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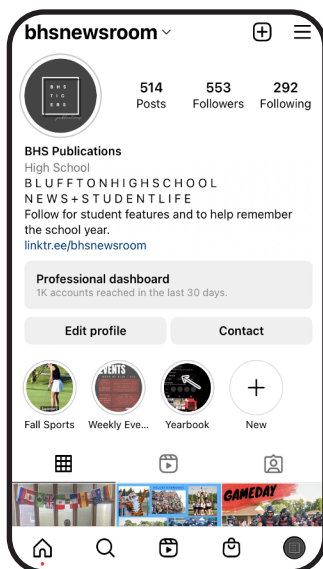
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Aftermath of Hurricane Ian

By Erica Hartman

Hurricane Ian hit landfall in Florida on September 28, 2022, as a category 4 storm. According to The National Environmental Satellite Data and Information Service (NESDIS), the storm brought winds of up to 150 mph, heavy rainfall, and strong storm surges 12 to 18 feet above ground-level.

The Tampa Bay Times recorded that beach towns such as Fort Myers Beach and Punta Gorda were demolished and that roads were shredded by floodwaters. Homes were torn from their foundations and trailers were submerged under the water. New York Times suggests that hundreds of citizens are currently stuck in homeless shelters. According to NESDIS, thousands are still left without power.

Missing Kangaroo

By Avery Hunt

Carroll County sheriff's office confirmed Sunday October 23 that a male kangaroo kept by a local man had gone missing that afternoon near the towns of Patton and Yeoman. The family owns a total of three kangaroos, a female, a baby, and the missing male. The kangaroo was last seen swimming in Lake Freeman. In an interview with New York Post Owner Angie Brown says, "We're pretty confident he'll be found, everyone and their brothers is out looking for him right now."

Scandal Hits Huntington Univ.

By Amarah Robles

According to ESPN's news article, Huntington University is currently in a frenzy over the scandal with its girl's cross country team. The coaches, Lauren Johnson and Curtis Hines are now on leave due to the allegations.

Past runners claim that Coach Johnson and her husband, previous coach Nick Johnson, created an experimental study to test on the runners. In this study, the Johnsons were accused of rub-

bing an unknown substance on the runners during a massage. Nick Johnson was then suspected to have sexually assaulted the runners while they were asleep.

The lawsuit claims that numerous University officials, including Curtis Hines and Lauren Johnson, were aware of the doping and abuse, yet did nothing. The case has not yet gone to court. Keep up with news sources to follow the rest of the case and watch how it unfolds.

Purdue Killing

By Ali Mygrant

On October 5, 2022, Purdue student Varun Manish Chheda was found dead in his dorm room. A preliminary autopsy revealed "multiple sharp force traumatic injuries." His roommate, Ji Min Sha called the police, and he was arrested as a suspect. Sha had his first court hearing where he insisted that he was blackmailed into the murder. He claimed to be very sorry.

Chheda was a junior studying data sciences and also participated in Purdue Honors College. On October 12, faculty and staff met in the France A. Córdova Recreational Sports Center for a vigil held in his honor. President Mitch Daniels spoke in remembrance of Varun Manish Chheda. Varun's father, Dr. Manish Chheda, spoke after Daniels, with multiple members of faculty and friends. Ji Min Sha has been charged with one count of murder. Reports say that Varun was stabbed multiple times in the head and neck with a folding knife. Sha is currently being held without bond. If he is charged, Sha could possibly face 45 to 60 years in prison.

Delphi Murder Case Solved?

By Lydia Athan

After nearly six years in Delphi, Indiana, a small town an hour north of Indianapolis, a mysterious murder case has been solved.

A suspect has recently been charged with the double homicide of Abby Williams and Libby German. The evidence against Richard Allen will remain unreleased as of now.

Libby and Abby went for a hike along Delphi's Historic

Trails in February of 2017. The girls had previously arranged a time to meet Libby's dad, but the girls never showed up. Their bodies were found the next day in a wooded area near the trail.

The families of Libby German and Abby Williams can finally have some peace, as with the following 21,000 residents of Carroll County.

Musk Buys Twitter

By Gavin Thomas

In April 2022, Elon Musk set out to buy Twitter. He paid \$54.20 per share. It took five months for him to officially become the owner on October 27.

