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**RED HOT**

BHS netters get 6th straight win



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**EMA Communications Team meets April 30**

The Logan County EMA Communications Team will conduct their regular scheduled amateur radio team meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 30, at the Logan County EMA Office, 1855 W. State Route 47 West, Bellefontaine.

**Camp Braveheart returns this summer**

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.

**City school board changes meeting time, location**

The Monday, May 13, meeting of the Bellefontaine City Schools Board of Education has been changed to 5:30 p.m.

The meeting venue also has been changed to the Bellefontaine Elementary School library.

**Drive thru chicken and noodle dinner planned**

The Concord United Methodist Church, 2963 N. State Route 560, Urbana, serves a homemade chicken and noodle dinner from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 14.

The meal also includes mashed potatoes, green beans, roll and dessert. The cost is by donation.

**Lakeview administration addresses fire department turmoil**

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The village of Lakeview has released a public statement regarding the recent turmoil within its fire department. The press outlines alleged past misdeeds from leaders within the fire department, as well as shortcomings within the fire department's leadership and tornado response.

The entire statement can be read below:

*From village of Lakeview solicitor Lynette Dinkler: The Village of Lakeview staff and elected officials continue working long, diligent hours to passionately serve their beloved Lakeview Community. The mission: serve Lakeview residents and businesses burdened with rebuilding in the wake of the all too recent tornado. This mission will feel easier for Lakeview's public servants as staff now have a place to report to work. Government operations are temporarily housed at 130 East Lake Street in Lakeview. All are grateful the Village quickly re-*



*ceived authorization for rent payments to be covered as part of its property damage claim. And, the Village is excited its community will continue to be served by its former neighbor, the Lakeview Branch Library, which was located next to the municipal building, another municipal-owned building claimed by the F3 tornado. The two will remain neighbors, with the library temporarily housed just across the street from its 165 East Lake Street, Unit B. A benevolent commercial property owner leased the space to the library at no cost. People in this community are pulling together to help their local government rebuild Lakeview stronger and better.*

*Mayor Elaine Fagan Moore, new to public service but with over 45 years of insurance industry experience, including over two decades of managerial leadership, is a "strong and compassionate leader, rightly calling for accountability in all aspects of Lakeview's government operations," state's Council President, Randy Kaehler.*

*Recently, a few Indian Lake community members have taken to social media, leveling unsubstantiated*

*accusations at the Mayor and Village Council, seemingly stemming from the voluntary resignation of the now former Fire Chief Norman Spring, a resignation Village Council accepted at its April 15th, 2024 regularly scheduled council meeting. While the Mayor did not ask for or otherwise threaten Spring's employment, Spring was the subject of an investigation under the former Mayor, Ryan Shoffstall, that lasted approximately 30 months for unknown reasons. To suggest problems boiled to the surface because Mayor Fagan Moore is seated as mayor is simply wrong.*

*Ohio's statutory villages operating with an administrator form of government, like Lakeview, conduct business according to a governmental organizational chart created by state statute, not Village counsel or any appointed or elected official. For all of Ohio's statutory villages, the administrator, fiscal officer, police chief, and fire Chief (if operating police/fire department) report to the Mayor. The village administrator is charged with managing the daily operations. Operations. The mayor oversees her direct reports and keeps counsel well informed on village operations. Only the six village council members vote on legislation. The mayor does not vote on legislation unless the village council is split in a tie.*

*In that case, the mayor is empowered under the law to cast the tie-breaking vote. For those who understand and follow the public business conducted by Lakeview Village counsel, they would know that Mayor Fagan Moore, to date, has not been called upon to cast a tie-breaking vote.*

*Before Mayor Fagan Moore took office, assistant Fire Chief Dan DeFibaugh resigned and the reasons underlying that resignation ignited an investigation into the leadership of the fire department. Former Chief Spring claims that the investigation resulted in no action against him. Incorrect. On April 17th, 2023, former Mayor Shoffstall and Village Council presented Spring with a two-page document ordering him to start disciplining his staff "in private outside the watchful eye of other members in the public" to build individual and collective morale of the members, and "re-establish trust among the department members, end" which seemed to have been eroded. It does not end there. Spring is ordered to establish and implement modern-day policies to govern fire department operations. Former Chief Spring failed, during his tenure as fire chief, to take accountability to establish proper policy as mandated by Ohio law to protect the lives of*

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**Grange Solar conducts first-of-its-kind listening tour to hear from county residents**

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

From April 30 through May 8, Open Road Renewables' Grange Solar project will host a Listening Tour to hear from the Logan County community.

