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Administration takes extra safety measures in wake of 2018 school shootings

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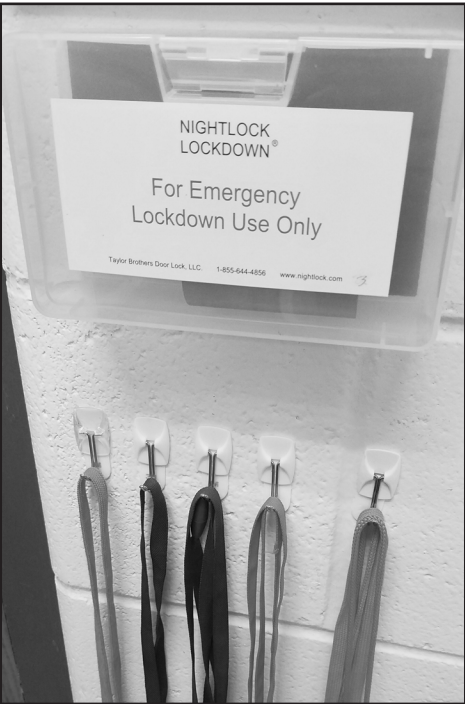


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More frequently than ever before, there has been gun violence in schools, disturbing communities nationwide and invoking fear into students and staff alike. In 2018 alone, America saw twenty-three school shootings where people were injured or lost their lives. This year, Loveland High School this year has taken extra precautions to ensure the security of all students and faculty in the building so that we can avoid the catastrophic event of school shootings.

The most noticeable of these new changes within LHS, is the school resource officer, **Officer Moore (Recourse Officer)**. He is an active police officer from the Loveland Police Department. He will be at the high school to monitor any security complications or any issues that might compromise the safety of the students and faculty. Moore is responsible for the safety of LHS during the school day, as well as keeping strong contact between Loveland Schools and the police department. Everyone at LHS is very excited to welcome Moore to the staff. “He protects me every day of the year and because of him, I’m no longer afraid anymore,” says **Bella McIntyre (10)**, “for that I am eternally grateful.”

In addition to this, every classroom is now equipped with the proper supplies to barricade the classroom in case of an emergency. Custom door stops are in each classroom and can be slid into a lock located at the bottom of the doors. Unlike a normal door stop that slides under the door to prop it open, these devices would keep the door

firmly shut and eliminate the door from swinging open. These doorstops would come in handy in the event of an active shooting because they would make the doors impossible to enter from the outside.

This month, Loveland High School has put both staff and students through a program called ALICE, designed to inform people on what to do if an active shooter were to ever enter the building. The program title itself is an acronym that stands for alert, lockdown, inform, counter, and evacuate. It reminds students of the five major tasks at hand if a shooter were ever to enter the building. **Richard Bryant (ALICE Instructor)** stressed this to students during the assembly, held on Friday, September 7th, that “Anything Beats Nothing.” This means that if the school were ever in a dynamic shooting event, that everyone should take action. Running, blockading, or defending is the best way to protect yourself in such an event. “Training with ALICE helps students and staff be prepared to act to get themselves to safety,” commented **Mrs. Johnson (Principal)**.

These new changes are in response to news from around America of school shootings and the mistakes seen in these situations. Loveland, in a district-wide level, has seen changes to the school safety system. The update reminds students that shootings are a threat, no matter where in the country one may be in. Mrs. Johnson and **Mr. Buis (Assistant Principal)** want to remind students of LHS this, “Report anything that you hear or see that feels ‘not right’ even if it is not a direct threat or specific information. Trust your gut.”

Downtown Cincinnati devastated after Fountain Square shooting

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On Thursday, September 6th, 2018 a man by the name of Omar Santa-Perez walked into the lobby of the Fifth-Third bank in downtown Cincinnati and opened fire on unsuspecting civilians. Within a matter of minutes, he killed three men and injured at least two others. Police were reported to have responded within a matter of seconds after they heard the first gunshots, and shot Perez multiple times, causing him to die on-scene.

Perez is said to have fired only eight shots, missing a few and hitting at least six people. According to CNN, he was carrying over 200 rounds of ammunition with him. One witness reported to WCPO that they opened the elevator doors and saw Perez, then quickly hid in the elevator to avoid getting shot. As the doors closed, the witness stated that a couple bullets hit the elevator, barely missing them. After the shooter was neutralized, it is also reported by police that several people were found hiding in closets at the bank. Other than those injured or killed, there were several hundreds of people within the building that morning. There were even many Cincinnati-area students were in the Fifth-Third at the time for a program called SEARCH, which helps people with disabilities who are 18 and older understand competitive jobs on their transition from high school to college.

Those killed in the shooting were Luis Felipe Calderon, 48; Pruthvi Raj Kandepi, 25; and Richard Newcomer, 64, according to WCPO. Newcomer was on a business trip from Rhode Island, and police have been corresponding with his family about how he was murdered.

This was the first shooting in downtown Cincinnati this year. Despite the rather quick response from local authorities, this is still considered a mass shooting. This shooting has caused unrest in surrounding school districts, including Loveland, due to its close proximity. **Melissa Bak (11)** states, “It’s scary how close it was to us because now we know that we aren’t immune to shootings.” The last fatal shooting in Cincinnati occurred in 2014, says WCPO. During that shooting, a man opened fire on 8th Street and Garfield Place right outside of the Cincinnati Public Library.

Cincinnati’s Mayor Cranley and Cincinnati Police Chief Elliot Isaac both gave interviews in response to the incident. “This is not normal,” the mayor said, “and it shouldn’t be viewed as normal. This is abnormal. No other industrialized country has this level of active multiple shootings on a regular basis ... I think there’s something deeply sick at work here, and we as a country have got to deal with it.” WCPO and CNN both state that the motive for the shooting is unclear.

The police were seen searching Perez’s apartment late on Thursday afternoon.

Even after searching, no evidence for a motive has appeared. Perez was never a worker at Fifth-Third, meaning that the motive cannot be related to revenge on the company. It is speculated that he had mental health problems. A few months ago, he filed a lawsuit against MSNBC and NBC for reportedly slandering his name. Upon finding this was false, they dismissed the case and described him as muttering to himself and exhibiting signs of dementia. When he lived in Florida, he was charged with public brawlings and resisting arrest. One of his neighbors, an anonymous woman, told WCPO, “I can’t believe that he was just living right upstairs from me.” To imagine that anybody could live only a few feet away from a murderer is hardly comprehensible. This shooting has left many people worried, injured, or even dead, and it’s only the 267th mass shooting this year, according to abc15. This shooting can be just another poor disaster, or it has the potential to yield a change.



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Stephen Curry : this is personal

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Stephen Curry may be known for his historical jump shots but now he has a personal message to the men and women in today’s society. His article under the name, “This is Personal,” was published a couple of weeks ago on *The Players Tribune*, discussing a major issue in gender equality, including the problem not only in sports but in any career path. Looking through the eyes of the women in his family, Curry was motivated to write an article dedicated to them and to his two daughters, Riley and Ryan.

“I want our girls to grow up knowing that there are no boundaries that can be placed on their futures, period. I want them to grow up in a world where their gender does not feel like a rulebook for what they should think, or be, or do,” writes Curry. In his piece, he includes the women in his life, his mother Sonya and his partner Ayesha of seven years, who not only have impacted him but have accomplished so many things in their careers. Curry looks toward the future of his two girls, but most importantly, “I want them to grow up believing that they can dream big, and strive for careers where they’ll be treated fairly,” He continues, “And of course: paid equally.”

Other people and publications like *The Glow Up* questioned Curry and his revelation by saying, “Undoubtedly, Curry would reflect on the lessons he’s learned



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as father of daughters Riley and Ryan, and we’d likely cramp one or both eyeballs while rolling them at his ‘revelations.’” But the publication continues. “ While Curry does indeed speak on how his daughters are teaching him about the world in which he’d like them to grow up, he writes that his education on women’s equality began long before he was raising two little girls.” *The Salon*, an online site that is known for their critiques, also backs up the *NBA* player by stating, “It does take some courage to join the conversation in a time when male athletes are being discouraged from addressing sensitive and political issues in public, and he’s backing up his talk with

action by hosting a camp for girls.” His beliefs have not only led him to write his article but to organize a girl’s basketball camp in order to further their futures in basketball. Many players in the *NBA* host these types of camps to help the next generation of basketball players, to meet fans, and to help their community. As *Golden State of Mind* phrases it, “ These camps are, not surprisingly, dominated by boys and young men, and are often a place where girls and young women are either not allowed, or don’t feel particularly comfortable.” **Zoe Dewitt (11)**, a member of the women’s basketball team here at Loveland, was asked how she feels about

Curry reaching out to women. “I think that more players should focus on the *WNBA*. The *WNBA* is continuously overlooked because it’s women playing, so some believe that it isn’t as interesting as the men playing in the *NBA*. I also think that it is great that Curry is having a camp for girls that want to be in the *WNBA*, Curry is a great basketball player and the fact that he is showing interest in the *WNBA* allows girls/women to see that women’s basketball is getting the attention that the players deserve.” She continued to say, “ These men and women are playing the same game; the only difference is their gender, so more *NBA* players should focus on and include the *WNBA* because, in the end, it is the same sport being played.”