In July, Musk wanted to cancel the deal, but he was sued and forced to finish the purchase.

Since his acquisition, Musk has promised that he will change Twitter for the better and that he will make it more reliable.

One of the biggest criticisms of Musk's purchase is his plan to change the verification process. His plan includes charging users \$7.99 per month to be verified.

MW2 Breaks Records

By Canaan Troyer

Released only on the 28th of October this year, *Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2* has quickly been breaking records. It is currently the most well sold *Call of Duty* game beating out the previous holder *Call of Duty: Black Ops 2*. The game reached 1 billion sales in 10 days, making it the second fastest game to do so. *GTA V* currently holds the record reaching 1 billion copies sold in only 3 days.

Reviews on the game have been fairly positive so far. IGN gave it a 8/10, and Metacritic gave it an 80%. Players have found a few issues with the game, but no game is perfect at launch. The company behind *Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2* plans to roll out updates to help the game improve as players find glitches.

The addition of Warzone 2.0 and DMZ is scheduled to release on Wednesday, No-

vember 16.

It is unknown what the future holds for this game. It may improve, or it may go down the gutter. Only time will tell.

Police Car Struck by Train

By Ali Mygrant

Two police officers in Colorado are facing repercussions after leaving a police car on the train tracks with a handcuffed woman inside.

The woman, Yareni Rios-Gonzalez, had been arrested for a reported road rage incident where she had allegedly pointed a gun at someone. She was pulled over by police just beyond the train tracks.

The officers detained her, putting her in the back of a police car stopped directly on the tracks. While the officers were searching her car, a freight train hit the vehicle. Rios-Gonzalez is currently recovering at home with nine broken ribs, a fractured sternum, and a broken arm and leg. She is now attempting to build a legal case and file a lawsuit against the Platteville and Fort Lupton police departments.

Toad-aly Weird

By Amarah Robles & Bailey Yates

The National Park Service warns and encourages their human guests to stop licking the Sonoran Desert Toad and the Colorado River Toad. These toads are highly poisonous and psychedelic.

The toads secrete a toxin that causes hallucinations. Licking toads has become a large problem. Visitors have created this trend that causes them to get high off of toad poison. This poison may result in serious health conditions, addiction, and even death. Overdoses, caused by licking the toad too many times, have been reported.

The solution is stated clearly by New York Times writer Daniel Victor: "As tempting as it may be, please don't lick the toads."



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COCANOWER NAMED INDIANA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

By. Darren Early



Everyone at Bluffton High School knows Tara Cocanower. She's not only a teacher, but the girls' golf coach, a track coach, and the sponsor of the history club. Recently, Mrs. Cocanower was awarded the Indiana Teacher of the Year. While this wouldn't surprise any student here, it's still an amazing accomplishment. Any student that has had her in class would understand why she was deemed with this amazing accomplishment.

Mrs. Cocanower dedicates countless hours to provide for her students. She is always assuring that her students understand the material she is teaching. She also adapts to students learning styles to ensure that they will succeed in her classes, even if it's not their most vital subject. No matter what, Mrs. Cocanower is always putting in one hundred percent of her effort to assure her students are successful in more than just the classroom.

NHS Induction Ceremony

By Gavin Thomas



The National Honor Society induction ceremony was held Wednesday, November 2. The new members of NHS were able to invite an influential teacher and their families to the event.

As they walked across the stage, they accepted their induction pins from Emma Baumgartner. The newest members were then officially inducted into the National Honors Society while saying the NHS Pledge.

In the picture, juniors Ella Wheeler and Claire Craighead join their fellow inductees in reciting the pledge.

WINTER FORMAL

Saturday December 10th

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MEET BHS'S NEWEST EXCHANGE STUDENT

By Ameen Lababneh & Hannah Withers

Annika Schulz - Germany - 17 years old

"I really like a lot of things about the US so far, I really like how outgoing and funny people can be, and I really like the school spirit here. The hardest part about leaving my country was saying goodbye to my friends and family. There are a lot of things that I am excited about, such as going to prom. Some of the things that I find weird in America are that people eat dinner at 5-6 pm and do not take their shoes off at the house. I think that my favorite American food is the Taco Bell chicken taco."



