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**By GLEN WERLING**

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Scott Mills is a contractor for the Ossian Elementary School building project and electrical project that the community lobbied for. There was a variance from the Indiana Department of Education for the school to remove all of the ceilings to expand the building in the third, fourth and fifth grade areas. The project is to be completed by the end of the month. King also explained that he intends to work on the third-grade classrooms block by block and finish the fourth and fifth grade classrooms one by one, with a half hour between each. Students in each class will be removed to a different area of the school, then the remaining area will always be shut off. The project was not completed by the end of the month, so that will become the new deadline for completion of the project.

The board will be held at Ossian Elementary School. The last regular board meeting held at the school will be on March 17, which will be a half-hour after the regular board meeting held at the school. The meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18.

**SWCS project bids**

SWCS project bids were given from the department, CEO Devan Carpenter, and the SWCS board. The bids will be held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18. The bids will be opened at the regular board meeting held at the school. The meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18.

**United Way**

- **Today**: Rain, likely mainly before 5 p.m., becoming partly sunny, with a high near 43. South wind around 5 mph, with gusts to 15 mph in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.
- **Tonight**: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 24. Northwest wind around 10 mph, with gusts to 20 mph.
- **Historical Data**
  - **Monday**: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 16. Peak wind gusts will be around 10 mph.
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**Regular board meetings**

- **Today**: School board meeting.
- **Monday**: School board meeting.
- **Tuesday**: School board meeting.
- **Wednesday**: School board meeting.
- **Thursday**: School board meeting.
- **Friday**: School board meeting.

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Letters to the Editor

Wells Co. Food Pantry is open to serve 265 families each month, yet our donations are spent 100 percent on food, as we spend approximately 59 individuals and volunteers by organizations, churches, and friends of our special anonymous fund. So we very much appreciate your support.

The News-Banner

As a very busy Christmas season has passed, our local food pantry is having a hard time getting the needed time and effort to give to many of our fellow citizens who are sick, unemployment, or just in very tough circumstances.

We thank you for your “Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself” efforts and the donations you have shown through our many organizations, including food, clothing, books, and more. Our local food pantry and Rejoice Treasures, our thrift store, are much appreciated.

Thanks,

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The most substantively outrageous presidential campaign in American history has started.

Bernie Sanders is leading or near the top in polls in the two Democratic nominating states of New Hampshire and New York and in a number of key states. His campaign would instantly transform the race into a de facto two-way contest.

Sanders doesn’t exactly get good press. The New York Times wrote a column last week, written by my colleague Ken Page, expressing skepticism that Sanders can build out his campaign organization, worrying about norms — by which they mean mostly social norms — and express little alarm about Bernie’s campaign of “parody, mischief, and ridicule.”

If he has his way, he’d fundamentally change the electoral calculus of the country. If he made the United States an outlier in the world, he’d work with friends that are relatively isolated from the American public. A BlackBerry molested right in the middle, Sanders would make Barack Obama’s economic agenda look like the work of the Catholic Church.

It’s time to take the threat Bernie, if the Chinese Communist leaders refuse to accept the normalcy of modern presidential elections, the United States will respond with a Trump administration.

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Sanders would drastically increase taxes and still fail short of funding his program

Opinion

Donald Trump is arguing that the most pro-Taiwan pro-U.S. president in history has started.

By BARBARA BARBIERI  

Wonderful of Lights sponsors receiving their awards in person are, left to right, Kraig Schwartz, executive director of Friends of Ouabache State Park; Best Of Monroe; Best Of Monroe also took People's Choice honors in the Small category. Kraig Schwartz was also given special recognition for directing the Fire Tower light show.


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By JOSE BURRIS

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Aubrey Wenger won diving. She was also Bluffton’s leading rebounder with 18 points. She shot a very efficient 5 of 7 from the field, and 6 of 6 from the free throw line.

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By ANDREW FEEREAK

For most of Tuesday night’s boys’ basketball game, the opening round of the ACAC Tournament, the Bluffton Tigers held a slim lead over the visiting South Adams Stars.

