

Restaurant hacks



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An order at Starbucks for a venti matcha latte costs anywhere between \$4.15 to \$4.95. It can now be found for only 75 cents and is just as smooth and satisfying as the more expensive version.

Getting the most out of eating out

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Tired of having the same boring cheeseburger, salad, or black coffee? Order these to have a little mix up in your life.

- Chipotle: Quesorito
- Order a flat cheese quesadilla
 - Have them wrap your burrito in it
 - Enjoy a cheesy, gooey burrito
- Starbucks: 75 cent Venti
- Order a venti hot (or cold) water
 - Ask for 3 scoops of green tea matcha powder
 - They will only charge for the powder scoops (25 cents each) or even no charge at all!
 - (can even add milk to it to make a 75 cent latte)
- Starbucks: Cinnamon Toast Crunch Frappuccino
- Order a White Mocha
 - Add 1 pump of cinnamon dolce and 1 pump of hazelnut
 - Get cinnamon sugar on top
- McDonalds: 1.39 Big Mac
- Order a McDouble
 - Without ketchup and mustard
 - Get lettuce and BigMac sauce instead
- McDonalds: New Vegetarian option
- Secret menu option is grilled cheese
 - Two buns flipped inside out
 - Cheese in the middle
- Pizza Places: Secret discount
- Call and ask if any orders haven't been taken in the amount of time
 - They will offer a discount for you taking it off their hands
- All Fast Food: Fresh Fries
- Order french fries unsalted
 - Get salt packets at the window
 - Will have to make a fresh batch without salt
- Looking for more? Try hackthemenue.com

Five fun, unique things to do during spring season

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As Spring arrives, the time comes to start enjoying the sunshine and perfectly-warm weather.

1: Plant something / Start a garden

By planting something, you're not only starting something beautiful, but you're helping the earth as well! Planting flowers adds a pop of color to your home and also helps to save bees, and planting vegetables and fruits can be the start of some healthy and delicious meals.

2: Picnics

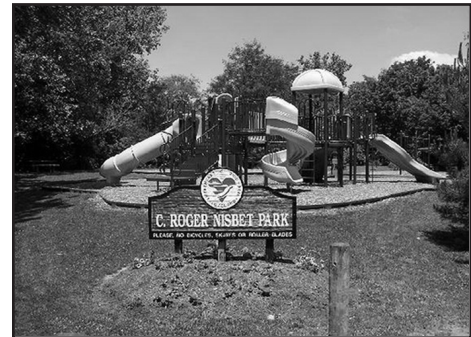


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Nisbet offers picnic tables or a grassy area to sit and eat lunch along the lively bike trail. Nisbet has also held several events such as concerts and festivals in the park for people passing by to check out.

Nothing is more fun than going on a picnic, unless of course you're allergic to grass, but even in that case, you can eat at a picnic table! There's something special about laying a blanket on the ground on a warm and sunny day and

having a nice and casual meal with good friends or a significant other. Riverview Park is a great and low-key place to have a picnic, compared to busier parks, such as Nisbet or Symmes. However, Nisbet is a great place to picnic, should you want to get takeout from one of the nearby restaurants.

3: Hike

Being outside is all-around refreshing, and hiking can help you get some exercise while doing so. Hocking Hills and John Bryant State Park are a bit further out, but they are worth the trip. However, if you'd like to stay close to home, Symmes Park has beautiful trails, and even a dog park.

4: Sidewalk chalk



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Side walk chalk can be fun for people of all ages to enjoy and feel like a kid again. Many people have made extravagant pieces of artwork, but no matter the age level it adds spark to any side walk and can be a fun thing to do in the spring.

To feel nostalgic, you can buy some sidewalk chalk and spend your time decorating your driveway. It makes people feel like a kid again; so where's the harm in that? You could even take it a step

further and make a hopscotch grid!

5: Road Trip



Photo by Alyssa James

Tommy McCoy (12) explores Yellow Springs. Many people are drawn to the village for its mix of extensive recreational attractions as well as an eclectic assortment of stores, restaurants and galleries.

If you and a friend are bored over spring break, you could turn it into a day trip. Spend your day in downtown Cincinnati or Columbus, or spend some time in Yellow Springs for a more relaxing atmosphere. Near Cincinnati, you could spend the day in Over the Rhine, going to Findlay Market and the interesting independent shops around the popular Cincinnati neighborhood. There are plenty of places you could go for the day, and you can create wonderful memories in doing so.

Spring Play Preview: A Murder is Announced

High school drama club transforms Agatha Christie classic to production promising intrigue, fun

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They were summoned by a newspaper notice. "A murder is announced and will take place on Friday, October 29th, at Little Paddocks, at 6:30 p.m. Friends accept this, the only intimation." Some of the villagers of Chipping Cleghorn are intrigued by the notice and arrive at the announced time anticipating a game of mystery and murder. However, things do not turn out as expected. The game becomes all too real.