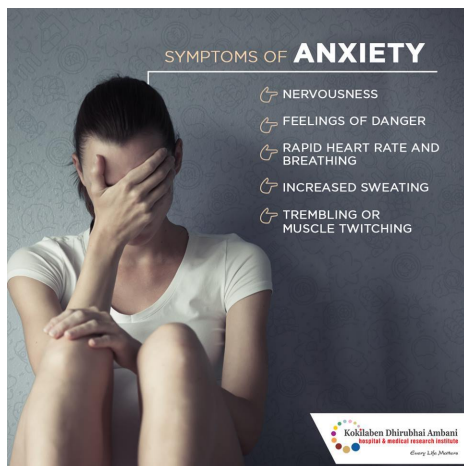
ANXIETY AWARENESS

By Izzi Curless

Anxiety is characterized by many different symptoms. Some being a feeling of dread, worry, or fear. And in some cases is a normal stress reaction. The fear may help some focus, but for those with anxiety disorders, it may become overwhelming and is long-lasting. Anxiety disorders are when people have these feelings, but they do not go away and can fluctuate in intensity.

There are many different kinds of anxiety disorders, some being generalized anxiety disorder, panic disorder, and some phobias. The cause for these disorders is unknown and affects everyone differently. However, most of these disorders tend to affect women more than men. There are also certain risk factors for all of these disorders, some being certain personality traits, traumatic events in childhood or early adulthood, and family history.

These disorders also have many symptoms, some being anxious thoughts and beliefs that are hard to stop, physical symptoms, and changes in be-



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haviors that are regular to that individual. Some of the physical symptoms are irregular heartbeat, unexplained aches and pains, dizziness, and shortness of breath.

To diagnose anxiety disorders, your doctor may ask that you have some tests done to make sure your symptoms are not some other health condition. If the cause is not another health issue, then you may be asked to do a psychological evaluation provided by either your doctor or another facility that specializes in mental health.

THANKFUL FOR THANKSGIVING

By Lily Sheets

One of America's most popular holidays is here;

Thanksgiving. While many people love Thanksgiving for the food. Thanksgiving is also a holiday about being grateful for what you have. According to a survey conducted in the third quarter of 2021, Thanksgiving had a popularity rating of 81 percent, followed by Christmas with 77 percent.

Classmate Aldon Zoll says, "I am thankful for the people I care for and my brother."

Thanksgiving is Celebrated in the U.S. and in Canada. Although Thanksgiving is always on the fourth Thursday of November, Canada's Thanksgiving always falls on the second Monday of October.

Seniors Kenlie Thomas and Kiana Coleman both agreed they are thankful for their teachers. Everyone is thankful for something different. Amarah Robles is thankful for her Turkey shoes, and Evie Schantz is thankful for support from her family.

Thanksgiving is a great way to connect with friends and family and share what you are thankful for? What are you thankful for?

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DREAM'S FACE REVEAL

By Hannah Withers

On October 2, 2022, Clayton Ruff, better known as *Minecraft* content creator Dream, decided to reveal one of his biggest secrets: his face. His decision was made so that he could meet fellow streamers at conventions.

Many of his fans were "excited" but "nervous" to see Dream's face. Others just wanted to see his face that he has been hiding for years.

Reactions to the reveal trended on Twitter. Most reactions have been cruel, but some have been positive. Some, like TikTok star Bella Poarch tweeted "You should've kept your mask on," others compared Dream's appearance to fellow YouTuber Shane Dawson and Shrek villains, while others have made fun of his chin.

However, some users such as Twitch streamer Clara Sorrenti have been defending Dream and attacking critics, "Dream is a really normal-looking guy and I fear



Dream reveals his face to the public. (Photo courtesy of Dream's YouTube channel)

what being inundated with photoshopped, filtered, and faceted selfies of people has done to an entire generation and their perception of themselves and others."

Following this reveal, Dream said in an interview with BuzzFeed that he expected this type of reaction and does not feel too bothered by it.

SPANISH CLASS CELEBRATES CULTURE DAY

By Ali Mygrant



Señora Fisher's classes made a Spanish dish at home and brought it in to class to share with their classmates to celebrate "Culture Day." While they ate, the students watched *Coco*.

This feast is the first time since 2019 that students have been able to participate in this activity. Typically, this event is celebrated near Cinco de Mayo and Día de los Muertos.