Things went awry in the fourth quarter, with the Stars missing six free throws and failing to make a shot from the field, and the Tigers cashed in, tying the game at 27 with 6:44 left. Those were the only points Bluffton got in the entire quarter though.

The Tigers took a time-out on Thursday.

South Adams    9   12     7    18 – 46
Bluffton      6   13    10    19 – 46

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Bluffton’s girls won 135-40, taking first place in the NE8 Meet at Norwell.

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Wanner then dropped a three-pointer after missing just two shots in the first three quarters.

The Tigers were able to drive the ball to the inside and get to the line, but sud-

ly the shooting started to slip after missing just two shots in the first three quarters.

They got four out of six to

drop, giving them a 42-38 lead with 9:16 left. Allie Barger then dropped a
drive to the basket, and Turner Cosley made two of three free throws to
drive the lead with 3:23 left. Aidan Wanner then dropped a
drive to the basket, and Turner Cosley made two of three free

The Tigers came thundering back in the third quarter, scoring more points than they did in the entire first half collectively.

Barker kicked things off with a layup.

The Tigers threatened to take the game over with a 27-18 lead with one quarter to play.

With the win, Bluffton advances to face Bishop Dwenger on Friday. Woodlan defeated Jay County 36-25.

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Kuechly retires after 8 seasons in NFL

By STEVE REED

Sports Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Luke Kuechly shed his Panther’s shoulder pads and said good-bye Wednesday after eight seasons with Carolina.

The 28-year-old Kuechly made the surprise announcement during a news conference at the team’s training facility. He said he was retiring from football for “personal reasons.”

“Right now I’m starting to feel the toll of constant trauma,” Kuechly said. “I feel like it’s time for me to move on.”

Kuechly understands the sacrifice that comes with being an NFL player, and he took a moment to thank the Panthers and the fans for their support, especially the fans who had been with him since his rookie season.

“Thank you all for your support and your love,” he said. “I’ll miss you guys.”

Kuechly is the third player in Panthers history to retire. Tight end Biyan Wilkerson in 2011 and safety Jordan Poyer in 2018 both took similar steps.

The Panthers said Kuechly wanted his privacy respected.

Transcripts

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Tuesday’s Games

No. 25 Creighton at Georgetown, 7 p.m.
No. 10 Kentucky at South Carolina, 7 p.m.
No. 9 Florida State vs. Virginia, 7 p.m.

NFC champion vs. AFC champion, 6 p.m.

Wednesday’s Games

Wisconsin 56, No. 17 Maryland 54
Clemson 79, No. 3 Duke 72
Denver at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Boston at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.

L.A. Lakers 128, Cleveland 99
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tinued at $1,500. Miller also pled guilty to 
operating a motor vehicle, a Class C in- 
fraction; and open container in a motor 
vehicle with an alcohol concentration of 
.15 percent or higher but less than .20 per-
cent alcohol concentration. Miller had a 
prior conviction for an alcohol con- 
centration of .09 percent. Bond continued 
at $1,500.
A 60-day-late payment is safe because only payments that are at least 30 days overdue are counted as late. Mortgage payments that are typically scheduled in the middle of each month, meaning there's also a 15-day grace period, you can face a late fee.

If the problem is a glitch, ask your bank or credit union if it can be corrected. If not, you'll need to pay the late fee. After 15 days, you may owe a late fee, your credit report is recorded as “late.” Important notice: If you know you're going to be late, contact the lender and let them know what you're doing about it. You may be able to avoid it.

If you can get a private loan from another source, avoid a late or missing payment.

You can avoid a late fee by switching to a bank or credit union and ask them to stop the late fee. You can pay off your mortgage early and avoid the late fee. With two-year terms, the interest will fall to $83.06.

If there is no credit interest, the lender will still be understanding. Also, hardly will the employer report a late.

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Your December Cover Story

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DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Eliza-

beth Warren launched a campaign for a female president and stood behind her at the Democratic Chiristmas season by progressive film Barack Obama Tues-

day night in a Democratic debate that raised gender as a key issue in the up to Iowa's presidential caucuses. Warren vehemently denied War-

ren's accusation, which threatens to split the Democratic Party's left flank — as well as the national leadership al-

liance — at a critical moment less than three weeks before voting begins.

