

Mr. Wickline confesses to leading double life

By Jared Frees & Kevin Sieg
Staff Writers

Q: Mr. Wickline, you are perceived by many as a “tough guy,” do you have any fears?

I have chiroptophobia.

Q: It seems as if everyone likes you, but who are your closest friends?

I am very good friends with Commissioner Sabransky; he calls me anytime he needs help.

Q: Do you have any enemies?

Well, there’s this one guy who gives me some trouble every now and then, but it’s a *joke*.

Q: I’ve heard you are very good with kids. Do you have any kids you personally mentor?

Yes, there is one kid who is an orphan that I see a lot because he had a tough time with the loss of his parents.

Q: What kind of house do you go home to and who is there with you?

I live in a large home that people around town call “Wick Manor” that my parents left for me with my life-long friend, caretaker, and butler.

Q: What was your life like as a kid?

When I was very young, both my parents were killed in

a mugging and I had no siblings. From then on my butler took care of me.

Q: Did your parents leave you anything?

Yes, my father left me his thriving business, Wick Enterprises.

Q: What kind of hobbies do you have?

I like to solve riddles and puzzles.

Q: What’s your favorite color?

Black.

Q: We’ve heard rumors that have been specially trained in mixed martial arts. What do you have to say about this?

I’ve been training since I was a boy in all kinds of fighting styles.

Q: What kind of cars do you drive?

I have all kinds of cars, but the one I would say I drive most frequently is my custom-made, all-black one.

Q: Is there any place you go to get away from the world?

There is a cave underneath my house that I go to where no one can find me. I have all types of gadgets there that I like to tinker with, and I keep my custom-made car there as well as my suits.

Q: Who would win in a fight, Superman or Batman?

Funny you ask that: I have actually fought Superman before and won.

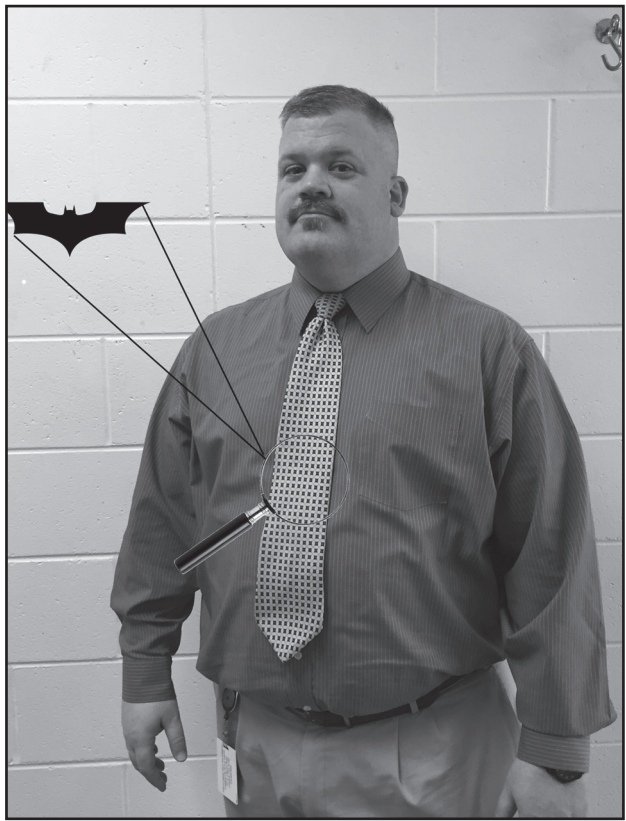


Photo by Jared Frees

Mr. Wickline wears in dress clothes during the day to conceal his true identity. His job as vice-principal provided a cover.

Renovations spark excitement among students

By Andrea Gomez
Staff Writer

Over the past year, the school district decided to put renovations into schools for the 2015-2016 school year. These various renovations will better students’ daily life both physically and mentally.

One of these renovations will benefit the swim and dive team as well as provide a recreational opportunity for students. A pool is scheduled be installed to replace the auxiliary gym over the summer.

“I think this is an amazing idea; our team could really benefit from adding a pool because it would increase the amount of practices and swimmers; we would improve dramatically,” **Ashley Day** (11) said.

The staircases will also be replaced with escalators. This will make the traffic wave move faster between classes.

“This idea is hype because they would limit foot traffic and escalators are awesome,” **Zach Winoker** (11) said.

Due to increased demand, the school has joined with two chain restaurants, Chipotle and Panera. They will add a bar to the cafeteria, replacing one of the main serving areas.

“I think that would be amazing because you can get healthy things at Chipotle and Panera, plus I love both places,” **Lindy Walker** (9) said.

“Hang me from my legs and whip me senseless, this is an awesome idea,” **Tim Kim** (11) said.

Also as a result of several studies, stating that well-rested students have a better chance to learn and retain information, a mandatory forty-five minute nap block will be added after each lunch period.

“I think this sounds really good because the kids that have sports and have homework to do late at night to study and cram for homework and tests should have a break during the day, because I know I get super exhausted during the day and need a break sometimes and I even sleep during classes,” **Eden Deatley** (10) said.

Unfortunately, in order for these changes to be put into place, students are expected to stay for three extra hours for after school jobs in order to cover all expenses. They will be paid minimum wage and require to work five days a week. However, that is a very small price to pay for these amazing opportunities that are available for our district. Who needs time after school anyway? Besides, it’s not like teachers give too much homework and after school naps are way overrated.

April Fools' Day

Tape a piece of paper to the bottom of a friend's computer mouse

Mix Skittles, M&M's and Reese's Pieces in a bowl and place out for friends to enjoy

Replace someone's deodorant with cream cheese

April Fools' pranks to play

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Nessie takes Lake Isabella

By Emily Dougherty

Features Editor

On Saturday, March 14th, 2015, the Loch Ness Monster was supposedly sighted close by in Lake Isabella. Witnesses said that it looked exactly like all the old photographs of Nessie legend. It was an incredibly large reptilian-looking monster with a long neck sticking up out of the water and was dark bluish-gray in color. Several people swore they saw it swimming laps around the lake while out fishing.

According to many sources, Nessie or *Niseag* in Scottish Gaelic, is thought to represent a line of long-surviving plesiosaurs. It is said to be similar to other legendary lake monsters in the Scottish Highlands and elsewhere around the world. Its description varies through different accounts, but it is known to be large with a small head attached to a long neck and flippers on its sides, which certainly matches what several people claimed to have seen at Lake Isabella on Saturday. It is unknown whether the creature is vicious or passive, but it has been known to tip over boats in the loch and attack fisher-

men or people out swimming.

The only mystery about this particular sighting, is why would the world famous cryptid come all the way here from Loch Ness in the Scottish Highlands? Some students and staff share their ideas on this truly strange occurrence.

Mr. Ken Zinnecker (Fantasy Sci-Fi) said, “I spoke with my good friend Fox Mulder regarding the sightings. He says the creature was dropped temporarily into Lake Isabella by the alien entities that brought it to Earth in the first place. The aliens will be back for Nessie when they finish up with their other Earth business.”

“No one can be completely certain as to why Ole Nessie has traveled to Loveland, but if I had to guess, I’d say she probably has family here. I know I saw a lizard in Jack’s Pets recently and I bet the two are distant cousins or something,” **Peter Morgan** (12) said.

Mr. Steve Adams (Math) said, “Nessie came to Loveland to report to the new king of the animal world...the tiger. He arrived by sneaking on board of a B&B riverboat.”

“It was probably on vacation or something. It wanted a change of scenery,”

Girl Scout cookie sale canceled for next season

By Claire Ruben

Staff Writer

The trial begins Thursday, April 2 for a group of six local boy scouts who allegedly set the Midwest’s largest Girl Scout cookie factory ablaze. The scouts, all members of troop 422015, face charges of trespassing and arson with a possible five-year sentence in a detention center. If tried as adults, the teens could spend time in a federal prison. Detective Savezy Cookies led the investigation and believes to have found a plausible motive.

“We think that recent drop-offs in popcorn sales led to a bit of animosity towards the Girl Scouts,” Cookies said. “The scouts couldn’t see their own sales dwindle and the Girl Scouts’ remain so prosperous, so they took action.”

Firefighters were called to the corner

of Jell and Sea streets last Tuesday to find the Midwest’s largest cookie production facility incinerated.

“I could smell the Tagalongs burning, and all I wanted was some cookies and milk,” Firefighter Sam Oah said. “Why would someone want to ruin such a wonderful time of year with such a horrific crime?” Chief Shortbread said.

The boy scouts, however, did not just ruin the happiest time of 2015. Financial Analyst Tim Mints estimated that replacing the plant would cost millions, an amount much too high for an organization that earns virtually all of its revenue in a once per year interval. Shortly after reports leaked, The National Association of Girl Scouting announced that sales in Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois, and Indiana would not continue in the 2016 season.

News of the sale cancellation shocked

Emily Davis (11) said.

Elizabeth Koster (12) said, “Well obviously it swam here, and it came here to watch the movie Twilight because it’s Lake *Isabella*.”

“I think the Loch Ness Monster came because he wanted to try our incredible chili restaurant, Skyline,” **Ben DeVol** (12) said.

Madison Bishop (12) said, “I guess Nessie went on match.com and has a date with the frog man.”

“Nessie thought Loveland was an all-around nice town and good place to settle down,” **Geneva Marr** (12) said.

Despite its reason for being here, Lake Isabella go-ers beware. Since this creature is a cryptid, next to nothing is known about it. To those who are bold enough to go fishing or swimming in the lake, take extra care not to startle or bother the monster, or be prepared to end up in the water if it decides to attack. Perhaps the reason its existence still hasn’t been proven is because those who have ever managed to get solid evidence of it, haven’t survived to tell the tale... Stay safe everyone.

cookie-enthusiasts city wide.

“Why?” **Leah Jordan** (10) said.

“I’m so salty that even the sweetness of the cookies past couldn’t balance my level of salt,” **Maggie Bailey** (10) said. In response to the cookie scandal, a group of local Brownies announced a campaign to raise funds for rebuilding the plant. To donate visit thiswasthankfullyajoke.org.



Robot Civil Rights Movement Begins

By Willie Lutz

Editor-in-Chief

As more and more robots come into production, more and more robots are looking for equal rights in America. This new hot-button issue has caused stirring in America and among Loveland Students.

Robots, or more commonly known as “Metal Stans” are becoming part of the working class in America. With many earning wages and buying into the housing market, the Metal Stans would like to vote and start families.

“I’m an executive at Proctor and Gamble, but I can’t vote for a president,” said John Bot Jovi. “It’s pathetic that we live in a country where a robot can graduate from MIT, but not marry another robot.”

While robots like John Bot Jovi fight for equality, humans like **Jace Mordigal** (12) find giving robots equal rights a blasphemy. “Once we start giving them basic rights, soon they’ll want to vote, and even get married. And that opens up doors to a lot of other hot-button issues; if we become lenient with the rights we give to robots, where will we draw the line? Will we start giving rights to plants and animals, too? It’s just too slippery of a slope,” Mordigal said.

Anti-robot civil rights fighters are currently circling social media, looking to fight any opposition to the cause. A heated twitter fight between two users lead to the following tweets:

@ThisIsntARealTwitterHandle893 tweeted “Yo, robots need to be equal”

@4kTexasFakeAccountButRealForThisArticle tweeted “Hey, robots shouldn’t be equal, you’re stupid.”

It’s stunning dialogue like this that has drawn massive media attention to the civil rights battle. Loveland does sport a major robot civil rights advocate, and that advocate is **Keegan Redslob** (12).

Redslob has been on the Metal Stan side of things for the past six years has delivered pro-robot rights speeches all over the country, including one on the steps of the White House. While Redslob wasn’t invited through the gates, like many others, no one stopped him on his way there.

“Robots need to be equal in this country. Considering they’re equal in my imagination, it’s extremely concerning that they’re not equal in the United States,” Redslob said. “And if Batman were still around after his accident following the battle with Bane, he would be fighting for robot equality, too!” a much more deranged Redslob said.

Representatives like Redslob and Mordigal represent the two sides of the fight at Loveland: now other students will have to pick their side of the debate.

Mr. Partin retires after teaching thirty-two years

By Rachel Froberg

Photo editor

Mr. Tim Partin (history) has been a part of the Loveland High School family for thirty-two years now. This year however, will be his last year, as he “graduates” with the class of 2015 into retirement.