Agatha Christie's detective story, "A Murder is Announced" will hit the stage on April 6th through the 8th in the auditorium. Lily Morris (11) and Delaney Dunster (11) will serve as student directors for the production and Jacob Miller (10) and Samantha Weaver (9) will serve as stage managers.

Christie's famous character, Miss Marple, will be played by Emily Shaver, Inspector Dermont Eric Craddock by Daniel Eilert (10), Letitia Blacklock (lady of the house and in her sixties) by Kaylee Michael (11),

Dora Bunner (Letitia's childhood friend know as Bunny) by Bethany Weaver (12), housekeeper Mitzi by Mycayla Veeneman. Mrs. Swettenham (an elderly lady who dotes on her son Edmund) by Maddy Craft (12), Edmond (a cynical young writer) by Luke Rohling (10), Phillipa Haymes (a gardener, father, and widower) by Merrick Hummer (10), Rudi Scherz (a receptionist at a local spa) by Max Shilling (12), and Sergeant Mellors by Sam Slyder (10).



Photo courtesy of Loveland High School Drama

Miss Blacklock's spoiled young cousins Patrick and Julia by Max Daughtery (12) and Elise Kendrick (12) respectively, the with a lot of plot twists," Claire Edison (12) said.

Academic team achieves ECC title, earns second birth to regionals

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Academic team, also known as Quizbowl, is comparable to a more intense and team-based jeopardy for high school students. This season, the team has seen more success than in recent years, holding #1 in the ECC for several weeks before slipping to #3 and ultimately winning the ECC title.

“Our win was surprising because we had a lot of good competition this year, but everyone on the team put in their all and we managed to pull it off. It was a great way to end off the season, and I’m really proud of how our team has done this year. Hopefully we’ll be able to keep the momentum going into the state tournament,” **Cole Swartz (12)** said.

Last year, academic team placed high in the ECC ranking; however, according to **Mrs. Julie Renner (Athletic Director)**, it has been several years since they have seen this level of success.

In athletic team competitions, two students operate buzzers, and a moderator asks questions and oversees the four players on each team.

“Each game has four sections. The first two are

standard question rounds in which teams collaborate, the third is an alphabet round (in which all the answers must start with the same letter), and the last is a “lightning” round — more of a free for all,” explained player **Radu**

Shakespearean works.

In round two participants answer trivia involving English/world literature, government, physical science, world geography and US history.

In round one and two,



Photo by Sam Smith

Jess Griffiths (11) competes in round two against Anderson in the Loveland High School Library. The team won the ECC tournament.

Vasilescu (11).

In round one, students compete to answer questions covering American literature, math, life science, fine arts and world history. Four students are given trivia questions and are allowed to answer by buzzing in as soon as they are confident in their answer.

In the first two rounds, there is an overarching topic (think jeopardy categories, but a little more broad). For example, English world literature may be

there are two team questions (a question for players of one team) and one tossup (for both teams).

For the alphabet round players are given twenty questions, each with answers starting with the same letter. Each correct answer is worth two points. Incorrect or blank answers do not result in penalties.

“On a team question it is designated to a certain team. They have two guesses. If they are wrong both times, the other team can steal,

but they only get one guess. The toss up is a free-for-all. Either team can guess at any time, but they only have one guess,” Varsity Academic Team player **Riley Owens (11)** said.

Lightning round consists of 20 tossup questions in a row which are completely random and follow no assigned topic.

“We choose players based upon performance and spread of knowledge. Participants need a proper spread of knowledge of the many topics which may arise. You don’t put four people all good with the same things in a round even if they are the best because you’re going to miss out on some things. Auxiliary and support players really are crucial,” said Owens.

The JV team meets to practice every Monday, and the varsity team competes on Tuesdays. Participants practice individually through websites such as Protobowl (where non-players can also try their hand at the trivia and get an idea of the level

of difficulty) in order to keep their skills sharp and to expand their range of knowledge.

Players have seen their hard work pay off, and are satisfied with the performance so far this season.

“The best moment was probably rallying against Kings. We were losing quite a bit in the first match, but then they pulled it together in the second match and did an outstanding job. I was really proud to see them come back from a loss and not be defeated,” Coach **Jennifer Chast (chemistry)**

part of the season has been the great convivial mood in the room after a smashing victory when the whole team comes together. Seeing effort payoff is more important than any reward,” said Vasilescu.

On Wednesday, February 22nd, the team competed in the ECC academic team postseason tourney. It bested major academic teams such as Walnut Hills. According to the ECC website, their win at the championship earned them the second berth to regionals.

“I am incredibly proud of the hard work the team put in this season. The team

invested a lot of time into studying this season and I was so happy to see their hard work pay off,” said varsity Coach Chast.

Jessica Griffiths shared her opinion of the win as well.

“I’m super excited (and surprised) that we did so well, since we were up against some pretty difficult teams, but we practiced a lot and just tried our best and it ultimately payed off,” she said.

The regional competition is slated for Little Miami High School on May 6, while State will be held on May 13 in Columbus.



