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 WL-S sweeps Champaign Co. meet



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'Improving A Cure' returns 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.

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

Last Thursday meal

The First United Methodist Church, 201 N. Main St., Bellefontaine, serves the free Last Thursday meal from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25.

The menu includes: meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans and dessert.

Mended Hearts meets

The Top of Ohio chapter of Mended Hearts meets at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 25, at the Mary Rutan Health Center, 1134 N. Main St., Bellefontaine, in the first floor conference room just to the left of the main entrance.

The meeting is open to the public and for more information on Mended Hearts please call Bruce Norris, president, at (937) 935-1747.

Strawberry festival

The Lewistown-Trinity United Methodist Church Community Center, 8088 County Road 54, Lewistown, hosts the Strawberry Festival from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 26.

The evening features barbecue pork and shredded chicken sandwiches, salads and strawberry desserts galore.

Donations only. One hundred percent of donations will go to sponsor a member of God's Pit Crew who helped with the tornado relief.

Benjamin Logan board considers major maintenance priorities



Tim Scheiderer, standing, presented a detailed report on maintenance priorities over the next five years to the Benjamin Logan Board of Education at their meeting Monday. (EXAMINER PHOTO | SHARYN KOPF)

BY SHARYN KOPF | EXAMINER STAFF WRITER

It might not have been the most riveting gathering, but when the Benjamin Logan Board of Education conducted their regular meeting Monday, April 22, they had a full and necessary agenda. Because when you're talking thousands, even millions, of dollars, critical discussions and decisions are required.

The millions of dollars came from Tim Scheiderer's detailed five-year building and grounds maintenance report. Since the school buildings are now between 30 and 35 years old, replacements are needed, including the roof and electrical equipment.

"After 40 years, a school building begins rapid dete-

rioration," Scheiderer stated, "and after 60 years, most schools are abandoned."

With that in mind, Scheiderer listed numerous maintenance priorities over the next five years, like the roof and masonry work, which they plan to address

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City native's voice featured in Museum of the Bible Exhibit in D.C.

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

When Bellefontaine native Anastasia Hiatt, took the stage to sing with the Indiana Wesleyan Chorale at the university's March 22 convocation, she did not know the opportunity it would provide. The chorale performed during the induction of Ranjy Thomas into the IWU Society of World Changers.

When the IWU choir rose to sing, they captured the attention of one of Ranjy's guests, Dylan Thomas, CEO & Founder of CREATR and Songwriter &



HIATT

Music Director for Hillsong United. He literally turned in his seat to take in the full effect of the IWU Chorale under the direction of Master Davy Chinn.

At the conclusion of the convocation, and during a subsequent lunch conversation, Thomas praised Master Chinn for the chorale's sound —the exact tone in his quest to create a worship-centered experience for the Museum of the Bible in Wash-

ington D.C. He wondered if the group would be willing to record soundtracks for the museum's exhibit. Master Chinn said, "I jumped at the chance, as the timing is indeed providential."

The choir room was abuzz as Hiatt joined her peers in the meticulous recording of the tracks. They corresponded via Microsoft Teams with the composer of the project, Harrison Wood.

The city native felt the opportunity

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this summer. All told, Scheiderer's five-year totals land between \$2.7 and \$4.1 million.

Due to the age of the buildings, Scheiderer urged the board to start the planning process now. "We can't stop the life cycle," he concluded, "but we can plan and budget to stay away from the proverbial cliff."

