



TIGERS STAY HOT
WL-S wins ninth straight game



FORECAST
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▼ 52

CALENDAR

C.R. 10 to close for road maintenance

Crews from the Logan County Highway Department will be doing road maintenance on County Road 10 between County Road 142 and Township Road 143.

Work began Monday, April 29, and continues through Friday, May 3. The roadway will be closed to all traffic between the hours of 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., with no overnight closures to be expected.

T.R. 251 to close for road widening

Crews from the Logan County Highway Department will be widening Richland Township Road 251 between State Route 235 and McDonald Township 39 in Hardin County.

Work began Monday, April 29, and continues through Friday, May 3. The roadway will be closed to all traffic between 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., with no overnight closures to be expected. Scheduling is subject to weather conditions.

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.

» Registration is online at www.uhcinc.org/camp.html and closes May 4.

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

BCS 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.

Tornado victims asked to ID property



The Logan County Sheriff's Office is requesting victims of the Lakeview tornado to identify their property in these photos that was recovered during the storage unit theft investigation. If victims recognize any of these property items or think any of the property items belongs to them, they need to contact Logan County Sheriff's Office Detective Shawn McIntire at (937) 592-5731. Detective McIntire will schedule a date and time for them to claim the property. (LOGAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PHOTOS)



BLES stacks up the fun at weekend events

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

After a Friday evening filled with games and fun with grandparents, Benjamin Logan Elementary concluded its highly anticipated Unified Arts Festival Saturday, April 27, with a day brimming with creativity, music, and technological exploration.

Parents, teachers, and students united to celebrate the culmination of their efforts throughout the year in Unified Arts classes. The festival showcased captivating musical performances highlighting the students' talents, accompanied by a vibrant display of their art-

work. Attendees also immersed themselves in the world of coding through interactive tech demonstrations.

Principal Colleen Bodin shared her excitement for the event.

"Saturday's UA show was fantastic. The artwork was outstanding, and the students sang such fun and uplifting songs. Our students loved showing their coding skills with Dash."

The festival was enriched by a variety of treats from local food truck vendor Where There's Smoke BBQ. Additionally, the spring book fair, which ran

concurrently on Friday and Saturday, saw significant engagement from the community.

Bodin extended her gratitude to the volunteers and the BLES PTC.

"What a great weekend for our elementary school. Friday's grandparent game night was a hit. Thank you to the many volunteers and the BLES PTC for a job well done!"

The events organized by the BLES PTC, along with the Unified Arts educators at Benjamin Logan Elementary, provided a platform for students to showcase their talents and creativity.



A grandfather and granddaughter participate in an apple stacking activity Friday at the Benjamin Logan Elementary's Grandparent Game Night. (BEN LOGAN PHOTO)

BCS bus driver advances to state finals

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Three Bellefontaine City Schools' bus drivers competed in the regional school bus road-e-o at Indian Lake High School earlier this month.



BCS bus driver Jen Lynch placed third overall, and will advance to the state competition, set for May 4 at Hilliard Middle School.

BCS drivers Penny Smith and Kimberly Taylor also competed at the regional event, which featured more than 70 drivers.

Drivers were tested on state and federal regulations in a written test form. Drivers then were asked to find five safety defects on a school bus that were preset by the road-e-o committee.

Drivers boarded a bus and competed in the following maneuvers: left turn (must be so many inches from the curb), for-



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ward and reverse serpentine, offset street, diminishing clearance, student pick-up & drop-off procedures, forward stop bar (must be 4 inches from the stop bar), railroad tracks procedures, turnaround, and post trip inspection, where the driver checked all the seats including behind the back seat.

"BCS takes pride in knowing we have knowledgeable and safety-oriented drivers transporting our most precious cargo," Bellefontaine City Schools Transportation Supervisor Tammie Garman said.