Q: Have you enjoyed your time teaching at LHS?

A: Yes, it has been a wonderful thirty-two years here. Before working at Loveland I taught at Fayetteville Perry Local Schools for two year, and have been at Loveland ever since.

Q: What are some of your favorite memories?

A: I have enjoyed the kids; we have great kids here at Loveland that makes it enjoyable working with them over the years. There are always those funny, little things you remember. I remember Danny McEwan’s face when he was demonstrating how he could squeeze two sides of an egg and it wouldn’t crack. When he showed me he held it over my desk, and when it did end up breaking it, it

went all over my desk, my grade book, everything. Mr. Kenyon was a student in my class when it happened; he remembers it too I’m sure.

Q: If you weren’t a history teacher, what would you teach?

A: Physical education would be nice, but I have a degree in English and history, not physical education.

Q: Did you always want to be a high school teacher?

A: Pretty much, yes.

Q: What have been some benefits of working in Loveland?

A: For me it is home. I went to school here, K-12. I have friends and family in the community. It is just very comfortable to say the least. The school and facilities have grown and the staff and people are all very good that we have working here. The community supports the schools, which is not always the case. It is just a great atmosphere.

Q: If you could go back in time, would you change anything about your career here?

A: No, pretty satisfied with the way things have gone. I have had

the opportunity to see all three of my kids go through here. It was a nice experience, but maybe not so nice for them. Two of my kids I actually taught in my AP History class. They got a kick out of it because I treated them just like any of my other students.

Q: What are your plans for retirement?

A: My wife and I are moving to Nashville, Tennessee. My youngest daughter Jillian lives there with two of my grandchildren. I will probably be doing a lot of babysitting. I also plan to get some sort of job, try something new. I just don’t know exactly what yet. My wife will also be getting a teaching job down there.

Q: What are your wishes for Loveland High School and the students and staff in it?

A: I hope to see everyone keep being as successful as we have been. The strides that the school has made in my lifetime here have been amazing. What our kids are able to do, the opportunities that they have here and in their futures have been outstanding. I hope to see that continue.



Photo by Rachel Froberg

Mr. Partin came to teach at Loveland in 1983. He coached basketball at the middle school, junior varsity, and varsity levels. He has served as the varsity coach since 2002. He also coached football for four years and J.V. baseball for nine years.

New PARCC testing causes controversy in education

By Halle Russo

Editor-in-chief

A week of mixed emotions: Loveland High School started OGT and PARCC testing on March 16th. While upperclassmen enjoyed starting class at 9:40, sophomores and freshman came in at normal time to partake in testing. The sophomore class is the last class taking the OGT test, whereas the freshman class is the first at the high school to begin the new PARCC tests. In fact, Ohio students are the first students in the country to take these specific tests.

PARCC stands for Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers. According to *The Washington Post*, testing groups received around \$350 million in federal grants to develop the tests. They are given to students between the third and ninth grade across the state of Ohio. However, private schools are not required to administer the tests.

In total, the tests last up to ten hours and are spread out over eight to nine school days through-

out the year. One of the biggest changes when compared to OGT tests is that PARCC tests are primarily taken online. Although districts can choose the traditional pencil and paper route.

In short, PARCC tests are common-core focused tests that are based on new expectations of students at each grade level.

Students are given a score between two and five in each category. A two signifies partial comprehension, a three signifies moderate comprehension, a four signifies strong comprehension, and a five signifies distinguished comprehension. In addition to determining an individual’s understanding of a certain subject, PARCC tests are also used to grade school districts. However, most results will not become available until the fall, and state report cards will most likely not be produced until January of 2016. As with any change in education, these use of these tests produce a variety of opinions.

“As a school district we are obligated to implement requirements that have been passed by

our Ohio lawmakers. We have been working for the past five years to prepare for the new standards being taught in math, language arts, science, and social studies. As the educational leader of this district, I can assure you our students are prepared to take the assessments as given this year,” said Superintendent Mr. Chad Hilliker.

According to Cincinnati.com, supporters of PARCC testing primarily believe that it will improve the standing of American schools when compared to foreign schools because of the new standards that the tests require. In addition, *The Washington Post* states that PARCC tests cost around \$29.50 per student, which is less than the cost of the current standardized tests in two-thirds of the states which have accepted PARCC tests.

On the contrary, several states have backed off from the tests including Kansas, Alaska, Florida, Utah, Georgia, Oklahoma, Alabama, and Pennsylvania because of various concerns regarding federal control over education

as such control was originally reserved for the states. According to Cincinnati.com, another concern with regards to PARCC tests is the time it takes to prepare for and to administer the tests. As a result of such concerns, many parents have decided to “opt” their children out of testing. Superintendents from Madeira, Little Miami, Deer Park, Sycamore, Springboro, and Mason have also presented letters and speeches to Ohio legislators in defense of the apprehension and objection voiced by their teachers, students, and communities.

According to a Cincinnati.com article (“New school tests spur anger, absences”), Sycamore Superintendent Adrienne James believes, “the changes in testing have been staggering,” such that “the public school system has been jerked from one notion to another, requiring so much time and attention that districts are left with no time to address internal needs.”

In our district, Superintendent Hilliker plans to work with legislators and state board members

“to create a system that does not take away from instructional days,” as he is “concerned about the amount of days we will be testing. I believe that we need to be held accountable, but I also believe we could find a reduced-testing balance that allows us to maximize our instructional opportunity.”

In addition, Governor Kasich recently signed House Bill 7 after it was passed in the Ohio House of Representatives, which prevents the choice of parents opting their kids out of testing from negatively affecting the students’ school records. However, the No Child left behind law requires 95% of students to be tested, so educators and legislators across the nation are waiting to see what Congress says as it is unclear whether such testing will continue into next year or if new methods will surface.

Lastly, Mr. Hilliker believes, “we have a great community, great teachers, and wonderful students who achieve great things each and every year. That will never change.”

School fitness tests threaten student privacy

By Catie Shipp
Staff writer

Academic testing in school is a way for teachers, parents, and students to see where one stands in comparison to the expectations and results of his or her peers. These tests allow students to push themselves to improve academically and ensure a strong education, which leads to a bright future. Recently, however, testing increased to a new level and some are wondering if this increase in testing takes things too far. To make matters worse, new government plans could see children undergo annual fitness and health tests along with the added academic achievement tests. These new fitness tests determine if a child is in or out of shape and if the child is at a healthy or unhealthy weight. Many communities are in an uproar over these new government plans and do not believe that the school district or administration should have a say in determining the state of their child’s physical capability.

School is a place for learning, and it makes sense for schools to stress the importance of health and fitness to a certain extent to ensure that more kids can live a healthier life. However, the government’s means for the obtaining this information of a good and healthy lifestyle could grow out of hand. For example, one of the new forms of testing a child’s overall health and fitness is the dreaded “bleep test.” This test involves running back and forth between two markers before a bleep sounds, with the time interval becoming increasingly shorter as the test continues. These tests were originally used by emergency services to test the fitness of those in the field, but they are now a way for schools to communicate to the parents how fit or unfit their child is. According to Brian Moore of *The Telegraph*, the government’s chief medical officer proposed this scheme to be extended to schools across the country for he believes that the current burden on the economy is a result of the overall lack of exercise.

Whatever the explanations for the introduction of these new fitness tests, parents across the country are in an outrage as they feel that schools are now intruding upon nearly every aspect of how they raise their kids. Also, many believe that the school does not stand in a position to determine the health of their child without first consulting with a doctor. Thus, when the letters return home declaring that a child is not living a healthy lifestyle, it is seen as an attack against the parents, which causes tension between families and the school. These tests also chance lessening the self-confidence of a child at an early age, especially if they suffer from humiliation while not keeping up physically with their friends and peers.

“I don’t think students should have to take the fitness tests because everyone is different. These tests also have the potential to ruin a kid’s self-esteem, and that’s not worth it,” **Mallory Russ** (11) said.

For many kids, school can be a stressful place as students attempt to keep up academically with those around them. Thus, adding additional stress regarding their health intrudes upon a personal aspect of their life that should remain private between the child and his or her respective family. It’s important to teach kids of all ages the key factors that will lead to a healthier lifestyle; however, this should not include categorizing a child publicly through a school-based health and fitness test.

Anti-vaccination parents place children at risk

By Jazmyn Browning
Staff writer

With a study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association’s Pediatrics publication revealing that the recent measles outbreak in Disneyland that spread to 14 other states could be blamed on the parental resistance to vaccinations; this problematic anti-vaccine movement has come to the forefront of the nation’s attention. Parents that choose not to vaccinate their children not only place their children at risk, but those around them. Thus, it should not be a question whether one should vaccinate their children or not.

According to the *National Geographic* article “The Anti-Vaccine Generation: How Movement Against Shots Got Its Start,” the major event that pushed the skepticism of the usefulness of vaccines and direct opposition against them into the public eye occurred in 1998, when Andrew Wakefield, a British gastroenterologist, held a press conference where he announced that the measles vaccine was connected to the increased cases of autism. Following the conference and the publication of Wakefield’s paper in respected medical journal, *The Lancet*, vaccination rates in the U.K. and Western Europe plunged, according to an article published in News Week, “Andrew Wakefield: The Father of the Anti-Vaccine Movement.” However, Wakefield’s paper was found to have fraudulent information that was refuted multiple times by other researchers. In effect, the paper was retracted from the journal, and the U.K.’s General Medical Council stripped Wakefield of his license for ethical violations. Despite the false results from the study, one-third of parents with children under the age of 18 and 29% of adults overall still believe that vaccinations can cause autism, according to a survey conducted by the National Consumers League in 2014.

The main issue driving the anti-vaccine movement is misinformation and mistrust, according to *National Geographic*. The debate over childhood immunization originates from the public’s general distrust of government and science. Added to an even more powerful distrust of multinational pharmaceutical companies that manufacture vaccines, the Internet’s tendency to take information such as Wakefield’s study and twist it out of proportion, as well as celebrity activism against vaccines, the following behind the anti-vaccine movement has never been stronger.

While some parents may argue that whether their children are vaccinated or not is their decision and should not concern anyone else, they fail to recognize that refusing to vaccinate their own children jeopardizes everyone else around them and could create a devastating impact. For example, the *Los Angeles Times* found that only 2% of California’s kindergartners are unvaccinated, but these children tend to be located in the same area. In effect, the risk of contracting eradicated diseases such as measles and whooping cough is disproportionately increased so that almost 10% of elementary schools across California may be at risk.

According to William Schaffner of the department of preventative medicine at Vanderbilt University, Americans have “become prisoners of our own success. Nobody knows what measles is.” Due to unfamiliarity with largely eradicated diseases like measles, many of the parents that oppose vaccines do not understand their effects. Therefore, it is the responsibility of parents to remain informed about what vaccinations offer, rather than blindly trusting vague anti-vaccine forums or celebrities that oppose vaccinations. Parents must realize that by choosing not to vaccinate their children, they are placing every around them at risk and understand the repercussions.

Expression of opinions requires limitations

By Claire Ruben
Staff writer

Freedom of expression-it is guaranteed by the First Amendment and serves as a backbone to almost all other rights of the American people. Self-expression guarantees citizens a voice in government without fear of punishment for their beliefs, yet voicing our opinions is not always appropriate. Where do we draw the line between speaking our minds and saying something that may offend others?

Freedom of spoken, printed, even tweeted word, should have limitations. Though American freedoms allow us to express a stance on hot-button topics, we are not automatically “entitled” to every opinion that we express; ignorance of the implications of such opinions prevents this entitlement. When a certain group of people is specifically targeted or could easily take offense to the words of a viewpoint, we have no right to express that opinion.

“It’s not okay to give your opinion about things that don’t affect you,” **Franny Gear** (11) said. If our views project ideas that deny people the “inalienable rights” guaranteed to them in our country’s Declaration of Independence, we are far from “entitled” to speak our minds. Such rights include life or liberty for all people. Suppose that a local politician speaks out against a certain shop or restaurant, changing the public’s perception of that organization. Consequently, business plummets and the owners are forced to close their doors. The expression of merely one opinion can strip entrepreneurs of their right to the “pursuit of happiness” or in this case, financial security.