In other action:

- The board passed several key resolutions, including:
 - Authorization for training funded through ESSER (elementary and secondary school emergency relief) funds.
 - Employment of personnel for Orton Gillingham Training stipends through ESSER funds.
 - Curriculum contracts with leading educational providers for Big Ideas Math (Cengage Learning), with a renewal price of \$25,000, and Reveal Math (McGraw-Hill) coming in at \$83,000 to cover a six-year period.
 - The authorization of maintenance services (MLJ services contract) as well as contracts with Xtek Partners and ByteSpeed. These will further strengthen the district's infrastructure and computer support systems.
- Regarding the latter, John Scheu, school superintendent, considers providing new computers to the teachers a priority, especially as Windows 10 will be obsolete by October 2025. The computers they have now are 10 years old and "can't be upgraded anymore."
- Adoption of a Reduction in Force resolution due to financial reasons.
- Ben Chamberlain and Katie Workman were presented as the Seniors of the Month.
- Dates for negotiations regarding teacher contracts will be set soon.
- The board accepted a STEM grant from Honda for \$5,500 and an AG03 Ohio Attorney General School Safety grant for \$7,285.50.
- Various personnel matters were also addressed, including the approval of supplemental contracts, professional development stipends and honorariums.
- The board approved the class of 2024 list, and they will graduate on Friday, May 24, at 7 p.m.
- A sixth-grade trip to Camp Willson May 20-22 was also approved.
- Donations were acknowledged, including \$265 from Benjamin Logan PTS for the eighth-grade Washington D.C. trip, and \$300 from Bellefontaine Rotary Club to NHS for the purchase of supplies for the Raider Relay.
- Keith Warrick was added as a football team volunteer.

The next Benjamin Logan Board of Education meeting will take place the Monday before graduation on May 20 at 6 p.m.

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was a huge blessing.

"It was so fun to record for something that so many people will get to experience," she said. "It was truly an honor that they wanted our voices to be a part of this project, and that we will have this connection with all those involved."

The recorded tracks will contribute to the Museum of the Bible's "All Creation Sings" exhibit, which opened April 18 and will remain a fixture of the Museum of the Bible for the next five years.

The Museum of the Bible hopes to take the exhibit on tour after its conclusion on site, so the IWU Chorale voices will ring on for years to come through this four-movement, 25-minute experience illuminating worship through video, narration, and music.

Learn more about the exhibit, watch the promotional video, and purchase tickets at www.museumofthebible.org/all-creation-sings. Learn more about the IWU Chorale at www.indwes.edu/ministry-teams/university-chorale.

Defendant convicted on drug charges

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

A Logan County jury convicted Brandon P. Whitt Tuesday, April 23, on charges of tampering with evidence, a felony of the third degree, aggravated possession of drugs, a felony of the fifth degree, and failure to comply with the order or signal of a police officer, a misdemeanor of the first degree, Logan County Court of Common Pleas Judge Kevin P. Braig reported.

The charges arose from an incident on Sept. 5,

2022, when Washington Township police officer Earl Wisener saw Whitt driving under suspended license.

The defendant did not stop immediately after being signaled to do so. The jury found that while Whitt continued to drive, he discarded methamphetamine from his vehicle.

The State of Ohio was represented by Logan County Assistant Prosecutor Stacia Rapp. The defendant was represented by defense counsel John Cunningham of Dayton.

Camp Braveheart returns this summer

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Universal Home Health & Hospice presents Camp Braveheart, slated to June 5-7, coming alongside children ages five through 13 who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

This free day camp takes place from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Activities include horseback riding, challenge courses, camp fires, small groups and creative projects.

The camp provides a safe space for healing, and campers will be surrounded by trained counselors and caring adults.

Registration is online at <https://www.uhcinc.org/camp.html> and closes May 4.

Questions may be directed to the home health office by calling (937) 593-1605.

The sport of navigation: Environmental Science Club explores orienteering

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The Benjamin Logan Environmental Science Club members recently invited Rhonda Farley from the Shelby County Sharpshooters Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf) for an active and hands-on lesson teaching the lost art of compass navigation.

Using a compass is the most reliable form of navigation, Farley noted. With modern GPS technologies, someone with little to no navigational skills may be able to easily find their way; however, GPS units are electronic, requiring batteries and satellite signal, and what happens when they fail?

Club members took a step toward confidently finding their way without reliance on modern technologies.

Throughout the lesson, Farley put a compass in the hands of each club member as she challenged them with various navigational activities and games.

