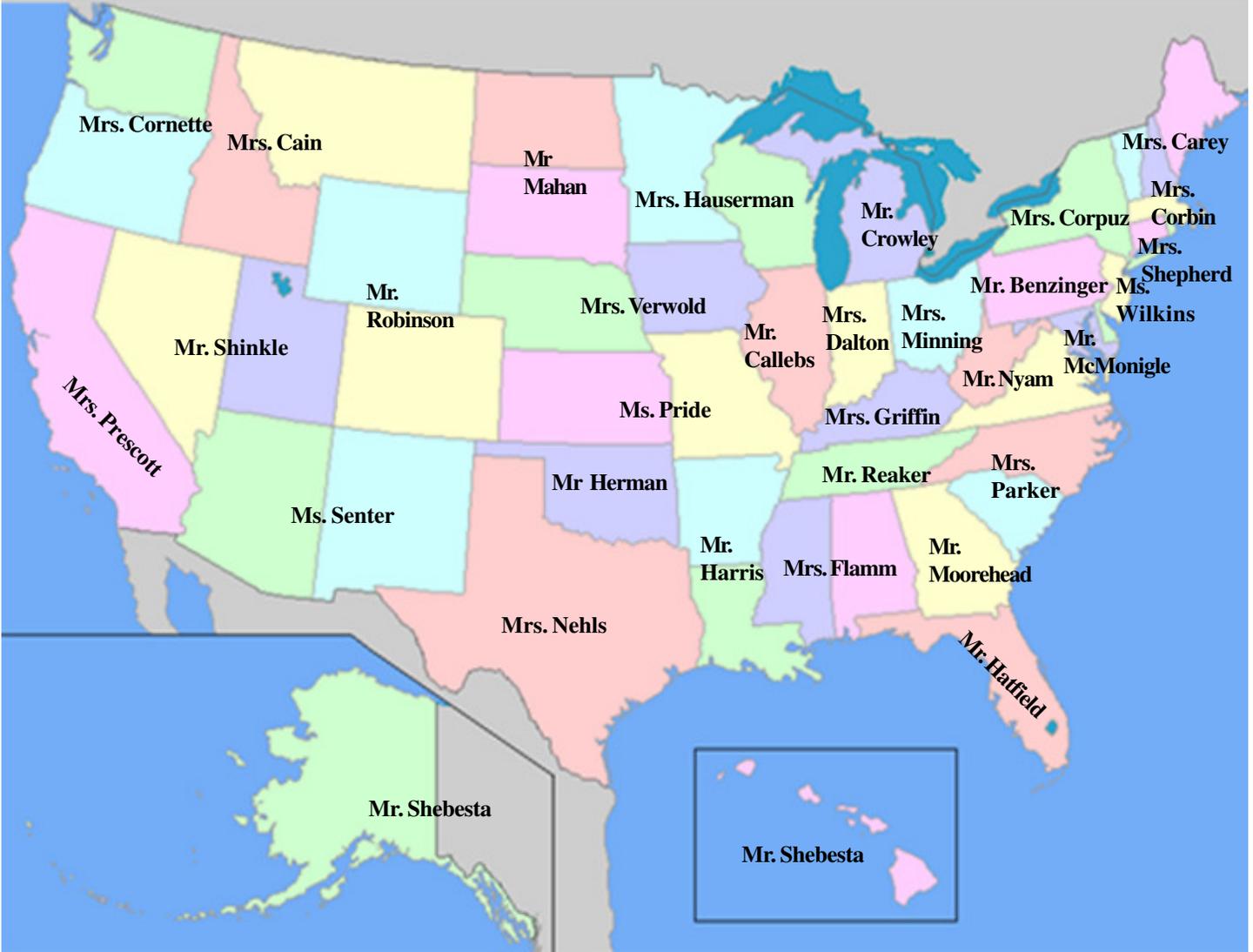


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NRHS marching band to host craft fair

High hopes for a successful fundraiser

By Christin Gray and Josie Buckingham

The New Richmond High School Marching Band is in need of new uniforms. So what better way to help fund these pricey outfits than have a fun event. On Saturday, December 8, 2012, New Richmond High School will be hosting the First Annual Winter Craft and Activity Fair.

"We are currently trying to raise

funds to purchase new uniforms, hats, and raincoats for the band. We need to come up with nearly \$40,000. Although this number is staggering, it is for a comparatively basic uniform and the life expectancy is over 12 years," said band director Michael McKinley.

Principal Mark Bailey was the

band director the last time NRHS had to purchase the current uniforms. The band is currently on their 20th year in use of the uniforms. Definitely time for some new ones!

"They have held up well because they have been taken care of. However, the past few seasons we have had to do a lot of mending and repairing," said McKinley.

The Craft Show will go from 9a.m. to 5p.m. and will include many vendors. From Christmas ornaments to blankets, there is something for everyone. There will be a variety of baked goodies, Zumba, swimming, a book sale, a raffle, kids craft room and lots of fun for the whole community.

Librarian, Joyce Montgomery,

and English teacher, Susan Griffin have been working hard to organize this entire event. They both believe that the turnout will be positive and very successful.

"We wanted to plan an event that would offer a variety of activities. People can shop, then sit down and eat, or they can do Zumba and then shop afterwards. Parents can also drop kids off at the pool or in the kids craft room and shop," said Griffin

Last year, a similar event was held for a different cause, with the proceeds going toward the funds for a New Richmond High School graduate, Nate Kramer, suffering from leukemia. Since that event was so successful, the hopes for this year's Craft Fair are high.



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With hopes of a successful fundraiser, NRHS hopes to raise a good amount. "I'd like to raise \$10,000, but that might be a bit too optimistic for the first year for the event," said Griffin.

So far, the band has been able to raise over \$3,000 for uniforms. They expect the Craft Fair to greatly help the fund. Even after this event, the fundraising efforts will still be an ongoing goal.

"All of our fundraising efforts have gone towards this goal of getting new uniforms. We will be at or exceeding 100 members in two years, and hope to be able

to purchase new uniforms by then. Our inventory of raincoats isn't sufficient for the number of students we currently have," said McKinley.

All vendors are welcome to attend the event and applications are still being accepted. Whether you own a business or have an in home project, all are welcome. There is a \$25 application fee to reserve a table for your merchandise.

Montgomery has donated a lot of her time to searching for vendors at many different art and craft shows and festivals.

"We have new vendors, May and Paul Tagher, who run MAYcreations. It is a family owned and operated jewelry operation, location in Walton, Kentucky," said Montgomery. The Tagher's are clay bead artists and do all of their work by hand. They will be designing an NR Lions clay bead coordinating with paw print beads to make bracelets and earrings to sell.



cards, jewelry, Jamberry nails, cosmetics, handmade pottery, lotions and candles, application dolls and quilted items, books, homemade jams and jellies, primitive crafts, origami owl, living lockets, lighted wine bottles as well as pine lane soups made from goat milk.

Montgomery added, "I am excited for them to come and give us new Lion spirit wear, and to show every their creativity."

Many different vendors will be at the Craft Show selling merchandise with all sorts of interests. Things such as ornaments, wooden bears, handmade greeting

"It has been hard trying to get vendors to participate, but we look forward to the many that will be here. We hope for a huge success and we will be able to contribute a lot to the new uniforms," said Montgomery.

Like last year's fundraiser for Nate Kramer, Zumba will be going on in the NRHS multi-purpose room for \$5 per person. There will be an open swim in the NRHS pool, also for \$5 per person. A raffle, featuring homemade crafts and holiday goodies, will be going on in the cafeteria. A food drive for the New Richmond Food Pantry as well as food concession and a bake sale will also be going on in the cafeteria.

Griffin said she hopes to have nearly a hundred arts and crafts vendors will be spread throughout the floors of the high school.

In addition to everything else going on for this event, there will also be a book sale. The library was recently cleaned out, and old books will be on sale to anyone who wants them. Each book will only cost a dollar.

For more information, please contact Sue Griffin, NRHS; 513-553-3191 ext. 10204, or 513-535-5407; griffin_s@nrschools.org. To register as a vendor, please contact Joyce Montgomery, NRHS; 513-553-3191 ext. 10207, or montgomery_j@nrschools.org.

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NRHS implements new math program

Students are introduced to a new online based math program

By: Chandler Cochran and Caleb Branson

At the beginning of this school year, a new math curriculum was introduced to New Richmond High School. The new program is called Math 9. It is the new standard math class for freshman this year. Eventually, Math 10 and Math 11 will be implemented as well for sophomores and juniors. Math teacher Carla Corbin is teaching the new class.

"Math 9 was implemented in response to the new Common Core State Standard for Math and we chose to take the integrated pathway, because we thought it was more coherent this way." Corbin also went on to say, "The plan is to implement Math 10 next year and Math 11 the following. There will not be a Math 12; that will still be pre-cal and calculus, or the other math electives like trig and stats."

There are mixed emotions about the new Math 9 program, which is nearly a completely computer-based program. The one problem Math 9 has, with everything being on the computer, is if a student does not have a computer at home. "The only thing not on the computer is tests, quizzes, and notes," said freshman Jacob Branson.

NRHS math teacher, Carla Corbin had answers to all of the questions being asked about the new course. "Students who do not have a computer at home can go to the computer lab that is open for an hour every day after school. There are also computers at the public library or the Boys and Girls club teen center in the village that they could use."

Nearly all of the students sur-

veyed actually liked Math 9 better than any other math class they have ever taken. When asked to name one thing they didn't like about Math 9, most couldn't name a single thing!

Freshman Gregory Beasley said he likes the new program quite a bit. "I enjoy Math 9 it's easy and simple, plus I actually know this stuff!"

Bobby Sarbell, who is also a freshman, agreed saying, "I don't see anything bad about this course. I like it."

Freshman, Stacey Tucker on the other hand, is not a big fan of Math 9. "I don't like it because you can't get the help you need. It's harder than other math classes because you can't bring in your homework to show the teacher what you need help with."

There are many great things about the new Math 9 class, according to some students. Some are little things that go unnoticed, while others are quite a big deal. With the new computer-based program, students no longer have to lug an enormous math book around, or worry about losing their homework and having to use the age old excuse, "My dog ate my homework." All of the homework for Math 9 is on the computer, so students will not ever have to worry about forgetting it at school.

Freshman Brandon Jackson said he likes the new class for

one big reason. "No paper homework."

Shawn Elam, who is also a freshman, has his one big reason he likes Math 9 compared to other math classes. "We get to use laptops in school!"

Math 9 has many benefits that make it better than any other previous math classes because it is on the computer. It prevents students from copying homework, because they have to do it at home and they all have random problems. Another good thing about the class is that the program gives students immediate feedback on how and why they got the problem wrong.

Corbin believes the class is much better than the previous math class she taught to freshman. "I believe the MathXL is better than book work. The students must work the problems and get the correct answer to get credit. So they immediately know if they know the material or need help. There is no copying because each student has different problems and they have tools to use if they are working on their own and need more help."

Sophomore Jeremy Rowan likes the way the homework is set up. "It helps me figure out the problem at home, which really helps, since you can't get help with it when you aren't at school."



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Should college athletes get paid?

Most at NRHS believe they should not

By: Zack Coldiron

Everyone should be well aware of the issue of college athletes getting paid; it's a very controversial topic that many argue about often in the world of sports. Many universities have been in deep trouble when their star athletes are signing autographs for tattoos, or are being persuaded with money to attend a certain school to play a sport.

Many people just argue that even if it's not allowed for athletes in college to be paid, they would just somehow find a way to gain money anyway and be persuaded to go to certain schools because people offer them beach houses, yachts, and a suitable amount of money for themselves and their

families from certain boosters or even head coaches.

Others, though, believe that no matter what, it is illegal and should not be allowed at universities and that just because athletes are college students and stars they should not receive special treatment because of it.

A recent opinion poll was taken

at New Richmond High School, and most people believed that college athletes should not be paid because most of them are receiving scholarships to play the sports they love and getting their college educations paid for.

Either way college athletes are being paid with scholarships so they can attend school. -- Junior Chandler Cochran

Senior Caleb Branson said, "They are going to school to get an education not a job. If they were paid then they would have no reason to go to school."

Another senior, Evan McKinley, stated, "I believe that since some are being given a free education with some receiving full ride scholarships, then they should not be paid any more."

Junior Brady Ginn also weighed in. "Most of them are already getting full rides through college so they should not be getting paid any more."

Senior Chad Nort said, "They don't have contracts so I definitely do not believe that they should be paid."

Freshman Brandon Jackson agrees. "I think that since they are still in school and getting paid to play they should not be paid any more incentives."

Some teachers here at New Richmond also weighed in. New Richmond men's basketball coach Brian McMonigle stated, "Nope. They already are. FREE EDUCATION!!! Many college athletes would not get this opportunity if it weren't for their athletic abilities."

Another coach, Shelby Pride, also agreed. "Their free education or partially free education is payment!"

New Richmond Athletic Director Doug Foote also believes

that athletes should not be paid. He believes that if they were mid major schools then they would have a tough time trying to pay, unlike the major schools who would be able to pay with no problem. "Who do you pay? Only the revenue producing sports or all athletes, which would mean a ton of money when you are talking about the tennis teams, cross country, track, cheerleaders, gymnastics, wrestling, swimming, etc. Most athletic departments run in the red anyway, he said."

An article for the *Stanford Review* in April this year, also discussed the topic and had some interesting points. "The question then arises: should colleges and universities pay student athletes? The answer is no. But should companies be required to pay college athletes for capitalizing on their fame or public image when selling their products? Absolutely." (www.stanfordreview.org/article/should-college-athletes-get-paid/)

The article makes a good point because companies do sell jerseys, cleats, and other memorabilia and profit from college athletes' fame. Take New York Jets and former Florida University quarterback Tim Tebow, for example. When he was in college he was a huge star and his jer-

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sey with Florida was the top selling jersey over anyone else's, but he never saw a single dime of that money.

In another article in *Sports Illustrated*, former Miami safety Charles Pharms is quoted. "We go into the bookstore, and half the stuff is football memorabilia. A Hurricane sweatshirt is \$30 or \$40. I helped make that shirt popular, but I can't even afford it." In fact, a chunk of the proceeds from that sweatshirt is going back to the school, to help teach, coach or otherwise improve the lives of students. I

also agree with what they are saying there because the athletes don't ever have time for a job when they are always practicing and focusing on football. So they never have money to pay for anything, including their own school's attire." (<http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=ulh&AN=9405317633&site=src-live>)

But some respondents believe that athletes should be paid because their sport takes up a lot of time, and because colleges make money off of their jersey

sales, tickets, etc. Freshman Austin Torrens said, "It's something that takes up your free time, so you can never have time to work and get paid."