Generally, we speak without intending to offend others, yet we would be naive to believe that hurtful messages can only be sent from direct, hurtful words. It is not always what we say, but it is frequently how others might perceive what we say that gets us into trouble. In fact, the University of Oklahoma recently expelled two fraternity brothers for leading racist chants on a public bus. Law officials currently debate whether their expulsion was a violation of the students’ right to free speech. Though these individuals may not have said anything threatening, voicing views that could easily offend some of their peers should reap consequences.

As Americans we are guaranteed rights allowing us to express ourselves, yet as Americans we are also required to know the limitations of these privileges. Though we may not intend to be hurtful with the words we say, often voicing our opinions offends others.

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Halle's Helpful Hints

Spring dress code: problems and solutions

By Halle Russo

Editor-in-chief

To the excitement of many students, the cold winter weather and snow are something of the past and from here on out the temperature will only increase. This means a change in wardrobe essentials. Thus, bulkier clothes will move toward the back of everyone’s closets, and lighter clothes will surface. However, this change in day-to-day clothing often creates conflict the second you walk in the school doors.

While I do realize that our school is a professional environment and that dress code should follow suit, there are certain elements within these rules that are contradictory. One instance that I consistently see around the building is the fact that many girls wear leggings, which often become see-through and very revealing; however, students cannot wear Nike athletic shorts, which can be significantly less revealing. The only exception to this rule is for girls who are shorter than average as they pass the “fingertip rule” with practically everything. In contrast, girls who are taller than average must search hopelessly for long shorts and skirts, which is often an impossible feat as they are often extremely boxy and unflattering.

The other main issue that I find with the dress code is the fact that students cannot wear sleeveless tops because of the notion that bare shoulders are “distracting” to other students. I do acknowledge that certain individuals would abuse the rule and wear tops with spaghetti straps. However, there are plenty of tops and

dresses that do not have spaghetti straps, which are fit for a professional environment. In fact, there could even be a rule in place where the straps have to be at least three fingers wide, the case at many schools in the area, which would prevent said abuse. The bottom line is that many individuals buy clothing that is acceptable for semi-formal and even formal events and work, but not acceptable for school because of certain elements in the dress code.

The only solution to getting around the rule and wearing sleeveless tops and shorter skirts is by wearing blazers and jackets or by wearing leggings under dresses or athletic shorts . You can find cute, lightweight blazers at stores such as Francesca’s and inexpensive leggings at stores such as T.J. Maxx. Although it could be hot, it will save you from taking a trip to the office and having to change mid-day.

Clearly, there are potential solutions on both sides of the issue. However, at the end of the day, it would be much easier for students who spend a great deal of money on high fashion if it were up to the discretion of teachers and administrators whether an article of clothing is too revealing. This would take away the turmoil caused by a rule that practically discriminates against height and prompts students to spend more than necessary hunting for tops and skirts that are acceptable.

Maybe it is time for the dress code committee, made up of students, teachers, administrators, and school board members, to revisit the existing dress code.

Reality TV has negative impact

By Paige Smith

News and editorial editor

The genre of reality television was not originally meant to be ironic. It was literally supposed to be television that mimics real life. However, over time it has evolved into a ridiculous, overdramatic mess.

What is now considered reality television consists of competitions to find “true love” and wealthy women having catfights. For the majority of America none of this could be considered anything close to reality. These shows are extravagant and over the top with contestants and characters that are rarely down to Earth or represent the average person.

This ridiculousness is what makes reality television so addicting and popular. However, how does this reflect on society? What people watch on television influences them, and these programs are almost always a negative influence. They characterize people as being catty, manipulative and disrespectful. These people are represented as being successful because they have done something that earned them a spot on television and viewers will emulate the behavior that got the “stars” where they are.

Reality television should consist more of competition style programs, but these programs should be programs that require genuine talent to participate in, as opposed to being chosen based on appearance or wealth. Viewers would still identify with the contestants or stars and they would be more relatable because they would represent more of the average person.

It would not be difficult for television to make this change from trashy reality shows to almost strictly competition style-shows. There are many competition shows currently airing so the number of trashy shows would just have to be decreased gradually. I believe that this change could only result in positive influences on society as a whole.

By Halle Russo

Editor-in-chief



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Megaticket vs Bunbury



By Ryan Mangan

Staff Writer

Megaticket

Nine concerts, one ticket. The B105 Country Megaticket is your pass throughout the summer to see nine country headliners for only \$310, which equates to \$34 per concert. Some of the showcased artists include Brad Paisley, Luke Bryan, Jason Aldean, and Rascal Flatts. If those names are not enough to sell you on it right away, purchasing the Megaticket could save you up to 25% when compared with individual ticket prices via Ticketmaster.

While passes to the Bunbury Music Festival advertise a much greater variety of artists, these passes only cover three days. What if you are out of town on one of the days or fall sick and cannot make it? Then, your investment and experience are already down the drain. On the contrary, the concerts on the B105 Country Megaticket range from May 17th to September 25th, therefore, you will be able to attend and enjoy the majority of what you paid for to its utmost potential.

Another instrumental feature of the B105 Country Megaticket is that you can sell the pass for those concerts that you do not want to or cannot attend, thus, capitalizing on your investment. By taking advantage of this opportunity, you will not lose any of the money that would otherwise be a waste if you could not attend a given concert. However, you would automatically lose one-third of your investment if you could not attend a day at Bunbury. Additionally, if the concert is in high demand, you will make potentially more money than you originally invested, and who doesn’t love that.

Although Bunbury offers a wide variety of artists and sounds, most people do not even

Bunbury

With summer comes concerts and musical festivals almost every weekend; but where do you spend your money when it comes to shows this summer? Bunbury of course. Bunbury has the most diverse lineup for the best price. Tickets for one day are only \$69, but if you want to experience the whole weekend of music, three day passes are \$154 and you’ll see 50 different artist and bands.

Meanwhile at Riverbend MegaTicket prices range from \$310-\$610 to see a lineup of only ten different artist, who are all country musicians playing the same G,C,D chord pattern for every song. So let’s do the math here; to see one artist with the Megaticket package at Riverbend the cost is \$31-\$61 dollars, while seeing one artist at Bunbury the cost is an average of \$3.

Not only is Bunbury a better deal financially, it is better deal musically. Seven time

Grammy award winners The Black Keys from Akron, Ohio will be headlining one of three nights along with the folk band The Avett Brothers, and rap artist Snoop Dog headlining on the other two nights of the festival. Just looking at the three different headliners you can begin to see the diversity of this festival, compared to the all country B105 Megaticket.

On top of the three well-known headliners at Bunbury, our hometown heroes, Walk The Moon will be there, along with Twenty One Pilots from Columbus who will have just released their new album *Blurryface* on May 19th. On top of these amazing artist the up and coming French band Tame Impala is playing at Bunbury as well, coming off the release of their new single *Let it Happen*.

All in all, Bunbury is just a financially and musically better deal. This summer will be sure to be full to be full of great music.

Willie Talks Sports: NBA Playoffs Edition



By Willie Lutz
Editor-in-Chief

In the coming weeks, the NBA season will come to a close and the play-offs will begin. With eight teams coming from each conference, combining for a 16-team bracket, only one of the league's 30 teams will be crowned NBA Champions in 2015. Though an unforeseen dark horse team could throw off the balance of the bracket, these teams currently sit as the strongest poten-

tial contenders for the title Golden State Warriors

What a difference a year can make for a basketball squad. After falling to the Los Angeles Clippers in the first round of last year's playoffs, the then six-seeded Golden State Warriors fired their now former head coach, Mark Jackson, and hired the offensive-minded Steve Kerr. The coach provided a perfect new fit to the fast-paced offense, led by MVP candidate Stephen Curry. Curry, who combines with Klay Thompson to make up the sharp-shooting duo, nicknamed "The Splash Brothers" are currently leading the heavily contested Western Conference standings, and have been since the beginning of the season. With a deep bench, including former all-star forward, Andre Iguodala, the Warriors are easily the most dangerous team to emerge from the west.

Atlanta Hawks

Across the country from the Golden State Warriors are the front-running Atlanta Hawks, who sit comfortably in first place among other Eastern Conference teams. The Hawks set out to shock the world the season following a 2014 campaign where they made the playoffs as the last team to come out of the east, the dreaded eight seed. Head coach Mike Budenholzer and company have relied on great over-all team play in order to sit atop the conference. While Budenholzer's coaching has had a huge impact, the team can attribute a majority of its success to Kyle Korver, who has emerged as a tremendous scoring threat this season. Korver, who typically played in an off-the-bench role prior to the 2014-2015, has not only provided augmented scoring, but has proved essential veteran leadership for the

young Atlanta team.

Cleveland Cavaliers

Love them or hate them, the Cleveland Cavaliers are emerging as an incredible force and a huge threat to any team they'll face this post season. The team signed LeBron James this off-season, following his four-year stay in Miami, in which he won two NBA Championships, in order to return their prodigal son back to his righteous kingdom. Alongside the superstar, James, is one of the NBA's greatest young talents in point guard, Kyrie Irving. The former Duke Blue Devil as scoring in buckets as he directs the offense in a Steven Spielberg fashion. Irving and James, alongside the rest of the Cavs, field the most talented team in the NBA. However, the million dollar question: Can the Cavs turn all of that talent into a ring? Fans can watch for that come June.

San Antonio Spurs

When one discusses the NBA championship, it's simply unfair to leave out the incumbent San Antonio Spurs. The Spurs are filled with ageless veterans, most notably Tony Parker and Tim Duncan. Since coming into the league in 1997, the 6'11" Duncan has lead his Spurs to five NBA Championships. Duncan, who will turn 39 on April 25th, still plays with most, if not all, of the skill he possessed during the first season of his career. Tony Parker, who has been with Duncan for four of his five championships, will run the Spurs offense into the playoffs once again, as the end of the regular season draws to a close. Gregg Popovich, who has only had one losing season as the Spurs' head coach (not to mention it was his first season with the position) is looking to couple Duncan for the duo's sixth NBA title.

Baseball team travels to Florida for Spring Break

By Kevin Sieg
Staff Writer

The varsity baseball team will be traveling to Dodgertown in Vero Beach, Florida. The team will play at the first large-scale spring training facility to be used by a Major League Baseball team, the Los Angeles Dodgers. The facility is no longer used by the major leagues.

The squad is scheduled to play teams from all over the nation. These teams include Stephenson High School (Illinois), Russell County High School (Kentucky), Kenston High School (Ohio), Plymouth-Whitemarsh High School (Pennsylvania), and Middleton High School (Wisconsin).

The Tigers hope to take advantage of this unique opportunity to prepare for the rest of the season.

Head Coach **Ken Reed** said, "I hope that providing an opportunity to travel together and play ball in great weather will allow us to bond as a team and be better prepared for difficult ECC schedule that begins on April 6th."

Going to Vero Beach is like a

spring training of sorts for the baseball team. Players are looking forward to the opportunity to play new teams before the competitive grind of the regular seasons begins to unfold.

"I'm looking forward to playing some games at Dodgers fields. Hopefully we'll hit a couple of dingers while we're there, then come back to the land of love with some wins on our back and ready to go for the regular season," **Jay Wilson** (11) said.

It's not only the new competition that the team is looking forward to down in Florida.

Luke Waddell (10) said, "It's going to be nicer weather there so we just want to get out and play so we can get better. It rains too much here so it's nice to get outside and play."

A trip that involves traveling to the edge of the country to warm weather is certainly exciting and it will also be beneficial to the team as they look towards the start of a fresh year.

Jordan Paul places 8th at State

By Colton Lakes
Staff Writer

Jordan Paul (11) has wrestled varsity for all 3 years of his high school career. He has been wrestling for 11 years at the competitive level. This year, Jordan won 41 matches and lost 7 matches. He qualified for State and ended up placing 8th in the state for the 170 pound weight class.

When asked why he wrestles, Jordan said, "Been doing it so long I guess it just comes naturally."

Jordan's favorite move to do on

an opponent is an "ankle pick".

"An ankle pick is when you sweep the opposing wrestlers ankle causing them to lose balance and fall down" said Paul.

This move allows for Jordan to sprawl on the opponent and get more points.

Adding to the tough nature of the sport, there are many infections that happen on the wrestling mat.

When asked what about his most gruesome experience, Jordan responded, "Ringworm isn't

that bad of a skin infection."

Jordan has created great memories with many on the team. One of his favorites was "Staying in the hotel during the wrestling matches at Brecksville, straight chilling."