BILLY JOEL RELEASES NEW ALBUM, AND WEIRD AL, A MOVIE

By Ayden Teeple

Last week in music, two artists released new media that many fans have been hyped for. The first of the two was Billy Joel who released his iconic "Live at Yankee Stadium" album which included several unreleased versions of songs, like "Uptown Girl", "Shameless", "My Life", and many more! He released several versions of this concert this time around including, digital, CD with a Blu-ray version included, and a 3 LP vinyl collection. This album was original released in 1990 as a DVD and only included 13 songs, but this new version on digital, CD, and vinyl includes 22 songs.



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This concert was recorded on June 22 and 23, 1990.

The second artist was none other than the Parody Master and Polka King himself Weird Al Yankovic who has co-written a movie titled *Weird: The Al Yankovic Story* starring Daniel Radcliffe as Weird Al himself. This movie is not the true story of Weird Al and his music career but instead a biographical parody film about himself where things are blatantly false for the intent of comedy. For example, in the trailer we see a young Al get arrested for being at a polka party which is just ridiculous and hilarious. Alongside the movie he released a soundtrack album which included the music for the movie as well as remade versions of his songs "My Bologna", "I Love Rocky Road", "Another One Rides the Bus", "Like a Surgeon", and "Amish Paradise".

Weird: The Al Yankovic Story is free to watch on on Roku.com.

Author's note: I was personally very pleased with all the media released last week from both artists and am very excited to see what the future holds for these artists.

The Most Spooktacular Halloween Movie

Blue's Clues Halloween

(41 Votes)

Baby Sitter

(11 Votes)

It

(39 Votes)

Killer Clowns from Space

(6 Votes)

Coraline

(36 Votes)

Silence of the Lamb

(8 Votes)

It Ch. 2

(27 Votes)

Smile

(21 Votes)

Insidious

(11 Votes)

Scary Movie

(26 Votes)

Friday 13th

(23 Votes)

Goosebumps

(12 Votes)

Blue's Clues Halloween

(36 Votes)

It

(29 Votes)

Coraline

(35 Votes)

It Ch. 2

(39 Votes)

Scary Movie

(40 Votes)

Friday 13th

(29 Votes)

Blue's Clues Halloween

(70 Votes)

Monsters, Inc.

(26 Votes)

Conjuring 2

(22 Votes)

Halloween

(14 Votes)

Conjuring 2

(25 Votes)

Nightmare before Christmas

Monsters, Inc.

(51 Votes)

(17 Votes)

Monsters, Inc.

(27 Votes)

Scream

(44 Votes)

Hocus Pocus

(16 Votes)

Scream

(18 Votes)

Scary Movie 2

(31 Votes)

Texas Chainsaw Massacre

(8 Votes)

A Quiet Place

(29 Votes)

Scary Movie 3

(10 Votes)

Conjuring

(37 Votes)

Hush

(3 Votes)

With a very surprising victory ,
The Blue's Clues Halloween Special
wins the tournament. A student
had this to say about the *Blue's
Clues Halloween Special*, "Blue's
Clues Halloween? I didn't even
know that existed!" Thank you to
all our voters!

It Ch. 2

(2 Votes)

Scream

(6 Votes)

Blue's Clues Halloween

Victor

Scary Movie

(9 Votes)

Conjuring

(22 Votes)



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TAYLOR SWIFT RELEASES MIDNIGHTS

by. Karli Anderseron

Taylor Swift recently dropped her new debut album, *Midnights*. This album has a total of 14 songs. *Midnights* is the first album ever to surpass 1 billion streams worldwide, taking just 5 days. She also got most streamed album in a single day.

"And before the clock could even strike midnight on October 22nd, Taylor Swift broke the record for most-streamed album in a single day in Spotify history," Spotify says via Twitter. Taylor then responds by saying "How did I get this lucky, having you guys out here doing something this mind blowing?! Like what even just happened?!?!", Taylor seems to be really thankful for her fans and family for this amazing experience.



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HOW TO STAY WARM THIS WINTER

By Annika Schulz

Winter is always the hardest season, especially for those of us who are cold all the time. The prices are rising, so it is not as easy to just turn the heat on. We have to find other ways and use all tips we can get to keep us warm in the winter.

One step against the cold is to wear the "onion look." This is a technique where you start layering clothes on clothes. For example, you start with a shirt and then a sweater and a jacket.

