

Students sent to state

By Emily Smith

Two seniors traveled to Cincinnati on Oct. 26 to try to bring home a girls tennis state championship. Those two girls are Kaitlyn Stoll and Anessa Berry.

Although they didn't win the top spot, being at the competition meant they were among the top 16 doubles teams in the state.

Stoll has been playing tennis since her freshman year of high school. She started playing because her grandpa and older sister both play. She also wanted to try something new. Chris Higgins, the tennis coach, saw Stoll playing one day and asked her to play.

"I am super excited," Stoll said before going to Cincinnati. "Making it this far in the tournament is a huge accomplishment. We are the second doubles team in girls' tennis history (at Norwalk) to go to state. We have worked hard all season to make it to this point."

Stoll said the send-off was something she will never forget.

"Being cheered on by the whole school, and doing it with one of my best friends, was unforgettable," she said.

Berry has been playing tennis for six years.

Tennis is sport that is familiar to her and her family. Berry's older sister and both of her younger sisters also play.

"I just wanted to start playing," she said.

Berry said she was really nervous to go to state, and was really excited for the send-off.

"It [being at state] was fun and a great experience," she said.



Photo by Emily Smith Seniors Anessa Berry and Kaitlyn Stoll interact with the crowd of students lined up in the hallway to support them as they prepare to compete at state.

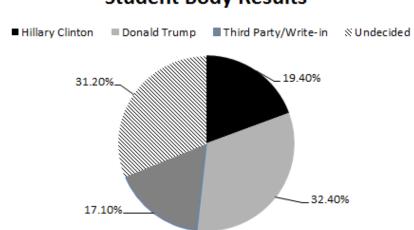
Trump trumps the votes at NHS

By Logan Hurst

A poll was recently conducted to determine who would win the presidential election if it were held within the NHS student body.

Four hundred students were given the survey in their English classes, and Republican candidate Donald Trump won the popular vote with 32.4 percent. Close behind Trump were 31.2 percent undecided, followed by Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton with 19.4 percent and 17.1 percent for third party candidates and write-ins. "It seems like 31 percent undecided is very high at this late stage in the campaign," social studies teacher Chris Cloud said. He theorized that the number of

Student Body Results



both candidates have very bad things about them.

Senior Sam Freeman agreed. "A lot of people are scared for

a new president with more than 30 percent undecided," he said.

Senior Malori Davies said that the 31 percent undecided is scary, but it is representative of the real electorate with the number of uneducated voters in the country.

In addition to the main candidates, Green Party candidate Jill Stein received one vote, Libertarian Gary Johnson got seven, Bernie Sanders got two, and many people wrote-in humorous names including Shrek, Mr. Kish, Jesus, the Teletubbies, George Washington, Jacob Martin and Blake Obringer.

Results compiled by Logan Hurst Results based on a survey of 100 students from each grade level, for a total of 400

undecideds is so high because underclassmen have not taken government or senior social studies yet.

students

Social studies teacher Jen Gerber said the poll results show that there is no clear best choice. She said it is very sad and that

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Facts behind blocked websites

By Madeline Roche

There are many complaints about the blocking of school websites, but the tech office has reasons for the filtration systems on school devices.

Selected sophomores, juniors and seniors are able to have a laptop provided by the school. Many websites are blocked such as youtube.com, social media sites, online banking or shopping websites and websites with games that take up a lot of bandwidth.

"It's not because we're mean and don't want students to have fun; however, we do want you to pay attention because we want you to learn. That's why you're here. We want you to be prepared for life and college, we don't want teachers to be mad and it's for your own good," Chris Adams, senior technical support specialist, said, adding that "it's not to make everybody miserable." The devices of the school district are under multiple filters and sometimes websites are simply blocked because of a "false positive" from the computer. This requires human intervention and there are ways to solve the problem.

If a student needs a website unblocked to use for educational purposes, he or she can contact the tech office by filling out a help ticket. This can be done by emailing

help@norwalktruckers.net.

If a teacher confirms that the student needs to use this website, the tech office will find out why it is blocked and determine if it can be unblocked and then unblock it if everything seems good. Adams said it would be best if students sent a screenshot of the "block screen" along with their complaint because it makes things easier for the tech staff.

Adams said the tech office is very busy and has to complete things in order of importance and deadline. For more on blocked websites and student opinion on the immaturity of other students, check out the staff editorial on page 2.

He explained that the three main reasons for blocking websites on the school computers are protecting the network, conserving bandwidth and the abuse of websites by students in the past.

Not only do games take up a lot of bandwidth, most of the websites they are found on contain viruses. In 2002, the tech office had to deal with the NIM-DA virus and the system was down for days. The tech office workers are very busy and do not need to deal with such a thing again, Adams said.

Since the majority of students are minors, there are certain standards the tech office has to meet. Pornography, pirating and online shopping are an abuse of the privileges students have, technical support specialist Jimmy McClune said.

Crossword contest continues

Each issue of *The Trucker Imprint* will have a crossword puzzle that relates to either Norwalk High School or the topics covered within the issue. This issue's crossword features teachers. Check it out and learn how to win a prize on page 12.



Photo by Emily Smith Last issue's crossword winner, sophomore Mary Moore (right), is presented with a \$5 gift certificate to Stomping Grounds by senior Madeline Roche in front of the cafeteria during her lunch.

Teachers remember voting



Several teachers look back on their first time voting. See **page 3** to read about these memories.

Unclaimed paper accumulates



Librarian Lucy Hokes is bringing the amount of wasted paper left in printers to light. Read more about this on **page 5.**

Goalie breaks shutout record



A senior on the girls' soccer team sets a new record for NHS. Check out **page 11** to find out more.



Students undermine tech trust

It is definitely aggravating when students try to find homework help, message friends or try to play games or watch movies in study hall, only to find out the website they want to use is blocked.

Many websites are blocked and it seems pointless, overprotective and downright annoying, but it is for our benefit. Even though some websites are blocked that don't need to be, if all students could be trusted, there wouldn't need to be so many filters.

Over the years, we have watched each other grow up and

we've been with each other through the good and the bad. We also all know someone in our grade that seems to ruin things for everyone else. Why is it

so difficult to just follow directions?

It's not only students ruining things for others. There are a lot of corrupt people out in the world. The viruses and ransoms they try to use within school networks or any network in general is sickening. It seems impossible to be completely safe from these no matter what.

Thankfully, the tech office is willing to help. They have valid reasons for blocking websites, especially

when people make stupid choices. If a student follows the steps for filling out a help ticket about a website that needs to be unblocked for a class, the tech office can do something about it.

As an example of this, we found what seemed to be a website that was blocked for no reason: the Shaker Heights High School newspaper's website. After discussing this with the tech staff, the website was unblocked.

If all students would be considerate and not abuse the system, things would be easier; however, that will probably never be the case.

With so many devices on the same network, it is important for students to be considerate of others and keep in mind the dangers that exist in the world of technology. The filters for our school laptops are there for a reason so think about what your purpose is before complaining.

Editors elaborate on election By Emily Smith He said.... 2015, decision reversed and give state governments the right to

Before there are any people who disagree, this is a matter of opinion and we are all entitled to our opinion. I am writing in favor of this year's Republican presidential candidate, Donald John Trump.

Now, I am sure some people are questioning why, but just sit tight. That will all be explained.

Donald Trump is a father and a husband. He has five children and eight grandchildren.

He has been shamed for his repeated bashing of women. As a woman, I do not side with Hillary Clinton, his opponent.

She constantly brings up the fact that he called a woman fat years ago. Trump since then has owned up to his mistake and apologized.

Clinton, as pretty much everyone knows, held a private email. In this email she hid 33,000 emails. As secretary of state, she had a certain email to use, and she did not use it. The reason for the special email is because anything she says can be monitored and is government property. But, who knows what was on those emails now?

She said



abortion. She has also added they can do so up to nine months if a disability is suspected.

By Logan Hurst

"The lesser of two evils?"

2015, decision reversed and give state governments the right to outlaw same-sex marriage again. Talk about taking one step forward and two steps back.

Included in this matter is the "T" of the LGBTQ+ acronym. Being trans is most likely one of the most misunderstood identities in today's world. Transgenderism is not simply waking up one day and saying, "Hey, I don't feel like being a boy anymore." Hillary understands that this identity is surrounded by hate and ignorance, and wants to make these people as comfortable as possible, allowing them to use the restroom of their gender identity among other things.

I know you hear this time and time again when watching the news and other media, but just the way in which Trump talks about women makes me sick to my stomach. "When you're flatchested, it's hard to be a ten." "Look at that face. Would anyone vote for that?" (referring to Carly Fiorina, a fellow presidential candidate at the time). And the list goes on and on. And yet, he continues to say that he will be good for women's health issues, and "no one respects women more than I do." The objectification of women is definitely not a foreign concept to "the Donald."

