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CALENDAR

Sexual Assault Awareness Month ceremony today

The TCN Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Crisis Center present the second annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month Ceremony at 11 a.m. Monday, April 22, at the Bellefontaine City Council Chambers.

The national theme is "Building Connected Communities."

The new Violence Prevention Services and Team will be presented to the community, along with other presentations by local officials and school partners.

Solvita blood drives planned

Help boost the April blood supply by donating at the following upcoming Solvita blood drives:

- HICKORY MEDICAL – Tuesday, April 23, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; the Solvita Bloodmobile will be in the Bellefontaine City Parking Lot, 208 W. Columbus Ave.



Everyone who registers to donate with Solvita now through April 27 will receive the green and purple Solvita umbrella.

Schedule an appointment to donate with Solvita (formerly Community Blood Center) on the Donor Time app, by calling (937) 461-3220, or at www.donortime.com.

Multiple blood types have been in low supply in April due to disruptions in collections.

Local Emergency Planning Committee meet April 23

The Logan County Local Emergency Planning Committee conducts their regular meeting at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, in the Logan County Engineer's Highway Garage, 1991 County Road 13, Bellefontaine.

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Logan County Court of Common Pleas' "Man in Black"—Judge Kevin P. Braig—cooked up a batch of Johnny Cash's "Iron Pot Chili" for participants in the Logan County Adult Recovery Court (ARC) at a recent session.

"Johnny Cash has been the patron saint of the ARC since I took the bench in 2019," Judge Braig said. "He suffered from a serious substance abuse disorder. His wife, June Carter Cash, and her family became his treatment team. I am a big fan of his music. It seemed like a perfect fit."

Judge Braig found the recipe for the original "Man in Black's" chili on the Internet. The key ingredient in the tomato-based recipe is sirloin steak instead of ground beef. A generous

ARC members treated to Man In Black's 'Iron Pot Chili'

dash of cumin gives it a smoky flavor.

"I like to cook and as soon as I saw this recipe I thought, 'Oh, I have to make this for everyone in ARC.' At home, after I make something new, I ask my family, 'Well, should I make it again?' That is the ultimate test," Judge Braig.

The ARC participants' verdict was unanimous: "Make it again, Judge."

The ARC treatment team works within the framework of the traditional Logan County Common Pleas Court. The

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Logan County Court of Common Pleas Judge Kevin P. Braig serves up his version of Johnny Cash's "Iron Pot Chili" for participants in the Logan County Adult Recovery Court. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

BIS Habitat Helpers plant oak trees at BES

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The Bellefontaine Intermediate School Fourth Grade Habitat Helpers Team recently planted oak trees at Bellefontaine Elementary School.

The trees are red oak and pin oak saplings. The following students and their families pitched in to help plant the oak saplings: Ethan Wick, Aaron Hughes, Brady Wilson, Ellie Wilson, Elena Fields, Tatum Nolan, Isaac

Erickson and Triston Keykens-Robinson.

The Habitat Helpers hope to add beauty to the area and help the nearby animals.

Students placed tree protectors around the trees for protection from the wind and wildlife until they grow a little bigger.

Oak trees are one of the best native trees in Ohio as they provide food and shelter to much of Bellefontaine's wildlife.



Bellefontaine Intermediate School students and their families plant oak saplings at Bellefontaine Elementary School. (BCS PHOTO)



Adult Recovery Court participants sample the chili. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

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ARC's mission is to achieve specific, rehabilitative objectives. The objectives of the ARC are to monitor treatment for substance abuse disorder of ARC participants, encourage and incentivize ARC participants to achieve rehabilitation and personal accountability, and decrease criminal activity and the need for incarceration.

The ARC provides its participants with the support of Judge Braig, Treatment Coordinator and Program Manager Annette Deao and her assistant Lauren Ater, Compliance Officers Jim Pleasant and Mandy Wilber, and treatment providers from TCN Behavioral Health Services, Community Health Wellness, Mary Rutan Hospital, the Justice Reinvestment Grant, Logan County Assistant Prosecutor Erin Rosen, local attorneys Natalie Bahan and Greg Harvey, and others.

