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It's Alive— and Online!



The Lexington High School newspaper has been revived! Similar to but not as fictional as the story of Frankenstein, the newspaper has been put together and brought to life with an electrifying shock. It has been built from many pieces and given a new life. The new face of the newspaper is credited to government teacher Mr. Kathrein who has taken the position as supervisor and has encouraged the revitalization of the paper. He is comparable to the creator of the monster, Victor Frankenstein from Mary Shelley's novel "Frankenstein." The monster is created in similar means to Mr. Kathrein's assistance to bringing back the newspaper (with a much less negative connotation). The newspaper has received a new name: the Lexington Concord. Every article is written and revised by Lexington High School students ranging from freshmen to seniors. Thanks to many advances in technology since her tShelley's time, the newspaper committee has access to the internet! Therefore, the newspaper will be published online and easy to access. The Lexington Concord will have a better fortune than Victor Frankenstein's monster, and will prosper for years to come.

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Mongolian Throat Singing

Mongolian throat singing can also be called Khoomei or Tuvan throat singing. It is practiced by people in Siberia, Tuva, Inner Mongolia and Mongolia. During the act of throat singing the performer will produce a single fundamental pitch and follow with several on top of it. In the past it was something that many male leaders in the region could do. Now the act of throat singing is being introduced to women as well. The popularity of throat singing has risen and fallen due to geographic aspects. Throat singers travel far to country sides looking for the proper environment to sing in. Mongolian throat singing consists of a large range of vocalization. The Mongolian throat singers were the pioneers of six different harmonics. The three basic styles of throat singing are Khoomei, Karayraa, and Sygyt. The sub-styles include borbangnadyr, chylandyk, dumchuktaar, ezungileer, and kanzyp. Other basic style sub styles are Khoomei, Sygyt, Kargyraa, Borbangnadyr, and Ezengileer. All of these styles use Tuvan terminology. ([click here for video](#))



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Columns

Why We Do Not Have the Time for Colds

By Morgan

It's official; you have a cold. You've spent the entire day sniffing and relentlessly blowing your nose in tissues, and your nose is raw from the not-so-soft tissues. You have that "gracious" cough that likes to draw the whole class's attention your way. You already took ibuprofen, yet your headache won't go away and your entire body is weak with exhaustion. How glorious sleep sounds, but it is so difficult because you can't breathe properly. Your voice sinks two pitches lower, and you pray that you cover your sneeze on time so your lovely germs don't go flying onto the person in front of you.

Perhaps the worst thing about being sick is missing school. Some can find this hard to believe since kids will find any excuse in the world to stay home from school, but in this day in age it is not so. The thought of having an entire day home lounging in your pajamas is pleasant at first thought, but reality comes back and you realize the world doesn't stop because you are sick, including school. In an education system that is as fast paced and rigorous as Lexington Local Schools, a day off means missed notes, homework, quizzes, labs, tests, and every other thing lined up for the day. For students that take advanced classes or AP courses, a single day off of school sounds horrifying. Fortunately, some teachers make their lesson plans or homework accessible from online sources which can be very beneficial to those that have to take extended time off from school. Although the school has a policy to allow additional time for students to make up their missed work, it is tiring to try and play "catch-up" with your numerous studies.

For a lot of athletes, it is not school itself they are afraid to miss; it is their afterschool practices or games they fear missing out on. With the impressive and strict sports program that Lexington offers, it is no surprise that students would not want to miss out on practice and games. The Lexington School policy is that students have to be at school for at least half of the school day with the time cut off at 11:10 am in order to attend any extracurricular activities or sports thereafter for the day. For the all the fall athletes, a day out sick means potentially missing the big game after school.

The fear of missing school or classes has recently grown in the past years. With the standards constantly being raised and the bar set to new heights each day, students despise anything that gets in their way of success, such as a lousy and inconvenient cold. A cold can last over a week, so if you choose to miss a day or two off of school, choose time in the first three days of having a cold because that is when you are contagious. It is important to be aware of your health and your body and to know when you have a cold rather than the flu, allergies, or other viruses that mimic the same symptoms of a cold.