Some people's problem with Trump is that he wants to build a wall.

A subject I have a strong opinion on is abortion. Trump is pro-life, and Hillary is prochoice.

Now, I am neither pro-life nor pro-choice. I have recently learned about an option called pro-situational. It is against abortion unless under certain circumstances. Those circumstances include neither the mother nor baby surviving, the baby would not make it anyway, and this is just to name a few.

I do not believe in the murder we push off by calling it abortion. Clinton is pro-choice which means anyone can get an

I know a senior who was given a 10 percent chance of living when she was an infant. Her parents said they would not abort even though the doctors were trying to get them to. They said they would put her life in God's hands. Now, she is a senior and healthy as ever. They could've easily ended her life because they thought it would end anyway, and they decided not to. This is why I believe we shouldn't even have the option to end a life if we believe there may be a disability.

Also, if you are sexually active and know the risks of having sex, but end up pregnant, you should under no circumstance be allowed to abort. I understand, things might be hard about having a child, but there are other people who would do anything to have a child.

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That question is quite an easy one to answer. Democrat Hillary Clinton and I have very similar views on a vast majority of issues that have importance to the American people.

First things first: Donald Trump seems to mock and disagree with any issue that is important to me. I have been 100 percent supportive of marriage equality and women's rights for as long as I can remember.

Does anything cross your mind when you see an interracial couple in public? Before 1967, there were laws in the United States that outlawed marriage between interracial couples. Before 2015, the same was true for same-sex couples.

Hillary Clinton has assured to the American people that she stands for the protection of LGBTQ+ rights. On the other hand, Trump has stated that he will strive to get the June 26, On the other side, Hillary is a huge pro-choice advocate. Being pro-choice does NOT mean proabortion.

I would not advise women to have or not have an abortion. I feel that decision is for the woman, her spouse, and her doctor to make, very carefully weighing the pros and cons of the situation. Not only that, but if we outlaw abortion, women will still be put in situations where they need to terminate their pregnancy, and will have no safe way to do so.

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Making the choice to have a voice

By Brandi Braker



doing something this year that not many 18year-olds get to do

I will be

on their birthday: I will be voting for the first time.

I plan to exercise this right because the people elected will shape my future.

This presidential election is especially crucial because the person elected will likely be appointing between one and four Supreme Court justices; this essentially gives the next president the power to put like-minded justices on the Supreme Court who will sway the rulings of the court for many years to come, since justices serve for a lifetime. Therefore, this president will affect the country even after his or her presidency ends.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, only 33.4 percent of 18-year-olds who were eligible to vote in the 2012 presidential election actually voted. This shows that only roughly a third of citizens who are 18 years old cared enough about the future of their country to make their voice heard by voting for the candidates who best represent their views.

As a person who has always been inclined to voice my opinion, I do not understand how others my age complain about what is happening in our country without using their voice to change it. If people are eligible to vote and choose not to, they do not have the right to complain about something they could have worked to change.

No matter what your age, if you are eligible to vote on Tuesday, make your voice heard and vote.

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Debating for state rep

By Logan Hurst

Minimum wage and state testing were topics Republican Dick Stein and Democrat Tom Dunlap disagreed on when they debated in front of the junior class on Oct. 25 at the Ernsthausen Performing Arts Center. They are running for state representative in Ohio's 57th district.

Stein is the owner of Stein Photography, and Dunlap is a county commissioner, former sheriff and former educator at EHOVE Career Center.

When asked their opinion on state standardized testing, their stances were different. Dunlap stated that the tests obviously are not working, and that he does not see how those tests truly measure a student's ability. He added that he does not support common core and how the performance of teachers is measured by the test scores of the students. Stein was more in support of standardized testing. He said that it is necessary, but more power should be given to local governments when making decisions on what is right for their school district.

The candidates were asked for their views on raising the minimum wage. Stein said becoming too reliant on minimum wage will limit someone's potential, and that he thinks it should not be raised. Dunlap said he does not see why raising it a small amount is a bad thing, and would push to have it increased by around 25 cents.

Another question asked of the candidates was how they plan to handle opioid issues with chronic pain patients. Stein and Dunlap both agreed that people need more education on the issue, including educating physicians.

"I think they both want the same things for the most part," said junior Tori Smith. She also said that Dunlap won the debate, because he was more composed and knew what messages he wanted to get across, whereas Stein was not as prepared.

When junior Sarah Nutter was asked who she felt won the debate, she said that neither of them seemed very appealing.

"Both of their views regarding change within the government were very conservative and had little to no variation," she said.

Junior Drew Kaczor said that he would vote for Stein, because of his conservative views. He said that Dunlap seemed to not answer the questions very direct-



Photo by Alayna Warren

Republican Dick Stein (left) and Democrat Tom Dunlap discuss a question from a junior student at the state representative debate on Oct. 25.

ly, and thought he was not as prepared.

The format for the debate was as follows: the candidates began with opening statements. Then, it was opened up for student questions.

Each candidate was allowed 60 seconds to answer the questions, and then a 30 second rebuttal was allowed if necessary. Then, a "rapid fire" round began, giving each candidate 30 seconds to answer the questions. This

was all followed by closing statements from the candidates.

Stein's closing statements consisted of how he feels that students should become more educated on the issues. Dunlap's closing statements stressed how he has the experience to serve the position of state representative well.

He feels his background in law enforcement and education will make a difference when it comes to making decisions.

Feachers note their first vote

By Brandi Braker

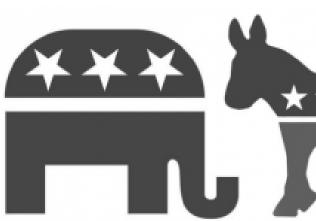
Though some students may be voting for the first time this election, teachers have voted in the past. These are their memories of their first time voting.

Chapin:

Humphrey vs. Nixon, 1960

Secretary Becky Chapin's first time voting was when she was 18 years old. Chapin voted for Nixon.

Chapin remembers that her parents influenced her decision in voting and that by voting she felt like she was doing her "American



"Everybody was scared of Ronald Reagan because he was a no-nonsense guy," she said.

"I think it's your obligation as an American to research facts and vote for the person who will make America strong and debt free," Hipp said, adding that she is tired of "other countries making fun of us."

didn't get to vote in high school. My friends could but I couldn't," she said.

Stewart: Bush vs. Gore, 2000

Schuster:

Bush vs. Kerry, 2004

English teacher Leah Schuster's first experience voting in a presidential election was when she was 24 years old. She voted for John Kerry.

"I didn't vote when I was in college," Schuster said, adding that the first time she voted, "I felt like I was doing my civic duty [by voting]... also I felt grown up."

Schuster said she decided to vote for Kerry by watching the debates and keeping up with the news, though "I wasn't stoked about either choice. Schuster thinks it is important to vote. "Even though we're living in garbage election times, it's still a great privilege and honor to vote," she said.

duty.

Chapin said she feels that voting is very important now, just as it was the first time she was able to vote.

"This is one of the saddest and most crucial elections we've had," she said.

Hipp:

Carter vs. Reagan, 1980

Art teacher Rachel Hipp voted for the first time in a presidential election when she was 20 years old. Hipp voted for Ronald Reagan.

"I feel like Jimmy Carter was a really nice guy but not a good leader," Hipp said. She thought the country needed a no-nonsense person in office because of trouble with Iraq and Iran.

Farmer: Clinton vs. Dole, 1996

teacher Science Angela Farmer's first time voting in a presidential election was when she was 21 years old. Farmer voted for Bill Clinton.

Farmer said she did not watch the debates. She decided who to vote for by reading the paper and the fact that Clinton was the incumbent.

"Nothing seemed wrong, so why change?" Farmer said. "I probably wasn't a very informed voter," she added.

Farmer was excited the first time she got to vote, "because I

Guidance counselor Sandi Stewart was disappointed she didn't get to vote in the 1996 election because she was only 17. She loved her government class and teacher that she had at the time and wanted to be able to vote.

"I was only 17 so I didn't vote but others who weren't interested in voting got to," Stewart said.

Stewart was able to vote when she was 20. She opted to vote for George W. Bush. Stewart said she decided to vote by watching TV coverage, talking to friends and reading the Columbus Dispatch.

Stewart said being able to vote made her feel "empowered in a way but at the same time realizing I was one in millions."

Kaple: Bush vs. Kerry, 2004

Math teacher Corrie Kaple's first experience voting in a presidential election was when she was 19 years old. She voted for George W. Bush.

Kaple remembers how she felt being able to vote.

"It's like the next milestone," she said.