Although Jordan is a talented wrestler, he likes playing baseball more. He is on the Loveland Baseball team.

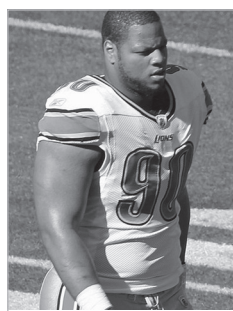
Jordan Paul hopes to make a run for State again next year and enjoy wrestling with the people he has been wrestling with his entire life.



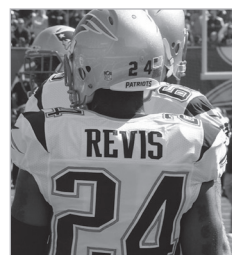
By Bronson Lakes
Staff Writer

With football months away the National Football League is already having tons of football moves in the free agency.

Ndamukong Suh, the defensive-tackle formally on the Detroit Lions has recently signed with the Miami Dolphins. Julius Thomas the former tight-end for the Denver Broncos signed with the Jacksonville Jaguars recently. DeMarco Murray and Sam Bradford found themselves playing for the Philadelphia Eagles this up and coming season.



Ndamukong Suh played for the Lions for five years. His deal is worth \$114 million over six years.



Darrelle Revis for the Jets for the first six years of his career. His new deal is worth \$70 over five years.



Patrick Willis is a former line-backer for the 49ers. Willis retired due to the risk of extensive injuries.

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Best Fishing Spots in Loveland

By Bronson Lakes
Staff Writer

With spring finally here young fishermen start finding spots to catch the fish and find some peace and quiet. Students who love to fish have a multitude of ponds and lakes in the area from which to choose.

“I love fishing because it is an easy getaway from the daily stresses in life and it’s just extremely fun. My favorite fish to catch are Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass,” **Jake Cox** (12) said.

Twenty-eight-acre Lake Isabella, located on Loveland Madeira Road, is one of the largest lakes in Loveland and offers fishing from

the bank, dock and rental boats. It also has a boathouse that offers a huge selection of bait, tackle and fishing gear.

Another fishing spot is the Belle Meade pond on the street of Belle Meade Farm Drive. The pond has a gazebo that overlooks the lake and has a fountain in the middle of the pond.

With golf being played on the course during the day many people find themselves night fishing at Oasis Golf Courses Mueller Lake. The lake is large and is near almost nine holes on the golf course.

One neighborhood that is full of fishing spots is Paxton Woods. The main pond of the neighborhood is Paxton Lake Pool. There is a total of six lakes/ponds in the

neighborhood. Three of them are on Paxton Lake Drive and three are on Paul Vista Drive. Another pond is on Price Road and on the land of River Hills Christian Church.

“I like to catch Catfish out of Oasis; catch Smallmouth Bass out of the Little Miami River; and catch Largemouth Bass out of Paxton Lakes,” **Jake Junod** (12).

With plenty of other ponds and lakes in Loveland, many students and young fishermen are happy with places to relax and catch some fish.

“I don’t fish much, but when I do it is at a pond in my neighborhood and I like it because it’s relaxing and you can hang out with friends and not worry about anything,” **Katy Heath** (11).



Jake Cox stands with his catch of the day at Mueller Lake in the Oasis Golf Course.

Photo courtesy of Jake Cox.

March Madness Preview: Friday, March 27th

By Willie Lutz
Editor-in-Chief

The first week of the NCAA brought exactly what fans look forward to every year come to month of March; total and utter madness. Displayed with upsets like No. 14 Georgia State beating No. 3 Baylor, No. 11 UCLA beating 6-seed SMU, and No. 14 UAB beating No. 3 Iowa State, ruining brackets across America. With the Sweet 16 now set, and Thursday’s action has come to a conclusion, here’s a preview of Friday night’s tournament play.

No. 8 North Carolina State Wolfpack vs. No. 4 Louisville Cardinals (7:37 PM)

The ACC has gone 11-1 in the NCAA tournament, but in this match up, another member of the ACC will be forced to add to the conference loss column. The Wolfpack are coming off a huge upset, knocking off No. 1 Villanova Wildcats 71-68. With this

momentum, the Wolfpack could be deadly against any team.

However, Rick Pitino’s Louisville Cardinals are only two years removed from a National Championship. The team held on to junior Montrezl Harrell, who decided against declaring for the NBA Draft following the team’s 2013-2014 campaign. Harrell provides incredible defense and leadership that make the Cardinals a tough task for opposing offenses. During the regular season, the Wolfpack knocked off the Cardinals 74-65.

No. 3 Oklahoma Sooners vs. No. 7 Michigan State Spartans (10:07 PM)

The Oklahoma Sooners survived their first two games, including a closely contested match-up against No. 11 Dayton in Columbus, OH. The Sooners are one of the only two remaining teams representing the Big 12 Conference following the first two rounds of action. The team prides itself on good defense and solid work on the glass, aver-

aging 38 boards a game.

On the other side, the Spartans come into action with a monstrous offense, which generates fast, quick-hitting points, which seemingly ambushes opponents and overcomes opposing leads in the blink of an eye. Coach Tom Izzo has been a tournament staple since he took over the Spartans squad in 1995. The Spartans beat the defensive juggernaut No. 2 Virginia Cavaliers on Sunday to create momentum for the rest of their tournament run.

No. 1 Duke Blue Devils vs. No. 5 Utah Utes (9:45 PM)

There’s good, and then there’s Duke good. This season, Duke has beaten Michigan State, Wisconsin, Louisville, Notre Dame, Virginia, and North Carolina (twice) on the way to a 31-4 record and a one seed in the tournament. The Blue Devils average 80.6 points a game (fourth in the country) and shoot 50.2% from the field (third in the country). The combination of Jahliil

Okafor (future NBA Star and the No. 1 recruit in the 2014 recruiting class), Tyrus Jones, Justise Winslow, and Quinn Cook provide the freight-train Duke offense.

The Utah Utes came into the 2014-2015 as an unforeseen force. The Utes sport a 26-8 record and could realistically upset the Blue Devils come the final buzzer. The Utes play incredible defense, consistently holding opponents under 60 points. The team’s most impressive win of the season came against a talented Wichita State team on December 3rd, winning 69-68 in overtime.

No. 11 UCLA Bruins vs. No. 2 Gonzaga Bulldogs (7:15 PM)

The UCLA Bruins barely made the tournament, being dubbed a bubble team prior to Selection Sunday, making the field-of-68 without much security. The Bruins have now entered the Sweet 16 with wins over No. 6 SMU (which was a notable upset) and No. 14 UAB to advance to the spot. The team has faced a

tough group of teams, facing Gonzaga, North Carolina, Kentucky, Arizona, and Utah (1-7 against ranked opponents) on their way to a 22-13 record. The team doesn’t offer star power or a dominant side of play, but are average in a variety of different fields.

The Gonzaga Bulldogs are in an awkward position in the college basketball world. They play in the WCC conference, which doesn’t hold the prestige of other conference. They are the only ranked team in the WCC, and are one of only two teams to represent the conference in the NCAA Tournament. The team generates 79.1 points per game (tenth in the country), 16.5 assists per game (sixth in the country), and shoot a remarkable 52.4% from the field (first in the country). The Bulldogs have the potential to impose their will on the Bruins (who they defeated 87-74 on December 13th) or any opponent left in the tournament.

March Madness Match-Ups
Sweet 16 Basketball



#8 North Carolina State



#7 Michigan State



#1 Duke



#11 UCLA

Syracuse, New York

#4 Louisville

Oklahoma

#3 Oklahoma



Houston, Texas

#5 Utah

#2 Gonzaga





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OTR rapidly gains popularity

By Rachel Froberg

Photo editor

Over the Rhine is one of the oldest neighborhoods in the city of Cincinnati. It is also known that Over the Rhine, also known as OTR, was one of the most dangerous areas of the city. However, in 2012 *Cleveland Magazine* published an article calling Over the Rhine “[making] an amazing comeback”.

It’s true, OTR has nearly made a complete 360. From having one of the most dangerous parks and dilapidated buildings, to a completely furnished park and amazing restaurants, shops and boutiques popping up on every block.

Washington Park is a newly refurbished park that had its grand opening two years ago. The park located right outside of Music Hall has large grass fields, flowers and plants, swing sets, a dog park and several water features throughout. It also has its own parking garage, furnished bathrooms and multitudes of park benches and chairs.

Vine Street in OTR is also a new up and coming area. It is home to famous restaurants such as A Tav Ola, Venice on Vine, Bakersfield and Holtsman’s Donuts. Not to mention the ever so popular Taste of Belgium. If one is looking for food other than sweets however, there are many restaurants of all different ethnicities.

“Zula has the best mussels in all of the Midwest” **Sophie Greenberg** (12) said.

Findlay Market is another area in town with restaurants and shops. This market styled street is filled with fresh fruits and veggies as well as hand-crafted items for all ages.

“I love going to Findlay market and people watching” **Hanna Olberding** (11) said.

Several other stores are opening up on the blocks of OTR as well. Jack Wood Gallery is an art and poster store with hundreds of posters from all different decades located on Vine Street. The Little Mahatma is another store located on Vine Street. Little Mahatma is filled with jewelry, bags and other knick-knacks from around the world.

Though there are plenty of things to do now in OTR, many people try and stay away from the area because of the stereotype of it being a “bad neighborhood”. According to a study by the Cincinnati News channel, WCPO, which came out in January of this year, the crime rates have drastically decreased.

“Violent crimes- murder, rape, robbery- have plummeted 72% since 2004. Property crime such as grand theft and burglary have dropped 42%” said Karim Eglezzar and Mark Nichols, co-authors of the WCPO article.

“I used to be afraid to go into Over the Rhine, but now I feel more comfortable and can’t wait to visit” **Emily Michelfelder** (11) said.

Rich history hides in

By Jazmyn Browning

Staff Writer

When Cincinnati is mentioned, images first come to mind of the scenic sunset over the quiet Ohio River, the excited buzz in the muggy summer air at the Great American Ball Park, or chowing down on renowned Skyline Chili. However, it didn’t start there. Cincinnati grew from humble beginnings to the vibrant city it is today.

According to Ohio History Central’s website, an online encyclopedia of Ohio’s history, 1788 marked the dawn of the Queen City when Israel Ludlow, Matthias Denman, and Robert Patterson purchased 800 acres of land stretching along the banks of the Ohio River, directly located at the mouth of the Licking River. The three men worked together to provide the money necessary for their purchase, to recruit settlers, and survey the land for potential sales and to organize a town.

By early 1789, the land had been mapped out and divided into two

types of lots. At the center of the town, there were one-half acre lots while lots on the outskirts of the town were four acres. Thirty original settlers of the town were provided with both types of lots for free. With the initial stages of settlement under their belts, the three men decided to name the emerging town Losantiville, a loose contraction of the idea that it was a “city across the mouth of the Licking River.”

At the beginning, the town did not grow rapidly, according to Ohio History Central. One month following the establishment of Losantiville, no more than three log cabins existed in the town. However, the village began to expand during the summer of 1789 when Josiah Harmar approved the construction of Fort Washington to create a protection mechanism for settlers in the surrounding area. After its completion later that year, the fort served as a home for 300 soldiers, increasing the population of the town to nearly 500 people. In 1790, after establishing Hamilton County, Arthur

St. Clair, governor of the Northwest Territory, disliked the name Losantiville and proceeded to change the town’s name to Cincinnati. That year, an additional 1,000 people moved to Cincinnati, increasing the population to about 1,500.

Between 1790 and 1800, a overwhelming surge of migration led to Cincinnati as Harmar visited expeditions against the British. Americans in the area eventually defeated the British, leading many settlers to escape to Cincinnati out of the fear that the British would overtake the city. Due to this lack of order and safety, the British failed to intimidate the city. Hundreds of settlers poured into the city, believing that there were business opportunities. The soldiers and people who fled the Ohio River with them, along with the influx of people looking for work and the town’s growth, led to Cincinnati emerging as an American city.

Cincinnati calendar packed

By Megan Phelan

Cincinnati has a calendar filled with exciting and unique events for all different types of people to enjoy. These events comprised of music, outdoors, food, art, etcetera and take place annually. Not Correct. One is singular and they is plural. So, if a person misses an event one year, he or she can catch next year. In addition, since none of the events have an age requirement, so anyone and everyone can attend.