Junior Brian Husted also believes athletes should be paid. "The colleges make money off of them for jersey sales, tickets, and other merchandise so they should be paid some of that." Assistant football coach for the New Richmond Lions

Josh Wade, strongly believes that athletes should be paid. He

eat dinner, then I would usually go back up and watch more film with some of the coaches and then somewhere during the day I had to fit in homework. So I did not have time to work a job to help make money." He also believes that if student athletes



are not accumulating money it can affect their judgement. "Student athletes not having money

leads them to make poor decisions and accept money from boosters or trade memorabilia for tattoos (Ohio State). We are talking about kids who are 18-23 and they just want to be able to take care of themselves and not always have to be broke while the school profits from their actions on the field, court, etc." He referred to, of course, the Ohio State Buckeyes football team that paid for tattoos with their memorabilia. This led to many of the athletes involved being suspended for the rest of the season and it resulted in the football team being banned from bowl contention the next season.

Freshman Kendell Collier said, "It takes up your free time from working to gain money."

In conclusion, one can argue on both sides good points as to why college athletes should or should not be paid. College athletes are already being paid because they are receiving scholarships to attend college, or some might say that they never have time to really get a job and support themselves since they spend most of their time focusing on their one sport.

But as junior Chandler Cochran stated: "Either way college athletes are being paid with scholarships so they can attend school. Putting in money as a deciding factor just adds to the drama."

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Race to the White House

Presidential election heats up

By: Luke Gilday

November 6th, 2012, election day in the United States. It's the day when Americans decide whether they want to continue the direction of the country is currently traveling, or change directions. It's the day our Commander in Chief is chosen, and is the pinnacle for the next four years.

Within the high school, opinions regarding just who should receive the country's highest position are very strong.

In a recent survey, students were asked which candidate they prefer. However, there was not a clear winner. In fact, the survey stating

44% of students were for Obama, 40% for Romney, 16% either undecided or chose neither (+/- 3-4 points due to polls not being returned).

Many of the students choosing Obama did so reluctantly, stating he was the lesser of the two evils. With this being said, many of the students claimed Obama was the more populist of the candidates.

"Voting in this election is choosing the lesser of the two evils and I believe Obama is the best choice. He seems to be for individual rights as opposed to Romney who would try to impose his Christian ways on citizens. Also, being a member of the middle class I'd choose Obama with hope to remain in the middle class because Romney's tax plan will likely

cause a great separation between the poor and rich," said junior Chelsey Fawley.

"I would vote for Obama because Romney is so out of touch with the middle class he doesn't see how bad it is," stated junior Jason Goodrich. "Another reason I would vote for Obama is that he did not do a bad job his first term as president."

"I would vote for Obama; Romney is more of a wealthy man and he believes government shouldn't help the poor as much with money problems," said junior Christin Smith.

"I agree with Obama more. I

also believe he is more in touch with the middle class than Romney is, which is an advantage because that is a majority of the United States," said junior Chandler Cochran.

"With this election I am forced to choose the lesser of two evils. I believe neither candidate is very strong, but all in all, I believe we need to give Obama another four years to try and fix things. He didn't do a ton with these first four years, yet he did inherit a rather large debt and a poor economy," responded senior Zach Manning. "Mitt Romney focuses too much on the rich, I believe he is out of touch with the middle class at this point. His whole angle is 'let the businessmen clean up the economy,' but a business and a government are two completely different organi-

zations. Personally, I don't like either candidate but I would say Obama is the best choice for our country now."

Many of the students preferred Obama's fiscal policy to Romney's.

"I would choose Obama. Honestly, I feel that he's got such a bad rep any-

more because he hasn't had enough time to clean up Bush's mess. And, Romney wants to give tax cuts to the millionaires, which is ridiculous," said senior Rachel Trowbridge.

"Obama understands the middle class. I like the Affordable Care Act and I identify with his morals and values. He has invested in our country while Romney hasn't. Osama is dead, GM is alive," replied senior Newton McCollum.

Still, other students identified with Obama on social issues.

"I would choose Obama because he is pro-choice, has improved jobs (slightly), and Romney's fan base is generally obnoxious," said senior Kylie Phillips.

"Obama cares about everyone in this country, and wants to help them. While Romney only cares about the 53% that he deems doesn't depend on the government," began sophomore Analiese Rohdes. "Obama cares about making things fair, like with the right to abortion, and gay marriages, and poor people getting education like everyone else. Mitt Romney would get rid of Pell Grants, which help those in need to pay for an education. Also, he would make it hard for people to get health care because he



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doesn't believe we should all automatically have it. What are you supposed to do when you can't afford it and are laying in bed with stage four cancer? How can anyone let someone die like that? Another thing, Romney and Ryan want to get rid of abortion and even some forms of birth control, which you wouldn't hear them say how, because they realize how stupid it sounds... They also are hopeless in trying to look relatable. Romney pays way less in taxes because of tax breaks for the wealthy, which don't help the economy..."

"I would pick Obama because he treats everyone like an equal. Gays are respected and treated like humans... Romney has NO faith in America, and is racist, and doesn't respect others because of who they are and what makes them happy... Mitt Romney cares about helping the rich. Obama cares about helping the poor, and many other minority groups. We are ALL humans, ALL Americans and in the Declaration of Independence it says 'All men are created equal.' That is why Obama deserves this," said sophomore Carrie Stapleton.

On the other side, there were many students siding with Romney, often citing current issues

Obama cares about helping the poor and many other minority groups. We are ALL humans, ALL Americans -- sophomore Carrie Stapleton

with the economy for their reason.

"I would choose Romney. I had 10 trillion reasons why (yes, national debt is a key factor for me)," replied junior Nick Gilman.

"Obama hasn't done anything he promised in '08. Unemployment is still a huge problem and so is our national debt. I also agree with Romney's values more than Obama's," said sophomore Patrick Richardson.

"The rich shouldn't be taxed to death because they work hard to make a fortune," added senior Matt Rydzewski.

"I would choose Romney because he has better business experience and can hopefully help small businesses," replied senior Henry Bezold.

"Obama has been saying he'd help the economy for the past four years. Well, he did help it, help it get terrible! Romney actually has an idea of what to do," said senior Craig Hoagland.

"Romney 100%. When Obama came into office we were suffering from all the problems from Bush. He came into office promising change, hope, etc. NOT exactly what happened. People can say he helped the middle class,

or made the rich pay more, but making the rich poorer will not make the poor rich. Obama spends. That's what he does. Four years of that will take us to an all time low," said junior Courtney Williams. "If he is re-elected we will be in trouble. He has proven nothing except his ignorance. Why not have a real change? Put someone in office who hasn't screwed us over big time. If we are being honest the

election of 2008 was all based on race and lies. Everyone wanted a black president. They didn't care what he had to say. He was a good liar. He made all these

promises and the only thing that changed was the amount of carbs in our school lunches thanks to his wife." Courtney continued to speak on Obama's economic policy. "His campaign slogan this year is 'forward' and what we need to consider is forward to where? More debt? Digging ourselves in a bigger hole? We need to consider our future, our kid's future, and the longer he is in office, the longer we have to worry. Romney hasn't given

us a reason to not trust him. He hasn't hurt our economy. People should base their votes on campaigning, what they will do for our country. Not because of the color of their skin or if they believe in gay rights or not."

Many students also see this decision as one of different morals and values.

"I will vote for Mitt Romney for several reasons," began senior Cole Bird. "I believe that abortion is unlawful, unconstitutional, and it is just murder. I believe in traditional marriage between a man and a woman. I think we should have a smaller government that stays out of the lives of the people and business so they can grow. I believe in lower taxes. I want the Keystone Pipeline to lower gas prices. I want a health care system that doesn't force me to have it. I want the oil in Alaska!"

"Romney because he would rectify the ratio between the Pentagon and active duty fighting forces. He would also increase the shipbuilding ratio from nine to 15 a year for the Navy," said senior Jake Ober.

Other students would vote Romney for a more simple reason.

"Romney, because my parents said so," responded senior Megan Reid.

However, not all students are convinced one way or the other. There still is a good number of students who would not choose either candidate.

"It's a contest between a paper towel bridge and a toilet paper parachute. Obama is too big

on handing out money to businesses, and Romney is too wishy-washy," said sophomore Nicholas Wuest.

"I would choose neither. I hate/like things about both of them, and I honestly don't mind whichever wins. None of them can do it all," responded junior Priya Patel.

"I don't think either are a good choice to run our country," answered junior Eleanor Wildey.

Overall, the survey showed the students are pretty divided. Many identified with the incumbent president, such as junior Flint Wenstrup.

"He believes in doubling investment on things like scholarships and saving jobs in education. He is going to cut taxes for the middle class and tax the upper class that has more money. Obama wants to conserve important resources and he states that protecting the environment is a priority."

Still, others feel that Mitt Romney would be a better choice for the country.

"Romney, although he may not be the best for the job, it is time for Obama to go. He has not fulfilled his promises and the country has gone further downhill since he started, and he has racked up an extreme amount of debt for the country," said junior Zach Fields.

"His campaign slogan this year is 'forward' and what we need to consider is forward to where? More debt? Digging ourselves in a bigger hole?"-- junior Courtney Williams



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NRHS library making changes

Book sale will help band buy uniforms

By: Rachel Curless

Libraries have been changing all around the world, more and more are becoming increasingly electronic because of all of the new technology taking place. Here at New Richmond High School, our library is in a state of change.

NRHS is disposing of many old books; all of which are either outdated or in poor condition. Joyce Montgomery, the librarian here at NRHS, thinks that our library needs to be, "expanded and made better with updated material".

Sue Griffin, an English and journalism teacher, and the adviser of *The Messenger*, thinks that the library needs to be updated with more fiction and nonfiction books. Griffin also thinks that magazines should be added to

the library because they are both educational and interesting to students, and believes that the library should have more reference material, both in print and digital. "I'd like to see a library that would aid in student research for any class," said Griffin.

NRHS is disposing of so many books because they are outdated, in poor condition, or have content that duplicates other material. "The main reason we're disposing of so many books here is that they're outdated. It doesn't make sense to keep computer books that are 20 years old" said Griffin. "In fields such as science and technology, things are always changing and the library is needing to stay updated with all of these fields of study."

The goals for the 2012-2013 school year are starting to progress, Montgomery would like to get more kids in the library checking out books, "There is nothing like having an actual book in hand that you can turn the page!" she said

Montgomery would also like to have new and updated materials coming into the library. "Before, we only had four computers, which would make things tough and having to turn kids away to use a computer if they were filled. We just recently added five more computers, which has made things really nice. Another goal is to get those books that are sorted out for disposal deleted from the system," said Montgomery.

Griffin would also like to get all the books marked for disposal out of here. "We will catalog them, get board to approval for disposal and then sell as many as we can at the band craft fair in December," said Griffin. As the ultimate goal this year, Griffin said that; "I'd like to get room 203 set up as a real, although small, research library so that teachers can bring classes in and use materials we have in there."

Long range plans are in mind here for the library. Montgomery would like to, "keep the consistent flow for kids coming to the library for checking out books, a place to come and study or work on a paper/project." Montgomery likes seeing that the computers in the library are being used consistently.

The Apex program that allows students to make up a credit that they have missed, or students taking online classes have both added to library usage. "This program has really taken off and glad that our library has been a place where those students can

take advantage of that." Griffin's long range plans consists of; "I'd like a larger location so that an entire class could use the library. I'd like NR to have a really modern state of the art library/research facility that would truly help students with their classes."

The books that the library is disposing of here are all going to a good cause. All of the money that is raised from selling these books will be given to the NRHS band to help them with the purchase of new uniforms.

"A library is a house of knowledge and people in general are becoming extremely dependent on technology and losing the basics of checking out a book or searching for things in a reference book. We are all guilty. Libraries around the country are struggling to compete with the world of the internet. As a library, we must make changes to keep the kids coming in and make it desirable to be there and learn," said Montgomery.

Griffin believes that it's important to improve our library because she thinks its important and only fair to provide the students with current materials.

"I want them to graduate with research and writing skills that would be greatly enhanced by improving our library. I also think that getting more contemporary fiction will encourage students to read," said Griffin.

Griffin would also like to add, "The common core curriculum, which will be in place next school year, emphasizes nonfiction and research. I think we owe it to our students to provide them the tools they need to keep up with this."

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Turkey Tuesday features sports, pies and cupcakes

Fundraiser promises fun for staff, students, community

If the NRHS staff played NRHS students in a couple of quick volleyball games, who would emerge the winner?

That is the question that will be answered on Turkey Tuesday as the winner of the staff vs. student volleyball game will be awarded the coveted Golden Turkey trophy.

The event, which is planned for sixth and seventh bells on Tuesday, Nov. 20, will include the titanic struggle between the staff and students in three volleyball matches, one against the official NRHS volleyball team, and the other two against the lucky winners of the volleyball raffle.

And the fundraiser isn't stopping with volleyball; there's a pie-in-a-teacher's face event, and a raffle for the donated baked goods of several faculty members. (Yes, Griffin's famous chocolate chip cookie cupcakes and Oreo cookie balls are included).

Tickets to the event are \$5 and will be sold at school beginning Nov. 12. Students, parents and community members are all encouraged to join us for this fun event that will end with Thanksgiving break.

Raffle tickets for students to play volleyball will be sold on the same dates for \$.50 each. Raffle tickets for students to throw a pie in a teacher's face are \$1 each as are raffle tickets for the teacher baked goodies.

So far, eight teachers have stepped up to volunteer for the pie in the face, including Mrs. Minning, Mrs. Dalton and Mrs. Senter, along with Mr. McKinley, Mr. Mahan and Mr. Hatfield.

Teachers donating baked goods, other than Mrs. Griffin, include Ms. Cornette, Mrs. Flamm and Mrs. Corbin.

And as for the faculty volleyball titans, the audience can look forward to the stellar athletic performances of Mrs. Hauserman,

Mr. McMonigle, Mrs. Fetchak and Mr. Shebesta, among a host of other tremendous talents. Principal Mark Bailey has also volunteered his legendary athletic prowess in the volleyball match.

The event will also be a pep rally to kick off the winter sports season.

All the proceeds from the event will benefit Lions Reach Out, which will be helping NRHS students and their families during the holiday season.

Lions Reach Out wanted to do something to raise money, but also something that staff, students and the New Richmond community could enjoy. The event will be held in the high school gym, so a large crowd is encouraged to attend and enjoy.

For any information about Turkey Tuesday or to buy tickets, please contact Sue Griffin at New Richmond High School at 553-3191x10204 or griffin_s@nrschools.org.

Archery program comes to New Richmond community

After School course offers instruction in popular sport

A sport that combines the steadiest of nerves, tremendous eye-hand coordination and a love of the outdoors, archery activity enjoyed by young and old alike.

Big Indian Archery in Moscow is sponsoring an After School Archery Program (ASAP) for Clermont County students in grades 3-9.

ASAP is a national program designed to teach both basic and advanced archery skills in communities throughout the country.

The local program, which begins on October 24 and lasts for eight weeks, is open to any student in the area. Classes are scheduled on Wednesday evenings, from 6pm-7:15pm, and the course fee is \$80.

ASAP combines "proven teaching techniques with lesson plans, instructor training and easy equipment access," according to the program's informational material.

The program begins with a "neutral style of archery that best teaches the basics of a solid

shooting form for recurve or compound bows."

All equipment is provided by ASAP, although the further students advance, they may be encouraged to use their own equipment.

All of ASAP's instructors are certified and have successfully completed both basic and intermediate archery instructor courses.

The ASAP basic course has several goals, including to "learn and obey all archery range rules and procedures, and to develop good habits and become proficient archers early in their shooting careers."

Foundations skills and drills include: stance and posture, bow hand position, release and anchor position, and scoring targets. The course also includes achievement and awards programs.

For more information, or to register for a course, contact Jeff Jones at 304-4945, John Jones at 304-3845 or Todd Wells at 407-0151.

NR grad comes back home

ISI welcomes Mr. Evanshine

By Rachel Curless

This school year New Richmond High School welcomed the new ISI teacher, James Evanshine. Evanshine has been in the teaching field for a while now. He has taught at Hillcrest Academy for five years, where he started and ran the GED program. Evanshine has also taught at West Clermont, Dayton, Bellview Kentucky and Cincinnati Public.

Evanshine said that it was nice to come back to New Richmond High School. "I like New Richmond. It feels good to come back home; the students here are just wonderful."

Evanshine is a graduate of NRHS. While he was here he was heavily involved in the music

department. After graduating high school, he earned his degree's from University of Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky University and Xavier University.

A normal work day here at NRHS for Evanshine is to monitor the students. "I also help students that need help on their assignments that are in ISI and utilizing my wide variety of my educational background."

Outside of school Evanshine has a few hobbies that he loves. Music is by far his favorite, "I play in an acoustical duo, actually here in town. I also like syfy, comic books and motorcycles."

If students are ever in ISI they can expect to "stay alert and get work done" said Evanshine.

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All proceeds will benefit the marching band's fund for new uniforms.

NRHS students dive into politics

School begins mock election

By Luke Gilday

As Americans, it is our responsibility to stay informed. As an informed citizen, you can take part in your right to help decide the future of the country through voting for those who lead the country.

This year, with the election coming up, the AP Government class is trying to help the students stay informed through setting up their own mock election.

The "election process" begins with the designation of candidates, with the part of Mitt Romney being played by Ashleigh Beard, I will play the part of Barack Obama, and Rachel Trowbridge will play the role of Jill Stein of the Green Party.

The rest of the students will play the various figures that play

major roles in elections. Each candidate will also have two campaign advisors to help them along the way.

Separate from these candidates, there will be special interest groups and union lobbyists played by Megan Reid and Henry Bezold.

The other students will play large roles too, as mock election coordinator and AP Government teacher Brian McMonigle explains:

"The general students will register to vote in the election, listen to campaign ads, to watch the presidential debate, and vote."

After students register to vote during lunch, they will be able to view all campaign related videos

put up by the AP Government class on Youtube.com continually throughout the week.

Along with the role of the students, Morgan Olenick and Rachel Ploucha will play the role of pollsters, keeping everyone up to date on the general school's view of each candidate.

Posters and commercials will be created explaining the candidate's views and attacking each other. There will be biased media sources produced by Katie Gelter and Nathan Dixon, as well as commercials created by Emily Erdman and Kylie Phillips.

All of this will culminate in the debate. The two major party candidates will hash it out in a debate ran by student moderators

Sarah Glenn and Cole Bird that will be aired on Youtube.

After the students view the candidates talking about their views first hand, they will vote. Hopefully this will take place the Friday before the actual elections, November 3rd.

Each class is set up as if it were a state, with a certain number of electoral votes based on the size of the class and will be cast for whichever candidate wins the class.

"The importance of this mock election is to show the students the election process," said McMonigle. "I hope it will get students out to vote, get informed about the issues, and then they will go out and let them hear their voice!"



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The most wonderful time of the year

Football, falling leaves--celebrate autumn!

Summer has vacation, pool parties, and a big break from school. Spring has leaves on the trees, finally being able to go outside, and Spring Break. Winter has snow, Christmas, and winter break. And then there's fall. It's the time when everyone goes back to school, it gets cold, and there is no big break. While on its surface there are plenty of reasons the fall season may come off as lame, in actuality, it's the coolest season of all.

The first reason autumn is awesome is the leaves. Instead of the boring green stuff you usually see all over trees, you get to see shades of orange, red, and yellow. It's like the trees' version of getting a tan, and as we know, everyone looks better when they're tan.

Also, fall has the best and most underrated holiday ever. Sure, Christmas is fun and what not, but nothing can top Halloween.

When else can adults run around in costumes without someone assuming they were some kind of perverts or floozies? Plus, who doesn't like to get scared? Any other time of the year, haunted houses and scary movies lack a certain effect they have when they occur in the fall time.

Bonfires. I'm not sure what else I need to say about this, everyone loves a good bonfire. Whether it is a casual gathering of close friends huddled by the fire telling stories, or a giant couch burning rager, no one ever walks away from a bonfire without having a good time.

Yet another reason autumn is the best is Friday night football games. Being surrounded by friends, painted up, making as much noise as you can to support your team is kind of a staple in the American childhood. No fall means no fall football which means no awesome memories.

Out of all the flavors in the world, fall provides us with the best, pumpkin. I've never met a pumpkin flavored food I didn't like, pumpkin bread, pumpkin cookies, pumpkin ice cream, and of course, pumpkin pie. The spice and the fact that it tastes so different from anything else we eat just adds to the appeal. Along with this, foods like candy apples and apple cider are coming into season, and nothing says happiness like quality apple products.

I know how terrible the beginning of the school year is, but when school starts, new seasons on T.V. start. There is nothing better than being reunited with Gibbs, Ducky, and Abby after a long hiatus of NCIS. All the shows that make the week a little more bearable are finally coming back, making the week bearable again.

The last great thing about fall

Yellow Journalism

By Luke Gilday



is the final hurrah of the season that is Thanksgiving. It's starting to get really cold now, the leaves have all fallen, and tomorrow begins the Christmas shopping season. However, autumn doesn't just go out quietly. Instead you get the most gluttonous holiday of the year. It's the one day when you can gorge until you pop and no one will judge you, and what's better than that?

While summer, winter, and spring all have great qualities and are nice times, but nothing can compete with fall. It's the time for relaxing, learning, and of course a lot of eating. Autumn really is the best time of the year.

Hollywood not kind to literature

Book usually suffers in movie transition

Should good books be made into movies? In theory, all good books will make good movies right? Wrong; so, so very wrong.

Many good books become amazing movies such as *Holes* and *Sherlock Holmes, a Game of Shadows*, which were loosely

based on books. However, some book-based movies, while watchable, are not even barely like the book.

The Lord of the Rings trilogy was a disappointed fans of the

book series due to drastic changes made to the story. The directors, producers and writers made changes to the timeline progression of the story and to the characters, adding new ones and removing some that were considered important in the book. If the producer and director would have kept key characters and stuck to the timeline, it would

have been at least a slight improvement.

Jurassic Park was another disappointment to fans of the Michael Crichton book, since the movie took out key events such

as the entire part with the river and the other T-Rex and the baby raptors on the boat, just so they could squeeze a third movie out of the leftovers. The producers may even have gotten Crichton to write them a third book if he hadn't died.

Let us not forget the *War of the Worlds* debacle where the movie changed the setting by a few decades and changed the entire plot. For the *War of the Worlds*, if the movie would have stuck to the story and been in the correct time, it probably would have been at least slightly better.

Movies based on books could be made better if the directors, producers and writers stayed to the storyline and did not change key events and mess with the

The Hive



By Gregory Beasley

characters' personalities. If the movie producer, directors and writers would keep to the story half of the movies that are well, garbage, would be a whole lot better. Many movies based on books would be better if they stuck to important events in movies.

Movies are amazing, books are amazing; someday a good book will equal a good movie. Most likely, though, by then we will all probably be blobs with jetpacks and have microchips implanted in the back of our brains and won't need to read or watch movies any more, or monkeys will rule the world.

Childrens 'Protective' Services

Government programs are lax, and our youth pays

Our government has a 'lovely' system of checks and balances it uses in order try and protect all of its citizens. One of these programs is known as CPS, the Child Protection Service. Over the years this program has been taking children from potentially damaging households and relocating them to what they believe are ideal atmospheres. This program is severely underfunded and in many cases is making the lives of the children it cares for worse.

In an ideal world, a program like this is simply magnificent. The children are moved into nice cheery homes away from their alcoholic or drug addicted parents. However, in reality, this program is horribly flawed. There have been countless cases in which children have been wrongfully taken from their parents, and many other cases where they have been moved into an envi-

ronment that is worse than their original homes.

There are hundreds of thousands of children in foster care. Of these children, thousands are abused sexually, emotionally, physically, and psychologically in their relocation homes. Children have died in these homes, and that's absolutely unacceptable. Marcus Fiesel is a prime example the foster care system failing awfully. The fosters who took care of him brutally abused all the children they got, and they used the money for inappropriate things. Then to worsen the whole situation, their irresponsibility led to the death of an innocent child. That's one of the prime problems with the system. These parents aren't checked up on enough during their care trials. The kids are dropped off at these strangers' homes who've been approved by the government, and then just

left there. This is simply unacceptable. The fosters can easily get around the steps in order to be approved for child care. This leads to many unstable caretakers.

Unstable caretakers lead to mistreated children. There is only one solution; we must increase the government spending in this area. We are in debt, but the children are the future of this country and if we continue to allow them to be scarred for life, our country will have no hope in future generations. The CPS is severely underfunded and spread thin, and we simply need more check ups and more thorough background checks for these 'parents'.

Another key problem with this system is, if there isn't an issue with the foster parents, there's an issue with the foster child. Or at least, someone seems to think so. Many children put

Chatty Chelsey

By Chelsey Fawley



through the program are prescribed psychiatric medications for mental issues such as ADD and depression. The problem here? These kids aren't sick! They're thrown into strange, turbulent situations and so naturally act out. The solution is not to medicate so quickly, and many doctors and parents do nowadays. A good friend and possibly some sort of therapy is the real solution for these kids.

It is the biological parents' responsibility to take care of their children, but if they're going to be unfit we should at least be sure the people we send them to are better than the last. Children should not have to keep suffering due to our lackadaisical government procedures.

Students not getting enough to eat under new lunch rules

School lunches have always been a dreaded ordeal, whether it is some green slop on a tray, as seen in cartoons, or if it is the fear that a bully will try to beat you up for your lunch money. Here at New Richmond High School, we are taking a hit from the new lunch rules just like every other school in America. Students buying school lunches this year are not only noticing that they are not receiving enough portions of food to keep them energized but are also realizing that this so called "healthy food" is just repulsive in some cases.

Kids have never wanted to eat their greens since the beginning of time, so what makes this change in high school? Even though most students claim to have matured, who says we aren't all still kids at heart? With these new "healthy" calorie-depriving meals at the high school, students are throwing away

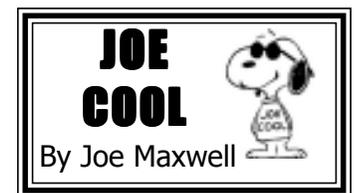
much more than they are actually eating. Most students do not care that they are not going to be energized or will be hungry the rest of the day, they just have one mindset at this point: "I am not eating that stuff!"

Though it was becoming a problem with the calories and fatty foods being offered as a school lunch, was a change in the food this drastic necessary? What most people don't realize is that even though school lunches are healthier than they were before, students will still crave sweets! Who or what is going to force students to eat this food, just because the food is healthy doesn't mean the students are automatically going to become healthier, they still need to actually eat it in the first place. Out of the tiny scraps and bits of food the students are actually picking out of the food to eat they are not getting the calories they need. Students are becom-

ing much less energized and healthy because it is practically a double negative on the students part, the food is less calories and they are eating less of it.

Most students have good enough problem-solving skills to realize that the school can't do anything about their home packed lunches. Intelligent students will soon realize that they don't have to buy these new "healthy" school lunches, that they could make their lunch consist of Hershey's chocolate bars and a bag of chips if that's what they want.

Some students might even consider breaking the school rules to make a few bucks on this matter. Students with skills in entrepreneurship might realize that bringing a few extra sweets for some friends might be a great idea, considering with the school lunches being served now, students are willing to buy their precious goodies from some of their



scandalous friends.

Are all of these "healthy" new advantages to the school lunch really all that healthy? You decide what is better, having too many calories due to fatty foods or having far too few calories due to these new so called "healthy" school lunches.

If the school board and the USDA (U.S. Department of Agriculture) actually care about students' health, then I suggest they look into making more efficient changes to the school lunch. Changes where the students can enjoy the food they are eating, but at the same time gaining the nutrition they need to function efficiently.

Technology can increase students' grades

Laptops can help students in school

Do you find that it's much easier to keep up with your grades if you have some form of technology in your possession? Schools across the country are finding that it's better if they have technology, such as laptops, available to the students. With new technology, it is a lot easier for students to comprehend ideas and curriculum.

According to the *Journal of Technology, Learning and Assessment*, students who have laptops for school had higher grades than non-laptop students. "Results indicate that Harvest Park Middle School students in the Laptop Immersion Program attained higher GPAs than non-participating students in their respective grades." (http://www.funkphd.net/7741_tech/Learning%20With%20Technology%20The%20Impact%20of%20Laptop%20Use%20on%20Student%20Ach.pdf)

I think when you have textbooks and other curriculum online it avoids the hassle of carrying around a bunch of books and losing papers. It helps students who have trouble organizing their lockers. With five textbooks and five binders, my locker can be a mess sometimes.

If I had a laptop, I could just have one bag for my laptop and folders for paper and one pencil. It would be a lot less to carry and handle. Some private schools around the tri-state area provide laptops for students for them to use at school.

New Richmond High School has two mobile iPad carts that can be moved around in the building. They're very convenient for a class if students are using them for a paper or web search so they can avoid the hassle of the computer lab and

stay in their seats to do research. The teachers in the district have been given iPads to use for teaching purposes. It is very helpful when you can hook the iPads up for a presentation on the Smartboard.

And with students having their own computers, they would be able to watch class while at home if they were sick. If the teacher used a webcam to film the class, students at home could watch it.

We are in the middle of a on going technological revolution that really boomed when Apple Computers was founded. With the new forms of technology these days, we have many ways of sharing information virtually and it would save on many costs. While the laptops might be expensive to give to students, it would help eliminate the costs of ink and paper copies.

So in all, if schools across the



country could all have a program to give their students laptops or any other form of technology it would immensely help schools in their communication and education.

Students can be more connected with their education outside of school and anywhere they go they have the resources in their hands to learn and help educate others with what they learn. Technology and education go hand and hand these days and connecting it in schools can create better futures for all of us.

Who's afraid of the dark?

Survival horror game *Slender* comes up out of nowhere

Imagine this. You're in your room, at night, lights off. You're on your computer, playing a game your friends told you about. The game is called *Slender*. You've never heard of it before. It came up out of nowhere. It seems simple enough. You need to walk around a park at night, looking for papers. You only have a flashlight. All of a sudden, you see a page. You go collect it. A drumbeat starts. As you wander, you find another page. Then all the sudden, you turn to the woods, and a dark figure with no face is standing there. He starts pulling you in as the screen gets fuzzy. Then, it's over. You lost. You've been taken by Slender.

Kind of scary, right? This game is a new craze that's taking the world by storm. Slender is the

brainchild of Mark J. Hadley, AKA AgentParsec on YouTube. The game is a joint effort between Hadley's company Parsec Productions and Blue Isle Studios. The idea came from the Something Awful Forums (www.somethingawful.com) contest "Create Paranormal Images." Slender is a being said to wear a black suit, like the men in black, have pure white skin, be 7-15 feet tall, and most noticeably, have no facial features. He is said to pursue and kidnap children, stalking a victim for years before striking.

So far, the game has been a huge success. The game's official site, <http://parsecproductions.com/slender/>, crashed after enormous traffic to the site to be among the first to download the free game. Now

titled Slender: The Eight Pages, the game has a huge cult following, with millions of people getting taken by the Slender Man all the time.

So, what makes this game so horrifyingly scary? Well, first of all, the idea of being stalked by a 7 foot tall guy with no face seems scary enough. But to make it worse, it's at night. In the woods. That definitely helps the scare factor. Even worse, whenever you see the Slender Man, loud, scary music starts playing. And as if that wasn't enough, once you see him, the screen gets covered in static and white noise plays as he drags you in!

My advice is to definitely play the game, but at your own risk. Many YouTube-ers, such as Toby Turner AKA Tobuscus, record themselves playing Slender



der and getting scared to death. The biggest reason I would play this game is to scare myself half to death, while having fun at the same time.

My tips? When you play, DO NOT play at night unless you don't know fear. Have someone watch, or just don't be alone. Also, the park in the game is a loop. Follow the loop and pick up the pages while you move, and Slender Man will never be able to get you. And if he does, then at least you can say you were brave enough to play the game. Most importantly, have fun while you play. That's the point of the game. Besides getting scared, of course

Leave a lasting impression

Know your values, make a difference

Have you ever felt overwhelmed, like you're not enough for anyone. Being a teenager is hard, especially in high school. Like most girls, and this may apply to guys as well, everyone cares too much about what one another are doing.

I don't understand what the hang-up is, or why our society has given everyone the impression we need to impress other people to be someone. Too many times we walk down the hallway and everyone talks about how much they hate certain people. Just because people don't have the best home life, or they have a very outspoken personality is no reason to hate them. I wish people would realize that in order to grow up you don't need to be "the best," or you don't have to have the most.

Life as a teenager is hard enough without all the added drama and unexpected embarrassments as in your fly being down, walking into the wrong

class, or tripping up the stairs. Becoming a young adult, making the transition from middle school to the high school, or making the transition from high school to college, life can be hard enough.

I feel like people need to build a backbone and stand on their own two feet; as hard as that might be, it's a fact of life. Learning how to know your own values, and stand up for what you believe in is important to learn when you're approaching life after high school. The person you are now might not be the person you are two years from now or even two months from now.

People have such a huge impact on one another, a bigger impact than one might think, but you shouldn't feel the need to change, or be different because you don't fit into a certain criteria or a certain group. Showing maturity is a form of being yourself.

Teenage girls often feel the

need to be cute, smart yet ditsy, and always willing to jump for the boy we like, and guys just like to sit around and talk about the sexiest women alive and be obnoxious about the stupidest things. I feel like guys and girls both struggle with the ability to be their own person and not fall into the so called "high school stereotypes."

Finding oneself is hard, but the only way to do it is to do it alone. You don't have friends, boy-friends, girlfriends, or parents holding your hand, and showing you who and what kind of person you should be. The only person who has the ability and power to do so is you!

So be yourself, and make a difference. Life is short, and high school is only four years of that; if you're constantly worrying about your social status and trying to impress someone else, it's not going to help you in the long run. You're setting yourself up to get shot down.

Gray Chatter



By: **Christin Gray**

Take a good look around; these people sitting around you today, you will probably only see a few of them after high school is over, so to worry about the impression you will leave on them is dumb, people, dumb. People don't remember days, or scenarios; they remember how you made them feel, and if you worry about yourself and be you, that's how you will be remembered. The relationships you have with people now are only temporary. Life will give you so many opportunities after high school in order to get where you want/need to be. It's not about what friendships you have or about who you were in high school, its about what you have that will make a difference and what kind of person you want to become.

Student athletes gain many skills

Benefits extend beyond sports

High school students usually have a pretty busy schedule. They wake up bright and early every morning, head off to school, sit through their classes, and then they have homework after school. Friends and family time add to most of their days, too, and even after school jobs. In a blink, the day is all over. So what about the kids that manage to fit sports into their daily lives?

Student- athletes often have a tough time when it comes to balancing out their time. School, socializing, and sports can really take a toll on teenagers bodies. Sometimes it can be hard for them to even get enough sleep each night. Late nights filled with homework lead to a rough next

day of trying to stay awake in class. They must be able to get through whatever they have to each day and keep normal sleeping patterns.

Sleep isn't the only obstacle they have to get through. These kids have to keep up with all of the school work they have. Whether it's advanced classes or not, students are getting more and more work. A lot of kids find it helpful to get extra help before or after school. They have to be able to keep up their grades to even participate in their sports. It is important to set aside a few hours to be able to finish any homework, study, write papers, or do projects, depending on the day.

Being a student- athlete is really a blessing. Teenagers are able to learn early many important things that will help them out in the future. Along with what they are taught in school and with their sports, they are taught a lot about balance and time management. Once they get used to figuring out how they work, they will be much better off with whatever they decide to do after high school. They are taught discipline and responsibility. Student- athletes must be able to keep up with any

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By: **Josie Buckingham**

commitments and school work. Their attitudes are disciplined each day. No matter what the sport, students are preparing both their bodies and minds for life after high school.

Letters to the editor are always welcome and we will print them as space allows. Please submit any correspondence to the high school office or drop off in Mrs. Griffin's mailbox, or email at griffin_s@nrschools.org. Questions should be directed to Sue Griffin, x10204.

Student lunches shrinking

Do you feel that your school lunch is giving you enough to eat? Are you still hungry after lunch? In prior years, students would be excited on their way to lunch, but now, many schools have been changing lunches to conform to new regulations enforced by the USDA (United States Department of Agriculture).

Many school lunches have been changed significantly to conform to these regulations. Many foods containing high fat and carbs have been forced out. To many students, this has been a major disappointment.

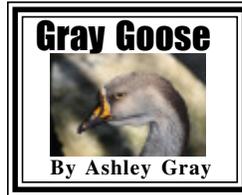
Most schools have extra curricular activities that students participate in. Student athletes need to consume a certain amount of nutrition from the food they eat in order to perform. Protein, carbohydrates, and fats are vital to an athlete's diet. Students needing these high carb foods are no longer receiving the nutrients the food provides for athletes to perform.

Along with the major reductions in the food selection, the portion sizes of school lunches have also decreased. Many students have a challenging time as it is to not get hungry before lunch. All students have a different

metabolism; some students need to consume a certain amount of carbs daily that school lunches have, in prior years, provided.

There have been many complaints that students are not receiving enough to eat at lunch. Along with the amount of food decreasing, the amount of food being wasted has increased. The vegetables and healthy foods that are put on student lunch trays are simply being thrown away

With these new regulations, are students really benefitting? The USDA has good intentions towards healthier school lunches, but is it worth having students feel as if they are going to pass out in 7th bell? These enforcements are hurting students more than they are benefitting them. Healthier school lunches is a great plan, but eliminating half the amount of food a student consumes is a side effect that could have tragic consequences. Do we really find these changes are making us healthier or starving us?



Kids grow up too fast

I was reading an article in one of my magazines that I receive and the story was about how cell phones for children are becoming more and more popular. My question is why are kids the ages of 11 and under are getting Smart phones? Is this really happening? Kids around that age should be outside playing in the woods, making up games and using their imaginations. They only have a few more years until life becomes actually real for them. They need to sit back and relax and not worry about having a cell phone or how many apps they can get.

In this article, this woman's daughter, who is six years old, wanted an iPhone before she went back to school. She wanted one because she thought that it would make her "cool". Like, really? You're six. You need to be worrying about playing with Barbies or playing dress up, not about having an iPhone.

I believe that cell phones are an important part of today's society, but is technology really helping children? I know when I was a kid, my mom and dad had a car phone. I really don't even think that they had games on it at all, I actually don't even remember wanting to use it. I know, though, that I was worried about being outside and playing in

the creek and in the woods, not about sitting inside on a phone. Maybe if I were a little kid now my thoughts towards it would be totally different because technology has totally changed and it's kind of scary how much we rely on it.

I wonder if all of this technology that children are using today is going to affect them when they grow up. I think that it will make them more aware of how technology works but in all reality, though, children do not need a cell phone. I think its more of a gadget for them than a necessity.

Cell phones for children, in my opinion, can be extremely dangerous. In some cases people believe that cellphones can be cancerous and it can harm children before it can harm adults because children have thinner skulls than adults because they aren't fully developed yet.

I think children need time to just be children, to play, to learn, to grow and to just simply have fun. Making them technology experts before they finish first grade might be giving them computer skills, but it's taking away something infinitely more valuable-their childhood.



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Faces in the Hallway

By Christin Gray

Brenden Giles

Senior Brenden Giles said he doesn't get into the spirit of Halloween any more. "I don't go trick-or-treating any more because I'm never really home, and it just isn't the same as when I was little," said Giles.

Halloween is just not Giles thing, he said. "I don't really go to Halloween parties or participate in anything that has to do Halloween related because I just don't care about it, to be honest."

Giles doesn't think Halloween is a holiday because he doesn't get off school. "If I'm not getting out of school for it, it isn't a holiday. Enough said."

"My favorite memory of Halloween when I was little wasn't go-



ing trick-or-treating. It was afterwards when I could eat all the candy I wanted," said Giles.

Not having the spirit of Halloween, Giles still has a favorite costume he likes. "I think firefighter costumes are really cool because they are good role models."

Madison Holdsworth

Sophomore Madison Holdsworth still goes trick-or-treating and isn't ashamed. "I go for the free candy, doesn't everyone want free candy?"

Getting dressed up will always be a tradition for Holdsworth. "I still get dressed up but not as dressy as I used to when I was younger because I don't want to spend my money on a costume. I usually go straight from basketball so it is hard to try and throw something together.

"Halloween is absolutely a holiday," said Holdsworth. I do consider Halloween to be a holiday because it's an occasion where people gather together and there are sometimes Halloween parties."

Every Halloween has been memorable to Holdsworth. "My grandma would videotape my sisters and I strutting down the runway in our costumes and



most of my family would get together. I also remember when my mom was pregnant with my sister and she was a pumpkin and my dad was Darth Maul. I wasn't able to look at them without crying," said Holdsworth.

Holdsworth's favorite costume comes from a childhood T.V. show, *Winnie the Pooh*. "My favorite Halloween costume is the honey pot from Winnie the Pooh. Your body is the pot and your head is the top of it, and you had bees glued to you."

Chris Sammons

Junior Chris Sammons said he loves trick-or-treating. "I absolutely love Halloween because of all the candy you can get. I love candy, and I especially like free candy that other people give me," he said.

Sammons loves dressing up in costumes. "I think you're never too old to dress up. I still have a lot of fun doing it, and it still makes me feel like a little kid."

The favorite Halloween memory Sammons has is from when he was very little. "I have a picture of myself dressed up in a pumpkin costume in my grandpa's arms, crying because my mom



was leaving."

"I like to see the costumes people come up with every year, but my all time favorite costume is the red Power Ranger," said Sammons.

Ally Lutz

Freshman Ally Lutz has different outlook on Halloween. "I love to scare little kids, and I love to go out and have a good time with my friends. I also love getting free candy," said Lutz.

Dressing up has always been a tradition in the Lutz household. "I love dressing up, because you normally don't do it on any other day of the year. I really like seeing everyone else dressed up, too. I feel like Halloween is the one day you can be whoever you want and express yourself," said Lutz.

"Halloween is seriously a holiday in my book," said Lutz. "I do consider Halloween to be a holiday because it's on the calendar and a lot of people participate in going trick or treating or giving out candy," she said.

Lutz's most memorable Halloween was when she had freedom away from her mom. "My most memorable Halloween was when



I went to my best friend, Elise's, house and we went trick or treating. It was memorable because it was the first Halloween I didn't go trick or treating with my sister or my mom like I usually do, and afterwards, I watched a lot of scary movies and stayed up very late," said Lutz.

Lutz's favorite costume was something passed down from generation to generation. "My favorite Halloween costume is when I dressed up as a pumpkin when I was little, I loved it because it was passed down in my family," said Lutz.

What is your ultimate dream car?

NRHS students split between classic and modern styles

By: James Mahan

From the Batmobile to the Ferrari 360 Spider, there are many dream cars people plan to have one day. There are the sport, muscle, trucks, SUV'S, and many more cars to drive that have class, style, fashion, and speed. Some people like muscle cars with speed, some like trucks with horsepower. Men love to show their cars off to women while women just like a comfortable car that's easy to drive. But when it comes to cars, the price is the worst thing to think about. If everyone could get a Ferrari for \$10,000, the roads would be filled with them. But when you get to retirement and have a lot of money to spend, then you can possibly get a Ferrari or just go ahead and get the Delorean and have fun time traveling.