Kaple said she made the decision to vote for Bush by reading and googling the candidates for bullet points on their stances.

Students name their candidate



Senior Steven Strickland Who are you voting for in this year's election? Donald Trump What do you like most about this candidate? He's honest.

Where did you get your information about this candidate? Online.

What is a major change you hope to see? Build a wall.

Why do you think it is important to vote? To value my opinion.



Senior Garrett Underwood Who are you voting for in this year's election? Donald Trump

What do you like most about this candidate? He may not be smart, but he speaks his mind plus he's not Hillary

Where did you get your information about this candidate? Debates and web.

What is a major change you hope to see? Second Amendment rights, Pro Life and Hillary in jail.

Why do you think it is important to vote? It's a privilege to be able to vote; most countries' citizens don't have this right.



Senior Quinn Obringer

Who are you voting for in this year's election? Gary Johnson What do you like most about this can-

didate? He isn't Trump or Clinton.

Where did you get your information about this candidate? Everyone makes fun of him for being stupid.

What is a major change you hope to see? No Trump or Clinton.

Senior Logan McConegly



Who are you voting for in this year's election? Donald Trump

What do you like most about this candidate? He's a business man and he has

some good ideas.

Where did you get your information about this candidate? Watching the debates and the news.

What is a major change you hope to see? A change in our economy and to better the country.

Why do you think it is important to vote? To participate in who will be running our country and to also be a part of the action.

Interviews and pictures by Alayna Warren

Ready for the levy

By Amber Montana

It's time to vote not only for president, but to decide the fate of a school funding levy as well.

This is a permanent improvement levy which is used to maintain or improve Norwalk school buildings. The money can also be used to pay for textbooks and technology, Principal Brad Cooley said.

This levy was first passed in 1982, and has been voted on every five years since it was first presented. It has passed seven times.

"The only change to the levy is from a five-year levy to a continuing period of time," Cooley said.

The reason for this change is because the school district must pay the Huron County Board of Elections in order for the levy to be put on the ballot every five years. Making it a continuing levy will save money, Cooley said.

Seniors seize their futures

By Emily Smith and Madeline Roche

Senior year is known for being the year when seniority and senioritis set in. Although it is hard to get everything accomplished in only 180 school days, it is important. Seniors might not be aware of everything they need to do, and when it needs to be done by.

Seniors: Get your calendars ready. Here are some upcoming dates and deadlines.

"Applying for college should be done before or around Thanksgiving regardless of what college it's for," guidance counselor Michelle Sandor said. Most acceptance letters will be sent out between December and January. The sooner the applications are sent, the sooner the response will be received.

A change has been made regarding the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) since last year. It must now be submitted in the fall, instead of in the spring. The ACT will be given at the high school on Dec. 10. Sign-ups for the test are over with, but for an additional charge, late sign-ups are an option.

A variety of local scholarships will be posted on norwalktruckers.net under "Guidance."

One senior who already has been accepted to college is Colleen Miller.

Miller was accepted into Bradley University in Illinois. She said she has never had a dream college and although this isn't her first choice, it is an option as she waits to hear back from other universities.

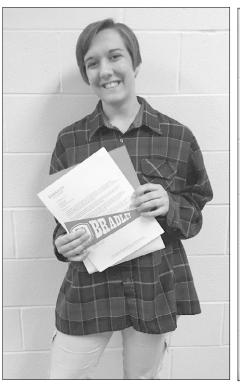
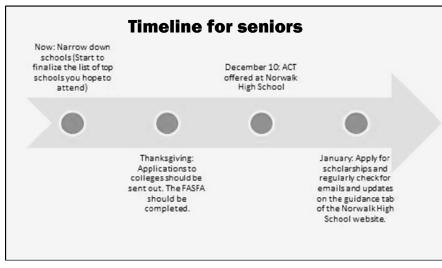


Photo by Emily Smith Senior Colleen Miller has already received her acceptance letter from Bradley University, located in Illinois.

Photo by Emily Smith Senior Hayden Risner has not applied for college yet, but he has narrowed his top choices down to three.



After college, Miller said she would like to go into the biomedical field.

"I'm glad I applied early," Miller said.

Senior Hayden Risner has not yet applied to college, but he has three schools in mind: Cleveland State, Wright State and Ohio University. Although he has schools in mind, Risner has not completed the FASFA, and still needs to take the ACT. Risner said he is undecided as to what he wants to do after college.

"I feel stressed because I still need to take the ACT," he said.

The number of seniors who have already applied to college and who still need to narrow down which schools they want to attend varies.

"Some are really with it and know exactly what they want to do, and some know nothing at all," Sandor said.

There are also some seniors who do not plan on attending college.

One of these students, Ian Keefer said his future plans include joining the Marines.

"I think the Marines are better for me because I can't stand being in a desk and at school in general. I know that by me going into the Marines I'll also be making a difference so I'm excited to do it," Keefer said.

Keyan Leroux, a 2015 graduate, chose to go into the Air Force rather than attending college right after graduation.

"I joined the Air Force as an opportunity to further my education. I received college credits for going through my tech school and I am going to the community college of the Air Force. The perk about the Air Force is they pay 100 percent of my college tuition. I will graduate with my bachelor's degree quicker than most of my peers from high school. Plus, I did all of that while working and serving a 24/7 job. I don't regret any decision I've made about joining the Air Force," Leroux said.



By Amber Montana

On Oct. 14, eight students left for Washington, D.C., accompanying 28 Huron County veterans as well as their spouses or other companions. The students' jobs were to help load and unload luggage, push wheelchairs and assist the veterans in any way they needed. Students also handed out cards made by elementary school students.

Ott said.

While in Washington, D.C., the veterans and students got to see memorials dedicated to the men and women who have fought and died while serving their country.

"It was my way to serve and give back to the veterans," senior Christian Mummert said.

The veterans on the trip had served in a variety of wars including World War Two, the Vietnam War, the Korean War, the Gulf War, Desert Storm and the War on Terror.

Since most of the veterans attending the trip were from Norwalk, Tom Price, a Vietnam veteran who helped organize the trip, wanted Norwalk students to go.

"Derek Pigman [social studies teacher] was talking about the trip during class and I told him I was

"Being able to talk to the veterans and listen to their stories and see how they reacted to the memorials was humbling," Ott said.

"I think that the trip to Washington, D.C., has helped the veterans open up. We were there to listen," said junior Alec Osborn.

Vietnam veteran Jerry Nash said the trip helped veterans deal with their war experiences.

"A lot of the men here have guilt that has built up inside of them, because they made it home and their friends didn't. This trip has helped to relieve some of that," Nash said.

Nash told of a painful memory of his own.

When the Vietnam War had ended, Nash said he and two of his friends bought plane tickets home. Leaving Vietnam right out of combat, they arrived at the



Photo by Amber Montana

Juniors Ethan Byrd (back left) and Darren Raymond assist Vietnam veteran Tom Price (front left) and World War II veteran William Ebinger at Arlington National Cemetery on their way to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Students accompanied local veterans on a trip to Washington, D.C., helping them and listening to their memories.

airport dirty and disheveled. Given that the war was a big controversy among many people in the U.S., Nash and his friends were

shunned, spit on, and called names at the airport.

"I just remember thinking to myself, 'What did I do?'" Nash said.



Woodshop students travel to fix hurricane damage in West Virginia

By Adrianna Rodriguez

Five students from woodshop class traveled to West Virginia last month to help rebuild homes. Earlier this year, Clendenin, W. Va., was hit by a hurricane and flood which left thousands without food and shelter.

The people of Clendenin are still suffering. Many are still without their homes. The woodshop students traveled with Answering the Call Together (ACT), a construction type mission group. Other Norwalk students traveled there with church youth groups.

Students worked alongskilled carpenters, side electricians, and other volunteers to rip out flooring and install new; tear off drywall and install new in homes; remove trash and building debris throughout the town; and build a gymnasium floor.

Chris Jackson, woodshop teacher, lead the group of five students.

"This was a great opportunity for students to contribute in a positive way to help others," Jackson said.

Before the trip, Jackson said he planned on the students learning values and a lot of lessons.

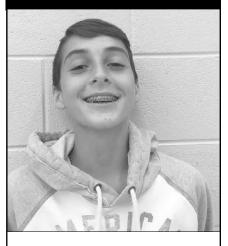
"In four days they'll learn more than a year in a classroom," he said.

Photo by Adrianna Rodriguez

Working together to build a house for families affected by a hurricane in West Virginia are (from left) sophomores Ty Schweizer, Troy Wright and Noah Frantz.

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STUDENTS AT SCHOOL



Name: Zach Keefer Grade: 9 Age: 15

Favorite band/artist: Sam Hunt

Three words that describe me: Athletic, intelligent and funny.