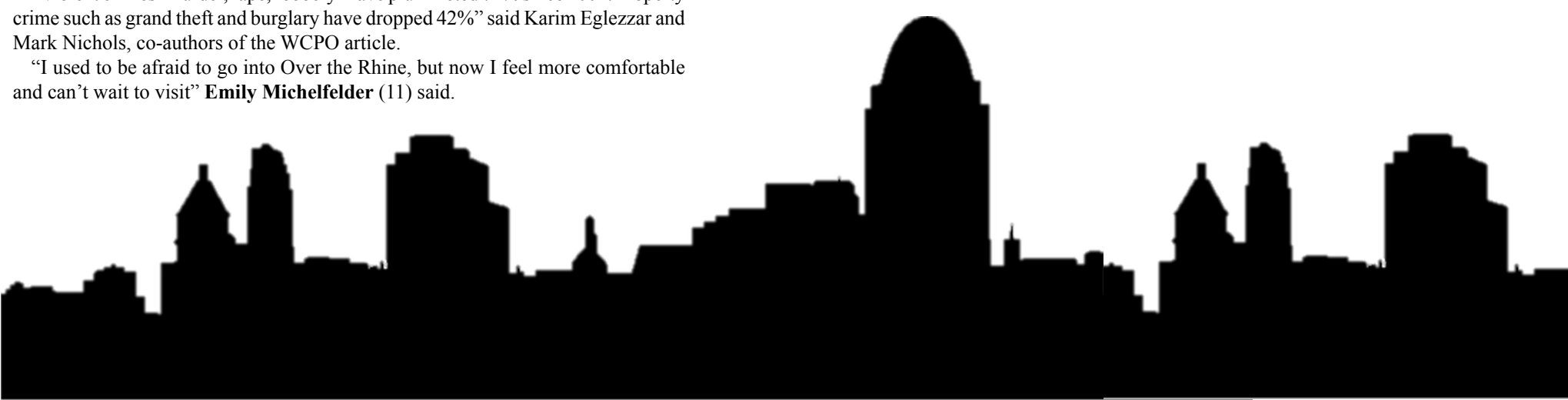
Music lovers are offered a variety of festivals that include a plethora of genres. The third and second weekends in July hold two of the largest music festivals; Buckle Up and Bunbury. Buckle-Up is more focused on folk and country music, while Bunbury’s main genres include alternative and indie-pop. These six-staged festivals are paired with the scenery of the Ohio River because of their location on Yeatman’s Cove.

The Cincinnati May Festival is on its one hundred and forty second year and continues to draw a crowd both to the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and its choral groups that are rarely seen in concert. Those attracted to the hip-hop, R&B and jazz genres will have a great time attending the mid-summer P&G music festival that takes place in Paul Brown Stadium. The largest music festival in Cincinnati doesn’t even sign famous bands. Midpoint Music Festival features bands that have not yet been signed with a label. This festival takes place in September and attracts a lot of talent, which brings scouts from all over the country.



Cincinnati Music Hall houses world the nationally renowned Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra held year-round.

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As the 19th century rolled around, Cincinnati continued to flourish. According to Ohio History Central's website, the Ohio River provided plenty of business prospects to the residents. For example, steamboats were built and repaired in the city. In addition, catering to the settlers traveling westward on the river, hotels, restaurants, and taverns opened. Cincinnati was specifically used by Ohio abolitionists to campaign against slavery. Directly across the Ohio River from the slave holding state of Kentucky, abolitionists strategically published anti-slavery writings, aiming to persuade neighboring states to relinquish their slaves. The Underground Railroad was also utilized to smuggle slaves across the Ohio River to obtain freedom in the North. Some Ohioans feared that ending slavery would result in competition for opportunities with freed American Americans, which led to riots because many believed that African Americans were gaining too much power in the community.

Most Cincinnati residents supported the United States during the Civil War, but a substantial number of people left to fight for the Confederacy in the South. During this period, Cincinnati acted as a key recruiting and organization center for the war. By providing these soldiers with supplies and housing, business thrived. Cincinnati became the largest city in Ohio by the 1880s, with a population of over 300,000 people and had the densest population of any city in America. With fifteen railroads connecting Cincinnati to the rest of the nation, a booming industry in iron production and meat packing, large number of employed residents, and a sizable number of museums and academies of the arts, Cincinnati had become a prominent leader by 1890 industry, politics, and education. From the 20th century to today, Cincinnati has remained as a top city of diverse culture and a thriving economy, and only continues to grow.

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Sawyer Point and Yeatman's cove host Tall Stacks in celebration of the city's history with a paddle wheel al. The banks of the Ohio River are filled with family fun activities. Also at Sawyer Point and Yeatman's is the Riverfest, a Labor Day firework festival. The city provides many events that appeal to almost anyone, which creates a sense of unity within the city's inhabitants.

Cincy's best bites satisfy community

By Paige Smith

News and Editorials Editor

Nada: Located next to the Arnoff Center, this restaurant serves Mexican food with a contemporary twist. Nada provides a lively atmosphere that is accented with unique decorations and top-notch service. This restaurant makes the transition from a lunch to dinner spot seamlessly, and the Baja Fish Tacos are the perfect light lunch dish, featuring crispy fried fish with a cool cabbage slaw. Sotto: This dining establishment provides a high-end spin on rustic Italian dining. Not only is it known for fantastic food, but also outstanding service. The best way to taste as many dishes as possible is to order several and share them family style. The star dish, however, is the Short Rib Cappellacci with its homemade pasta filled with slow-cooked short rib and Amish butter sauce. Terry's Turf Club: Best known for being featured on the Food Network's Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives, this eatery provides the unique experience of a build-your-own burger. It also features a wide range of appetizers, with everything from foie gras to fried corn on the cob. It is impossible to recommend anything from the menu other than a burger piled high with all the toppings your heart desires. The Eagle: In recent years, the area of Over the Rhine has undergone key changes in an attempt to change its reputation. One result has been the appearance of several exciting new restaurants, including The Eagle. This restaurant and bar is another place that serves dishes family style and is well-known for Southern inspired food. Showcasing a wide variety of fried chicken dishes, the Fried Chicken Sandwich is a standout featuring a crispy fried chicken breast, homemade coleslaw and spicy mayo.

The All-Star Game hits the Queen City

By Willie Lutz
Editor-in-Chief

In 2015, Cincinnati will receive one of the biggest events of the sports season, the Major League Baseball All-Star Game. The Cincinnati Reds organization were awarded the game by the commissioner of the MLB, Bud Selig, on January 21, 2013, giving them about two and a half years to prepare. The actual All-Star Game will occur on July 14th, 2015 at 7:30 PM. The event will climax the week leading up to the game, where there will be several events that will showcase the Queen City. While the events are still supposed to be pouring out as the game draws closer, here's what the Reds organization has penciled in as of now: From July 10-July 14, the Duke Energy Convention Center will hold the T-Mobile All-Star FanFest. FanFest is a great way for fans of all ages to get close to the game of baseball. With interactive activities, players signing autographs, and taking pictures Then, All-Star Sunday will carry two events that will really draw out the fans. Leading off the double header of events will be the SiriusXM All-Star Futures Game. This game previews the best upcoming players that are still waiting to make their major league debut. Following the youngsters will be the Legends & Celebrity Softball Game. In previous years, participants included Rob Riggle, Nelly, Jason Aldean, Chris Pratt, etc. This event gives fans a chance to see some of their favorite celebrities compete in the game of softball. Following Sunday's festivities, the All-Star participants will prepare for the upcoming game on Gatorade All-Star Workout Day. The day opens with all of the All-Stars taking batting practice, then closes with the fan-favorite Home Run Derby. The event will feature ten players, five from each the American and National Leagues, where players compete in a bracket-style competition to crown a champion. Then, the main event of the week, the 86th Annual Major League Baseball All-Star Game. This game will high light the league's best players competing for their league's chance to receive home-field advantage in the World Series. The best-of-the-best will come together on the diamond of Great American Ball Park on a national stage. In a week already saturated with incredible events, there are still things yet to be scheduled. The organization still has yet to announce the concert (last year, in Minnesota, Imagine Dragons were the featured act), the fun run, or any other surprises that may be thrown into the mix.



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By Drew Paschal
Ad and Business Manager

According to the blog *Achieve in Africa*, researchers have discovered that the lack in education has led to the increase in poverty and in the AIDS epidemic throughout Africa. In fact, over 33 million children in Africa do not attend school throughout their lifetime. A child who quits attending school is three times more likely to be HIV positive later in life than one who completes basic education.

Only two thirds of the students who start primary school reach the final grade. Approximately half of the population lives on less than \$1 a day, while the average US citizen spends more than \$7 a day on entertainment alone. Taking these facts into consideration, there are hundreds of organizations that work together to try and assist the funding of schools in Africa. For example, the Loveland Middle School has started a movement to transfer unused mathematics textbooks to Namanjab Combined School in

Namibia, Africa. It was initiated by LMS Teacher, Carol Huxhold, after visiting her daughter in Namibia, who is currently working there with the Peace Corps. Huxhold said, “My daughter has been teaching English as a foreign language to students in grades five, six, seven, and eight in Kamanjab, Namibia for nearly two years. Through her, I found out the students there were in need of textbooks, and due to our new math curriculum the LMS textbooks were no longer being used. I suggested the idea to Mr. Burke

who fully supported the donation.” Huxhold believes that this act will improve the Namibian students’ lives for the future, as most of their curriculum is taught in English. This gives African students the opportunity to absorb more of the English language in order to help them become better readers, writers, and learners. She is currently fundraising to pay off the shipping payment of the textbooks, which can be done at <http://www.gofundme.com/mni8qc> or by visiting her at LMS.



Heroin rates rise within Clermont County

By Kaylee Harter
Staff Writer

As of 2012, Clermont County has been one of several heroin “hot spots” in Ohio. In fact, drug overdose deaths went up by 880% from 2001-2011 in Clermont County. This epidemic not only impacts addicts, but their families and the community as well. Heroin is an opiate and gives the user a feeling of euphoria. As tolerance increases, more of the drug is needed to produce the same feeling. When an addict does not get his or her heroin, withdrawal symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, headaches and body aches occur. “This scares a lot of addicts into using so that they don’t experience withdrawals,” said Ryan Donnelly, former opiate addict and owner of the websites

FreefromHell.com and CalmSupport.com. “Addicts tend to do whatever they can to get more money to buy more drugs and you tend to see crime increase,” said Donnelly. “It affects their community through burglaries, robberies and petty theft such as breaking into cars etc.” Forty-eight percent of arrests made by the Clermont County Narcotics Unit in 2013 were related to heroin/opiate use, manufacture, and distribution, according to the Clermont County Sheriff’s Office. The family is affected as well. The Clermont County Department of Job and Family Services reports that 46 percent of child removals in Clermont County are due to caregiver drug abuse. Not only that, but, “it’s common for addicts to steal from their friends and loved ones to afford their fix,” Donnelly said.

Donnelly stated that he believes education is the most important deterrent to drug abuse. “Communities need to educate their youth on prescription painkillers. Young teenagers think that because their parents have the medicine in the house, they can’t be too dangerous. The opposite is true. It’s possible to overdose and die from taking one pill depending on the strength of the pill,” he said. Common painkillers such as Percocet and Vicodin are “the gateway drug to heroin.” However, once an addict can no longer afford these, they often switch to heroin. “Heroin has become a problem all over the country,” Donnelly said. “Opiate addiction is very deadly. Parents need to be vigilant in keeping all prescription medication locked up and away.”