The members of the ARC Team share the goals of: (1) empowering ARC participants through treatment, accountability, and responsibility, (2) assisting ARC participants in achieving recovery from substance abuse disorder, and (3) helping ARC participants lead useful and productive lives.

'Improvising A Cure' returns April 25 to BLHS

The Benjamin Logan Instrumental Music Department hosts the 11th annual "Improving A Cure" benefit concert, slated for Thursday, April 25, to raise funds for the Logan County Cancer Society.

Festivities begin with dinner served at 6 p.m. in the high school commons, with the barbecued themed menu featuring bbq pulled pork, macaroni and cheese, cheesy potatoes and coleslaw. Music by the BLHS Jazz Combo starts at 5:45 p.m.

"Improvising A Cure" will feature the high school and middle school jazz ensembles and combos.

The evening also includes a silent auction of student artwork, bake sale, 50/50 drawing, and the sale of event T-shirts as well.

There is no cost to attend this event, but donations are appreciated. All proceeds will be donated to the Logan County Cancer Society.



LOCAL RETROSPECTIVE

Fraternal Order Exhibit presented at History Center

BY BETH MARSHALL AND MARY E. MORTIMER
LOGAN COUNTY HISTORY CENTER

The Fraternal Order exhibit in the Logan County Museum features many of the fraternal organizations that have been in Logan County.

The exhibit includes, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Loyal Order of Moose, Lions Club International, Fraternal Order of Eagles, The Order of Knights of Pythias, The Order of Pythian Sisters, Knights of Columbus, Knights of the Golden Eagle, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, International Association of Rebekah Assemblies, Shriners International, Freemasonry – Free and Accepted Masons, and The Order of Eastern Star.

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.), also known as "The Three Link Fraternity" which stands for Friendship, Love and Truth, was broadly represented in Logan County with at least 13 lodges.

The first Odd Fellows Lodge in Bellefontaine was organized in 1847 and was called Logan Lodge No. 72. They met at several locations including in the Empire Block at the corner of N. Main St. and Court St. The Liberty Lodge No. 96 was also chartered in 1847 at West Liberty. In 1881, they built a 2-story brick building at the SW corner of Detroit St. and Baird St. The building is still standing with the letters I.O.O.F. at the top.

Quincy Lodge No. 285 began in 1851, and by 1880 had their own building and 40 members. Rush Lodge No. 381 in Rushsylvania was instituted in August 1866 and at one time had over 100 active members. They dedicated their Hall in 1894, and the next year



THE WOMEN OF THE MOOSE ARE PICTURED WITH A POLIO MACHINE IN 1949.

their Installation and social time attracted 300 members and friends. They also boasted one of the finest drill teams in Ohio. Rush Lodge helped the community for more than 100 years but was disbanded in May 1968.

In June 1869, Wapatomica Lodge No. 424 was started in Zanesfield with 14 charter members. By 1880 they owned a frame building that was built by Charles Folsom in 1866, their Hall being on the 2nd floor.

DeGraff Lodge No. 549 was instituted in 1873 with 16 charter members, and by 1899 was allowing several organizations to also use their "fine hall in Thayer's Block". Belle Center Lodge No. 558 was also organized in 1873 with meetings in the Earick Block until they purchased McClain Hall in 1893. White Lodge No. 576 was instituted in West Mansfield in June 1874 with 10 charter members, and Bloom Center Lodge No. 621 was started in 1875 with 6 members.

In July 1893, 15 charter members organized Zane Lodge No. 809 in what was then West Middleburg. Their hall was built in 1897

and the installation and banquet that year reportedly had several hundred guests. In addition to ritualistic work, they had a band, sponsored a softball team, had public euchre parties and held annual oyster suppers. Their building was almost destroyed by fire but was saved by a bucket brigade before the fire department could arrive. The building at one time housed Dr. Lee Traul's office, the Post Office and various grocery stores.