If I could travel anywhere in the world, I would go to Hawaii because... it's nice and warm there. I also love beaches.

Most embarrassing moment: In marching band, I made a big mistake. Nobody realized it, though.

If you could change one thing at NHS, what would it be, and why? Less homework because I hate doing it.

If you could teach any class, what would it be and why? PE because I like to be active.

If you were dying, what would your last words be? I have a secret.

If you won the lottery, what would you buy first? An Iron Man suit.

Five things you'd like to have on a deserted island? A bridge back to land, food, water, clothes and a machete.

Where do you see yourself in 20 years? In a house with a family in a different state.

Weirdest fear, and why? Getting lost in a place I have never been because that would just be flat out scary.

Something people would be surprised to know about me: I have a slight obsession with shoes.



Photos and interviews by Logan Hurst and Alayna Warren



"Yes. We are the future of America." -Sophomore Austin Brown



"Yes. It affects our generation. It's not just about the adults." -Senior Emily Knople or why not?

Should students care about the national election and controversial issues? Why

"Yes. The election impacts our future." –Junior Kya Irby

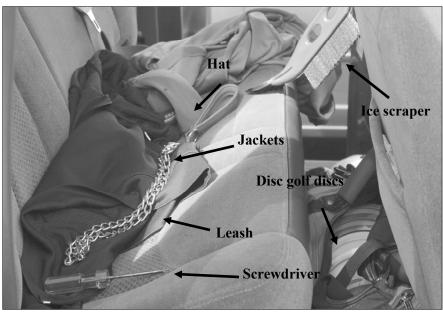


"Yes, because the president determines our future." -Sophomore Nick Smith

"Yes. It's our country

the decision is for."

What's in your car?



Junior Austin Christman's car

TEACHERS AT WORK



Name: Brock Manlet Subject(s) taught: Intervention Specialist (social studies wing)

College(s) attended: Tiffin University -- Bachelor of Business Administration; University of Findlay - Masters of Education

First job: Hardees

Favorite high school memory: I used to do impersonations of my teachers. I got really good at it and started taking requests as to which teacher people wanted me to impersonate.

If you weren't a teacher, what would you be? Probably a recreation director at some sort of Recreational Center, or looking to pursue avenues to become a college basketball coach.

If you were a student here at NHS, what clique would you sit with at lunch? Athletes, although I don't like the ideas of cliques.

Most embarrassing high school moment: I fell off a chair in the middle of study hall.

Favorite genre of music/ artist: Country. I like Lee Brice, Eric Church and Garth Brooks.

I became a teacher because: I was a substitute teacher while going back to school and really enjoyed what I did, so I decided to make a career change because it's something I felt would be rewarding.

Advice for seniors? Take advantage of this year to prepare yourself and get a jump on what you want to do after high school.

When not sitting behind a



By Madeline Roche

Norwalk High School has 22 printers and many papers are printed to the wrong one.

Librarian Lucy Hokes has begun to bring awareness to the amount of unclaimed paper left in the library's three printers. She said the main reasons for the orphaned papers are students forgetting which printer they print to or be-

ing impatient and hitting print again.

"[Displaying the orphaned papers] is a very smart idea and it's very helpful for the students," sophomore Haley Cain said.

Hokes said students seem surprised by the amount of wasted paper but there has not been im-



Photo by Madeline Roche Unclaimed papers from the library printers from the past month

accumulate to more than two inches, which is about the same size as a brand new package of paper to be used for a printer.

> provement since the pile began, which was on Sept. 26.

"I think the teachers are more surprised than the students," Hokes said.

"I think it's good to bring attention to wastefulness and I hope it [the pile] gets recycled," English teacher Leah Schuster said.

Although changing the default printer on each device would contribute to preventing unclaimed papers, senior technical support specialist Chris Adams said with over 2500 devices in the district, it is too complicated to permanently change the default printer of each

device. So students and staff need to be aware of which printer they are printing to. Hokes is not sure how long she will keep up

the display, but she wants to bring awareness to the wastefulness that results from impatience and irresponsibility.

"I'm surprised there are so many papers. People shouldn't be so wasteful," senior Alfredo Rangel said, adding, "Harambe wouldn't do this."

desk in school, what do you do? Watch sports, specifically basketball, and try to find things to adopt and become better at.

What would people be surprised to know about you? I had a brief work career with the CIA.

Biggest weakness: I read too much into every situation and I take constructive criticism personally.

10 Things You Didn't Know About Me



Junior Chase Kluding

- 1. I enjoy playing basketball.
- I have eaten alligator meat. 2.
- 3. I am a big Ohio State fan.
- Jesus is my motivation to 4. lift.
- 5. I like challenges.
- 6. I support the United States of America.
- I am afraid of roller coast-7. ers.
- 8. I don't have a car but I have my license.
- 9. I am a good singer.
- 10. I want to move to Montana.

Toledo trip teaches about medical field

By Mascie Horner

Twelve juniors spent the day at the University of Toledo on Oct. 20 to look into an advanced degree in medicine.

Counselor Sandi Stewart went along for the trip.

"I'm not a medical person but it was very cool. It was good for the kids' future and gave them a better look at what they might want to do," she said.

To go on the trip, students needed to be a junior in high school, have a GPA of at least 3.5, and be looking at a future career in medicine.

The students visited the Plas-

tination Laboratory where they got to see brains with disorders that affect the human body. Students also got to make their own hand sanitizer.

Junior Danielle Cousino had good things to say about the trip.

"It was a really good experience. I would go back again for sure. It made me want to go into the medical field even more than before," she said.

After the students ate lunch, they visited other sites.

They got to visit the university's cadaver lab. In the lab, body parts including a brain, a heart and a fetus were passed around for students to observe and learn

more about.

Cousino had more to say about what the trip meant for her future.

"I liked how insightful it was. It was really cool to go into the labs and see how well they were able to prepare you if you decided to stick with this career path," she said.

She said she is choosing to go into the medical field because she's always loved being at the hospital and she enjoys the atmosphere.

"Although after the trip I was still stuck between two majors, I find anatomy really interesting," she added.

Inspired student turns to teaching

By Kylee Edney

Math teachers Chris MacFarland and Becky Molnar have been shadowed by Erin Wagner, the newest student teacher here.

Wagner said she was inspired by her second grade teacher, who was sweet and encouraging.

She is interested in teaching seventh and eighth grade math. Wagner said she likes math for its challenge.

She starts teaching today and will be here all year. Before this,

she's been shadowing only on Mondays.

Shadowing for Wagner can be a little intimidating but she also thinks is a good learning experience.

"I enjoy it. Everyone's been welcoming and nice and the students have been good," Wagner said.

The most surprising thing for Wagner is how well the students behave. She expected worse but she said she really enjoys it here. In Wagner's high school years, she said she was very studious and extremely shy.

"I just have to push myself to go out there and do it," Wagner said. She practices and with her job responsibility, she learns to overcome her shyness, she said.

Photo by Adrianna Rodriguez **Math student teacher** Erin Wagner smiles with her Minnie Mouse ears for Halloween dress-up day.



Stomping Grounds selflessly supports

By Adrianna Rodriguez

Ohio Veterans Home is just one of the many charities Stomping Grounds donates to. Every drink sold helps support a different charity every month.

From Sept. 16 to Oct. 21, money will be donated to the Veterans' Home in November.

From Oct. 24 to Nov. 15, tips and all profits will go to sopho-



more Margaret Swanbeck and her family.

"We are always looking for ways to better our school," inclusion teacher Callie Baker said.

Stomping Grounds also has a drink of the month that is only \$1.75 throughout that specific month. November's drink of the month is hot chai latte, while December's will be chocolate mint frappe.

Other charities that Stomping Grounds supports are the Salvation Army, When Pigs Fly, Children's Miracle, Autism Society and the Humane Society.

Ohio Art Association honors VanBuskirk

By Paige Maurer

Art teacher Tracy VanBuskirk was named Outstanding Art Teacher for North Central Ohio by the Ohio Art Association.

"I felt very honored and very appreciative to be recognized," VanBuskirk said.

She had to submit a profile, her accomplishments and how many years she has been teaching. VanBuskirk has been teaching for 10 years.

Principal Brad Cooley wrote a letter of support for her.

He said VanBuskirk is deserving of this honor, and that Norwalk has a strong art program.

Sophomore Sophia Ward takes VanBuskirk's sculpture class.

"I like her because she isn't mean," Ward said.

Student activities in and out of school



Art teacher Tracy VanBuskirk helps junior Katherine Westcott during sculpture

class. VanBuskirk was named Outstanding Art Teacher for North Central Ohio.

Photo by Paige Maurer





Photo by Madeline Roche Sophomore Anna White organizes the desserts for the cake walk at the Middle School Fun Festival, which took place Oct. 15. Several Norwalk High School students volunteered to help out with games, concessions and vendors at the event.

Photo by Madeline Roche

Sampling chili at the chili cook-off last month are (from left) junior Austin Christman and sophomores Cesar Gonzalez, Marly Geretz and Brandon Haraway. Eleven groups of students from Kim Majoy's Foods 1 classes prepared chili using a recipe of their choice. Students were provided with meat, various beans, tomatoes, tomato juice, tomato paste, onion, garlic, jalepeno peppers and many spices. Every student was required to sample and evaluate the chilis. Many guest taste testers, including staff members, also participated in the judging. "Each chili had a unique taste; the highest score actually went to our last minute entry by Mr. [Chris] Jackson who received an average score of 8.81 [on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 being the best]."



Photo by Mascie Horner

The Blue Pride Trucker Marching Band spells out the graduating year [2017] at the senior half time show Oct. 14. Trucker football beat Columbus East, moving their record to 6-3 with a final score of 46-0.

Chess club may compete with others

By Madeline Roche

The chess club is now official. It was approved by the school board at a meeting last month.

This means the club is now allowed to have fundraisers and get T shirts.

Chess club adviser Becky Molnar said she hopes more students get involved, especially ones who do not know how to play chess so they can learn. There are about 15 students who actively participate in the club so far this year and students are still welcome to join.

If a student is interested in joining he or she can contact the chess club president, junior Ryan Schaffer. Other members of the leadership committee include "King" freshman Gavin Koelsch, "Queen" freshman Crimson Stuckert, "Scribe" sophomore Micah Duncan and "Pawn Master" freshman Hayden Barnes.

Since last year, the chess club has added a ranking system from most to least skilled. Junior Ethan Coover is the current "Game Master" since he is ranked first. Sophomore Ben Johnson is ranked second and freshman Jesse Copenhaver is ranked third.

Chess club has decided to look into competing with chess clubs from surrounding schools. Some nearby schools with a chess club include Clyde, Ontario and Edi-



Sophomore Jared Sitterly (left) studies the board as junior Ryan Schaffer, chess club president, contemplates his next move at the Oct. 21 chess club meeting.

son. Arrangements have not yet been made to compete, although Molnar said she believes Norwalk has four or five students who are skilled enough to compete and do well. Coover said he enjoys that "it's a lax club. It's not completely set in stone. Some clubs are too rigid."

In regards to the future of the chess club, Molnar said she hopes

to get the club out into the community to play at places such as nursing homes and Sheri's Coffee House and to continue to pursue the possibility of competing with nearby schools.

NERD Nation welcomes new adviser

By Rilee Horowitz

NERD Nation has been a part of the high school since 2009, but this year, for the first time, there has been a switch in advisers for the team.

Engineering teacher Adam Leutenegger has been adviser for the past seven years; however, this year, he has stepped down. Taking his place is science teacher Nathan Whaley.

"The decision for me to step down from the head coach position was not an easy one to make." Leutenegger said. "I've poured my heart and soul into this thing we call NERD Nation."

Leutenegger said that for the past seven years, the robotics team has come before many other things in his life. His daughter is currently a sophomore, and he wants to cherish the time he has left with her before she graduates. This, along with other personal reasons, became indicative that it was the right time for him to step down, he said.

Leutenegger is confident that the team is in good hands with Whaley and wishes to see NERD Nation take a state title. He said that Whaley had been interested in helping with the team last year, and this year, has enough time to dedicate to robotics.

"He brings many of the characteristics we hope to inspire in the team." Leutenegger said, speaking of Whaley's intelligence, inquisitiveness, persistence and attention to detail.

Leutenegger said that he believes Whaley is the right person to take on NERD Nation.

"I hope, first and foremost, that we are competitive," Whaley said when asked about his hopes for the team. titions, and to have the teams work together effectively as the older members help teach the younger ones.

Whaley has a background in problem solving, organization and punctuality, and is currently teaching himself more about coding.

For the first time, students who wanted to join the team have been cut. Whaley has also altered the building schedule for the teams, giving them less time to build than they previously had, and plans for a week-long testing period to make sure the robots are ready to compete.

Whaley wishes to see the team qualify for state and world compe-

Firelands Challenge focuses on championship

By Madeline Roche

The Firelands Challenge team has had one official match so far. It took place on Oct. 18 and Norwalk placed second out of three, with Danbury in first and Port Clinton in third.

"I think we could have done better but we will improve as the season goes on. We have a pretty good team," Firelands Challenge adviser Amie Swope said. The season consists of six matches, and points are totaled over all the matches to determine the winner. There are 18 teams in the league.

The team captain of the second half, senior Jacob Martin, said he enjoys participating because it challenges him intellectually.

He said he prepares using flashcards and has spent about 20 hours so far reading books and memorizing quotes to be ready to compete. This is his second year on the team and he said he is not nervous at the matches.

"It's going good," Martin said.

Another member of the team, senior Nicholas Negrete, said his favorite part of being on the team is showing "dominant intelligence."

"I want to prove that Norwalk is the smartest in the land," Negrete said. This is sophomore Caleb Jones's first year on the team and he said his favorite aspect is "being able to be with the other team members and travel to other cities and meet team members from other schools."

The team will face Huron and Margaretta at Huron on Wednesday.

"I hope we will get to the championship and win," Swope said.

—— School Briefs

Pennies for Pasta raises money for cancer research

By Amber Montana

The Key Club's Pennies for Pasta competition last month raised \$736 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, to pay for cancer research. Money is also being donated to local families struggling to pay for cancer treatment.

"It is an opportunity for students to think about the community at large and to respond to the community's needs," Key Club adviser Kim Majoy said.

The class that raised the most money won a lunch provided by Olive Garden. The class in second place won cupcakes provided by Majoy and her cooking students. Choir teacher Carol Mason's second period class won the pasta meal.

"I didn't expect to win because Mr. Pigman's class won last year," junior Logan Hurst said.

Social studies teacher Derek Pigman's second period class won second place this year.

Local veterans welcome to attend assembly

By Kylee Edney

Local veterans will be recognized at the annual Veterans Day assembly.

The assembly will be from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Friday in the Ernsthausen Performing Arts Center.

Science teacher Nate Whaley took a group of students to D.C.

for a veterans' trip and they will be showing videos and pictures from the trip at the assembly.

"We're hoping to invite other veterans from the area," said senior Tieler Crouse. Any students can invite a veteran.

If interested in inviting a veteran, email Tieler Crouse at 17crouseti@norwalklearns.org.

Focus 4:12 sends toys to needy children abroad

By Adrianna Rodriguez

Focus 4:12 is a club that focuses on the importance of following Christ. This month, they are collecting shoeboxes and filling them with toys to send to poor children around the world. This is called Operation Christmas Child.

VOTES

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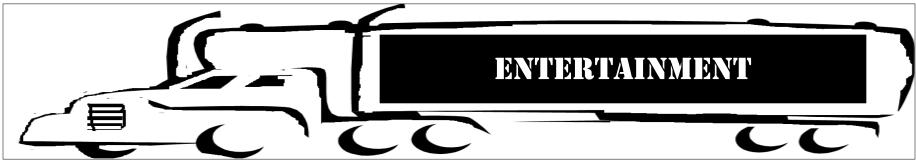
Most comments written on the surveys were about how both candidates are terrible, and how voters were simply choosing who they felt was the "lesser of two evils."

Freshman Morgan Booth wrote, "I do not really care for either one, but if I had to choose, Hillary would be my choice."

"As much as I dislike and distrust Clinton, Trump would be Hitler 2.0," an anonymous junior wrote.

On the other side, sophomore Sophie Ward chose Trump, and wrote, "Anything to keep Hillary from the White House. Trump isn't the ideal person either, but he seems to want this country to have some morals again, as well as justice."

"Both candidates are jank," junior Kendall Bigler wrote on her survey.



Game for Thought

Story versus gameplay: what's important?

By Rilee Horowitz

In successful games, there is a certain aspect that keeps the players' interest and drives them to continue interacting with the game -- otherwise, nobody would want to play it. This aspect is normally the fact that the game is fun to play, or that the player is invested in the game and wishes to know what will happen next.

When a game is fun to play, that game is considered to have good gameplay. This means that actions in the game are smooth, the mechanics are engaging or interesting and easy to use.

The very first games relied primarily on the fact that they were fun and addicting. Pacman, developed by Namco, had no story; the player was just a yellow

circle with a slice missing that collected dots while avoiding colorful ghosts. However, Pacman is considered one of the most influential in the history of video games.

