

memo

To: Blue Ridge Board of Education
Mr. Ryan Peyton, Superintendent

From: Brian Easter, Blue Ridge High School Principal

Date: April 10, 2026

Re: BRHS Board Report

Upcoming Events:

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- 10 Home baseball (4:30), Home softball (4:30), Spring Play (7 pm)
- 11 Softball at G-RF, Spring Play (7 pm)
- 12 Spring Play (2 pm)
- 13 Home baseball (4:30), Home softball (4:30)
- 14 Boys and Girls track at PBL
- 15 Baseball at Arthur Christian, Softball at Salt Fork
- 16 Home Softball (4:30)
- 18 Boys and Girls Track at Prairie Central
- 20 Baseball at Villa Grove, Softball at ALAH
- 21 Home Softball (4:30), Section 16 Ag Mechanics at Parkland
- 22 Boys and Girls track at Fisher
- 23 Home Baseball (4:30)
- 24 Home Softball (4:30), Baseball at Sullivan, State livestock/poultry/horticulture at U of I
- 25 Home Softball (10 a.m.)
- 26 FFA Banquet (5 p.m. - Moore Gym)
- 27 Boys and Girls track at LeRoy, Baseball at Heritage, Home Softball (4:30)
- 28 Softball at LeRoy
- 29 Home Baseball (4:30)
- 30 Boys and Girls track at Argenta-Oreana, Softball at Okaw Valley

MAY

- 1 Baseball at Cerro Gordo
- 2 Promenade (5 p.m.), Prom (8 p.m. - Feed Mill in Fisher), Post-Prom (11:30 p.m. - 2 a.m.)
- 4 Home Softball (4:30), Home Baseball (4:30), FFA District 4 Public Speaking (4:00)
- 5 HOME TRACK MEET - Starts at 4 p.m.
- 6 Home Baseball (5:30), Softball at Arcola
- 7 Tech Prep Honors (6 p.m.), BRHS Honors Night (7 p.m.)
- 8 Boys and Girls track at LPC Conference track meet
- 9 Softball at Cornerstone
- 11 Home baseball (4:30), Home Softball (4:30)
- 12 Home Softball (4 p.m.), Spring Pops Concert (7:30 p.m.)

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- Senior Finals May 13 and 14
Graduation May 17, 2 p.m.
Final Exams May 18, 19 and 20

FYI:

By the numbers -

We have 162 students enrolled at Blue Ridge High School.

Average Daily Attendance Rate for the month of March was 86.8%

Discipline data as of April 10th (and since March 12th):

- Detentions - 113 (9)
 - Lunch detentions accounted for 9 instances this past month.
 - Before/After school detentions accounted for 0 instances.
 - At this time last year we had assigned 122 detentions.
- Saturday Schools - 0
 - At this time last year we had assigned one student to a Saturday School.
- In-School Suspensions - 14 (1)
 - 1 student received ISS during this reporting period.
 - Suspensions totaled 2 full days during this reporting period.
 - At this time last year there had been 9 in school suspensions.
- Out of School Suspensions - 7 (0)
 - No student received OSS during this reporting period.
 - Suspension totaled 0 full days during this reporting period.
 - At this time last year there had been 3 out of school suspensions.
- Electronics referrals - 68 (3)
 - 34 students have received a referral for electronics.
 - 16 students have reached at least level 2.
 - 9 students are on a contract.
 - 4 students have violated the contract agreement.
 - At this time last year there had been 70 electronics referrals.

Our Alternative Education students (through the Edgenuity program) have collectively completed 57 classes for a total of 38.5 earned credits as of April 10th. Twelve students are currently enrolled in at least one hour of alternative education.

A few tidbits from the announcements over the past month:

- Congrats to Indra Nolan for being named 2nd team all-state by the Illinois High School Scholastic Bowl Coaches Association for the 2nd year in a row!
- Mark your calendars for the Drama production of "Too Many Ghosts" this weekend in Moore Gym. Friday 7pm Saturday 7pm and Sunday 2pm.
- Do you have an interest in possibly becoming a teacher? Would you like to earn college credits while taking classes at BRHS? If these things interest you, please talk with Ms. Hieronymus, Mr. Kirkton or Mr. Easter soon about possibly adding that to your schedule for next year.

Congratulations and Kudos:

***Staff and Student of the Month (Exemplary Knights) -**

Our staff winner for Exemplary Knight for the month of March is ***Elizabeth Raines***. Elizabeth has been a library aide for us here at BRHS for many years. Here are some insights about Mrs. Raines:

- Mrs. Raines supports our students in so many ways! Not only is she always available to help students find books or other resources, but she also leads study halls for students who need a little extra support. She helps these students set goals, stay organized, and get caught up or stay on track. Many students can thank Mrs. Raines for helping them succeed academically.
- It is such a pleasure to work with Elizabeth. Her positive attitude is truly infectious; she greets every single person—staff and student alike—with a genuine smile, always ready to help. She is the quiet hero of our library (and school), consistently taking on countless "thankless tasks" that keep everything running smoothly. Her willingness to jump in and help out where needed is a tremendous asset to our entire team and we are lucky to have her on our staff!
- Mrs. Raines truly goes above and beyond in her role as the library aide. She is always willing to work with some of our more challenging students in a quiet and smaller setting, helping them keep up with their school work. Elizabeth does a nice job in helping our students feel safe, supported and welcome in her space each day.
- We couldn't do the things we do in the library without Liz. She's always on top of things and willing to help. She's welcoming while providing just the right amount of structure some students need. Liz is amazing!

We have 2 students that we are recognizing this month - **Tyler Holtz** (Jr.) and **Gracie Wingert** (Sr.). These students were nominated for this recognition by staff members. Staff then voted for their top choices based on all nominees. Here are some things that teachers say about these awesome students:

Tyler Holtz (Jr)

- *Tyler always comes in with a great attitude every day! He is dependable and considerate.*
- *He works hard every day and he's helpful to classmates.*
- *Tyler is a leader and his presence affords him the ability to humbly make things happen.*
- *Tyler is a consistent student who always gets his work done and is always respectful and kind.*
- *Tyler is a hardworking student in my class who consistently does well on his assignments and stays on top of his work. He is also very involved in FFA and is a great leader representing our school. Tyler's responsibility and dedication make him a great example of an Exemplary Knight.*
- *Tyler is a great student. He works hard and is responsible. He helps whenever is asked.*
- *Tyler is a solid worker, always willing to help out his peers.*

Gracie Wingert (Sr)

- *Gracie has been crushing it in my class. Her questions during notes have been high level, and I've seen a serious amount of growth in her level of effort studying/performance.*
- *Gracie puts forth a great effort to do her best work in class. She is one I can count on to contribute insight when needed.*
- *Gracie is a great student in and out of class. She is always doing her best and working hard to achieve her goals.*
- *Gracie is a quiet leader. She has improved academically this year and continues to be successful.*

Our Athletes of the Month for March are:

Girls Track - Kelly Weiss - Kelly has really stepped up her fitness level and intent this year to be an "athletic weapon" on the track team" causing her times to be lower in the intermediate running events. Kelly always works hard and fills in emergency events when needed. The BRHS girls track and field team is lucky to have her in the program.

Boys Track - Chase Ellis - Chase scored two wins at an early meet with 2 near school record results in the 100m and Long Jump. He also scored another personal best in the 200m Dash.

Softball - Karlee Fenton - Karlee Fenton is one of our DeLand athletes and has demonstrated a truly team-first mindset. She has stepped up to catch and pitch when the team needed it most, despite those not being her primary positions. Her willingness to do what is best for the team has made a meaningful impact.

Baseball - Devin Wrestler - Devin is proof that you can go from takedowns to turning double plays. This second-year player and high school senior has been locking down second base like it owes him money. Opponents thought they were getting a game... turns out they signed up for a wrestling match with a glove!