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Marching Band wraps up remarkable season

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Another memorable season has come and gone for the Loveland High School Marching Band, full of remarkable achievements and performances. In their 2019 competition season, the band performed a show entitled "Rhapsody in New York" which featured modern music including "Rhapsody in Blue," "New York State of Mind" and "New York." Soloists for these pieces include **Ella Kiley (12)**, **Anna Hou (12)**, **Nathan Stewart, (12)**, **Christian Maurer (12)**, and **Jack Armstrong (12)**.

The band started their season in late July, with an intensive band camp to teach the basics of the marching arts. Since then, they have worked diligently on their program, sharing it with supporters in the community, Friday night football crowds, and finally, judges and fans at competitive marching band competitions. Loveland attended six competitions this season, placing in the top three at nearly everywhere they appeared. This is especially true for the drumline; "Drumline has won two best percussion awards and one overall best percussion. We are also on a streak to score straight ones in each percussion category," says **Jett Stevens (12)**. "This season was phenomenal for the marching band." The band even won grand champions and all

other applicable categories (Visual, general effect, music, percussion, and auxiliary) at Turpin High School in mid-October; they took seven first-place trophies home, something that hasn't happened in over four years. "We really took home seven



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LHSMB performs at The Bands of America Grand National Championships. The band placed 67th overall in the competition.

loaves of bread," says **Nate Harper (12)**. "It's an accomplishment to take pride in." Despite the accumulating trophies, perhaps the exceptional accomplishment this season was the great honor of being invited to the largest and most renowned high school marching band competition in the country: The Bands of America Grand National Championships.

Grand Nationals are held each year at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis and are considered a marquee event in the

marching arts community. There, the Loveland High School competed against over 100 other outstanding bands from across the nation, placing 67th overall and 19th in their AA class. "Since we just went for the experience I'm incredibly proud of how well we performed," says **Molly Alexander (12)**. "I couldn't think of a better way to end my senior season." At such a prominent competition as the Grand National Championships, it is about more than just placement; it's the season finale to Loveland's quintessential season, providing members with memories to last a lifetime. "This season meant so much to me," says **Kylie Bachmann (12)**. "I loved working with everyone in the band and throughout the season. I was so proud of all the work we accomplished together."

The theme of this season was "New York," which foreshadowed the thrilling conclusion of the 2019-2020 marching season: an actual trip to New York City. While there, they will be marching the beloved 2020 St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 17. This parade began in 1762 and it is one of the oldest in the country and is still cherished today, creating local and national appeal both to participate in and watch.

Thanks to the hard work and diligence of the marching band, this marching season is one that can go down in the books.

November 2019 Election recap: School board looks to edit proposal after levy fails to pass

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After many months of debate between the residents of Loveland, the controversial Loveland Levy has failed in recent polling. The voting took place on November 5. This levy would determine whether the highly debated Loveland Levy would be rejected or passed. For months, Loveland has been torn between voting yes and voting no. The mentioned levy would involve \$165 million that would be going towards several new school buildings for Pre-K through 5th grade, improvements to the High School, many new facilities around the campuses, and most controversially, a tax increase of an estimated of 35% to account for the cost of construction.

All across Loveland on November 5 voters made their way to schools, churches, and other public buildings to voice their opinions on the levy and many other local government positions. Along with the levy, there were three seats on Loveland's City Council up for election. Current Mayor Kathy Bailey was re-elected, along with council member Kent Blair. This election welcomed a new face to the council with Andy Bateman replacing incumbent Angela Settell. The three will all begin a four-year term.

The issue of the levy was addressed on this ballot, and many were unsure of its ability to pass. The levy failed with 8,570 votes yes and 14,512 votes against the passing of the bill. Nearly 79% of voters voted against the levy and the significant tax increase.

Those against the levy argued that it was an unnecessary amount of money

to accomplish what is needed to be done around the school district. Many were also angry that the description of the bill did not include specific examples of what was being done and was instead fairly vague on certain issues.

In a letter sent to members of the Loveland School District, Dr. Amy Crouse, the Superintendent of the Loveland School District, had this to say. "A passed levy would have provided funds for the day to day operations of the school district, repairs, renovations, and upgrades to out of date facilities; and a new campus for students in Pre-K through fifth grade." She closed the letter with this final statement, "I am concerned about the implications of the failed vote. In particular, because the needs of our schools do not go away with failure, they worsen and become more critical." Dr. Crouse is among those hoping for a re-introduction of the issue on the March ballot.

Among those hopeful for the passing of the Loveland Levy were several members of the Loveland City School Board. The School board met the Thursday following the announcement of the results of the ballot. At this meeting, they hoped to edit and refine the proposed bill on the ballot and make it more favorable among voters in Loveland. The City of Loveland has announced that a new agreement must be made by December 12 for this new issue to be added to next year's ballot.

Loveland has had a history of passing levies in the district, will the town continue this trend in March or will Loveland continue to become further divided on the subject? Only time will tell.



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Mayor Kathy Bailey leads a city council meeting at city hall. Bailey has served on city council since 2015, and has been mayor since December 2017.

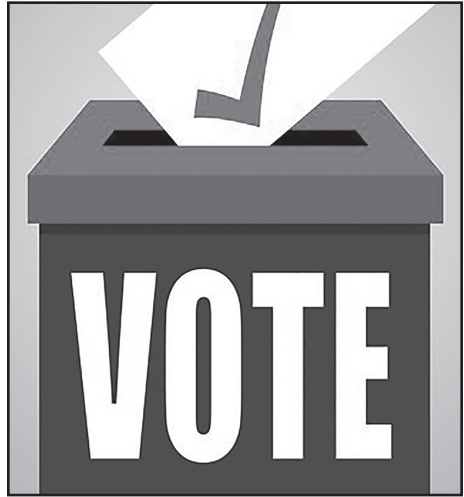


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On November 5, Loveland residents flocked to the polls to voice their opinions on the levy. 78.76% of voters voted against the levy.

