



LOCAL
HOPPININGS

'Improvising A Cure' returns April 24

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The Benjamin Logan Instrumental Music Department hosts their 12th annual benefit concert, "Improvising A Cure" Thursday, April 24, during Jazz Appreciation Month.

The event is open to the public. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. in the high school commons, with music by the BLHS Jazz Combo starting at 5:45 p.m.

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

"I know the members of the jazz ensemble would love to see you there," Band Director Myles Bowers said. "This event is truly one of highlights of the year for our Music Department. Special thanks to freshman Tony Tambaro for designing our poster and logo this year."

Improvising A Cure will feature the high school and middle school jazz ensembles and combos, along with a silent auction of student artwork, bake sale, 50/50 drawing and a barbecue themed dinner.

The dinner menu includes barbecue pulled pork, macaroni and cheese, cheesy potatoes and coleslaw.

T-shirts will be sold during the event as well.



EASTER ACTIVITIES AROUND LOGAN COUNTY

• **Russells Point Community Easter egg hunt** — 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. Saturday, April 19, Russells Point Municipal Building, 433 State Route 708; hosted in collaboration with the Russells Point PD, and area churches, Church of God, Indian Lake Community Church, The Lighthouse at Indian Lake, St. Mary of the Woods, Quest Community Church of Indian Lake and Galilee Lutheran Church.

• **Downtown Bellefontaine Eggstravaganza After Dark** — 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 17, adults 21 and older; tickets at Eventbrite for the festive night give participants a chance to collect eggs filled with treats, prizes, exclusive deals and raffle tickets as they visit downtown businesses; check-in at Bella Vino, 112 S. Main Street, suite 2, beginning at 5 p.m.

• **Zanesfield United Methodist Church Easter egg hunt** — Good Friday, 6 p.m. April 18, rain or shine; at the church, 2880 Main St., Zanesfield, all ages welcome; take your phone or camera for pictures with the Easter Bunny; Tri-Valley Fire and EMS vehicles on site, gift cards and other activities offered.

• **Bellefontaine Exchange Club's annual Easter candy hunt** — Noon Saturday, April 19, Mary Rutan Park, the hunt is for children ages 12 and under, located near the entrances into the north and south sides of the park, west of the restrooms.

• **Logan County Sheriff's Office annual Easter egg hunt** — 1 p.m. Saturday, April 19, on the lawn at the sheriff's office, 284 S. County Road 32.

• **Piatt Castle Mac-A-Cheek Historical Easter Customs** — 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 19; enjoy an egg hunt, egg rolling and other egg games popular in the past; make an Easter card like one in the Piatt Castle collection; all participants will receive treats, do not take baskets; free outdoor event sponsored by the Columbus Foundation.

TODAY IN HISTORY:

April 14, Abraham Lincoln fatally shot at Ford's Theatre

Today is Monday, April 14, the 104th day of 2025. There are 261 days left in the year.

On April 14, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded by John Wilkes Booth during a performance of the play "Our American Cousin" at Ford's Theatre in Washington; Lincoln was taken to a boarding house across the street and died the following morning at 7:22 am. *Also on this date:*

In 1910, William Howard Taft became the first U.S. president to throw the

ceremonial first pitch at a baseball game as the Washington Senators beat the Philadelphia Athletics 3-0.

In 1912, the British liner RMS Titanic collided with an iceberg in the North Atlantic at 11:40 p.m., ship's time, and began sinking. (The ship went under two and a half hours later, killing over 1,500 people.)

In 1935, the devastating "Black Sunday" dust storm descended upon the central Plains as hundreds of thousands of tons of airborne topsoil turned a sunny afternoon into total

darkness.

In 1981, the first test flight of America's first operational space shuttle, the Columbia, ended successfully with a landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

In 2021, A white former suburban Minneapolis police officer, Kim Potter, was charged with second-degree manslaughter for killing 20-year-old Black motorist Daunte Wright in a shooting that ignited days of unrest. (Potter would be found guilty and serve 16 months in prison.)

Tigers boys first, girls second at Triad invite



The West Liberty-Salem boys won the team title at the Triad invitational on Friday night. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

The West Liberty-Salem boys track team took first place at the Triad Invitational on Friday, with the girls team taking second.

There were 10 teams in the field. Besides the hosts, those represented were North Union, Fairbanks, Graham, Urbana, Emmanuel Christian, Madison Plains, West Jefferson and Southeastern.

West Liberty-Salem's boys had 218 points, with North Union second at 122.

Field event winners were Mark Bair in the discus (139 feet) and shot put (42 feet, 9 3/4 inches) and Craig Stanford, who cleared 12 feet, 6 inches in the pole vault.

Taking first place on the track were Jackson Steider in the 110 hurdles (15.03) and 200 hurdles (25.35); Jack Bahan in the 300m dash (37.48) and 200m dash (22.90); along with Caleb Larson in the 1600 (4:29.48); Troy Bradley in the 400 (52.92); Taryn Bradley in the 300

hurdles (41.59); Quentin Rudolph in the 800 (2:01.28), plus the 4x200 relay of Troy Bradley, Bahan, Sam Kidd and Jackson Henry (1:33.35).