Listening tour stop include:  
 • Tuesday, April 30, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Indian Lake High School, 6210 State Route 235, Lewistown.

- Wednesday, May 1, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Ohio Hi-Point Career Center, 2280 OH-540, Bellefontaine.
  - Tuesday, May 7, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Indian Lake High School, 6210 State Route 235, Lewistown.
  - Wednesday, May 8, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Ohio Hi-Point Career Center, 2280 State Route 540, Bellefontaine.
- Residents' input from the Listening

Tour will contribute to Grange's Community Report and Commitments, which will be released following the tour.

All Logan County residents interested in learning more about the Grange Solar project and voicing their opinions are encouraged to attend a

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his firefighters and community. The last set of undated policies implemented by Lakeview's Fire Department under Spring's command is so old. It appears to be printed on a dot matrix printer. Notably absent from its harassment/workplace bullying policy are steps to complain about the Chief. Shoffstall's investigation also revealed training protocols and schedules were found to be lacking.

Worse yet, the two-page document holds Spring accountable to "re-establish" the implementation of a "proper chain of command." Fire departments are parliamentary organizations. They live and die under the chain of command. Not only was the chain of command absent under Spring, but Spring was also told under former Mayor Shoffstall that he was failing to properly report to the Mayor and Village counsel to obtain proper legislative approval needed before the Chief could legally purchase equipment and before the Chief could legally sell obsolete Village Fire Department equipment. The former Chief was directed to communicate in an "open and forthright manner" about "all aspects of the operations of the fire department," including the Village Council, to allow its elected officials to "gain a better understanding of what projects, equipment and training" are occurring under Spring's command.

Shortly after Mayor Fagan Moore took office, she received a resignation from a ranking firefighter complaining about Spring and she received other complaints about him from command staff. So, she asked to be provided accountability on items identified under her predecessor's tenure. For those who are labeling this as micromanaging, let it be known the Mayor, Council, and Administrator are

aligned that the Lakeview Fire Department will be properly rebuilt, will operate under a new chain of command, will operate under modern-day policy and guidelines fully compliant with state and federal legal mandates, and that the firefighters will be properly trained and promoted. A robust recruiting program will also be created. Administrator Dave Scott has lined up highly respected resources to bring order to the fire department.

It is true that Spring was placed on paid administrative leave for a short time in February under Mayor Fagan Moore's tenure to allow for an impartial investigation to learn whether Spring was correcting the many deficiencies identified by former Mayor Shoffstall's administration. He was returned to work after questions were answered. Good, bad, or otherwise, when the tornado struck Mayor Fagan Moore put the subject on the back burner because the Village needed all hands on deck to respond to the natural disaster to protect and serve its people and business.

Firefighting is a calling, one must be treasured and respected in the community. These are the people who sign up to run and when the rest of us are desperately running out. The emotional health of the department under Mayor Fagan Moore is Paramount. She called a staff meeting on Sunday, April 21st, 2024. No Village official called a press conference. This is misinformation. While a few accuse her of wanting to dismantle the department, her actions strikingly prove otherwise. The violation of her direct order for all recording devices to be turned off at this sensitive meeting, where HIPAA-protected information was to be shared by first responders in a safe place for the emotional and physical well-being of the fire department's rank and file, is a true tragedy. It is well established that

the emotional health of first responders requires a safe space for sharing and the outlets for emotional healing must be provided to those selfless public servants.

Spring demonstrates he has no respect for HIPAA-protected information, by publicly discussing his predecessor's health information during a recent interview posted online. Whoever recorded and disseminated the Fire Department staff meeting demonstrated the same. It is a breach of privilege and trust. Those days are over, and Lakeview is moving forward and upward. Staff meetings are not public meetings, never have been, and will remain private. To be clear, they are not open to the public or the Press. A non-quorum number of counsel can legally attend staff meetings.

To further set the record straight, Spring failed to report the incoming tornado he reportedly videoed headed into town from the firehouse to the Logan County Emergency Agency. Point of fact, when administrator Dave Scott called Logan County EMA Director Helen Norris at 8:15 PM on March 15th, 2024, to ask her why her agency had yet to provide services for Lakeview, her response tells it all. Scott will not forget her words, "Norm never called me" meaning Spring asked for no services from the Logan County EMA.