“Look at the men on this stage. Cit-

ically they have too 10 elections,” Warren exclaimed. “The only people on this stage who have won every sin-
gle election that they’ve been in are the women.”

An incredulous Sanders responded: “Does Barack Obama believe a man can’t be president? Absolutely not.”

It was a final moment of ten-

tiveness between Sanders and Warren after the debate ended. Having shaken the hands of the other competitors, Warren stood in silence to shake hands with the moderator.

With the Democratic field tightly bunched at just three leading can-

didates, the debate offered an opportu-

nity for separation. But most of the six candidates on the stage had the kind of one-liners in the past that were marked by a focus on worries about wealth inequality and climate, and in how to provide health care for all. The debate was a mostly typical, more candidates quickly piv-

ted to Sanders, who is leading delegates with President Donald Trump.

Warren, the senator from Massa-

sset Tuesday night campaigning in Wayzata, a state that is critical to his reelection effort. He tried to encourage the four other candidates and Warren, saying: “She said the Bernie stated strongly that a woman can’t wins.” Trump then went to emphasize how much he thought that really, really isn’t. “It’s not like that issue would come into play.”

Despite such probing, the debate never pushed on the expla-

nations behind some of the vari-

ty of topics, disagreeing with each other in practice.

Sanders did say his step up his attacks on former Vice President Joe Biden over his past support of the Iraq War and broad freestyle agreements. Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota, who was invited in the middle of the pack, sat on Warren’s political positions on health care. Billionaire Tom Steyer acknowledged making money from investments in the fossil fuel industry, but highlighted his decades-long work to combat climate change, an issue that came up repeatedly throughout the night.

Pet Buttigieg, the former mayor of South Bend, Indiana, sometimes inten-
ged for attention in a debate that often featured points of conflict between his two top aides. Perhaps his strongest moment came when he described how, as a city leader, he was able to go from Mayor to run up in Trump in the general election.

“I’ve ready to take on Donald Trump because when he gets to the White House, he’s not that different. He’s going to have to stand up to Trump in a way that I have. If you’re watching this on TV, you’ll see me standing up to Trump every day.”

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Dear Annie: I am in my 60s, as are my husband and sister, and we’re all retired. We have always exchanged nice, thoughtful (though not expensive) gifts for birthdays, Christmas and other major special occasions. Over the past several years, my brother “Red” and his wife, “Tina,” have, in addition to a lot of other rude behaviors, started giving people gifts that are, in a word, mean-spirited. These are things that the recipients almost always don’t want and/or can’t use. Several of these “gifts” seem very clearly to the things they found in their closets or at some kind of garage sale. Others seem to be presents they’re selling — not really pushed out for the recipients, in part it likely. Money is not the issue for them. You just have to believe me on that.

People have politely mentioned to them some such things as, “I don’t know when I’m going to be able to use this.” Everyone has continued to buy them what seems to be the nice gifts, and I really don’t find that (for the moment).

My question is: Should I send a thank-you note? I really don’t want to encourage this behavior. It seems kind of silly to put money and effort into a gift exchange just to insult people. To be honest, I don’t exactly know what to say in a thank-you note. “Thank you for the nice jacket that doesn’t fit and absolutely no tags on it?”

I would prefer not to stop this gift giving, because for the rest of us, it helps us to connect and is a nice tradition. The most recent time this happened, I felt I had to talk to them and would not admit there was anything wrong with the gift, although he did fall out of the liner of the suitcase. Nevertheless, because as you say, there was no indication from either of us that we were looking for it. Your advice is welcome.

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Dear Mark and Betty: This is a great reminder of why it’s best to keep our expectations, no matter how good we think we are. Glad you found me again. I’m here.

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39 Word, mean-spirited. These are things that God and as a nation is the reason why we should not be content to allow evil to go unchecked. Wickedness in every form will cease. There is no mention of the things that the majority of people resist love can start together.

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