In a recent informal poll about dream cars, New Richmond High School was split between new and old classic style cars.

Many survey respondents preferred cars built in the late 60's, specifically 1969 because of the speed and power of the car. "My dream car is a 1969 Camaro with a 339 in it. Blue with fat slicks on the back and small on the front," said junior Jesse Thompson, "What appeals to me is for one, it's a Camaro classic muscle car. And it's built for racing or street."

Some people liked the 1969 Chevelle SS because of its body and speed also.

"I like the body of the car, I also like the speed of it," said sophomore Donald Gilbert.

The Chevelle also has other

features that appeal to people. "It's got muscle, power, torque," said junior Jacob Elam.

The article titled *1969 Chevrolet Chevelle SS 396*, published by the Auto Editors of *Consumer Guide*, talks about the muscle of the car. The Chevy was famous for making some of their models with some extra muscle options. "Muscle was entering its heyday and Chevy not only sold a record of 86,307 SS 396's in '69, but more than 9,000 an all-time high, were ordered with the L78. An estimated 400 buyers shelled out an additional \$395 for the L89 option, which fit with the L78 with weight-saving aluminum heads." (<http://musclecars.howstuffworks.com/classic-muscle-cars/1969-chevrolet-chevelle-ss-396.htm>)

Some old style cars, like the 69

Dodge Charger, have also been featured in movies "It has always been my favorite car since the day I saw the first *Fast and Furious*," said sophomore Kyle Campbell.

Some 90's style cars were also mentioned by some survey respondents. This preference can deal with the style of the 90's with some cars being built really low. Sophomore Tyler Anderson said his dream car is a 300 gt.(Mitsubishi)1995. "I like how the car is real sporty, low to the ground and very fast," he said.

Geometry teacher John Callebs owns a 1968 Chevy pick-up. The Chevy pick-up is a very popular style car and rarely sees daylight with its owners when they keep it in their garage to clean it and help it stay free from natural harm. "No one has one, it looks cool, a lot of people give me a thumbs

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up when they see me in this truck, It is Papa's old truck, hard to drive, but I love it, and it reminds me of him."

Some people liked the style of the 80's cars, some of which became very famous, such as the 1981 DeLorean featured in the movie *Back To The Future*. The movie as a time machine to travel in a 130 year period, 1885-2015. "It's a piece of history and was very revolutionary," said junior Jacob Ryan.

The article titled, *Back To The Future released, features 1981 DeLorean DMC-12*, published by history.com, said the DeLorean was a short-lived model. "The Company built about 9,000 of the cars before it ran it of money and halted production in 1982; only 6,500 of those are still in existence. Despite its short lifespan, the DeLorean remains an object of great interest to car collectors and enthusiasts, no doubt largely due to the smashing suc-

cess of *Back To the Future* and its two sequels, released in 1989 and 1990." (<http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/back-to-the-future-released-features-1981-delorean-dmc-12>)

While many survey respondents responded with classics, others responded with newer cars. For many of the survey respondents, there were abundance of popular brand cars. These include Lamborghini, Ferrari, and Corvette.

Many survey respondents said their dream car is the Lamborghini Murcielago. It has many features. According to an article titled *Lamborghini Murcielago*, some of the features include "Electronic Ignition with integrated injection, 12V battery, and a cooling system including of two water radiators +oil cooler, variable geometry air inlet system (Lamborghini VACS)" (<http://lamborghinycars.tripod.com/>

murcielago.html).

The Lamborghini Murcielago has speed and style that can be very attractive. So if you have a nice car, make sure who you're dating isn't using you to get to your car. Senior Chad Nort said he likes it for speed and also, "It is a chick magnet."

The Lamborghini Murcielago is such a stylish car that some just will give up anything to own one. "I would trade in my brother for that car," said senior Caleb Branson.

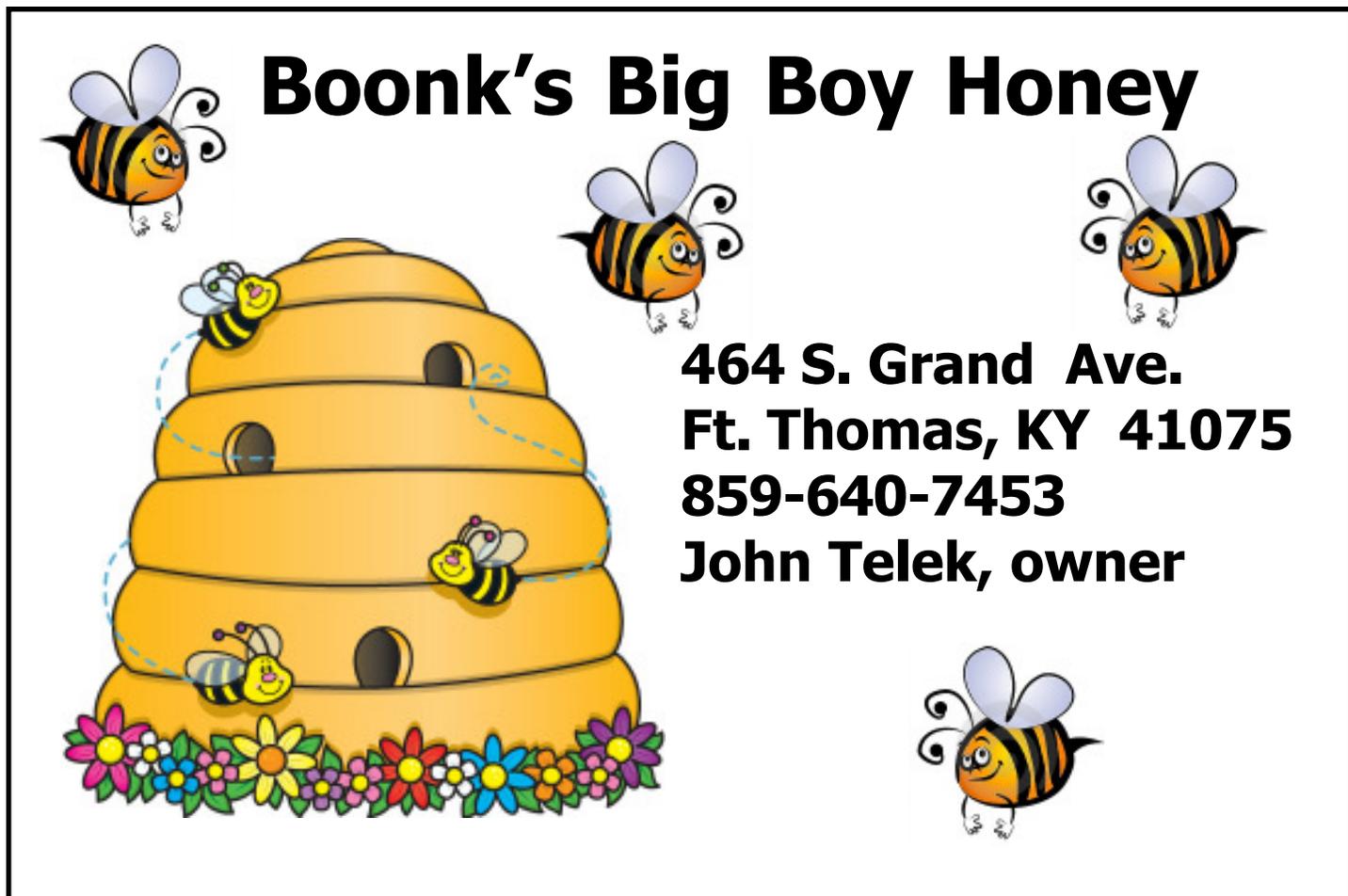
Some people like safety features on many cars, such as the Corvette. When there are bad road conditions or you're lost, people always like to have a some help when driving an important car like a Corvette. "It is very fast; it also has On Star to help you if you are in a wreck or need directions," said sophomore Michael Allmandinger.

Some people like Ferrari because of the style and class it has. The Ferrari is a very expen-

sive car because along with the performance, it has high end features such as the fabric of the seats, the radios, the paint job, etc. There are many kinds of Ferraris that appeal to many people like the Ferrari Enzo "Ferrari is my favorite car company, it resembles luxury and a whole lot of class with its comfortable seats and its style of fabric," said junior Chandler Cochran.

As you can see, NRHS is split in the idea of dream cars. Many like new and luxurious style cars while others like the classic style cars. These cars can be just something people like or something they've seen in a movie like the Batmobile.

"I will never need to find a parking spot. I'll just run a car over or blow it up," said junior Zack Rolfes.



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Charles Darwin: Survival of the *Wittiest*

Theory applies to areas of life today; just not in the classic sense

By: Chelsey Fawley

The strong will survive, as Darwin once stated, and though this idea of natural selection does not necessarily apply to humans any more- it can be proven using television. A show may go on forever if the followers are loyal. This has happened throughout generations, the strongest example being Mickey Mouse. Though the concept has changed over time, the classic goofy mouse is the strong idea that keeps the show thriving. Three of the strong suited shows our most recent generations of X (1946-1979) and Y (1980-2000) have kept thriving were Loony Toons and Scooby Doo. A recent poll here at NRHS got opinions on why these shows are so strong and have thrived throughout many seasons.

Scooby Doo has been on the air since 1969, and the show is still thriving today. The famous mystery-solving Great Dane and his crew of 'meddling kids' have been putting mischievous criminals behind bars throughout several reboots of the show. Hanna-Barbara has kept the show thriving, but the mastermind behind this mysterious show was Fred Silverman. Whether it is the original *Scooby-Doo Where Are You?!* or the most recent *What's New Scooby-Doo?* the 'dumb dog' has contributed to the childhoods of hundreds of people. The reason

this is so is due to the in depth and versatile plot line of the show. The idea of a close knit group of friends going against bad guys is timeless, and has endless possibilities.

Don Messick played the original voice of Scooby and was a fan himself. He stayed on the show for over thirty years, and he said, "I've loved Scooby from the start, and so has everyone else. I think it's because Scooby's not perfect, in fact you might think he's a big coward. Despite all he does though, he seems to land on his feet. I think the audience - kids as well as those who are more mature - can connect with Scooby and his imperfections." (http://www.public.iastate.edu/~opptag2/web_design/summer2002/tv/Ben/1.html) It seems most anyone who ever watched the show can agree with him, there's something about Scooby for everyone.

Henry Bezold, a senior, said, "I liked it because the story in each episode was simple, but there was always something new. Every episode had a new villain and a different motive for the crime." Regardless of the age, those who tuned into Scooby-Doo looked forward to figuring out the mysteries.

Lexy Stamper, a junior, said she loved the show because it let her be a detective. "I loved trying to

figure out the mysteries before they did."

Senior Ashleigh Beard also was a fan of solving the mysteries, but she also said "It was very entertaining and made me laugh".

That brings to light the second best aspect of Scooby; the humor is timeless. Physical humor has played a huge part in all the versions of Scooby, since the first.

English teacher Malissa Cornette said she favored the original Scooby-Doo. "The old school animation was awesome. I loved when they ran as a group and passed the same scenery over and over". For those familiar with the show, she was referring to that bookshelf they ran

past as a gang repeatedly when they were running from bad guys. Cornette also loved the added, "I would have gotten away with it too if it weren't for you meddling kids!"

Others loved the show for its humor. "It was hilarious, Shaggy and Scooby ate everything!" said John Ernst, a junior.

A funny bit Zack Coldiron, a senior, recalled was more physical humor. "I remember an epi-



What a Night for a Knight: a scene from the first episode of Scooby-Doo, Where Are You? featuring, from top, Shaggy, Fred, Scooby, Velma and Daphne. Photo/http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scooby_doo.

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sode when they were at a carnival chasing a bad guy and it was very funny. They rode on the roller coaster in the same car as the bad guy!" The little bits of irony in the show gave it its signature type of humor.

Lastly, some people love this show simply for the nostalgia. Principal Mark Bailey is a fan of Scooby himself. He watched the show as a kid and said "I had an official Scooby Doo lunch box."

Consuelo Isaac, a NRHS parent, also liked Scooby for nostalgic reasons. "I made my daughter watch the old Scooby Doo episodes simply because it brought me back to my own childhood. The show never fails to make me laugh, and I believe it's good to help kids develop puzzle solving skills. My two year old is starting to watch it himself now. Also, Scooby is a nice family friendly show and throughout all the reboots it's remained so. I believe the show to teach lessons to children and I believe it will go on to strive for-

ever."

Like its fellow classic, Looney Toons has survived the decades with its basic origin of physical humor with familiar characters. Warner Brothers have been twisting their favorite stories since their black and white cartoon shorts of 1948. They certainly took off in 1960; however, when they released their color Bugs Bunny and Tweety Bird shows. Later, the beloved characters such as Tom and Jerry, Elmer Fudd, Daffy Duck, and Marvin the Martian appeared.

English teacher Michelle Senter butts heads with Malissa

Cornette on their opinions of cartoons, and Senter said she was a fan of Looney Toons. "There were always great, long-lasting conflicts!"

Juniors Paige Anderson and Will Lytle were all fans of the Toons. Anderson said, "I liked it because there were very few things I could watch growing up, and Looney Toons made the list. I thought it was very funny and the music was great."

Lytle loved Looney Toons and said "Cartoon violence is the best".

Others were fans of the cartoons for the lessons they taught (such as you can never catch a roadrunner).

Senior Caleb Branson said, "I loved watching the classic char-

acters like Daffy Duck and Elmer Fudd get themselves into messes all the time."

Levi Simpson, a junior, said, "Looney Toons was great because cartoon violence is the best. I thought it was very funny and it taught me life lessons."

Fond memories are kept for the same reasons, regardless of the specifics. These strong shows survived due to their solid storylines and lovable characters. These cartoons taught the watchers lessons; the most important being "nobody is perfect".

Scooby and the Toons all hatch nefarious plans that may not always work as they were meant to; but they always worked. It taught hope and determination at a young age. A good cartoon stays in the heart of its watchers forever; Scooby Doo and Looney Toons have obviously made their impacts on our generations.

"I've loved Scooby from the beginning, and so has everyone else."
-- Don Messick, the voice of Scooby Doo



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What is your favorite holiday?

NRHS students enjoy Christmas

By Ashley Gray

What is it about holidays that get people in spirit? With seasons changing, one thing people are always looking forward to seeing is the holidays. What is it about the holidays we enjoy so much? Is it the food? Seeing our family? Just enjoying the time off? Holidays are always a good time for all family members to gather together and celebrate. Holidays are also a good

My favorite holiday is Christmas because it is one day of the year my whole family gets together and have dinner and open up presents with each other,"
--sophomore Joe Waters

time to kick back and relax from all the stress of work, school, and sports. Although there are multiple holidays to choose from, everyone has to have a favorite, right? Depending on age, some might say Halloween because they enjoy having a month-long supply of candy that they can eat in days, or some might say Christmas because it is a longer break, and they enjoy spending quality time with close relatives.

According to a recent informal opinion poll at New Richmond High School, most students said Christmas was their favorite holiday.

"Christmas is my favorite holiday because I love the joy and happiness everyone seems to have around this time," said sophomore Hannah Slye.

"I like Christmas the best because you get to spend it with all of your family members and it's the season of giving and receiving presents," said sophomore Molly Hedrick.

"Christmas is my favorite because I get to see all my family

and eat amazing food," said sophomore Ally Meadors.

Several students responded that they like Christmas as their favorite holiday because they enjoy receiving presents.

"Christmas is my favorite holiday because I do not see as often as I wish and I love waking up and opening presents," said freshman Stephanie Medeiros.

Some teachers at New Richmond High School also said that Christmas is their favorite holiday. "Christmas is my favorite holiday because I love shopping, spending time with my family, eating, and relaxing," said science teacher Lauren Wilkins.

In a *Skipping Stones* article, reporter Sofia De Los Angeles Grosso said that she loves the scrumptious food, the exciting gifts, and creative decor the Christmas seasons brings.

"I wake up and rush down the stairs and I see all the gifts under the tree and feel a cool, crisp wind run across my cheek. In particular food is what I love most about Christmas, my family has a tradition to make special platter called Buenuelos, Natilla, and Ajiaco since my family is Colombian. Last, but not least the decor of Christmas is always dazzling. My two favorite decorations are the Christmas tree and yard light." (<http://web.ebscohost.com/src/detail?vid=9&hid=21&sid=33a292bc163b-4d1b-9dd5-d0b912df3ab3%40sessionmgr11&bdata=JnNpdGU9c3JlWxpdmU%3d#db=mih&AN=54612012>)

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"Some ways to stay fit during and after the holidays is to

dance. Put some music on and dance while you are cooking because this will help to burn up some calories. Also try not to eat to sample too much and eat too much while you are displaying food out for your guests. Christmas is also the time of season that brings a lot of fun presents and toys that can be fun active games." (<http://www.kcby.com/news/health/Staying-fit-for-the-holidays-136145413.html>)

Although most students said Christmas was their favorite holiday, other students said they considered Thanksgiving as their favorite holiday because of all the scrumptious food and family gatherings.

"Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday because this is the time of the year my family comes closer together and I enjoy eating all of my favorite delicious foods," said sophomore Shane McCane.

"I would consider Thanksgiving my favorite holiday because I get to eat a bunch of food and this is the time of the season my family gathers and chows down," said sophomore Hannah Hensley.

"My favorite holiday is Thanksgiving because my family gathers together and we have a huge family dinner and I love looking forward to all the food," said sophomore Wendy Appelman.

"Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday because this is the time of the week we really sit down and thank God for all of our food and make a big dinner with all of our family members and just hang out," said freshman Joshua Bauscher.

Some teachers also said that Thanksgiving is their favorite holiday. "Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday because I love

the food and spending time with my family,” said English teacher Shelby Pride.

“Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday because there is the no stress of getting gifts; I love the food, and spending time with my family. On Thanksgiving I enjoy going to my sister’s house in the Promised Land of Kentucky,” said math teacher John Callebs.

The website <http://www.organicauthorities.com> suggests that the history of the Thanksgiving meal is a very American story,

one that is filled with adventure, new discoveries and - of course - smart marketing.

“Each delicious member of the traditional Thanksgiving dinner has arrived for a reason,” said author Shilo Urban.

“Wild turkeys were a staple of the local diet when the pilgrims arrived in 1620 and became Native to the new world. Stuffing has been around since the romans and has been a well-known food to eat. Native Americans were aware that cranberries promote health properties and it was very popular and gained immediate attention. Native Americans mixed it with pemmican, a dried meat mix, to preserve it for eating during the long New England winter. Our well known pumpkin pie was most likely not at the First Thanksgiving, but dates back 9,000 years ago in Mexico. These are only a few of the most popular foods shared on Thanksgiving, but one thing for sure across the United States each family has its own traditions and Thanksgiving food. Thanksgiving is a day of giving

thanks for all the scrumptious food we have and for the Pilgrims for starting this well-known tradition,” he continued . (<http://www.organicauthorities.com/sanctuary/history-of-thanksgiving-table.html>)

Other students said that Halloween is their favorite holiday because they enjoy being creative and dressing up in their costumes to scare other people.

“Halloween is my favorite holiday because it is the only holiday when people compliment me

on my normal attire. Halloween is also the holiday that the living and the dead are the closest together,” said freshman Haley Bell.

“Halloween would be my favorite holiday because it allows people to be creative with their costumes and usually the plan changes every year, but I hang out with my dad which is a lot of fun,” said freshman Corbin Tharpe.

“I love Halloween because I love going to Fear Fest at Kings Island, going to different haunted houses, and scaring people is a lot of fun,” said freshman Kerrigan Dyer.

Although a handful of students love being creative and dressing up as their own character for Halloween. Other students find Halloween as their favorite holiday because they love all the candy they get. I mean what kid doesn’t love candy?

“My favorite holiday would be Halloween because I love all the candy you get and I enjoy dressing up and going trick or treating with friends and family,” said sophomore Carrie Stapleton. “I love Halloween because I like

being able to look at all the hilarious costumes people have and I love the month supply of candy I get,” said freshman Shelby Koehler.

“Halloween is my favorite holiday because I get candy and I enjoy hanging out with my friends,” said sophomore Heaven Woods.

Some teachers surveyed said that they like Halloween the best also. “I love Halloween because I love all the decorations and the costumes. Every day during the last week of September, my family and I put out decorations. I also love Halloween because of the time of the year in which it occurs. I enjoy trying on different costumes and having my nephews come over and join my kids for trick-or-treating,” said Spanish teacher Sharon Nehls.

The website <http://www.nymetroparents.com> suggests that choosing your costume is most certainly the most exciting part of the holiday and every year whether you are buying your costume or making it, there is always a popular theme.

“Themes for a Halloween costume usually come from popular movie or TV show that is having its moment, or they may come from a funny news event that happened over the course of the year, but the most common Halloween Themes for 2012 were The Avengers, Adventure Time, Monster High, Power Rangers, Batman, Angry Birds, Hunger Games, and Zombies,” said NYMetroParents Staff. (<http://www.nymetroparents.com/article/What-Are-The-Most-Popular-Halloween-Costumes-For-Kids-This-Year>)

As students and teachers at New Richmond High School seem to enjoy their holidays, the most favorite is definitely Christmas, although some students and teachers at New Richmond High School enjoy other holidays as well, including Thanksgiving and Halloween. According to this informal poll at New Richmond High School, students and teachers most enjoy eating food, opening presents, relaxing, and the joy the Christmas season brings.

“Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday because there is the no stress of getting gifts; I love the food, and spending time with my family. On Thanksgiving I enjoy going to my sister’s house in the Promised Land of Kentucky,”
--teacher John Callebs

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Do you have favorite years of schooling? Most students prefer high school

By Joe Maxwell

Different portions of schooling bring back some great memories for some people and for others not so much. Some people will hate portions of schooling that others may love. A few middle school and high school students enjoy waking up an hour earlier than elementary school students, whereas others are enraged by the fact that their sacred sleep is deprived by an hour. Whether it is the relaxation and lack of work that made people enjoy preschool or the hard work and intellectual challenge of high school, there are many reasons to love a certain portion of public schooling over another. Some people even say that they enjoy the fact that they have more freedom in high

school opposed to any other portion of schooling, but others appreciate elementary school where they don't have to worry about planning out classes for the year, dealing with lockers, or switching classes.

According to a recent informal opinion poll at New Richmond High School almost all the students chose high school as their favorite portion of schooling.

"For me, this portion of schooling allowed me to be able to openly express who I am as an individual, which is just another great thing about high school," said senior Katie Gelter.

Other students enjoy high school because of the feeling they get of responsibility and

freedom. "In high school you have many more freedoms, there is more to be involved in, and things to participate in," freshman Adrianna Flood said.

Sophomore Derek Gelter said, "I just think high school is better than any other any other schools because we have generally more freedoms overall."

"All years prior to high school were super awkward and boring. Whereas in high school we have more freedoms to have fun and socialize, such as spirit week, football games, and dances," said senior Morgan Olenick.

Freshman Lindsey Williams said, "Even though I am new to high school, I already really like the freedoms we have, like clash, homecoming, and especially having bigger lockers"

"High school is better than the other portions of schooling because it forces me to be much more responsible and independent," said sophomore Jazmine Dyer

Sophomore Ian Wahoff said, "I really like the freedom given to students here at the high school, especially with the Clash of the Classes and Friday night football games."

Lots of students like high school because of the responsibilities and freedoms they gain from have school activities and sports. It is also proven that students not only enjoy sports, but these sports make students more active and do better in school.

An article published by the Iowa High School Athletic Association said, "A 1989, nationwide study by the Women's Sport Foundation indicated that athletes do better in the classroom, are more involved in school activity programs, and stay involved in the community after graduation. The study, based on

an analysis of data collected by the U.S. Department of Education's High School and Beyond Study, indicated that girls receive as many benefits from sports as boys. Sports involvement was significantly related to a lower dropout rate in some school settings and minority athletes are more socially involved

than non-athletes." (http://www.iahsaa.org/resource_center/Character_Sportsmanship_Safety/Benefit_of_Activities_Handout.pdf)

Freshman Emily Belmont said, "I feel more responsible in high school than I did in elementary or middle school. I have to take responsibility in my school activities, such as sports and marching band. Right now, I am involved in cross country and soccer at the same time, so I have to be twice as responsible to make practices for both sports possible."

"High school is my favorite type of schooling, its more enjoyable than the other schools. You have more freedom here in the high school. I feel free to do some of my favorite activities; the best one so far was most definitely Homecoming week," said sophomore Brittney O'Brien.

"I don't know what it is about spirit week that gets me going, but the main reason I like high school so far is because of spirit week. I really like getting to dress up and have fun," said freshman Jesse Noble.

Even though some students don't necessarily like school, they still appreciate the fact that high school is preparing them for the rest of their life. Most students say that even though they very much dislike the work of high school, they still do it because they understand it is pre-



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In an article for Educational Leadership, David T. Conley said, "High schools that provide students with in-depth academic and career-related learning experiences outside of school foster the skills that students need to succeed in postsecondary study and the world of work." (<http://www.ascd.org/publications/educational-leadership/apr02/vol159/num07/Preparing-Students-for-Life-After-High-School.aspx>)

"Along with becoming prepared for college with AP classes and a couple gifted classes, high school opened many doors for me about what it is I want to do with my life and how to be prepared for life after school. Granted, the homework stinks every night, but it has allowed me to gain multi-tasking skills that will be useful later in life," said Gelter.

"High school is the best portion of schooling because you're going through the final stages of becoming an adult. We're more developed now as individuals than we've ever been before," said senior Rachel Ploucha.

Other than high school preparing students for life, some students mentioned that teachers and staff also treat students like adults to get them ready to be treated like adults.

"You're not quite treated like an adult, but on the other hand you're not treated like a kid," said sophomore Steven Wolf.

Sophomore Jade Stamper said, "Honestly, high school is my favorite portion of school just because of the way I get treated, like an adult for once in my life."

"The teachers treating me like an adult is a real self esteem booster sometimes," said junior Colter Mack.

Some students enjoy high school because of the social opportunities and the chances to make new friends.

"This portion of schooling is more likable because there is a

larger variety of people to make friends with," said freshman Josh Weaver.

Freshman Hannah Clifton said, "High school is fun because it has lots of people and mixes the different grades in classes. I like this because I have made so many friends!"

One of the main reasons students enjoy high school is because of sports and clubs. Students enjoy participating in sports as well as going to different sporting events to cheer on their home team.

"All the benefits of high school are topped off by sports. Sports are definitely the best part of any schooling, especially the high school," said, freshman Jade Kunz

"Another thing that really makes high school fun for me is after school sports," said O'Brien.

For some students, high school is their favorite school level because of all of these put together.

"Independence, spirit week, sports, dances, diversity, making friends, and football games, these are all the things that make high school fun for me," said, freshman Kelsey Nichols.

Freshman Alicia Bailey said, "In high school you have many more freedoms, there is more to be involved in, and things to participate in. All of the sports, and things like spirit week make this school more fun than past years."

Even though high school blows the other portions of schooling out of the water, some students also enjoyed preschool, elementary school, and middle school. In this survey middle school and preschool had the same number of votes as the second most popular portion of schooling.

"Middle school was when the

three elementary schools in our district came together into one school. I made a lot of new friends in seventh and eighth grade. My favorite year so far was eighth grade. I liked playing volleyball and my gym class was always fun in middle school," said sophomore Taylor Zimmer.

"The reason I liked middle school more is because there weren't as many people which meant I had a lot of classes with my good friends," said sophomore Tina Lawrence.

Freshman Ross Flenniken said, "What made middle school more likeable than other portions of schooling for me is how short it was, as in only having to be there for two years, because honestly each portion of schooling gets boring after awhile."

According to this survey, preschool was toe to toe with middle school on a scale of how much students enjoyed it.

Sophomore Rian Denton said, "Preschool was the best because we didn't have stupid rules like we do in elementary, middle, and high school. I loved sleeping in preschool!"

"Preschool was my favorite schooling because you only had to go half a day, you got snacks, naps, and we didn't get in as

much trouble. I also really liked reading with the teacher," said sophomore Ashley Redmond.

Senior Alicia Hosler said, "The kids were so nice, we weren't at school very long, and I got home in time to eat lunch. I also didn't actually have to try when it came to doing work."

Some students chose elementary school as their favorite portion of schooling because they got to see their favorite teachers longer than an hour a day like they do in high school and middle school.

"Getting to see our teachers for more than just an hour was better for me because we got to develop relationships. All my classes were more like a family rather than a course. I used to love picking the kickball teams and racing with the boys to be the first one running laps. Elementary school was a time where we were carefree and not weighed down with responsibility," said freshman Cydney Stiles.

Here at New Richmond High School students seem to favor their hometown high school over the other portions of schooling, such as middle school, elementary school, and preschool. Our students like high school because of the freedom, being treated like adults, extracurricular activities, social development, or just the fact that they are being prepared for the rest of their life. "Honestly, I just love everything about high school so far!" said freshman Kayla Olenick.

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--freshman Kayla Olenick.