On the other side of the spectrum, there

is storytelling and lore in video games. Story in a game can be vital to its success, as it immerses players in the world of the game and gets them emotionally attached to characters. A player may continue to play a video game simply to advance the storyline, even if a certain portion of the game is not fun to play.

One game that focuses heavily

<u>Matter of Style</u>



on its story is Beyond Two Souls, an interactive drama actionadventure video game. The game focuses on the life of Jodie Holmes, a girl with a psychic connection to a mysterious entity named Aiden.

The player experiences Jodie's life through broken segments of her memory which are out of order. All the player has to

> do is guide Jodie as she interacts with objects and non-playable characters and make certain choices for her throughout the game. The story is arguably well written; however, the game has been widely criticized for being like an

"interactive movie" which is fun to watch but not to play. It was even recognized at the 2013 Tribeca Film Festival.

There are many years between Pacman and Beyond Two Souls, and their difference in story versus gameplay is enormous. Pacman was critically acclaimed in its time, and is today considered a classic; however, it does not have any overarching story to get players attached. On the other hand, Beyond Two Souls, with many three-dimensional characters, was heavily criticized despite its detailed story.

Where is the line when it comes to story versus gameplay? Without story, is a game truly enjoyable? Without gameplay, is a game still even a game? There are some players who prefer an interesting story, while others just want fun game mechanics and challenging levels. It turns out that there are some games that fit both of these desires.

The Souls franchise is a series of action role-playing games created and developed by FromSoftware. In these games, the player takes the role of an undead warrior, brought back to life to complete various world-changing missions depending on which game is being played. Two things

that link all of the games together are the world they are set in and how difficult

they are to beat.

The franchise is infamous for its extremely difficult combat and merciless bosses and enemies. The gameplay is very well fleshed out, with mechanics that allow attacking, blocking, parrying, dodging, magic and much more.

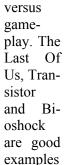
<u>Notes from the president</u> After prom features fun

DARK SOULS

There is an obvious focus on the gameplay aspect of the game, but for those who are willing to take a closer look, the lore of the world is also very well fleshed out. People speak of a prosperous past and a series of unfortunate events that led to the land's decrepitude. The way that the levels themselves are designed lends a hand to the storytelling of the world. People and places are given specific names for a reason. All of these small details help tell the vast story of the Souls franchise.

Games like this, that appear only to focus on their gameplay but subtly hint at their story, attract players who love fun or challenging games, but also those who like to dig around and make guesses and theories as to what the story truly is.

There are many other games that have a good balance of story



of this, just to name a few. We must ask ourselves: What kind of story do we demand out of our games? Do we want to follow a set story? Do we want to choose for our characters? Or do we prefer good gameplay and a fun experience?

super cute and easy

'Lazy clothes' can be

By Emily Smith and Alayna Warren

Do you ever have those mornings where you wake up and you just don't have any motivation to look good for the day? Yes! We get it because we have those mornings, too.

Although some people do enjoy dressing up every single day, there are many of us who just don't have the energy to do so. This doesn't mean your "lazy" outfit can't be cute!

If you search through your closet, we're sure you will find some leggings, perhaps a few hoodies here and there and possibly a big comfy scarf. Put it all together -- that's all you have to do.

You can go and be comfortable the entire day while looking decent. Hoodies, leggings and scarves are surprisingly a statement. Many people are beginning to make it a go-to outfit. What about tennis shoes? Tennis



shoes are wonderful, comfortable and cute. You can sport them with a pair of flair jeans and your favorite college tee. It may sound non-appealing to many people but it's not all about impressing everyone; it's about being comfortable in your skin.

Who wouldn't want to feel comfortable all day? You can throw your hair up in a messy bun or maybe even two French braids. Have fun with it. Put your "lazy clothes" to the test and see your results.

<u>Quote of the Issue</u>

"Elections determine who is in power, but they do not determine how power is used."

> - Paul Collier, Professor at Oxford University

By Emily Smith

Since I am class president, my parents took on a very tedious and extensive role that they were not previously aware of. They are in charge of after prom.

I got the opportunity to go to prom last year (my junior year), but we did not go to after prom. Instead, we went to a friend's house to just relax. Hearing about this year's after prom makes me regret not going last year.

After prom will be at the Ernsthausen Recreational Center.

Now, before you sigh and ask why because you might think it sounds "lame," you should know what will be offered.

This list is just the beginning, but subject to change. There will be a photo booth. A photo strip will be provided so you can remember this special night. There will be a variety of inflatables, as much food as you could want, swimming until 2 a.m., open basketball courts and much more. They are hoping to get a henna tattoo artist and a dunk tank as well.

The more parental and student help, the better after prom we can have. Several meetings a month

take place to discuss topics involving after prom. Every



senior parent is welcome

to attend the meetings, and should be receiving emails with more information. If your parents are not getting these emails, and would like them, please notify class adviser Derek Pigman.

They are raising money for after prom by fundraising. They have just completed a quarter auction.

The after prom committee will be putting on a "football board." For those of you who don't know, people buy squares for the Ohio State vs. Michigan football game. If your square predicts the score correctly, the buyer gets whatever money amount is on the square.

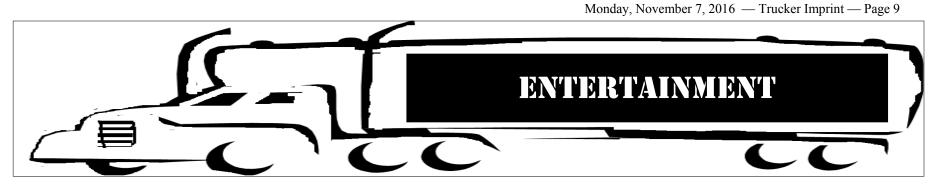
A lottery card will happen once or twice this year. Cards can be purchased and as the pick 3 numbers get drawn, if the number on the card is chosen the money goes to the card owner.

Another quarter auction will happen closer to spring. There are other fundraisers planned. Reminder to seniors and parents: If you would like to help, it is also welcome and appreciated.

Fact of the Issue

In the 1800's, the weather and farming dictated when elections were held.

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<u>Music Review</u>

Teens enjoy Florida Georgia Line concert

By Mascie Horner

For my 16th birthday, I went to a Florida Georgia Line concert and it was definitely money well spent.

The price was somewhere around \$200 for the three of us: my dad, my friend junior Leah Malson and myself.

Blossom Music Center was where the concert took place. From beginning to end the atmosphere was so much fun and had everyone on their feet enjoying all three of the performers.

Opening for Florida Georgia Line were Kane Brown and Cole Swindell. They were good at what they did. While they were performing, I almost forgot that they weren't the main show. They had everyone's attention and welcomed everyone to the concert.

When Florida Georgia Line came out after about a half hour break from the previous performers, everyone was screaming and the concert never died down.

They started out singing some of their top hits on their previous albums, and finished with more songs from their new album "Dig Your Roots."

While walking to our car, we could still hear them singing and everyone singing along to their best seller and most well-known song, "Cruise."

We left a song early thinking we could beat traffic, but an hour

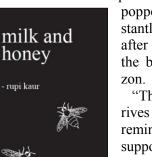
Book Review

Hurting, loving, breaking, healing

By Adrianna Rodriguez

Milk and Honey by Rupi Kaur is a poetry book that is divided into four chapters: the hurting, the loving, the breaking and the healing. Within each chapter are excerpts of feelings towards heartbreak, the good and bad parts of love, and overcoming brokenness.

This book is really good at explaining feelings. With that being said, if you've ever experienced heartbreak in any way, you would love this book.



I was scrolling through Tumblr and a poem from this book

> popped up and I instantly loved it. Soon after that, I ordered the book from Amazon.

"The one who arrives after you will remind me love is supposed to be soft" is just a glimpse into a poem that spoke to me.

I love that because, although Kaur has been hurt, she is still capable of loving again. Kaur was able to realize exactly what she'll need in the future. and a half later we hadn't left Blossom.

The venue was completely packed and sold out for sure. Blossom has a capacity of 23,000 people.

Once we got home at around 1 a.m., we were exhausted. It was such a fun time and I would go back to watch them again anytime.

Many people dislike country music, but Florida Georgia Line is different.

People who aren't big country fans would enjoy listening to their music and even going to one of their concerts.

It was a great gift and a great way to spend my 16^{th} birthday.



Photo By Shane Horner **Sophomore Mascie Horner** (right) enjoys her 16th birthday at Blossom Music Center with junior Leah Malson.

<u>Movie Review</u> 10 Things I hate about....

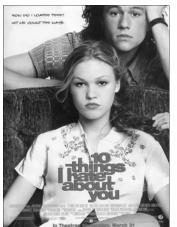
By Paige Maurer

My favorite movie is 10 Things I Hate About You. It is about a high school girl who makes a mistake with a boy and it affects her sister's life.