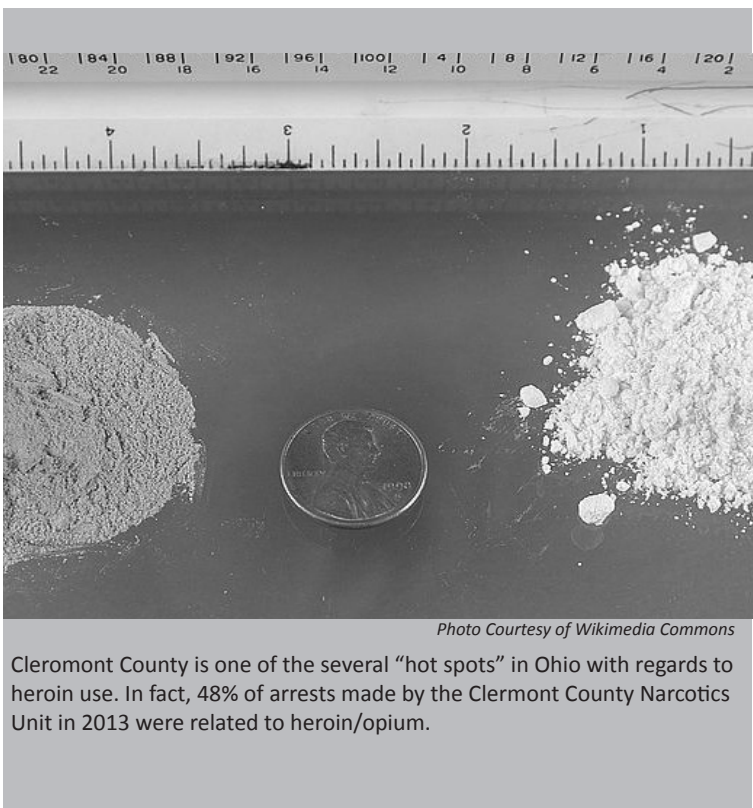


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Clermont County is one of the several “hot spots” in Ohio with regards to heroin use. In fact, 48% of arrests made by the Clermont County Narcotics Unit in 2013 were related to heroin/opium.

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News to know

SCHOOL EXTENDED: The final day of class for students will be Wednesday, June 3. Loveland’s contingency plan has always been to make up any additional days at the end of the school calendar. The district missed seven school days due to weather conditions. The district will need to make up two contingency days - See more at: <http://www.lovelandschools.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=5PY3UY&dasi=3IU2#sthash.ttO9tn7W.dpuf>

ONLINE REGISTRATION: Loveland City School District introduces all new members of the Tiger Family to a central registration system managed by Central Office that will streamline the process of registering students. Parents can access the online Tiger Welcome Center by simply clicking on the “Student Enrollment” tab located under the “Quick Links” section of the district website (www.lovelandschools.org). - See more at: <http://www.lovelandschools.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=5PYBIO&dasi=3IU0#sthash.l3eUuJPL.dpuf>

WEDDING SINGER MUSICAL: Students will perform each night at 7 p.m. from Wednesday, April 8, through Saturday, April 11, or a special 2 p.m. matinee show Saturday, April 11! Tickets are on sale beginning Wednesday, March 18, at the attendance desks of Loveland Intermediate School, Loveland Middle School and LHS. The prices are \$10 for students and seniors and \$12 for adults. This show is family friendly and appropriate for all audiences. So come blast back into the ‘80s with the cast and crew of *The Wedding Singer*! See More at: <http://www.lovelandschools.org/proteted/ArticleView.asp?iid=5PG00B&dasi=2IU0#sthas.82GDM746.dpuf>

YEARBOOK NEWS: The deadline to order senior recognition ads has been extended to April 30th from Jostens advertising service. Parents may visit jostensadservice.com to design their own ad or send information to Mrs. Overbeeke at overberh@lovelandschools.org. The prices of ad vary depending on size. See the advertisements in the *Roar* for more information.

Teen suicide sparks discussion

By Kaylee Harter
Staff Writer

“The only way I will rest in peace if one day transgender people aren’t treated the way I was, they’re treated like humans,” wrote Leelah, born as Joshua Ryan Alcorn. On December 28th 2014, Leelah Alcorn, a seventeen-year-old from Kings High School, died after stepping in front of a moving vehicle on I-71. The articulate and accessible suicide letter left on Tumblr detailed her struggles of growing up transgender and implored the reader to fix society. “Leelah was struggling; against her peers, against her parents, against herself,” said Tom Sauder, the advocacy lead of the Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network (GLSEN). Alcorn said that she “felt like a girl trapped in a boy’s body” since the age of four. At the age of ten, she “found out what transgender meant and cried of happiness.” Transgender refers to a person whose gender identity and biological sex do not align. Gender identity is independent of sexual orientation. “The science

is out there... all identities are innate,” said Sauder. According to the letter and a post on Reddit two months before her death, people in her life would tell Alcorn, “you’ll never truly be a girl,” “God’s going to send you straight to hell” and various other things. “Even if you are Christian or against transgender people, please don’t ever say that to someone..... That won’t do anything but make them hate themselves. That’s exactly what it did to me,” wrote Alcorn. Leelah was sent to therapy, in hopes that she would be changed. In fact, this type of therapy, known as conversion therapy, is illegal in California, New Jersey and Washington DC because of how psychologically damaging some believe it to be. The letter describes the anguish that she felt when she was not given permission to transition. “The longer you wait, the harder it is to transition; I felt hopeless,” Alcorn wrote. Sauter explained further, “You can treat your body to help comport to your identity in order to make you a more comfortable

and fulfilled human being.” In the last paragraph of the letter Leelah stated, “My death needs to mean something, my death needs to be counted in the number of transgender people who commit suicide this year.” Approximately 41% of transgender people have tried to commit suicide at some point in their lives. There are about 700,000 transgender people in the U.S., which translates to about 280,000 people in the transgender community who have attempted suicide. These numbers are roughly equivalent to if everyone in Cincinnati tried to kill themselves. “It’s a tragedy,” said Sauder. “Whether you believe they’re making a choice or have an innate gender identity, we can’t continue to treat them like second class citizens.” “Gender needs to be taught about in schools, the earlier the better,” wrote Leelah. She closed the letter with a request, “Fix society. Please.” Sauder said, “The biggest thing is exposure. Trans people need to have an environment where they can be themselves so

that more people can be around them and be friends with them. That way they can see that they’re just people... We need education and a healthy dose of love.” Her letter proliferated throughout the internet and raised a tremendous amount of awareness. In addition to the various

memorial services held for her, #FixSociety trended on twitter and Jill Soloway dedicated her Golden Globe to Leelah. Finally, a federal law to ban conversion therapy on minors known as “Leelah’s Law” has been proposed. On January 24 it surpassed 330,000 signatures.

“My death needs to mean something, my death needs to be counted in the number of transgender people who commit suicide.”

Nextdoor: New frontier for social media communication

By Megan Phelan
Staff Writer

Nirav Tolia, a resident of Menlo Park in California, believes that communication between neighbors is crucial, but that it has decreased over the years. In an attempt to fix this problem, he created a form of social media that is currently used by 54,000 neighborhoods in the United States called Nextdoor. In short, the mission of Nextdoor is to create a stronger unity between neighbors. This new way to connect neighbors works through both

an app and a website. Nextdoor restricts the communication to those who are neighbors by asking for the address and name of each individual who registers. The website then gives the option of viewing comments from neighbors from either one neighborhood or multiple neighborhoods in the area. Neighbors are able to post comments on “the wall”, like Facebook. This creates an online community to reunite neighbors. Nextdoor not only improves the communication between neighbors, but also the

efficiency in keeping residents up to date with the news of their neighborhood. This includes a neighborhood watch, items people are trying to get rid of, a lost and found, and recommendations for nearby baby-sitters. Safety within neighborhoods is a concern of Nextdoor, so they partnered with the government to allow notifications of local crimes to run through their website. This new company is listed at nearly \$1 billion in investments and was launched earlier this year. In the

near future, they will be expanding their company from a business standpoint by offering recommendations to users of local businesses. These recommendations could include baby-sitters, local restaurants, lawn care services, and more. Those new to the neighborhood or those who live far from the action are able to use this site to connect with their neighbors on a new level. It also brings a new sense of security to neighborhoods. Nextdoor provides a deeper sense of community that one is not able to receive through an occasional “hello”.



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Above is the logo for the new social networking site Nextdoor. This site will allow neighbors to connect with one another and learn more about each other.

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By Kevin O'Hara
Entertainment Editor

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As a child, it is a kind of tradition to hear of glass slippers, charming princes, and magical coaches produced from the ripest of pumpkins. When you grow up, thoughts of the clock striking twelve and fairy godmothers turn to worries over daily life and hopes for the future. Yet, every so often, by way of the silver screen or upon the pages of a crisp, new book, glimpses of those childhood memories can be realized once again. In Disney's new movie *Cinderella*, this beautifully adapted retelling of the classic tale does just that.

Starring Lily James in the lead role, *Cinderella* begins with the famed 'Once Upon A Time' and loses no essence of the bippity-boppity-boop and easy-going fun that Disney is known for. Although many could become bored with the overdone story line, director Kenneth Branagh's vision introduces a relatable, stunning, and emotional account of the innocent servant girl banished to sleep in the ashes of a dying fire. After Anna Kendrick's amazing performance as a spunky Cinderella in Rob Marshall's *Into the Woods*, James's take



an entirely new perspective on life. Instead, it is the kind of movie that takes something you loved and allows you to enjoy it once again in the form of very real people dealing with the very magic we all learned to love as kids. After all, one is never too old to remember that the courage to do the right thing and the ability to be kind even in the hardest of times are the keys to finding your very own Happily Ever After.

on the timeless character is a breath of fresh air. From the sweet tone of her voice to the graceful steps she takes in the sparkling blue dress that has young girls in awe, it seems as though Lily James was born to play this part.

Additionally, stand out performances from Cate Blanchett as the wicked stepmother, Helena Bonham Carter as the ridiculously strange Fairy Godmother, and Derek Jacobi as Prince Charming's ailing father will leave audience members laughing, crying, and wondering how such a simple tale can leave a person feeling so many different emotions. Including a colorful assortment of entrancing costumes, a phenomenal score by Patrick Doyle, and appealing effects, *Cinderella* is the kind of movie that is fun for any moviegoer.

Overall, *Cinderella* isn't a movie that will rack up Oscar buzz or leave you with

Where are they now? Disney Edition



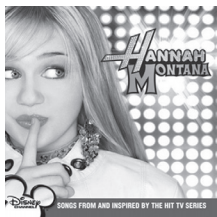
By Kevin O'Hara
Entertainment Editor

"Hi, I'm ***insert name here*** from ***insert name here*** and you're watching Disney Channel" is a tag line that most everyone heard when they would come home from school and lie down on the couch. As if charmed by the celebrity's sparkling wand as they traced the mouse ears around the Disney Channel logo, each and everyone one of us (Yes... I promise it is okay to admit it.) would stand up, toss our hair (or lack there of) and trace right along with them as if we were Disney's next big thing.

From *Lizzie McGuire*, to *The Suite Life of Zack and Cody*, to *Cory in the House*, Disney Channel gave each and every single one of us something to remember. In fact, without some of those funny characters and catchy theme songs, would we really know how to get the best of both worlds? Yet, after everyone grew up and old programs moved on as new ones moved in, did you ever think about what happened to the people that brought our favorite friends to life? Here are a few of the things you may have missed in the lives of some of your favorite Disney Channel stars.

Emily Osment as Lilly Truscott in *Hannah Montana*:

Emily Osment, now 23 years old, is still very much so on the



Hollywood scene. Emily has been starring on the show *Young and Hungry* on ABC family, as well as working on new projects such as *Kiss Me* and *Love Is All You Need?* Most notably, Osment played the title role in *ABC family's* 2011 hit movie *Cyberbully*.

Kyle Massey as Cory Baxter in *Corey in the House*:

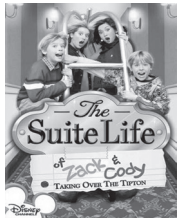
Kyle Massey, who is now 23 years old, makes many appearances in minor roles on different television shows and movies. In 2010, Massey made an appearance on *Dancing with the Stars* as Lacey Schwimmer's celebrity partner. Most recently, Massey could be seen on hit shows such as *Gotham* and *Being Mary Jane*.

Hilary Duff as Lizzie McGuire in *Lizzie McGuire*:

Hilary Duff has taken a step back from the public's eye since marrying hockey player Mike Comrie in 2010 and having a son named Luca Cruz Comrie. That being said, what ever happened to Gordo? All

jokes aside, 27-year-old Hilary Duff has made few appearances on film since starring in classics like *A Cinderella Story*. Her most recent show including TV Land's series *Younger*. Additionally, Hilary Duff has released numerous songs including "Chasing the Sun" and works closely with many philanthropy groups.

Cole and Dylan Sprouse as Zack and Cody Martin in The Suite Life of Zack and Cody:



Ever since their spin-off show *The Suite Life on Deck* ended in 2011, Cole and Dylan Sprouse have stayed away from all the lights, camera, and action. In fact, besides Dylan Sprouse being announced as a voice actor for the upcoming video game *Reborn*, the two brothers lead pretty normal lives. In 2010, both brothers were accepted into New York University and began going there a year later. Today, the brothers both attend NYU's Gallatin School of Individualized Study.