In order to succeed in these games, the speaker first explained cardinal, ordinal and secondary inter-



Benjamin Logan Environmental Science members explore using a compass during their recent session led by Rhonda Farley. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

cardinal directions on a compass rose.

As members oriented themselves with these directions, they were taught how to identify the basic parts of a compass and gained an understanding of bearings and how to use them.

Club members were then released to navigate their way through an orienteering challenge course. In order to make it through the course, members were required to travel from point to point on the course in a specific sequence.

If there was one point out of sequence, they were considered lost and had to return to the course to find their way.

The group expressed appreciation to Farley "and her commitment as a volunteer to providing effective educational opportunities such as this."

"We are also grateful for the support and sponsorship of the Logan County Land Trust and their devotion to educating communities on farmland preservation and environmental stewardship."

Tigers win Champaign County track and field meet

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

West Liberty-Salem's boys and girls track and field teams won the Champaign County meet on Monday in Urbana.

In the boys meet, the Tigers recorded 138 points to edge Mechanicsburg (130). Urbana was third with 38, Graham took fourth (25) and Triad was fifth (22).

Winning events for the WL-S boys were Jack Bahan in the 200 (23.08), Troy Bradley in the 400 (52.14), Quentin Rudolph in the 800 (2:05.67), Jackson Steider in the 110 hurdles (16.25), Mark Bair in the shot put (42-6.5) and discus (151-8), Craig Stanford in the pole vault (12-0), the 400 relay team of Henderson, Bahan, Steider and Myers (45.39) and the 800 relay team of Henderson, Troy Bradley, Lauck and Myers (1:35.98).

Finishing in second for the Tigers were Brevin Loudon in the 400 (54.07), Taryn Bradley in the 300 hurdles (43.84), Casey Boyer in the high jump (5-10), Slayde Merriman in the pole vault (11-6) and the 1,600 relay team of Loudon, Taryn Bradley, Lauck and Henderson (3:55.01).

Taking third for the WL-S boys were Bahan in the 100 (11.38), Troy Bradley in the 200 (23.29), Asher Knox in at the 3,200 (10:07.12), Lucas Merriman in the pole vault

(10-0) and the 3,200 relay team of Carter, Quentin Rudolph, Barger and LaRoche (9:39.8).

Finishing in fourth for the Tigers were Tanner Myers in the 200 (24.35), Asher Knox in the 1,600 (4:34.67), Hunter Knotts in the high jump (5-4) and Steider in the long jump (17-2).

Adding fifth-place efforts for WL-S were Brad Petry in the 100 (12.06), Jake Lauck in the 400 (55.7), Dylan King in the 1,600 (4:41.46), Joey LaRoche in the 3,200 (10:31.51), Taryn Bradley in the 110 hurdles (17.97), Isaiah Reminder in the 300 hurdles (48.84), Bryant Eaton in the discus (96-9) and Knotts in the long jump (16-5.25).

In the girls meet, the Tigers won with 125 points. Mechanicsburg was a distant second with 63 points, Graham took third (61), Triad was fourth (56) and Urbana was fifth (48).

Individual champions for the Lady Tigers were Tori Douthwaite in the pole vault (9-06), Delaney Jones in the 100 (12.27), Sophia Hardwick in the 300 hurdles (48.51), the 3,200 relay team of Lily Smith, Mariska Smith, Mylee Dooley and Taylor Kennedy (11:22.9) and the 400 relay team of Douthwaite, Chloe Griffith, Alaina Irving and Claire Longshore (52.91).



Placing second for the Tigers were Sophia Hardwick in the discus (105-02) and 100 hurdles (16.80) Elise Longshore in the pole vault (8-06), Mallory Bostick in the 400 (1:02.92), Hattie Jacobs in the 300 hurdles (51.44), Gwen McCullough in the 800 (2:35.69), Ashley Yoder in the 3,200 (12:39.28), the 800 relay team of Sophia Hardwick, Hattie Jacobs, Claire Long-

shore and Gwen McCullough (1:52.23) and the 1,600 relay team of Hattie Jacobs, Mariska Smith, Gwen McCullough and Mallory Bostick (4:22.38)

Taking third for the Tigers were Irving in the 100 hurdles (16.92) and 300 hurdles (54.74) and Malia Miller in the 1,600 (5:40.29) and 800 (2:37.73).