Coffee should be loved a latte, sources say

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It’s early in the morning and you’re practically falling asleep at the wheel. You’re on your way to school when you think to yourself, “*Did I even do my homework last night?*” because you’re just that tired. You decide that the only thing that can save you from passing out in, say, math class, is the heavenly, caffeinated drink that can especially be enjoyed now that you’re in the colder months. Coffee, am I right?

Okay, but coffee is life-changing. There are so many different kinds and flavors of coffee that it’s hard to not want to test everything. It’s just good to me. Obviously, there are good flavors of coffee and bad ones as well. There can be too much cream, or too little sugar. It’s practically a science; getting that perfect cup of coffee, regardless of what kind. The type of coffee that you really vibe with is just as important as coffee as a whole. Hot coffee can be drunk anytime year-round, but it’s especially helpful in the bitter cold of winter. Or, if you like to live on the edge, drinking iced coffee in the winter is the way to go, right? Too bad, we’re talking about hot coffee here.

Hot coffee, because of its ability to be customized, is leagues ahead of eggnog, hot apple cider, and sometimes even hot chocolate. Sure, it can be complicated to make,

but it’s very tasty in the end. And not to mention how helpful the caffeine can be! Falling asleep in the morning? Staying up late for some reason? Maybe even getting up earlier than usual, and it’s ruining your ability to stay awake? It’s a good thing that coffee is used for these exact reasons! It’s got so many uses, so many different kinds, so many different ways to customize. It’s just hard not to like at least one type of coffee. And besides, it can make for a great hand-warmer (or cooler, depending on preference and season). Creating your perfect cup of coffee will be soooo worth it because you’ll know what flavors and temperatures you like to help you stay awake.

Personally, I feel classic, hot coffee with cream and sugar is the way to go. Brewing coffee was something I would do every morning because it was so beneficial to keeping my tiredness away. I went from practically passing out in class to being spritely, peppy, lively, you name it. People would comment that I wasn’t myself until I had coffee. Some of my friends would even borrow my coffee from me just so that they could also taste the wonders of the coffee world.

Long story short, coffee is just great because of how it can be personalized. No two cups of coffee are the same! And everyone has their own way of drinking coffee, whether it be without any additives, or with seven cubes of sugar and half a cup of cream. It’s great for dunking

things like cookies when it’s warm, but also just as fine if you drink it standalone. It’s a wonderful, hard-to-mess-up drink that deserves more love and appreciation this winter.

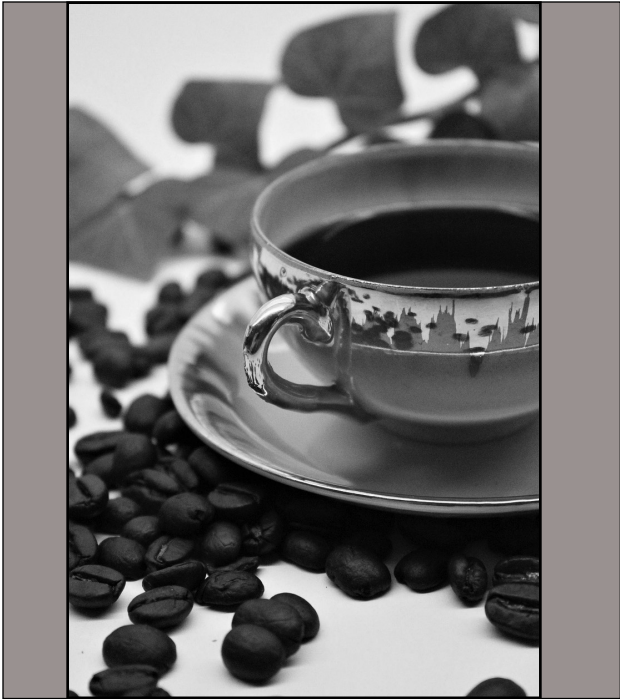


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Hot chocolate tastes so good, it’s cocoa-nuts!

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Whether from a packet or from a favorite local coffee shop, hot chocolate is a classic beverage that has, for years, been a staple of the winter season and a dire necessity to combat the cold weather. Although there are other hot drinks to enjoy, a pleasant cup of hot chocolate remains an unsurpassed standard in the classification of hot beverages.



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Hot chocolate has a long history of happiness, as it originates back to 500 BC with the Mayans. According to *The Spruce Eats*, the hot chocolate existing then was far from the modern version. The Mayans would have drunk a thick spiced drink made bitter by the addition of cocoa seeds served cold. When Spanish explorers brought cocoa to Europe they modified the beverage to make it sweeter. They also removed the piquant flavors. And so, the modern drink was born, although used frugally up until the 19th century for medical purposes. While the European version of hot chocolate is the most popular, there are different adaptations of hot chocolate all around the world, influenced by an ever-developing culture. In Mexico, spicy hot chocolate still exists, although it has been sweetened and it served heated.

Hot chocolate is the best beverage today because of the novelty of it. A majority of people will only drink it during the winter season, therefore labeling the beverage with a uniqueness that few others have. This cozy drink is a symbol of cold days and freshly fallen snow, comfort, and pure happiness like few others can due to its reputation built up through the media. The

most famous example of hot chocolate’s infamous reputation is in the beloved Christmas movie *The Polar Express*. The movie encapsulates the positive feelings associated with hot chocolate and expresses them in a lively and entertaining song. Many people are familiar with the tune and even yet, more people would use the same elemental picture to describe the perfect cup of hot cocoa.