Curry and The Golden State Warriors have found “It’s our Game,” a camp made primarily for girls who love basketball. The girls were chosen selectively in the Bay Area, where the camp was absolutely free. The camp offered basketball lessons from Curry, including his drills and a panel of successful women in sports who motivated the girls to continue to further their dreams in basketball. A couple of the girls joined the boys in Curry’s *Under Armour* camp, which they “impressed mightily.” *Sporting News* reported that the camp concluded with a timed shooting competition, claiming Amanda Kerner the winner. The site states her quote about winning, “It was the best thing in my life that ever happened.” “*Be yourself. Be good, and try to be great--but always be yourself.*”

Kaepernick creates controversy with ad

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On September 5, Nike announced that ex NFL quarterback, Colin Kaepernick, will lead their 30th annual “Just Do It” campaign. Immediately after the announcement, football fans across the country took to twitter and instagram to both praise, and condemn Nike for the move. Some in opposition posted photos and videos of them lighting their Nike clothes and sneakers on fire with the hashtag “JustBurnIt.”

Many opposed to the decision were upset due to the past actions and statements made by Kaepernick back in the 2016 football season. Kaepernick boldly knelt while the National Anthem played instead of standing like the other players. This created a chain reaction where many other players chose to do the same in protest of police brutality in the country.

While his act was met with support by some, it stirred backlash and sparked the debate of whether players should stand or kneel during the National Anthem. Some felt that it was a sign of protest and applauded the move while many believed

it was extremely disrespectful to our veterans and our country. In protest, some NFL fans chose to stop watching NFL games leading to a 32 percent ratings drop in 2017 according to the Washington Post.

President Trump has repeatedly taken to his twitter and spoken in interviews to criticize Kaepernick’s choices in the past and has now done the same with Nike. Back in 2016, Trump told Kaepernick to “find another country that works better for him.” After Nike broad casted the ad, Trump expressed his displeasure by tweeting “what was Nike thinking?” He later commented in a string of tweets stating his opinion of how bad of a business move he thought it was. Many others on twitter responded to his tweet saying that Trump should focus on more pressing matters pertaining to the country. **Kyle Becker (12)** responded by saying, “Trump is very arrogant and doesn’t know what he’s talking about.”

Since the release of the ad, Nike stocks initially fell by 3.2% while protests flooded social media the following days after the announcement. Over Labor Day, however, Nike sales rose by over 31% according to *Times Magazine*.



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Colin Kaepernick throws the football during Super Bowl XLVII. Kaepernick sparked controversy when it was announced that he was joining with Nike for their “Just Do It” campaign.

Series of natural disasters hits Japan

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Japan is a hotspot for natural disasters. It is right on a tectonic plate along the coast, which means it’s prone to not only earthquakes but tsunamis and typhoons; these can cause major destruction in an area. Typhoon Jebi recently made landfall in Western Japan earlier this month, causing a power outage for millions, a great amount of damage and at least 11 deaths as of September 6th, 2018, according to *The Washington Post*.

The typhoon made landfall with winds at 85 mph, with gusts of up to 130 mph. At one point, the storm was a category 5 typhoon but weakened before it reached the island, according to *The Washington Post*. It was the strongest storm of the year, according to another *Washington Post* article. The typhoon has left 2 million people without power had reported storm surges of up to 11 feet, according to *The Mainichi*, a local daily newspaper in Japan. Typhoon Jebi was classified as a category 5 super typhoon by Japan’s weather service, The Japan Meteorological Agency, which tracks the weather for

Japan. According to *The Washington Post*, this is not only the strongest storm of the year but the strongest storm to hit Japan in 25 years. The storm did start out strong, but weakened over time, as most storms do, according to *hurricanescience.org*.

Along with the typhoon, Japan was hit with a 6.7 magnitude earthquake on the northernmost island of Hokkaido. As of September, 8th, 2018, 31 people have died from the resulting landslides, according to *The Straits Times*, a newspaper based out of Singapore. This is the strongest earthquake on the island since 1996. Not only that, but, according to *The Straits Times*, the quake knocked out power, “for all 2.95 million homes in Hokkaido in what was the first grid-wide power outage for a regional utilities firm.” Even places many miles away from the epicenter were affected. Nintendo, which is based in Kyoto, Japan, had a “Nintendo Direct” planned for the Thursday of the earthquake. Nintendo announced that the direct (which is an event that showcases upcoming Nintendo games) would be rescheduled at a later date, according to their *Twitter* account. Everyone can only hope that everyone in Japan is ok and that they recover quickly.

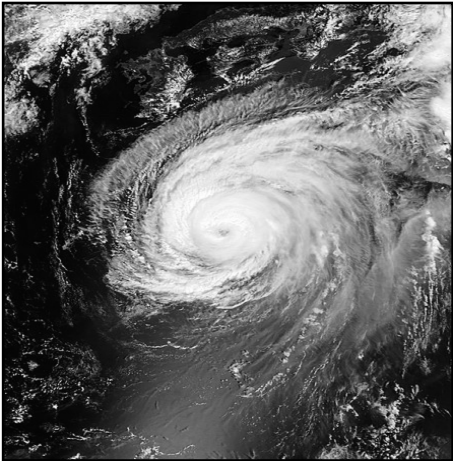


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Momo causes lethal complications

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Over time, internet challenges have become more and more popular. Some offer entertainment, but others are downright dangerous. With the “Tide Pod Challenge” and now there is a new challenge, and it is taking people’s lives.

Now two kids are dead because of this new game called, the “Momo Challenge.” Preteens and teens are coming in contact with this “game” through a messaging app known as WhatsApp. By replying to an anonymous number, players are dared to complete a series of tasks that involve self-harm. The final stage of the game is suicide. If players choose not to reply to the text messages then a disturbing avatar of an extremely thin woman with long hair and bulging eyes will pop up on their screen. This avatar, named Momo, will then threaten the player, their family and friends on the screen. The avatar Momo is the work of Japanese artist Midori Hayashi, who is reported to have no involvement in the game. The avatar was originally a sculpture of the face of the woman with bird



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This is Momo, the avatar that shows up when children play the “Momo Challenge.” Momo was originally a sculpture with the face of a woman and the legs of a bird.

Molly Tibbetts case sparks controversy

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The death of 20-year-old Mollie Tibbetts is all over the news, including *FOX* and *CNN*. *FOX* reports that she was last seen running in Brooklyn, Iowa on July 18 when she disappeared. A month later, on August 21 she was found in a field in Poweshiek County. Authorities were directed there by Cristhian Bahena Rivera, who is 24. Rivera is currently being held in jail on a \$5 million dollar bond for the murder of Tibbetts, according to *CBS News*.

Shortly after Rivera’s arrest, it was discovered that Rivera is an illegal immigrant from Mexico. Since then, the story has spread throughout the nation. President Donald Trump believes that Tibbetts’ death was a horrible tragedy and more immigration laws need to be made and enforced to protect the United States. *CNN* reported that Republicans are standing behind Trump’s claims, saying changes need to be made. Many believe that the United States has a faulty immigration system as well as laws that are too relaxed.

“The immigration system is definitely faulty considering that there are still people entering our country illegally, and because of this, families are being torn apart since they don’t have legal documents,” **Kaleigh Smith (11)** said.

Vice President Mike Pence and the governor of Iowa, Kim Reynolds, are also displeased with the immigration system. While Trump and other supporters of new immigration laws believe that Tibbetts’ death could be the push for more immigration laws, her father, Rob Tibbetts is asking people to not politicize her death. He said that his daughter believed such views were racist and that she would not have wanted this. He has made a public apology towards the Hispanic community for the racism and controversy brought by Tibbetts’ death.

Tibbetts said, “The person who is accused of taking Mollie’s life is no more a reflection of the Hispanic community as white supremacists are of all white people.”

He is also urging people to rise above the racism, and is

asking for privacy while the Tibbetts’ family mourns. As of right now, most of the focus is on the suspect, Rivera. New York Times explains that he has admitted to kidnapping Tibbetts after seeing her running. He recalls getting out of the car, and running next to her until Tibbetts threatened to call the police if he did not leave. Rivera then said that he blacked out, and when he came to, he was stopped at an intersection in Poweshiek County. When Rivera realized Tibbetts was in the trunk of his car, he drove to a cornfield and hid her body there.

Rivera is currently facing first-degree murder charges, with a sentencing to life in prison, considering the state of Iowa does not use the death penalty. If Rivera is acquitted, then he could face deportation proceedings. Before his arrest, *CBS News* announced that Rivera worked on a dairy farm for four years under the false name John Budd. The dairy farm, Yarrabee Farms, is owned by a very prominent Republican family. Managers on the farm received photo identification and a Social Security number that appeared to be authentic. Due to this, it is unlikely that they knew Rivera was an illegal immigrant.

As of right now, Rivera’s trial is still ongoing, and he has not yet been sentenced.



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The case involving Tibbetts is an ongoing, high profile case. Tibbetts was a sophomore at the University of Iowa prior to her passing.

Rivera is pleading not guilty at this time, and his trial is now set for April 16, 2019. Rivera’s arraignment was Wednesday, September 19, and he waived his right to having trial within 90 days of his arrest.



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Argento taints #MeToo movement

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Recently, actress and activist Asia Argento made headlines as her 17-year-old co-worker, Jimmy Bennet, came forward saying that he had been sexually assaulted by her. The *New York Times* even discovered secret hush money that Argento had paid to make sure that Bennet didn't talk. This news shocked many, as Argento had been a leader of the "#MeToo movement" since its creation. Argento was even among the long list of women who had come forward and accused Harvey Weinstein of sexual assault. Many people began to stop believing in the movement, threatening to quit and saying they didn't want to be a part of it anymore. However, does Argento's actions completely disavow everything else that the movement has been working for?

The answer is, and should be, no.

The "#MeToo movement" has been a powerful tool to help people of all ages come forward about their experiences and stand up to those abusing their positions of power. Many have found their voices through the movement and taken powerful steps towards whatever small amounts of justice they can get. Even if some women didn't name the perpetrators of their assault, they still felt empowered to share their stories, which for some people, was a step towards relief and recovery. The "#MeToo" was trending on Twitter for weeks as big name stars and small town workers alike showed the world that sexual assault

effects everyone.

While Argento was one of the survivors of sexual assault who came forward to share her story, and her abuser should be brought to justice, so should Argento. However, that doesn't mean that the entire movement is corrupt. No other leader in the movement knew about Argento's actions. Why should they be held responsible for them?

We need to start realizing that people in positions of power do corrupt things, all across the board. Every major group across the world, whether they be political or social, has some form of corruption in it. As hard as it may be to grasp, humans do bad things when given the opportunity. These people should be held accountable, the same as you or I would. However, the organizations they were a part of or the things that they publicly stood for should not take a hit just because one out of many chose to make the wrong decision.

Argento is being pushed out of the "#MeToo movement" and publicly disowned by some of her previously close friends. Buffet is speaking out about what happened and taking a stand to make sure it doesn't happen again. Argento is getting her punishment. The "#MeToo movement," however, is getting a lot of it too. Before you jump straight to bashing a movement that has provided support and comfort to so many people, think about all the other times people have abused their positions of power and recognize that only those who have done wrong should be punished for their actions, and never the organizations themselves.



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Asia Argento is accused of sexually assaulting her 17 year old co-worker. While Argento was a leading figure in the #MeToo movement, she has been discredited by the movement's leaders.

Complex impeachment process likely to prevent removal

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Our sitting President, Donald Trump, certainly hasn't been a crowd favorite as of late. With all of these accusations swirling around the news, why hasn't he had an impeachment trial?

The answer is simple. The Republicans have a majority in both the House and the Senate. See, removing a President from office is actually a two step process. The first step is the actual impeachment. According to *theconversation.com*, the first step is that the House has to actually indict or charge the President with an actual, impeachable offense.

The Constitution states that a President can only be impeached on offenses of "Treason, Bribery, or other High Crimes or Misdemeanors." Members of any party can bring forth articles of impeachment, which are then

voted on by the House Judiciary Committee. The Judiciary Committee does not have a binding vote in the matter, but instead can either investigate the alleged crimes, or choose to opt out, as they did in the Clinton impeachment case. After that, they announce their findings and give a recommendation to the floor. The House then takes a majority vote on the case.

If they vote against impeachment, the case is dropped. However, if they vote in favor of impeachment, the case goes on to the Senate for trial. The trial goes on in the same style as a criminal case, with witnesses and attorneys. After the trial, the Senate takes a vote in which a supermajority is required, meaning that two-thirds of the Senate has to vote to convict the President and remove him from office.

Only two Presidents have been impeached, Andrew Jackson and Bill Clinton. However, both of them were

not convicted in the Senate, which means they both kept their place in office. Many across the country are calling for the President's impeachment, not understanding that it would still present the possibility that he would still stay in office. What it appears they mean to be calling for is his conviction and removal.

Still, impeachment is the first step. And by the looks of it, very unlikely. The articles of impeachment have already been brought forward last year by five House Democrats. Obviously though, the impeachment didn't go through. Although it seems that many Republicans have spoken out against Trump, they are still not willing to take the step of impeachment. Although his number of alleged crimes continues to grow and grow, the Republican majority has, and will likely continue to, provide a cushion for Trump to continue in office.



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Trump is currently acting as the President of the United States of America. He has allegedly participated in controversial behavior that could lead to his impeachment by the House of Representatives and potential removal by the Senate.

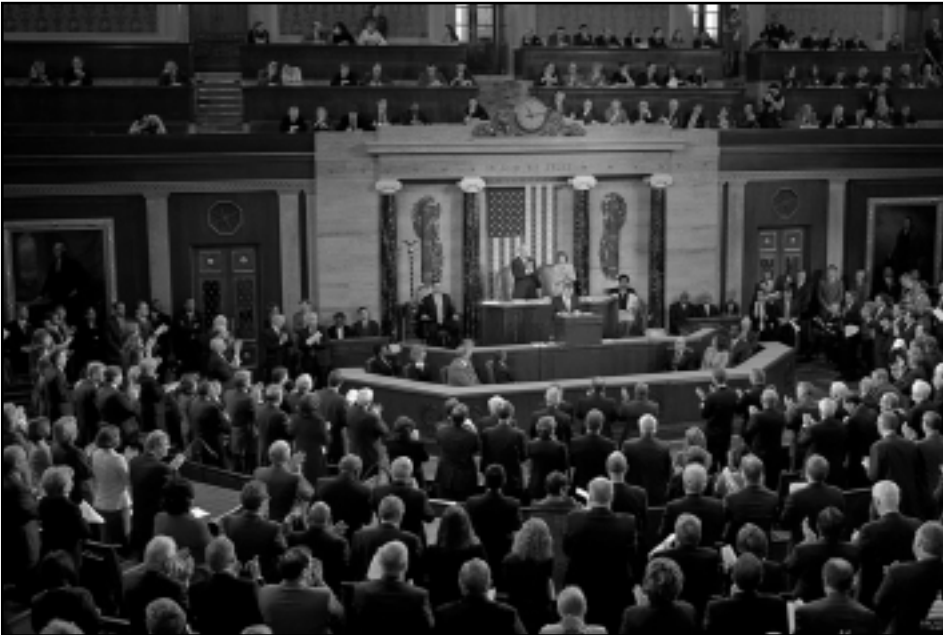


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The House of Representatives is one of the major governing bodies of the United States government. Historically, only two presidents have been impeached by the House but were not convicted in the Senate, making Trump's removal increasingly unlikely.

Food Review of the Month: Cheese Snacks

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Food. We all need it, we all love it. But with so many different kinds of food in this world, it can be hard to know which food is the best, and therefore worth eating. That’s where this column comes in. Each month I will review various categories of food, and give my opinions on what I deem to be the best, based on various criteria including, but not limited to, taste, texture, saltiness, sweetness, and packaging quality. These reviews represent my interpretations, which may be different from your own, but I hope to provide some insight into the crazy world of modern food.

This week we are starting off simple with a comparison of various cheese flavored snack items. They come in many forms and have become a staple in American snacking. For this review I have chosen to examine, in no particular order, Cheez-Its, Goldfish, Classic Cheetos, and Cheese Puffs. They will be judged on quality of cheese flavoring, overall taste, packaging, and whether or not I would want to consume an entire box in a single sitting. Scores will be given out of 5, and the total score will be taken out of 20. Let’s take a look at the results.

4) Cheese Puffs

Not surprisingly, generic cheese puffs placed last. They earned a 1 for overall taste due to their styrofoam-like texture. The quality of the cheese flavoring was valued at a 2, because it had a very artificial taste and reminded me of the consistency of chalk. The packaging of Cheese Puffs is rated at a 3, because they usually come in those giant plastic barrels, which aren’t very practical but have many uses once the disappointing snack is removed. I definitely would not eat an entire container, so they earn a 0 in that category. Overall, the cheese puffs earned a subpar 6 out of 20 possible points.

3) Cheetos

Cheetos earn the position second to last by a close margin. They receive a 4 for overall taste, because the crunch is satisfying and they are quite tasty in moderation. The quality of cheese flavoring rests at 3, because it does have a fairly artificial taste, and the orange residue they leave in their wake is a disappointment. They earn a 2 in the packaging department, because the bag is a regular, impractical chip bag, and their mascot looks like Snoop Dog would if he were magically transformed into a cheetah. While Cheetos have their strengths, they can get a bit sickening if you eat too many, so they receive a 2 in the “could I eat that” category. Overall, they were a solid contender, earning 11 out of 20 points.

2) Cheez-Its

Cheez-Its earned a respectable position of second place. Their taste earns a 5, especially due to the flavor of cheese present in each cracker, which earned a 4. Their packaging is a practical box, but it often contains some funny cheese related joke, so it earns a 4 in that department. Cheez-Its earn a 4.5 in the final category, because I feel compelled to eat an incredible amount of Cheez-Its but there is a breaking point. All in all, Cheez-Its make a strong runner up with 17.5 points compared to the winner...

1) Goldfish

Goldfish, the classic “snack that smiles back” takes first prize due to their superior imitation of cheese with a score of 4, excellent taste, with a score of 5, and their unique but slightly fragile package earns a 4, simply because it is easy to smush the tiny crackers. They earn one final 5, because I could and probably have eaten a dangerous amount of these delicious snacks. They are easy to eat and transport, and make for a satisfying snack on the road. Goldfish are a worthy champion, with a strong 18 out of 20 points.

I hope this review has given you some insight into the competitive world of cheese flavored snack competition. Next time you find yourself in the snack aisle at the grocery store, keep these results in mind and pick your cheese flavored snacks wisely. I’ll be back next month with another set of food to review, so be sure to look out for it in the columns section next month!



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Spotify still number one compared to Apple Music

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In the constantly evolving world of digital music, there are new ways to listen to and find music. Currently head to head for top music streaming platform, Spotify and Apple Music are taking the music world by storm with Apple Music attempting to replace Spotify as the new top service. It is evident that Spotify is still number one.

Spotify, leading in ubiquity and social media integration, is clearly the better music streaming platform along with its customized playlists and library with over 30 million songs. Although Apple Music incorporates its streaming service with the songs previously purchased on your Apple device, the service is available exclusively for Apple products whereas Spotify is able to be used on a wide variety of devices. Additionally, Spotify offers all of its listeners free curated playlists specialized for them. Its Discover Weekly and Daily Remixes create playlists specifically tailored to introduce its listeners to music they might like based on their previous music choices. The Discover Weekly is refreshed every Monday with fresh new music that is immensely popular due to its ability to match users with songs they are guaranteed to like based on their music preferences. There is also a discover tab that compiles a list of new artists that music lovers may enjoy due to their previous listening choices as well. These playlists are highly effective at pushing people out of their comfort zones and trying new things. Apple Music offers a similar feature called Favorites and New Music Mixes.

Essentially what sets Spotify apart from not just Apple Music but all of its competitors, is that it offers everything music related and more. As previously stated, they have a library filled with millions of songs and playlists that can be created by users and Spotify’s team that are able

to be shared as well. When creating playlist, users have the option to share them with their friends and even allow them to be a creator which allows more people to add songs that they like. By doing this, Spotify has recognized the importance of collaboration in the music world and making listening to music more personal. Moreover, users can also access podcasts and video content in addition to the substantial amount of playlists and artists to choose from. Comparatively, Apple’s greatest asset is its ability to integrate well with Apple products and its equally extensive music library. However, it does not make the cut in the long run due to its incompatibility with other devices and inability to offer more to its listeners than just music. Not to mention that Spotify has effectively analyzed data from its users in order to provide a more personal and enjoyable experience.

Amidst the debate of which streaming service is better, music lovers have taken the argument to social media with fights breaking out on Twitter. One user even suggested that we all forget about both platforms and go back to converting mp3 files to the computer for hours on end. Anyway, however you choose to stream your music, make sure you make the right decision and choose a platform that will be worth both your time and money (Spotify)..

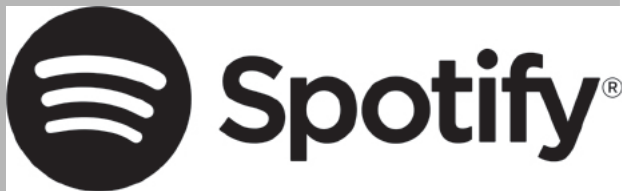


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The power of language: Pronouns matter

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As the new school year hits us full force once again, it’s always good to start with some reminders while everyone’s still getting the hang of being back at LHS. Walk on the right side of the hallway, use the zipper method in the parking lots, and, most importantly, treat those around you with a basic level of respect.

In regards to the last one, there’s an important discussion that should occur. When interacting with the other people at the school, make sure we’re all taking an extra moment in our day to be thoughtful, kind, and considerate when we talk about one another. This is especially important when we’re interacting with people who are different from ourselves, regardless of our own opinions.

While this certainly doesn’t apply to everyone, it’s been observed that not everyone is respectful of some students’ personal identities, especially when it comes to gender. Unfortunately, for those of us who are fortunate enough to associate with the gender we were assigned at birth, it is incredibly difficult to understand the discomfort caused in those we interact with when we refuse to properly acknowledge their identities. This can include using the incorrect name, improper pronouns, or even hateful insults, and this problem needs to be rectified in order to create the supportive environment we strive for at Loveland.

Now, this isn’t to say that every time someone uses the incorrect pronoun they’re trying to hurt the other person, it could simply stem from a place of ignorance. So, let’s take a moment to clear up some details for the sake of those around us.

According to GLAAD (the name of an LGBT resource that previously stood for Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation), here are some basic definitions to start off with:

Sex: “The classification of a person as male or female.”

Gender Identity: “A person’s internal, deeply held sense of their gender.”

Transgender: “An umbrella term for people whose

gender identity and/or gender expression differs from what is typically associated with the sex they were assigned at birth.”

Non-binary / Genderqueer: “Terms used by some people who experience their gender identity and/or gender expression as falling outside the categories of man and woman.

Cisgender: “A term used by some to describe people who are not transgender.”

A person’s pronouns are simply the way they prefer other people to refer to them in conversation. These include he/him, she/her, and they/them. All of these can be used as singular pronouns, even they/them which are most often used by those who exist outside of the gender binary. (For those who wish to argue, Merriam Webster states that, “they has been in consistent use as a singular pronoun since the late 1300s,” alongside their piece on the value of nonbinary language.)

While little things like pronouns may seem unimportant to people who’ve never had an issue with theirs, it can make a big difference in those who don’t identify with the gender they were assigned at birth. For them, it can be a daily indication of this difference as well as a constant reminder that they aren’t respected and cared about enough for others to take the time to address them properly. It may seem miniscule to those making the mistakes, but making the effort can always affect someone else for the better.

When talking to fellow students, respect is incredibly important and being mindful of the language we use to address one another is a big step in that respect. However, it is just as important, if not more, for teachers to give that same respect to their students, because your actions set the example for everyone around you.

Finally, to those who claim that they aren’t comfortable with someone else’s identity or that they just don’t “get it,” that’s okay. You don’t have to get it. You don’t have to understand. However, you must treat those around you with respect. This is a situation where your actions are going to make the other person far more uncomfortable than them existing will make you. Everyone has the right to exist, but no one has the right to be a bigot.

Introducing *The Roar* 2018-2019 staff

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As we kick off the new school year, *The Roar* has a new staff ready to create the publications for this school year. We added 5 new members to the staff, and have 7 editors with various responsibilities. Since you will be reading stories from these 15 staff writers all year, we would like to take a minute and introduce each of them to you.

Madeline Crowley (12) @madscrewley
Crowley is a returning writer and Co-Editor-In-Chief of the paper. Her hobbies include enjoying life. Her favorite book is *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald. A fun fact about her is that she is a ginger.

Courtney Kirby (12) @coortneykirby
Kirby is a returning writer who is a senior this year. She is a Co-Editor-In-Chief, and participates in Marching Band, Winterguard, Basketball Band, Pizza Club, Creative Writing Club, and NHS. Her favorite book is *Still Here* by Rowan Blanchard, and a fun fact about her is that she loves rat dogs and voodoo dolls.

Kayla Gibbins (12) @kayla_gibbins
Gibbins is a returning staff writer who also serves as Page Layout Editor. Kayla is involved in Marching Band, Winter Guard, Debate Club, Quidditch Club, NHS, Girl Scouts. Her favorite book is *The Book Thief*, by Markus Zusak and a fun fact about her is that she enjoys making friendship bracelets.

Sam Aldrich (12) @samaldrich7
Aldrich is a second year staff writer who is in charge of editing the Columns and Editorials sections of the paper. She participates in Marching Band, Winter Guard, Quidditch Club, Debate Club, and

NHS. Her favorite book is either *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky or *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss. A fun fact about Sam is that she hates white socks with a passion.

Olivia Piziali (12) @loveolivia18
Piziali is a returning staff member. She also works at the library and volunteers for NEST. Her favorite book is *The Kissing*



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Upper Row: Sam Aldrich, Kayla Gibbins, Allison Kiehl, Kyle Faessler, Erik Dullaert, Sam Greenberg, Olivia Piziali, Grisha Tackett, Claire Wallace, and Madeline Crowley
Lower Row: Courtney Kirby, Marissa Kelly, Maddi Saunders, Mihaela Manova, and Anna Svtkovich

Booth by Beth Reekles. A fun fact about Piziali is that she has lived in three states!

Grisha Tackett(12)@TheRealGrishaT
Tackett is a returning staff writer. He also participates in Tennis, Woke Club, and Cross Country. His favorite book is *The Very Hungry Catepillar* by Eric Carle. A fun fact about Tackett is that his favorite color is blue.

Kyle Faessler (12) @Kylejf_10
Faessler is a first year staff writer. He participates in Student Council, Cross Country, Orchestra, Ultimate Club, Unified

Track, and Rec Basketball. His favorite book is *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* by J.K. Rowling. A fun fact about Faessler is that his favorite animal is the panda.

Anna Svtkovich (11) @asvitty
Anna is also a returning writer. She is editor of the Entertainment section, as well as Co-Page Layout Editor. She participates in Varsity Tennis and Tigers in Service.

Her favorite book is *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott. Fitzgerald. A fun fact about Anna is that she is an Aries.

Claire Wallace (11) @ccwallace4
Wallace is a returning staff writer, as well as Features Editor. She also participates in Cross Country, Do It In a Dress, and Tigers in Service. Her favorite book is *Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys. A fun fact about Wallace is that she has been to every country (in Jungle Jim’s) :)

Sam Greenberg (11) @samhgreenberg
Greenberg is a returning staff writer as

well as Sports Editor. He also participates in Tennis and Student Council. His favorite book is *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand. A fun fact about Greenberg is that he likes Math and Science.

Allison Kiehl (11) @kiehla02
Kiehl is a first year staff writer. She also participates in Marching Band, Winter Guard, TAB, Thespians, Cappies, Drama productions, Debate Club, and Youth Group. Her favorite book is *Firefly Lane* by Kristen Hannah. A fun fact about Kiehl is that she hasn’t given me a fun fact.

Marissa Kelly (11) @marisadidas
Kelly is a first year staff writer. She also participates in Girl Scouts, Archery Club, International Club, Theater, and Orchestra. Her favorite book is *They Both Die at the End* by Adam Silvera. A fun fact about Kelly is that she is from New Hampshire and loves it there.

Erik Dullaert (10)
Erik is a first year staff writer as well. He also is a part of the Marching Band. His favorite book is *Unwind* by Neal Shusterman. A fun fact about Erik is that he likes pineapple on pizza.

Mihaela Manova (11)
Mihaela is really passionate about helping kids to learn and prosper. She enjoys working with Nest.

Maddi Saunders (11)
Saunders is a first year staff writer. She participates in Cross Country and Track. Her favorite book is *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. A fun fact about Saunders is that she loves to bake.

We have a talented staff this year, so be sure to look out for new and exciting articles in the 2018-2019 issues from the new staff that is stronger than ever.

Homecoming week: Good clean fun for all students

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Homecoming Week is always an exciting time at Loveland High School. It contains many traditions and promotes a fun rivalry between classes. This year’s Homecoming Week includes new and exciting dress up days while keeping some old favorites. The competition between the 4 classes this year was exciting: this year the senior class beat everyone else.

This year’s dress up days featured new and old ideas. The week is both started and ended with showing as much school spirit as possible, with Monday being class color day which was won by the junior class with **Vivien Terselic (11)**, and Friday being Loveland Spirit Day which was a tie between **Dahlia Guerra-Cardona (9)** and **Caleb Nelson (10)**. America day, which took place on Tuesday, was filled with jorts, American flags and country music, students went all out. “It’s so fun seeing what everyone comes up with to wear on america day! I love all the spirit,” said **Eleanor Cronin (12)**. Wednesday was another student favorite, Pajama Day. Decades Day also made an appearance this year.

Lawn painting took place on Monday. Students from every grade were out participating in painting the grass along the Victory Walk up to the stadium. “**Lily Rohling (10)** came up with our design. I love lawn painting because it’s fun to hang out with friends, make art, and eat pizza,” said **Claire Yoder (10)**. The senior class earned the 1st place prize, 50 points for the class competition. They used a design of a license plate reading “SNRS ‘19.”

Following lawn painting was the parade, powderpuff, volleyball, and the crowning of The Cutest Dog on

Thursday. The parade followed the same route as usual, ending at the high school where Powderpuff and Volleyball took place at the stadium. The seniors won the Powderpuff Tournament. The winner of The Cutest Dog Contest was Harley, who was the senior class dog. On Friday there was an assembly at the end of the day for the remaining competitions. There was a new game of Hungry Hungry Hippos added. It was played on the track and was won by the sophomores. The senior male cheerleading team was the most successful at getting the crowd involved and won 1st place. The seniors also won Tug of War, and the sophomores won the Relay Race. The winners of the cancer free kids fundraiser pie smoosh were able to pie teachers in the face, 5 students were selected.

The Homecoming Game took place on Friday night, where we played Withrow. Loveland was able to beat Withrow with a score of 24-0. The Homecoming Court was announced during homecoming. The freshmen princess and prince was **Nicole Christian (9)** and **Ryan Chevalier (9)**. The sophomore prince and princess was **Joseph Koehne (10)** and **Lillian Hutton (10)**. **Benjamin Wenger (11)** and **Nami Cannon (11)** were the prince and princess for the junior class. The nominees for senior Homecoming King and Queen included: **Marie Plitt**, **Kyle Whitaker**, **Kendall Ewert**, **Diego Griggs**, **Jordan Morrison**, **Ryan Schuetter**, **Nick Rasmussen**, **Samantha Mummert**. The winners of king and queen were **Marie Plitt** and **Kyle Whitaker**. The last part of Homecoming Week is the very popular Homecoming Dance. This year it took place in the auxiliary gym, other years it was in the cafeteria, or outside. The Saturday night dance sold over 1100 tickets. The dance was a good time for all students.

Next year’s Homecoming Week and future Spirit Weeks are already highly anticipated.

Freshman focus

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Hey guys, welcome to the new school year. With this new year, there are a ton of new faces. While the upperclassmen seem scary to most freshmen, and most upperclassmen are easily annoyed by the newbies, there are some cool things that these freshies are doing.

The very first freshman who decided to be brave for this column is **Macy Klosterman (9)**. Klosterman is active in her grade, from being on the tennis team and playing basketball to being Vice President of her class. “I’m so happy that I joined student council.” says Klosterman.

“My favorite upperclassman at the moment is **Kaitlyn Andrews (11)** because she drives me to school every morning. It lets me get a few extra minutes of sleep. And then all her friends talk to me and they’re funny,” says Klosterman, “I also really like **Claire Wallace (11)**.”

Over the long summer break, Klosterman spent some of her time at an overnight camp. “It was such a fun week and I made so many new friends,” says Klosterman. But she also did some pretty crazy things over the summer too. “This summer I jumped off a 40 foot bridge over water. I was so fun.”

After such a fun summer, figuring out a new school can be tough, “The school is definitely bigger and it’s harder to get to my classes on time,. In middle school it was easier because my classes were right next to each other. One time I was walking and I tripped. Luckily I caught myself before I fell on the person’s legs in front of me.” Falling up or down the stairs is something that every Loveland student experiences at least once. Besides almost wiping out, Klosterman is definitely enjoying the school year and is already fitting right in with other high schoolers after she jokingly said, “I hate school.” On a more positive note, Klosterman really likes her teachers. “Before high school started I always heard that Mr. Hutzel was a really good teacher, and so far he’s living up to what I’ve heard about him. He’s really funny and stuff,” says Klosterman.

Freshmen year can be a struggle, but getting to know students, teachers, and other faculty members can be a big help in figuring out the year.

Pet peeves create an annoyance in people’s daily lives

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Have you ever heard nails on a chalkboard and wanted to cringe? Do you hate when people smack their lips? Do you groan when you encounter a slow walker or driver? If the answers to any of these questions are yes, you might call these your pet peeves. *Merriam-Webster Dictionary* defines a pet peeve as “a frequent subject of complaint.” Let’s find out more about why we have pet peeves and what all of it means.

Busile categorizes pet peeves into two categories: irritation and disgust. The irritation type of pet peeves involves behaviors such as bad parking, rude servers, and incorrect grammar. Disgust type pet peeves includes loud chewing and a dog’s business being left uncollected. We, as people, dislike when things are interrupted or things

that make our health feel endangered.

One of the most common pet peeves is nails on a chalkboard. It’s one of the most popular noises that receives a bad reaction. According to a 2012 study conducted by MIT, we hate sounds most when they have a high frequency or when they sound rough. A vibrating, scraping noise of the chalk mimicked a scream by monkeys which would automatically make us want to go as far away as possible.

At Loveland High School, there are some common pet peeves that students have about other students. **Rachel Noe (12)** doesn’t like “when people crowd the hallways or stand in front of lockers. It makes it difficult when you’re in a hurry trying to get to your next class.” Another common pet peeve is PDA and many people with this pet peeve believe that PDA should only be allowed outside of school.

In addition, a heated debate is the word “moist.” Researchers believe that words that refer to a gross, dirty,

or forbidden act cause a disturbance amongst people. A professor told *Mic.com*, “if somebody finds a word disgusting, you’re more likely to be more aware of its disgusting possibilities.” In an article, *Refinery29* explains a study that they found that gives three possible theories as to why people hate the word “moist.” The first is the sound of the word. When we say the word “moist,” we use the same facial muscles when we experience something disgusting. The second theory is connotation. The word has a positive connotation when thinking of chocolate cake and a negative connotation when thinking of snot. The last theory is social transmission. If one person dislikes the word, more than likely someone else will too.

In reality, everyone has things that annoy them and makes them want to scream. Whether it’s loud chewers, slow walkers, or disturbing words, everyone has that one habit that will take them over the edge. It just takes practice to control our tempers when it comes to these pet peeves.

Loveland celebrates anniversary of the fire

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A little more than a year ago, on May 29, 2017, A fire lit up the night, destroying a building in Historic Loveland known as the Bishop Building. This building was the home to five residents and multiple businesses including Tano’s Bistro, Bike Trail Junction, the real estate business of Gina Dubell-Smith, and Cincy Fashion Wheels. This fire was a tragic loss to both the businesses and the people of Loveland, even though no one was injured that night.

In 2017, the first “Loveland Strong” support was displayed to help those affected by the destruction that came with the flames. Money was raised and donated to the families who felt the loss the hardest, as well as helping to support residents in finding housing and former employees finding new jobs. Now in 2018, the Loveland

community gathered again in support of one another. On September 14-16, the “Loveland Strong” Street Fest was thrown in the streets of a town celebrating the construction of the Bishop Building and the anniversary of the first “Loveland Strong” fest, held last year. To mark this jubilant occasion, there was live music, a mini-triathlon, and fireworks.

Originally, the Bishop Building was to be completed for the fest. As it can be observed, the building is still closed to the public. All except for the sidewalk in front of the construction. This building has seen much change in the past year, not only the structural rebuilding, but also the businesses and people who inhabit the space. Tano’s has remained in its original location with some new improvements to the space. According to the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, a rooftop bar is one of the most visible additions to the restaurant. Diners now have the opportunity to eat their meals with a fantastic view of the downtown

streets. The Bike Trail Junction is also open again for business under a new name. Unfortunately, a few of the shops that were affected by the fire could not wait the yearlong gap to resume their services. All of the original stores that have relocated still reside in the Historic Loveland District. Comey and Shepherd is open again in their new location. Cincy Fashion Wheels is also open again to the public, however this time under the name “Alley Boutique.”

It has only been a little over a year since the fire in the Bishop Building devastated the Loveland community. Lots of progress has been made in the historic district of Loveland to reopen all these shops to the public. It has been a long road since the night of May 29, 2017, yet still a town gathers to celebrate neighbors helping out one another. This town has risen up stronger than ever. Loveland Strong.

Exploitation of straws leads to consequences

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The banning of plastic straws has become a popular movement in the past few months, but certain companies are using it as a means to capitalize upon the desire to change. The “plastic straw movement” has become increasingly popular as people continue to realize how harmful plastic is for the environment. One video posted on *YouTube* back in 2015 of a sea turtle with a plastic straw lodged in its nostril has also recently gained awareness, thus striking the match that started the movement. Although the movement has become less popular over the past month, it still is relevant and, unfortunately, even multi-million dollar companies seem to want to exploit it.

Overall, isn’t the straw movement helpful? Well, according to the Plastic Pollution Coalition, over 500,000,000 plastic straws are used daily in the United States. Plastic straws are even one of the top ten most common pieces of trash found on the beach. By eradicating these nonbiodegradable items, we’d be greatly helping the environment. Some cities, such as Seattle, according to *Eater*, have announced a ban on plastic straws, along with certain companies, such as Starbucks, who announced

that they’d be switching to sippy-cup-like lids circa 2020. They also recently started to sell paper straws wrapped in a small, plastic bag. When asked about her thoughts on Starbucks ditching the straws, **Erin Smith (11)** said, “I think if it can be easily and successfully done, it’s a good idea because plastic straws are a large amount of waste in our oceans, harming the wildlife, including some that we eat.” Unfortunately for the environment, however, these new lids are made out of a certain, complex type of plastic-polypropylene, or plastic number five, according to *Fast Company*--that the U.S. just gave to China. But China has also recently decided that they don’t want our plastic waste anymore. Many cities have chosen to ban this type of plastic since many recyclers can no longer find ways to reprocess complex materials such as polypropylene.

With Starbucks getting rid of straws, many other food companies are expected to follow suit. By doing so, they’d be creating an even worse plastic problem--one that probably wouldn’t be fixed with just recycling. While plastic straws are considered one of the top ten most common trash items abandoned on beaches, they still only make up about .03% of all of the plastic in the oceans, according to the Ocean Conservancy’s 2017 Coastal Cleanup Report. The report also stated that 42% of the ocean’s plastic comes from abandoned fishing equipment, such as plastic fishing nets.

On the other hand, this movement has the power to be the first stepping stone towards eradicating plastic. A theory that *Vox*, a news website similar to *CNN*, mentioned called “spillover” states that engaging in a certain behavior, such as getting rid of plastic straws, can motivate humans to engage in more or less of this kind of behavior. Therefore, if there was negative spillover, it’s possible that people would end up using more plastic in response to this, but positive spillover would advocate for less plastic in general. Overall, the plastic movement can be both a help and a hindrance. Either way, the movement starts with us, and we can choose to do something beneficial or we can

continue with what we’ve always been doing. The people are our only hope.



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According to this image, there is a lot of compost on beaches. Many Starbucks locations banned the use of plastic straws and instead, provided a plastic sippy cup lid.

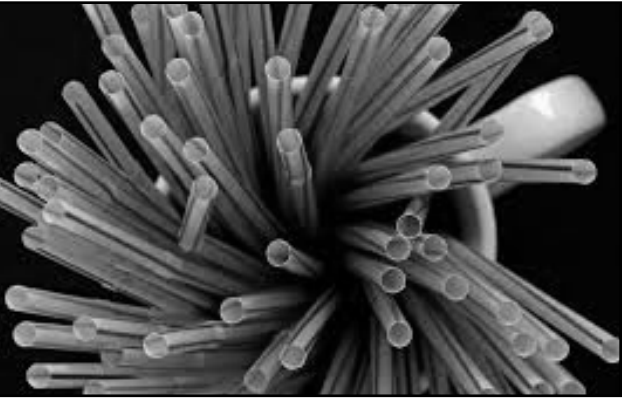


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Netflix’s *To All the Boys I’ve Loved Before* becomes a smash hit

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On August 17th, Jenny Han’s beloved novel, *To All The Boys I’ve Loved Before*, premiered its Netflix film adaptation to millions of rom-com lovers. The movie revolves around sixteen year old Lara Jean Covey, who decides to write five love letters to her crushes. One being Peter Kavinsky, her crush from seventh grade who becomes a popular jock later in high school, and another being Josh Sanderson, the boy-next-door who also happens to date her older sister, Margot. All of a sudden, her letters are mysteriously sent out. In a turn of events, Lara Jean develops a fake romantic relationship with Peter to make Josh jealous, but her feelings end up being something more.

The cast has some recognizable faces to grace the screen. Janel Parrish stars as Margot Covey and can be recognized for her role in *Pretty Little Liars* as Mona. Noah Centineo plays Peter Kavinsky and can be recognized for his role as Jesus in *The Fosters* and diehard Disney Channel fans may recognize him from his small role as Dallas on *Austin and Ally*. One actress that is new to most people’s faces is Lana Condor, who plays the lead role of Lara Jean. Even though she has only had small acting roles to date, *Variety Magazine* claims “the movie’s charm owes to her performance.”

In 2018, Hollywood is turning into a more diverse landscape. *Black Panther* and *Crazy Rich Asians* have both turned Hollywood down a new path and *To All the Boys I’ve Loved Before* is following suit considering the film’s lead actress is of Asian-American descent. In an interview with *People Magazine*, the author of the novel, Jenny Han explains that, “the shift is happening because there are more creators of color who are telling their stories. When you have that, you have someone who is really invested in seeing the story told the way they imagined it.” **Maria Reich (12)** agreed by saying, “I liked that the leading female in the film was of Asian descent. Asian people aren’t represented in major movies in today’s world and I like seeing diversity in today’s world.” Hopefully, more and more films and shows like this one will broaden the roles in Hollywood.

The film has not just brought diverse looks into play, but diverse culture as well. One drink in the movie that is receiving some recognition is Yakult. In the film, Lara Jean drinks a Korean yogurt smoothie as referred to in the movie, which is similar to a Danimal in America. According to *The Daily Mail*, “Yakult sales have soared by 2.6 percent.” Yakult has been available in the United States since 1999, but has gained more popularity since the movie has been released.

There are many fan-favorite moments in the film. *Bustle* states that the way Peter looks at Lara Jean is how, “everyone wants to be looked at by the person who loves them.” Fans also love the homage to John Hughes given the movie has an ‘80s teen flick feel. Many fans also love the relatability of Lara Jean. She wears scrunchies, doesn’t care that her room is messy, and loves to binge watch her favorite shows and movies. Often times, movie characters aren’t the easiest to relate to, but Lara Jean is the epitome of a typical teenage girl.

Entertainment Weekly called the film “a lightweight teen rom-com that is breezy and charming to be watched repeatedly over and over again. As of lately, Netflix is making romantic comedy movies geared towards teenagers like *The Kissing*

Booth and *To All the Boys I’ve Loved Before*. These movies are becoming all the buzz because people can enjoy comedy and drama all in one. *To All the Boys I’ve Loved Before* is on the road to becoming a teen movie classic.



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(Pictured Above) Noah Centineo, who played Peter Kavinsky.



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(Pictured Left) Lana Condor, who played Laura Jean Covey.

Fall Premiere Dates

TV shows coming out this fall

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Show	Season	Day	Date	Network
<i>Bob’s Burgers</i>	9	Sunday	September 30th	Fox
<i>Family Guy</i>	17	Sunday	September 30th	Fox
<i>NCIS: Los Angeles</i>	10	Sunday	September 30th	CBS
<i>The Simpsons</i>	30	Sunday	September 30th	Fox
<i>Happy Together</i>	1 - New	Monday	October 1st	CBS
<i>Criminal Minds</i>	14	Wednesday	October 3rd	CBS
<i>Will & Grace</i>	10	Thursday	October 4th	NBC
<i>Shark Tank</i>	10	Sunday	October 7th	ABC
<i>The Flash</i>	5	Tuesday	October 9th	CW
<i>Black Lightning</i>	2	Tuesday	October 9th	CW
<i>Riverdale</i>	3	Wednesday	October 10th	CW
<i>Supernatural</i>	14	Thursday	October 11th	CW
<i>Blindspot</i>	4	Friday	October 12th	NBC
<i>Crazy Ex-Girlfriend</i>	4	Friday	October 12th	CW
<i>Dynasty</i>	2	Friday	October 12th	CW
<i>Charmed</i>	1 - New	Sunday	October 14th	CW
<i>Supergirl</i>	4	Sunday	October 14th	CW
<i>Arrow</i>	7	Monday	October 15th	CW
<i>Black-ish</i>	5	Tuesday	October 16th	ABC
<i>Chilling Adventures Of Sabrina</i>	1 - New	Friday	October 26th	CW
<i>House of Cards</i>	6	Friday	November 2nd	Netflix
<i>Outlander</i>	4	Sunday	November 4th	Starz

DISCLAIMER: There are other shows premiering in this time frame; the shows listed here are ranked most popular according to IMDB.com



Photo courtesy of Flickr
Oliver Queen, played by Stephen Amell, from *Arrow* on the CW.



Photo courtesy of Flickr
Kara Zor-El, played by Melissa Benoist, from *Supergirl* on the CW.

Cross Country Hosts First Home Meet In Four Years

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The 2018 Loveland Cross Country team has high hopes heading into the new season. Lots of new faces make up an enthusiastic team, ready to take on a challenge. Cross country hosted their first annual home meet in four years on Saturday, September 1, breaking records and making memories. The invitational hosted nearly 800 runners from 11 different middle schools and 12 different high schools. It was a community event that brought together runners from across Greater Cincinnati and many community members came out to support all the runners. The race was organized and managed by Loveland Cross Country parents. Other contributors to the event were Symmes Township, Loveland Athletic Department, and Loveland Athletic Boosters.

Loveland dominated from start to

finish, placing first in all races. In the high school boys open race, **Alex Ditchen (12)**, **Stefan De Jongh (10)**, **Thomas Gear (12)**, **Colin Beran (10)**, **Chris Kuhn (11)**, **Sam Richardson (12)**, and **Kyle Faessler (12)** placed in the top ten. Overall, **Greg Ballman (12)**, **Ryan Chevalier (9)**, **Matt Huether (12)**, **Nathaniel Fleenor (12)**, **Brian Van Smith (10)**, **Kyle Griffin (11)**, and **Sam Dippold (11)** placed in the top seven. **Ryan Chevalier (9)** says, “It was fun to run at home, I can’t wait to do it again.”

In the high school girls open, **Lexi Duff (11)**, **Kirsten Thomas (11)**, **Audrey O’Keefe (9)**, **Claire Dwyer (11)**, **Skylar Daumeyer (10)**, **Allie Fogel (10)**, **Bella Dillhoff (9)**, **Sarah Hallock (11)**, **Maddie Saunders (11)**, and **Laura Crowley (9)** placed in the top ten. Overall, **Jessie Gibbins (9)**, **Ellie Carr (10)**, and **Maiike Snider (9)** placed in the top seven.

Brady Steiner was the overall winner for the middle school boys open and Ellie Zicka came in second place for the middle school girls division. Coaches, organizers, school faculty, and parents would agree that the invite was a success. **Cindy Daumeyer**, one of the organizers of the event says, “The park was the perfect setting for the course and we heard from visiting teams as well as our home team how much they enjoyed the park and the course.” **Steve Nester**, head coach of the teams says, “It was wonderful having a home meet again. Mr. & Mrs. Daumeyer and other parents did a wonderful job organizing it and developing the course. We were fortunate to have great weather and many spectators at our new Home of the Brave course.”

Students such as **Autumn Folzenlogen (11)** were pleased with the turnout as well. “It was so much fun to see everyone do

so well! Even though I didn’t get to run, it was such a fun experience at the home meet and I can’t wait for next year! I’m so proud of my team.”

There is an attitude of gratitude permeating around the team and it is evident in senior **Sydney Cree (12)** who says, “FINALLY! That was my first reaction when I heard we’d be getting a home meet after four years. It honestly made me so emotional to see all the hard work that the parents put in to create a beautiful meet for us. I’m glad I got to run our new home course and couldn’t be prouder of everyone who contributed to help us win the home invite.”

There is a heightened amount of optimism heading into the rest of the season after the results of the home meet so if you get a chance, run...don’t walk... to a cross country meet this fall and cheer on our tigers!



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Tiger Athlete Spotlight: Sean McElveen

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With the new football season for the Loveland Tigers only a few games in, there have been early indications as to who will play key roles as the season progresses. Number twenty **Sean McElveen (11)**, looks to be filling one of those roles.

McElveen has made an impact on both sides of the ball, playing the wide-receiver and safety positions. It is common for a football player to play both ways in high school. However, for McElveen, it is his first year playing high school football.

In just his first year, McElveen has cemented himself as an essential piece of the Tiger offense and defense. “It’s great having him, he is very athletic and has a great work ethic,” Teacher and defensive line coach **Chris Herbert** said. “I love what he’s brought to this program.”

“Sean is a great leader on and off the field, he pushes

everyone to do their job, and do it well. When watching someone as athletic as Sean you sometimes find yourself watching incredible plays he makes,” outside linebacker/safety **Zach Owens (11)** said.

As a two-sport varsity athlete with basketball and lacrosse, McElveen felt the urge to add football to fill his fall season athletic vacancy. One important reason that motivated McElveen to join the team for his junior year had to do with Loveland’s 2017 record of 1-9. “A lot of people who should’ve played football talked down on the team last season,” McElveen said. “I couldn’t call them soft because I didn’t play either—so I decided I needed to play.”

On August 24, in the first game of the season against Sycamore, McElveen finished the game with three receptions for 53 yards, one of them a 40 yard reception thrown by quarterback **Rhylee Hamill (12)**. A week later against Lebanon, McElveen caught his first career touchdown pass. “Catching my first touchdown was an

amazing feeling. Hamill threw me a great ball, so I didn’t have to do a lot of work,” McElveen said.

Despite his achievements on the offensive side of the ball, McElveen prefers playing defense. “I definitely like playing safety more because I like the physicality of defense,” he said. As a safety, McElveen is the last line of defense, requiring him to be a strong, reliable tackler with a solid football IQ and the ability to read offenses.

For some students, those qualities are easily recognizable. Loveland Football fan **Collin Hedgepeth (11)** said, “When I watch Sean play, I am inspired. I think: ‘Look at that physical specimen—he’s a purebred athlete sent from the gods.’”

McElveen expressed excitement for the remainder of the season, saying, “I look forward to playing with my brothers this season and learning as much as I can about the game.” As the Tigers continue their season, make sure to keep an eye out for junior wide-receiver/safety Sean McElveen.

Loveland holds dodgeball tournament for charity

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Loveland’s student council held its first dodgeball tournament in support of “A Kid Again Charity.” Teams consisting of students from all grades lined up to test their skills on the court. Members of the winning team received a medal, gift card, and bragging rights as the first ever winners.

“A Kid Again” is a charity that focuses on helping children who are suffering from a serious illness as well as their families during these tough times. They strive to help children with a life-threatening illness live a relatively normal life by giving them positive opportunities and experiences. The charity hosts events such as go-karting, magic shows, and much more. Last year, the

charity helped over 12,000 struggling and underprepared families. Since it was founded over 20 years ago, “A Kid Again” has served over 206,000 children.

The student council charged a \$10 fee per person on each team in order to raise money for the charity. Eight teams with ten students on each team came out to support a great cause. All teams dressed up to compete for the best costume prize. The Fruity Freshman won, impressing their judges with their fruity themed coordination.

The ultimate winner of the tournament was team Throwbacks. The team consisted of Kyle Faessler (12), Kyle Becker (12), Andrew Ingal (12), Sam Krimins (12), Greg Ballman (12), Matthew Huether (12), Diego Griggs (12), Grisha Tackett (12), Jacob Danner (12), and Ryan Schuetter (12). The team won its first game against the Gym Class Heroes but lost its second round to the Sitting Ducks, a team also consisting of all seniors. The Throw-

backs barreled through the losers bracket beating team Jerzday Thursday and the Fruity Freshmen. They faced the Sitting Ducks again, coming out victorious in the end. The finals of the tournament was between team Slumdog Millionaires and the Throwbacks. Going into the finals, team Slumdog Millionaires was undefeated and only had to win one game. According to tournament rules, team Throwbacks had to win two games, since they had lost one to the Sitting Ducks. The Throwbacks won the first game and headed into the second where Krimins threw the winning ball, ultimately eliminating the opponent. The student council was able to get students involved in a fun and active way, as well as raise money for a great cause. The tournament is expected to become an annual event at Loveland High School, hopefully getting more and more students to participate in supporting a great cause.

Williams faces challenges from tennis officials

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Everyone knows Serena Williams. Tennis player. Sister. Mom. Model. Wife. Business owner. Activist. Sometimes referred to as the *best* female athlete ever, the girl from Compton has worked her way to 23 Grand Slam wins, becoming number one in the world multiple times. Her serve speed reaches over 100 mph consistently, and her forehand is described as “ultimate.” Despite her domination on the court, Serena has faced challenges medically, athletically, mentally, and socially, and has persevered through all.

Williams just recently returned to tennis at the US Open in September, placing second, behind Japanese player Naomi Osaka. However, Serena’s placement isn’t the only thing putting her in the spotlight.

During the match against Osaka, Williams lost the first set. During the second set, Williams was given a warning by chair umpire Carlos Ramos, because Williams’ coach, Patrick Mouratoglou, was illegally coaching her from the player box. Serena confronted Ramos stating that he was only giving her a thumbs up and she “would never cheat to win. [She] would rather lose.” Since then, Mouratoglou has admitted he was coaching her, but pointed out the unfairness because Osaka’s coach was coaching as well. A couple games later, Williams was frustrated with her play, understandably, and threw her racket at the ground, mangling it. Ramos took it upon himself to declare this unsportsmanlike, resulting in a point deduction (a point given to Osaka without playing). Williams was upset and rattled by this, and began to barade Ramos stating he was a “liar” and “thief.” “You stole a point from me! You’re a thief, too!” argued Williams. This statement qualified as “verbal abuse” according to the chair umpire, giving him the authority to dock Williams an entire game. Williams lost the final set 4-6, resulting in a runner-up plate instead of a first place trophy.

Though the match was less graceful than we are used to seeing from the star, Williams upheld her role-model status at the trophy ceremony, where she encouraged her fans to cheer for her opponent’s win. Osaka had stated in an earlier match her dream was to play Serena Williams in a final match and apologized for winning saying, “I know that everyone was cheering for her. I’m sorry it had to end like this. I just want to say thank you for watching the match,” said Osaka.

Since the match, Williams has stated her overall position on the controversy, her main point being sexism on the court. “I’m here fighting for women’s rights and for women’s equality and for all kinds of stuff. For me to say ‘thief’ and for him to take a game, it made me feel like it was a sexist remark,” she said. “He’s never taken

a game from a man because they said ‘thief.’ For me it blows my mind.”

Serena started the tournament in a ranking lower than the 100s, forced to play an extra round the ruling player isn’t used to. However, before the first round even began, Williams was notified that her Nike catsuit, designed to prevent her life-threatening blood clots, had been banned, not from the US Open, but from the French Open. The president of the tournament stated that the reason they decided against the catsuit was because it was an issue of “respecting the game,” to which many Serena fans responded negatively on Twitter. “‘Respect the game?’ Serena Williams IS the game,” stated one user.

The blood clots have been a major problem for Serena. Though Williams has described her recent pregnancy and birth of her daughter Alexis Olympia, whom she had with now-husband Alex Ohanian, as “an amazing feeling,” she

“It’s what makes me great. Everyone always plays me at their greatest, so I have to be greater.”
- *Serena Williams*

revealed that she faced complications after her C-section during childbirth. Williams was forced to be on bedrest her first six months of motherhood.

Instead of “clapping back” with any negative words or actions towards the tournament, Williams showed up to the US Open, not in her catsuit, but in a tutu. The dress was designed by Nike, who collaborated with contemporary designer Virgil Abloh (creator of *Off-White*). Williams has showed up in both a blue and black tutu, along with her signature curls and ankle braces.

Though they did nothing about Serena’s predicament, the US Open came under fire due to an official giving a warning for unsportsmanlike conduct on French player Alize Cornet for switching her shirt on the court. Since

male tennis players have been able to change their shirts on the court without question, many challenged the double standard for tennis players. Since then the official has apologized, and the tournament has changed its policy, allowing for anyone to change his or her shirt as long as it follows the time requirement.

Many people questioned if the superstar would return at all. Williams had stated many times how much she loved being a mother and wished she could stay home to support her child full-time. There was also a question of her age. Being such a conquering athlete, going through such a complicated pregnancy, and then trying to return at age 36 is not an easy task. Williams quickly passed on the rumor stating in a recent *Vogue* article that, “At my age, I see the finish line. And when you see the finish line, you don’t slow down. You speed up.”

Williams has also faced more praise (and some backlash) in her recent Nike commercial, narrated by controversial quarterback Colin Kaepernick. Some have deemed the commercial “unpatriotic” due to Kaepernick’s National Anthem kneeling, while others see the commercial as “moving” and “inspiring.”

Regardless of Williams’ advertisements, the star has been quite an inspiration for tennis players everywhere. **Peyton Beller (12)**, captain and first singles player on the LHS Varsity Tennis Team certainly agrees, “I love Serena,” stated Beller. “I think she is a strong woman who represents US tennis really well. I enjoy the fact that she works so hard and never quits. She’s just a great athlete and is a huge inspiration me.”

No matter the person, no matter the problem, Serena Williams has proven time and time again to be a constant motivation and projects an attitude that everyone should try and imitate.



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Serena Williams plays her tennis match wearing her new tutu. She was forced to stop wearing her leotard during the French Open.

Loveland’s Adam Engel Shining in MLB

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Adam Engel is catching the MLB by storm this season... literally. The former Loveland football, basketball, and baseball standout made headlines playing for the Chicago White Sox this summer after he robbed not one, not two, but three home runs in the same week. Unheard of in the modern game, Engel flashed his video game-like glove first on Monday, August 6 robbing the Yankees’ Greg Bird of a three-run shot. He came right back the next day snagging a would-be home run off the bat of Kyle Higashioka on Tuesday, and wrapped up the week with his third home run robbery and a go-ahead blast of his own.

Selected in the 19th round of the 2013 MLB Amateur Draft out of the University of Louisville, Engel has spent his entire career within the Chicago White Sox organization. After spending nearly four years in the minors, he became one of only a handful of Loveland graduates to play professionally. Engel became an everyday player toward the end of the 2017 season, and has spent the majority of the current season penciled in as the White Sox center fielder.

During his first real season as a starter, Engel has been making stellar defence look commonplace. He’s tied for the major league leader among center-fielders in

fewest errors with just seven, and according to Statcast’s Defensive Runs Saved metrics he’s the third best defensive outfielder in the game. All things being equal, he should be in the running for an American League Gold-Glove, an award given at the end of the season to the best defensive player at each position. Not bad for a kid who grew up in Loveland.

Inducted into the Loveland Athletic Hall of Fame this past winter, Adam spent some time back in Loveland during the offseason. A member of the LHS Class of 2010, he’s often not remembered for what he did off the field, but for what he did inside and around the school. “I was always so impressed with his level of respect and politeness and how humble he was, despite being one of the obvious athletic all-stars at LHS. Adam is a great example of a well-rounded athlete, as he excelled at football, basketball and baseball, sadly this is a bit rare today,” recalls Kristin Scherman (Biology). A true multi-sport athlete, Engel’s influence extended beyond the baseball diamond.

“When I think of Adam [I remember] how competitive and coachable he was,” remembers retired head basketball coach Tim Partin. “For the first two weeks of practice, the year he played basketball, I made him guard Woz (Former Loveland star athlete Brian Wozniak who went on to play Tight End for the University of Wisconsin). Those two weeks were the hardest Woz had to work in the four years

he played for me. Adam took our team competitiveness to a whole new level.”

Now, as Engel suits up for the White Sox day in and day out, there’s no question that the very same intangibles and athleticism that he brought to Loveland will continue to define him as he looks to continue to become one of the best in baseball.



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Adam Engel leaps to catch a fly ball. He left people in the crowd stunned as they watched him leap for the ball.

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Homecoming

Activities



The Seniors pose by the winning lawn painting.



The Marching Band leads the parade up Rich Road.



The Junior male cheerleaders perform their routine at the pep rally.

Spirit Week



Tuesday: America Day



Friday: Spirit Day



Wednesday: Pajama Day



Thursday: Decades Day

Homecoming Court

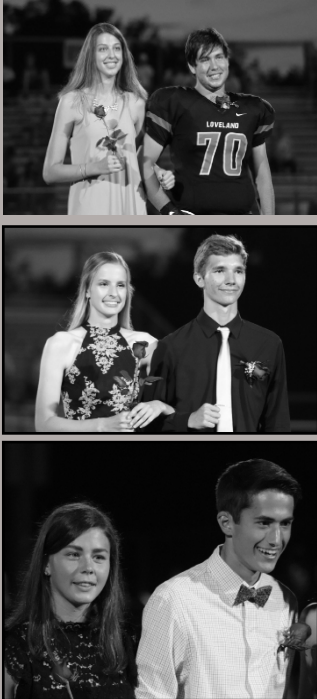
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King and Queen



Marie Plitt and Kyle Whitaker

Senior Court



Princes and Princesses Juniors



Nami Cannon and Benjamin Wenger

Sophomores



Lillian Hutton and Joseph Koehne

Freshmen

Coley Christian and Ryan Chevalier