Photo by Sam Smith

Abra Koch (Spanish) and Jennifer Chast (Chemistry) watch the teams compete. They claim to be proud of the team’s performance.

said.

The team claims to be proud of their victories, and feels that the season has been a success.

“In my opinion, the best

Hockey proves underrepresented

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Hockey has never been a large sport in Loveland, as we briefly had a club team back in the early 2000’s but nothing more. Students that wish to play the sport either join club teams through outside organizations or join another high schools team and play for their school.

Along with the lack of participation with the sport itself in our area is the fans of the sport and our own states team the Columbus Blue Jackets. The team has had a record breaking year as they claimed the title of holding second-longest winning streak in NHL history.

Ranked fourth in the league, with a very strong record, behind three powerhouses of the NHL, The Washington Capitals, The Minnesota Wild, and The Chicago Blackhawks, The Blue Jackets will have to continue their positive momentum to compete with these teams in the Playoffs

next month.

The Blue Jackets have never won a Stanley Cup, let alone a playoff round so this year fans are really looking forward to April 12th, the start of the playoffs. **Ava Peter (12)** has been a fan of the Blue Jackets since she was young since her family is from Columbus.

“The team has had a great season and I hope to see them in the finals.” Peter said when asked about her view on the team.

Sam Toney (12) A Pittsburgh Penguins fan, said he hopes his state’s team is taken down by the Penguins in the playoffs as they are projected to clinch the Wild Card in the Eastern conference.

With the record breaking season and hype in the NHL around the Blue Jackets this year, it would be great to see more students and people in the Loveland area give the team and sport more attention and support our state’s professional hockey team.

Robotics team to compete at regional for first time

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The robotics team 5040 “Nuts and Bolts” will continue their successful season after advancing to the North Super Regionals.

The robotics program has been around for six years and this is the team’s first time competing at regionals.

The competition will take place in Cedar Rapids, Iowa from March 30th to April 1st.

“It has been a special year for them and really neat to see their hard work and dedication result in success. The students are very excited

and eager to compete in the Super Regional,” said Phil Marchal.

The team achieved the opportunity to go when they

Team 5040 has a tradition to uphold due to previous Ohio teams performing well at the advanced levels of robotics competitions.

competition. Another thing they have done to prepare before the competition is get buttons made which represent and support their team.

The team also made a video to show their appreciation for their coach Mr. Marchal, which they used as a submission for the Compass Award. Mr. Marchal was then awarded the Compass Award at their competition in January.

“Like most individual awards, this is truly a team award. The students on Team 5040 and Team 10464 are hardworking and dedicated. They represent Loveland very well everywhere they go. This award is more about a reflection of the program than any one person” (Mr. Marchal).

At this competition the team also won 1st and 2nd place for the Think Award and Promote Award. The team has won top three in every competition they’ve competed in so far.



Photo by Allese Haddad

Hayley Dues (11) and Cara Rasmussen (12) test their robot outside the cafeteria. The team has yet to see lose this year.

won the 3rd place Inspire Award at the Ohio FTC Championship tournament on February 11th. This was a big win for the team because only five out of thirty-two teams advanced to Regionals. According to Mr. Marchal

The team has posted on Twitter a few of the things they are doing to get ready for the competition. One of those things being working toward improving the consistency of their autonomous portion of the

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Probably not though.

Even the most carefully laid plans can hit a rut, and to successfully propel themselves onto the pedestal of relevance that Cincinnati must currently crane their neck upwards to see, the organization will have to be mindful of a few key matters.

Don't forget about Herrera

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Stick to the plan

No matter what your team's situation is, there will be pressure. Good teams are under pressure to win it all; teams on the bubble are under pressure to either go all-in or blow it up. Still, I think the most pressure is on the bad teams, Like the Reds. The pressure to strike a deal or throw a lot of money at a marquee free agent in order to get W's in the win/loss column and butts in seats during home games is tremendous. Trying to rush a rebuild, though, rarely works out as intended. Signing a past-his-prime former star, like the Redskins signing a 33-year old Deion Sanders to a 7-year \$53 million dollar contract, or emptying your stock of draft picks for mediocre veterans, like the Knicks every other year, is not the way to go for this Reds team. Time and patience should be the two most important words for this organization for the foreseeable future.

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Photo by Julie Renner

Students send Sarah Klenke off to state. She swam for nine years prior to swimming at state.

After swimming for the past nine years, **Sarah Klenke (9)** made it to the big leagues. This past month she went to state to swim the 100-meter backstroke. All the hard work she put in started long ago though.

“I started swimming in first grade because my best friend Lauren was part of a summer team at Harper’s Point, so I started swimming with her and I loved it so much. So a few years later we ended up joining a club team and I’ve loved it

March Madness set to entertain sports world

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Students will be looking to perfect their bracket, as they try to predict the tournament's upsets along with picking the regulars like University of North Carolina, Kansas, Duke, UCLA, and Kentucky.

North Carolina has been one of the best teams in the country, with their only losses being to good opponents like Duke and Miami Fl. They are an extremely good tournament team as they hold the NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Tournament record for consecutive tournament appearances.