Music industry provides post high school opportunities

By Ryan Mangan
Staff Writer

As you reach the end of high school, the stress of picking a college, and a career path to follow for the rest of your life starts to become a reality. Pressure from parents and the outside world can force you into picking a career that you don't necessarily want to go into. One of the most discouraged fields in our world is the music industry.

The idea of making a living off of something that is just considered a hobby for most seems to scare people into not going into music or entertainment. When it comes down to it, music is like any other service industry; if you put the work in, you can be as good as anyone else. Just like with other fields of work, there are different areas you can go into.

With the music industry, you don't actually have to go into performing and be the main attraction. You could be a producer for a record label, a guitar technician for a band, the stage manager for musical, an audio engineer for a record label; needless to say, there are plenty of fields.

Even if you're a performer and

things don't seem like they're working, there are always more options. You can teach others how to perform and mold their craft as way of making a living.

"Music is a lot of self responsibility, but it's just like any other professional field, you're going to have to work. It may differ from the stereotypical career, but it still is a commitment," **Mr. Lopez (Music)** said.

If you do end up going into the music industry and you're faced with the problem of turning something that is a passion into a way of making money as well, you may question, "can I still keep the passion behind what I'm doing?"

"You can absolutely keep the passion for the music, and as long as you're doing that, it's not a job. As soon as you're doing something just for the purpose of money it's a job. At that point it becomes a routine, and that's when you can lose the passion," **Mr. Shawn Miller (Music)** said.

So as you go into picking your major for college in the coming weeks, don't fear going into something you are passionate about even if it may be a little risky compared to other career choices.

Upcoming prom plan ‘enchanting’

By Megan Phelan
Staff writer

Prom is right around the corner. Juniors and seniors will be dancing the night away on April 18th. The change in scenery from last year’s prom at Moonlight Gardens will not disappoint. Prom will take place in a

large ballroom on the second floor of Cincinnati’s Music Hall where students will be given plenty of room to either dance or sit at the tables and hang out.

The theme for the dance will be enchanted garden. Students will walk into a room colored purple, green, and gold that is filled with

decorations designed to create a “garden-like” ambiance. Junior class student council members will transform the ballroom. **Alyssa Gilliland (11)**, treasurer of the junior class, is “very excited to see all of the work we (student council) have put into this night!” DJ Cincy will not only

provide the music for the dance but will also create a customized light show for the event. The light show, timed to correspond to the music and certain color themes may remind students of DJ Cincy’s work with the Show Choir, By Request.

Since dinner is provided every other year and was

included last year, it will not be included, which reduced the cost of a ticket. Sales will begin at \$40, but the price will increase throughout the sales week. Prom lasts from 8:00 p.m until 12:00 a.m, so there will be plenty of time beforehand to eat dinner.

If students are looking to correspond their outfits to

the theme, an elegant look is the way to go. Dress and tie colors can fit the gold, green and purple color scheme. Prom takes place during all three lunches and provides ideas with regards to what kind of dresses are in style. This fancy event of dancing only happens twice in a student’s life.

After Prom

Theme: **Mystery Island**

Date: April 18th, immediately following Prom from 12am - 4 am

Cost: Only \$20 per ticket; Students are invited to attend After Prom even if they do not attend Prom!

Ticket Sales: April 13th - 17th (Same time as Prom tickets.)

Community Pre-View: April 18th; 8pm - 9:00pm

Prom Fair: March 25th; 10:45am - 1:00pm

«You’ve Been Flocked!» (**Big Fundraiser**): March 8th - May 9th

The After Prom’s theme is “**Mystery Island**” and will have a tropical look with a twist. **Highlights for this event are:**

* Soar through the air on a Flying **Trapeze** (Cincinnati Circus Company)

* 2 **Mentalist** Performances (12:30-1:30am & 3:00-4:00am)

* **Green Screen Photography** w/ props (Souvenirs)

* **Casino** w/ Professional Dealers

* **Break-The-Safe** (Find the key that fits the safe to win the prize!)

* Catch a Wave on the **Mechanical Surfboard**

* **Fire Performer**

* **Palm Reader**

* **Henna Tattoo Artist**

* **Hamster Ball Soccer** (4 vs. 4)

* Family Feud Game w/ professional host (1:45 - 2:45am)

* Giant **Battleship**

* Caricature Artist

* Coffee/Hot Cocoa Bar

* **Lots of great food!** Come Hungry!

* **Great prizes!** (After Prom 2014 gave away 2 - 32” Flat Screen T.V.s, iPad Mini, \$500 & \$250 gift cards, 2 Beats by Dr. Dre, Sony Surround Sound Stereo System, Lots of raffle basket items and much more! **Over 75 prizes given away!!**)

Staying local for break not bad idea

By Kaylee Harter

Staff Writer

Not going out of town for Spring Break? Instead of sitting around all day wishing you were at the beach, get out and enjoy what Ohio has to offer.

Take advantage of the outdoor opportunities in Loveland and head down to the bike trail or spend the day on the river. You can canoe, kayak or raft through Loveland Canoe and Kayak. Trips depart on the hour from 10 a.m. until 3p.m. According to lovelandcanoe.com, the journey will feature “some of the most beautiful natural surroundings in the Tri-State region” and various wildlife such as the Great Blue Heron, turtles, frogs and fish.

“Hocking Hills is a great place to go for pretty scenery and adventure,” said **Sophie Greenberg** (12). Located in Logan, Ohio, Hocking Hills is about two hours and twenty minutes from the school, but well worth drive if you are interested in hiking, biking and stunning views. The park features “cascading waterfalls, breathtaking cliffs, deep recess caves, and

forestland as far as the eye can see,” according to the Hocking Hills website. You can choose to explore one or more of six unique hiking regions including Ash Cave, an enormous horseshoe shaped cave featuring a waterfall and surrounded by woodlands.

If you are looking for a more eclectic experience, check out Yellow Springs, about an hour away from the school. “I’d definitely start planning a trip down if you’ve never been,” said **Tristan Fields** (12). You can hike in Glen Helen Nature Preserve or John Bryan state park, or visit the unique downtown area. The streets of Yellow Springs are lined by colorful “cool little hippie shops” and restaurants, featuring local art and performers. “My favorite restaurant there is Ha Ha Pizza,” said Fields. “It’s really good and not that expensive.”

If you’re looking for a shorter drive, consider a trip to the downtown area. Spend the day in one of the many parks or try out a new restaurant (see page 2 for ideas). Head down to Hoffner Park on the 4th between 3 and 4 pm to participate in a pillow fight to celebrate International Pillow Fight Day. Don’t forget to wear your pajamas and bring a soft pillow!

Roar staff suggests good reads for Spring break

The Art of Fielding by Chad Harbach: “Baseball has always been a big part of my life. This book taught me how to apply many life lessons I learned playing baseball to my own life,” **Drew Paschal** (12) said.

The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein: “It’s told from a dog’s point of view, so it is a cool perspective,” **Claire Ruben** (11) said.

Bossypants by Tina Fey: “It is a nice comedic look on someone’s life,” **Willie Lutz** (12) said.

Message in a Bottle by Nicholas Sparks: “It is a fast-paced novel set in North Carolina and is an interesting read,” **Halle Russo** (12) said.

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls: “It is about this kid who grows up with two dogs and I like the way I can personally connect to it,” **Hannah Fischer** (11) said.

Brain on Fire by Susannah Cahalan: “It was scary how realistic the situation presented actually was,” **Rachel Froberg** (12) said.

A Street Cat Named Bob by James Bowen: “It was a heartwarming, true story that almost anyone would enjoy. I can’t wait to read the sequel,” **Paige Smith** (12) said.

It’s kind of a funny story by Ned “I like the movie too but the book is really better. It’s about a teenager who lives in New York and is going through depression,” **Ryan Mangan** (11) said.

American Sniper by Chris Kyle & Scott McEwen: “The movie is just a condensed version and does not include as many details about all the training Chris Kyle had to endure to become a Seal. Besides, books are always better than movies,” Mrs. Overbeeke (English) said.



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Advice to prepare for college visits

By Catie Shipp

Staff Writer

As spring and warm weather approach, juniors begin their search for the perfect college, a college that will fulfill their needs and provide a great atmosphere as well. With schools still in session, admissions professionals everywhere stress the importance of scheduling campus visits at this time so that a prospective student can obtain a full and better feel for a college or university that interests them. The following tips will allow students to get

the most out of these visits so that their final college decision can be made easier.

1. Prepare questions

It's important to do a lot of research before taking a visit to any college or university. After doing some research, make a list of questions concerning admissions, financial aid, and student life to ask to an admissions counselor, tour guide, or students on campus. Doing this will allow a smooth and organized visit.

2. Visit one campus at a time

It is recommended to combine college visits with vaca-

tions and other road trips to avoid the monotony of traveling to a multitude of campuses all at once. Taking time to fully appreciate each campus will ensure that observations, likes, and dislikes are not biased as one attempts to take on many different schools at once.

3. Talk to students on campus

The students on campus are the best bet while trying to determine what it's really like to live on campus. Campus tour guides will be able to answer many questions; however, it's important to

remember that their agenda is to show the school in a positive light. Thus, current students will give clearer picture as to what the college is really like.

4. Explore academic departments

It's important to feel comfortable in the campus environment, but it is also important to feel comfortable in the classroom. While on campus, talk to a professor or witness a lecture firsthand to see what the overall academic atmosphere is like. Try to visit a class in your specific major, or talk to the dean of that specific college.

5. Visit a dining hall or student center

Observing current students in social areas such as a dining hall or a student center can provide a good feel for the school's atmosphere. This experience shows what it is really like to be a student on campus.

6. Document the visit

For many, the college decision is between numbers of different schools. As a result, it is important to document a visit through pictures, notes, and a list of pros and cons of each campus to avoid mixing different aspects of the

variety of colleges together. These notes will provide helpful information when preparing for a final decision concerning the college of choice.

College visits provide insight to the array of options available to all students seeking the next step of their academic career. For more information, students should talk to a guidance counselor and browse the websites of any colleges that are of interest to them so that they can be prepared to take this next step in their college search process.

Former students share new experiences



Megan Buchanan (9) at the beach in her new home in California.



Nadra Fredj (11) enjoying a summer day bathing in a hot spring in Idaho.



Megan Elyamani (11) poses by a beach in California.



Irena Kuan (11) with her friends at her school prom in Atlanta, Georgia.



Rachel Mellett (11) takes a group picture with her friends in Highlands Ranch, Colorado.



Kirkland Kelly (10) on New Year's eve with some friends in Seattle, Washington.



Allie Glenn (12) moved to Asheville, North Carolina where she attends a private school.

By Hannah Fischer

Staff writer

They say high school includes some of the best days of a person's life and the greatest friends are made during this time. However, some people leave too soon, before or during high school and begin to make their own memories elsewhere. Although these people who move away may not physically be here, they always play a role in our lives, staying in our memories. Some may wonder what these friends or classmates are doing now, and if they miss Loveland as much as Loveland misses them.

Megan Buchanan (9) moved to California during the summer of 2014. She reported that she spends more time outside in California and goes to the beach more often on weekends to eat and shop.

She notes some variations between LHS and her new school. "The biggest difference is the school spirit because my school

does not have any. I also miss my friends and the indoor classes because outside classes can be really hot."

Kirkland Kelly (10) moved to Seattle, Washington the summer of 2014. He said, "Although there are some negative aspects of the move to the West Coast, I also enjoy the diverse cultural environment. I miss my friends and the track team but my days here are usually fun and busy."

During the summer of 2013, Nadra Fredj (11) moved to Idaho. She said, "I miss my friends and the people the most."

Fredj described her new town as being somewhat isolated, "My new town is different than Loveland because it is in the middle of nowhere. I drive past fields of potatoes and cows on my way home from school. However, I appreciate the interesting activities that Idaho offers like spending my free time going on adventures or going thrift

store shopping and finding weird clothes. Here there's a lot of outdoor activities to do. I really like to hike and camp," Fredj said.

Megan Elyamani (11) moved to Newbury Park, California the summer of 2013. She misses some characteristics of the Midwest but likes her proximity to the ocean.