MUSIC IN THE PARKS AWARDS



The Indian Lake High School Symphonic Band won two prestigious awards during the recent Music In the Parks Competition in Hershey, Pa., earlier this month. The band earned a Superior I rating and second place overall in the contest. The ILHS Band also earned the Esprit de Corps Award, presented to students from a school who demonstrated proper social behavior as well as musical behavior/encouragement. They possess the qualities of highly successful people who are sensitive to the feelings of others and applaud accomplishments no matter if by one's own school or another school. The Indian Lake High School Symphonic Band is 45-members strong and is directed by Jason Fauley with assistance from Morissa Sweeney. (INDIAN LAKE SCHOOLS PHOTO)

BLHS junior competes at National History Bee

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Benjamin Logan High School celebrates Tristan Sheets for his outstanding representation at the National History Bee in Arlington, VA.

Tristan, a junior and member of the Quiz Bowl Team, showcased remarkable skills, earning 10 points across five challenging

rounds in this prestigious individual competition.

His participation marks a historic moment for Benjamin Logan as the first qualifier from the school to compete at this level.

"I enjoyed touring Washington and it was quite the exciting experience to play quiz bowl matches in such a prestigious place," Tristan said.



Tristan Sheets is pictured at the U.S. Capitol. (BEN LOGAN PHOTO)

Tigers blank Rams for 9th straight win

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

West Liberty-Salem's baseball team won its ninth straight game Tuesday, beating host Greeneview 10-0 in Ohio Heritage Conference action.

The Tigers are now 15-3 overall and 11-2 in the OHC. The Rams fall to 11-6, 10-3.

WL-S currently sits one game behind West Jefferson in the OHC North division standings.

The Tigers led 6-0 after four innings. They scored four times in the seventh inning for a 10-run cushion.

Jake Evans went the distance on the mound to get the win for WL-S. He struck out 10 and allowed just three hits.

Offensively for WL-S, Eli Allen went 3-5 with a triple, Isaac Sertell had a triple and two RBI, Jeremiah Johnson went 2-5 with a double and an RBI, Isaiah Reames went

2-3 with an RBI and Josh Wilcoxon had a double.

The Tigers travel to Fairbanks on Monday.

WL-SALEM 10 GREENEVIEW 0

Tigers.	121	200	4	-	10	11	1
Rams.	000	000	0	-	0	4	

WP—Evans.

Pirates clip Covington

Riverside's baseball team rallied to beat visiting Covington 9-8 in a Three Rivers Conference game Tuesday.

The Pirates improve to 8-7 overall and 3-7 in the TRC. The Buccs drop to 7-11, 5-8.

The Buccs scored four runs in the top of the first inning, but the Pirates responded with six runs in the bottom of the first to lead 6-4.

Covington made it 6-5 with a run in the second inning and the Buccs tied the game at 6-6 with a run in the top of the fourth.

Riverside scored twice in the bottom of the fourth to



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lead 8-6.

The Pirates increased their lead to 9-6 with a run in the fifth inning.

Covington got to within a run at 9-8 with two runs in the sixth, but the Pirates were able to hang on from there to get the win.

Aiden Manning went 2-4 with a double and two RBI for the Pirates. Gavin Osborne had a double and an RBI, Gavin Robinson had a double and two RBI and Dominik Stotler had a double and two RBI.

Michael Shockey pitched a complete game to get the win on the mound.

Riverside plays at Troy Christian today.

RIVERSIDE 9, COVINGTON 8

Buccs.	410	102	0	-	8	11	2
Pirates.	600	210	0	-	9	8	0

WP—Shockey; LP—Denson.

Lakers fall to Pioneers

Indian Lake's baseball team was unable to contain visiting Jonathan Alder on Tuesday as the Pioneers won 8-1 in a Central Buckeye Conference game.

The Lakers are now 9-8 overall and 7-7 in the CBC. The Pioneers improve to 17-1, 13-0.

Alder led 2-0 after one inning and they Pioneers scored three runs in the third and three in the top of the fourth for an 8-0 lead.

The Lakers scored their lone run in the bottom of the fourth.

Burke Lillard doubled and had an RBI to lead the Indian Lake offense.

Indian Lake is back in action today at home against Springfield Shawnee.

JONATHAN ALDER 8 INDIAN LAKE 1

Pioneers.	203	300	0	-	8	11	0
Lakers.	000	100	0	-	1	4	5

WP—Keaton; LP—K. Cummins.

Shawnee tops Ben Logan

Visiting Springfield Shawnee was able to hold off Benjamin Logan 4-3 in a Central Buckeye Conference baseball game Tuesday.