Kansas is again one of the favorites to make it far in the tournament. Their star player, Frank Mason III, has been unstoppable this year, and is a candidate for player of the year.

The tournament is one with some unexpected factors; Duke has not dominated as much as expected. Mike Krzyzewski's back injury has prevented him from coaching in the beginning of the season.

UCLA has been having a stellar season with star player Lonzo Ball who has .548 field-goal percentage. UCLA has had impressive wins against Arizona, Oregon, and Kentucky, all ranked in the top 20.

Kentucky has not been having the season they hoped for. They have struggled to come up with wins against the University of Tennessee and the University of Florida, both unranked and ranked 25th in the country respectively. Kentucky has a very good track record in the NCAA tournament; their last championship being in 2012 under the same coach, John

ever since,” said Klenke.

Although she loves the competitive side of swim, the chance to do it with her friends makes it even better.

“My favorite part of swimming has to be the fact that I get to do it with my friends and teammates,” Klenke said.

After placing 21st at the preliminary swim meet to qualify for the state level competition, Sarah was able to maintain almost the same time at the State meet.

“The best part about going to State was being able to see the amazing level of competition and the talent of the kids there. Being able to be there and be a part of that was really cool,” said Klenke.

Her friends were almost as excited for her as she was when she qualified,

“I am so proud that Sarah went to state this year. I’ve swam with her these past two seasons and I never get tired of seeing her face at 4 a.m. each morning. Her hard work and constant positivity brought her all the way to the state meet and no one deserved it as much as her.” Marlo LaiFook (10) said.

Sarah hopes to go back to state and aims to place within the top 10 next year, and to hopefully take a relay team to that level next year too.



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Last year Little Rock of Arkansas, and Middle Tennessee upset Purdue and Michigan State respectively; these were both very large upsets.

This year the upsets should be in good supply to provide viewers drama and controversy during March.



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Best of Luck to
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Tigers athletes make commitments, continue academic and athletic careers

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Rachel Ernst (12), Drew Grafflin (12), Brad Jodice (12), and Ella Richards (12) pose for a picture on the November 9th signing day. They will be attending Kent State, Otterbein, Iowa Wesleyan, and MIT, respectively.

Spring brings about many things. Birds chirping. Leaves growing back. Numerous types of sports-related balls flying about.

Loveland has enjoyed a number of successful spring sport athletes, and that success has been rewarded through the opportunity to continue their careers in colleges and universities across the country.

In the wake of the November 9th and February 1st signing days, seniors **Taylor Fox, Katie McElveen, Luke Waddell, Rachel Ernst, Jessica Morey, Drew**

Grafflin, Brad Jodice, and Ella Richards all saw themselves commit to play collegiantly for a myriad of sports.

Grafflin, Fox, Morey, and McElveen will be playing lacrosse. Ernst will be playing soccer. Jodice and Waddell will be playing baseball. Richards will be rowing.

As the spring season gets underway and these athletes begin their penultimate year of high school sports, they can play knowing that the time and effort that they have all put in has helped lead them towards the next step of their lives in college and beyond.



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Katie McElveen (12), Jessica Morey (12), Taylor Fox (12), and Luke Waddell (12), pose for a picture on the February 1st signing day. They will be attending (in order) Ohio State, McKendree, Gardner-Webb, and Georgia Institute of Technology.

Sovik skates way through high school

Freshmen skating aficionado shows robust work ethic, shares prospective future outlook

By Claire Beran

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Many people find themselves involved in recreational soccer or basketball as kids, but **Jordan Sovik (9)** has never been involved in such activities; she's involved in a more unique sport.

Sovik is an ice skater and a pretty good one at that. Her team came in third at nationals last year and is just now beginning the 2017 season.

"I have improved so much since last year so hopefully this competition season is better," Sovik said.

Sovik has been ice skating since she was in the third grade and has been on the ice ever since. She was introduced to skating when her mom told her she could pick out a summer camp to go to. She chose an ice skating camp, and from the minute she stepped on the ice, she loved it.

"My favorite thing about ice skating is being able to express myself in the programs," Sovik said.

Prior to ice skating, Sovik was a competitive dancer. She loved dancing, but quit

soon after because she found her true passion on the ice.

Sovik spends six out of the seven days of the week perfecting her routine for

difficult most days," Sovik said. "They require me to push myself and to work my hardest, but it all pays off in the end."

skating has helped her learn management skills that will carry with her for the rest of her life.

"Balancing school and skating is definitely a struggle, but you learn to work it out," Sovik said.

Following her three-hour practice, she has homework and projects to complete, which leads her to have many late nights.

"I try to focus on skating while I'm at skating, but once I get home I focus on school work," Sovik said.

Sovik isn't sure her future ice skating plans, but she knows that she wants to skate in college.

"I have always dreamed of skating for Miami University's synchronized skating team in college," Sovik said. "Miami has always been

a dream school of mine, and if I had the opportunity to skate for their team it would be incredible."