"Triad runs a very good invitational, offering a few nontraditional events (300m, 200m hurdles, triple jump) that our athletes enjoy," said boys coach Aaron Lauck. "We were very pleased with how the boys performed stepping into some different roles. Our guys were also able to turn in some excellent times, in spite of the chilly temperatures."

Coming in second were Taryn Bradley in the 110 hurdles, Asher Knox in the 1600 and the other three relay teams.

Henry, Kidd, Isaiah Reminder, and James Brehm ran the 4x100; Larson, Adly Knox, Rudolph, and Asher Knox did the 4x400; and Owen Hardwick, Zeke Siders, Brayan Gullett and Gary Wallen combined for the 4x800.

Casey Boyer (high jump) and Troy Bradley (200 dash) were third;

Clay McAuley (pole vault) and Lincoln Henderson (300m) took fourth.

Other placers were Taryn Bradley (5th, triple jump); Zeke Longshore (5th, 300m hurdles), Adly Knox (5th, 800); Henderson (6th, 100m); Brehm (6th, 200m hurdles) and Robert Park (8th, 400).

The girls team finished with 142 points, just behind North Union (147).

Individual event winners were Chloe Griffith in the 100m dash (13.18); Addi Wallen in the 1600 (5:36.98) and 3200 (12:02.49) and Tori Douthwaite in the pole vault (10-0). Also getting first place was the 4x800 relay of Mariska Smith, Isla Leichty, Arianna Weaver, and Wallen (10:38.15).

Taking second were the 4x200 relay of Douthwaite, Gwen McCullough, Weaver, and Griffith, as well as Hattie Jacobs (100 hurdles), Isabella Hardwick (discus) and Elise Longshore (pole vault).

Grabbing third place were Griffith (300m dash), Leichty (800), Griffith (200 dash) and Jacobs (200 hurdles).

Douthwaite was fourth in the 200, as was the 4x400 relay of Weaver, Ryrie Matthews, Leichty and McCullough.

Other placers were: Smith (5th, 1600 and 7th, 800), Weaver (5th, high jump); Olivia McQuinn (6th, 200 hurdles and 8th, 300 hurdles), Bella Hughes (6th, 3200), and Leichty (6th, triple jump).

Coach Mandy Lauck said, "The amount of determination and grit these girls displayed tonight was impressive. We are going in the right direction but there is still work to do. We are excited for what the season has in store as we keep taking baby steps toward our bigger goals."

West Liberty-Salem will compete Tuesday at an Ohio Heritage Conference meet hosted by Mechanicsburg.

Ben Logan baseball earns split

BY THE EXAMINER STAFF

Most of the area baseball teams were in action on Saturday.

Benjamin Logan got a split, as they blanked Franklin Monroe 3-0 and were edged by Allen East 7-6.

The Raiders are now 5-3 overall on the season.

Adam Tinsman hurled a complete game to shut down the Jets. He gave up a hit to the leadoff man, then nothing else and put up 10 strikeouts.

Cayden Brown and Bryden Morris each had a double. Brown collected an RBI.

In the first, Ben Logan got a single by Carter Lyden, then doubles by Morris and Brown to grab the early advantage.

It stayed that way until the sixth. AJ Griffith got a walk, then Parker Yelton reached on an error. Andrew Frederick went in as a courtesy runner for Yelton. A sacrifice bunt by Tinsman moved the runners into scoring position. Hughes hit a ball to short that was misplayed, and the Raiders got a couple of insurance runs.

Against Allen East, Ben Logan took a 3-1 lead after two innings. Each side then got three runs in the fourth. The Mustangs added one in the sixth to make it 6-5, then got two in the seventh.

Starter Bryden Morris pitched 3 1/3 innings, allowing four runs on four hits, with three walks and six strikeouts. He was replaced by Soli Hughes, who went 1 2/3, holding Allen East to one hit and one walk with 2 Ks. Camden Spriggs pitched the sixth, giving up two hits and one run, with one walk and one strikeout.

Cohen Archer came on for the seventh. He got one out before walking two, then giving up a double and single, making him the losing pitcher.

Parker Yelton had a double and single with two RBIs. Andrew Frederick had two hits. Oliver Morse drove in a pair of runs, and Brown and Morris had one RBI apiece.

Ben Logan got a walk and four hits in the first, scoring two. Four walks by Allen East gave them one in the second. Two singles, a walk and a double produced the three in

the fourth.

The Raiders (3-1 Central Buckeye Conference; 5-3 overall) travel to Graham tonight.

West Liberty-Salem 11, Northwestern 7

WEST SALEM — West Liberty-Salem used a late outburst to get a nonleague win over host Northwestern in nonleague play.

The Huskies scored two in the first, and three in the fifth. WL-S then put up nine in the sixth. Northwestern got two in the bottom half, but the Tigers equaled that in the seventh.

