

SPORTS DIGEST

High School Baseball

Tournament schedule

All games 5 p.m. unless otherwise indicated

Division I
Tuesday, May 18
No. 15 Xenia at No. 11 Springfield
No. 8 Sidney 3, No. 14 Fairborn 1
Thursday, May 20
No. 10 Fairmont/No. 17 Wayne at
No. 1 Beaver Creek

Division II
Tuesday, May 18
No. 9 Milton-Union at No. 5 Carroll
Thursday, May 20
No. 4 Valley View/No. 6 Oakwood
at No. 2 Bellbrook

Division III
Tuesday, May 18
No. 12 Preble Shawnee at No. 11
Greeneview

Division IV
Tuesday, May 18
No. 12 Yellow Springs at No. 6
Cedarville
No. 9 Legacy Christian at No. 7
Southeastern

Softball

Tournament schedule

All games 5 p.m. unless otherwise indicated

Division I
Tuesday, May 18
at **Miamisburg High School**
No. 2 Beaver Creek 2, No. 7 Center-
ville 1

Tennis

Tournament (top four advance to district)

Sectional
Division I
Singles
At Troy
Saturday, May 15
Semifinals
Grant Hoying (Sidney) def. Sam
Steck (Fairborn), 6-2, 6-1.

Third place
Matthew Correll (Northmont) def.
Sam Steck (Fairborn), 6-1, 6-4.

Division II
At Troy
Singles
Semifinals
Saturday, May 15
Jack Buhrman (Carroll) vs. Riley
Johnson (Urbana)

Doubles
Semifinals
Saturday, May 15
Ethan Knemeyer and Jason Kne-
meyer (Yellow Springs) def. Carson
Brown and Tyler Kress (Milton-
Union), 6-3, 6-4.

Finals
Ethan Knemeyer and Jason Kne-
meyer (Yellow Springs) def. Brady
Huber and Noah Jordan (Northwest-
ern), 6-3, 6-4.

Track and field

Ohio Heritage Conference South Division District

Wednesday May 19, Friday May 21

Division I
At Bellbrook
Beaver Creek, Bellbrook, and Carroll
(boys)

At Troy
Fairborn, and Xenia
Thursday, May 20, Saturday, May
22

Division II
At Graham
Carroll (girls)
At Piqua
Greeneview
Tuesday, May 18, Saturday, May
22

Division III
Cedarville, Legacy Christian, and
Yellow Springs

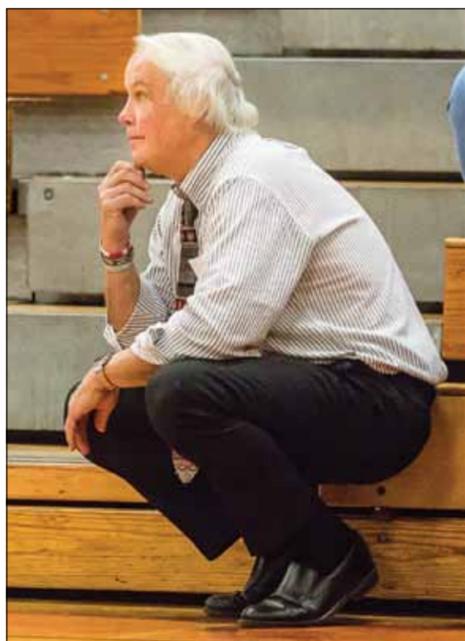
Bellbrook football hall of fame seeks nominations

The Bellbrook Football Alumni Association is accepting nominations for its Golden Eagle Gridiron Greats. During summer 2021, the association will be inducting the fifth group of former players and coaches.

Nominations should include basic information on the former player including graduation year and any known stats or pertinent facts. Email nominations to MSig10@woh.rr.com.

Present inductees are Coach Joe Rush, Tony Ernst, Luke Clemens, Austin Spittler, Craig Fryman, Jason Tinscher, Bill Crisovergus, Matt Timmons, John Greenhorn, Jack O'Dell, Stacy Russell, Nathan Clemens, Jeff VonHandorff, Neal Blank, and Coach Chris Baker with special recognition for Harold and Carroll Fryman.