For all the fellow students that persevere through their sickness or are forced to go to school by their parents, remember to stay hydrated and get plenty of rest at night. Remember that although you think your cold will last for eternity, you will eventually get better.



Haunted Hallways End with Spooky

The 1st annual "Haunted Hallways" was held at Lexington High School on October 26, 2016. The event was organized by Lexington High School's Student Council and the night concluded with great success. Children from each Lexington elementary were invited to trick-or-treat through the hallways of the high school.



Classroom doorways and tables in the cafeteria were decorated stops for candy. Children in kindergarten through 6th grade wore their Halloween costumes as they went from one candy destination to the next. Each stop for candy was hosted by a school organization. Yearbook Committee occupied a table in the cafeteria, and across the room from them was the Lexington Board of Education. The Leo Club's "Haunted Classroom" greeted the children into the school followed by the Girl's Soccer Team's impressively decorated hallway. The trick-or-treaters were able to collect candy from over 20 school organizations. The success of the evening exceeded the prediction for the first year of the event. A big thank you to all school clubs, sports teams, and the advisors and coaches who help make the night such a success. The evening brought the community together and allowed for a safe and enjoyable night of trick-or-treating.

Culture

The Art of Mongolia

By: Leah

In our society, cultures are constantly mixing, creating a more diverse world. With this diversity comes a sense of normality to culture. To prevent regularity we must, learn, experience, and appreciate the many cultures that live in our society. Starting with **Mongolia**.

The Mongolian culture is widely based on the nomadic lifestyle – meaning moving around frequently. The practice of a cultural group and their life styles plays a huge role in the tone of their artwork. A philosopher named Francis Schaeffer once said, “He who loses the arts, loses the culture”. Meaning culture *is* art. Traditional Mongolian architecture had many influences based on their nomadic lifestyles. Many of the buildings and dwelling are based on the structure of the ancient Mongolian tribal tents, connecting to the nomadic ideals.

The Fine arts of Mongolia, however, were based mainly around religious beliefs, and functions. Much of the art produced by the Mongolian culture was planted through Buddhism. Some famous pieces include, ‘One Day in Mongolia’ by the painter B. Sharav, Undur Gegeen Zanabazar’s



Buddhist Sculpture, and ‘Hentii Aimag Negdel’ by Tsend-AyushO. All of which represent a style of living among the Mongolian people. For instance, the painting ‘One Day in Mongolia’ describes the basic behaviors and traditions of the Mongolian people. The painting is also painted through a style in which all perspective is lost. The painting shows a day-to-day lifestyle without any relation to the attitude the artists had in mind with painting the piece. The mindset in which someone perceives the painting is purely open, allowing the perspective of the painting to vary from person to person.

The Dukhas

By: Vipra

A country resides between China and Russia with a population of approximately three million. This country is called Mongolia, it holds vast treasures of natural resources and ethnic groups. There is a specific group of only about 250 people called the Dukhas, existing as the smallest

ethnic group in the world.

Their ancestors were originally from Russia and moved down toward the Mongolian taiga. The Dukhas are rein-



deer herders that migrate with the reindeers. They believe that they were brought on this earth to protect and serve the land and its animals. Unfortunately, in Mongolia, this ancient culture and identity is being threatened by government policies and the rapid modernization of Mongolia. Based on Harvard studies in 2014, it states that there is only 40 families of Dukhas. Sardar-Afkhami, an anthropologist who spent years living among the Dukhas, has found some reasons why the reindeer herding culture is dying. One big factor is the younger generations refusing to live in the harsh conditions of the taiga. To the younger generation, the modern Mongolian life is much more appealing. Another factor is the rise of gold mining in the vicinity, as well as the government’s restrictions towards the Dukhas against the land. In recent years the government has decided that the Dukhas hunting ground is national park property, which, in turn, cuts off a big part of the Dukhas food supply. To compensate for taking their land, the government gave each family \$150. Another unfortunate thing is the reindeers that they are dependent on are dwindling in numbers. Because of the decrease in the reindeer population, many of the resources that the Dukhas – such as tourism – has also began to decrease, therefore affecting their survival. Due to the isolated habitats of Dukhas, they are prompted to move south for some time. Some people, however, accuse the Dukhas of abusing the reindeers by moving them south. Because of this accusation not many people visit the Dukhas which in turn means less income. None the less, clan leaders believe that they will survive through this like their ancestors have dealt with the ever-changing world. So, for the time being, the Dukha clan have been sustaining and living with their unique traditions.