Photo courtesy of Jordan Sovik

Freshman **Jordan Sovik** goes through her dance routine. Sovik was introduced to skating when she was in third grade.

the Indian Hill Winter Club team, the organization she has been a part of for the past three years.

"Practices are extremely

In addition, she skates for the United States Figure Skating Association and the Ice Skating Institute.

Sovik explained how ice

Tigers secure 1st Team All ECC Honors



Photo by Julie Renner

Henry Daumeyer (12)- Academic Team

Colin Durham (10)- Wrestling



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Ian Knabe (12) and Nate Lawry (12)- Wrestling

Richard Mendoza (10)- Wrestling

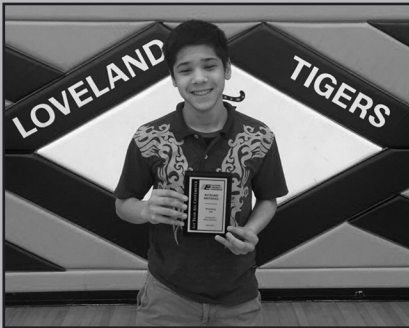


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My Weird Life



Butterfly Effect: idols, musicians make summer day interesting



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Musician Laura Pergolizzi (LP) sings at a concert in 2001. LP performed in Mt. Adams in Cincinnati this past summer.

By Jon Parker

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I've found myself in some strange places and situations in my life so far, many that have changed my ideology and inspired me to become who I am today. During the summer, I spent a good amount of time going to concerts, shows and just listening to music in general.

One day my Mom and I, along with one of my friends, were down in Mt. Adams getting lunch and heard some live music down the street from us, so we decided to check it out. It was some sort of private show that Q102 -- the radio station, was hosting inside a small bar.

We had no idea who was performing inside or anything, but it looked cool. My mom, being the crazy persistent person she is, decided to try to get us into the venue. She ended up talking to Jen from the station and got us into the show somehow.

The performer was Phillip Phillips, who won American Idol a few years back, and he was performing the private show to promote his concert at River Bend that night. I had no idea who this guy was and really didn't find his music too great, but it was still very cool to get to meet him and he ended up giving everyone in the room tickets to his concert that night.

Time went on in the day and we invited a few friends to the concert as we ended up getting extra tickets. We headed down to River Bend and made our way into the venue as we heard a very unique sound coming from the stage. The performer was LP and she was singing one of her most popular songs "Into the Wild." After her great set, she informed the crowd that she was heading to her merchandise table for a meet and greet.

We decided to check it out. After waiting in line for a bit we got to meet her and take a picture with her. She talked with us for a good bit and mentioned that she liked the tie dye shirt I had on and said she would trade me one of her tour shirts for my shirt.

So I took the deal and she gave me a shirt and I gave her the tie dye; we took a photo trading shirts and had a good moment discussing music and such. LP had to go backstage again, so we headed back to our seats and watched a few more songs from the band headlining the show, OAR. After a while, we decided to go get some food and just relax outside the venue.

As we were walking up someone was yelling at us from behind to wait up. It was LP. She sat down with us along with her manager and social media director as we ate and discussed music and the great things about the state of Ohio as this was the first time LP and her entourage have been to the state.

The night went on and we talked for a good while until the concert ended and LP headed to her tour bus. We said our goodbyes and traded emails as she planned to include tie dye shirts into her merchandise line and wanted me to give input and feedback on them.

We headed to the car laughing and talking about how crazy the day was and the great people and experiences we all gained all because my Mom was nosy.

It's crazy to think about, but the butterfly effect is very real, and this is the greatest realization I've had in my life of it. It just takes one action, one word, and a whole course of new events can take place as they did for me that great summer's day.

Tommy Blair succeeds in opening side lots to students



Photo by Anna Azallion

By Sam Sauer

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Local boy **Tommy Blair (11)** wasn't looking for any trouble. He just wanted to find parking for himself without making the trek from Phillips Park.

There have been several issues with parking recently. After legality was involved with parking in the two-hour zone, some students resorted to riding the bus and others to parking down the road.

A new offer from the school has two buses running students from the park to the school. They depart at 7:05 and 7:15.

That's when Blair decided to step in. He sent out multiple emails to every member of city council, the mayor, the vice mayor, the clerk of council, and **Chad Hilliker (superintendent)**. The clerk of council informed Blair that his email was forwarded to the police chief. The email requested students be allowed to park in these lots.

Blair had to wait about two weeks for a response. "I initially didn't hear back so I was pretty disheartened, but eventually

I heard back from Pam Gross, a city councilwoman, and she said we could use the two lots across the road," said Blair.

Several students weighed in on how the walk is from Phillips.

"The walk itself isn't that bad, but it begins to suck when it's cold or it's raining/snowing. I like that they have a shuttle bus now, but I'd still rather be parking at the school," said **John Ernst (11)**.

Even with the new bus, some students are still frustrated.

"Parking there is alright. It's not great unless it's a really nice day then it's not too bad. The buses are a great addition, but they would have been greater if they started coming over earlier in the year when it was colder," said **Kevin Scarpa (11)**.