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Beaver Creek girls coach Ed Zink in one of his four famous stances: the squat.

'Creek's Zink retires

By Scott Halasz
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BEAVERCREEK — After winning just 11 games in his first three seasons coaching girls basketball at Beaver Creek, Ed Zink had his doubts.

He told then-athletic director Rex Warner it wasn't working and he should find another coach, but at Warner's behest Zink stayed on. And now after 799 more wins, Zink is again ready step away.

This time for real and with no regrets.

The Beaver Creek native and multi-sports standout announced his retirement from coaching Sunday after 46 years, more than 1,000 games, 810 wins, three Division-I state championships, 21 league championships in the

Western Ohio League and Greater Western Ohio Conference, 18 district championships, and six regional championships.

"I've just been thinking about it for a couple years here," Zink, 69, said. "I don't have all the energy that I used to have. I still enjoy it. Last year kind of wore me out a little bit with the COVID and everything. I just felt that it's about time to turn it over to someone younger."

That's kind of what Warner did when he gave Zink the girls coaching job. Zink, who graduated from BHS in 1970, was in his mid-20s when he became the first — and to date — the only girls varsity coach BHS has had.

"I wanted the sophomore boys

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Hines hoping to jump her way to Columbus

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JAMESTOWN — As a kid, Laney Hines would pretend to be a horse and jump over makeshift hurdles in her home.

"I thought it was fun," the Greeneview High School junior said. "I'm super into horses and horse jumping. I was jumping stuff like this high (holding her hands about 3 feet off the ground) when I was like 12 in my hallway because I thought it was cool."

Hines had no clue that "cool" fun would lead her to four-event stardom as a track and field athlete in high school. But that's exactly what happened.

Hines is a two-time Ohio Heritage Conference long jump champion, has OHC titles in the 100 and 300 meter hurdles and also anchors the 400 meter relay team.

Heading into Thursday's Division-II district meet at Piqua, the speedster is one of the favorites to advance to the regional in at least three of her four events. According to Ohio MileSplit rankings, Hines ranks first in D-II Southwest District in the long jump and 100 hurdles, and second in the 300 hurdles. The top four at district advance to regional.

The relay team, which includes Hannah Finley, Kayden Ashley, and Kayla Finley, is ranked sixth, but the team has won four of nine events and could easily slip into the top four.

That kind of success in just two seasons (her sophomore season was lost due to COVID) has not surprised Coach Tim Aronholt. Hines won just about everything there was to win in middle school.

"She kind of burst on the scene as a freshman," he said. "We knew she was coming and knew we were expecting good things."

But those expectations were quickly exceeded. "I was amazed from the start," Aronholt said. "And now how technically sound she is in the hurdles which has made my job a lot easier. Gonna try not to screw her up to be honest with you. We knew we were getting something special."

Give a big assist to Hines' mother, Amy, who saw something when she was still a preteen.

"My mom had me starting hurdles when I was in sixth grade," Hines said. "She just knew that I would be good at it. I started out really young doing this stuff."

Hines would race anyone and everyone, anywhere at



Greeneview High School junior Laney Hines is one of the best in the region in the long jump and has a solid chance of making it to the Division-II state meet.

any time.

"I always liked racing people because I knew I would beat them," Hines said. "Even in elementary school, every day at recess I would race people. That was just a big confidence builder growing up."

Still confident and almost a lock to make the regional in the long jump, Hines is hoping to be the first Greeneview long jumper to make it to the state meet since Shay-tell Furman qualified in 2010 with an OHC record leap of 17 feet, 2.75 inches.

She was on the cusp as a freshman but a foul on a big jump kept her from making it to Columbus.

"Those things happen," Aronholt said. "She learned from it."

She learned she has the ability to win the regional, as the jump was marked around 17 feet, which would have likely won the regional. Aronholt called it one of those jumps where "everybody did a 'wow.'"

Hines is hoping to "wow" everyone again this year and make it to state.

"It would mean a lot," she said. "We were a little let down freshman year really cutting it that close. I was just frustrated because I knew that I could do it and



Hines is also a favorite in the 100 meter hurdles.

we just had bad luck that day."

But that's a hurdle she's hoping to get over this year.

Much like the ones she set up in her hallway.

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