Culture

Nauru

There is probably a bunch of small countries that you don't know exist. One of them is the small country of Nauru. Nauru is located in the Pacific Ocean.



In 2011, the small island country of Nauru reported only having 200 tourists in total. The main attractions there have to do with nature views and visits, but not very many. As of early November, 2016 they were said to only have a population total of 10,315. In just Richland county Ohio, the population is said to be 124,475. That is almost twelve times larger of a population in one country compared to a small county in one state. The main language here is English and Nauruan. Overall, there is not much to do in Nauru. This is probably the main reason for so little tourists. Nauru is sometimes called Australia's "dumping ground" for refugees. In the current government no boat with refugees settles in Australia it is sent to Nauru. Despite Nauru being so small, having little to do there, and being considered a "dumping ground", Nauru has its own culture just like any other place you would visit. There are many sports, games, foods and religions there. The main two popular sports there are weightlifting and Australian Football. Almost all of Nauru's food is imported except fish, which is caught by their local fisherman. The amount of food they have in food storages could last over two years. In Nauru Christianity is the most dominant religion with many different Christian sects practiced.



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South African Culture

By Leah

South Africa is widely known for its cultural and ethnic diversity. From art to food, South Africa has been profoundly influenced by centuries of diverse ethnic groups and individuals. In comparison to the United States, South Africa may seem to take place on an entirely different planet. However, those differences may be what make the two cultures so great.



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Although you may not realize it, but here at Lexington High School there is a great deal of culture. The opportunity came around to interview a student named Chante. Chante is originally from South Africa, along with most her family. She moved to Lexington in September of 2014. Chante speaks two of eleven official native languages in South Africa, Afrikaans and English. When asked what her favorite part of the U.S. was, she quickly answered with "the food!" Her favorite native dish of South Africa is potjie, which actually can be translated to small pot, but it is also a traditional South African stew-type dish that can consist of a variety of foods cooked over hot coals. When asked what she missed most from South Africa she responded with, "definitely the people". The people of South Africa give the region the nickname, "Rainbow Nation" due to the population consisting of a variety of ethnographic ideals.



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Due to the immense ethnic range in the nation, South Africans are known to be very extroverted and warm creating a well welcomed environment. However, interestingly enough, when asked if she could live anywhere in the world where it would be, she quickly and undoubtedly shot back, "the U.S. absolutely the U.S."

Culture

The Worlds first Wizardry school in France

By, Vipra

The World got a lot more magical



(Huffington Post)

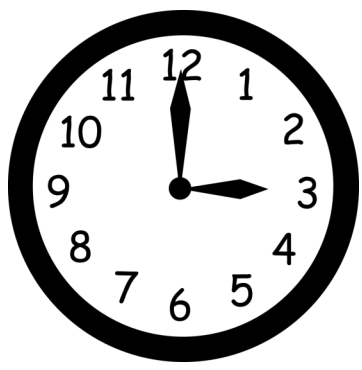
4,760 miles away from us is a country that is a symbol of love, beauty, and art; which is also filled with beautiful pastries. That country is France. Another thing the French would be known as is a giver of gifts to the Harry Potter fans. In 2017, the gates to a school of Witchcraft and Wizardly will open to us Muggles for the first time. For many of us the age eleven was very depressing because we did not get our letters of acceptance. Of course we didn't get our letters because Voldemort wiped out the Ministry of Magic's records of muggle-born witches and wizards. Luckily a new school of witchcraft and wizardry is going to train the masses next year.