"It's way more convenient to park there now, even though there's a shuttle service from the park. I still prefer to park at the school," said Blair.

His message now rings for all: the lots are open to all the student body.

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Pitbulls make friendly, compassionate pets



Photo courtesy of Kyle Magee
Senior Kyle Magee’s pit bull poses for a picture. The dog was adopted from Adopt-A-Bull.

By Alyssa James

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Pit bulls have locking jaws, exhibit unpredictable aggression, and often turn on their owners. These are all descriptions used to stereotype all dogs that fall under the category of pit bulls. While they do have characteristics that can be difficult to handle, such as their great strength, most of the stereotypes are false. According to vrcpitbull.com, pit bulls are not only a physically strong breed, but they are mentally strong as well. This gives the owner the capability of training their dog correctly.

Pit bulls obtained their undesirable reputations after humans trained them to be vicious dog fighters and guard dogs. In addition, a prior ban on the breed in the United States added to the negativity.

“Even those pit bulls bred to fight other animals were not prone to aggressiveness toward people,” said The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Aspca). According to Team Pit-a-Full, some pit bulls have been trained to be aggressive towards other animals.

Pit bulls were considered the number one family dog in the early 20th century but it can be important to look into a dog’s history prior to adopting it in order to accommodate to its needs or extra energy.

An owner of three dogs, one being a pit bull, claims that his favorite dog out of all three is his pit bull. Kyle Magee (12), adopted his pit bull from Adopt-A-Bull, a bull breed rescue adoption center in Greater Cincinnati.

“People say pitties are mean and dangerous but they are the best dogs you can own. They are smart, loyal and super friendly doggos,” Magee said.

Powerful and strong dogs are capable of a lot of damage if mistreated, this is something to be aware of when handling

pit bulls. Like any other breed, pit bulls can develop behavior problems if mishandled, abused, poorly bred, unsocialized, etc. that could result in inappropriate aggression,” Villalobos Rescue Center reported on their website.

Dogtime.com shows that pit bulls are easy to train, friendly and playful, however this breed does not adapt well to various situations. They require plentiful opportunities to release energy and will nevertheless be an intense breed to handle.

Recently another senior, Tyler Dixon (12), had a pit bull mix puppy in need of an immediate home.

“Anybody that saw a picture of her just wanted to help. There’s no way you wouldn’t want to help,” Dixon said.

After contacting a few friends there were already multiple people eager to help find this puppy a home. While the majority of people were unable to invite a new dog into their home, they continued to ask friends, family, and even post about the puppy on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter. Multiple offers were made by the end of the night.

“There was a sweetness to her that you could feel through just the picture, so finding a home for her was easy,” Dixon said. She now has a happy, new home to enjoy with a lifelong friend.

While there are bountiful examples of pit bulls as friendly pets, there are still situations where they have brought danger to humans or other dogs through attacking. The temperament of a pit bull consolidates the dog’s former home life, training and overall mental health. These factors must be considered and each dog should be treated as an individual, according to The Animal Farm Foundation Incorporation.

Spring Break provides new opportunities for students



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Findlay Market, a popular spot for shoppers in Cincinnati. The market has always had collection of shops that range from all kinds of foods to little souvenirs and trinkets.

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As Spring arrives, the time comes to start enjoying the sunshine and perfectly-warm weather.

1: Plant something / Start a garden

By planting something, you’re not only starting something beautiful, but you’re helping the earth as well! Planting flowers adds a pop of color to your home and also helps to save bees, and planting vegetables and fruits can be the start of some healthy and delicious meals.

2: Picnics

Nothing is more fun than going on a picnic, unless of course you’re allergic to grass, but even in that case, you can eat at a picnic table! There’s something special about laying a blanket on the ground on a warm and sunny day and having a nice and casual meal with good friends or a significant other. Riverview Park is a great and low-key place to have a picnic, compared to busier parks, such as Nisbet or Symmes. However, Nisbet is a great place to picnic, should you want to get takeout from one of the nearby restaurants.

3: Hike

Being outside is all-around refreshing, and hiking can help you get some exercise while doing so. Hocking Hills and John Bryant State Park are a bit further out, but they are worth the trip. However, if you’d like to stay close to home, Symmes Park has beautiful trails, and even a dog park.

4: Sidewalk chalk

To feel nostalgic, you can buy some sidewalk chalk and spend your time decorating your driveway. It makes people feel like a kid again; so where’s the harm in that? You could even take it a step further and make a

hopscotch grid!

5: Road Trip

If you and a friend are bored over spring break, you could turn it into a day trip. Spend your day in downtown Cincinnati or Columbus, or spend some time in Yellow Springs for a more relaxing atmosphere. Near Cincinnati, you could spend the day in Over the Rhine, going to Findlay Market and the interesting independent shops around the popular Cincinnati neighborhood. There are plenty of places you could go for the day, and you can create wonderful memories in doing so.