She said, "The things I miss the most about Loveland would definitely be the people and the change in the weather. Here it's basically 70 degrees all year and that's nice, but I like having the different seasons. Another difference in California is that I live about 20 minutes away from the beach."

California has big difference in weather and the schooling system differs as well. "The biggest difference between here and Loveland is that all the schools are outside in California. The hallways are outside so the only time you're actually inside is when you're actu-

ally in class. School starts at 8:15 so I get up around 7:30 and we have a block schedule so I have three classes and then get out at 2:05. We can go off campus for lunch so I normally go and buy food. After school I usually have volleyball practice and then have to do my homework," Elyamani said.

Irena Kuan (11) moved to Atlanta, Georgia during the summer of 2013. When discussing what she misses the most about Loveland she said, "I definitely miss the people the most. I went to Loveland for ten years so it is hard to forget everyone."

Irena's days are much different than what they used to be. She said, "I would say that besides the southern weather, Atlanta is a bigger city than Cincinnati and I've had a chance to meet many diverse groups of people. My school is very challenging and requires a lot of work so I often find myself up until the wee hours of the

morning. I have school from 8:20- 3:30; then afterwards I go to a different club meeting depending on the day or to band rehearsal and piano class."

Rachel Mellett (11) moved to Highlands Ranch, Colorado in the summer of 2014. When discussing what she misses most about Loveland, Mellett said, "I miss all of my friends and the community of Loveland because the town I live in now is much bigger."

The school differs a lot from Loveland in both size and location, "Everything is just on a bigger scale with so much more to do. Another difference in my town is I am able to see the mountains all of the time. I typically go skiing every other weekend at Breckenridge, Keystone, Vail, or Beaver Creek," she said.

Mellett's days are much different than those in Loveland from school to extra activities. "Our school district has over 100 schools with nine of

them being high schools. Our school days are on a seven period schedule. I get to sleep in on Tuesdays and Thursdays because I have an off period. We also have an hour and a half study hall. We have an open campus so we can leave for our 50 minute lunch. Golf is a spring sport and just started so I've been keeping busy with that," Mellett said.

Allie Glenn (12) moved to Asheville, North Carolina. "One of the biggest differences isn't between the two towns but that now I go to a super small private school, and compared to Loveland, it's so tiny. Asheville is also in the mountains so it's super outdoorsy which is awesome because there's a lot to do," Glenn said.

Although those who move away may have many changes within their life, they will always have a piece of Loveland with them; whether that is the friends they keep in touch with or the memories they talk about.

Students show off hidden talents

By Catie Shipp
Staff Writer

Many people have a special skill or talent that makes them unique. For many students, skills and talents are showcased through school-affiliated activities and therefore, obvious to the student body and faculty. However, there are a variety of students who are involved in activities not tied to the school community.

Kelsey Micksey (9) is a competitive cheerleader at Midwest Cheer Elite, where she is on a level-five, all-star cheer team. This is the highest level of all-star cheer and includes a variety of difficult tumbling and stunting skills. Kelsey spends three days a week training at Midwest and travels the country, from Dallas, Texas to Orlando, Florida, to compete against other competitive cheer

teams. “Competitive cheer is a lot of fun, and it’s a lot different from school cheer. It’s also a great way to meet new people,” Micksey said.

Erica Padgett (11) has been dancing for fourteen years and is currently a dancer at Premier Studio for Dance. Erica trains four days a week to perfect the movements and skills required for a variety of styles of dance. She travels to competitions on the weekends where she competes against other dancers and studios from across the country, and she travels for dance conventions and workshops of other locations as well. On top of her own training, she works as a dance teacher to help younger dancers reach a higher level of their dance career.

“I love dance because it is a way to express yourself and it never gets old. I also

love having the opportunity to teach the younger dancers and to help them grow,” Padgett said.

Brooke Koontz (11) has been horseback riding for eight years and currently trains with her horse, Hope. Hope is a chestnut quarter horse that she has had for about four years, and together they train and perform hunter jumpers at about ten different shows each year. Brooke trains and works hard to perfect her and Hope’s performance, and she also plans on continuing the sport in college.

“The reason I love horseback riding so much is the bond I have with my horse. We know each other so well and she is the ultimate teammate,” Koontz said.

Brighton Kahrs (11) has been a gymnast for twelve years and currently does gymnastics at Kids First Sports Center. He trains

five days a week, with three and a half hour practices each day, to perfect the high level skills required of his sport. Every year, he travels for a national meet at a variety of locations including Texas, Nevada, Florida, and Chicago.

“I do gymnastics because it challenges me and pushes me every day to my full potential. It’s allowed me to do things I never thought I’d be able to do,” Kahrs said.

Mrs. Chast (science) isn’t just the average chemistry teacher. She instead doubles as a black belt in Tae Kwan Do. Mrs. Chast owns Blue Dragon Martial Arts where she trains three days a week. She has been practicing the sport for twenty years, beginning with Tae Kwon Do at the age of twelve and then Judo at the age of 13.

“In 2006, I travelled to San Francisco to compete



Kelsey Micksey cheers on the football field and competes with Midwest Cheer Elite



Erica Padgett (11) cheers with the Fall Squad and also competes in dance.

in the Fukuda Cup and had an opportunity to train with Sensei Fukuda, who is the highest ranking female black belt in the world. Then, in 2009 I competed at the U.S Nationals in

Kata where I won the women’s all-around and mixed titles. This qualified me to represent the U.S in Malta at the World Kata Championships,” Mrs. Chast said.

Stupid crimes bring laughs

By Rachel Froberg
Photo editor

Crime is a very common atrocity in the United States and the rest of the world. Some criminals are much more skilled than others. Some commit crimes as a profession while some commit crimes as an act of desperation. Some criminals get lucky when they get away and some get unlucky. Some are just really stupid.

Some criminals commit stupid crimes while some are just stupid when they commit crimes. In one instance, two men robbed a store in Wisconsin, stealing multiple video games. They began boasting about the simplicity of their crime. They even mentioned how stupid other criminals are for getting caught. The 911 operator that they butt-dialed in the process was probably laughing at them though.

In another instance, a police officer who had been searching a scene came to an open back door and called into the building saying, “Marco”. A suspect then replied with, “Polo” and was apprehended.

In Northampton, United Kingdom, a man returned to a house that he had already robbed just to be caught red handed by the police officers who were inside the house interviewing the victim of the earlier crime that the man had committed.

Another stupid crime was committed by two gunmen who jumped out of some bushes to rob a woman. They robbed her of her McDonald’s chicken nugget combo meal and continued to flee the scene. In one separate case, two burglars actually used magic marker to disguise themselves. That’s right, marker. They used black marker to scribble masks on their faces which immediately began to fade and smear, leaving their identities unconcealed.

As can be seen from these extreme circumstances, certain criminals are not the brightest of the bunch. Certain blunders, no matter the magnitude, may lead to a criminal’s demise.

Benefits of employment worth extra effort

By Hannah Fischer
Staff Writer

Most teenagers in high school have overwhelming schedules including homework, extra circulars, and friends. Another pressure student’s encounter is finding and keeping gainful employment. With all that’s going on it in their lives, it may be a challenge to devote the time and effort necessary to obtain a job. Although working may seem like a big task, there are many benefits that it brings making it worth the energy.

For one thing, working provides money. Imagine being able to spend

your own money any way you wish. Working also teaches many core values such as responsibility, independence, and money management, all of which prove beneficial in college and in later life. Starting to work at a younger age provides job experience and interview experience. And something to put under the previous employment section of a resume.

Working a job provides the opportunity to improve people skills. “A job allows you to meet new people and gives you the chance to make many new friends. You also can get discounts on products depending on where you work,” **Gabriele Ernst** (12) said.

Employment can also provide purpose and even entertainment during the long summer days. Everyone gets a little bored day after day with nothing to do... There may even be little things that you enjoy about your job.

Courtney Spicer (11) talked about one of her favorite parts of working, “On the drive there I like to jam out to my music.”

Next time you start considering looking for a job, take a more positive look towards it. There are many benefits that come from working. Maybe you’ll surprise yourself and find a job that you really enjoy and make memories with new friends that last a lifetime.

Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Ward discuss being friends, colleagues

By Kaylee Harter
Staff Writer

Physics teacher Mr. Jeremy Ward and forensics teacher Mr. James Dorsey have been friends for, “I don’t know, five or six years,” according to Mr. Ward. In one word, Mr. Dorsey described their relationship as “platonic.”

Q: Would you say that it was friendship at first sight?
Mr. Ward: No.
Mr. Dorsey: Definitely friends at first sight...

Q: If not, when did you know you would be best friends?

Mr Ward: When we started teaching across the hall from each other, he had crappy coffee. I like crappy coffee.

Q: If you had to liken your friendship to a fictional or celebrity friendship/relationship, what would it be?
Mr.Ward: Paris Hilton and Nicole Richie. Or Beavis and butthead.
Mr. Dorsey: Harry and Lloyd.

Q:What is your favorite quality of Mr. Dorsey?
Mr. Ward: His kids are as crazy as mine.

Q: What is your favorite quality of Mr.

Ward?
Mr. Dorsey: His witty sense of humor.

Q: If Mr. Dorsey was an animal what would he be?
Mr. Ward: A miniature gorilla riding a motorcycle.

Q: If Mr. Ward was an animal what would he be?
Mr. Dorsey: A yetti.

Q: If Mr. Ward was a food, what would he be?
Mr. Dorsey: Chili cheese fries.

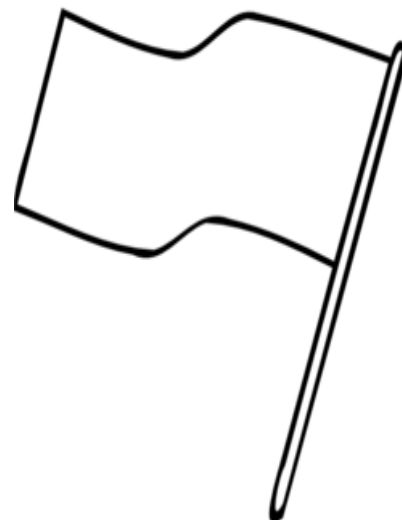
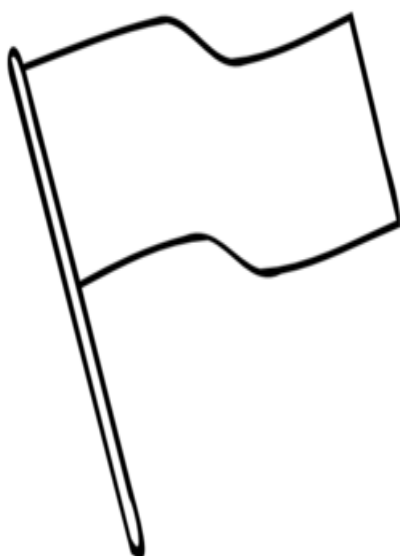
Q: If you were to go on vacation together, where would you go and what would you do?
Mr. Ward: Camping.
Mr. Dorsey: It would be some sort of camping trip.

Q: What do you like to do together when you hang out outside of school?
Mr. Ward: Camping.
Mr. Dorsey: We just hang out and let our daughters play together, they are also BFFs.

Q: What is the most important thing in any friendship?
Mr. Ward: Lots of good jokes and laughs.
Mr. Dorsey: Laughter.

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The Winter Guard team, **Kelsey Bianchara, Emily Stephenson, Grace Bateman, Kelly Baumgarth, Katie Napier, Megan Goins, Tamar Goldwasser, Kaylie Simms, Ellie Behling, Margret Purtell** and **Amanda Slager** pose with their coaches **Nikki Moyers** and **Samantha Schoomberg** after a performance at the high school on Friday, March 20.



Alec Peterson, William Siekman and **Colin Piper** dance around a fire during their performance to warm their hands. They were portraying the themes of “fire” and “ice”.



The winter drumline at the end of their show. This performance is called “Ice”. This photo shows their synchronicity.

Kelly Baumgarth smiles and poses during her routine.



Tamar Goldwasser, Megan Goins, Katie Napier, Kelsey Blanchard and **Ellie Behling** dance to the song “This Love” by Taylor Swift.



Kaylie Sims, Grace Bateman, Kelly Baumgarth, Katie Napier, Ellie Behling, Amanda Slager, Margret Purtell and **Megan Goins** pose with their hands under their chins after performing.