Finishing fourth were Claire Longshore in the 100

hurdles (17.59), Griffith in the 100 (13.25), Kennedy in the 1,600 (6:12.27), Addie McAuley 3,200 (12:52.97) and Mallory Bostick in the 200 (28.5).

Rounding out the scorers in fifth place were Claire Longshore in the high jump (4-04), Griffith in the long jump (13-05), Isabella Hardwick in the shot put (28-09) and Douthwaite in the 100 (13.70) and 200 (28.65).

BHS boys net win over Cougars

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Bellefontaine's boys tennis team traveled to Kenton Ridge on Tuesday and returned home with a 4-1 win in Central Buckeye

Conference action.

The Chiefs are now 8-2 in the CBC and 9-3 overall.

Bellefontaine swept the doubles matches.

The Chiefs' first dou-

bles team of Bryce Harris and Trey Taylor won 6-0, 6-0 over Matthew Patch and Mason Kearns, while the second doubles team of Elias Abrego and Quinn Slagle prevailed 6-

1, 4-6, 10-3.

Bellefontaine's Truman Howell won 6-0, 6-0 over Natalie Woodruff at second singles and the Chiefs' Max Fissel won 6-0, 6-1 over Oliver Doss at third

singles.

The Cougars' lone win came from Nolan Parrett at first singles. He beat Xavier Sims 3-6, 6-4, 10-7.

Bellefontaine travels to Cedarville today.

Tigers top Jets for OHC victory

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

West Liberty-Salem's baseball team beat host Northeastern 7-1 in an Ohio Heritage Conference game Tuesday.

The Tigers are now 11-3 overall and 7-2 in the OHC. The Jets slip to 7-9, 2-8.

The Tigers scored twice in the second inning and once in the third to lead 3-0.

WL-S went on to score three runs in the fifth and another in the top of the sixth for a 7-0 cushion.

The Jets scored their lone run in the bottom of the sixth.

Jake Evans was the winning pitcher. He struck out 11 and gave up just one hit in six innings of work.

Offensively for the

Tigers, Caleb Hershberger had a double and two RBI, Evans had a double and Jermiah Johnson had a double.

The Tigers play at Triad today.

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Lakers rough up Warriors

Host Indian Lake cruised town 11-3 win over Northwestern in Central Buckeye Conference baseball action Tuesday.

The Lakers improve to 7-6 overall and 5-5 in the CBC. The Warriors fall to 4-12, 3-8.

Northwestern struck first, scoring two runs in the top of the first inning.

However, the Lakers answered with seven runs in the bottom of the first for a



7-2 lead.

Indian Lake tacked on two runs in the second for a 9-0 advantage.

Northwestern plated a run in the top of the sixth to make it 9-1.

Indian Lake added a pair of runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Madden Lillard worked two innings to get the win. Thomas Elliott pitched five innings. Elliott allowed just two hits and struck out two.

At the plate for the Lakers, Evan Manley went 2-4 with a double, Burke Lillard went 2-3 with an

RBI, Tyler Tidwell had two RBI and Dawson Finckrook went 2-3 with three RBI.

The Lakers are back in action today at Benjamin Logan.

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Cougars upend Bellefontaine

Host Kenton Ridge edged Bellefontaine 5-3 in a Central Buckeye Conference baseball game Tuesday.

The Chiefs drop to 10-5 overall and 5-5 in the CBC. The Cougars improve to 13-3, 8-3.

Kenton Ridge opened the scoring with a run in the third inning and the Cougars scored three times in the fourth inning for a 4-

0 lead.

Bellefontaine cut its deficit in half with two runs in the top of the fifth, making the score 4-2.

The Cougars answered with a run in the bottom of the fifth for a 5-2 lead.