Kat Stratford, played by Julia Stiles, makes the mistake that affects her sister Bianca Stratford, played by Larisa Oleynik. Kat falls for Patrick Verona, played by Heath Ledger, who is a troublemaker. Kat Stratford finds out there is a bet placed on her which causes problems with Verona.

The setting of the movie is the hillsides of California.

This is my favorite movie because Ledger is good looking and the storyline is very good



with many funny parts. This movie is for anyone who likes a romantic comedy. This movie is available on iTunes and Amazon Video.

Artist of the issue

<u>Restaurant Review</u> Student shares her Chipotle experience

By Chloe Kramer If my experience at Chipotle last month is typical, then business is back to booming after the E. Coli incident in 2015. When I

around the door. Chipotle is a great place to stop in and eat in Sandusky. It's located on U.S. 250 across from the Sandusky Mall. If you love Mexican food and burritos, this restaurant should satisfy you.

was there, the line was wrapped

Senior Hayden Risner and I recently stopped at Chipotle after school and it was definitely worth the cost. We bought two bowls for the price of one! In my bowl, I got chicken, corn, salsa, sour cream, cheese and lettuce. Although we waited about 30 minutes to order, all the waiting was worth it.

There is a game you can download on your phone and you match different types of food to participate in the "buy



Photo By Emily Smith Senior Chloe Kramer enjoys her Chipotle bowl.

one get one free" deal. The only catch about the game is the time limit; you have a five-second penalty depending on how many you guess wrong.

The good news is you can play the game as many times as you want to win. You can find the game by asking a Chipotle worker or receive the link from a friend.



Photo By Rilee Horowitz Senior Ethan Ward shows his oil pastel drawing of an eye.



<u>A Day In the Life</u>

Editor spends day with mayor

By Rilee Horowitz

I spent a whole day with Mayor Rob Duncan on Oct. 24, and learned a lot about what exactly it is that our mayor does. There was never a dull moment throughout the entire day, and now I have huge respect for the service that the mayor provides for the city.

We started off the day at 8 a.m. by getting coffee from Sheri's. Mayor Duncan said he usually spends around 30 minutes getting everything ready for the day, then crosses the street to get his coffee. He likes to chat with a few people who stop by the coffee shop every morning, just to get a feel for "the pulse of the city."

Mayor Duncan's office was full of flags and framed drawings and photos. His desk had many papers that he had to fill out and sign. Every Monday morning he has to sign all of the department heads' time sheets.

Typically, Mayor Duncan goes over the rest of the day's schedule with his assistant for around 30 minutes. However, she was not there on the 24th, so Duncan had to make do without her help.

We went to the second floor of city hall and briefly spoke with the zoning director, then met with Public Works Director Josh Snyder. Snyder and the mayor

discussed preconstruction for some roads in Norwalk and showed me ArcGIS, software used to look at maps and GIS (global information system) data that they use to lay out where water lines run, what kind of soil is in a certain area, height maps, and much more.

Once that meeting was complete, the mayor and I attended the board of control meeting, where two bids for property on Pleasant Street as well as a watertower painting project were discussed.

Then the mayor quickly checked his mail, something his assistant would normally do, before we spoke with Service Director Dan Wendt.

Throughout the day, people kept stopping the mayor and asked him questions wherever we went.

"One thing people don't know about my job," Mayor Duncan said, "is that everywhere I go, people have questions for me."

We next met with Chief of Police Dave Light. Chief Light updated the mayor on everything that had happened over the weekend. There was a suicide in town, and the police force now has a bike patrol.

"He's responsible for all of us," Chief Light said. He noted that, when anything bad happens, the mayor is the one who's asked why.



Photo by Dan Wendt

Mayor Rob Duncan stands next to senior Rilee Horowitz in front of the seal of Norwalk in the mayor's office. Rilee spent an entire day shadowing the mayor to see what it is that he does.

Once the clock struck 11:30, we headed over to Berry's for a Rotary meeting, which takes place every Monday. We started the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and a prayer, and then we ate.

On the way back to city hall, Mayor Duncan stopped in the middle of the sidewalk to pick up a plastic bag and throw it out, and did the same thing later in the day.

Back at city hall, I sat in on a meeting between Mayor Duncan, Josh Snyder and Dan Wendt about personnel issues with employees at city hall, and then we stopped by the fire house to meet with fire chief John Soisson.

At 4:30 p.m., it was the end of the work day. The mayor said his favorite part of his job that he didn't get a chance to show me is stopping in on local businesses to check up on them and general economic development.

I learned that the job of a mayor is a multi-faceted one, and that collaboration with people all over the city and building good rapport with those people is crucial to success for city government.

TLC takes 'eye opening' field trip

By Madeline Roche

Last year's dance marathon raised \$11,000 dollars for Rainbow Babies and Children Hospital

Teen Leadership Corps (TLC) took a field trip Oct. 21 to visit this hospital to see how the money raised through their efforts is used.

"It was very humbling to see

from the dance marathon goes," junior Chris Tuttle said.

One student who went on the trip is senior Tieler Crouse.

"It was really great. We got to go in and tour the facility a little bit," Crouse said, adding that they were shown a picture of the incubator purchased with the money raised by Norwalk High School.

The group was unable to see

laws and the condition of the children.

"So many of the kids are extremely sick and [the hospital] can't risk exposing them to any germs," Crouse said.

TLC adviser Nick Lee supervised the field trip.

"I think it was a worthwhile trip because we found ways to improve this year's dance marathon," Lee said.

with the TLC class to record footage for a video that will be shown to students at the White Gift Assembly in December.

"The field trip was really eyeopening to what we really donate to and it makes you realize how fortunate you are to be healthy and not in the hospital. What we raise towards is such a good cause," Crane said.

This year's dance marathon

the hospital and where the money

any patients because of privacy

Senior Jessica Crane went

will be held in the spring.

CLINTON

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Even though I am not necessarily an advocate for abortion, it is imperative that we provide women with safe means to have one if they feel it necessary. If someone is so offended by the idea of abortion, my advice to them is simple: Don't have one.

The topic of immigration is one that separates these two candidates greatly, but the mass-deportations that Trump plans to carry out are quite absurd.

Hillary believes in comprehensive immigration reform, enforcing immigration laws humanely, and the promotion of naturalization.

I am not going to ignore the fact that yes, some immigrants of Mexican backgrounds are criminals.

But there are plenty of undocumented immigrants in this country who have no malicious intentions at all. In fact, a large number of them were brought here as young children, and are here illegally simply because their parents' visas have expired.

Many of them came here for a better life, and are working hard (just as hard, if not harder than some Americans!) to make their living, just like the rest of us.

I will not be the first to say that this election has two very imperfect candidates, but I would take Hillary over Trump any day.

TRUMP

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You have the option to give the baby up for adoption. Otherwise, you are just being selfish.

Now, rape victims and women in certain other circumstances should have options. This is why I chose to be pro-situational.

The next topic of business is gun control. I believe it is our God-given right to own guns. I mean, after all, it is one of the 26 amendments. Hillary believes in

stricter gun laws because guns promote violence. Trump says to let us keep guns. To keep violence from happening, get the bad people off the streets and locked up. We shouldn't give them the opportunity to do harmful things.

My last and final topic is something I know Logan has talked about a bunch. That is equality. Logan is all about gay rights, but Hillary takes equality too far. Hillary has proposed an

idea to make all Americans equal.

Trump is trying to create equality as well. He just isn't proposing that people can't even identify themselves. How would you like to not be called a he or she, but rather, an it?

Americans have the right to choose whoever they want as president. If I could vote, I have no problem saying I would vote for Donald Trump. Hillary for prison.