In addition to ritual work and social functions, they raised money for causes such as hospitals, and some had drill teams that performed in parades. The County I.O.O.F. picnic in 1910 at the fairgrounds had around 700 members and families attending. Several Logan County I.O.O.F. Lodges were still active in the 1960's and 70's.

There are several versions of how the lodge became known as the "Odd Fellows". According to the

The complete retrospective of the Fraternal Order will appear in Tuesdays print edition of the Bellefontaine Examiner

Chiefs breeze past St. Marys for 10-1 win

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Bellefontaine's baseball team stretched its winning streak to six games Saturday with a 10-1 rout of host St. Marys in non-league action.

The Chiefs are now 10-3 on the season.

The game was tied 1-1 after the first inning. Bellefontaine went on a five-run flurry in the top of the third to lead 6-1.

The Chiefs tacked on four more runs in the seventh.

Jose Sandoval went six innings to get the win on the mound for the Chiefs. He allowed four hits and one earned run while striking out three and walking three.

At the plate for the Chiefs, Riley Neer went 2-4 with an RBI, Sandoval went 2-4 Charlie Bible had a double, Cayleb Overman had three RBI and Zane Tevis had two RBI.

Bellefontaine is back in action today at London.

BELLEFONTAINE 10

ST. MARYS 1

Chiefs.	105	000	4.	-	10	10	0
Roughriders	100	000	0	-	1	4	2

WP—Sandoval; LP—Osborn.

Indian Lake tops Ft.

Loramie, slips to Minster

Indian Lake's baseball team beat Ft. Loramie 2-0 and fell to Minster 1-0 in a pair of non-league games Saturday.

The Lakers are now 5-6 on the season.

In the game against Ft. Loramie, it was scoreless through six innings. The



BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Lakers scored two times in the top of the seventh to get the win.

Tyler Tidwell was the winning pitcher. He worked one inning of relief and did not allow a hit.

Kolton Cummins threw five strong innings, allowing four hits, one walk and striking out five.

Madden Lillard went 2-3 and Tidwell went 2-4 with a double and two RBI for the Lakers.

Against Minster, the Wildcats scored the lone run in the bottom of the seventh inning.

The Lakers were held to one hit.

Indian Lake is back in action today at home against Benjamin Logan.

INDIAN LAKE 2

FT. LORAMIE 0

Lakers.	000	000	2	-	2	6	3
Redskins	000	000	0	-	0	5	1

WP—Tidwell; LP—Grudich.

MINSTER 1, INDIAN LAKE 0

Lakers.	000	000	0	-	0	1	0
Wildcats	000	000	1	-	1	5	0

WP—Niemeyer; LP—Schaub.

Tigers down

Troy Christian

West Liberty-Salem's baseball team beat Troy Christian 7-3 in a non-league game Saturday.

The Tigers are now 9-3 on the season. Troy Christian falls to 5-4.

WL-S scored three runs in the first inning and added another run in the third frame to lead 4-0.

The Tigers then plated three runs in the fourth frame for a 7-0 advantage.

The Eagles scored twice in the fifth and once in the sixth to make it 7-3.

Peyton Hull went the distance on the mound for the Tigers. He allowed five hits, one earned run and struck out four while walking four.

Offensively for the Tigers, Isaiah Reames had a double and an RBI, Carson Vesey went 2-4 with an RBI and Reese Oder and Sam Lauck each had an RBI.

The Tigers play at home against Northeastern today.

WL-S 7, TROY CHRISTIAN 3

Eagles.	000	021	0	-	3	5	1
Tigers.	301	300	X	-	7	6	2

WP—Hull; LP—McDonald.