That said, it has been confirmed that local first responding agencies, the Logan County Sheriff's Office, and the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association Emergency Response System all offered and supported Lakeview's response efforts starting as early as 9:36 p.m. The evening of the tornado if Chief Spring believed he needed additional resources to best serve Lakeview, all he needed to do was ask because additional help on the local, county, and state levels waited in the wings to be deployed

to serve all of Logan County. It remains unknown why Spring's recent interviews tell a different story. Ohio law mandated that Chief Spring "provide an adequate number of personnel to safely conduct emergency scene operations." Ohio Administrative Code 4123; 1-21-07(C)(1).

It likewise remains unknown why Spring accuses the Mayor of wrongdoing related to the Village's tornado response. Spring was in charge. Ohio Administrative Code 4123; 1-21-07 (B)(4). That said, the law, not the mayor, also mandates that she is his boss. Do hire revised code sections 737.22 (A) And 733.35. On March 17th Mayor Fagan Moore asked her subordinate, Chief Spring, for a basic update on his response to the disaster. Village Administrator Scott, who is also charged with the management of the Fire Department under Ohio law, was present to be briefed as well. Neither the Mayor nor the Administrator have an understanding as to why Spring refused to provide the Mayor with an update and neither have an understanding as to why law enforcement was dispatched to this meeting.

The Village's focus from the moment the storm hit to the present remains serving the community that grieves the loss of human life, shelter, and an overall sense of security for its citizens. While unrest for a few appears to exist following Spring's recent voluntary resignation, Chief Spring is free to resign like any other employee- it's a personal choice and one Village counsel respected. Mayor Fagan Moore has this to say, "Council accepted his resignation as well as other firefighters, and we move forward. In life we are tasked to do the right thing, to be held accountable and to make personal choices. I made a conscious decision to run for mayor, I have no control over anybody who elected to run or not run

against me. I love my Village. I have a deep desire to serve in a civic capacity. This is my home and I'm extremely excited to rebuild our community with our governing council body and residents. Lakeview is strong and open for business."

The public is invited to the Council's regularly scheduled meeting, which will be conducted on May 6th, 2024 at 6 PM at its new temporary municipal building located at 130 East Lake Street, Lakeview. During this meeting, the Village Council will deliberate and vote on Mayor Fagan Moore's recommendation for the appointment of Assistant Chief Josh Oakley as the Lakeview Fire Department's interim fire Chief. Mayor Fagan Moore is recommending an interim appointment to allow the Village adequate time to conduct a search for the village's next Fire Chief- who will operate the department with respect up and down the chain of command, transparency to the Mayor and Village Council, and a positive, cooperative spirit with neighboring departments. Working together will benefit not only the village but the entire Indian Lake Community. Village administration, Mayor Fagan Moore, and Village Council remain committed to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the community and to ensuring that its taxpayer's dollars are wisely allocated. To accomplish this important mission.

Lakeview residents and businesses should rest assured that emergency services will continue to be provided. Currently, the Lakeview Fire Department is staffed by two Assistant Chiefs and six volunteers. It is well supported by neighboring jurisdictions through mutual aid. Over half of Ohio's registered fire departments are volunteers according to recent data collected by the Division of State Fire Marshal.

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Listening Tour event. Grange



Solar is committed to maximizing the turnout and voices at these events, and all attendees will receive a gift card to thank them for their time and participation.

This is the first time a proposed utility-scale solar project in Ohio has held a series of listening tour events that are open to the public and that will formally contribute to a set of commitments that will be made to the community.

# BMS students show appreciation for their teachers

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

It's Thursday morning and a small group of students, 4 from each grade level, have gathered in the library to discuss ideas on how to motivate and encourage their teachers. The group started as the Passion Project of a 7th-grade student.

The Passion Project is a yearlong science assignment in which students are supposed to choose something that they are passionate about, research it, and then produce something to create

a positive change in the world.

This 7th-grader wanted to let their teachers know they make a huge difference. "They are so helpful and impactful in all of the students' lives. They are wanted and needed, and make a big difference to us all. We need teachers, and they need to be motivated, which is what this group would be about."