The school is going to open at Château de Jolibert in Bourgognague, France. Classes will be over four days, from May 25 to May 28. Lucky students around France around the ages of 16-18 can attend. The lucky students will be learning things from the Harry Potter series first book. Will you be the star student like Hermione or are you just going to blow things up like Seamus Finnegan? Will the professors be as cool as McGonagall or as short as Flitwick?

There is a catch, all lessons and activities will be conducted in French. Only French speakers will be able to participate. Which stinks for all the people who took another foreign language. Anyhow, learning a language and delving yourself into a different culture is a good way to expand your knowledge and get closer to your worldly brothers and sisters.





Life

A Minute with a Minutemen



By: Macy, Sofie, Gabbie

We are in the second grading period of school and putting this newspaper together has been a slow process, but it definitely will be worthwhile in the long run. This article will always consist of interviews with four different people and not just any ordinary people, but LHS's very own Minutemen.

Minuteman Cory plays football, baseball, and is a good student. He was asked to describe the most inspiring thing about football and he said, "Learning and growing with all the kids I've been playing with and finally seeing all of our hard work paying off." We also asked Cory a lot of questions about his future as he takes on his last year as a student at LHS. One being, What would you go back and change if you could? "I would go back and change the amount of time I've spent studying, or didn't study enough," Cory tells Lexington Concord. We asked Cory "Where do you see yourself in ten years?" He says that he hopes to be fresh out of college as an engineer of some sort. He also mentions that possibly he could be living in Lex later on when he has settled down and is ready to start a family. Cory's advice to freshmen is, "Set up a high GPA freshman year. It makes the next three years of your life so much easier."



Jonny ran cross country, but they're finishing up their season so I asked him what else takes away his time. He mentioned really liking art and this explains his favorite class being ceramics. Jonny participates in bio club and write on. He also plans on being a part of drama this year as well.

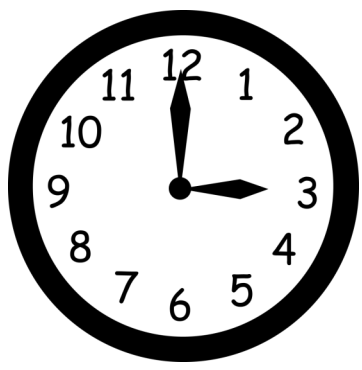
I asked him, "As a junior, has high school been fast to you?" "Looking back it feels pretty fast, but while it was happening, it didn't," he responded. I asked Jonny if he had any advice to give to freshmen and this is what he said, "Look around, see all the people around you. Ask yourself, have you spoken to all of them? The ones you have not, have you ever tried to be their friends? Throughout high school you will meet a ton of different people. Embrace every single one, enjoy the presence of your peers, and simply learn to broaden your horizons. High school is the biggest time for growth. Enjoy it." Of course, Lexington Concord thought this was amazing advice. Jonny told us throughout his high school years he has been impacted the most by the people he never thought he would associate with or they would associate with him. He tells us again, "High school is not only for preparing us for college, but for the real world too."



Minuteman Camden plays soccer and says, "It's a challenging season, but we are getting through it as a team." He says his favorite class this year is Gym because he enjoys doing physical activity. We asked Camden how different freshman year was from sophomore year so far. "Sophomore year has started off a lot harder and I definitely have to apply myself more," he replied. He thinks bringing back the school newspaper is a great way to get students more involved into our school. Camden is very excited to attend homecoming with Mikaela. He asked her with a bunch of balloons in her room and a sign saying, "Hoco?" Camden also tells us that high school as a whole so far is teaching him to be a more respectful young man.

Allie tells us that first coming into the high school she was scared, but is getting the hang of things now. She participated on the golf team this past season. "The size of the building worried me because it seemed bigger than what it really was. