

Animal Appliances releases EP

By Willie Lutz
Editor-in-chief

In early November of 2014, Animal Appliances, a band comprised of seniors **Drew Lowry** (Guitar and Vocals), **George Kunkel** (Guitar), **D.K. Dews** (Drums), and **Matt Allen** (Bass), will release the studio-recorded *5 Song Koodle EP* (which contains six songs) to the public. The EP was preceded by the release of their first single, “Wrapped Around Your Finger”.

Dews, Lowry, and Kunkel were originally in the punk-alternative band, Munchlaxx. The band played several shows and released a few songs via YouTube before the group split. Kunkel said the split occurred because, “the communication wasn’t good, our chemistry was bad, and we were sick of all the songs.”

The band has a hybrid sound comprised of punk, alternative, blues, and rock to give tracks a special sound depth. Animal Appliances has a vibe of Green Day and the Black Keys combined.

While Animal Appliances is just now releasing its first audio

samples, the group has been around for three years. “Animal Appliances is what George and

dressing up like Mike Wazowski and Batman for the talent show,” Lowry said. The band members

they aim for commercial success.

The band, who created its songs while jamming together, took

were able to knock everything out quickly, because the comfortable atmosphere of the studio made the process smooth,” Dews said.

Lowry was also a fan of the studio’s atmosphere. “The studio had a very warm vibe and that reflects on the EP,” he said.

The band will have its cover art designed by former Loveland High School student, Bryant Nichols, once again going for a warm feeling.

Animal Appliances and the Roar teamed up on October 13th to create the first-ever Roar Sessions. The video of these sessions can be found by scanning the code below.



Band members include (from left to right) George Kunkel, Matt Allen, Drew Lowry and DK Dews. Kunkel and Lowry have been playing together for three years

Photo by Megan Phelan



Students give back to community

By Carie Shipp
Staff writer

Tigers in Service promotes community service and increases high school students’ awareness of service needs and opportunities found within the area. Members of this club take action, through outside programs or service within the school, to make an impact for the betterment of the community. According to its advisors and members, Tigers in Service continues to make a difference and grow every day.

“Tigers In Service started out as a small group, but now we have a group of fifty students on a regular basis who are willing to take time out of their lives to serve others,” **Mrs. Beth Wexler** (Creative Living) said.

Beginning at the start of each school year, this club sets out to perform a variety of service projects within the community. The Cool School Enrichment Program is one of the major

projects currently being tackled. This is a school tutoring program which meets twice a week throughout the school year to help Loveland primary, elementary, and intermediate school students with organization, study habits, and homework. This program also provides attention to those students who need an extra caring and supportive touch. “Cool School is a lot of fun because it’s a great experience getting to hang out with the kids while knowing that you’re making an impact in their lives,” **Mallory Russ** (11) said.

In addition, members of Tigers in Service make a difference through their service at Matthew 25 Ministries as well, which serves as an international humanitarian aid and disaster relief organization that is designed to help the poor through the reuse of donated items. Tigers in Service has helped at Mathew 25 Ministries for the past four years, and will continue to take

part in service at this location.

“I really enjoyed the experience of volunteering at Matthew 25, and I’m looking forward to doing it again this year,” **Courtney Spicer** (11) said.

Tigers in Service also takes in part in “Random Acts of Kindness.” This program involves the members coming together to perform helpful tasks that may be needed throughout the school. This includes simple projects such as baking brownies for the LHS staff to thank them for all that they do for the school.

“As a group we really like to give random school workers a little surprise through “Random Acts of Kindness” since they always work so hard for us,” **Meredith Montalbano** (12) said.

Despite the busy schedules of many in Tigers in Service, these students manage to make community service a priority. According to **Stuart Wasmund** (12), taking part in the service activities of this club is worth any sac-

rifices that may have to be made.

“Through Tigers in Service we are able to take time out of our own schedules to engage within the community, which is always rewarding. We also always have a blast

while doing it,” Wasmund said.

Tigers in Service will continue to meet once a month throughout the school year to plan for upcoming events, and all students are invited to take part in any of the club’s future activities.



Olivia Henderson (11) mixes paint at Matthew 25 Ministries. This is one of many service projects that they participate in.

Photo courtesy of Mrs. Wexler

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Halle's Helpful Hints

Cold weather brings new fashion opportunities

The leaves are changing, Starbucks is serving Pumpkin Spice Lattes, and cooler temperatures are making the perfect weather for bonfires. Even though the heat of summer has since passed and winter is approaching faster with each day, fall presents many exciting features. To be prepared for anything from trips to the pumpkin patch to football games, the right attire is critical. This can be quite challenging since looking cute is not always easy when it starts to get cold out and piling on layers becomes imperative. However, there are three certain items that should make their way into your closet this season. Functional and fashionable, these items will ease the transition into autumn.

1. Accent Boots

When it becomes too cold for sandals but too hot for winter boots, finding the perfect fall shoe can prove to be difficult. When in doubt, riding boots, combat boots, or rain boots offer the perfect solution. Riding boots in a light brown or black color can be worn to achieve a more classic look. These can be worn to a formal event with a dress and tights, or can be made casual when paired with jeans and a simple sweater. Combat boots present a much edgier look. They can be paired with jeans, a blazer, and a statement necklace to create an image that oozes confidence. Riding boots or combat boots can be found at DSW, T.J.Maxx, or Macy's at a relatively affordable cost. More expensive boots that will be sure to last for many seasons to

come can be found at The Frye Company, Madewell, or Nordstrom. On a gloomy day, rain boots paired with a sweater or monogrammed rain jacket, and leggings make the perfect "comfy-casual" look. My personal favorite rain boots are Hunter boots. These can be found online and come in a variety of colors that are the perfect solution to brighten up any rainy day.

2. Versatile Vests

No fall wardrobe is complete without the perfect vest. As they are available in many different colors, styles, and patterns, finding a vest that fits your desired look is relatively easy. In fact, a vest can provide the perfect way to dress up a casual outfit. Paired with either blue or colored jeans, a long sleeve shirt or button up, riding boots, and a statement necklace or scarf, a vest can take an outfit from being simply good to absolutely great. When temperatures drop and wearing extra clothing becomes necessary, try layering a button up, a sweater, and a vest. When looking for a vest, try shopping at J. Crew at the outlet mall in Monroe, Ohio. A personal favorite from J. Crew would be the Excursion quilted vest in navy. Another place to try finding the perfect vest would be Marley Lilly. This is a website that offers monogrammed apparel and accessories. With winter coming, monogrammed vests will find their ways on to the wish lists of many. Thus, if you find yourself looking for a gift idea, look no further than Marley Lilly.

3. Showy Scarves

Walk through the halls of the high school during winter months and you will be sure to find scarves in every style, color, and pattern around. Scarves happen to be my go-to accessory with the coming of fall, and make appearances in my daily outfits from the first sight of leaves changing colors in September to the first sight of flowers in spring. The reason why scarves are such a valuable asset to any wardrobe is simple. They are comfortable and can be worn with just about anything from sweater dresses to a long sleeve shirt and jeans. Thus, they can be worn anywhere from football games to dinner parties. In addition, scarves are very affordable. They can often be found for under 20 dollars at places such as Francesca's, Charming Charlie, and Nordstrom. If you are looking for a more expensive option, Lilly Pulitzer has the cutest scarves that, without a doubt, will be making their way onto my wish list this holiday season. The coming of the holidays also brings about many opportunities to dress up. For dinner at a nice restaurant, try wearing a sweater dress, leggings, riding boots, a scarf, and Alex and Ani bracelets.

While pushing shorts and summer dresses to the back of the closet until next year may be slightly upsetting, bringing forward scarves, vests, and boots, for the coming season is exciting in its own way. It is time to embrace this fact and get out there and find some new fall attire to spice up your wardrobe.

GUEST COLUMN

I Want It Now! (Or even faster if you can make it happen)



By Principal Chris Kloesz

Guest Columnist

The 3½ minutes it takes to make Easy Mac seems entirely too long.

As I look (and listen) around today, I am constantly confronted with a troubling thought: We have morphed into a species that requires instantaneous response from everyone and everything. Don't get me wrong; this is not a "you kids today" indictment on the current generation of "young people," nor is it an unsolicited editorial rant from a Luddite—I believe in many practical applications for the use of technology and the many conveniences we have in our world today. The truth is we exhibit this need for immediate response, attention, and gratification, and sadly I don't think this human adaptation is the result of conscious thought; if it is, then we are guilty of far more than simply adapting as a species.

I receive between 80 and 120 e-mail messages almost every day, not counting responses to messages I have sent. The majority of the messages I receive contain questions, requests, or pieces of information I am being asked to address, forward, or research followed by responding. I am an educator, so I am happy to answer questions especially if it means someone might learn something, and I am a school administrator, so I understand that with my position comes the expectation that people are going to contact me if they

need answers to questions or permission to do something related to our school. What I don't understand are the people who send e-mail messages and then follow up with a phone call over which they say, "I am just calling to see if you received my message..." (This sometimes happens within minutes or even instantly as I receive the message.) Think about that for a minute: If you haven't heard back from me via e-mail—especially if you just sent the message—do you really think calling me is going to speed up the process of receiving a response? Perhaps I need a little time in order to provide a quality response. Perhaps you need to take a little time to wait for the quality response.

About 4 times a year, I facilitate a test-prep workshop which is designed to help people who have to take standardized tests (MAT and GRE) to get into graduate school at Xavier University and other area universities. Both tests are timed, so one of the exercises I do with the workshop attendees is to "take 30 seconds to do absolutely nothing," but I don't tell them the length of time ahead of the exercise. I literally ask them to put pens and pencils down, scoot back away from their desks or tables and "do nothing from the time I say 'go' until the time I say 'stop'." At the end of the 30 seconds I ask them if it felt like a long period of time; most of them respond that it did—and when I tell them it was 30 seconds and I ask them why it felt like a long period of time, most of them tell me

they think it felt long because they never have (or take) 30 seconds to do "absolutely nothing." (Because the tests are timed, 30 seconds is the amount of time they should take for each question in order to stay on pace to finish the tests.) Can you believe that?! Sadly, you probably can. We have transformed into a society that cannot enjoy 30 seconds of down time.

Throughout my life I have heard many phrases intended to remind all of us to slow down. My grandmother has always said, "Don't forget to stop and smell the roses along the way." (This line is often attributed to legendary golfer Walter Hagen, and Ringo Star made the line even more universal by naming an early 1980's album "Stop and Smell the Roses," although I don't think my grandmother has any connection with either of those people.) One of the professors in my doctoral program at Xavier University recently said, "[We all need to] make consistent effort to slow down." He also uses the phrase, "Slow down to speed up," in reference to the idea that we need to occasionally rest or recharge to maintain our daily or weekly pace. In addition, there are many song lyrics that lend strong suggestion to the notion of altering the speed at which we approach life—one of my favorites is "Take the Long Way Home" by Supertramp. (Yes, that's the name of an actual band; look it up!)

Too many things happen too fast in our world, and the stress, frustration, and anxiety that comes with trying to keep up with it all is unnecessary. Make time for people you love and things you enjoy; slow down and take your time with everything else.

In my opinion, Henry David Thoreau said it the best: Simplify. Simplify.

I encourage you to do so—at least from time to time.

Staff Editorials

Cost of college makes education inaccessible

By Jazmyn Browning

Staff writer

College is typically viewed as a pivotal experience in someone's life. It is a time to pursue passions in the hopes of achieving financial security and professional success for the future. However, a report released by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau reveals that national student loan debt has surpassed a staggering \$1.2 trillion. According the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, a college senior can expect to graduate with over \$30,000 of crippling debt.

One source of this problem becomes evident when the rising salaries of professors are examined. The AAUP reports that the average salary at doctoral institutions has grown nearly \$30,000 since 2000. Although it is intended to help, college has inevitably become an unattainable luxury for many students partly because of the outrageously expensive cost of tuition that has stemmed from the exceptionally high salaries of university staff.

According to the College Board, the cost of tuition has risen over 130% in the past 20 years and is continually increasing. In addition, the middle class' income cannot keep up with the escalating price of college. According to Annalyn Censky of C.N.N. *Money*, the average American family makes approximately \$400 less than they did 20 years ago. The average college tuition in 1980 was about \$8,400, but this number has

reached over \$19,000, according to the U.S. Department of Education. Without a doubt, college affordability has become a major adversary for higher education accessibility.

There is a glaring need for adjustment to the cost of college. A college degree is essential just to be considered qualified for an entry-level job, but many people are left unable to pursue further education because they do not have the funds. High school graduates earn an average annual salary of \$28,816, while a student with a bachelor's degree earns about \$59,539. In addition, the unemployment rate for college graduates is only 3% while high school graduates are facing an employment rate of over 8%, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

College also promotes a stronger economy. Competition between nations is absolutely crucial in order to maintain a thriving economy. Healthy competition is fostered by well-educated citizens because they become workers that are generally more productive and make more money. If the price of college continues to rise, higher education will become less and less of an option for people. In effect, the economy will fall victim to the absurd costs of college, according to digital analyst Brent Radcliffe.

As tuition continues to soar, some of the blame falls upon the compensation of college professors. According to PayScale, the average professor in the United

States makes nearly \$86,000 per year. Many argue that the high salaries are justified by the extensive knowledge, experience, and dedication of the professors. College professors are often required to have a doctoral degree, perform independent research, and publish scholarly journals. However, the average American professor does not work enough to defend their incredibly high pay. Although university faculty generally work about 15 hours per week for only 30 weeks a year, their incomes are comparable to the salaries of the upper-middle-class Americans who work about 40-50 hours a week on average with 2 to four weeks of vacation, according to economist David Levy.

To combat the increased cost of tuition, the working hours of professors could be elongated in order to increase efficiency. Expanded hours of teaching would decrease the necessity of extra staff on campus. This could possibly increase the budget of colleges; therefore, tuition would not need to be raised in an attempt to cope.

Since a college education is crucial to making a reasonable living and maintaining a healthy economy, it should be much more accessible to the everyday person. Why should education be withheld from those that cannot afford it? Many brilliant minds could be held back just because they are unable to pay a fortune for their education. Learning should not be considered an exclusionary privilege that only the wealthy hold.

Early foreign language study benefits students

By Paige Smith

News and editorial editor

Many school districts don't start foreign language education until high school, but by this time students are already past the critical time to become fluent, making it more difficult to learn the language. For the most success, foreign language education needs to start before the age of twelve. Students who successfully learn a second language show better communication, higher test scores, and a more globally accepting attitude.

"Children who learn a foreign language beginning in early childhood demonstrate certain cognitive advantages over children who do not," Therese Sullivan Caccavale, president of the National Network for Early Language Learning, said.

If language education starts early and continues on through school, students have a much longer period of study, which leads to a more thorough understanding of the language. All European students, with the exception of Italy and Wales, must study a foreign language throughout their education. Many of these students go on to even learn a third language.

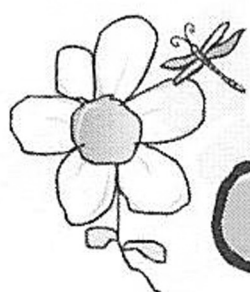
Much of the reason that it is easier to learn a language at a young age comes from the development of the brain. In the first month a baby makes synaptic connections, the processes that gather, store, and retrieve information, at a rate of three billion connections per second. At eight months a baby has a total of one trillion connections, but the number will begin to decline unless the child receives stimulation through all senses. By age ten about half of these connections have died off. Twelve is a crucial age, because after that stage the fundamental architecture of the brain is complete.