After recruiting their friends, this 7th-grade student formed a group with representatives from each grade level. Mrs. Maus, school counselor, agreed to

supervise the group and provide logistical support, as the students wanted to remain anonymous to teachers.

The group has produced a monthly student-to-teacher newsletter containing teacher shout-outs, jokes, an Understanding Students section, and a Goals section. They gave out pencils, chocolates, and a kind note to teachers for Valentine's Day and hid eggs with candy and kind notes in them for a staff Easter Egg Hunt. They came up with an award for each teacher and made award certificates

which were then handed out at a staff meeting and were greeted with many laughs and some "awws."

Many staff then hung their certificates in their classrooms. The 7th-grade student who started the group comes up with all the ideas and the other students work cooperatively and diligently to carry out the ideas. Students in the group say they enjoy meeting and making a positive difference in the school, even though it is not their project. One 6th-grader even asked, "Can we do this again next year?"

# Bellefontaine netters bounce Red Raiders and Yellow Jackets

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Bellefontaine's boys tennis team beat London 4-1 on Thursday in a Central Buckeye Conference match and the Chiefs followed with a 3-2 win over visiting Sidney in a non-league matchup Friday.

In the win over London, Bellefontaine swept three singles matches.

Xavier Sims beat Zach Wall 2-6, 6-3, 6-1 at first singles.

Truman Howell defeated London's Issac Cappell 6-1, 6-2 at second singles.

Max Fissel won 4-6, 6-1, 10-8 over London's Jude Salyers at third singles.

Bellefontaine's first doubles team of Bryce Harris and Trey Taylor prevailed 6-1, 6-3 over Alex Homan and Cade Spring at first doubles.

London's Jacob Adkins

and Will Kerry beat Elias Abrego and Quinn Slagle 6-0, 6-4 at second doubles.

Against Sidney on Friday, the Chiefs swept the two doubles matches.

Howell and Taylor prevailed 6-0, 6-3 over Carter Woodell and Jackson Riley at first doubles and Abrego and Harris won 6-0, 6-2 over Parker Slaven and Alex Frew at second doubles.

Bellefontaine also picked up a win at first singles, where Sims beat Brady Hagan 6-3, 6-4.

Sidney's Frank Herrera won 6-3, 7-6 over Fissel at second singles and the Yellow Jackets' Myles Steenrod won 6-3, 6-0 over Slagle at third singles.

The Chiefs have now won six matches in a row and eight out of their last nine to improve to 12-3. They travel to St. Marys today.



Bellefontaine's Trey Taylor, front, and Truman Howell, back, earned a win over Sidney in their doubles match Friday. (EXAMINER PHOTO | TONY BARRETT)

# Indian Lake sweeps pair against Rockets

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Indian Lake's softball team added two more wins to its season total Saturday with a doubleheaders sweep over visiting Anna.

The Lakers won the first game 12-8 and took game two 11-1 in six innings.

Indian Lake is now 17-2 on the season.

In the opener, the Rockets jumped out to a 7-0 lead after three innings.

However, the Lakers battled back with six runs in the fourth and six more in the fifth to lead 12-7.

Anna scored its final run in the sixth inning.

Madison Brentlinger worked the final five innings to get the win in the pitching circle. She allowed three runs and seven hits while striking out one and

walking one.

At the plate for the Lakers in the first game, Brentlinger hit a home run, Porscha Davis had two RBI, Haylee Edwards went 3-4 with an RBI, Halle Roby went 2-4 with a triple and two RBI and Kayleigh Zedlitz went 2-2 with two RBI.

In game two, the Lakers led 5-0 after two innings.

The Rockets scored their lone run in the third to make it 5-1.

Indian Lake tallied two runs in the fourth, three in the fifth and one more in the sixth to put the game away.

Brentlinger went the distance in the pitching circle to get the win. She allowed six hits, one run, struck out two and walked none.

Offensively for the Lakers, Brentlinger went 2-3 with an RBI, Edwards was 2-

3, Abigail Elliott went 2-3 with a double and three RBI, Katie Roby went 2-3 with an RBI, Geona Spires went 2-3, Chloe Wade had a double and Zedlitz went 3-4 with two doubles and three RBI.

**INDIAN LAKE 12, ANNA 8**  
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WP—Brentlinger.

**INDIAN LAKE 11, ANNA 1**  
(SIX INNINGS)  
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Lakers. 230 231 - 11 14 0  
WP—Brentlinger.