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Halloween holds some special memories

Costumes, candy, and how old is too old to trick or treat?

By Josie Buckingham

When you think of Halloween, most people think about candy, haunted houses, pumpkins, fall, Trick-or-Treating, and costumes. No matter what the age, people love getting into the Halloween spirit. Halloween can be fun for kids of all ages, even the old ones!

The top two reasons, I have found, for Halloween spirit are receiving candy and dressing up in costumes.

"It's fun to see all of the costumes and of course get candy," said senior Ashleigh Beard.

"Who doesn't love dressing up and eating candy until you puke?" said senior Rachael Trowbridge.

When it comes to costumes, there are a variety of ways to go. Some people go for the traditional scary types, such as witches or vampires, some go the more humorous route, such as a toilet or a cartoon character, and others go with the Disney themes, such as princesses or fairies. As some people get older, it almost becomes sort of a contest.

As young kids, Trick-or-Treating was always a blast. Kids get to see so many different costumes along the way.

"One of the best costumes that I have ever seen was someone dressed up as a bathtub with

bubbles," said Beard.

"I saw someone dressed up as Dori, off of finding Nemo. I loved that costume," said junior Faith Dewar.

Junior Zack Fields said, "One year, I saw three people dressed up as a washing machine, dryer, and soap suds."

"We made my brother an aquarium costume out of a box, plastic wrap, and fake fish," said Trowbridge.

"I always like when people do matching costumes together, such as mustard and ketchup. Those are always cool," said junior Laura Huddleston.

Many people are also able to look back on their past Halloweens and pick out their favorite costumes that they have ever worn.

"I was a toilet one year! That was my favorite that I can remember," said junior Hannah Hall.

"I was Glinda, the good witch from the Wizard of Oz, one year. My dress was so pretty," said junior Cheyann Fletcher.

Junior Jill Flenniken said, "I was a cow one year. I was a beautiful, plump, and fierce cow, if I do say so myself."

"My favorite costume was

dressing up as Gem. She was a punk rocker cartoon from the late 80s-early 90s," said business and technology teacher, MaryAnn Dalton.

"The homemade princess costumes my mom would make for me were always my favorites," said Trowbridge.

"My Teletubbie costume from when I was about 5 years old was one of my favorites," said Huddleston.

"I dressed up as a skeleton one year. Very few people noticed I was in a costume," said history teacher, Brad Hatfield.

"My favorite costume was from college when about fifteen of us football

players dressed as professional wrestlers from the 80s and 90s. I was Sting, when he was with the NWO. We had everyone from Hulk Hogan to the Ultimate Warrior and the Legion of Doom. I also remember when I was about 7, I was the green ranger. It was memorable because I had the dagger that the green ranger used to call for his dragon zord. It was pretty sweet," said assistant football coach, Josh Wade.

Halloween spirit can be found anywhere, with anyone. But, is there an age limit for Trick-or-Treating and dressing up in costumes?

"I think people should stop dressing up around age 14. It's weird when older people dress up," said Huddleston.

Hatfield said, "I will be taking my son Trick-or-Treating this year, which will mean more tricks than treats for me. I do not dress up anymore, though. I look enough like David Beckham without a costume, so I just go as him every year."

"I take my kids Trick-or-Treating every year, but the last time I personally Trick-or-Treated was my eighth grade year. But, I still dress up! My husband and I attend a Halloween party every year," said Dalton.

Dewar said, "I think it is creative and fun, but sometimes creepy, when older people still dress up. But honestly, I don't think they should stop until they are just close to death."

"I think that is a good that even older people dress up because it shows that they still have spirit. People should stop dressing up when they don't have any spirit or when they can't walk because they are 99 years old," said junior Pierce Burnam.

Even if you are too old to go Trick-or-Treating, you can still get into the holiday spirit by dressing up and hanging out with friends. There isn't a true age limit for anything like that, so celebrate Halloween however you really want to.



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Bengals 2012 season outlook promising

Team hopes to build off last year's momentum

It has been 24 years since the Cincinnati Bengals last went to the Super Bowl; back when people were doing the Ikey Shuffle and the chant "Whodey" became widely used in the Cincinnati area. When excitement was in the air in Cincinnati sports, something the city had not seen since the "Big Red Machine" and the 1990 Reds baseball team. But are we seeing another one of those teams in the making? I think it is safe to say we are on our way to witnessing one.

As everyone should know, the Bengals have never won a Super Bowl in their entire history since they became a professional team in 1968. Something I get reminded of every day of my life, I should add. But this year's team has been a little different from the Bengals teams of old, other than the occasional lackluster performance against teams that we SHOULD beat and terrific performance against great teams when we are considered the underdog. This 2012 team has been more consistent than previous Bengals teams.

Second year quarterback Andy Dalton, who is still just 24 years old, is second in passing yards in the NFL and his favorite wide receiver, A.J. Green, is the #1 receiver in football in terms of receiving yards. Their offense is considered one of the best in the league by far this year and hasn't slowed down at all through six weeks. Each home game this year has been sold out because of how exciting it is to see such a great offense. Win or lose, it's been interesting watching a high powered offense march down the field and make spectacular plays that you have never seen before. But winning just makes that very feeling just a little more satisfying.

At this moment the Bengals are sitting at 3-3, which to some seems just subpar, but this is actually a very average record.

Teams who have started out with this record have gone on to win the Super Bowl many times before. This year's Bengals team has been pretty balanced, but their defense has hurt them big time. The defensive line has been terrific, and has disrupted opposing quarterbacks week after week. Defensive Tackle Geno Atkins is tied for second in the NFL in sacks with 6 and they have become more healthy with the addition of Michael Johnson and Domata Peko back in the lineup. The secondary has been a different story, though, unfortunately; starting the year deflated with injuries, very young, and inexperienced. Starting corner Leon Hall had an Achilles injury, and the first round pick Dre Kirkpatrick also had leg injuries before he even stepped on the field. The team signed two very solid corners in Jason Allen and Terrence Newman over the off season to fill the gaping hole in the secondary. But so far nothing has worked for the defensive secondary.

The defense may be disappointing this year so far, but the offense has picked up for their lackluster play with a great aerial attack that can be overwhelming to other teams. Bengals offensive coordinator Jay Gruden has turned this team around after the previous coordinator, Bob Bratkowski, had it being one of the worst in the NFL before his departure. Gruden help lead the Bengals to the playoffs in his very first year with the team and the offense was the major factor in why they did. Gruden has used everything in the book this year to make it THE best offense in the NFL with trick plays and a new running back to utilize.

One of the biggest additions this year to the team has been running back BenJarvus Green-Ellis who spent his previous 4 years as the starting running back for the New England Patri-

ots. What is so impressive about him is that he had not fumbled after over 589 touches. That is very impressive for a running back who carries the ball almost 20 times per game. A running back that does not turn the ball over is a very good thing for a young offense with a young offensive line. He has fumbled twice to start the year, though, but he has still been very productive and with his consistency he should rebound immediately.

Speaking of consistency, A.J. Green has been nothing but consistent to start this year after a very solid rookie campaign that had him in third place for the rookie of the year award behind the winner, Carolina Panthers quarterback Cam Newton, and his fellow teammate Andy Dalton. He has solidified himself as an elite wide receiver in the NFL through 6 weeks with an impressive 43/688/6 stat line. That means he has had 43 catches, 688 receiving yards and 6 touchdowns this year. This is easily number one in each of those cat-

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egories for wide receivers this year, beating out even Calvin "Megatron" Johnson of the Detroit Lions, who to some, IS the best wide receiver in football.

This year's team may not be a Super Bowl contender just yet, but it is becoming one rather quickly with such a young team. Even though they may not be contending for a title yet, teams should not overlook The Bengals. They can be a very scary team that opposing defenses will have a hard time trying to stop. This team will progress each year and get better and better as they gain more experience in the NFL. With one of the best Quarterback-Wide Receiver combinations in the game and a promising defense, this team will be a Super Bowl contender sooner than most think. WHODEY!



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NFL referee dispute finally settled

Real NFL refs back in action after missing first three weeks

By now, we should all pretty much all know about the National Football League replacement officials who were filling in for the regular officials, who were in a contract dispute with the NFL.

We all have also probably seen or heard of the so called "catch" during the final play of the Monday night football game between the Seattle Seahawks and Green Bay Packers on Sept 24. The pre season and first few regular season games have set a horrible preview to what this NFL season could have come down to, and it's all Roger Goodell's, and the NFL's fault.

The replacement referees that were chosen for these games have never had any experience above division two college football, or are retired from division

one college football. It's like watching the Bad News Bears officiate a game, but I'm not blaming it on them.

The NFL has to take full responsibility when it comes to bad calls by under educated officials. With these officials, players took more shots at opposing players because the replacements did not do anything about it.

One clear example would be in that Monday night football game, moments before Golden Tate "caught" the final pass, he clearly pushed Green Bay defender, Sam Shields out of the way. That push should have resulted in a penalty which would have ended the game.

Another example of this madness would be the helmet to helmet hit defender Ryan Mundy

put on Raiders receiver Darrius Heyward-Bey that did not result in a penalty, and no fine has been given out. The illegal hit left Heyward-Bey unconscious, and he left on a stretcher and was rushed to a hospital.

If the replacement officials would have seen any of this, they would have not been under fire for the real result of the Monday night football game, or the hit on defenseless receiver Heyward-Bey.

This drama is Roger Goodell's fault because he would not comply with the real officials who know the game inside and out, causing hatred toward him, the replacements, and the NFL.

One guy, causing so much trouble, watching games being blown and players getting hurt all because he can't stand the officials getting what they want.

The players and coaches expect the officials to know what they are doing, and it's not the officials' fault that they are under educated, it's the NFL's.

Thank the Lord this lockout has been resolved and we can go

back to seeing the normal refs we all know and love on Sunday afternoons.

But no, first the official's union has to ratify the new agreement

before they can take the field again. But at least its all over. Wrong again! You can't just re-write the past few weeks; a

very short but horrible time period in the NFL.

Goodell can't just brush this off his shoulders like it never even happened. What if the Packers and Seahawks are neck and neck at the end of the season and Seattle beats them out for the wild card by a game, I'm quite certain late great Packers coach Vince Lombardi would turn over in his grave in complete disgust.

The only thing that would make this whole thing better would be a sincere apology from the commissioner, Roger Goodell, and since he screwed that one up, we will see how the rest of this season unfolds.



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Road to fall classic underway

Ten teams look to battle for spot in World Series

By: Caleb Branson

The race to October is finally over and the 2012 Major League Baseball playoffs are on their way! Of the 30 teams in Major League Baseball, only 10 are getting the chance to make it to the highly esteemed Fall Classic, otherwise known as the World Series. The National League won home field advantage this year, by winning in the ceremonial All-Star Game, stomping the American League 8-0.

The National League's five teams are the Washington Nationals, the Cincinnati Reds, the San Francisco Giants, the Atlanta Braves, and finally the St. Louis Cardinals. The N.L. is also home to the two best teams in all of the MLB. These teams are the Washington Nationals, and the Cincinnati Reds. Both of these teams finished with records that topped out every single team in the A.L., making the National League arguably the better division.

The American League's five teams are the Texas Rangers, the New York Yankees, the Baltimore Orioles, the Oakland Athletics, and the Detroit Tigers. The American League is home to some of the best power hitters in all of baseball, and also home to the first Triple Crown winner since 1967, in Miguel Cabrera. To win the Triple Crown, you have to have the best batting average, the most home runs, and the most RBI in the league. Cabrera was the first to accomplish this great feat in a very long time. The previous winner was Carl Yastrzemski for the Boston Red Sox.

This year, the playoffs are set up a little different than previous years before. Previously there was only one Wild Card team from each league (National and American) that went on to play in the Divisional Series, but now there is two Wild Card teams that play each other in

each league. The Wild Card game is not a series, but only one game, that decides who moves on to play in the Division Series.

The Division Series is a series of the best of five and the winner of that moves on to the Championship series which is a best of seven series, and then the winner of that moves on to represent their league in the World Series. In the end, a team has to win a minimum of 11 games to make it through the playoffs and to win the World Series flawlessly. This would involve sweeping all three teams though, which has never been done before, and probably never will be.

This year, the four teams in the Wild card games were the Baltimore Orioles, who played the Texas Rangers for the American League, and the Atlanta Braves, who played the St. Louis Cardinals for the National League. The Cards ended up beating the Braves 6-3 to move on to the NLDS (National League Division Series) against the Nationals, but did so on a very controversial call that could have changed the game in favor of the Braves. For the American League the Orioles beat the Rangers in a very hard fought game to move on to the ALDS game against the New York Yankees.

The next stop on the way to the Fall Classic is the Division Series. In the NLDS the Reds faces the Giants and the Cardinals faced the Nationals for the National League. For the American League, the Tigers faced the Athletics, and the Yankees faced the Orioles. All of these matchups came down to the final fifth game, the win or go home game. The Reds had a 2-0 lead in the series, but let the Giants come back and win the series after losing three straight games. The Cardinals ended up beating the Nationals in possi-

bly one of the most dramatic playoff games of all time. The Cardinals were down to their final strike twice in the game, but managed to come back and win to move on to face the Giants in the NLCS.

Sophomore, Tyler Anderson was very upset when the Reds blew it, but now thinks the Giants will win. "I can't believe the Reds blew it, but I want the Giants to win now because I hate the Cardinals."

Senior, Joey Lee WhoDey was a very strong believe in the Reds winning it all also, but is also now a Giants fan. "I wanted the Reds to win, so I guess now I'll root for the Giants because of the orange and black. 'Orange and Black Attack!'"

In the ALDS, the Tigers took a 2-0 lead in the series against the Athletics. The Athletics won the next two games in dramatic fashion just to keep their World Series hopes alive. Coming into the final, fifth game, the Tigers were done playing games and finished off the Athletics, beating them 6-0. This meant the Tigers were moving on to the ALCS where they would later face the Yankees who beat the Orioles after shutting down their hopes of a comeback.

Now on to the Championship Series, where four teams go on to battle it out for their spot in the World Series. In the NLCS the San Francisco Giants are facing the St. Louis Cardinals, and

in the ALCS the New York Yankees are facing the Detroit Tigers. The Yankees and Tigers are no strangers to each other in the post-season, they seem to be playing each other every other year. In the end these four teams are battling for their spot in the World Series, so be ready for some of the best games of the year to happen.

AJ Solis, who is a senior, is a very confident Cardinals fan. "We came back against the Nats, and are gonna blow through the Giants and win it all just like last year!"

