenne connected from long distance, but Bellefontaine kept the lid on from there, getting a basket by Mundy and two free throws by Stolly for the final margin of seven.

The junior varsity game had drama as well, with Bellefontaine winning 55-53 in overtime. Sutton Daring had 24 points, including a 3-pointer in the final seconds of overtime that proved the difference. Josh Phillips and Reign St. Clair each scored 11 points.

Bellefontaine (3-3, 8-6) is at Urbana on Friday. Next week, they travel to Shawnee Tuesday and Tecumseh on Jan. 31.

In other boys basketball action Tuesday:

West Liberty-Salem knocked off by Urbana

West Liberty-Salem lost 50-36 to Urbana in nonleague play at home.

Isaiah Reames had 14 points and Caleb Hershberger scored eight for WL-S.

Urbana took a 21-10 lead after the first period, and stretched it to 32-17 by the intermission. They then kept the lead in the remainder of the game.

The JV “A” team won 43-37.

Casey Boyer had 16 points and Josiah Johnson scored eight.

In the “B” game, Urbana edged the Tigers 34-33. Brayon Gullett had 12 points, with Asher Cole adding nine.

West Liberty-Salem (7-3 OHC, 7-7 overall) is back in action Friday at home against Mechanicsburg.

Riverside loses to Northridge

Riverside lost 76-43 to Northridge in a Three Rivers Conference matchup at home.

Jaxon Woods had 15 points and seven rebounds. Brody Orsborne scored 13 points and had three rebounds. Carter Kreglow had five points, eight rebounds and three blocks. Gavin Orsborne chipped in four points and made four assists.

Northridge was ahead 45-19 at halftime.

The Polar Bears won the JV game 57-36. Syler Clark had 15 points and six rebounds; Justin Mazariegos had nine points and seven boards, and Blaine Shoe had three points and five rebounds. Clark and Shoe each had three steals as well.

The Riverside freshmen lost 51-20. Gabe Steineman had nine points, eight rebounds and Aidan Four got 11 points and grabbed six rebounds. Each had two steals and a block on defense.

Riverside (1-7 TRC, 3-11 overall) plays at Troy Christian on Friday.

Benjamin Logan falls to Kenton Ridge

Benjamin Logan lost 73-25 to Kenton Ridge in CBC play on the road.

The Raiders are 0-6 in the league and 1-13 overall.

Diesel Baughman had eight points and Peyton Vermillion scored six.

Ben Logan scored 12 in the second period, and was held to single digits in the other periods.

Kenton Ridge won the JV game 50-11. Baughman had five and Owen Stratton four for the Raiders.

The freshman squad got a 41-39 win.

Ben Logan travels to North Union on Friday.

Raiders cheer squad performs well



The Benjamin Logan competition cheer team competed in the Mindi Justice Competition on Sunday at Riverdale High School. The team placed second in the small team division. Also, senior Kate Gulick was runner-up in the tuck-off, won the tumbling competition, and the senior jump competition. The team will perform again on Feb. 14 for Senior Night. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Bellefontaine bowlers sweep Urbana

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The Bellefontaine bowlers hosted Urbana Tuesday at T-P Lanes and swept the varsity and JV matches.

The boys squad knocked down 2,795 pins to Urbana's 2,599. They are now 4-10 on the year.

Rory Pierce led the Chieftains with a 434 series (203-231), followed by David Allen at 413 (227-186), then Alex Williams' 411 (187-224), Alex Moon with 405 (195-210)

and Colton Wisner with 341 (164-177).

That gave them 2,004 pins in regular games to go with 791 in the Baker round.

The boys JV outscored the Hilltoppers 2,318 to 1,752. The high series belonged to Eli Stone with 404 (194-210). Timmy Phillips had a 334 series (155-179). Other game scores were Jacob Lynch (196), Jeffrey Knotts (135), and Jaelin Saxton (174). They had 692 in the

Baker games.

The girls won by a total of 2,818 to 2,704, improving to 12-1 on the season.

Gracie Hood had the high series of 493 (247-246), followed by Haylee Yelton with 415 (179-236) and Chloe Heminger at 414 (193-221). Rounding out the team score were Avery Mullins with 376 (175-201) and Nevaeh LaFollette at 350 (158-192).

They had 2,048 in regular games

and 770 in the four Baker games.

The girls JV also won, with Urbana not having a full team. Addison Prosser led with 357 (153-204), followed by Kinzie Bernard 343 (179-167), and Rylee Anderson 304 (169-135). Kyrach Moon had a 135 game and Rhiana Bear a 121 game. They had 565 in the three Baker games, including a season high of 237.

Bellefontaine faces Jonathan Alder on Thursday afternoon.