**Pirates split DH against Graham**  
Host Riverside split a doubleheader against Graham on Saturday.

The Falcons won the opener 1-0 before the Pirates took the second game 5-0.

Riverside is now 7-9 on the season.

In the first game, Graham scored the only run in the first inning.

## ROUNDUP

The Pirates were held without a hit by the Falcons' Marissa Pine, who recorded 16 strikeouts.

Keira Manahan pitched well for the Pirates despite getting the loss. She allowed two hits and struck out six.

In game two, Riverside scored four runs in the fifth inning and one in the sixth.

Riley Dillon threw a two-hitter for the win. She walked one.

Offensively for the Pirates, Riley Dillon had two RBI, Jaidyn Jackson had a double and two RBI and Miah Carmen had a double and an RBI.

**GRAHAM 1, RIVERSIDE 0**  
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Pirates. 000 000 0 - 0 0 2  
WP—Pine; LP—Manahan.

**RIVERSIDE 5, GRAHAM 0**  
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Pirates. 000 041 0 - 5 5 1  
WP—R. Dillon; LP—Tourney.

### Raiders fall to JA

Benjamin Logan's softball team lost to host Jonathan Alder 11-1 in five innings Friday in a Central Buckeye Conference game.

The Raiders are now 11-5 overall and 6-5 in the CBC. The Pioneers improve to 14-4, 11-2.

Alder led 6-0 after two innings and scored four runs in the fourth and another in the fifth.

Ben Logan had its lone run in the third inning.

Ben Logan was held to one hit, which came off the bat of Brooks Myers.

**JONATHAN ALDER 11 BEN LOGAN 1**  
(FIVE INNINGS)  
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Pioneers. 240 41 - 11 11 0  
WP—Miller; LP—Gregg.

# Benjamin Logan squads finish 3rd in own meet

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Benjamin Logan's track and field teams both took third out of 13 teams in the Raider Invitational on Friday.

Celina won the boys meet with 133.16 points. Jonathan Alder took second with 127.33 and the Raiders had 82.5.

Riverside finished 10th with 21 and Calvary Christian was 12th with 13 points.

First-place finishes for the Ben Logan boys team went to Collin Powell in the long jump (PR of 20-4.5), Evan Carpenter in the pole vault (11-6 when stopped by rain/wind) and the 800 relay team of Powell, Ben Chamberlain, Carter Buck and Dylan Vance (PR of 1:34.17).

The Raiders' 1,600 relay team of Dylan Vance, Eric Hughes, Tyler Shoopman and Chamberlain placed second (PR of 3:35.83), while third-place performances came from Roman Maxwell in the high jump (5-6), Grashyn Bailey in the pole vault (11-0), Chamberlain in the 400 (PR of 53.05) and the 400 relay team of Powell, Chamberlain, Vance and Candin Tucker (45.58).

Taking fourth for the BL boys were Hughes in the 1,600 (PR of 4:56.61) and the 3,200 relay team of (Tyler Shoopman, Eli Rhodes, Owen Weeks and Hughes (PR of 8:57.16).

Taking sixth were Carter Buck in the 110 hurdles (18.06) and Powell in the 200 (PR of 23.92), finishing seventh are Carter Buck in the 300 hurdles (45.49), Vance in the 200 (PR of 24.17) and the 800 relay of Davis Matthews, Gavin Troth, Hunter Andrix and Cason Bothel (PR of 1:40.75) and taking eighth were Gus Bibart in the shot put (PR of

42-6.5) and the 400 relay team of Josh Rich, Andrix, Troth and Bothel (48.88).

Jonathan Alder won the girls meet with 148 points. Celina was second (112) and the Raiders were third with 103.

Calvary Christian finished 10th with nine points and Riverside was 13th with one point.

Winning events for the Raider girls were Isabel Henderson in the 100 hurdles (15.91), 300 hurdles (48.31), 100 (12.88) and long jump (16-09.75).

Taking second for the Lady Raiders were Kate Gulick in the 100 hurdles (17.06), Georgia Bates in the 800 (2:25.79), Lauren Hemmelgarn in the discus (101-05) and Nora Elliott in the pole vault (9-06).