Lady Raiders zap Urbana, Bradford

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Benjamin Logan's softball team blitzed Urbana 13-1 in five innings Friday and then rolled past Bradford 20-5 in five innings Saturday.

The Raiders are now 10-3 overall and 5-3 in the CBC.

Against Urbana, Ben Logan led 4-0 after three innings.

Urbana scored a run in the fourth to make it 4-1. The Raiders then ended the game with a nine-run outburst in the fifth inning.

Offensively for the Raiders, Tanna Jacobs had a double, single and four

RBI and Bailee Stover had a double.

Chloe Crumm worked two innings to get the win. She allowed one run, struck out four and walked three.

Adilyne Gregg threw three scoreless innings of relief. She gave up one hit, struck out two and did not walk a batter.

In the win over Bradford, the Raiders piled up 20 hits.

Courtney Bowers had a single, home runs and four RBI, Crumm had a home run and three RBI, Gregg had a home run, Brooks Myers went 4-4 with a double and an RBI, Kyndal Cronkleton went

3-4 with a double and two RBI and Stover, Sidney Salleee and Skylar Miracle each had a double for the Raiders.

Crumm again earned the win in the pitching circle. She gave up two earned runs and one hit in three innings. Gregg provided two innings of hitless and scoreless relief.

The Raiders are back in action today at Indian Lake.

BEN LOGAN 13, URBANA 1

(FIVE INNINGS)							
Raiders.	013	09	-	13	7	2	
Hillclimbers.	000	10	-	1	2	7	

WP—Crumm.

BENLOGAN 20, BRADFORD 5

(FIVE INNINGS)							
Raiders.	03(12)	32	-	20	20	3	
Railroaders	104	00	-	5	1	3	

WP—Crumm.

Pirates beat Newton, slip to Tri-Village

Riverside's softball team traveled to the Newton Classic on Saturday, beating host Newton 14-6 and losing to Tri-Village 9-8 in eight innings.

The Pirates are now 5-6 on the season.

In the win over Newton, Riley Dillon went the distance in the pitching circle to get the victory. She allowed seven hits, four earned runs, struck out four and walked two.

Riley Dillon went 3-5 with two doubles and two RBI to spark the Riverside offense.

Aubree Huston went 2-4

with an RBI, Miah Carmen had a double, Jaidyn Jackson went 2-5 with two RBI, Avery Perk went 2-4 with three RBI and Kaitlyn Schlumbohm went 2-4 with an RBI.

In the loss to Tri-Village, Riley Dillon went 3-4 with two RBI, Carmen had a double, Jayden Hoffer went 3-5 and Huston went 2-5.

The Pirates are back in action today at Lehman Catholic.

RIVERSIDE 14, NEWTON 6

Pirates.	124	041	2	-	14	13	3
Indians.	100	210	2	-	6	7	6

WP—R. Dillon.

TRI-VILLAGE 9, RIVERSIDE 8

(EIGHT INNINGS)							
Patriots.	001	510	02	-	9	5	5
Pirates.	001	032	11	-	8	13	6

LP—Manahan.

Ben Logan girls take 1st, boys 2nd at W-Goshen

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Benjamin Logan's girls team won the Waynesfield-Goshen Tiger Invitational on Friday, while the boy team finished in the runner-up spot.

The Lady Raiders tallied

154.5 points to get the win. Bath was second with 130.5, Kalida took third with 105, Carey was fourth (81) and Spencerville finished fifth (74).

Indian Lake was seventh (39) and Ridgemont was 11th (7).



TRACK & FIELD ROUNDUP

Bath won the boys meet with 151 points. The Raiders had 88 for second and Indian Lake was third

with 85. Spencerville (84) and Carey (63) rounded out the top five.

Ridgemont was 11th (22) and Riverside finished 12th (17).

Leading the Lady Raiders with wins were Isabel Henderson in the the

100 hurdles (15.64) and long jump (meet and stadium record of 17-03), Georgia Bates in the 1,600 (5:43.55) and the 800 (2:31.53) and Nora Elliott in the pole vault (10-0).