"It is critical that foreign language instruction be available to all students throughout their PK-12 academic experience. Knowing other languages and understanding other cultures is a 21st century skill set for American students as they prepare to live and work in a global society," Martha G. Abbott, Director of Education for American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, said.

While the majority of schools in the United States have continued to begin teaching foreign languages in middle or high school, those that have started teaching them earlier have seen a significant improvement.

Higher standardized test scores are more of a short term benefit, while in the long run students would be more successful in the future. In the current world, communications and business function internationally. Being fluent or proficient in a second language makes prospective employee look much more attractive.

It takes a long period of exposure to become proficient in a foreign language, especially in a school setting where it is only being used for an hour and a half, five days a week. The earlier that students start learning a second language, the more likely they are to be able to reach such a level. Schools should implement foreign language programs that begin in primary school with basic lessons such as vocabulary that increase in difficulty as students age.



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True meaning of feminism misunderstood

By Megan Phelan
Staff Writer

The inequality of gender is overlooked by many and needs to become something of which our nation is educated, so that it may cease to exist. Feminism is the advocacy of women’s rights on the grounds of political, social, and economic equality to men. The original act of feminism began on July 19th, 1848 with the first ever women’s rights gathering in Seneca Falls, New York. Elizabeth Cady Stanton’s 100-person gathering has influenced both men and women to act out against the discrimination of women for the past 166 years. In the past, feminism was focused mostly on fixing the difficulties women face with family responsibilities, lack of education, economic opportunities, and having a political voice. Nowadays, women are less likely to be known as “the housewife”; however, according to NewStatesman.com, eight out of ten women will say they complete more housework than

their male partner. The reason for this may be because today, full-time, year-round women workers are only paid 78 percent of what a male worker receives, according to aauw.org, or even that some men refuse to work under or with a female and will discriminate against women in the workplace. According to Thinkprogress.org, 30 percent of women have been discrimi-

nated against in the workplace. The inequality of women also leaves some men believing they have power over women, whether they are their wife, coworker or a random passerby. This feeling of empowerment often leads to domestic violence against women, such as beatings or rapes. These incidents are much more common than the public seems to think. Ac-

cording to clarkprosecutor.org, one out of every four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime. Yet many countries across the world refuse to recognize domestic violence against females as a crime. NewStatesman.com said that 89 percent of domestic violence cases in the UK were against women. Not only can domestic violence be physical, but also verbal. These may include sexual innuendos, inappropriate jokes, and unsuitable gestures. These actions are very disrespectful and rude. On September 20th, Emma Watson gave a speech supporting her organization “He for She”, a movement that encourages males to pledge to feminism. This event spread awareness for the issue of feminism worldwide. Over 178,000 men have pledged to stand up for women in support of her cause. Malala Yousafzai won the Norwegian Nobel Peace Prize on October 10th for her acts supporting feminism and child education. Many know her as the girl who was shot by the Taliban because she spoke out about something she believed. These two women

have contributed a large part to modern day feminism and have become an inspiration to many. Many are against feminism, mainly because they have a distorted view of what feminism truly is. To some, when one says the word “feminist”, a hard-core, man hating, hairy woman comes to mind. However, a true feminist believes in the equality of both genders, not the superiority of females. Others are still stuck believing that men should have more privileges than women but do not have a valid point as to why they believe this, such as **Jake Junod (12)**, who said “Women are a beautiful species but men are more dominant.” However, this does not make sense considering both men and women are all a part of the same species. Unfortunately, even in our own school, the inequality of genders is a very present problem. There are no actual reasons for why it is still happening. The inequality of sexes needs to end. In order for this to happen, people must be educated about feminism. How far will the inequality be taken for people to realize it is still an issue?

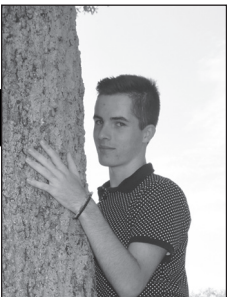


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Pictured above is the HeForShe logo, an organization that raises awareness for gender equality



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CONTRA Are Ghosts Real?

“Seeing is believing,” Shaggy said. Humans live in a world where people always say they “won’t believe it unless they see it.” That might be good logic to go on, that is, if there weren’t deceased humans still roaming the earth’s crust. The world is driven by science. Scientists seem to have an answer for everything on this Earth, except the question of whether or not ghosts roam earth. It would seem that if scientists had some microcosm of an answer in 2014, we would know. Instead, they keep contradicting each other. Plus, the fact that some scientists are actively searching for ghosts could cause one to reconsider ghosts’ legitimacy. There’s also the overwhelming evidences of electromagnetic pulses (commonly referred to as EMPs) in haunted areas from ghost hunters all around the world. EMPs are on a scale of one (being no abnormal electric pulse in an area) to ten (which means there is a lot of activity). Since people typically don’t see EMPs of any significance in public, why would one see a bump of seven or eight if there weren’t any ghosts? It would only make sense that in an abandoned apartment building that has random EMP bumps there would be hauntings. For example, one may go to Historic Loveland, turn on their EMP device and get a bump of one or two. However, if one went to a notoriously haunted area, such as Loveland Castle, there may be areas, based on the location of ghosts, where a person could see the EMP go up to five or six. In cultures from various time periods, ghosts are prevalent throughout. On cave paintings, we see ghosts. On television, we see people telling their stories of interactions with ghosts. It would be illogical to deny the existence of ghosts with all of the history around them. With the religious referencing and prevalence over the years in pop culture, they just seem all too real. There are also countless pictures with inexplicable ghost-like images. While some have been proven to be a farce, a good sized portion have held inexplicable images. There is photographic evidence of these beings, but people still fail to believe in them. Ghosts are a part of the world and people need to realize it. For all students and teachers know, ghosts could be patrolling the hallways, looking to create mischief to relive their high school or teachers seeking revenge for the years of mental horror high school students caused them.

The brain is one of our most powerful assets. In fact it so powerful that it can imagine things to be real when they aren’t. Ghost happen to be one of the things that we can imagine. They have been mentioned in some of the most popular pieces of literature of all time like *Macbeth* by Shakespeare, “The Tell-Tale Heart” by Edgar Allan Poe, and a *Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. These classic pieces of literature and modern media like television and movies, have also lead people to believe that ghosts are real, when they aren’t. Ghost are said to be deceased human beings that have come back to earth in the afterlife. In Albert Einstein’s Law of Conservation of Energy, he states energy cannot be created nor destroyed. This leads to the question, where does energy from a human go when it dies? Does this energy turn into a ghost or a spirit? Thus, ghosts often seem like a reasonable explanation. According to the law of thermodynamics, however, the energy from a deceased body is released through heat and back into the earth. Therefore, this law contradicts the possibility that the energy is transformed into a ghost or spirit. Some people claim to have seen or heard ghosts; but these are called hallucinations; they involve sensing things while awake that appear to be real, but instead have been created by the mind. Hallucinations have been proven to be more frequent when humans are stressed, extremely fatigued, or lonely, according to the National Library of Medicine. This explains why people claim to see their loved ones’ spirits soon after they have passed since they are experiencing extreme feelings of loneliness and anxiety causing them to hallucinate. Some will then believe these hallucinations are actually ghosts. For viewers of shows like *Ghost Hunters*, *Ghost Adventures*, and *Paranormal State*, the personnel in the show do use scientific equipment such as ion detectors, infrared cameras, Geiger counters, and much more, but none of these tools have been actually proven to have the ability to detect ghosts. It’s just the actors on the show trying to validate what they are doing. Anyone with a camera can find a dark abandoned house, creaky floor boards, some fog and say there’s a ghost. It’s just a matter of who will believe them. The new reality shows about ghosts are really just a new version of *Ghostbusters*, the movie.



Fire scare brings early end to school day

By Claire Ruben

Staff Writer

Fire crews were called to the high school campus around 2 p.m. on Tuesday, September 30th after reports of a “smoky smell” coming from the basement. Faculty and students promptly evacuated the building for what some expected to be a typical drill.

“People were walking so slow, but we just had a drill last Friday, so I was confused,” **Katie Fackler** (10) said. “The suspense mounted, but then it hit me that ‘oh lawd Jesus, it’s a fire.’”

Some, however, were aware of the actual danger at hand. **Mrs. Jacquelyn Jones** (Biology) was one of the first faculty members to notice the odor.

“I was teaching and smelled smoke, so I asked the other science teachers across the hall if they were burning anything,” Mrs. Jones said. “When they weren’t, I knew something was wrong and I abruptly called the main office.”

The administration verified Jones’ report and were forced to pull the alarm. Within minutes the fire department was on site investigating the situation.

“I had just came back from a field trip and was in the bathroom when the alarm went off,” **Sammi Johnson** (11) said. “I freaked.”

After waiting outside for thirty minutes with the end of the school day approaching, students wondered



Photo by Mrs. R. Overbeeke
A firefighter rolls up the hose after learning that the school is not on fire.

how and when they could recover their belongings from inside.

“I was really mad because I left my phone, my computer, and my keys in the school, so I couldn’t go anywhere or watch any Netflix,” **Madison Johnson** (11) said.

In the meantime, students found plenty of ways to keep themselves busy.

“Fourth block Biotech tossed a frisbee and a tennis ball around to pass the time,” **Kyle Garner** (12) said.

But what actually caused the smoke in the basement? **Mr. Chris Kloesz** (principal) calls the events of September 30th a “non-story”.

Despite the local rumors and eye-catching images broadcast by the Instagram parody account @lhs-firepics, the school building was not actually ablaze.

“We are 99.99 percent sure that the smoke was a result of a chemistry lab,” Mr. Kloesz said. The school’s ventilation system blows air from the third floor down to the basement. Air particles are filtered, however, smoke and gasses can still pass through. The administration believes that this resulted in the smoke appearing two floors below the source.

“I was extremely impressed with how the students and staff handled the situation,” Mr. Kloesz said. “It was also a good drill for the Loveland Fire Department because it is not often that they get real world opportunities to bring out all of their equipment and check their response times.”

To verify their theory, the district brought in both an elevator inspector and a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning company, both of which verified that their respective systems are working properly.

“This kind of experience just shows us that we need to find a better system of communicating between classrooms so that we can shut off one section of the ventilation during certain instances,” Mr. Kloesz said.

Despite the student body’s attempts to overdramatize the “fire” situation, the true cause of the problem was something far more manageable.

Loveland students bleed blue for Autism Speaks

By Emily Dougherty

Features editor

Last month, Student Council held a fundraiser to support Autism Speaks, an organization that supports Autism research. At the September 12th home football game against Oak Hills, Jenn Jordan, co-host of the Jeff and Jenn Morning Show at Q102, came out to accept the \$10,000 check from Student Council during half-time. Jenn was joined on the field by Amy Schinner, Autism Speaks Cincinnati com-

mittee chair volunteer. **Ellie Stiver** (11) was the honorary captain of the team and helped with the coin toss on the field. Student Council members were on hand at the game to continue the fundraising efforts.

As the senior chairperson of the fundraiser, **Gabrielle Ernst** (12) said, “We raised \$10,000 through the T-shirt sales from the hypnotist assembly, the donations given at the game, and the money given by Student Council. We were very happy with the outcome and so thrilled that we had the chance to help a charity that helps so many

people including people in our own community. We could not have done it without the help of our students, staff, community and fans who came out to support the night. Thanks.”

Jenn and Amy were very excited to be in attendance to accept this donation. Jenn said, “I know companies and huge organizations that struggle to raise \$10, 000. It’s awesome that one school can make that happen. So grateful for Loveland High School and thanks so much for your support of the Autism community.”

Amy said, “I was very grateful and so impressed with the students at Loveland High School. I was most touched when I saw the student section. Seeing a sea of blue representing Autism Speaks when I know your school colors are black and orange brought tears to my eyes. Thank you so much for that beautiful gesture. Then to receive a check for \$10,000, wow; that is a huge donation. We are very excited and grateful. It was a wonderful night. Thank you Loveland for helping Autism Speaks work to complete

the puzzle of Autism.”

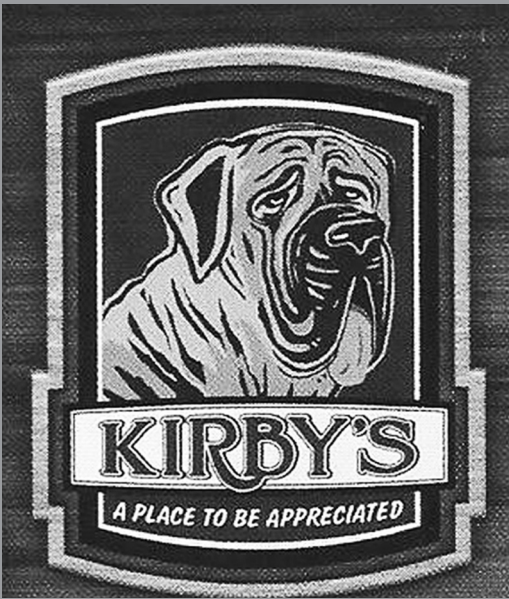
Jenn also acknowledged the opposing team, Oak Hills, for their support each year during the “Walk Now for Autism Speaks” held at Coney Island. She said that these players stand guard along the walk route in case any kids stray from their teams and head towards the lake, in order to make sure they that all stay safe.

For more information about Autism Speaks, or to get involved or make a donation, visit their website at: www.autismspeaks.org.

What’s happening in November

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31					1 Run for the Troops 5K Walk/Run Loveland Athletic Boosters Craft Show
2	3	4 Election day	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Veterans day	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 LHS Drama performance (It's a Wonderful Life)	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29



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Fears about ISIS grounded in fact

By Jared Frees

The Islamic militant group known as ISIS is a new extremist terrorist organization that many think are potentially very hostile to the well-being of the United States.

“I think they are definitely a threat to America,” **Mr. Jeff Geiger** (History) said.

In an interview with Fox news, California Representative Duncan Hunter said, “At least 10 ISIS fighters have been caught coming across the Mexican border in Texas,” and that there are “dozens more that did not get caught by the Border Patrol.”

Mr. David Volkman (government) gave his insight on ISIS.

“I think that they are brutally violent absolutists in their views of life and need to be contained.” Mr. Volkman was deployed in the military to Afghanistan from 2004 – 2005 and to Iraq from 2010 – 2011.

“I think America should be working with other countries with similar views to contain them at a minimum and ultimately destroy the root causes of their existence,” Mr. Volkman said.

ISIS stands for Islamic State in Iraq and Syria because the group’s territory straddles the border between the two counties. They are also known as ISIL to others, which stands for Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant.

ISIS is taking advantage of the weak government in Iraq and the civil war in Syria and now controls almost all of western Iraq and eastern Syria, with the exception of some contested cities according to CNN.

The leader of ISIS is 43-year-old Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. The U.S. State Department lists al-Baghdadi as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist and has a reward of up to US \$10 million for information leading to his capture or death. The ISIS chief is also known as “the invisible sheikh” because he appears to wear a mask whenever he is out in public.

This group is very similar to the terrorist group al-Qaeda as they are both devoted to establishing an independent Islamic state in the Middle East. However, ISIS disowned al-Qaeda in early 2014 saying they have nothing to do with each other according to CNN.

President Obama has ordered air strikes with the support of allies to help defeat the ISIS militants.

“I believe we should be assisting them with air strikes, but we should also be encouraging the Middle East to fight for itself. That’s why I believe we shouldn’t sent ground troops in,” Mr. Volkman said.

“ISIS is very scary because of their hatred of America and the fact that they behead Americans,” **Jonathan Reese** (11) said.

Separate videotapes released online appears to show an ISIS member beheading two American journalists and two British aid workers.

It is estimated by U.S. intelligent officials that ISIS has around \$2 billion in total stocked cash right now and earn around \$3 million a day. The majority of their money is made by seizing major oil rigs in Iraq and Syria.

Local doctor answers questions about Ebola virus fears

By Kaylee Harter
Staff Writer

The recent Ebola outbreak, which began in March, has encompassed more cases and deaths than all other Ebola outbreaks combined. The widespread panic is rightly due, as the current outbreak has a reported fatality rate of 71% and there is no proven vaccine or treatment. The outbreak has been the catalyst of panic and jokes alike, but as the virus spreads, awareness becomes increasingly important. Dr. Tim Henke, an emergency physician at Bethesda North, explains what everyone should know about this disease.

Frequently Asked Questions

Roar: What is Ebola?

Dr. Henke: Ebola is a virus, just like the common flu, that occurs in humans and other mammals.

Roar: What are the symptoms?

Dr. Henke: The initial symptoms are similar to the common flu. Typically headache, fever, muscle pains, diarrhea and vomiting. About a week in, you’ll start to have bleeding from mucus membranes and easy bruising.

Roar: How is the virus transmitted?

Dr. Henke: Ebola is spread through bodily fluids; blood, saliva, vomit, urine, etc. It can’t travel through the air like the common flu.

Roar: How are patients diagnosed and how should they be treated?

Dr. Henke: Ebola is diagnosed by looking at the proteins and antibodies in the blood. With Ebola, you have to treat the symptoms. You treat the fever and the vomiting. A lot of patients will need IV (intravenous) fluids for rehydration but there isn’t any sort of vaccine or antibiotic yet.

Roar: How should Ebola be controlled and prevented?

Dr. Henke: The main thing is just preventing the spread, which just comes from isolating patients with Ebola and taking the proper precautions.

Roar: What are the proper precautions?

Dr. Henke: Really just avoiding exposure. Anyone who comes in contact with an Ebola patient needs barrier isolation; a full suit, gloves and hood.

Roar: What else do you think is important for people to know about Ebola?

Dr. Henke: Just that there is a lot of panic because of the low survival rate, but there’s no need to freak out over every cough and sneeze.

You need to remember that Ebola comes from West African countries, so unless you’ve been to a West African country or someone you’re in contact with has, there’s probably no need to worry.

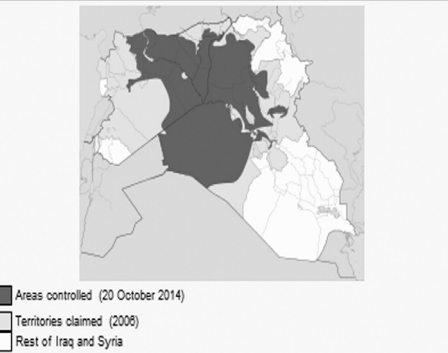
Timeline reveals escalation of ISIS control in Middle East

By Bronson Lakes
Sports Editor

- February 3, 2014** - Al Qaeda renounces ties to ISIS after months of infighting between al-Nusra Front and ISIS.
- May 2014** - ISIS kidnaps more than 140 Kurdish schoolboys in Syria, forcing them to take lessons in radical Islamic theology.
- June 9, 2014** - Monday night into Tuesday, militants seize Mosul’s airport, its TV stations and the governor’s office. ISIS frees up to 1,000 prisoners.
- June 10, 2014** - ISIS takes control of Mosul.
- June 11, 2014** - ISIS takes control of Tikrit.
- June 21, 2014** - ISIS takes control of Al-Qaim, a town on the border with Syria, as well as three other Iraqi towns.
- June 30, 2014** - The United Nations announces that an estimated 1.2 million Iraqis have been forced from their homes.
- June 30, 2014** - The Pentagon announces the United States is sending an additional 300 troops to Iraq, bringing the total U.S. forces in Iraq to nearly 800. Troops and military advisers sent to Iraq are there to add security to the U.S. Embassy and the airport in Baghdad, and to provide support to Iraqi security forces.



Official symbol for ISIS



Graph of ISIS control as of October, 20, 2014

- 270 people after storming and seizing the Shaer gas field.
- July 24, 2014** - ISIS militants blow up Jonah’s tomb, a holy site in Mosul.
- September 2, 2014** - ISIS releases a video showing the beheading of U.S. journalist Steven Sotloff. Sotloff’s apparent executioner speaks in what sounds like the same British accent as the man who purportedly killed Foley. He’s dressed identically in both videos, head to toe in black, with a face mask and combat boots. He appears to be of similar build and height. He waves a knife in his left hand, as did the militant in the video of Foley’s death.

September 13, 2014 - ISIS militants post video on a website associated with the group, showing the apparent execution of British aid worker David Haines. This makes him the third Western captive to be killed by the Islamist extremist group in recent weeks. ISIS directs a statement at British Prime Minister David Cameron, threatening more destruction if Britian continues its “evil alliance with America.” At the end of the video, the executioner threatens the life of Alan Henning, another British citizen held captive. The executioner appears to be the same one who killed both Steven Sotloff and James Foley.

September 23, 2014 - The United States carries out air strikes against ISIS. The bombing is focused on the ISIS stronghold of Raqqa, a city in northern Syria.

October 3, 2014 - ISIS releases a video showing the apparent beheading of hostage Alan Henning. It blames the killing on the UK for joining the U.S.-led bombing campaign against ISIS in Iraq and Syria. In the same video, the group threatens the life of American aid worker Peter Kassig, also known as Abdul-Rahman Kassig.



Photo Courtesy of Wikipedia



By Willie Lutz

Editor-in-Chief

Football is the epitome of American competition. In the NFL, the country is divided into 32nds and pitted in to all-out warfare for dominance; each fan trying to outsmart others for why it's their team's year. However, four of these teams are a spitting image of the core in the United States of America.

Willie Talks Sports: Star-Spangled football

The Philadelphia Eagles

When head coach Chip Kelly took over the Philadelphia Eagles in 2013, he brought a new sense of youth to the NFL that the league had needed for years. Kelly put his anchors and the powerful arm of rookie quarterback, Nick Foles, and on the speedy, Pro-Bowl running back, LeSean McCoy. The two of them, along with a series of talented young receivers, helped revolutionize the speed of the game. With the American youth always looking for bigger, better, faster, the Eagles transcend that into the league.

The Washington Redskins

The second, but arguably the most controversial team on this

list, the Washington Redskins seem to love to be in the epicenter of controversy. Although it's always been a hot topic for years, their team name, the Redskins, has been a part of lawsuits and arguments. Redskins is apparently a derogatory term for Native American, thus causing the name to stir up emotions. Not only has the name caused controversy, the players themselves have had their own turmoil. Robert Griffin III recently ran now former head coach Mike Shanahan out of town after he didn't like his coaching style. Griffin has also been criticized for poor play and many believe Kirk Cousins should be the team's official starting quarterback. The team

also signed former Eagles wide receiver, DeSean Jackson, who was cut by his former team for his involvement in gang activity.

The New York Giants

The Eli Manning givith, and the Eli Manning takith away. The New York Giants are the underdogs of the NFL, which brings out America's love for the dark horse. Eli Manning, the younger brother of arguably the greatest quarterback of all-time, Peyton Manning, has been overshadowing him. Eli has been mocked for years, but after all of that, he once again shows precision and brilliance. Eli Manning and the Giants beat NFL legend, Tom Brady, in two Super Bowls (one more than his brother

has), including a year where the Patriots came into the game having not bared a loss all season.

The Dallas Cowboys

Jerry Jones and the Dallas Cowboys are capitalism. Jones owns America's team. Jones owns America's team in the biggest, most advanced stadium in the NFL and fields big names including Dez Bryant, Tony Romo, and Demarco Murray. Jones uses his wealth to provide one of the league's most talented teams year after year. In America, where money is power, Jones uses his wallet to present his team on the field each and every Sunday.

Trainers help students recover from injuries

By Hannah Fischer

Staff Writer

Trainers commit to better teams

The rise of a team can be helped or hindered by a variety of aspects. One particular aspect is the trainers and student trainers, who are often kept on the 'down-low', but are important to any team at any level.

Josh Clark, a trainer of two years for Loveland Athletics, became a key attribute to all sports teams. Clark graduated from the University of Cincinnati and has been on a journey with young athletes ever since. Josh commits and works six days a week, occasionally working on Sundays, from 1:00 P.M. to anytime needed after sporting events.

Clark is kept busy, as he is always working with athletes after school and attending all home

games, and being on the lookout for potential injuries.

"A typical day for me starts right after school with getting athletes taped and ready for their practices. Then I look at athletes that have questions about an injury, or something that has been bothering them. During this time, athletes that are already injured are working on their rehabilitation exercises to get them back to practice/games. Once we take care of everyone in the training room we head out to cover the practices/games for the day/evening, and handle any injuries that occur during that time. My favorite part of my job is working with student athletes on a daily basis and helping them get back on the field after an injury," Clark said.

Student trainers also play a sub-

stantial role in aiding the athletes alongside of Clark. **Chris Whitling (12)** prepares the football team for training and games. "I had two

knee surgeries and when I was out I started to aid for Josh. Working with Josh kept me involved with the team last year when I couldn't

play. I help Josh tape people and clean their cuts when needed. My favorite part is probably being able to stay with the team and tape people," Whitling said.

Anna Vuyk (12) aids alongside of Josh in the winter and spring seasons. "I help with taping ankles and wrists. I also help with ice, stem, and just about anything Josh does. I love being able to help people," Vuyk said.

Student trainers, alongside Clark, devote their time to better Loveland athletics. Although they're not always put into the spot light, the athletes say their work is appreciated and important to the athletic program. "Josh knows exactly how to treat every athlete with an injury. I wouldn't have been able to play the same without his help," **Claire Beran (10)** said.



Photo courtesy of Hannah Fischer

Josh Clarke, head athletic trainer at Loveland High School, helps student-athletes on a daily basis. Here, he is attending a soccer game, ready to tend to the players that get hurt.

Student athletes continue play at next level

By Drew Paschal

Business and Ad Manager

Each year seniors report that applying for scholarships is a process that requires an immense amount of time and effort. Most applications are available online and students are able to receive assistance from the counseling office. However, one type of scholarship that students cannot merely apply for online is an athletic scholarship. Students can receive athletic scholarship money from Division 1, Division 2, or NAIA universities. The divisions are selected according to the number of students able to participate in sports. There are roughly 138,000 athletic scholarships available every year for Division I and Division II sports according to Lynn O'Shaughnessy, a writer for "U.S. News and World Report".

Mrs. Renner said that she does not yet have all of the information about athletic scholarships yet.

The statistics are minimal for students desiring to become a college athlete with the support of an athletic scholarship, but it is possible.

Ian Leever (12), Miami University football commit said, "I knew that if I put in the time, work, and effort, I would achieve my goal of playing college football. From the first time I stepped on campus, I knew I was going to spend the next chapter of my life there."

Jake Saunders (11), defensive lineman in football, has been offered by the University of Illinois and Northwestern University. **Giovanni Ricci (12)** committed to play football at Western Michigan University. **Nate Slagel (12)** was offered by Western Michigan University.

Jay Wilson (11) said, "I went down to Georgia for a Perfect Game tournament and struck three of the four batters I faced, while touching 91 mph. After the game,

I talked to the head coach of Georgia Tech and went on a visit to the campus after the tournament was completed. It was beautiful and I was amazed by all the wonderful facilities." Jay committed to play baseball at Georgia Tech.

Hannah Fischer (11) committed to play soccer at Northern Kentucky University. **Corynne Swift (12)** committed to play soccer at Walsh University.

Haleigh Goedde (12) said, "The head coach from Tiffin came and watched me play while I was at a showcase tournament in Orlando, Florida playing on the ESPN fields. After a visit to the university, she offered me a scholarship during a scheduled meeting."

Sarah Marlatt (12) said, "It feels good to know where I'm going to college and having it all paid for. There is nothing better than getting to play the sport I love at a Division 1 level for free." Sarah committed to play volleyball at the University of Memphis.



Photo courtesy of Kevin Sieg.

Jake Saunders (11) is a football player with Division 1 football scholarships. Saunders has offers from the University of Illinois and Northwestern University.

Sports Briefs with Bron:

By Bronson Lakes
Sports Editor

Football

Giovanni Ricci (12) leads the Eastern Cincinnati Conference (ECC) in receiving yards and **Luke Waddell (10)** is first in the ECC with rushing yards. The team is in the playoff chase and will face the Milford Eagles tonight.

Volleyball

The team finished the season with a conference record of nine wins and five losses. **Paige De-**

witt (12) led the team in assist with 295. **Molly Cummins (11)** led the team with spikes.

Boys' Soccer

Ryan Melink (12) had the most goals in the ECC with a total of 16, and he also led the league in points with 38. **Dillon Frees (12)** had five goals on the season. They finished the season in second place in the conference with a record of six wins and one loss.

Girls' Soccer

They completed their season

in first place in the conference with a record of five wins, zero losses and two ties. **Corynne Swift (12)** led the team with eight goals and **Courtney Spicer (11)** closely followed with six goals.

Boys' Cross Country

The best times by the boys cross country runners are by **Karl Mueller (11)** with a time of 16 minutes and 52 seconds; and by **Kyle Garner (12)** with a time of 17 minutes and 2 seconds.

Girls' Cross Country

The girls' team has a couple of girls who have some of the best times in the conference such as **Lena Koenig (12)**, **Magen Brailey (12)** and **Ashley Mays (11)**. The best time for the team is by **Kayla Hartzler (11)** with a time of 19 minutes and 57 seconds.

Boys' Golf

They finish the season in first place in the conference with a record of five wins and one loss before tournament play. **Isaac Vock (12)** led the league with an average of 37.45 on 216 holes

Girls' Golf

The team finished with an overall record of 10 wins and five losses. **Haley Florence (10)** led the team with an average of 44.00 on 171 holes.

Girls' Tennis

In first singles, **Sophie Greenberg (12)** had a record of one win and zero losses. **Devin Lally (12)** had record of two wins and three losses. The team finished with a conference record of three wins and three losses.

Susie Heath Shreds Goals

By Kaylee Harter
Staff Writer

Susie Heath, sophomore skater, has been spending her Saturdays at Ollie's Skate Park in Florence for the last four years. Susie said she started skating after being inspired by her cousin, Andrew, and members of her "neighborhood crew." Susie's neighborhood crew includes current students of LHS, DK Dews, Trevor Gajus and LHS alums, Rachel Heath and Danny Cox. "After I kinda got into it (skating), Susie did too. We used to practice in her driveway every day. She stuck with it," **DK Dews (12)** said., The owner of Ollie's skate park, Bob Leffler said, "Sometimes I can just tell when someone has 'it' and with Susie that was the case from the start. She has enormous potential and yet she's so humble, which is very

refreshing."

In the past, Heath has participated in various competitions, though she said that she prefers to skate recreationally. In the 2012 King of the Groms, Susie was a national qualifier for kids 12 and under. In the 2011 Kentucky State Games, Susie received gold in the beginner bowl skating competition and silver in the intermediate mini ramp competition. Father, Mr. Dave Heath said, "She is very passionate about skating and wants to be on the forefront of women's skating."

Heath was recently featured in Andy Schrock's YouTube video, "Girl Skateboarder SHREDS The Skatepark!" Andy Schrock is a popular YouTuber and pro skater who was the guest pro at a camp that Susie participated in at Ollie's. Schrock was so impressed by Susie's skills that he decided to make the video. **Susie Heath (10)** said, "it was really cool."

The video demonstrates Susie's ability to skate a variety of features at the skatepark, including her favorite, the vert ramp. Sister, Rachel Heath said, "She works really hard and has hard falls but she always gets back up to accomplish all of her goals."

At the end of the video Schrock commented, "She has such a passion." He also stated that he did not want the title to imply that she "shreds for a girl." Schrock said that "Susie holds her own" and that she is a solid skater "no matter who you are." The video now has over 118,700 views and over 2,790 likes.

Following the filming of the video, Heath met pro skater Tony Hawk, named one of the "most influential skaters of all-time" by FoxWeekly. Heath said, "every other year or so he does a demo with his team at Ollie's and I got the chance to meet him."



Photo Courtesy of Dave Heath

Susie Heath jumps into the half pipe at Ollie's skate park.

Academic team brings back two varsity players

By Kevin Sieg
Staff Writer

Last year, the Academic Team finished with a 9-7 record and came in third place in the ECC. They have two returning varsity players, **Doug Foster (12)** and **Jack Tuttle (12)**. Coach **Jennifer Chast (Science)** is entering her eleventh year as head coach of the academic team and is optimistic about the upcoming year.

"We are still in the middle of tryouts, but I am optimistic as to our performance this year," Mrs. Chast said.

The home matches for our academic team are held in the library. In a match, there are three rounds. For the category rounds, students work in a team of four to answer questions that are posed to them in a variety of topics from literature and history to math and science. They receive two points for each correct answer on the first attempt,

and one point for each correct answer on the second attempt. For each category, there is one question directed to each team and then a "toss up" question where either team can buzz in.

In the alphabet round, the players are given four minutes and a sheet of 20 questions to answer with all answers beginning with the same letter. In this round, each answer is worth one point.

In the final round, a team of four students from each team are asked 20 questions. Students must buzz in with the correct answer, worth 1 point per correct answer. The winner of the match is then determined by which team has the most points.

With only two returning varsity members, this year's team will look to some of the younger players to step up.

"The Academic team has many new faces and will sure to be fun this year!" **Josh Ackley (11)** said.

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U.S. House of Representatives
Steve Chabot (Republican)

Steven Joseph “Steve” Chabot is a member of the Republican Party running for re-election into the U.S. House for 2014. Chabot is a part of the U.S. House of Representatives and represents Ohio’s 1st district.

According to his campaign biography, Chabot graduated from the College of William and Mary. Chabot earned a B.A. in History and a Juris Doctor degree from Northern Kentucky University’s Salmon P. Chase College of Law. He worked as an elementary school teacher from 1975-1976 and continued his education by taking law classes at night.

According to his campaign website, as Chairman of the House Subcommittee on the Constitution, Chabot authored the legislation to ban the practice of partial-birth abortion. Chabot opposes abortion except if the mother’s life is in danger or in cases of rape and incest. He authorized a bill, which passed the House but not the Senate, to make it illegal to take a minor across state lines for an abortion. Chabot is a strong advocate for fiscal responsibility, and has pursued a fiscally conservative standard for the government. He has been rated one of the most anti-tax members of Congress by the National Taxpayers Union. In addition, Chabot has voted to restrict federal funding for embryonic stem cell research.

Chabot’s voting record shows that he was a longtime critic of pork barrel spending and of federal funding for the arts. Pork barrel is the appropriation of government spending for localized projects secured solely or primarily to bring money to a representative’s district. “I wasn’t sent up here to bring pork back to my district,” he told the Cincinnati Post in 1995. In previous Congresses, he has cosponsored bills that would have abolished the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Chabot plans on attacking issues with Medicare in order to make sure there are options for seniors in the future and he plans on making the problem with gas and oil deteriorate by making renewable resources more known.



U.S. house of Representatives
Marek Tyszkiewicz (Democrat)

Tyszkiewicz is running for representative of Ohio’s 2nd Congressional District. Tyszkiewicz’s campaign website, electintegrity.com, states that he owns a small yoga studio with his wife, Missy. The website also reports that he was previously a math and a physics teacher who grew up on a small farm in the Midwest. Tyszkiewicz currently lives in Anderson with his wife and his two sons, Jack and Harry.

Tyszkiewicz “will work tirelessly to produce results not rhetoric,” according to his website. Tyszkiewicz describes his economic approach as “ground-up” insisting that, “we need to get more money in the pockets of working folks so they can afford food and medicine, and when they spend this money, the entire economy improves.” He proposes community projects in order to create jobs and to strengthen the economy. “If we start rebuilding bridges, rebuilding roads, creating broadband Internet capabilities in rural areas – which they desperately need – that actually creates jobs,” he said on electintegrity.com.

Tyszkiewicz’s campaign website also states that he supports comprehensive immigration reform. “We need a fair and realistic federal immigration process that registers undocumented workers and gets them on a path to citizenship, gets them paying taxes, and creates a level playing field for all companies.”

Other key viewpoints posted on his campaign website include Tyszkiewicz’s support of equal rights in marriage and an increase of the minimum wage, as reported by cincinnati.com.



U.S House of Representatives
Brad Wenstrup (Republican)

According to Vote Smart Just the Facts (votesmart.org), Republican Brad Wenstrup is running for re-election for the position of second District U.S. House of Representatives. Wenstrup was born on June 17, 1958 in Cincinnati, OH. He was raised in Cincinnati and earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of Cincinnati and a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine from William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine. Wenstrup has practiced podiatric medicine in Cincinnati for over 25 years. He is married to Monica Wenstrup and has a son, Brad Jr. He was also a Lieutenant Colonel and is an Iraq War veteran.

In terms of social issues, Wenstrup is pro-life, pro-marriage, and pro-second amendment. He believes in passing a law to ban abortion. “I am strongly pro-life and believe that life begins at conception,” Wenstrup reported on his political website usabrad.com. During his campaign in 2012, he voiced his opposition to gay marriage. He is also a strong advocate for the constitutional right to keep and bear arms as a gun owner and life member of the NRA. He disagrees with the actions President Obama is taking to limit gun rights.

Wenstrup supports repealing ObamaCare. “As a doctor, I can tell you that ObamaCare is bad policy and bad medicine. It hurts patients and will hurt our ability to recruit and retain doctors in our communities. Sadly, too many politicians claim to oppose Obamacare but stand idly by while others step up and take action to stop it. We must all work to repeal ObamaCare and replace it with patient-centered solutions such as the ability to keep insurance between jobs and states,” Wenstrup wrote on his political website usabrad.com.



United States Congress
Fred Kundrata (Democrat)

Fred Kundrata received his Bachelors in Procurement and Materials Management from Bowling Green University, where he was a varsity track letter man and an Air Force ROTC cadet. After college, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force in order to pursue his goal of serving the country.

According to his personal website, Kundrata believes that creating more jobs will strengthen the economy; starting with the innovation of a Jobs Leadership Team that will bring labor, business, elected officials, and community leaders together. Also, the strengthening of labor unions will boost working wages for families and increase the nation’s economy according to Kundrata. He thinks that public schools need to reduce class sizes and provide teachers with the necessary tools to ensure that every student is receiving the correct education.

Concerning the military, as a former lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force, he thinks that war veterans deserve improved health care and other benefits because many veterans struggle so much so that there are an average of 22 veteran suicides every day within the U.S.

Kundrata states that he desires to protect senior citizens from privatization, an increased retirement age, and reduced benefits for retirees. He will ensure that programs like food stamps, Medicare, and vocational training are well funded so everyone has the equal opportunity to live a better life. Kundrata is a firm believer in energy conservation, as he considers taking the necessary investments to build a cleaner future. He says that in order to overhaul our broken immigration system, we must secure the border, create a road map to citizenship, increase the supply of skilled workers, and punish employers who exploit undocumented workers.

“I am running for the United States Congress because I want to serve the people of Ohio’s 1st District and bring real change to the U.S. Congress,” Kundrata wrote on his website.

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State Treasurer
Josh Mandel (Republican)

According to Vote Smart Just the Facts (votesmart.org), Josh Mandel was born on September 27, 1977 in Cleveland, OH. His hometown is Beachwood, OH. He attended Investment Decisions and Behavioral Finance Program at Harvard University, and graduated from the Marine Corps Intelligence School. Mandel is a Republican and is currently the Treasurer of the state of Ohio, and is up for re-election on November 4th. He served on the United States Marine Corps from 2000-2008.

Mandel is against reducing defense spending in order to balance the budget.

“I think it’s important we inject a new sense of fiscal conservatism in Washington, and cut a lot of wasteful spending,” Mandel said to Sara Marie Brenner.

Josh Mandel also believes that raising taxes is not the answer to balancing the budget, but that tax breaks will help stimulate the economy, according to Vote Smart Just the Facts (votesmart.org).

To help promote job creation, he thinks that tax incentives should be provided to businesses. Mandel is against the restriction of the purchase and possession of guns, and is in support of appealing the 2010 Affordable Care Act. Mandel does not support same-sex marriage.

“This is a fight that I will never, ever back down,” Mandel told Cincinnati.com.



A Day in the Life of
Bronson Lakes, Sports Editor

Over the past twelve hours or so, President Obama has done a lot of things. He has led meetings with experts to figure out how to address matters that could affect the economy in minutes to an hour both reading the nation’s top five newspapers and just getting a sense of what’s going on,” Obama said in an interview with Brian Stelter.

Typed mail ready for his signature from hundreds of people from the overflow of Americans’ mail, and the letters is rewarding because it keeps him connected to the people, but in many ways it can also be frustrating.

“One of the difficult things about being the President is that you don’t have an immediate response because there’s a process involved,” Obama said.

Obama then has a couple of minutes to himself before he goes back to work. It is still midmorning and so far, Obama has mentioned that he doesn’t watch cable news.

It’s just another day at the White House. Obama is trying to move rapidly on what he calls a “to-do” list.

“I’m always puzzled when people ask me what I’m doing. Well, what exactly would you have me do?”

The President’s schedule is posted on the internet. To find out exact details on Obama’s schedule, go to the White House website.



Secretary of State
Kevin Knedler (Libertarian)

Terra Brulport, Staff Writer

Kevin Knedler is part of the Libertarian Party and is running for Ohio’s Secretary of State in the upcoming election. Knedler was born and raised in Marysville, Ohio, and currently lives in Delaware County with his wife. Knedler earned his Bachelor’s degree in communication from Ohio State University. He has worked for over forty one years for his current employer as a national sales account manager. He is also the chairman of the executive committee of the Libertarian Party of Ohio.

Information obtained from candidates’ campaign websites and brochures, VoteSmart.org, Ohiohouse.gov, and the Cincinnati Enquirer

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Ohio Governor
Ed FitzGerald (Democrat)

As the seventh of eight children, Ed Fitzgerald went to Ohio State and the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. He returned to his origins outside of Cleveland, where he served as an assistant county prosecutor. He defended victims of violence and domestic abuse. He and his wife Shannon have been married for twenty one years and are the parents of four children; Bridget FitzGerald, Connor FitzGerald, Jack FitzGerald, Colleen FitzGerald. According to Vote Smart Just the Facts (votesmart.org), FitzGerald is running for Governor on the Democratic ticket because as a husband, father, FBI agent, prosecutor, mayor, and Cuyahoga County Executive, he has seen that too often our government does not work for working families. Wanting to do more to prevent these victims of domestic abuse from ending up in the courtroom in the first place, he ran for Lakewood City Council, where he served for 9 years before being elected Mayor. FitzGerald believes in making Ohio work for everyone, not just the wealthy and well connected. His number one priority is strengthening the economy for everyday citizens of Ohio and creating family-sustaining jobs. For education, he wants to take care of our teachers and make college affordable. He believes that taxes should be paid by the average Ohioans and that the wealthy should pay their fair share. FitzGerald is the first major party gubernatorial candidate in Ohio's history to come out in full support of marriage equality.



State Treasurer
Connie Pillich (Democrat)

Connie Pillich was born September 7, 1960 in Buffalo, New York. She is an attorney who graduated from the University of Cincinnati's law program and now resides in Montgomery, Ohio. Pillich also had a career in the United States Air Force serving in support of the Desert Storm and Desert Shield operations. She is a member of the Democratic Party and is running for Ohio Treasurer. According to ohiohouse.gov, Pillich is a big supporter of women's equality and expresses the importance of Women's Equality Day. Pillich introduced the Ohio Equal Pay Act in order for women to be paid the same amount as men. This act will also allow women to take legal action against employers who practice gender-based wage discrimination. Unfortunately, Pillich did not reveal any of her positions on any issues through the Political Courage Test. The Political Courage Test is a set of questions offered to politicians by various website and media outlets in order to inform the public about a candidate's stance on certain issues. Despite being approached multiple times by Vote Smart and the national media with the questions from the Political Courage Test, she refused to answer any of them.

According to Pillich's website, conniepillich.com, Pillich is also a supporter of public schools and plans to fight for lost funding. Being an Air Force veteran, she introduced bills to provide better protection for service members and their families. Pillich said that she believes in government accountability and hopes to restore credibility to the treasurer's office if she gains the position over incumbent Josh Mandel.



Ohio Governor
John Kasich (Republican)

John Kasich, born in the small town of McKees Rocks, PA, enrolled at The Ohio State University where he would eventually earn a degree in political science in 1974. The Republican, who is the incumbent in this year's governor of Ohio race, will be looking to retain the same position he's held since 2011. During his time in office, Kasich has focused on saving the state money. Kasich closed an \$8 Billion budget shortfall that was holding Ohioans back from getting jobs, according to VoteSmart.org. While Kasich cut these budget shortfalls, he was able to reduce state taxes by \$3 Billion. According to his website, Kasich's next economic goal is to help the state of Ohio clean up its credit rating. Also on the Kasich campaign ledger for the 2014 is creating more jobs for the Buckeye state. In its most recent update, the state of Ohio had a 5.7% unemployment rate, but the rate had risen by .2% in the past month. In political advertisements, Kasich has been quite passionate about using his gubernatorial powers to help the state create more jobs for its residents based on his speeches to the people of Ohio. "(I want to) make government more efficient and effective. Skinny-down state bureaucracy to ensure taxpayers are getting their money's worth, and reform state government into a 21st century partner with Ohio's job creators, not one that punishes business with outdated or unnecessary regulation," Kasich said in a speech where he discussed his political positions. In terms of social goals, Kasich has adamantly disapproved of same-sex marriage in the state of Ohio. Kasich has been a life-long disapprover of same-sex marriage according to his public voting records. In July of 2013, Kasich also stuck to his conservative roots when he signed a bill to create new, stricter laws for abortion in the state of Ohio. The current governor, however, surprised news outlets like CNN with his call early this year for more Medicare advantages for the poor.



Secretary of State
Jon Husted (Republican)

According to his biography on votesmart.org, Jon Husted was born August 25, 1967, in Royal Oak, Michigan. He is running for re-election as Secretary of State on the Republican ticket. Husted attended the University of Dayton. He graduated in 1989 with a degree in the field of biology, and later earned a degree in English. He now resides in Kettering, Ohio with his wife, Tina, and their three children, Alex, Katie, and Kylie.

Husted promises to provide leadership to the American voters, which will rebuild trust within Ohio's system of elections. "Honest and fair elections are the hallmark of a vibrant democracy. If we lose trust in the process for choosing our government, we lose trust in how we govern," Husted said Thursday, September 18, 2014. Husted claims, on his website hustedforohio.com, that he will provide consistency and timeliness during the election in order to enhance services for the voters and board of election. Husted's intentions include enhancing economic growth and expanding job opportunities with the use of technology and customer services to save both money and time, according to his campaign site .

Jon Husted said he feels strongly for the military. He wants to ensure that service members of Ohio have access to materials needed for any operation. According to his campaign site, Husted was voted *All Star State*, an award affiliated with the military, for his efforts toward helping members of the armed forces vote.

Husted was adopted at a young age and claimed he wishes to expand adoption opportunities, stated <http://www.sos.state.oh.us>. "I am a strong advocate for personal responsibility, family, faith and freedom, and those values are reflected in my services to Ohio," Husted said. He also created the Choose Ohio First



Secretary of State
Nina Turner (Democrat)

Nina Turner is a Democratic candidate for Ohio Secretary of State in the upcoming mid-term elections. Turner reports that she holds distinct ideas and views that arose from the various challenges she faced during her childhood. Turner was born in Cleveland, Ohio and is the oldest of seven children. According to her campaign biography, this resulted in her taking on her first job at 14 to keep her family standing during rough times. Turner states that her hard work at such an early age resulted in the stance she now holds in support of working Americans and equality for all. After working through college and graduate school, Turner began her career in public service. Turner's website reports that she has served as mayor of Cleveland's Executive Assistant for Legislative Affairs for the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, she was the first woman to represent Cleveland's Ward One on city council, she was appointed to the 25th Ohio Senate Seat, and she taught history at Cuyahoga Community College. Turner claims in her campaign that her main focus while running for Ohio Secretary of State is to expand ballot access and to ensure that all Ohioans have the opportunities to succeed through the vote. She states that she will attempt to achieve this by voicing out against the restriction of voting hours and other regulations that may restrict voting access. Turner claims that she strongly supports hardworking individuals. She is devoted to the Ohioans who go to work every day to provide for their families, and to those who strive for the "American Dream" of social mobility. With regards to the upcoming elections, Turner's campaign also reports her focus on issues such as the expansion of educational opportunities, women's health issues, and a fair tax code.



f President Obama

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-strating and annoying according to Obama.
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-ma said in the interview with Williams.
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-series of "challenges for our generation."
-e say, 'You're taking on too much,'
-e give up," Obama said in the interview.
-te every day of the year. They update the site the each
-chedule visit <http://www.whitehouse.gov/schedule>.

Knedler has many ideas for improving Ohio. His cam-
-paign website states that he wants to give more voting privi-
-leges to Ohioans and allow them to have a larger amount of
-participation in the election process. He believes that voting
-is an important duty for all citizens. Also, Knedler does not
-believe in using tax payers' money to fund political conven-
-tions. Therefore, Knedler thinks that Ohio needs a voice for
-the independent voter and does not believe in political gain at
-the expense of Ohioans, according to Ballotpedia's records.

Injured athletes on road to recovery

By Andrea Gomez

Staff Writer

In the midst of school sports, there are the athletes that are stuck on the sidelines due to injury. Based on emergency room reports in 2012, an athlete enters the hospital for an injury once about every twenty-five seconds. That's an eighth of the time it requires to make a hot pocket. Unfortunately, this is the case for many athletes in the school today.

One of the captains for the men's soccer team, **Joey Papa** (12), has a concussion and is out for four to five weeks. "The support of my friends and his family has helped me out during my time out; The most important thing to do is allow your injury to heal regardless of how much you want to participate," Papa said.

Connor Wagner (12), varsity men's soccer player, has a torn quad and is supposed to be out for a month, but he said he is hoping to "man up and play". He finished the season playing most of the game on October 13th and a full game on October 16th during the tournament.

Haleigh Goedde (12), varsity girls' soccer captain, suffered a slight concussion and whiplash in a practice back in September. She was out for one week. "I advise everyone to try not to do what I did because it is not fun," Goedde said.

Varsity soccer goalkeeper **Lauren Parker** (9) fractured her fibula on a save against an Amelia forward. She is expected to be out for five weeks. "What has helped me the most is all of the support from my soccer team, they are helping me with putting a smile on my face every day I'm at practice or before a game starts and helping me get through these weeks. The best advice I have to give is to stay positive because the first week I wasn't able to play I was really upset but life goes on, and know that someday you will be back playing the sport that you love," Parker said.

Maddy Ribeiro (11) suffered three bone fractures in her knee during a preseason soccer scrimmage versus Springboro. She is supposed to be out for three months and



Photo Courtesy of Coach Cranford

Josh Meszaros (12) wears his boot because of his fractured tibia and dislocated ankle.

had to miss this year's soccer season. "My passion to play my sport, as well as the support from my friends and family have been very helpful for me. My advice to those who are injured is to know that God gives his toughest battles to his strongest soldiers so be strong and stay positive," Ribeiro said. According to Ribeiro's mom, she gets injured every year.

Abby Klueh (12) has a locked pelvis and tight hip flexors and hamstrings. She has six weeks of physical therapy and "I think others should continue to be involved with their sport and their teammates," Klueh said, "and never get down on yourself because it's just going to make your recovery harder and longer."

Taylor Nuncio (9) suffered a back injury in a soccer game versus Lebanon in September. She said she appreciates

the support of her friends and family member keeping her head up. "All injuries heal and it doesn't always take as long as you originally think since you always have someone to fall back on," Nuncio said.

Cross-country runner **Franny Gear** (11) has a stress fracture in her left ankle and is currently in a boot and on crutches. She is out for two months. "Don't try to go back too early because it might end up in injuring yourself worse," Gear said.

Ben Lipp (11) has stretched IT bands and tightness in his lumbar and thoracic regions of his back, which cause chronic pain in his back as well as sharp pain in his hips as he runs.

Nate Slagel (12) tore his ACL in his left leg on a touchdown run during the Glen Este game. His goal is to be fully cleared in five months but he knows

there are a lot of variables that could speed up or slow down his recovery time. He also said that the biggest help has been his friends and

family giving him the support he needs to prepare for his upcoming rehabilitation. "The best advice I can give is no matter what you are missing (due to injury), you have to still be as active as you can be in it. You should never let an injury get the best of you because it's a part of sports and life in general. Injuries are a minor setback to a major comeback," Slagel said.

Jeff Prifti (12) broke his foot in three spots and tore his "Liz Frank" ligament across his foot as well as having a broken toe. During the eight weeks he has been out, the thing that has helped him the most is being around teammates and helping them out, taking his mind off of his injury. "Have a good mentality with your injury, the injury will heal but a lot of it is mental and you must get through the mental aspect of it," Prifti said.

Josh Meszaros (12) fractured his fibula and dislocated his ankle in a scrimmage versus Harrison. He suggests people to rely on their family and friends during their time out.

Students such as **Trace Dunning** (11) have also faced the adversity of injury in the past. Trace tore his patella tendon, his meniscus and dislocated his kneecap in both his knees; one freshmen year and the other sophomore year. This caused him to miss two seasons of football since each injury took five months to heal. The fact that his mom is a physical therapist has helped him a lot and his advice is to stay positive to get better soon to get back at it.

Dania Gutierrez (11) had to miss this year's volleyball season due to a torn labrum and a torn IT band but she hopes to play again next year. She played on it for two years and did physical therapy but she decided to get surgery last December. According to her dad, she had been in pain for over a year. Although her hip doesn't pop anymore she still has to be extra careful in what she does.

Varsity soccer player **Brice Grieshop** (9) is just returning from an avulsion hip fracture which caused her to be out for four weeks. Just as Franny did, Brice advises not rushing to get back.

Rachel Ernst (10) suffered a sprained ankle in the spring and she was out for three months. "It was hard for me to sit on the sideline because I wanted to play and help my team; my advice is to do as much as you can to heal and ice often but don't try to come back too soon," Ernst said.

Claire Beran (10) also sprained her ankle during the season and was out for three weeks. "I felt like I was letting my team and my coaches down," Beran said. She is now fully recovered and even scored a goal and had an assist on her first game back.

Ali Whalen (11) also has suffered some injuries that have kept her off the field in the past. She tore both her ACLs and missed her freshman and sophomore years of soccer. "You have to keep reminding yourself how strong you are and that everything happens for a reason," Whalen said.

Winter sports teams hopeful

By Kevin Sieg

Staff Writer



Photo Courtesy of LOHIAN

Academic Team for the 2013-2014 season.

As autumn comes to an end, winter sports teams are ready to get their seasons underway.

The boys' basketball team went 9-14 last year and finished fifth in the ECC. The Tigers are looking to improve this upcoming year. The Tigers are looking at **David Query** (12), **Drew Plitt** (11), and **Luke Waddell** (10) to lead the team this year.

"We are looking forward to the start of the season. We are getting bigger and better and plan to contend for the ECC title. We have a lot of good young players and are looking to win more games this year," Said Query.

The girls' basketball team is

looking to rebound after going 1-22 last year. The team will be led by seniors **Tori Ferguson** and **Devin Thomas**. **Hailey Bauer** (11), **Olivia Henderson** (11), **Ashlyn Taylor** (11), and **Katelyn Warden** (10) will also provide talent on the team.

"We are looking a lot better this year. In year one, we laid the foundation and set the expectations. In year two, we need to reach those expectations. We want to earn support from the school," Coach **Herb Laughman** said.

The wrestling team dominated the ECC winning seven different weight classes. They are looking to have another year like that and continue building success.

Jordan Paul (11) said, "We have a lot of new kids playing this year, and we are really hoping that those young guys can come together." Jordan went 33-8 last year with 21 pins, and is looking to compete for state in his weight class.

The swim team expects some of the younger players to shine, and are led by **Bobby Oberholzer** (12) and **Rachel Froberg** (12).

"This season is going to be a really fun season; it'll be tough because we don't have a very large team, but I think we can still be competitive," Oberholzer said.

Both the boys' and girls' bowling team are looking forward to the new season. The girls' bowling team is looking to have another solid season, after going 13-3 last season. They're only returning a few seniors. The lady Tigers bowling team finished in second place in the ECC last year, and are looking forward to success again this year. The boys' bowling team looks to improve from their 5-9 season a year ago behind new head coach **Steve Adams**.

"We only have a few returning varsity starters, but we are looking to build on what we have done in the past," Mr. Adams said.

The Academic team is coming off of a 9-7 record. The team will be led by seniors Jack Tuttle and Doug Foster. Some of the underclassmen also look to help lead the team. "This year's Academic Team is looking strong and we are looking forward to competing," **Josh Ackley** (11) said.

Mini Golf club offers something other than normal putt-putt

By Riley Boucher

Staff Writer

Mini-Golf is one of the newest club additions. Mini-Golf was started in the 2013-2014 school year by Katie Parks. The Mini-Golf club can be joined at any time by anyone.

"There's not really a specific group of us which is nice because you can meet new people," **Katie Parks** (11) said.

Mini-Golf members play at new places each time there is a scheduled outing. The club doesn't just do normal "putt-putt"; it also looks for opportunities to do Lunar Golf. Lunar golf is simply glow-in-the-dark golf. Lunar Golf is played at night or indoors.

"I joined because me and my friends thought it would be something fun and different we could do, and who doesn't love mini-golf," **Sierra Goldfarb** (12) said.

Just because someone is a part of the club does not mean they need to go on every outing. This is why there is different people each time. To join the club all someone needs to do is go to an outing with the rest of the club. This will also allow them to be in the yearbook picture as a member of the club according to Katie Parks.

The club is only a year old; therefore, there are not many members in it yet. The Mini-Golf club hopes to gain some popularity over the next few years in order to raise followers and strengthen the club.

Fall into fantastic date night

By Halle Russo

Editor-in-chief

Pumpkin patches, corn mazes, haunted houses, and bonfires are all things that come to mind with the arrival of fall. While all of these can be fun with family and friends, they can present the perfect opportunity to take that special someone out. After all, a fall date may even turn the long term into something great.

“Taking someone to the pumpkin patch is always a great option. You can even get free donuts,” **Maddy Butts** (9) said. Iron’s Fruit Farm in Lebanon, Ohio provides the perfect country setting. Upon arrival, one is taken on a hayride to a twelve acre corn maze, which is cut to a military theme this season. One can then navigate through a plane, a battle ship, and a tank. Along the way, there are six specifically marked boxes. Finding all of these boxes will result in free cider donuts or free apple cider at the end of the maze. This can also be made into a competition.

“Corn mazes are the best when you make a bet and then split up to see who can make it out of the maze first,” **Giovanna Panepinto** (12) said.

After a trip through the maze, there is a pumpkin patch which is directly across from the maze. Here, one can pick his or her own pumpkins, then finish out the day with a hayride back to the main part of the farm.

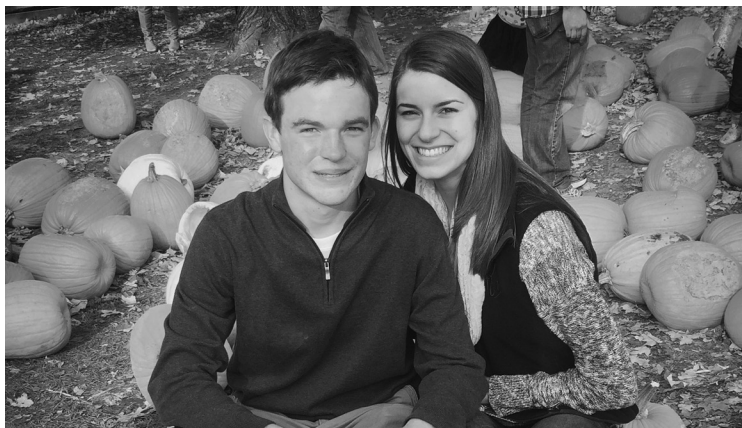


Photo Courtesy of Halle Russo

Halle Russo (12) and **Kyle Butts** (11) at Iron’s Fruit Farm

A close alternative to a maze and a pumpkin patch can be found in a date to an apple orchard or a hayride.

“The sentimental date is always the best. I would go on a hayride, then pick some apples, and finish out the evening by laying down on a wool blanket overlooking the river,” **Jake Junod** (12) said. A&M Farm Orchard in Midland, Ohio is a bit of a drive from home, but will be well worth it when one is standing in the sun enjoying the epitome of a fall date, apple picking. Hayrides are also offered at A&M Farm depending on the weather. A&M Farm Orchard is open from 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Monday through Saturday and 1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Sunday.

If mazes and hayrides are not appealing, try something scarier to get into the Halloween spirit.

“I would go to a haunted house because it is fun to be scared with

your lover,” **Maggie Dowd** (10) said. Fortunately, for people like Maggie, there are a variety of haunted houses around the Cincinnati Area. The Dent Schoolhouse and the U.S.S Nightmare are perhaps the most popular. The Dent Schoolhouse was an actual schoolhouse from 1894 until the 1950s. It was turned into a haunted house about 23 years after it closed. Teachers, cafeteria workers, and Charlie the janitor roam the halls, scaring visitors as they go. This popular attraction is open Thursday to Sunday from 7:30 P.M. to 12:00 A.M. throughout October.

When looking for a rather different experience, try exploring the U.S.S Nightmare, a haunted steamboat located near Newport on the Levee. In fact, it has been voted one of America’s top 13 haunted houses by *Haunt World Magazine*. Roam the halls of this 1934 steamboat and experience freaky clowns, scary soundtracks, and a vortex. The U.S.S. Nightmare is open during October from 7:00 P.M. to 12:00 A.M. on Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday, and from 7:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. on Friday and Saturday.

Getting into the spirit of fall is easy with all of the attractions the Cincinnati area has to offer. If you are looking to kick off Halloween by being scared with your significant other, or simply looking for the more laid back fall date of a pumpkin patch and a corn maze, you are sure to find the perfect options just a few minutes away from home.

How did he/she get that Homecoming date?

Students share unique proposal methods

By Hannah Fischer

Staff Writer

The student’s anticipation towards the dance built up as it neared throughout the week. Along with all the dress up days, parades, games, and pep rallies, students got involved with Homecoming “proposals”. Creativity has said to always shine through with the endless Homecoming proposals. **Ben Lipp** (11) used his imagination to ‘reach new heights’ when he asked **Emily Poole** (10). He went to the train bridge in downtown Loveland at 4 a.m. He then put a sign on the bridge which said, “Emily, Homecoming?” While driving to school that morning, they passed the sign and Emily laughed and said yes.

After his soccer game against Kings, **Sam Fjellstul** (12) ‘spiced up’ his proposal. “He changed into a shirt that said, “C-spice, Homecoming?” and walked up behind me yelling my name,” **Courtney Spicer** (11) said.

Haleigh Goedde (12) decided to ‘wing’ her first Homecoming proposal to her boyfriend Austin Funke. “I bought him wings from Quaker Steak and Lube and wrote, ‘I’ve never asked anyone to Homecoming, so I’m just gonna wing it...’” Goedde said.

Mark Reich (10) ‘blew away the proposal expectations’ when he asked **Hannah Gray** (10). “I drove to Hannah’s house after school while she took the bus. I put balloons in her window which said, ‘Hannah’. Downstairs I put 75 long balloons, some of which I wrote ‘Homecoming?’ on,” Mark said.

Colin Flanagan (9) asked **Lauren Parker** (9) after

her soccer game against Sycamore. Colin made four signs that said, ‘Lauren HC?’ He also brought her flowers which he held up as she walked off the field after the big win.

Jordan Paul (11) sparked up his Homecoming proposal when he asked **Elle Louder** (11). “Jordan went to my house and he decorated my room with pink balloons and a pink poster with lollipops that said, ‘Homecoming would suck without you’,” Louder said.

Blake Schlesner (11) couldn’t pass up the opportunity to ask **Rachel Ernst** (10) to Homecoming in a unique way. “We went to Blake’s house and started playing basketball. He opened the garage. There was a sign taped that said, ‘Homecoming? Just do it’,” Ernst said.

Dj Kenney (12) ‘knocked’ his Homecoming proposal out when he asked **Franny Gear** (11). “Dj went to my house and put a kicking bag with a sign that said, “Franny, will you kick it with me at Homecoming? It will be a K.O.” in my basement,” Gear said.

Cooper Scanlon (11) was ‘dying’ to ask **Gloria Bustamante** (11). “I made a sign that said, “I’m dying to go to homecoming with you” and got crime scene tape to put it around my ‘dead body’,” Scanlon said.

Homecoming is said to be one of the best times of the year for high school students. The week brought the school together through activities and memories. The homecoming proposals were definitely a factor which will linger in people’s minds.

Officer Scuba Steve offers answers

By Rachel Froberg

Photo Editor

Many have seen a man roaming the hallways and often monitoring the three lunches. This man is known as Officer Steve Almond.

How long have you been working at Loveland Schools?

Six years.

Have you always wanted to be a school cop?

No.

Are you aware that students have nicknamed you as “Scuba Steve”?

No.

Where did this nickname come from?

Not aware of a nickname.

If you could describe yourself in three words, what would they be?

Reliable.

What is the craziest thing you have had to deal with at the school?

Fights.

Have you ever had to go undercover?

No.

Did you ever get in trouble in high school?

No.

Do you ever hang out with Officer Barnes in your off time?

No.

What were your emotions during the fire alarm incident of September 30, 2014?

I didn’t really have any emotions either way.

“*Fear*”

Poetry
By
Colton
Lakes

Fear makes the hair on your neck stand high
And causes you to scream when ghosts float by,
Fear is why people want to cry
And pray as they look up at the sky.

Fear is what turns people pale
Making them sick and cold as a snail,
Fear makes people want to bail
And avoid what they were doing, causing them to fail.

Fear is what makes people sweat
It’s something people don’t want to get,
Fear can range from being caught in a net
To losing to a friend in some stupid bet.

Fear is what makes life a fun ride
And excites everyone who doesn’t abide,
To take on Fear from inside
And defeat this bully that will never subside.



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Reports of lunacy during full moon not scientific

By Emily Dougherty
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Ever felt a wee bit loony and then looked out the window to see a full moon? Perhaps thought the phrase ‘there must be a full moon out there’ in an attempt to explain strange happenings? If so, there might be an explanation for these thoughts. There is a belief that’s been around since ancient times called the “Lunar Effect”, also known as the “Lunar Lunacy Effect or the Transylvania Effect.” It refers to the belief that erratic human and animal behavior is linked to full moons. Many psychologists, however, don’t accept the theory, as it isn’t scientifically proven.

Mrs. Rachel Freeman-Hicks (School Psychologist) said, “I admit that I am guilty of blaming

behaviors or certain situations on the full moon and you can find many people who share stories, but in reality, the scientific part of my mind doesn’t really believe that they are caused solely on the full moon. I haven’t found any scientific research that can show that the full moon has a statistically significant effect on human behavior.”

Mr. Kenneth Reed (Psychology) does not subscribe to this theory either. “Studies have never proven that the lunacy effect is real. Most psychologists believe there is nothing to the theory,” he said.

Since there is no scientific proof of this theory, where did this “myth” originate? The “Scientific American” website pro-

vides some background as to why people held their beliefs in the Lunar Effect. One of the names of the Roman goddess of the moon was Luna, which is the prefix of the word “lunatic”. Coincidence? The Greek philosopher Aristotle and the Roman historian Pliny the Elder both proposed that since humans are made up of a high percentage of water, with the brain being the moistest organ, that the same lunar influences that affected the tides may have had an effect on the brain and behavior. However, this theory doesn’t hold up. The moon’s gravitational force only affects large open areas of water like oceans, whereas the brain is contained inside the head, and typically not very big. In Europe during the Middle Ages, people

believed werewolves and vampires transformed under full moons, hence the alternate name “Transylvania Effect”. Obviously this is just folklore.

While modern scientists have basically put the kibosh on the Lunar Effect, many people today still attribute unusual events to a full moon, even though they don’t actually believe in the theory itself.

Bailey Temple (12) and **Bre Franco (12)** both associate strange occurrences and behaviors with a full moon, but they do not believe that it causes people to act like lunatics.

“I don’t believe it makes people go crazy. I do feel that strange things happen though. There is a lot of tension and people’s emotions run high, coming from personal

experience, and at those times I have noticed it’s been a full moon,” Temple said.

Franco said, “I don’t know if people are more likely to go “crazy” during a full moon, but I do believe our emotions are at a peak during the full moon. I’m not sure why it might affect us, but maybe it has to do with an instinct that formed long ago when humans were more primitive.”

Myth or reality? One way to determine the answer might be to observe what happens during the next full moon. Not sure when the next full moon will occur? Check out the app “Phases of the Moon” available on iPhone and Android. This month’s full moon, which was predicted to be on the 8th, came with a total lunar eclipse.

Teachers express appreciation, Mr. Munnis shares information

By Megan Phelan
Staff Writer

Technology has become a huge part of the scholastic education process, but seems to always come with difficulties. **Mr. John Munnis** is the computer technician at the high school. He can also be known as the engine that keeps the school running, according to the teachers.

“Mr. Munnis is truly one of the finest men I know. He is reliable, consistent and maintains integrity in all he does. He is willing to help with whatever teacher needs are at the time and finds solutions to difficult problems,” **Mr. Jim Vanatsky** (History) said.

“Mr. Munnis is a fine role model as an employee, husband and father. He has a great sense of humor and is easy to get along with...a great friend as well,” **Mr. Vanatsky added.**

He has a great relationship with the staff here. “He is always smiling and ready to help. Mr. Munnis is one of the kindest humans I know,” **Mrs. Dara Hudson (Foreign Language)** said.

But what do you really know about Mr. Munnis? Here are a few questions to help you meet the man.

Q: Where did you grow up?
A: I started in Boston, Mass. but never made it all the way up.

Q: In your teenage years, where was your favorite place to hang out?
A: Wherever my girlfriend (later wife) hung out.

Q: Were you a part of any clubs or sports teams in college/high school?
A: In high school, I was on the track and basketball team.

Q: Where did you go to college?
A: Ohio State

Q: What are previous jobs that you have had?
A: Power Generation Sales and Steam Turbine Generator Marketing, both with Westing House Corp.

Q: What was the first car you

owned?
A: A Stanley Steamer.

Q: What is your all-time favorite movie?
A: Gone with the Wind.

Q: Who is your favorite actor/actress?
A: Liam Neeson and Meryl Streep

Q: What is your favorite book?
A: “No Ordinary Time” by Doris Kearns Goodwin

Q: Are you a dog or cat person?
A: Dog

Q: Who is your favorite musician/band?
A: Glen Miller

Q: If you could visit anywhere, where would you go? And why?

A: Buffalo, N.Y. to visit my older granddaughter and my great grandson.

Q: What is your favorite vacation that you’ve ever been on?
A: Australia, New Zealand

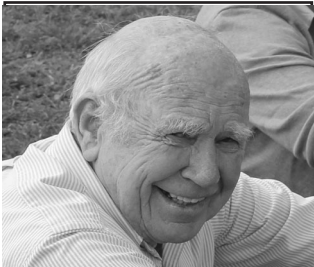


Photo by Mrs. Rhonda Overbeeke

Mr. Munnis talks to Mrs. Kellee Lawler after a fire alarm sent everyone out of the building.

If you were a teacher, who would you be?

By Megan Phelan
Staff Writer

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Megan Phelan, *Staff Writer*

There are a wide range of teachers in the school with many different personalities as well as teaching styles. It is natural for some students to prefer one teacher over the other. Thus the question: “if you were a teacher, who would you be?”

“I would be Mrs. Jennifer Dell (Math) because she is super nice

and friendly,” **Katy Heath (11)** said.

“If I were a teacher, I would be Mr. Shawn Miller (Choir) because he is awesome and knows what he is doing,” **Aron Marshall (12)** said.

“I’d be Mr. Mike Dunlap (Science). He is a hilarious hippie,” **Makenzie Mercer (11)** said.

“Mr. Charles Warden (History) cares about American history a lot, loves soft pop and tells funny jokes, so I’d be him,” **Becca Trate (12)** said.

“I would be Mr. Brian Conatser (Science) because he is a very good teacher and comes up with great activities,” **Rachel Blumberg (10)** said.

“If I were a teacher, I’d be Mr. Fred Cranford (gym). He is the best thing that has ever happened to this school,” **Kailyn Despotakis (12)** said.

“I’d be Mr. Tim Partin (History) because he has a cool nickname (Timmy P) and watches basketball,” **Meg Policastro (12)** said.

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Substitute teacher Mr. Nead reveals hobbies

By Ryan Mangan
Staff Writer

For most students and staff here, Mr. Thomas Nead is a local legend. The man with the big smile, (and always fashionable suspenders) can be seen from what feels like a mile away. But what is the man with the big smile and suspenders really like behind all the laughs?

Q: When did you start substitute teaching at Loveland?
A: Late in the spring of 2002

Q: What is your favorite quote of all time?
A: “Compound Interest is the strongest force in the universe” from Albert Einstein.

Q: Favorite song of all time?
A: Wake Up Little Susie by the Everly Brothers.

Q: What is your favorite way to pass time?
A: Well right, now I’m working on making a modern axe

into a 1760s ax for fun.

Q: What are some of your hobbies?
A: I do Revolutionary War reenacting, I build guns, and I build antique guns, and go camping.

Q: If you could have dinner with anyone dead or alive who would it be, and why?
A: Benjamin Logan; I reenact being in his group. It would be interesting to see if they lied about him in all these books I’m reading.

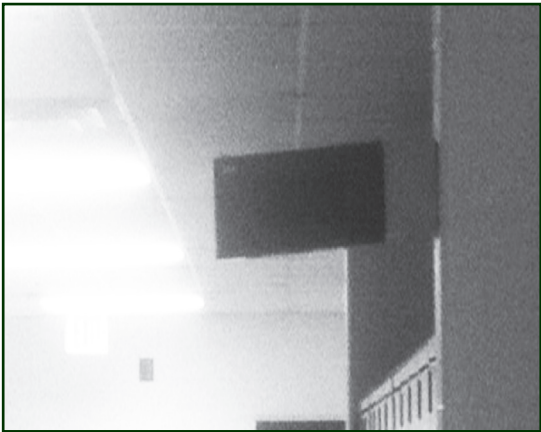
Q: If you could say one thing to the students of Loveland what would it be?
A: Learn diction.

Q: Is a picture worth a thousand words?
A: Sometimes.

Q: Where is Waldo?
A: I have absolutely no idea.

What is it and how did it get there?

By Colton Lakes
Staff Writer



Many people may wonder what the strange digital black box figures sticking out of the walls in the hallways are. What secret do these digital black boxes hold?

“They calculate your speed in kph (Kilometers per hour) and if you’re going 50 kph (31 mph), they will begin to buzz until Mr. Kloesz catches you,” Mitch Robinson (10) and Kara Joseph (10) agreed.

This presents an explanation as to why these “speedometers” are never on. No one in the world can run 31 mph.

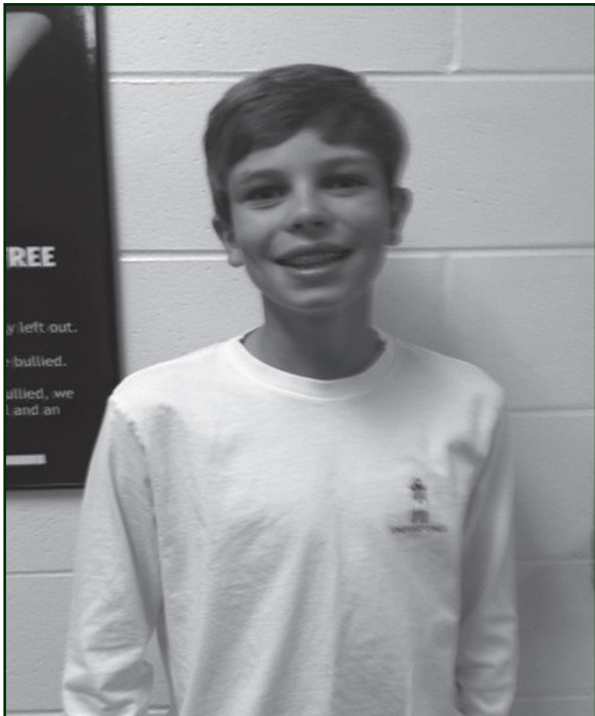
“Those things are portals. When these time portals come on, time is inversely related to our current time,” Mr. Brian Conaster (Biology) explained.

“They are screens that are always watching you,” Jeff Prifti (12) said.

“I believe that they detect to see if people don’t have their homework,” Jake Junod (12) said.

There are many conspiracy theories about these strange devices, but the truth is simple. These “portals” or “speedometers” are actually just old clocks. These clocks used to be up in the hallways for the convenience of the faculty as well as the students. Now that there are clocks in every room, such clocks in the hallways are not really necessary.

Random of the Month



Samuel Wenger

By Terra Brulport
Staff Writer

Every day, students pass by hundreds of peers in the halls. However, it is likely that most people only know a few of the people that they pass in the halls. Therefore, a random student this month has been picked to share some information about himself. His name is Samuel Wenger (9).

Are you involved in any sports/ hobbies? : “Lacrosse and cross country”

What is the first thing you thought of when you woke up this morning? : “If I should go to the football game or not.”

What would an autobiography about yourself be titled? : “My Life Events”

If someone were to make a movie about your life who would play your character? : “Adam Sandler.”

Coke or Pepsi? : “Coke”

If you could travel through time, which point in the future or past would you stop in? : “6th Grade.”

If you could have any question answered, what would it be? : “What is my job going to be when I am older?”



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Banana Leaf: when food meets lore

By Kevin O’Hara
Entertainment Editor

It had been the start to a beautiful spring day on the morning of April 12, 1901. Beams of golden sunlight stretched across the City of Mason’s vast farmland as dew dripped from delicate flowers and the weekly paper found its way onto people’s front steps. Then, in the calm of the early morning hours, screams of terror could be heard from the prestigious address of 101 East Main Street. Once police entered the home of John and Rebecca McClung, what they found was disturbingly gruesome.

At the age of 61, Rebecca was found bludgeoned to death by one of the logs within the fireplace. According to *Cincinnati.com*, when questioned about the crime, John stated that he had come back from their barn around 5 a.m. that morning to find Rebecca dead and bleeding heavily in her second-story bedroom towards the front, left side of the house. Soon after, John was arrested and charged

with second-degree murder. He was later quoted as saying, “If I killed her [my wife], I must have done it in my sleep.” With the town abuzz over a prominent member of the community being accused of such a horrendous act, investigators began to speculate as to why John would have killed his reclusive wife.

As his court date neared, the prosecution uncovered two motives. One said that John killed Rebecca in order to stop his money from going to her family after he died. Another said that John and Rebecca had gotten into a heated argument the night before the murder about whether or not they should downsize or build a grander home in the coming year. Upset with Rebecca’s desire for a larger estate, John took the log from the fireplace and beat her to death as she slept.

Although, even with two supported motives and a man by the name of Marshal Bert Reed testifying that John had blood stains on his trousers, John McClung

was found not guilty and was acquitted of all charges on July 11, 1901. His defensive team’s suggestion that a group of African-American laborers killed Rebecca during a robbery seemed to have won over the court and many residents of Mason, *Cincinnati.com* reports.

Rebecca McClung was laid to rest in Deerfield Township’s Rose Hill Cemetery, John allegedly attempting to bring the price of her casket down from forty dollars to thirty. Three years later, John McClung died of heart failure and was buried in a plot right next to Rebecca beneath his family’s impressive monument.

Nowadays, 101 East Main Street is not only known for Rebecca’s ghostly presence, but also the amazing food and feng shui of Banana Leaf Modern Thai. With a menu that includes a variety of fresh ingredients, tasty drinks, and perfectly portioned entrees, Banana Leaf not only carries on traditions from the past, but also looks to serve people in the best

way possible.

“I just love the old, homey feeling of the restaurant,” a waitress named Kayla said. “Every piece of this house has its own story and we love to keep its history alive. I’ve never experienced anything supernatural, but the staircase leading up to the attic is pretty mysterious. None of us ever really like going up there.”

Kayla also elaborated on a very special tradition that the chefs and staff of Banana Leaf like to carry on. “Each day when we first open, we make the dish known as ‘Rebecca’s Favorite’ and place it in the room where we keep our wines. It is a sort of offering to her. In Thai culture, it is important to respect the dead and keep them in your thoughts.”

Seniors **Jennifer Pifer** and **Michael Viox** have visited Banana Leaf on many occasions.

“I went there for the first time over last Winter Break,” Jennifer said. “I can’t say enough good things about it. The atmosphere was great, the food even better,

and the waiters were so kind and welcoming. I especially loved that you could choose your own spice level for each dish. So yummy!”

In contrast, Michael is someone that can’t help but appreciate the house’s history. “I have always loved scary stories and the idea of ghosts,” he said. “So, it is really cool to have a place close by that has a legitimate story behind it and is proud to carry on the memory of Rebecca. A few of my friends and I visited her grave and it made it all seem even more real. I get chills just thinking about it.”

This Halloween season, if you are sick and tired of all the gory movies and teenage girls screaming throughout every haunted house in the city, grab a few friends and make a reservation for a candle-lit dinner at Banana Leaf Modern Thai. You won’t regret it.

Just don’t forget to say goodbye and thank you to Rebecca on your way out!

Halloween movies evoke many mysteries

By Terra Brulport
Staff Writer

On Halloween, seemingly every TV station is constantly having the “classic” Halloween movie marathons. However, it is no secret that some of these Halloween movies are horrifying, while others are extremely cheesy and terrible. So, students weigh in on some of the best and worst Halloween movies that you should either avoid or indulge in during this spooky season.

Best:

- Hocus Pocus- a classic that doesn’t cause tears, which is always good (The Roar)
- “The Conjuring” Sarah Marlatt (12) said.
- Insidious- You will either be completely terrified or laughing the entire time (The Roar)
- “Halloweentown” Abby Hickey (10) said.
- Dead Silence- If you think that antique, glass dolls coming alive sounds disturbing, then this would be a great choice for

someone who doesn’t need to get any sleep for the next couple of nights (The Roar)

Worst:

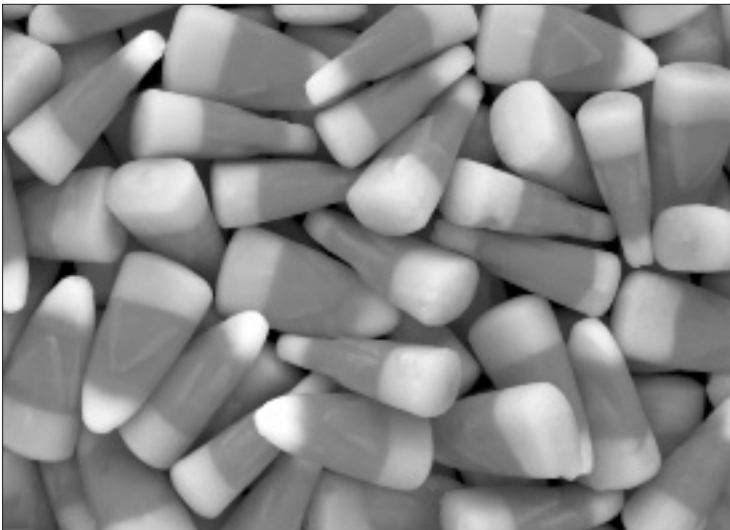
- “Poltergeist” Ms. Byr-kett said.
- Evil Dead- This movie is completely unrealistic, although there are some rather disturbing scenes, I do not think that this movie will ever be considered a “classic” (The Roar)
- “Friday the 13th” Tyler Dombroski (9) said.
- “Killer Clowns from Outer Space” Luke Dunning (10) said.
- “The remake of Halloween” Giovanna Panepinto (12) said.

Long story short, don’t waste your time watching lame scary movies this Halloween. As long as you do not pick a movie from the “Worst” list, it will most likely be a safe bet that you will actually be scared, and what better feeling is there to have on All Hallows Eve?



Courtesy of Wikipedia

The Conjuring is among one of better movies recommended by students.



Courtesy of Wikipedia

Candy corn can be thought of as a classic Halloween candy, as well as tootsie rolls, sour patch kids and skittles.

Rachel’s Spooky Foods and Treats

By Rachel Froberg
Photo Editor

Fall is a time for a change in fashion and food, from shorts to sweaters, and watermelon to candy corn. Some people however, find this season to be quite spooky. Several stores and food companies aid to this fear, making some “spooky foods” to go along with the holiday.

First off, there are many simple foods, such as celery and bread, which one can make into a “spooky food”. You can make pigs in a blanket, (mini hotdogs rolled in bread), and draw eyes with mustard to create cute and petite mummies. Another idea to make banana ghosts. Simply peel the banana, cut it in half, and stick two chocolate chips for eyes and one for the mouth.

“I love those little candy pump-

kins” said **Kailee Richie** (9).

For some, these cute and tasty foods are not enough to scare their appetite. Some like to taste foods that are more on the creepy side.

“I like to drink spinal fluid” said **George Kunkel** (12). **Zach Richards** (10) said that he enjoys “the blood of innocent people”.

You can make spaghetti and place it in a mold using butter and cooking spray to make a real life-looking brain when it hardens. Or mix together grape soda, orange soda, sugar, ginger ale and cold water to make a “witches brew” to go along with your spooky snacks.

Some just like plain Halloween treats however, like **Brady McCluskey** (9) who said “I just like candy”.

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Trick or Treat? It depends on type of candy

By Jazmyn Browning

Staff writer

It's that time of year again when candy reigns supreme. Halloween has rolled around, meaning candies of all sorts will be strung around stores. In all the chaos and confusion, it is easy to pick up less than satisfactory sweets. Want to avoid gathering toilet paper from your yard the morning after Halloween? Use this list to guide your candy purchases this season.

WORST:

Tootsie Rolls

If you give out Tootsie Rolls on Halloween, chances are your neighbors hate your guts. Tons of these abominations find their way into Halloween bags across the nation. As if they aren't disgusting

enough, these monstrosities come in an unfortunately wide variety of flavors including vanilla, orange, lime, and cherry, which happen to taste nothing like their respective flavors.

"Tootsie rolls remind me of logs...expect I'd rather eat a log," **Chloe Cecil** (11) said.

Smarties

If you're up for choking down chalky tablets of sadness, Smarties are the candy for you. At a quick glance, this common "treat" seems somewhat pleasant, perhaps a result of its deceiving pastel colors. Only upon eating the Smarties do you realize that you have been betrayed. This disappointing taste leaves you wondering how the world can be so cruel.

"Smarties taste like eyeshadow seems like it would taste," **Olivia**

Anderson (9) said.

Strawberry Hard Candy

Does anyone actually know where these come from? This hard candy comes packaged in a wrapper resembling a strawberry, but there is nothing written on it. Are the manufacturers trying to hide something? What's even more unsettling is the perfume taste that can prove to be reminiscent of your grandma. As if that wasn't enough, one bite will reveal the disturbing squishy center.

"Disgusting. No. I do not like them. I do not want to talk about them," **Alyssa Heal** (11) said.

BEST:

Reese's Peanut Butter Cups

Reese's Peanut Butter Cups remind everyone that there is still hope in a dark world of Tootsie

Rolls and Smarties. No one can deny the power of "the delectable peanut butter chocolate flavor," as eloquently stated by **Franny Gear** (11). The best of both worlds, peanut butter and chocolate, unite in this candy to create a beautiful, harmonious treat. Try to devour this delicacy without breaking out into a smile.

Caramel Apple Pops

Looking for a way to conveniently indulge in a caramel apple without all the sticky mess? Look no further than Caramel Apple Pops. These lollipops are a fall favorite, especially during Halloween. This creative candy combines sour and sweet with flavors of green apple and caramel. The caramel tends to stick to teeth, but it is all worth it when you are able to taste the tart lollipop paired with it.

"Honestly, I don't even consider it to be fall until these babies hit the shelves," **Lily Huelsman** (11) said.

Snickers

Snickers are what every candy aspires to be. Sugar, spice, and everything nice marry in this delicious candy. The ingenious combination of nougat, peanuts, and caramel enrobed in silky smooth milk chocolate is enough to make anyone's mouth salivate.

"I like Snickers because they are sweet and crunchy," **Ashton Barger** (11) said.

With this list, you can avoid being "that" neighbor this year. Watch the smiles of approval as you place the best candies in everyone's plastic pumpkins, and sit back and relax as your clueless neighbors feel the wrath of unsatisfied trick-or-treaters.

Cincinnati area offers spooky entertainment

By Catie Shipp

Staff writer

Halloween is approaching, which typically means candy, costumes, haunted houses, and scary movies. However, to some it is also the season of brave visits to so-called "haunted" areas to see myths and legends firsthand. These individuals are in luck, for the Cincinnati area is filled with a variety of spooky places with their own stories of paranormal activity, which will fulfill the eerie mood of the season.

"Cincinnati has a lot of different creepy spots, which is always fun when Halloween comes around," **Morgan Hastings** (10) said.

The Loveland Castle

One "haunted" area is located nearby. The Loveland Castle, or the Chateau Laroche, is a museum located along the banks of the Little Miami River. Its construction began in 1929 by a Boy Scout Troop leader and medievalist, Harry D. Andrews. After Andrews died in 1981, he willed the castle to his Boy Scout Troop, the Knights of the Golden Trail. Since then, there have been tales of the castle being haunted; which

often come from the Castle's own volunteer Knights. One of the castle's main visitors is referred to as Casper the friendly ghost. It is said that Casper will not harm anyone unless he's angry, but instead he likes to play tricks to scare the Knights. These include ringing the doorbell or pounding upon the doors of the castle.

"The Loveland Castle is pretty spooky; it was abandoned and pretty creepy when I passed by it one night, so I believe the haunted stories," **Alejandra Bonet** (9) said.



Photo courtesy of Wikipedia
Construction on the Loveland Castle began in 1929. Casper the friendly ghost is said to be responsible for the hauntings.

The Golden Lamb

Another well-known spooky site is also located close by. The

Golden Lamb, located in downtown Lebanon, is Ohio's oldest hotel and was built in 1803. Several famous people have stayed in this hotel such as Mark Twain and Charles Dickens. After Ohio Supreme Court Justice, Charles R. Sherman, died at the inn in 1829, it has been said that he can be spotted there, as well as a previous guest named Sarah. The story goes that Sarah had lived at Golden Lamb and when she was moved from the Harriet Beecher Stowe room to another room, she became very unhappy. She lived a full life and eventually died of old age, however, it is said that she continues to haunt the hotel in her unhappy childhood body. Her presence is often seen by the mysterious handprints on the window of her room, as well as the sound of a tricycle and a young girl's voice that calls out, "Sarah's back."

"I've been inside the Golden Lamb and I heard some of its stories while I was there. I do believe that it is haunted. Sarah's room is upstairs and it is blocked off with child handprints on the window; it's really creepy," **Skylar Pitcher** (12) said.

Peaceful Valley

Peaceful Valley is an ironically named destination with an urban legend that has been around for years. It was said that upon the Stonelick Bridge, before its collapse in February of this year, one could summon the spirit of a hanging man on the bridge. To do this, one had to stop their car, shut off the engine, and flash the headlights three times. Once the spirit appeared, one would not be able to start their car until it disappeared. Despite the collapse of the Stonelick Bridge, many still visit this area for the church and graveyard nearby. Both of these places are still considered to be haunted by this man.

"I heard the stories of the hauntings so I went there for myself. None of the tricks worked though," **Michael Newbold** (11) said.

The Dent School House

A final eerie location in the Cincinnati area is now a well-known haunted house that one can visit around the time of Halloween. The Dent School House was built in 1894. Legend says that from 1942-1952 several of the school's students disappeared and many

people noticed an odd smell coming from the school's basement. However, the janitor, Charlie McFree, claimed that the odors were just backed up pipes. All was calm until 1955 when seven more students disappeared and the smell returned. It was then that a mob of parents broke into the school's basement to find the rotting corpses of the missing students. Charlie the janitor was suspected but never found after that. The school is reportedly haunted by the murdered children and Charlie is rumored to still be looking around for more victims.

"I went to the Dent School House and it was so scary. I believe that Charlie killed those kids, I even asked Charlie in the haunted house and he confirmed it," **Liam Vogt** (12) said.

These are just a few of the reported haunted places one can find throughout the Cincinnati area. Whether these rumors, myths, and legends are true is still unknown, however, all of these places contain the eerie atmosphere that many crave during the Halloween season. Through one's own experiences or through research one can further uncover the truth behind the supposed paranormal activity that occurs within this city.

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Musical groups perform fall concerts



Loveland By Request performs at the Vocal Music concert.

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By Emily Dougherty
Features Editor

There is a lot going on in the Music Department this month, starting with a Band competition and a Choir concert. On October 4th, the Loveland High School marching band hosted Drums Along the Little Miami, where they performed to qualify for the OMEA State Marching Band Contest. Band director, **Mr. Geoff Miller** said, “The band was incredible. They missed qualifying for the OMEA State Marching Band Contest by three tenths of a point and this was our first competition. Two judges out of nine gave us a superior rating and the others gave the band an excellent rating.” Even though the band didn’t qualify this time, they still have one more shot at OMEA. “Our next competition will be at Mason High School for the ‘Mason High School Midstates Invitational.’ Since this is a ‘Midstates’ competition, we will not be eligible to qualify for the OMEA State Marching Band Contest. Our next and final opportunity to qualify for the OMEA State Marching Band Contest will be at the Forest Hills Invitational on October 25th,” Mr. Miller added. “Drums Along the Little Miami is a show we host every year. This year was our first competition we performed at to qualify for the state competition. Marching band started in late July this year, with two weeks of day long practices. After that we are at band four days a week, five if there’s a competition, for a minimum of two hours a day. We work on our technique and our show to make it look as perfect as possible. Did we qualify for state this week? No, but we were very close and there is no doubt in my mind we will be there come November,” **Chris Ceccopieri** (12) said. “We performed very well for our first competition and added a lot of cool visuals that will continue to get better. We have been practicing for the competition season since July and cannot wait to perform again and qualify for state,” **Heidi Zimmer** (12) said. On October 8th, the first vocal music concert of the school year was held in the auditorium. Before the concert, Choir director **Mr. Shawn Miller** shared his thoughts on how he felt the evening would go. “It should be a fun event. All the groups are working really hard,” he said. All five choirs, Concert, Chorale, Vocal En-

semble, By Request and the new all-girl show choir, Allure performed. Due to scheduling, this year’s Concert Choir is composed of all freshmen, which is the first time this has happened. All of the students were in new concert attire thanks to the support of the Loveland Music Boosters. Each choir performed a set of songs, and there was even a crossover performance starring Vocal Ensemble and Concert Choir. **Elizabeth Koster** (12) of Vocal Ensemble thought that the concert turned out well. “I think it was worth all the hard work,” she said. **Alyssa Gilliland** (11) of By Request said, “Both Allure, the new girls group, and By Request did really well at last night’s concert. On behalf of By Request, we felt very confident in our performance and the show was smoother than it had been in rehearsal.” Gilliland also commented on the audio fluke that occurred during Allure’s performance. “In Allure’s last song ‘Applause’, the audio went down and they handled it with high professionalism. By Request was very proud of its new addition to Loveland Show Choirs,” she added. Other events in the Music Department this month were the Strings concert on October 14th, the Jazz Band concert on October 16th, and the Band concert on October 22nd. On the Strings concert performance, **Sarah Trombly** (12) said, “I think the Strings concert went really well. It’s always so exciting to perform the music we work on in class, and I feel so fortunate to have been able to perform trio pieces with my friends.” **Katie Doarn** (12) talked about the Jazz Band concert. “The concert was fantastic. We always have so much fun and there’s nothing like making music and sharing it with people. All of the music was great, but my favorite song had to be ‘What is Hip’ because of its meaning: basically, just be you. I love how much music can teach us about life. Music from the heart is the best music there is,” she said. The schedule for upcoming vocal concerts is as follows; December 13th Holiday Homecoming, December 15th Winter Vocal Concert, March 10th Vocal Concert, March 14th OMEA, and May 21st Spring Concert.



O'Reviews: Kevin O'Hara's State of the “Entertainment” Union



Movies: *Annabelle*

How many dolls does it take to make an hour and thirty-nine minute movie seem like a snooze fest filled with creaky floors and wannabe scares? In the case of director John Leonetti’s horror film *Annabelle*, it only takes one. Set in sunny California during the 1960s, the story focuses on an expectant husband and wife living the American Dream as they go to church, make flirtatious quips at one another, and feel the stresses of starting a new stage in life. After a minor fight, John, the husband, surprises Mia with, you guessed it, an insanely disturbing doll that would immediately be tossed out if any of these characters had a brain. Unsurprisingly, Mia considers it to be a beautiful collector’s item and places it among the countless other creepy, old dolls within the baby’s nursery.



TV Shows: *How to Get Away with Murder*

This twisted and provocative show is everyone’s new TV addiction. No worries, though. It’s completely legal. Starring Academy Award nominee Viola Davis as ruthless lawyer Annalise Keating, this college-meets-court-room drama centers on five law school students who are willing to do anything (and I mean *anything*) to prove their worth to their chic, cunning professor, Mrs. Keating. By the end of the first episode, we discover that Annalise will allow each of them to take a place at her firm so that they can learn what it means to be a real lawyer and take

Need I say more? From that point on, *Annabelle* is filled with nothing but cheap thrills and numerous trips to the snack stand that include costly refills and rarely worrying about what you might be missing. The only things that keep this flick from sinking completely are Annabelle Wallis and Ward Horton who play John and Mia Gordon, as well as the other antagonists who far outshine the main source of evil made of chipped paint and cracked porcelain. Wallis and Horton’s adorable relationship will not only make you weep from feeling so alone, but their chemistry on screen is something you can’t help but smile at even during the creepiest of scenes. Overall, *Annabelle* is the kind of movie that is far better to wait and watch when you have nothing better to do and a Redbox is only a short drive away. Especially for the people who are dying to see this because it is the prequel to James Wan’s *The Conjuring*; just know that it may not be exactly what you imagined.

control of the various cases that are thrown at them. In the perfectly articulated way that network ABC has become famous for, absolute debauchery ensues. Including secrets, lies, betrayal, mystery, and even *murder*, this show sheds new light on what some people are willing to do to make the grade and get what they want. Who knew law school could be so juicy? Now on its sixth episode, if there was ever a time to catch up on the show that *TV Fanatic* is calling “one h*** of a new series,” it would be now. For anyone who is obsessed with *Grey’s Anatomy* and *Scandal*, this hour-long thriller is a whole new treat to devour. Whether you’re planning to start it from the beginning or anxiously awaiting the next episode, Thursday nights on ABC is the new place to be. Court adjourned!



Book: *Big Little Lies* by Liane Moriarty

Schoolyard scandal, mama drama, and a whole lot of lies take center stage in this deliciously written novel by *New York Times* bestselling author Liane Moriarty. Focusing on the stressful lives of three women as their children enter a private school known as Pirriwee Public, *Big Little Lie’s* plot is filled with relatable characters, dark humor, and outrageously overblown scandals that will remind readers of a novelized version of *Desperate Housewives*. Oh, and did I mention that the entire story leads up to a murder and jaw-dropping twist? In the end, what truly makes *Big Little Lies* a must-read are the heart-wrenching lessons hidden between each line

on every single page. Whether it is the bubbly, passionate Madeline whining about her ex-husband, or Jane discovering where she and her son fit into the jagged puzzle of an otherwise idyllic, Australian town, or maybe sweet and caring Celeste attempting to understand when it is time to let go of the things that are hurting her most, Moriarty manages to show readers what it means to be human and elicits raw emotion in an artful, realistic way. Undoubtedly one of the best books I have read in a long time, there is so much that I want to say concerning *Little Lies*, yet it would be truly cruel of me to give away any of the shocking twists and memorable moments. Next time you stop by Barnes and Noble, be sure to check this novel out. I pinky swear with a cherry on top that it is worth it. And *that*, my friends, is no lie.

Hozier’s new self-titled album reaches top spot on charts

By Willie Lutz
Editor-in-chief

(4.5 out of 5)
Crashing into the alternative-rock scene, Irish rock star, Hozier released his masterful self-titled album, Hozier, on September 19, 2014. The album is filled with classic rock tones snaked into modern-alternative

sounds.
Hozier’s album opens up with the powerful “Take Me To Church”, which currently sits at No. 3 on the iTunes top hits. The song sets the pace for the album with a grainy guitar to provide the rigged feel to a song that has an incredible story along with very solid musicianship.
The second song on the

album, “Angel of Small Death and the Codeine Scene”, shows a more diverse side of the Irish rock star, providing a percussive-ly-driving pop sound. Hozier, a talented guitar player, shows that he doesn’t feel the need to be the focal point instrumentally, which is a sacrifice some musicians aren’t willing to take.
Later in the album, Hozier’s tone sacrifices fame for connectivity in the latter half of his album. He could’ve gone with a more pop-driven style, after all, the guy has a golden voice. Instead, Hozier gets very sentimental with his listeners, making them feel like they’re a part of his music. Hozier makes it sound like he’s with his band in a small bar, playing for tips and making music for the love of the art.
Hozier’s album, which reached No. 2 in the United States, shows his potential to make a splash among other top artists in the world. Hozier’s album is one of the more impressive debut albums to come out in the last couple of years and he’s not expected to slow down anytime soon.



Cover of Hozier’s new self-titled album, Hozier. This album was released on September 19th,, 2014.



Kooks take Newport Music Hall

By Kaylee Harter
Staff Writer

On October 6th, an anxious crowd awaiting the Brit-pop rock band, The Kooks, packed Ohio State’s Newport Music Hall, a small venue that is similar to Cincinnati’s Bogart’s. The run down building proves to be an ideal setting for a rather intimate concert.
The opening act was Portland band, Priory. Priory’s performance included tired choruses that seemed to go on forever and was altogether unimpressive. Their subpar performance

was followed by New Yorker, Halsey, whose performance seemed to go over well with the audience.
Around 9:45, the Kooks stepped onstage and the energy level shot through the roof. The crowd jumped around and sang along to “Around Town,” the first song on their most recent album, *Listen*.
Throughout the concert, lead singer Luke Pritchard used every part of the stage, dancing and engaging the audience with call and response songs such as “Down,” and “Bad Habit,” both of which are songs from *Listen*.

It was entertaining, not only to watch, but also to participate.
The group’s dynamics were demonstrated through each song’s unique style. Midway through the concert, the band left the stage and Pritchard stood alone in the middle of the stage with an acoustic guitar and serenaded the crowd, with “Seaside,” a slower song from their 2006 debut album, *Inside In/Inside Out*.
When the cheers following “Seaside” subsided, Pritchard said, “I’d like to play a song we haven’t recorded yet,” and sang another acoustic song

which included the lyrics “you can’t choose who you love” and “let them be who they are.” The song sounded great and demonstrated another dimension that the band possessed.
The Kooks closed with “Junk of the Heart,” an upbeat song, but came back onstage for a three-song encore, beginning with “See Me Now,” a song about Pritchard’s father who died when Pritchard was only seven. The Kooks exited the stage around 11:30 following the song, “Naïve.”
The Kooks brought energy to their performance that



Photo by Kaylee Harter
The Kooks performed on October 6th, 2014 at Newport Music Hall. Their Most recent album is titled *Listen*.

could not be conveyed over a record. They put on an excellent live show that was interesting, engaging and musically dynamic.



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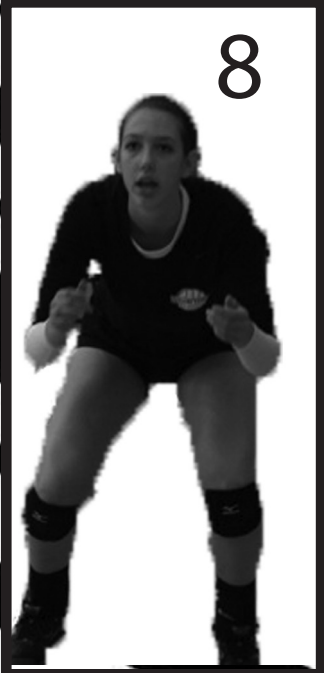
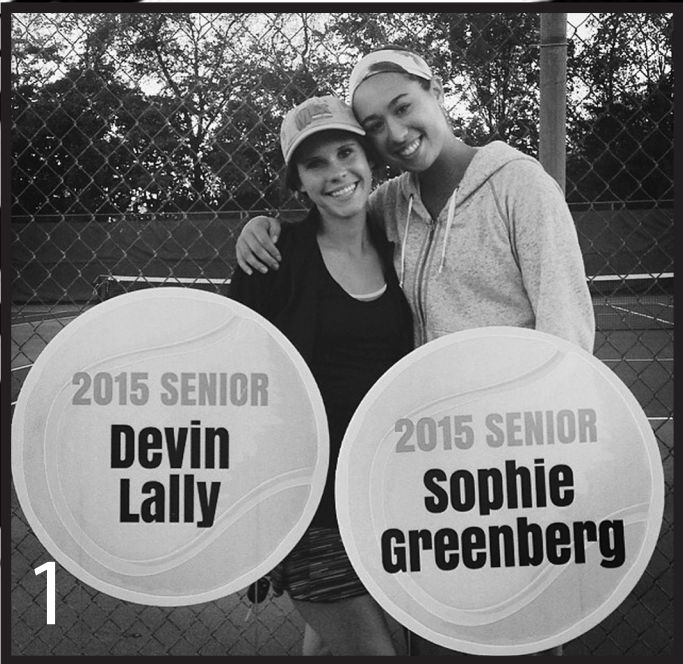
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Fall Sports

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1. **Devin Lally** (12) and **Sophie Greenberg** (12) pose with their senior tennis signs before the parade. Lally plays first singles and Greenberg plays second singles for the varsity tennis team.

4. Before the final powder puff game of the night, the senior team poses for a picture. The seniors defeated the juniors in the game which helped them win the powder puff tournament.

7. The football team runs onto the field before the start of the game. **Jake Junod** (12) holds the American flag, **Zee Williams** (12) ran with the skull and bones flag and **Drew Steinbrunner** (11) ran with the Loveland flag.

3. **Colleen Swift** (9) kicks the ball in an effort to score a goal during a soccer game. (Photo credits to Donna Ernst and Donna Ernst Photography).

6. Following through after a swing, **Tyler Davis** (12) hits the ball down the course. Tyler plays on the varsity golf team which placed number one in the ECC.

2. Before a football game, **Michael Ralph** (12) stands on the field, ready to block anyone who comes in his path. Ralph plays offensive guard.

5. Devoted football fans **Jessica Hawk** (12), **Brittany Talbott** (12) and **Michael Viox** (12) sport their blue "Autism Speaks" t-shirts for the blue out game.

8. During a volleyball game, **Alyssa Stahl** (11) gets ready to hit the ball. The varsity volleyball team placed third in the ECC overall, and had a winning season of 9-5.