Finishing in third for BL was Scarlett Elliott in the pole vault (9-06) and Abby Vance in the high jump (4-08), while taking fourth were the 3,200 relay team of Lexi Archer, Mylee Boysel, Hadley Boysel and Bates (10:47.57), Bates in the 1,600 (5:46.49) and the 1,600 relay of Ella Chamberlain, Mya Burrey, Mylee Boysel and Bates (4:28.13).

Taking fifth for Ben Logan were the 800 relay team of Chamberlain, Burrey, Storm LeVan and Kate Vickroy (1:55.52), the 400 relay team of Gulick, Avah Miller, LeVan and Vickroy (54.44), Gulick in the 300 hurdles (51.82) and Hemmelgarn in the shot put (31-02.50).

Miller was sixth in the 300 hurdles and seventh in the 100 hurdles (13.38), Vance finished seventh in the long jump (15-01) and seventh in the 100 (13.96), Peyton Smith was seventh in the 1,600 (5:58.64) and Kaylee Hays finished eighth in the discus (87-03).

**Spartans compete at**



## Raider Invite

Leading the Calvary Christian girls team Friday at the Raider Invitational was Anastacia Rogan, who was fourth in the long jump (school record of 15-7), fifth in the 200 (school record of 28.69) and ninth in the 100.

Abigail Reinhard placed sixth in the 100 hurdles, ninth in the shot put (school record of 28-10) and ninth in the 300 hurdles.

For the boys team, the 1,600 relay team of Elias Peterson, Christian Rogan, John Gaertner and Clay Howard placed fifth in a school-record time of 3:43.86.

Howard was fifth in the 200, John Gaertner was seventh in the high jump, eighth in the 800 and eighth in the 1,600, Howard took eighth in the 400 and Charles Krumm was ninth in the 100.

## Lady Chiefs take runner-up honors at Thomas Worthington

Bellefontaine's girls track and field team was edged by Solon by two points (118 to 116) as the Lady Chieftains finished second at the Thomas Worthington Invitational on Saturday.

"We came to this meet to collect personal records with the better competition and we did just that," said BHS head coach Ben Davis.

Winning events for the Lady Chiefs were Ava Reeves in the 100 (12.27), Grace Brown in the 3,200 (school record of 11:27.01), Callie Shumaker in the 100 hurdles (PR of 15.48), Kelsie Snapp in the discus (PR of 138-0) and Kylie Adams in the long jump (17-6.25).

Placing in second for the Tigers were Adams in the

100 hurdles (15.56) and 300 hurdles (46.95), the 400 relay team of Parker Penhorwood, Adams, Reeves and Shumaker (PR of 50.15) and Reeves in the long jump (16-7).

Finishing in third for BHS were Reeves in the 200 (25.68), Shumaker in the 300 hurdles (PR of 47.16) and Lexi Robinson in the discus (128-04).

Snapp was fourth in the shot put (36-2.75), while sixth-place finishes went to the 3,200 relay team of Kailyn Newman, Brianna Sechrest, Kayleigh Flora and Brown (10:40.06), Robinson in the shot put (PR of 34-11.25) and Parker Penhorwood in the pole vault (8-0).

Adding a seventh-place finish was Flora in the pole vault (8-0).

Bellefontaine's boys team was ninth with 44 points.

Haiden Manns powered the Chiefs with wins in the shot put (51-05) and discus (PR of 160-11).

"That was the furthest discus effort out of a Chieftain in the last 40 years," said Davis.

Kaiden Foulk was fourth in the 400 (PR of 52.62), Tony Stewart was fifth in the 1,600 (PR of 4:36.14) and fifth in the 3,200 (10:15.24), the 3,200 relay team of Oliver Grandstaff, Seth Taylor, Wes Dunn and Zavier May was fifth (8:40.82) and Carter Kuhn was fifth in the pole vault (PR of 12-6).

Also for the Chiefs, the 400 relay team of Kaiden Snapp, Jacob Henry, Foulk and Harper Scott placed seventh (45.57) and the 1,600 relay team of Alex Crabb, Foul, May and Scott was eighth (3:38.64).

## Lady Lakers take 2nd, boys 3rd at Lima Shawnee

Indian Lake's girls track and field team finished sec-

ond at the Lima Shawnee Invitational on Friday.

Findlay won with 168 points. Indian Lake was second with 99 points. Elida took third with 81, Allen East was fourth with 61, Lima Senior was fifth with 19 and Lima Central Catholic finished sixth with 17.