November 2016							
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1	2 FALL BAND, ORCHESTRA CONCERT	3 STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING	4	5	
6	7 MUSICAL AUDITIONS	8 ELECTION DAY	9 FIRELANDS CHALLENGE MATCH	10 MUSICAL AUDITIONS	11 VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY	12	
13	14 FALL SPORTS BANQUET	15 PICTURE RETAKE DAY	16	17 PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS 4-7:30	18 INTERIM REPORTS	19 FIRELANDS CHALLENGE MATCH	
20	21 PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS 3-6:30	22	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL THANKS- GIVING	25 NO SCHOOL BLACK FRIDAY	26	
27	28 RETURN TO SCHOOL	29	30				



Name: Blake Obringer Grade: 12

What sport

do you play

ball season.

at it? Hard work.

grade

to.

and why? Football because I

get bored when it's not base-

How long have you been

playing this sport? Since 6th

What does it take to be good

For what reason did you

begin playing this sport? All my friends did it so I decided

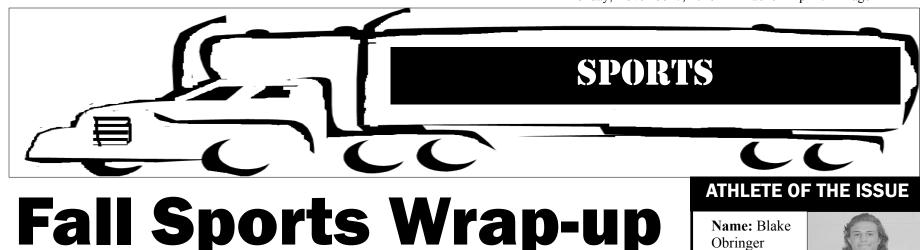
Do you have any special memories while playing this sport? Being on the 10-0 team, winning the NOL, watching Nick Byington get hit in the

Do you have an embarrassing moment that sticks out while playing your sport? Sophomore year Seth Staley and I were blocking this kid from Shelby and I got hit in the nuts. Do you think you will continue this sport after high school? Explain. No I will not

because it is a lot of work.

Very time consuming.

face against Sandusky.



By Paige Maurer

In this last year in the Northern Ohio League, four fall season sports have won their very last NOL title.

Next year, Norwalk will be merging with the Sandusky Bay Conference with 21 other schools, Josh Schlotterer, student activities director, said.

The boys' cross country and

boys' golf teams have won backto-back NOL titles.

The volleyball team has won its seventh consecutive NOL title and they still are advancing in tournaments. On Oct. 27 they won to get them a spot in the district semi-finals game.

The girls' tennis team won the NOL title and one of their doubles teams advanced to state. The doubles team, consisting of Kait-

lyn Stoll and Anessa Berry, placed 16th overall. (See story on page 1.)

The boys' cross country team will be advancing to state for the first time since 1983.

The boys' and girls' soccer teams lost in district semi-finals.

The football team ended their season with a loss to Sandusky on Oct. 28.



Photo By Paige Maurer

NOL Championship trophies presented (from left): Volleyball, girls' tennis, boys' golf and boys' cross country. This is the last year for the NOLs so these trophies will be remembered forever.

Goalie breaks school record

By Brandi Braker

U.S. Men's soccer team goalie Tim Howard is a role model to senior Kaitlyn Gilson, Lady soccer goalkeeper. Howard inspires Gilson because he is humble and an amazing hard worker.

"His journey motivates me because he's only made it to where he's at by working hard and being dedicated," Gilson said.

Gilson's own hard work and dication has paid off. On Oct. 22, Gilson beat former goalkeeper Amy Beier's 27 career shutout record. Beier played from 2009-2012

Gilson earned four shutouts as a freshman, nine as a sophomore, seven as a junior and eight as a senior - despite being out of several games due to an injury.

Gilson did not consider breaking the record as a goal until last year.

"I didn't realize how close I was until then," she said.

She has trained tirelessly for a role she didn't initially know she wanted.

"I didn't really choose [to be



"It's an amazing feeling. I am very excited to have this honor and I will keep this memory for the rest of my life," Gilson said.

Gilson mirrors Howard's humbleness by insisting that she does not deserve all the credit for breaking the shutout record.

"I cannot take all of the credit. I have to give most of the credit for this record to my defenders and the rest of my team because I would not have gotten anywhere near beating it without them," she said.

goalie]. My coach tried new people in new places when I was 8 and I fell in love with the position," Gilson said.

"It's a tough job but I enjoy it, very much so," she added.

Gilson's training has included working on her own time outside of practice and sometimes getting up and out to the field for goalkeeper training at 5 a.m. on Saturdays.

"I also worked out with [volunteer assistant coach] Sean [Steffanni] after almost every day of two-a-days just for extra practice," she said.

Gilson's job is not just limited to the physical aspect.

Photo By Luke Kelley

Senior Kaitlyn Gilson stands ready to block a goal on a corner kick against the Sandusky Streaks on Oct. 22. Juniors Olivia Babka (left) and Rachel Casselberry stand on the edges ready to help clear the ball away from the goal. The team won with a 3-0 victory over Sandusky, and Gilson broke the record for career shutouts.

"I like being the leader for my team in the back, helping them on the field," she said.

Gilson prepares for games mentally as well as physically.

"I have to mentally prepare myself by jamming out to ACDC. Sometimes if it's a big game I help my TEAMmates get focused by giving them a motivational speech. When it's an especially intense game I quote Rocky," she said. Gilson and her team stress the importance of teamwork by always saying "team" in all caps.

Coach Michelle Sandor said she is very proud of Gilson as well as the rest of the team.

"I'm just really proud of her. She's put in so much work and time on her own, she's earned it," Sandor said.

"I'm proud of the team. It takes the entire team and it's an honor for the whole team," she added.

Cheer on the cheerleaders

By Luke Kelley

Some people don't know that cheerleaders do more than cheer at games.

"Cheerleading is a very diverse program," junior Beth Stockmaster said.

There are four squads: freshman, junior varsity, varsity and competition. Not all of the girls on the cheerleading team are in the cheer competitions. In order to be on the competition team, they must try out. One of the major things in the competition is tumbling. Tumbling consists of tucks and back handsprings.

Stockmaster said many students here aren't aware of the competition squad.

'Our upcoming cheer competitions should be put on the announcements because we want to be supported like any other sport would be," she said.

At the competitions there are divisions including junior varsi-



Photo by Luke Kelley Senior Malorie Malson and the rest of the competition squad practice their competition routine

ty, small varsity and large varsity. Norwalk is in the small varsity division, with a routine of a cheer, two dances and a crowd cheer. Not only do they have squads competing, they have girls doing duos and trios.

"My favorite part of the competition is when, before the awards are handed out, cheerleaders and some children dance on the mats together," junior Cassidy Risner said.

Norwalk has placed at every competition so far. Their first one this year is on Nov. 19 in Vermilion.

Students show school spirit

By Chloe Kramer

Students here show school spirit, even if they don't play a sport.

Senior Jake Trautman shows his support by coming up with themes for the football games. Trautman and seniors Lyndsey Sheldon, Steven Strickland and Tory Bleile

discuss themes for games to get more people to show their support.

"Doesn't matter where you sit. As long as you cheer, you'll have fun," Trautman said.

Even students who don't

play school sports still show their spirit and support. Sophomore Kristina Toczek said she goes to all of the football home

games to have fun and support

the team.

"You can be involved in showing spirit without being in school programs," Toczek said, adding that high school only lasts so long and the best way to have fun is to be involved.

Senior Steven Strickland said he shows his support and school spirit by cheering for teams, leading chants and going to all of the games.

To get more students to contribute, many upperclassmen can carpool and tell underclassmen to chant the crowd cheers, he advised.

"The best way to spread school spirit for all to hear is cheer-



senior football player Garrett Underwood.

Halloween at NHS









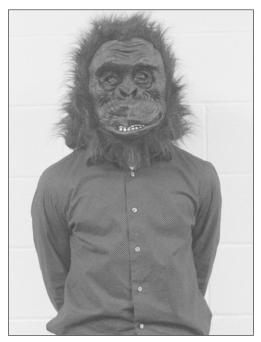
















How old is too old to go trick-or-treating?

Photos and interviews by Kylee Edney and Luke Kelley





"7th to 8th grade." - Freshman Jacob



"Never." – Freshman Samantha Rospert (left)

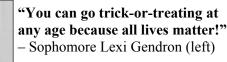




"49 years old, because why not?" –

Senior Mason Bennett (left)







"12 is too old to go trick-or-treating because you're most likely in middle school." - Sophomore Devin Marshall (above)

"14 because people stop giving you candy." - Senior Hayden Risner (right)





"You're never too old to go trick-or -treating!"

- Sophomore Maria Rodriguez (right)



Complete this puzzle for a chance to win a \$5 gift certificate from Stomping Grounds. Answers to the clues are teachers' last names. Turn in responses to a Trucker Imprint staff member, on Twitter @TruckerImprint or in the box in English teacher Debbie Leffler's room (6208).

Across

4. Focuses on her blessings, has three daughters, stays healthy

5. Most likely to be reading a book in her free time

7. Makes jeopardy games to review, enjoys basketball

8. Grumpy cat and Beyonce fan, wears black, sarcasm master

10. Known school-wide for coffee;

attended the University of Toledo and is good at president impersonation

Down

1. Bald scientist with military experience

2. Expecting a baby, married to a comedian/English teacher

3. Same name as a type of jar, almost always incorporates a music note into her outfit

6. Plays hockey and a lot of instruments

9. Has two kids with the same birthday, one year apart and likes to travel