The Raiders are now 2-14 overall and 2-12 in the CBC. The Braves improve to 8-8, 6-7.

Shawnee scored all four of its runs in the top of the second inning.

Ben Logan plated a run in the bottom of the second to make it 4-1.

The Raiders scored twice in the third to get within a run at 4-3.

However, Ben Logan was unable to put anymore runs on the scoreboard.

Bryden Morris went 2-3 with a double to spark the Raiders at the plate.

The Raiders will host North Union today.

SP. SHAWNEE 4, BEN LOGAN 3

Braves.	040	000	0	-	4	6	1
Raiders.	012	000	0	-	3	2	3

WP—Himes; LP—Peterson.

Raiders grab win over Springfield Shawnee

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Benjamin Logan's softball team finished off a previously suspended game against Springfield Shawnee on Tuesday, with the Raiders coming away with a 7-5 victory in Central Buckeye Conference play.

The Raiders improve to 13-5 overall and 8-5 in the CBC. The Braves drop to 16-5, 10-4.

Ben Logan took a 2-0 lead with a pair of runs in the second inning.

The Braves plated four runs in the top of the fourth to lead 4-2.

However, Ben Logan put together a five-run flurry in the bottom of the fourth to move in front 7-4.

Shawnee scored another run in the sixth to make it 7-5, but Ben Logan was able to hang on to get the win.

The Raiders will host North Union today.

BEN LOGAN 7 SP. SHAWNEE 5

Braves.	000	401	0	-	5	7	4
Raiders.	020	500	0	-	7	9	0

LP—Trimmer.

Tigers shut out Rams

West Liberty-Salem's softball team picked up a 4-0 win over host Greeneview in Ohio Heritage Confer-



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ence play Tuesday.

The Tigers improve to 6-8 overall and 4-8 in the OHC. The Rams drop to 11-9, 9-6.

WL-S scored two runs in the second inning and added a pair of insurance runs in the fourth inning.

Kennedy Wallace and Kaylee Blair each had two hits for the Tigers.

Wallace earned the win in the circle, giving up six hits while striking out four

and walking none.

The Tigers host Fairbanks today.

WL-S 4, GREENEVIEW 0

Tigers.	020	200	0	-	4	7	2
Rams.	000	000	0	-	0	6	2

WP—Wallace; LP—Dean.

Covington tops Pirates

Visiting Covington used a big third inning to defeat Riverside 8-5 in a Three Rivers Conference softball game Tuesday night.

The Pirates drop to 8-10 overall and 5-6 in the TRC. The Buccs improve to 15-7, 10-3.

Riverside led 1-0 after two innings of play.

The Buccs exploded for all eight of their runs in the

top of the third to take an 8-1 lead.

Riverside plated one run in the bottom of the third to make it 8-2.

The Pirates scored three times in the fifth, making the score 8-5.

Riverside was unable to get any closer, though.

Riley Dillon went 2-2, Taylor Dillon had two RBI, Aubree Huston went 2-3 and Avery Perk went 2-4 with an RBI for the Pirates.

Riverside is back in action today at Troy Christian.

COVINGTON 8, RIVERSIDE 5

Buccs.	008	000	0	-	8	8	4
Pirates.	011	030	0	-	5	10	1

WP—Turner; LP—R. Dillon.

Chieftain netters fall to St. Marys

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Bellefontaine's boys tennis team lost to a strong St. Marys team 5-0

in non-league match Monday.

Xavier Sims was defeated 6-0, 0-6, 6-3 by Isaac Wibberler at first

singles, Truman Howell lost to Cody Birt 6-2, 6-1 at second singles and Max Fissel lost to Chett Chisolm 6-2, 6-1 at third sin-

gles.

Bryce Harris and Trey Taylor fell to Jaxon Spees and Jake Ackroyd 6-1, 6-3 at first doubles and Elias

Abrego and Quinn Slagle fell to Ollie Chisolm and Noah White 6-0, 6-1 at second doubles.

Browns pick up 5-year contract option on CB Newsome

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Cleveland Browns got Greg Newsome II covered.

As expected, the team picked up the fifth-year option on the versatile cornerback's rookie contract on Tuesday.