Leading the Lady Lakers with wins were Maddie Miller in the shot put (34-9.5) and discus (107-3) and Reagan Rash in the 800 (2:29).

Rash was second in the 1,600 (5:34), Ava Faler was third in the long jump (13-7.25) and pole vault (7-0) and fourth in the high jump (4-8), Hannah Metzger was fifth in the 3,200 (13:20), Cameron Finfrock was fifth in the 400 (1:06), Terra Beltz was fifth in the shot put (29-10), KaiLea Miller was sixth in the 800 (2:48), Mara Bihn was sixth in the 300 hurdles (1:02) and Kayleigh Taylor was sixth in the 3,200 (14:32).

Also for the Lakers, the 3,200 relay team of Alicia Brielmaier, Hannah Metzger, Haley Metzger and KaiLea Miller was fourth (11:38), the 1,600 relay team of Miller, Rash, Finfrock and Hailey Prater was fourth (4:39) and the 400 relay team of Haley Metzger, Sydney Hamilton, Mara Bihn and Ilauna Rodabaugh was sixth (1:00).

Findlay won the boys meet with 168 points. Lima Shawnee was runner up with 173.33 points, Indian Lake had 69 for third, Elida had 43 for fourth, Allen East was fifth with 21.66, Lima CC took sixth with 15 and Lima Senior was seventh with 14.

Brody Parsell won the pole vault (12-0) to lead the Laker boys team.

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# Pirates grab non-league win over Cardinals

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Riverside's baseball team cruised past Triad 12-1 in five innings in a non-league game Saturday.

The Pirates improve to 7-6 on the season. The Car-

dinals drop to 0-15.

The score was tied 1-1 after one inning.

Riverside blew the game open with seven runs in the second frame for an 8-1 lead.

The Pirates added three runs in the third and one in



the fourth.

Landon Purtee earned the pitching win. He struck out four, walked five, allowed four hits and one

earned run.

Offensively for the Pirates, Cooper Crouch went 2-2 with a double, Aiden Manning had a home run and two RBI, Gavin Orsborne had two RBI, Syler Clark had a double and Purtee had a

home run and two RBI.

The Pirates host Milton-Union today.

**RIVERSIDE 12, TRIAD 1**  
(FIVE INNINGS)

Cardinals	100	00	-	1	1	4
Pirates	173	1X	-	12	10	1

WP—Purtee; LP—House.

## JUNIOR HIGH

### TRACK AND FIELD Lady Raiders place first at Graham Invite

Benjamin Logan's girls track and field team won the Graham Invitational on Thursday.

Autumn Cline won the discus and Penelope Elliott won the pole vault to power the Raiders.

Taking second were Cline in the shot put and the 400 relay team of Adeline Ramsey, Belen Palmer, Lauren Snyder and Nahla Payne.

Paislee Rodenberger was third in the long jump and third in the 1,600 and was fourth in the 800, Addison Anderson was fourth in the high jump and sixth in the long jump, Summer Cline placed fourth in the shot put, the 3,200 relay team of Montana Coleman, Lottie Bodin, Mallory Chapman and Gwen Smith was fourth, Sarah Miller finished fourth, Sarah Miller finished fifth in the 100 hurdles and sixth in the 200 hurdles and the 1,600 relay team of Daniels, Autumn Cline, Bodin and Mallory Chapman was fifth.

Also for the Lady Raiders, Adelina Ramsey placed seventh in the 100, Gwen Smith was seventh in

the 1,600 and eighth in the 800, Jazzy Richardson finished seventh in the 200 hurdles, Daniels was seventh in the 400, Palmer was eighth in the 100 and 200 and the 800 relay team of Olivia Titus, Bea Warren, Payne and Marley Shields finished eighth.

Ben Logan's boys team was third out of 11 teams.

Bradyn White led the Raiders by finishing first in the pole vault.

Taking second for the Raiders were the 1,600 relay team of Nate Mitchell, Gabe Predmore, Maddox Vermillion and Greyson Butler, Wyatt Predmore in the 200 and 100 and Vermillion in the 400.