You could also use rice bags. They are ideal to keep yourself warm inside and outside. Just heat them up, and you are ready to go.

Another advice is to stay

active. Even if you just walk around or jump a few times, the movement will keep you warm. Or

even simpler, grab a hot tea or coffee. It will warm up your hands and your belly at the same time. Everybody likes baking, right? Why not use the heat of the oven? Just keep your oven open after you were baking. You can enjoy heat, cookies and maybe a hot tea. Sounds

good, doesn't it?

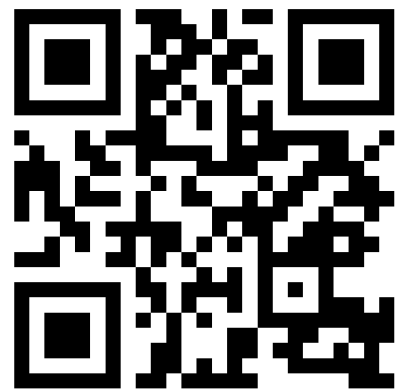
These tips might help you during your fight against the cold weather. If not, your only option would be to go into a sauna and sweat to death.



"The onion" look helps keep you warm while looking fluffy. (stock images)

Scan this QR code.

Or don't. We can't tell you what to do.



By: Bailey Yates and Amarah Robles

INDIE BAND SPOTLIGHT: FLIPTURN

by Canaan Troyer

Flipturn is an indie rock band based out of Fernandina Beach, Florida. They started out of the garage of their bassist back in 2016. The lineup currently consists of: (Frontman) Dillon Basse, (Bassist) Madeline Jarman, (Lead Guitarist) Tristan Duncan, (Guitarist/Synth) Mitch Fountain, and (Drummer) Devon VonBalson.

The band started gaining traction from its live shows. Flipturn's popularity grew fairly steadily from purely word of mouth. "We weren't on any Spotify editorial playlists. People just discovered us on their own. They'd hear about our shows, they'd check us out, and they'd keep coming back. Our live show is the reason we've been able to grow." (Dillon Basse) Their live shows consist of bright shining lights, dancing around on the stage and overall just good music behind it all.

Flipturn's style can be described as a few different styles. From pop rock to acoustic to borderline- atmospheric. The band's website states they have a more cinematic sound. The TLDR of it all is; It's hard to put Flipturn into a box.

With Flipturn's music being diverse it's hard to narrow down to a handful of songs to show off their playing. However, I poured through flip-



Flipturn, the indie rock band, poses for a photo shoot. (stock image)

turn's discography and found 3 that show off a decent range of their sound.. The first being "Vanilla". "Vanilla" is in the vein of pop rock songs. It starts off slower really letting Dillon's vocals carry the melody before jumping into a bombastic chorus. The real purpose of this song in this list is to show how beautiful Dillon Basse's voice can be.

The song warns listeners about how often Hollywood lies to the outer world. Showing a great amazing paradise while having many problems just below the surface.

The second song is titled "Churches". The song is about people finding "churches" in things they are passionate about. For example, Flipturn's "church" is music. The song

opens with fast upbeat guitars before dropping into a slow, almost crawling verse. With spikes of that opening guitar every now and then to keep the song interesting to the listener. The chorus is where this song really shines. Dillon Basse's vocals find a new gritty sound. He strains his voice adding distortion to it. He uses this voice to push the emotion of the song. Finally, the third song is "Playground". This song comes off of their newest album at the time of this article. It starts off with clean guitar. This song is more of a ballad for the opening and first verse. Before once again, proving that they know how to right a good chorus. An instrumental section just before the chorus introduces distorted electric guitar and that continues for the rest of the song. The song is about standing strong in the face of unfortunate circumstances. Staying stubborn when things want you to relent.

Flipturn has been releasing music steadily since being formed and has no thoughts of stopping anytime soon. Their music is out on spotify and most other music listening platforms. They continue to do live shows with their Shadowglow tour being their newest. The band loves what they do and it shows throughout their art.

WHEN IS TOO EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS?

By Bailey Yates and Amarah Robles



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Every year, Christmas decorations pop up in stores and outlets earlier and earlier, causing outrage in middle-aged adults. The question lingers: when is too early for Christmas? We asked some students and their responses ranged from before Thanksgiving is improper. The correct answer, obviously, is that it could never be too early, as Christmas is such a great season.