A first-round pick in 2021, Newsome is scheduled to make \$13.3 million in 2025.

Newsome had been mentioned in trade rumors for months and they increased leading into the NFL draft last weekend. But the Browns have remained committed to Newsome, held onto him and exercised the option ahead of Thursday's 4 p.m. deadline.

"Very happy with

Greg," general manager Andrew Berry said Saturday at his post-draft news conference. "Want as many man corners as we can have."

It's still possible the Browns will offer Newsome a long-term contract extension. Newsome said "that's the goal" earlier this month.

Newsome has started 39 of 41 games in three seasons. He didn't get an interception in his first two years before picking off a deflected pass and returning it 34 yards for a touchdown to key Cleveland's comeback win at Baltimore on Nov. 12.

While it's not his preference, Newsome can play in

the slot and defend quick, smaller receivers. He's also solid on the outside and gives the Browns one of the AFC's top cornerback units along with Pro Bowler Denzel Ward and Martin Emerson Jr.

The 23-year-old Newsome was the No. 26 overall pick in 2021 after starring at Northwestern.

Former MVP Mike Trout needs surgery on torn meniscus

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Los Angeles Angels star Mike Trout will have surgery to repair a torn meniscus in his left knee, sidelining the three-time AL MVP indefinitely.

The Angels believe Trout will be able to return this season, general manager Perry Minasian said while announcing the injury Tuesday.

Trout is batting .220

with a major league-leading 10 homers, 14 RBIs and six stolen bases this year, but he will be sidelined by a major injury for the fourth consecutive season. The Angels put

Trout on the 10-day injured list and signed veteran outfielder Kevin Pillar to a one-year, \$740,000 contract.

Trout had an MRI after playing in the Angels' 6-5

victory over Philadelphia on Monday. The outfielder fought back tears while describing the pain that gradually crept up on him after the game.

YOUTH BALL

TRAVEL BASEBALL Chiefs 12U team wins tourney

The Bellefontaine Chiefs 12-and-under travel baseball team won the Logan County Spring Slam last weekend at Southview Park.

The Chiefs beat the Tomahawks 11-5 and won against the Ohio Thunder 10-4 in

pool play on Saturday to secure the number one seed.

On Sunday, the Chiefs beat the Dayton Classics Cardinals 11-4 to set up a rematch with the Ohio Thunder in the championship game.

Bellefontaine beat the Thunder 11-3 in the title game.



The Bellefontaine Chiefs 12-and-under travel baseball team won the Logan County Spring Slam at Southview Park. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Encino out of the 150th Kentucky Derby with leg issue, Epic Ride joins field

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Encino won't run in the Kentucky Derby this weekend, trainer Brad Cox said Tuesday.

The colt didn't look right after morning training and was vanned to an equine hospital in Lexington.

X-rays were negative but a soft tissue strain in his right front leg was diagnosed, Cox told the Daily Racing Form.

"He galloped first thing this morning, he looked

amazing. That's what's so confusing," Cox said. "He was traveling as well this morning as he was all last week leading up to his breeze."

Encino, the Lexington Stakes winner, was a 20-1 shot on the morning-line for the 150th Derby on Saturday.

Cox has early 8-1 third-choice Catching Freedom and Just a Touch for the 1 1/4-mile race.

Epic Ride joins the 20-horse field.

JUNIOR VARSITY

SOFTBALL Chiefs fall to Braves, beat Houston

Bellefontaine's junior varsity softball team lost to Springfield Shawnee 10-9 on Thursday.

Chloe Heminger and Natalie Canter both had three hits to lead the Chief-tain offense.

Bellefontaine played Houston on Saturday and won 19-9.

Heminger went 3-5 with a triple to lead the Chiefs.

Ava Dolan, Haylee Yelton, Courtney Knight, Andie Eicher and Kylee Boggs each had a double.

Alayna Boyd was the winning pitcher.

Chiefs clip Tecumseh
Bellefontaine's junior varsity softball team beat Tecumseh 11-10 on Monday.

Ava Dolan and Chloe Heminger each had a triple for the Chiefs. Kylee Boggs and Alayna Boyd had multiple hits.