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Artist of the month: Margaret Eilert

Eilert shares numerous musical talents, love of music



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Music has always been a huge part of **Margaret Eilert’s (12)** life, truly since her birth. “My parents were both singing all the time when I was little,” Eilert said, “and having a pastor as a dad kept be pretty involved with music at church when I was growing up.” She plays several instruments, including guitar, piano, cello, ukulele, and violin in the Chamber Orchestra, for all of which she has strong playing abilities. Eilert is a member of Loveland’s mixed show choir, By Request. She has been a part of show choir for three years, improving with every passing season. “I’ve felt myself improve a ton in all aspects of show choir,” she said. “Vocally, choreographically, and with performance. I think it’s because of how much we push each other through healthy competition.”



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An Addams family photo featuring actors (left to right) (front) **Calloway Hefner (9)**, **Margaret Eilert (12)**, **Kate Caravillano (10)**, (back) **Max Shilling (12)**, **Paige Miller (11)**, **August Lamson (12)**, and **Micayla Veeneman (12)**.

She started out by auditioning for the girls’ group Allure during her sophomore year, and made By Request her junior year. She currently sings the solo for their ballad, *Alabanza (Coming out of the Dark)*. Eilert is not only a part of show choir, but she participates in musical theatre as well. For the fall musical, *The Addams Family*, she played a lead role as Morticia Addams, shining on the stage. Along with this, she sings vocal jazz; she has an extensive past singing with the high school jazz bands. She is also currently participating as the “music education intern” for the Freshmen Women’s Ensemble.

Student of the month: Hunter McAfee

Q & A



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McAfee shares bagpiping talent, favorite music, interesting facts



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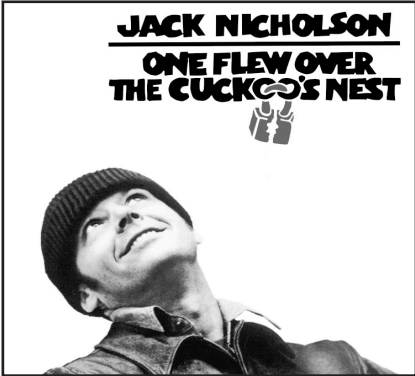


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TR: How and when did you start playing the bagpipes?

HM: I started playing the pipes two years ago by taking free lessons from the Cincinnati Caledonian pipes and drums band.

TR: Are you actually Scottish?

HM: I am Scottish on both sides of my family, but there hasn’t been someone directly from Scotland in my family in a long time.

TR: If you had to describe yourself by using the title of a television show or movie, what would it be?

HM: If I had to describe myself with a movie title, I’d use *One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest*.

TR: What are you planning to do after high school?

HM: I intend to go to Ohio University and major in political science.

TR: Who is your man crush?

HM: Michael Bublé.

TR: What is your favorite History Channel documentary?

HM: My favorite is *World War 2 in HD*.

TR: A source has informed me that you are quite knowledgeable in terms of fun facts. Would you care to share some?

HM: Fun fact: white chocolate contains no real chocolate. Fun fact: a group of crows is called a murder.

TR: Toilet paper: over or under?

HM: Over, of course.

TR: What do you hope your legacy at Loveland High School will be?

HM: I hope it will be that I made people happy and that I made people laugh.



Photo courtesy of Mrs. McAfee

Hunter McAfee (12) plays bagpipes outside. He has been playing them for two years, taking lessons from the Cincinnati Caledonian pipes and drums band.

The Roar: This school year, you were spotted playing your bagpipes as you stood in the bed of your truck. Would you care to explain the story behind this, or is this something that occurs regularly?

Hunter McAfee: I was standing in my truck playing the bagpipes because I brought them in for show and tell for one of my classes and I thought it’d be a shame if I didn’t play them.