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Another aspect of hot cocoa that makes it so treasured is the ability to personalize the beverage with everything from the base, water or milk, all the way to the marshmallows floating on the top of the mug. This drink can be as simple or complex as one desires. “It’s the best drink I’ve ever had,” says **Jessie Lemon (12)**. She prefers a more simplistic method of creating hot chocolate through the packets. **Kaylie Phillips (12)** also is a hot chocolate lover and connoisseur; “Hot chocolate is one of the perfect drinks a person can have on a really cold day. It’s better when made with milk, not water, and I like to add whipped cream and cinnamon to mine because it’s just so much better that way.” Although each cup of hot chocolate is different from the next, one thing is clear: it is the perfect winter delicacy and a cherished drink for all.

Tea is the best... and that’s the tea, sis

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You wake up from an amazing night of sleep, you crawl out of bed and begin to make your way into the kitchen. You want a nice, mess-free, and interesting drink to help wake yourself up from your groggy state. What could possibly be the perfect drink for you? Tea, of course, it’s the perfect drink. Why waste your time with a messy coffee, or an un-caffeinated hot chocolate when you could drink the perfection that is tea. These are a few reasons why tea is, in fact, better than both coffee and hot chocolate.

Reason number 1: When you wake up in the morning, you want a drink that is easy, hassle-free, and easy to make. When you make coffee, you have to clean up your coffee grounds, filter, and the machine you use to make it. Coffee makes a large mess and really isn’t worth the effort that it takes to make. Hot chocolate is risky because all of the chocolate powder could be spilled. Tea, on the other hand, is quick and easy to make. When making tea, you only have to use hot water and a very easy to clean up tea bag. The only cleanup involved with making tea is walking to your trashcan and throwing away the tea bag.

Reason number 2: Coffee is generally associated with the morning due to its caffeinating properties. Coffee typically has caffeine in it which means that you can’t drink it at night without feeling jittery and awake. This makes for a terrible night time drink. Tea, however, can be made in caffeinated and uncaffeinated versions making it a versatile drink for

both morning and night time consumption. There are even flavors of tea designed to help you fall asleep.

Reason number 3: Coffee and hot chocolate only come in a very small range of basic flavors. Generally, with a drink like coffee or hot chocolate, you aren’t given a wide variety of options. Tea, on the other hand, can come in a wide variety of exciting and tasty flavors ranging anywhere from iconic flavors such as green tea, black tea, and chamomile to more adventurous flavors like peppermint, cinnamon, strawberry, and watermelon.

Reason number 4: The price for a generic grande Starbucks cup of coffee is generally \$2.10. And the average price for a generic grande Starbucks hot chocolate is approximately \$3.45. On the other hand, a generic Starbucks grande tea costs just a minuscule 50¢ making it one of the cheapest drinks on the menu. Tea is generally cheaper than both coffee and hot chocolate because it is cheap to manufacture and sell, making the overall price significantly lower than the other drinks.

You need a drink that can change based upon whatever needs you have. You need a drink that is clean to make and inexpensive to purchase. Both hot chocolate and coffee cannot fit these needs. Tea is a perfect drink, it’s easy to make, cheap to purchase, and comes in a multitude of flavors. For these reasons, tea is, in fact, the perfect drink for both morning and night time consumption.



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Best holiday cookies to enjoy this festive season

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I think we can all agree that one of the best things about the holiday season is the food, more specifically, the desserts. A staple of holiday desserts is cookies. Here is my definitive list of the best holiday cookies starting from best to worst.

Sugar cookies - Sugar cookies are the classic holiday cookie. They are versatile and delicious. They can be cut into shapes like snowflakes, snowmen, deer, and various other shapes or they can be circular. Sugar cookie dough is very easy to work with, which is why it can be easily cut into shapes. Decorating sugar cookies is fun for all ages, and they also make excellent homemade presents.

Shortbread cookies - Like sugar cookies, shortbread cookies are versatile. They can be frosted, dipped in chocolate, have sprinkles on them, or my favorite, filled with jam. They are good by themselves, but delicious when jam is added. Bonus points if the jam is strawberry.

Chocolate chip cookies - Chocolate Chip cookies are

not traditional holiday cookies, but they are a classic so, I feel that they deserve a spot on this list. A big benefit is that they are one of the easiest cookies to make and one of the most delicious. Contrary to popular belief, they are better if you don't put them in milk. Milk makes them soggy and no one likes soggy cookies, at least they shouldn't.

M&M Cookies - M&M cookies are like chocolate chip cookies; that's why they are right after chocolate chip cookies. You can either add all different colors of M&Ms, you can add red and green M&Ms for festive holiday cookies, or you can add blue and white M&Ms for wintery cookies. These are some of my favorite cookies.

Peanut Butter Blossom Cookies - Peanut butter blossom cookies are unique as they have a whole Hershey's Kiss in the middle of them. This makes it harder to eat, but that's a minor drawback. The combination of peanut butter and chocolate is what makes these cookies a winner.

Peppermint Cookies - Peppermint is one of the holiday's best flavors; that's why peppermint cookies are

one of my favorites. A major downside of these cookies is that they are very easy to mess up. Not enough peppermint makes the cookies tasteless and bland, but too much peppermint overpowers the cookie.

Snickerdoodle Cookies - Snickerdoodle cookies are a hit or miss. Like peppermint cookies, they are easy to mess up. The primary flavor is cinnamon. If there isn't enough cinnamon, the cookies are flavorless, as they don't get much flavor from the other ingredients. If there is too much cinnamon, the cookies are overpowered and cinnamon is very unpleasant in large quantities.

Gingerbread Cookies - Gingerbread cookies are not very good. I don't like the taste of ginger. The only reason why they are on this list is that gingerbread houses are fun to make, even if they are difficult to construct.

In my opinion, cookies are an important part of the holidays, so it's important to pick the best ones to make. This holiday season, pick a cookie and have fun baking with your family and friends.



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Peppermint Mocha madness: Starbucks vs Dunkin

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Christmas is just around the corner and with that so are the famous Christmas themed drinks we all adore. Starbucks and Dunkin Donuts are competitors during this season, both having great Christmas drinks. Starbucks, in my opinion, is more popular relating to the topic of holiday drinks. This year there was even a countdown until they were released because people got so hyped. The countdown stated that the drinks would be released on November 7th, along with the popular red cups, (<https://www.countdowntoredcups.com>).

Starbucks brought back classics like Peppermint Mocha or, for those who like the simpler things, Peppermint Hot Chocolate. They also have popular holiday drinks like the Eggnog latte, Toffee Nut Latte, and if you are still stuck in the fall season, the Pumpkin Spice latte.

Dunkin Donuts also had a very large release of holiday drinks, one of the biggest they've ever had. The popular Peppermint Mocha returned while new drinks like the Holiday Eggnog Signature Latte were introduced. There were plenty of other releases including Gingerbread S'mores and Winter White Chocolate. Dunkin's, of course, also had some new sweet treats for the holiday which one-ups Starbucks' limited treat menu, (<https://news.dunkindonuts.com>).

Like Starbucks' red cup, Dunkin Donuts also released

a new festive holiday cup. Although the two coffee shops are using similar flavors for the Christmas season, they can taste quite different depending on how it was made and arranged. That is why I went to visit both Starbucks and



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Dunkin Donuts when they released their holiday drinks, and I then compared two of the same drinks.

For this test, I have chosen Peppermint Mocha because it is a classic and it is delicious. I visited Dunkin Donuts and Starbucks on the first days holiday drinks were released, just for this. The first thing that I noticed was the size and price difference.

My Dunkin Donuts was \$2.99 and 16 ounces whereas my Starbucks was \$4.75 and 12 ounces. I bought the smallest size from both. Although the difference in price and size, I thought they tasted almost exactly the same. Keep in mind everyone's taste buds are different so just because I think something, doesn't mean you will.

I thought that Dunkin's coffee was mintier than Starbucks, which tasted more mixed in with the mocha. Starbucks' flavor tasted more evenly distributed and it



Photo by Grace Nunn

was a bit thicker. They both reminded me of those York candies. With the mint, Dunkin's tasted a little more overpowering to me than Starbucks had, however, I still really enjoyed it. My younger sister, Alex Nunn (9) got the same drink and told me, "The Starbucks one is stupidly expensive and it isn't even that good." To which I agree with it being more expensive, but I thought that it was still good.

To conclude, I thought they both tasted similar and that because Dunkin's is cheaper, (and you get more!) I think it is the better choice if coffee buying is your daily thing. However, I do think Starbucks was worth it because it was delicious. Also, I'd like to note that sadly, I did not get a free red cup.



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Popeyes refuses to disappoint with new sandwich

Fans go crazy for company’s unveiling of chicken sandwich

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Around August, when I first heard of the release of Popeyes’ new chicken sandwich, I didn’t really understand all the hype. I mean, it was *just* chicken. Today, it seems like a new restaurant rises up out of the concrete every week only to specialize in *just* chicken. These establishments are a dime a dozen. I’ve grown tired of them. They all serve chicken tenders, chicken sandwiches, and if they’re feeling quirky—they might throw a chicken wrap on the menu. They all have their own “special” sauce, that—when you really think about—isn’t that special. So, I didn’t hop on the Popeyes bandwagon as soon as everyone else did. To me, it was still *just* chicken. While the sandwich was selling out just weeks after its launch, I was sitting at home, wondering if society will ever move on to different foods.

Then, something changed. News broke out that, according to *ABC News*, on November 4 a man was stabbed to death after a fight over the sandwich at a Maryland Popeyes. The altercation began when two men started to argue after one accused the other of cutting in front of him in line while waiting for the popular menu item. In a press conference, the authorities said they were able to confirm that the incident was, in fact, related to the sandwich.

As tragic as this story was, it got me thinking. If



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The Popeyes chicken sandwich caused an uproar. It sold out in 2 weeks, and caused one patron to be stabbed to death.

someone was willing to die over this sandwich, it must be *really* good. That, plus the abundance of Popeyes memes flooding the internet, culminated in me deciding to pay a visit to the Louisiana Kitchen on a brisk Tuesday night.

I opted to order both a spicy chicken sandwich and a regular chicken sandwich. At the very reasonable price of four dollars a sandwich, the act of ordering both variants was well-received by not just my wallet, but my mouth, as well.

Both sandwiches were delicious. Within my first couple bites, I understood why Houston Texans’ quarterback Deshaun Watson, who was battling an eye injury, said, “it was them Popeyes spicy chicken sandwiches I ate this week that helped the eye.” The sandwich had soul, and it made me feel better in ways some over-the-counter medication can’t.

The first thing that stood out to me about the sandwich was the toasted, buttery brioche bun. It was very substantial, and held up well during consumption. Its softness expertly complemented the crisp of the chicken. But, as I took more bites, I came to realize that the chicken was the true star of the show. The all-white meat chicken breast received the true Popeyes treatment, marinated in their authentic blend of Louisiana seasonings, then battered and breaded in a buttermilk coating. It is tender, flavorful, and the breading lends a nice, crispy texture. The mayonnaise on the sandwich was not presented in a quantity that was overpowering to the chicken. Instead, it paired well with the chicken, adding the right amount of moisture.

Overall, I was very pleased with the chicken sandwich. It lived up to its hype, and set itself apart from its competitors. Now, as I become more stressed with college applications, you can expect to find me at Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen on a regular basis.

Cool activities for free time in winter season

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Like any season, winter brings many entertaining activities and attractions—and some of the best ones are right near us. Many of these attractions and activities have been going on for years, becoming holiday traditions for people who live in the Cincinnati area. Here’s a list of some of my favorites:

Kings Island Winterfest - Select nights from November 22 - December 31

Winterfest at Kings Island turns the park into a winter wonderland. It features an Action Ice Zone which hosts a sledding hill and live ice sculpting, an Artisan Village which hosts artisans that display handmade products that you can buy, Candy Cane Lane is a walk with all things candy canes, carriage rides, and Ice Skating on Snow Flake Lake. Some select rides are open as well (visitkingsisland.com). This is the third year that Kings Island has hosted Winterfest after a twelve-year hiatus and it has started to become popular again. “It was a really fun experience and I would definitely go again,” said **Maddie Anderson (10)**.

This is a great way to experience a winter wonderland in our backyard.

Ice Skating on Fountain Square - November 2 - February 2

Nothing says winter like ice skating, especially ice skating outside. Fountain Square is considered to be one of the hubs of downtown, so it’s surrounded by delicious restaurants and plenty of shopping. Ice skating on Fountain Square is a truly unique experience that gets you excited for winter. It is considered a must-do activity for anyone who is in Cincinnati during the winter.

PNC Festival of Lights Cincinnati Zoo - November 16 - January 4

What do you get when you put 3 million LED lights in the Cincinnati Zoo? The PNC Festival of Lights! Visitors can see a black-light puppet show, take a ride on the Toyland Express train, watch the Wild Lights show on Swan Lake, make S’mores, walk through the Tunnel of Lights, and find life-size animal lanterns that are located all over the park. New this year, visitors can look for Fiona

fairy statues in Fiona’s Fairyland and take pictures in the festively decorated Hippo Hut. Also new this year, visitors can watch a “Northern Lights” show. The entire zoo is lavishly and beautifully decorated. “It was really pretty, especially the Tunnel of Lights,” said **Macy Klosterman (10)**. This is an excellent attraction for friends and family who are from out of town.

Holiday in Lights at Sharon Woods - November 16 - December 31

This is an outdoor, drive-thru light display at Sharon Woods, which means you don’t have to get out of your warm car! It features over one million lights throughout 250 displays and is over a mile long. After driving through the light displays, you can end your night by going to Santaland where you can visit Santa, drink hot chocolate, eat cookies, and do some holiday shopping at the gift shop.

There is an activity or attraction for everyone, so this winter season grab your family and friends and go to one of the many activities and attractions in and around Cincinnati. You’ll be glad you did!



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Monarch your calendars, butterflies are migrating

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It’s that time of year when we say goodbye to the precious little creatures known as monarch butterflies as they make their journey down south to warmer climates. As of right now, the monarchs are just beginning their journey, but multiple sources have reported that the numbers are completely unprecedented and the migration will be exponentially bigger than in past years.

In 2018, according to the number one online news source on climate change, Watt’s Up With That?, the butterflies have begun heading towards Texas in two different flyways: the Eastern and Central. Currently, there are just over a thousand monarchs sighted, which is roughly three hundred more compared to last year’s migration sightings. The overall population estimate in 2018 was more than 300 million monarchs! This is a marvelous recovery because in past years there have been large deficits in the population’s numbers. It’s unprecedented to have this many compared to past years, but it’s better off now that they’re starting to come back in number.

Another thing that Watt’s Up With That? mentions are the areas where monarchs tend to live. North America (mostly the United States and southern countries), the tip

of South America, Australia, certain parts of the Pacific Islands, and a tiny fraction of Europe are all places where monarch butterfly habitats exist.



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Monarch butterflies migrate south in the Autumn season into early winter. Last year, there were about 300 million monarch butterflies estimated to be moving south for the impending winter.

Now, what hasn’t been mentioned yet are the western monarchs with their migrations. They also migrate, no

doubt, but it appears that they don’t travel as far in their journeys. They migrate in midwinter due to how it’s warmed up farther west compared to the east. Unfortunately, despite all of the numbers of the total monarch population in the central and eastern United States, there appears to be a shortfalling of monarchs in California. This could be due to California’s wildfire problems as of late, but the low numbers have actually been the lowest recorded thus far. Since these reportings, scientists have been encouraging people to buy milkweed, a plant necessary for the monarch mating process, and keeping an eye out for all of the life stages of a monarch. They’re hoping that it will aid, in the end, and regenerate the population back to its initial flourishing numbers in the population. Despite this, monarchs are not considered an endangered species, even though multiple activist groups have tried to put them on the official list of endangered species.

Overall, these monarchs appear to have trouble in some areas, yet thrive in others. They’re a fragile species, which may be why people advocate for them to be put on the endangered list, but it’s still a win to see this record-number of monarchs. Hopefully, this all means that the population will increase next year as well. If you are planning a trip down south anytime soon, be sure to keep an eye out for all of those monarch butterflies!

Is Christmas being rushed?

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This year, in particular, there may be a feeling of Christmas being rushed. Before Halloween had come around, there was a lot of talk about Christmas and even decorations coming in stores. This became a slight concern for some. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion on when to celebrate Christmas, of course, but many felt as though it was being rushed. For **Olivia Hughes (10)**, she felt strongly of this opinion. “I kind of feel Christmas is being rushed this year. People in their neighborhood already have their Christmas trees up.” **Anthony Cervantes (10)** felt in the middle of this conflict. “I feel

like, before Halloween, it feels rushed because it defeats the purpose of the spookiness but after Halloween, it’s Christmas because Thanksgiving is irrelevant.”

Christmas is one of the most celebrated holidays of the year and, considering your religion, deserves recognition but not too soon. If celebrating it too soon, once it comes around, the hype could die down and not feel as special anymore. In my opinion, that’s one of the most disappointing feelings.

Although Christmas is a great holiday to celebrate with family and friends, there are two holidays before that are also great and deserve the hype as well. Halloween and Thanksgiving are superb and deserve hype when their times come. Not everyone may like these holidays and that’s completely fine, but these are highly celebrated holidays that lots of people love. If they

“People in their neighborhood already have their Christmas trees up.”

were pushed away by Christmas, that could feel upsetting.

Halloween is a pretty well-celebrated holiday where you can dress up as whatever you want, scary, cute, funny, etc. It is a time of creativity, parties, and of course, trick-or-treating. It’s also around the time when fall is just coming in which is a great season in my opinion. The pretty leaves on the ground and fashionable sweaters make it a great time of the year!

Thanksgiving is also a popular holiday lots of people celebrate. It’s the best time to reunite with family and feast on a delicious dinner eating until you explode! Some of my favorite things surrounding this holiday are drawing hand-turkeys for fun, visiting pumpkin patches with friends,

family game nights, etc.

No, I’m not saying any are better than the other. Personally, Christmas is my favorite holiday while Winter is my favorite season. Christmas is the best time to really brighten

people’s moods by gathering around the big Christmas tree and watching your family’s and friends’ faces light up as they open up the present you got them. There are great activities that come around Christmas time like making gingerbread houses, baking gingerbread men, decorating the tree, eating candy canes, etc. It is a time that warms my heart.

Overall, I truly love all holidays and even though Christmas is my favorite, I believe that if we over-hype it too early, all of that hype will die down when that time comes and no one wants that. Each holiday should be celebrated when the appropriate time comes.

Often times, department stores have their holiday decorations up extremely early in preparation of Black Friday. Each year it seems items such as Christmas trees, festive ornaments, and holiday lights have appeared earlier each year, some being in stores as early as September.

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Poem of the Month

“STOPPING BY THE WOODS ON A SNOWY EVENING”



By Robert Frost

Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village, though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.
My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.
He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sounds the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.
The woods are lovely, dark, and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

My Fair Lady musical review

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The first musical of the year, My Fair Lady, has now passed. If not able to attend, you may be wondering what it was about. The musical is about Eliza Doolittle who is a flower girl with a cockney accent. She begs to take speech lessons from professor Henry Higgins in order to turn her into an elegant lady in London society. Higgins is a phoneticist meaning he studies human speech sounds or signs. The musical was a huge success when it was released on Broadway in 1956. It set a record for the longest run of any show on Broadway up to that time. It was even called “the perfect musical.”

There are many characters among the cast. The main characters among the cast include Professor Higgins played by **Aiden Hubbard (11)**, Colonel Pickering played by **Will Heard (12)**, and Eliza Doolittle played by **Anna Colletto (11)**. The musical wouldn’t have been possible if it weren’t for the crew members and directors who helped piece it together. Some of the main crew members consist of student director: **Molly Clemons (11)**, student producer: **Marisa Kelley (12)**, assistant student director/house manager: **Ximena Santin (12)**, stage manager: **Samantha Weaver (12)**, and assistant stage manager: **Allison Kiehl (12)**. Finally, you have the main director: Shawn Miller.

The cast and crew members worked very hard on the musical which includes having practicing eight hours straight. The show was cast in mid-September, and practices started shortly after.

The students who participated in the show really loved it! The cast created a strong show, as well as strong bonds, “Being able to hang around with some of the most fun and crazy people and getting into character before every rehearsal and performance.” Will Heard (12). Creating bond was a big part of the show, “I absolutely loved getting to see my amazing cast mates every day and getting to grow and learn with such kind-hearted people,” Anna Colletto (11). Some enjoyed seeing how the show would turn out, “I loved practicing with the band and seeing the story come to life,” **Claire Abdo (12)**. Others felt supported, “I love the atmosphere in the theatre/drama community. It’s so inviting and friendly. All the actors on stage really brought it to life and I’m so glad to be part of this family,” **Caroline Top (10)**. Crew members really enjoyed the process as well, “I loved being in crew because we help work to bring the show to life,” **Cayleigh King (10)**. “It was great to have an audience laughing. It really kept the energy up even though it was scary,” Claire Abdo (12). Individuals felt all the hard work payed off, “The show went very smoothly. The show was stressful for everyone and considering we didn’t get everything finalized until the day before opening night, I’d say we did very well!” **Adrianna Bell (10)**.

Whether you were able to attend the musical or not, lots of work was put into the musical by the students and director. It meant a lot to them for people to watch what they had worked hard on. The musical was definitely worth the watch and was hilarious. The cast, crew, and directors did a great job on the show!



Photo courtesy of Adrianna Bell
The photo above captures a few characters in *My Fair Lady* musical. The first half of the show captured the audience’s attention.



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Louise Vermil (9), left, and **Joe Pawilkowski (12)**, right, play their instruments in the orchestra for the musical. The orchestra performed very well and is deserving of a lot of praise for their role in the musical.

Streaming services in war over content, pricing, number of viewers

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There used to only be a few streaming services, that offered shows from a variety of networks. But these days, many companies are getting involved in providing streaming services. Netflix has shows from NBC, Disney, and ABC. Amazon had shows from a few additional networks, and Hulu tended to pick up the rest. But now, the streaming services have started making their own content to add to their libraries, and the networks that created shows are now creating their own streaming services.

Netflix
Everyone’s favorite streaming service, at least according to the internet, Netflix has a slew of options, ranging from old movies to the newest content created specifically by Netflix. Plans start at \$8.99 but can go all the way up to \$15.99, which allows for

ultra HD streaming on up to 4 devices. According to business insider, Netflix has about 100 original shows, but once you add movies, the amount of original content available is higher. Netflix has been around for years, but will be shaken by TV networks creating their own streaming services and, as a result, take down their content.

Disney+
Disney+ was first released on November 12. It charges \$7 a month. With the monthly fee, you can stream in HD on up to 4 devices. Disney+ has access to content from different creators; Disney, Pixar, National Geographic, Marvel Studios, and Lucasfilm. They will be releasing exclusive and original content onto the platform. The newest Star Wars movies to some old family favorite animated movies will all be available on the platform.

Apple TV+

Apple discussed and teased their new streaming service for months. It was finally released on November 1. The reason for the long delay? To build suspense. Apple’s goal with this streaming service is to give themselves a platform for their shows. One downfall to this service is the lack of binge-watching. New shows will have a release of 3 episodes, after the initial 3 episodes Apple will release new shows on a weekly basis. Apple’s exclusive content includes The Morning Show starring Reese Witherspoon and Jennifer Anniston, and Dickinson starring Hailee Steinfeld. In addition to exclusive content, Apple TV will also have no ads.

Hulu
Hulu has been around since 2008. It is owned by NBC and Walt Disney companies. Hulu has 2 options, \$5.99 for streaming shows from their available library. For \$45 a month, viewers can

access regular TV networks and special content created by Hulu for their viewers. One popular show created by Hulu is The Handmaid’s Tale.

Peacock
Peacock, a part of NBC, is undergoing final changes and is expected to be released in April 2020. It will be late to the streaming service competition, but according to CNBC, it might be free. “NBC is considering giving away the ad-supported version of its streaming service Peacock for free to everyone.” They will release new shows onto the platform, but also keep episodes from old favorites, such as The Office, available.

The number of streaming services available will create a never ending line of content for consumers, but will be unlikely to save them any money. One thing is for sure, there will always be something for everyone to stream.



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Girls cross country goes the distance

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The Girls Cross Country Team wrapped up a historic season that took them to the State Meet on November 2.

Their season took place over 4 months, along with many months of off-season and pre-season training. “The preseason built a strong foundation and helped us prepare for the races, both mentally and physically,” said **Bella Dillhoff (10)**.

They competed in 6 meets during their regular season across Ohio and Indiana. They earned first and second place in 4 of these meets, and competed against state qualifying teams from Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana.

The post-season started on October 12th, with the Eastern Cincinnati Conference Championship. Loveland ran a score of 42 points, beating the previous ECC champion, Turpin. **Sarah Madix (10)** led the way for the Tigers, finishing in 4th. **Ellie Carr (11)**, **Jessie Gibbins (10)**, and **Emmy Sager (10)** followed in 5th, 8th, and 9th places respectively. Wrapping up the scoring was **Ansley Richards (11)**. “We felt confident going into the race, I was so excited I couldn’t sleep the night before,” said **Brenda Wilkerson (Assistant Coach)**. “I was so happy for the girls in the varsity race and the open race where we got close to a perfect score.”

That marked the first ECC conference championship for the Loveland Girls Cross Country Program. “We were super excited to set a new standard for the program

by winning a title. There is no way we could have won without the team, not just the seven running but those that were there in support,” said Richards.

Continuing their season, the ladies competed in the District Meet at Voice of America Park on October 19. They ran a score of 55, and placed 2nd behind Lakota East. Gibbins led the team placing 6th. Sager, Madix, Carr, and Richards completed the scoring. Loveland had all 7 of their runners within the top 25 finishers. The top 5 teams moved on to the Regional Meet in Troy, Ohio.

At the Regional Meet, the top Loveland finisher was Sager, who placed 9th overall. Rounding out the scoring five were Gibbins, Madix, Carr, and **Audrey O’Keefe (10)**. They finished with a score of 114 points in 3rd place, beating friendly rival Mason by 3 points. “I was really excited. The team had worked so hard to get to this level,” said Gibbins. This is the second time Loveland has qualified for the State Meet as a team, the last time they qualified was 12 years ago.

Loveland Cross Country wrapped up their season on Saturday, November 2 with a 6th place team finish and a score of 213 at the State meet. “We focused on how grateful we were for the opportunity,” said Richards. “It was super exciting to finish 6th as a team.” This is the second time the team has made it to state, and 6th place is their highest team finish in school history.

To conclude the season, the team had a total of 8 athletes named to the All-Conference Team. Carr, Gibbins, Sager,

and Madix were named First Team. Dillhoff, O’Keefe, and Richards were named for Second Team, and **Ally Colegate (9)** was an Honorable Mention. At the State Meet, Gibbins earned the All-Ohio Award.

Loveland Girls Cross Country also walked away from the season with head coach, **Steve Nester**, being named ECC coach of the year. “He is a fantastic coach,” said Richards. “He’s really taken our program and put it onto the next level.” After an exciting season, the team is looking forward to the track seasons.

The running programs at Loveland are on the rise, and it will be exciting to see where they go next.



Photo courtesy of Riley Bullock

Sarah Madix and Ansley Richards run hard at the Loveland Invitational. The team qualified for state.

Women’s soccer make incredible postseason run

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On November 2, the girls’ soccer team finished their inspiring run in the postseason OHSA State Tournament in a loss to Lakota West 2-0 in the Division 1 Regional Soccer Final held at Princeton High School. West then went on to win their second-ever State Championship a week later on November 9. For the Tigers, just reaching the Regional Final required a lot of effort. In sectionals, they had two tests in the Mason Comets and the Centerville Elks. The Tigers beat the third-seeded Mason in a close 1-0 affair on October 21 at Kings High School, then went to Lakota West High School on October 24 to face the Elks, where they moved past them 2-0.

On October 29, the Tigers came into their Regional Semifinal contest against the then undefeated Beavercreek Beavers (19-0-0) riding a 12-game winning streak. The Tigers got off to a nice start with **Caroline Florea (11)** finding the net with 23 minutes remaining in the first half. The Tigers then went up 2-0 with a goal by **Lauren Donovan (11)** due to a stellar throw-in by **Sophia Kapszukiewicz (9)**. Beavercreek answered with a goal, making the score 2-1. With 4:15 left in the first half, Donovan scored another goal on the assist from **Kaitlyn**

Andrews (12). Going into the second half with a two-goal lead, the Tigers continued playing great defense, mainly due to some key saves by **Eva Dudeck (10)**. The Tigers only gave up one goal in the second half, securing a 3-2 victory against the Beavers. This handed Beavercreek their first and only loss of their season.