Isaiah Reames started and worked four innings, allowing two runs on three hits, with four strikeouts. JJ Johnson threw 1 1/3, giving up five runs on two hits. Brodey Deam retired all five batters he faced, with two groundouts and three Ks to get the save. Johnson was the winning pitcher.

Isaac Sertell had a two run homer in the seventh, with an additional hit and RBI. Johnson had a solo shot in the sixth. Reese Oder had a two-run single. Also getting RBIs were Caleb Hershberger, Tim Howells, and Reames.

West Liberty-Salem (3-0 Ohio Heritage Conference; 4-0 overall) faces West Jefferson today and Tuesday, with today's game at home.

Tippecanoe 13, Bellefontaine 0

TIPP CITY — Bellefontaine was shut out by Tippecanoe in non-league play, with the game ending after five.

Tip City scored once in the first, three in both the second and third, then got six in the fourth.

Bellefontaine had two hits, one by Jose Sandoval and one by Beckham Harman.

Sam Kline started and pitched three innings, being charged with nine runs on five hits. He walked four. Ashton Foreman and Brody Boy worked in relief. Foreman gave up three runs and Boy one. Foreman walked three, and Boy walked one and struck out two.

Bellefontaine (2-2 CBC, 3-4 overall) plays at Kenton Ridge today.

Milton-Union 5, Riverside 1

Riverside lost at home to Milton-Union in Three Rivers Conference play.

The Bulldogs scored twice in the second and three times in the third.

Riverside got its sole run in the sixth. The losing pitcher was Syler Clark, who worked six innings. The five runs came on five hits and four walks. He struck out seven. Camden Shoe tossed the seventh, allowing one hit, walking three and getting one on strikes.

Gavin Orsborne walked to start the sixth, advanced to second on an error, and moved to third on a hit by Aiden Manning. Hayden McCully's fly to center was deep enough to permit him to tag up and score.

Brody Orsborne had two hits for the Pirates.

Riverside (1-4 TRC, 4-6 overall) will be at Covington on Tuesday.

SOFTBALL

Pirates, Lakers travel to Newton for invitational

Indian Lake and Riverside participated in a softball invitational hosted by Newton on Saturday, with the fourth team being Tri-Village.

Indian Lake earned a split, losing to Tri-Village 8-7 and winning over Newton 9-2.

The game with Tri-Village was back and forth. Tri-Village scored two in the first, then Indian Lake got three in the third to take the lead.

Each team got one run in the fourth. The Lakers put two on the board in the fifth to go ahead 6-3.

T-V picked up a run in the sixth, with Indian Lake getting one in the top of the seventh. Tri-Village then scored four in their final at-bat to win.

Bre Wisener pitched most of the contest, going 6 1/3 innings. She allowed seven runs on nine hits, with five walks and seven strikeouts. Halle Roby faced three batters, allowing two hits, with an intentional walk in between.

Kit Miller had three hits, with two each for Annie Rapp and Addison Stinemetz. Roby drove in two runs, with one each for Abigail Elliott, Miller and Stinemetz.

In the game with Newton, Indian Lake racked up 16 hits as they collected the victory.

They scored five in the first, one in the second, two in the third, and one in the fifth. Newton avoided the shut-out with single runs in the sixth and seventh.

Wisener started and went half the contest, 3 1/3 innings. She allowed just one hit, with two walks and two strikeouts. Roby threw 3 2/3 of relief, with two runs on three hits and two walks. She got three batters on strikes.

Leading the offense were Mackenzie Dixon with three hits, including a double, and Wisener, also with three hits. Roby had two doubles, Izzy Mackesy one (plus a single), and Miller had two hits. Nearly every batter in the lineup had an RBI.

Indian Lake (1-2 CBC; 5-4 overall) travels to North Union this evening, and will host Botkins on Tuesday.

Riverside suffered a pair of losses, falling to Newton 16-7 and losing to Tri-Village 11-1.

Against Newton, Riverside scored two in the first, two in the second and three in the third, but was shut out after that.

The Lady Indians scored eight runs in the first two frames, then got five in the fourth, one in the fifth and two in the sixth.

Starter Riley Dillon went the first two and Keira Manahan threw the other four. Each gave up eight runs on eight hits. Dillon had one walk and two strikeouts, with Manahan getting three strikeouts and walking two.

Offensively, Aubree Huston had a two-run homer in the first. Dillon had three hits, one a double, and drove in three runs. Emilee Robinson had two RBIs.

The game with Tri-Village ended after five innings. The Lady Patriots scored four in the first, five in the second and two in the third.

Riverside had five hits and scored in the second inning.

Manahan and Dillon each pitched two innings, with Manahan taking the loss. Manahan allowed nine runs on eight hits, with five walks. Dillon gave up two runs on two hits, with two walks.

Manahan had a double and single and drove in the run.

Riverside (2-1 TRC; 8-5 overall) hosts Troy Christian today and plays at Covington on Tuesday.