Bellefontaine plated a run in the top of the seventh to make it 5-3, but the Cougars were able to hang on from there to get the win.

Caleb Overman went 2-2 and Riley Neer had two RBI to lead the Bellefontaine offense.

The Chiefs are back in action today at home against London.

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WP—Greer; LP—Larison.

Lady Chiefs jolt Hillclimbers 13-0

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Bellefontaine's softball team routed host Urbana 13-0 in five innings in a Central Buckeye Conference game Tuesday.

The Chiefs are now 9-8 overall and 4-6 in the CBC. The Hillclimbers fall to 3-13, 0-10.

Bellefontaine jumped out with five runs in the first inning. The Chiefs added three runs in the second inning to make it 8-0.

Bellefontaine increased the lead to 11-0 with three runs in the fourth and added two more runs in the fifth.



Averie Vigansky was the winning pitcher. She worked four innings, allowed two hits, two walks and struck out

seven.

Offensively for the Chiefs, Laila Butler went 2-3 with a triple and an RBI, Alexza Clifton had two RBI, Emma Crabtree went 2-2, Rianna Fullerton went 2-4 with a double and an RBI, Kassi Prine went 2-3 with a double and two RBI and

Addison Wical went 3-3 with two doubles and three RBI.

Bellefontaine is back in action today at home against London.

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WP—Vigansky.

JUNIOR HIGH

TRACK AND FIELD Raiders compete in tri-meet

Benjamin Logan's middle school track and field teams competed against Bellefontaine and North Union on Monday.

The Ben Logan girls were second and the boys were third.

Finishing in first for the girls team were Belen Palmer in the 100, Autumn Cline in the shot put, Summer Cline in the discus and Penelope Elliott in the pole vault.

Taking second were Autumn Cline in the 100, Lottie Bodin in the 400, Paislee

Rodenberger in the 1,600 and Addison Anderson in the high jump.

Finishing in third for BL were Leah Braddock in the 100, Palmer in the 200, Georgia Daniels in the 400, Sarah Miller in the 100 hurdles, Annika Schmidt in the high jump and Rodenberger in the long jump.

Adding fourth-place finishes were Addison Anderson in the long jump, Sarah Miller in the 200 hurdles, Gwen Smith in the 800 and 1,600, Nahla Payne in the 100 and Montana Coleman in the 400.

Winning events for the

BL boys team were Gabe Predmore in the 100, Nate Mitchell in the shot put and the 1,600 relay team of Gabe Predmore, Wyatt Predmore, Maddox Vermillion and Mitchell.

Finishing in second were the 400 relay team of Brayden White, Charlie Wolfe, Gabe Predmore and Jeremiah Parker, Brycen Chrencik in the high jump, the 800 relay team of Maddox Vermillion, Gabe Predmore, Mitchell and Wyatt Predmore, Aaron Gonzales in the high jump, Maddox Vermillion in the shot put and the 3,200 relay team of Asher Boysel, Michael Berry,

Grayson Butler and McKale Watkins.

Taking third were Berry in the 400, Brock Bates in the 110 hurdles, Chrencik in the 200 hurdles and White in the pole vault.

Finishing in fourth were Tanner Anderson in the shot put and Wolfe in the 110 hurdles.

BMS boys compete in tri-meet

Bellefontaine's middle school boys track and field team competed against Benjamin Logan and North Union on Monday.

Winning events for the Chiefs were Caleb Sechrest

in the 200 and 200 hurdles, Maddox Marlen in the long jump and the 3,200 relay team of Marlen, Mason Phillips, Caleb Lillard and Nicolas Herrera Diaz.

Finishing in second for Bellefontaine were Sechrest in the 100, Bryant Carter in the long jump, Diaz in the 800 and Landon Rister in the 110 hurdles.

Adding third-place finishes were Dillon Jones in the 100 and 200, Isaiah Walker in the 800, Andrew Myers in the 1,600, Maxton Miranda in the high jump and Bentley Stewart in the shot put and discus.