In the Regional Finals, Lakota West standout junior Kaitlin Dudukovich scored both of her team’s goals, one midway through the first half, the other late in the second. Loveland had some shots on goal, but just couldn’t find the net. The West defense did a respectable job suppressing



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The girls soccer team celebrates their win. They beat Mason in the District Final.

Loveland’s fast-paced, high powered attacking front.

For the Tigers, although the loss was devastating, they still managed to finish as one of the top eight teams in the state. “It’s never a bad feeling, but it’s bittersweet,” Loveland women’s soccer head coach **Todd Kelly** told *The Enquirer*. “We’re not just happy to be here. We expect to play for a state championship.”

Coach Kelly talked about how there are hundreds of teams across the state whose season had already been over, but that fact was not satisfying enough for his players—a quality of his team he admires. The loss will likely be motivation for the returning Tigers to work hard in the offseason.

This year, the team had really good chemistry. Andrews attributed a lot of their success on the field to their tight-knit relationships formed off the pitch. “Our team was really young to start out with, but we got along very well together on and off the field, which is why I feel we made it so far in the postseason,” Andrews said of her team.

Though the team did not reach the State Finals like it did in 2017, Tiger Women’s Soccer had a lot to be proud of this season. The team received a lot of support from the community, and will continue to have that support as they go into next season.

Signing day

Brandon Day, swimming, University of Utah;

Allison Rountree, golf, Ohio Northern University;

Carson Deer, baseball, University of Tennessee-Martin;

Kate Garry, basketball, University of Akron;

Jillian Hayes, basketball, University of Cincinnati;

Claire Massey, soccer, Taylor University;

Caitlin Elam, soccer, University of Louisville;

Kaitlyn Andrews, soccer, University of Cincinnati;

Kirstin Thomas, cross-country /track, Georgetown College;

Riley Bullock, diving, Ball State University;

Maria Bashardoust, soccer, Cleveland State.

Congratulations and good luck to these students as they continue their athletic career!

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“Ok Boomer” meme review

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I apologize in advance for upsetting some older generations. I am almost 100% sure that some of y’all have heard the phrase, “Ok Boomer.” Lately, it has been all over Twitter, Tiktok, and your favorite Instagram meme pages. The joke has been trending on Twitter for many days in a row. For those of you who don’t know, the phrase is used as a retort to someone in an older generation. So if my grandfather was to say, “I miss having a phone on the wall,” I would then reply, “Ok boomer.” The joke or insult doesn’t even have to be toward an actual baby boomer, my dad had sent my sister and me an article about screen time to which my younger sister replied, “Ok boomer.”

Baby boomers are those who were born between 1946 and 1964 (www.history.com), compared to Gen Z being born from 1996 to 2010 according to www.businessinsider.com. The point is, those baby boomers had some cool stuff, but now we have even cooler and more efficient things. Of course, don’t be rude to your parents or grandparents because The Roar told you to. It can be considered an insult but, baby boomers and people, in general, seem to think it is entertaining. There are even some “Ok Boomer” t-shirts being sold.

Overall, this joke is pretty funny, but I don’t think it would be in my top 10 memes of 2019. So, I give it a rating of an okay out of boomer. I wonder if the baby boomers will come back at us, probably not.

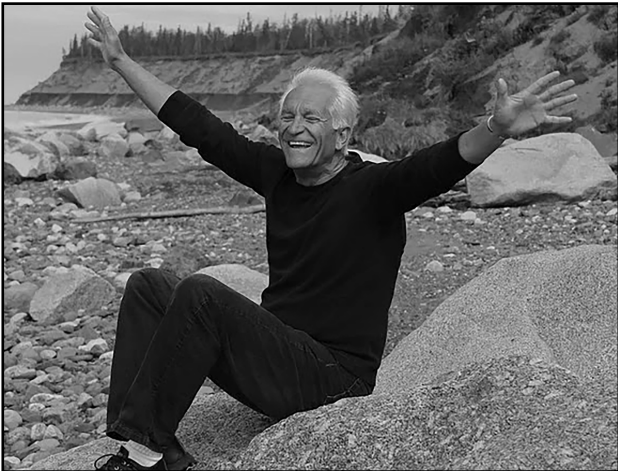


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The power of harvesting Asiatic clams

By Nate Pohana

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Recently, after an exhausting shift at my weekend job, I came home around 7:00pm on a Sunday night and made the mistake of allowing myself to fall asleep. Next thing I knew I was up at 2:00am and there was zero chance I would be able to fall back asleep for the rest of the night. It was sure to be a rough morning. As my normal wake up time of 5:15am rapidly approached, I was already feeling the effects of my mistimed nap. It was in my most dire moment that I found a 30 second video of Japanese celebrity tennis player, Matsuoka Shuzo.

In the video, Shuzo stands waist deep in the Pacific Ocean and shouts encouragement at the camera in Japanese. “Think of all the people around you and the people cheering you on!” the subtitles read. “You’re almost there! Look at me, it’s -10 degrees and I’m here



Photo courtesy of Tokyo Weekender

harvesting Asiatic clams!” I was taken aback, not just by the anomalous nature of the video, but by how it affected me. Despite completely ruining my sleep schedule and feeling physically exhausted, I was immediately reenergized by the electric preaching of Shuzo. With a new outlook on life, I leaped out of bed and began preparing to accomplish my personal and professional goals as the words of Shuzo echoed in my head and my heart.

This moment showed me the power of a positive mindset. I took what I felt was sure to be a bad day and turned it into one of the best Monday mornings I’ve ever had. I don’t recommend staying up all night watching YouTube when you should be getting your beauty rest (at least 8 hours a night). However, if you find yourself in a situation where you need just a little extra emotional firepower, consider listening to Matsuoka Shuzo as he harvests Asiatic clams. Remember, never give up!

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