Some students at NRHS were asked who they thought was going to make it to the World Series and win. Nearly every single one of these students were predicting the Reds to win, but were unfortunately disappointed as they were knocked out early in the postseason. There were a few though, who strayed away from rooting for the hometown Reds and decided that the Giants were the way to go.

Senior, Zack Coldiron was very confident the Reds were going to win, but now thinks the Tigers will win it all. "I think that the Tigers will win it because they have the best overall team of any left in the postseason. A triple crown winner and last years MVP in Justin Verlander."

Evan McKinley, also a senior, agrees with Zack. "Tigers, no doubt."

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Athlete of the issue: Blake Thompson

On Friday nights, junior can be seen tearing up the backfield

By: Chandler Cochran

Junior Blake Thompson has been playing football for eleven years and is now the starting running back for New Richmond's varsity football team.

Thompson played multiple sports throughout his childhood but knows that football is his major sport. Growing up, just like every other little boy, Thompson wanted to play football and be a superstar.

"I knew I wanted to play football, but after watching Shawn Alexander (Seattle Seahawks running back 2000-2007), I knew I wanted to be just like him," said Thompson.

Not only does he play the same position as his idol, Thompson also wears the same number. "The number 37 means a lot to me," said Thompson. "Not only did my idol wear this number, but I've had it my whole life. It's my number for every sport I play, it's

almost like my last name; I want to be remembered by it."

Thompson is well into his first year as a varsity starter, "Playing varsity football is incredible and scary at the same time. It feels great because you know the entire community is watching you and cheering for you. But at the same time it's scary because you don't want to make a mistake and let them down," he explained.

Playing varsity football is considerably harder than junior varsity, but with high risk comes high reward. "My goals for my high school career are to make 1st team SBAAC, but my ultimate goal is to one day play college ball," said Thompson.

Football, especially high school football, takes a lot of time and dedication out of a normal, everyday schedule, but as always, there are benefits and drawbacks.

"The main drawback is time, football takes up a ton of time throughout the summer and every day after school," explained Thompson. "Stress is also a big factor in football; the feeling of letting your community and family down when you make a mistake can be heartbreaking."

Football can be very beneficial, helping athletes on and off the field.

"The main benefit I get from football is confidence. Doing well on the football field gives me confidence and the desire to try something new. It lets me believe that I can accomplish anything," said Thompson.

Football can teach athletes many life lessons to use on and off the field. The dedication they give can part them from the things they love like hanging out with friends and family.

"The main thing I've given up to be good is friends. I have lost

contact with multiple friends because they want to go out and party and drink," explained Thompson. "And I don't like to be around people like that who may become a bad influence. If you don't hang around people like that, then your chances of screwing up are majorly decreased."

"I feel that football has kept me away from bad decisions and people. If you are one hundred percent dedicated, then you don't have time to think about bad things like that; it will also reflect how well you perform on the field," added Thompson.

Thompson said that his favorite part of being good at football is the feeling of being able to start on Friday nights.

"I love it; you get a good feeling when you are one of those eleven players everyone in the stands has their eyes on," said Thompson.

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Panera Bread specializes in comfort food

Delicious soups, sandwiches guaranteed to warm you up

By Josie Buckingham

With fall weather coming quickly upon us, it's usually time to get into the fall weather foods. Panera Bread is a great place to warm up with a great atmosphere and great food.

Panera is a bakery and a cafe together, making fresh baked goods daily. It's always good for any time of day. There are many choices for breakfast food, such as fresh bagels and muffins, which come in many flavors. For lunch or dinner, there are multiple soups, salads, sandwiches, paninis, and more. There are also coffee drinks, teas, and different smoothies that are great for any time. The way I see it, it is all

yummy and healthy food.

The best meal that I have ever had at Panera is the You-Pick-Two meal. You get to choose two of three choices; salad, sandwich, or soup. Personally, I always order the Broccoli Cheddar soup with a Smoked Turkey Breast sandwich. With a cup of delicious, hot coffee, it's the perfect meal for a cold day.

With all of the fresh baked bread and fresh vegetables, you would think that Panera would be a bit pricey. But it's not at all. I think that the prices are very good and acceptable. I'd say they are normal cafe food prices, even though it's better than the

normal cafe food. The soups are usually priced at \$4.49, sandwiches range around \$6.00 and \$7.00, and salads around \$7.00. For my preference, the You-Pick-Two meal, you can get a cup of soup and half of a sandwich for \$6.59.

I have been to Panera Bread in many different places, and in every restaurant, I always have good service. The workers are always very nice and polite. They are very patient with you, also. I have also had many workers help me save money on my food by making it into a different type of meal. The fire that is usually going during the fall and win-

ter months makes the restaurant so much cheerful and warm. Most people also enjoy the free WiFi service that they have available. When you look around in the cafe, you will usually see many people on lunch breaks or just there after work, enjoying a meal and typing away on laptops.

With the numerous times that I have been to Panera, not one has been a bad experience. The welcoming and warm atmosphere really does pull you in. It's a great place to stop in on a chilly day and just warm up a bit.

Sports bar+Irish pub=Beef O'Bradys

Attempt the OMG Burger if you dare

By Chandler Cochran

If you are ever in the Newport area and are craving a delicious burger, Beef O' Brady's is the place you need to be. I went there once with my dad before a Reds game, and now we go there before almost every Reds game we go to. It's an Irish pub but inside looks more like a sports bar. They have jerseys and pictures of teams like the Reds, Bengals and various high schools from around the area. There are over twenty TV's in the place; literally everywhere you look, you are looking at a TV.

The food there is great, they

mostly serve burgers and fries, but there's also salads, burritos and wraps. The prices are fairly reasonable, and definitely worth it. The burgers usually range from \$7-10, but are very big. When I go, I usually order the same thing every time. It's a cheeseburger topped with bacon, tomatoes, lettuce onion rings and barbecue sauce, and is absolutely delicious.

Beef O' Brady's claim to fame is a giant 12 patty cheeseburger named the "OMG burger." I've never actually had one, nor will I ever attempt to eat one, but once when I was there, someone ac-

tually ordered it. I'm not sure if the person finished it, but I do know it didn't look easy, or even appetizing. It looked like a giant mush of bread, hamburger and cheese. The restaurant is also highly recognized for their chicken wings, which have won many awards throughout the years.

The restaurant is all indoors; there is no outdoor seating but the place is relatively spacious with plenty of dining room space. There's a total of five locations

in Newport, Hebron, and Union, in Kentucky and also in Centerville and Beavercreek, Ohio. I have only been to the one in Newport, but if the rest of their restaurants are as busy as the one in Newport, I'm sure it's just as good.

After all of the times I've been there, I haven't been disappointed yet. Beef O' Brady's is one of my favorite restaurants that I will be returning to on a regular basis. I hope to see you there!

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Another Irish pub gets great review

Try Claddagh's Monte Cristo sandwich

By Christin Gray

Get St. Patty's Day ready! Claddagh Irish Pub will give you the Irish taste all year long. For Homecoming, I planned to go to Brio's, but not wanting to wait all night, I walked around searching for something else.

Previously, I had eaten at Claddagh's and hated it. There food wasn't what I was expecting. But to be honest, I think it was just that single sandwich I had chosen. The menu has a large variety of options, and the atmosphere is very lively.

This quaint eatery is a nice place to go out on a date or to take the family out. There is something for everyone, and lots of new experiences to explore. The menu is very American friendly, probably because we do live in America, but there are traditional burgers and sig-

nature pub chips. They also have a decent variety of salads and homemade soups as well as many authentic fish and chicken homeland favorite dishes.

Claddagh is not your typical restaurant; it's absolutely not a fast food restaurant. Many bands play on Saturday nights for entertainment, and environment has the heart of Ireland's homeland in every corner. From pictures to the lighting, everything inside the place reminds you of an typical Irish pub in Ireland.

The menu has a wide variety of burgers, sandwiches, salads, etc. But don't let those make you think that's the only thing there. All the dishes have a unique something to them. There are shrimp dishes, corned beef dishes, Irish pork loins, stuffed

shells, grilled salmon, and meat loaf. My favorite was a sandwich called the "Monte Cristo." An amazing french toast breading with powdered sugar, and turkey with Swiss cheddar cheese. It is one of the sweetest sandwiches I've ever eaten. Definitely a very good choice, on the other hand the Jameson burger is another favorite, and I would absolutely recommend. The Jameson is a beefy burger with cheese and the Jameson sauce, with onion straws.

The prices of the food are all pretty much around the same, salads, burgers, and sandwiches are all roughly anywhere from \$6.99-\$8.99. Included all sandwiches come with their famous pub chips, which in my opinion are really good.

Nevertheless the atmosphere

is very relaxing and laid back. It is pretty noisy in there, which makes it difficult to have an on going conversation. The conversations at other tables seem to carry and that part can be very aggravating, but other than the restaurant is really good.

During any time of the year other than winter, the patio is an awesome place to have a nice conversation with a pretty view of Cincinnati, especially at night, when all the lights are on.

Claddagh is a great restaurant after a late baseball game, or even right before your movie starts. Being in the heart of Newport, it's a prime location for the convenience of the costumers. I would totally recommend Claddagh Irish Pub.

Eat at Joes!

Crab shack offers great food, entertaining shirts

By Caleb Branson

If you're looking for dinner and a view, then Joe's Crab Shack is the place to go! With a location right on the Ohio River, in Newport, Kentucky, you can have a great view of the Ohio River, while eating some of the best seafood around, in a family friendly environment. Located at 25 Fairfield Avenue, Bellevue, KY, Joe's Crab Shack is definitely one of my all-time favorites, when it comes to restaurants with good seafood.

Joe's Crab Shack might just have some of the best seafood in the entire Cincinnati area, especially the amazing shrimp! There's a wide variety of buckets you can get. For example, the crab bucket, which gives you seven choices of crab, including:

snow crab, king crab, and queen crab. These also come with six different flavor options, like grilled, or boiled for example. Every crab bucket is also served with new potatoes and fresh corn on the cob.

They also have nine great steam pots to offer, that can come with over a pound of food! If you're a seafood lover, and you like to eat, one of the steam pots is right for you! One of the more popular items on the menu is The Orleans, which is a steam pot filled with over a pound of crawfish, twelve shrimp, and andouille sausage.

The restaurant itself is also really nice, and pretty easy to get to. The Joe's Crab Shack in Newport actually has a lot of room

considering the large number of people who are always there. They also have one of the best views of the river in the entire Cincinnati area, from the Ohio or Kentucky side! Eating some of the best seafood around, with a great view of the river on a nice evening: definitely a great time.

Joe's Crab Shack also has some of the funniest sayings around. They have many shirts for sale at each restaurant with some of the catchiest sayings you can think of, and that you can't help but laugh at. First off, their slogan is, "Eat at Joe's". It might be the most simple saying in the world, but gets stuck in your head forever if you watch a commercial once or twice!

Back to the sayings on the

shirts though, some of the best ones are: "My waitress gave me crabs"; "Don't give me any ship today"; and "Got crabs?".

Joe's is a pretty successful franchise, located in over 31 states, stretching from the east coast to the west coast, and is even in Texas. The surprising thing is that Joe's has only been around since 1991, opening its first doors in Texas. By 1995 Joe's stretched into Dallas where it really became popular and started truly expanding. Now Joe's Crab Shacks around the country are truly thriving being one of the more successful seafood places around. I definitely recommend going there soon! Don't forget, Eat at Joe's!

House At The End Of The Street stinks!

Save your money; rent it later

By Luke Gilday

With Halloween quickly approaching, it's horror movie season and the first one on my list was the new thriller *House at the End of the Street*.

Featuring the *Hunger Games* star Jennifer Lawrence and Max Thieriot, the movie follows the story of a girl and her mother moving in to a new house in a new neighborhood. However, something seems a bit off about their new neighbor Ryan and as they soon find out, he is hiding a dark secret.

As far as the basic plot goes, it isn't a bad story. Along with this, there were a few good "jump" moments within the movie. Sadly, that's where the positive review stops. As a whole, I had major issues with the characters, the

events within the story, and the "twist".

The first issue that arose with the characters was the fact that none of them had any reservation at all. Through the entire movie every single character said exactly what they were thinking whenever they were thinking it. This made for a few awkward and unexpected moments where characters who barely knew each other were saying some pretty harsh things to one another. Generally, these kinds of conversations don't happen in real life. Another issue with the characters is that they often acted irrationally, and I know what you're thinking, if you were put in a horror movie you don't know what you would do either, but

this was before the "horror" had even started. You can't tell me the kid who runs student council and "raises" thousands for a charity dedicated to feeding impoverished people of Africa would destroy someone's car in a crowded public area. That's not going to get anyone into college. The list of unreasonable actions goes on and on as the movie progresses.

The next issue that arises is the events that take place within the movie. At one point, Carrie Ann (the mentally ill sister of one of the main characters) escapes and makes a break for it, running through the woods. Luckily, he catches her very quickly. Now I'm not sure about you, but if you've ever tried to catch any-

thing running away from you in, especially in the woods at night, it's a lot harder than the movie makes it seem. Things just kind of conveniently fall into place.

And of course, there is the good ole' horror movie twist, well, in this case, two. While the second one was decent, the first twist was seen a mile away. Even with the second being unexpected, it wasn't really anything mind blowing.

Overall the movie was simply so-so. I expected much more of the first movie of this season, and left the theatre disappointed. For anyone looking for a good scare this season. I would suggest just renting it when it comes out.

Inspired by Tuscany, Brios serves great Italian food

Pricey restaurant worth the money

By Rachel Curless

Dinner and a date? Brio's is the place for you! Brio's is located in Newport, on the levee. It's Italian food that is inspired by Tuscany, and includes a wide variety of pastas, meats, soups and salads. For me, I'm a vegetarian so I had Penne Mediterranean.

Penne Mediterranean is a pasta that is served with sundried tomatoes, spinach, caramelized onions, mushrooms, feta cheese

and pine nuts. It was very appetizing, I had no complaints or changes that I would make to it, except the price, it was \$15.95 for just my meal. Brio's is a pricey restaurant but it is well worth your money I think because the food is just so delicious.

Although the restaurant isn't on the river and customers don't have a view of the city, the atmosphere there is great! As soon as you walk in the door, you are

welcomed by many employees who have welcoming smiles on their faces.

The service there is great, too. They're waiting on you hand and foot, they want their customers to be happy and more satisfied with their service than any other restaurant.

A cool feature about Brio's is when you are walking around in Newport and you walk past the back of the restaurant, there is a

wall of windows and you can see the cooks preparing all of the noodles. In the front of Brio's there is a patio so you can sit out there and enjoy the outdoors, too.

All around, Brio's is a wonderful restaurant and I recommend it to anybody who loves Italian food!

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