The tantalizing question doesn't have to taunt you anymore. This simple, yet deeply complex question (thanks to Ayden Teeple for having to look at stats to answer the question) can now be answered with just one simple word. When is it too early for Christmas? Never. Problem solved!

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IVEY BEGINS NBA CAREER

By Lauren Mann

Jaden Ivey, a Purdue Basketball sensation, began his NBA career on October 19. Ivey now plays for the Detroit Pistons and recorded 32 minutes, three rebounds, four assists, and 19 points during his first game and first victory of the season against Orlando Magic.



Ivey was the fifth overall pick in the NBA Draft in June. He was a point guard at Purdue for two years and averaged 15 points per game.

Ivey's goal for his first NBA season is to get the Pistons back to the playoffs. "That's the main goal, You know, trying to just win as many games. We can put ourselves in a good

position, and it starts with the regular season. I feel like the first game's a dealbreaker for us just coming out there and

showing who we are," Jaden Ivey told Bleacher Report in a one-on-one interview. Ivey has also recently been named a Gatorade athlete.

Jaden Ivey has immediately helped the Pistons as an impactful rookie (stock image).

"I remember as a kid watching the Michael Jordan commercials

and just being inspired by them. To be at this point in my career, to be playing in the NBA. It was always a dream of mine to eventually one day be a Gatorade athlete," he also told Bleacher Report in his interview.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY CRUSHES SECTIONALS

By Jude Baumgartner

The boys cross country team finished out a great second half of their season. The boys accomplished their season long goal of winning Sectionals. At Sectionals, the boys were predicted to win by one or to lose in a tiebreaker to Norwell. The boys team ran an amazing race with six out of the seven runners getting personal records (PRs). The boys won by 21, outdoing their predictions by twenty.

The boys had an overall great season. They won three invitationals, the ACAC championship, and the Sectional. They won all these meets in a row with their streak starting at the IWU Wildcat Classic.

Held at IWU, the Wildcat Classic is a big meet with 20 teams. The boys came into this race with a mindset to run PRs on a fast course. The boys expected to be top three, but the victory was a nice surprise. "These are not the meets that we need to win, but it is nice to win them," Head Coach

Michael Vanderkolk said to the team as he revealed the final standings.

The boys' next meet was the South Adams Invitational. This meet, the boys came in wanting another trophy with a new goal of trying to win five weeks in a row. This race went well for the boys' team despite the tough South Adams course. Tyler Godwin finished second overall with Jude Baumgartner in eighth, Levi Johns in 11th, Samuel Baumgartner in 15th, and Griffin Linderwell in 59th. Even though it wasn't their best times of the year, the boys still won by 18 points.

The next meet was the New Haven Invite. Once again, this race went extremely well for the team. With most of Bluffton's runners getting PRs, it was looking like another win for the Tigers. The boys won this invite by 40 points.

Next up was the ACAC Championship hosted at South Adams. The boys came

into this meet extremely confident as the defending champions and with the top four finishers from last year's team returning. The boys ran an amazing race. Tyler repeated as the individual champion while Jude, Sam, and Levi rounded out the top four positions of the entire race. Brett placed 24th to secure the win while Ayden Teeple and Jackson Rockwell

rounded out the varsity in 35th and 38th, respectively.

With the Sectional win, the boys also qualified for Regionals at IWU. The boys placed third at Regionals.

Next, the boys became the first team in program history to ever qualify for Semi-State in back-to-back years. The boys finished off their season getting 19th out of 20 teams at Semi-State.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL PRESEASON RANKINGS

By Lauren Mann

NCAA Top 25 Teams: My Top 25 Teams:

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. North Carolina | 1. Gonzaga |
| 2. Gonzaga | 2. Baylor |
| 3. Houston | 3. Purdue |
| 4. Kentucky | 4. Rutgers |
| 5. Baylor | 5. Duke |
| 6. Kansas | 6. Kansas |
| 7. Duke | 7. Kentucky |
| 8. UCLA | 8. Ohio State |
| 9. Creighton | 9. Michigan State |
| 10. Arkansas | 10. Villanova |
| 11. Tennessee | 11. Michigan |
| 12. Texas | 12. Illinois |
| 13. Indiana | 13. Wisconsin |
| 14. TCU | 14. Iowa |
| 15. Auburn | 15. Indiana |
| 16. Villanova | 16. Clemson |
| 17. Arizona | 17. North Carolina |
| 18. Virginia | 18. Tennessee |
| 19. San Diego State | 19. Virginia |
| 20. Alabama | 20. UCLA |
| 21. Oregon | 21. Alabama |
| 22. Michigan | 22. Creighton |
| 23. Illinois | 23. Texas Tech |
| 24. Dayton | 24. San Diego State |
| 25. Texas Tech | 25. Arkansas |