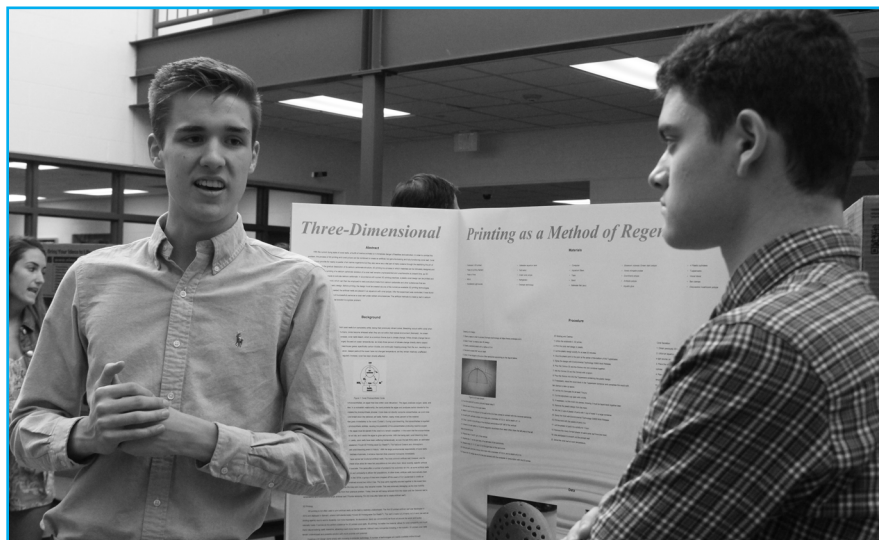
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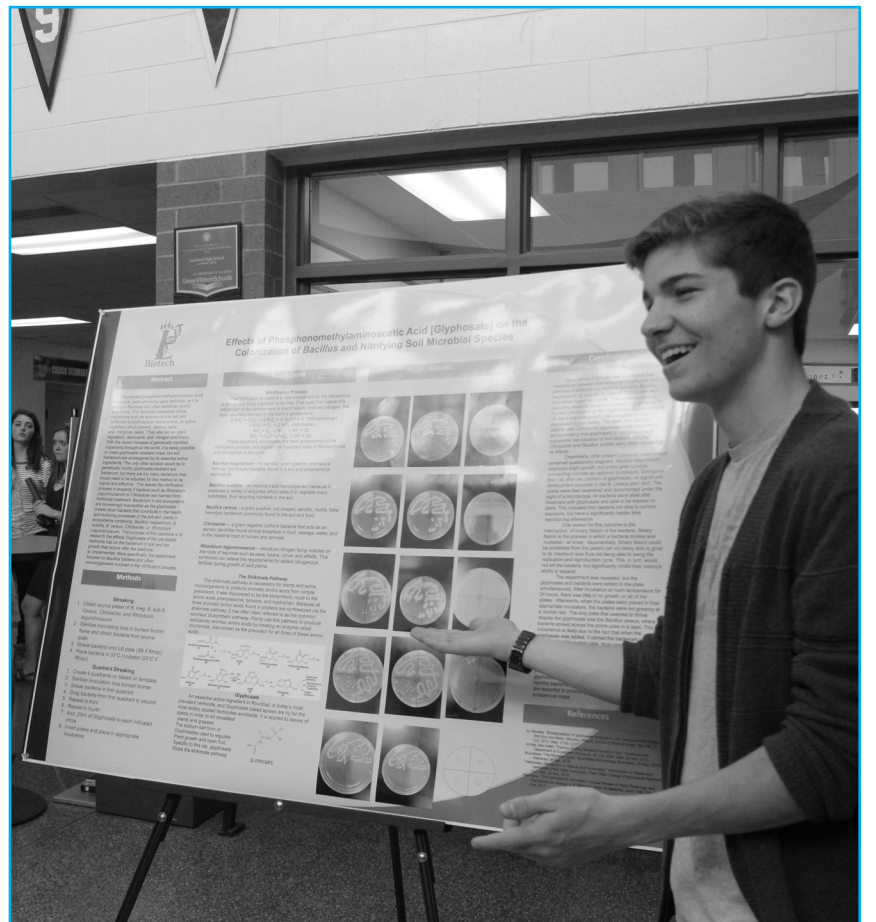
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Liz Bartnik (12) poses with her group's capstone which was centered around a transition of the pGLO plasmid. The group researched how to transform the pGLO plasmid within a yeast cell, then transform the hemophilia gene within a yeast cell.



Jarret Albin (12) and **Zach Karp (12)** give an explanation of their findings during their project. The two focused on three-dimensional printing as a way of regeneration within the oceans' ecosystem, more specifically coral.



Renn Redslob (12) explains his and **Sean Mary's (12)** capstone project based around nitrifying bacteria. They found that glyphosate doesn't immediately kill bacteria, but can cause mutations when added.



Natalie Pfaltzgraff (12) points towards a data table while describing her and **Trevor Klin's (12)** capstone. They used RNAi interference to turn off the rol-6 gene in Caenorhabditis.

Biotech class provides impressive results with capstone projects

Two years of class come to an end

By Jon Parker

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A two year class consisting of learning and discovering comes to an end for the seniors of the class of 2017 as they compose one final project. The bio-tech program was created by Mr. Allison in 2004 as he established the first 2-year bio-tech high school program in Ohio. The class practices applying the principles of engineering and technology to life sciences through discovery-based laboratory practice. Over 20 capstone projects were created by the bio-tech seniors, with a wide variety of discoveries and experiments documented for display.

Q:What has been your favorite thing about bio-tech?

A:“My favorite thing about bio-tech is that you become really close with your class when you're together for 90 minutes every day for two years. It's a really cool experience. Also we have the ability to run our own labs and it's nice to have that sort of freedom in high school.”- **Liz Bartnik (12)**

A:“I enjoyed being around my friends everyday for two straight years and it was great to get to know them better while collaborating ideas.” - **Luke Waddell (12)**



Tarah Wagner (12) explains the hypothesis around peanut protein levels held in the caption she did with **Rachel Ernst's (12)** capstone. Wagner and Ernst had the opportunity to give a presentation of their findings at Children's Hospital where they received the poster of distinction at the Nutrition Research Day Poster Session at the hospital.