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Taking second for the Raiders were the 3,200 relay team of Lexi Archer, Mylee Boysel, Hadley Boysel and Bates (10:46.60), Henderson in the 200 (26.18), Lauren Hemmelgarn in the discus (104-06), Abby Vance in the long jump (16-03.75) and Scarlett Elliott in the pole vault (9-06).

Taking third for the Raiders were Hadley Boysel in the 3,200 (12:54.03) and the 1,600 relay of Ella Chamberlain, Mya Burrey, Mylee Boysel and Bates (4:28.42).

Finishing in fourth for Ben Logan were Abby Vance in the 100 (13.36) and Estella Wenger in the 3,200 (12:58.17).

Fifth-place finishes for BL went to Kate Gulick in the 100 hurdles (17.75) and 300 hurdles (51.88), the 400 relay team of Gulick, Avah Miller, Storm LeVan and Kate Vickroy (54.84) and Abby Vance in the high jump (4-08).

The Raiders' 800 relay team of Nora Elliott, Burrey, LeVan and Vickroy was sixth (1:58.96), while finishing seventh were Peyton Smith in the 1,600 (6:09.46) and Abby Vance in the 200

(28.14).

Adding eighth-place finishes for the Raiders were Ella Chamberlain in the 400 (1:07.90), Kaylee Hays in the discus (91-03) and Lauren Hemmelgarn in the shot put (30-00.50).

For Indian Lake's girls team, Addison Beck was third in the 100 (13.22) and third in the high jump (4-10) to lead the way.

Reagan Rash was fourth in the 400 (1:07.13) and Beck was fourth in the long jump (15-07), the 1,600 relay team was fifth (4:39.87) and taking sixth were Beck in the 200 (27.87) and Hannah Metzger in the 3,200 (13:02.24).

Adding eighth-place finishes for the Lady Lakers were KaiLea Miller in the 1,600 (6:14.59), the 400 relay team (58.73) and Cameron Finfrock in the long jump (14-07).

BOYS RESULTS

Leading Ben Logan's boys team with a win was Grahsyn Bailey in the pole vault (12-06).

Taking second for BL were the 800 relay (1:36.39) and the 400 relay (46.16).

Finishing in third for the Raiders were the 3,200 relay (9:22.73), Ben Chamberlain in the 400 (54.06), the 1,600

relay team (3:41.09) and Ethan Miller in the triple jump (38-08).

Taking fourth for BL were Tyler Shoopman in the 800 (2:13.66), Roman Maxwell in the high jump (5-08) and Evan Carpenter in the triple jump (37-06).

Placing fifth for the Raiders were Eric Hughes in the 1,600 (5:03.23) and Eli Rhodes in the 3,200 (11:22.50).

Kyle Kibler was sixth in the 1,600 (5:11.35), while taking seventh was Collin Powell in the long jump (18:03.50).

Chipping in eighth-place finishes were Davis Matthews in the 400 (56.37), Carter Buck in the 300 hurdles (45.29), Owen Weeks in the 800 (2:19.46) and Maxwell Troth in the 3,200 (11:47.58).

Indian Lake's boys team was led by wins from the 400 relay team (45.80) and Christopher Timms in the shot put (48-03).

Taking second for the Lakers were the 1,600 relay team (3:40.49) and Quest Clay in the triple jump (39-10).

Finishing in third for the Lakers were Gavin Henry in the 110 hurdles (16.65), Clay in the 100 (11.43) and long jump (19-11.25) and Timms

in the discus (132-10).

Brody Parsell finished fourth in the pole vault (11-0) for the Lakers, while taking fifth were the 800 relay (1:39.66) and Charles Sickles-Sposa in the discus (126-04).

Grant McPherson was sixth in the 400 (55.24), while seventh-place finishes for the Lakers went to Noah Shirk in the 300 hurdles (45.26) and Titus Kelly in the 3,200 (11:34.42.).