The Bluffton Tigers boys' XC repeated as ACAC champions following a dominant performance. (photo courtesy of Stephanie Baumgartner)

CRIMSON TIDE ROLLS THEN FALLS

By Aldon Zoll

In college football, the Alabama Crimson Tide won most of their games in the beginning of the season. Their quarterback Bryce Young was injured with a shoulder injury in the second quarter against Texas A&M team on October 8th, so the team looked toward the backup QB, Jalen Milroe.

The backup quarterback threw an interception and was sacked four times. Milroe threw for 111 yards in the game against Texas A&M.

The Crimson Tide claimed a victory despite losing a crucial player for the rest of the half.

Despite the injury, Bama had a six-game winning streak which was cut by a close loss against Tennessee. Just recently on October 18th, the Crimson Tide rolled over another opponent with another victory against Mississippi State. Only allowing MS State to score once. Alabama won with the

final score of 30 to MS State 6.

Entering last weekend, Tennessee currently ranked No. 1 in the nation, but lost to No. 3 Georgia to put its playoff hopes in jeopardy. Alabama looked to fight its way back to the playoff, but the Crimson Tide fell LSU in overtime following a risky two-point conversion by the Tigers.

The Crimson Tide looks to the next game on Saturday against 11th-ranked Mississippi. Alabama goes head-to-head in a battle for the ages as it looks for a possible playoff position and potential rematch from 2019 against LSU for the SEC Championship.



Bryce Young is the starting QB for Alabama. (stock image)

LONGEST REIGNING WWE CHAMPION

By Griffin Linderwell

Recently in WWE action the Undisputed Champion of WWE Roman Reigns, or "The Tribal Chief" as he calls himself, has officially taken the title of longest-reigning WWE Universal Champion. He has currently held the belt for just over 800 days. Some of the wrestlers he has beaten during this reign include legends of the ring like John Cena, Brock Lesnar, and Rey Mysterio, and younger stars like Drew McIntyre, Braun Strowman, and Bray Wyatt.

Most recently, Reigns battled Logan Paul at *Crown Jewel* on November 5. The social media sensation was unable to defeat the Tribal Chief despite assistance from his brother Jake Paul.

Since Paul could not dethrone The Tribal Chief, who will be the next person to challenge him?



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COLTS START ROUGH

By Griffin Linderwell

The Colts have started off with a rough season. They currently have a 3-5-1 record.

They have recently put Sam Ehlinger as the starting QB and put Matt Ryan on the bench. With Jonathan Taylor recovering from his ankle injury, the Colts have missed out on the opportunity to utilize Taylor in the starting line-up. Also they have traded Nyheim Hines for Zach Moss recently, so people will have to wait to see how Zach will adapt to the Colts in upcoming games. Will this trade work out well is the question.

With their last Sunday match-up against the Patriots, the team appeared to be very off. Running Back Johnathan Taylor didn't play while Ehlinger had more rushing yards than starting running back Deon Jackson. Starting

Receivers, Micheal Pittman, Jr., Parris Campbell, and Alec Pierce only had 60 receiving yards in total.

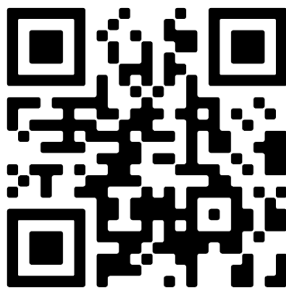
Earlier this week the Colts announced that they have fired head coach Frank Reich. Taking the job on as the interim head coach will be Jeff Saturday. Saturday was the Colts' long-time center during the glory days with Peyton Manning. Coming up on this Sunday, the Colts have a match-up with the Raiders at

4:05 PM. The Raiders are currently sitting with a 2-6 record, but the team has an amazing wide receiver in Davante Adams. Fans must wait to see how the players perform on Sunday. They will also see how Jeff Saturday adapts to coaching the team.