Mitchell was third in the shot put, Vermillion placed fourth in the shot put, the 800 relay team of Gabe Predmore, Jeremiah Parker, White and Mitchell was third, the 400 relay team of Gabe Predmore, Parker, White and Brycen Chrencik was fourth, Charlie Wolfe place fourth in the 110 hurdles, Brock Bates was fifth in the 110 hurdles, McKale Watkins was sixth in the pole vault, Chrencik was sixth in the 200 hurdles and the 3,200 relay team of Michael Berry, Watkins, Asher

Boysel and Butler finished seventh.

**Chiefs fare well at  
Northeastern, WL-S**  
Bellefontaine's middle school track and field teams competed in the Northeastern Invitational on Thursday and the West Liberty-Salem BOSS Invitational on Saturday.

The boys team took second at Northeastern.

Leading the Chiefs was Caleb Sechrest, who finished first in the 200 and second in the 100 and 200 hurdles.

Dillon Jones was second in the pole vault, Cale Middleworth placed second in the pole vault, Maddox Marlen was third in the long jump, Bryant Carter finished fifth in the 100, Landon Gerwels was seventh in the 400, Landon Rister was seventh in the 110 hurdles and Bentley Stewart was sixth in the shot put.

The Chiefs' 1,600 relay team of Rister, Caleb Lillard, Marlen and Gerwels was first, the 800 relay team of Gerwels, Lillard, Jones and Justus DeMaetteo was second and the 400 relay team of Carter, Jones, Lillard and Mason Phillips finished third.

Bellefontaine's girls team took fourth at Northeastern.

Sloan Stolly won the 100 and 200 hurdles and was seventh in the long jump to lead the Chiefs.

Joy Fogan took second in the shot put, Layla Davis was fourth in the 400, Brooklyn Kuntz finished fifth in the 200 hurdles, Vanessa Friedrich was eighth in the shot put and Cameo Greene finished eighth in the 100.

The Chiefs' 800 relay team of Mia Brown, Davis, Kuntz and Amari Hunsicker finished third, the 400 relay team of Lyla Conner, Brown, Greene and Kuntz finished fourth, the 3,200 relay team of Blakely Vollrath, Sophia Marker, Kar-syn Newkirk and Cece Reier was sixth and the 1,600 relay team of Greene, Davis, Newkirk and Hunsicker placed sixth.

At the BOSS meet, the Chieftain boys finished second and the girls placed third.

Leading the Chieftain boys was Sechrest, who finished first in the 200 hurdles, second in the 100 and second in the 200.

Bentley Stewart finished second in the shot put and

eighth in the discus, Rister was sixth in the 110 hurdles and eighth in the 200 hurdles, Carter placed fifth in the 100 and fourth in the long jump, Gerwels was fourth in the 400, Jones placed third in the 200, Marlen was second in the long jump, the 400 relay team of Carter, Jones, Lillard and Phillips was second and the 800 relay team of Gerwels, Lillard, Jones and White took second.

For the girls team, Stolly was second in the 100 hurdles, third in the 200 hurdles and sixth in the long jump.

Fogan won the discus and placed sixth in the shot put, Friedrich was second in the discus and eighth in the shot put, Kuntz placed fifth in the 100 and eighth in the 200 hurdles, Davis was second in the 200 and second in the 400, Arianna Rangel Guillen was fourth in the high jump, Greene was seventh in the 100, Brown was seventh in the 200, O'Chocke was seventh in the 800 and Vollrath was eighth in the 1,600.

The 400 relay team of Conner, Brown, Kuntz and Greene finished second.

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Christopher Timms was third in the shot put (47-2.75) and fifth in the discus (124-1), Quest Clay was third in the long jump (20-

2) and fourth in the 100 (11.43) and high jump (5-4), Gavin Henry placed third in the 110 hurdles (16.48), fourth in the high jump (5-4) and sixth in the 300 hurdles (46.26), Will Faler was

fourth in the pole vault (9-0), Noah Shirk was fifth in the 300 hurdles (45.31), Silas Holbrook was fifth in the 800 (2:21) and Titus Kelly was fifth in the 3,200 (11:48).

The 3,200 relay team of Holbrook, Tony Cummins, Cason Lacher and Bryan Mohler was third (9:27). The 1,600 relay team of Shirk, Mohler, Drake Cosby and Cameron Freyhof was third

(3:44), the 400 relay team of Clay, Cosby, Henry and Wes Campbell took third (45.88) and the 800 relay team of Campbell, Cosby, Freyhof and Shirk was fifth (1:38).