Noah Shirk added an eighth-place finish in the 110 hurdles.

Travis Brooks placed second in the shot put (46-00.50) to lead the Pirates.

Taking fifth for the Pirates were Ayden Clary in the shot put (42-06.50) and Carter Kreglow in the pole vault (9-06).

Clary added an eighth-place finish in the discus (123-11).

Spartans compete in Hardin Northern Invite

Calvary Christian's track and field team participated in the Hardin Northern Invitational on Saturday.

The girls team placed fifth and the boys were sixth.

Leading the Calvary girls with third-place finishes were Anastacia Rogan in the 200 and Abigail Reinhard in

the 300 hurdles.

Reinhard was fourth in the 100 hurdles and Rogan was fifth in the long jump and fifth in the 100.

The Spartans' 3,200 relay team of Natalie Wish, Abriley Krabill, Ruby Slemmons and Madhuri Cook was fourth, Makarios Kariuki was fifth in the 100 hurdles and fifth in the 300 hurdles, the 1,600 relay team of Rogan, Reinhard, Kariuki and Lexi Reames was fifth, Anna Knox took sixth in the high jump, the 800 relay team of Knox, Slemmons, Kariuki and Cook was seventh and Krabill was eighth in the 1,600.

John Gaertner led the boys team with a second-place finish in the 800. He also placed third in the 3,200 and fourth in the 1,600.

Clay Howard placed fourth in the 100 and 400 and was fifth in the 200, the 3,200 relay team of Elias Peterson, Christian Rogan, Ian Schmidt and Luke Gaertner was fourth, the 1,600 relay team of Howard, Ian Willis, Rogan and Luke Gaertner was sixth and the 800 relay team of Willis, Peterson, Luke Gaertner and Charles Krumm placed eighth.

JUNIOR HIGH

TRACK AND FIELD BMS boys take second at Mechanicsburg

Bellefontaine's middle school boys track and field team placed second at the Mechanicsburg Invitational on Friday.

Jack Wilson was first in the 1,600 and second in the 800 for the Chiefs, while the 1,600 relay team of Landon Gerwels, Maddox Marlen,

Caleb Lillard and Landon Rister was first.

Caleb Sechrest was second in the 100, second in the 200 and fourth in the 400, Landon Rister placed eighth in the 110 hurdles, Cale Middlesworth placed seventh in the pole vault, Marlen was sixth in the long jump, Bentley Stewart was eighth in the shot put, the 3,200 relay team of

Nicolas Herrera Diaz, Wilson, Isaiah Walker and Andrew Myers finished fourth, the 800 relay team of Gerwels, Marlen, Lillard and Dillon Jones finished third and the 400 relay team of Bryant Carter, Jones, Lillard and Mason Phillips placed fifth.

Bellefontaine's girls team also competed Friday. Sloan Stolly placed first

in the 200 hurdles and second in the 100 hurdles to lead the Chiefs.

The 800 relay team of Mia Brown, Davis, Cameo Greene and Paxton Stewart was second and the 3,200 relay team of Blakely Vollrath, Sophia Marker, Karsyn Newkirk and Cece Reier was fourth.

Layla Davis placed sixth in the 400 and eighth in the

200, Vanessa Friedrich was fifth in the discus and eighth in the shot put, Brooklyn Kuntz was fifth in the 200 hurdles, Chloe O'Chocke finished eighth in the 1,600, the 1,600 relay team of Stolly, Newkirk, Stewart and Dunn finished fifth and the 400 relay team of Brown, Kinley Dunn, Greene and Stewart was sixth.

JUNIOR VARSITY

SOFTBALL Riverside falls to Bulldogs

Riverside's junior varsity softball team lost to Milton-Union 9-6.

Jayden Hoffer had four strikeouts in the pitching circle and had

two RBI at the plate for the Pirates. Halyn McClintick went

3-4 at the plate.