Jeff Saturday returns to the Colts as the interim head coach. (stock image)

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GIRLS GOLF MAKES HISTORY

By Lydia Athan

For the first time in school history the girls golf team has qualified for regionals. After many hard fought matches, the Lady Tigers placed third in sectionals.

Seniors Lillian King and Kennedy Nash did an effective job by leading the underclassmen this year. The upcoming upperclassmen to lead the team next year are Averianna Petty and Tressa Renner.



GIRLS XC CROSS FINAL FINISH LINE

By: Amarah Robles

The girls' cross country team participated in five more meets and completed their season. The results of those meets are in!

First, the IWU Wildcat Invite, where the Lady Tigers fought hard in over ninety degree heat after being held at the starting line for 30 minutes. Gabrielle VanCamp achieved a personal best time of 25:05. Also competing were Dakota Lee, Annika Linderwell, Alydia Bertsch, and Amarah Robles.

Next, the girls competed at the South Adams Invite. Dakota Lee led the team with a time of 26:25. Following her were Annika Linderwell at 26:55, Amarah Robles at 27:54, and Alydia Bertsch with a time of 28:49.

After the SA Invite, the girls moved on to the New Haven Classic. The Lady Tigers excelled at this meet. Leading the team, at her personal best of 24:21 was Dakota Lee. Annika Linderwell then finished with her own season best time of 24:39. Alydia Bertsch ran a personal best of 25:23. Amarah Robles finished up for the Tigers with a time of 27:08.

At the Conference Championship, Dakota Lee ran a 24:26 time. Then, with a photo-finish, Amarah Robles and Annika Linderwell crossed the finish line with times of 25:19.0 and 25:19.7 respectively. Alydia Bertsch rounded out the meet for the Tigers with a time of 27:14.

Finally, the Lady Tigers completed their season on a high note at the Sectional Championship. With a PR of 23:13, Dakota Lee finished first for the Tigers. And with yet

another photo-finish, Amarah Robles and Alydia Bertsch stayed together and got the victory, both achieving personal best times of 24:35 and 24:36. Annika Linderwell finished her last race as a Bluffton Tiger with a time of 25:09.

To wrap up the Lady Tiger cross country team's season, the team said their goodbyes at awards night. Winning the Most Improved award was Alydia Bertsch who had dropped a total of 1.86 minutes off her fastest time last year. Winning the Mental Attitude award was Amarah Robles for lightening the moods of the runners and making jokes the whole season. Finally, by leading the team and setting examples for her fellow runners, Annika Linderwell was named the MVP of her senior season.

The small Tiger team had a great season overall filled with multiple personal bests, season bests, memories, and all-around good times. They said goodbye to their favorite, and only senior, Annika Linderwell, and would like to wish her a great swim season! Woohoo, and as always, GO TEAM!



BOYS TENNIS ENDS THEIR SEASON STRONG

By: Ben Maggard

The boys tennis team had a very successful end to their season. Led by a varsity with six out of the seven spots with seniors they were able to finish with a 12-6 record.

Also with the great end of the season came with the winning of the Tigers' first ACAC title in 14 years. This was a great highlight for the seniors' last season and the underclassmen's season. The Tigers went undefeated in confer-

ence play to win the championship by beating Jay County, South Adams, and Adams Central.

The seniors may have ended their careers with a loss at Sectionals, but they have pushed the underclassmen to be better. The way the seniors have pushed them this season will help the team be able to compete for more ACAC and Sectional titles for years to come.



BHS FOOTBALL WINS SECTIONAL TITLE

By: Ben Maggard

The Bluffton football team has had a strong second half of the season. With the Tigers moving to the Regional championship game. They play tonight at Bishop Luers at 7 o'clock.

The road to the game may not have been easy but the Tigers played well in their games leading up to the game tonight. In their first game they defeated Blackford 42-14. This was a

great first win for the Tigers as they created momentum for the second game.

In the second game on their path to the championship game the Tigers faced a tougher opponent in the Tipton. They were able to defeat the Blue Devils 29 to 18 in a close away game.

The Tigers finished their Sectional title run with a back and forth win over Eastbrook with a final score of 42 to 35. This was their first sectional win since 1988.



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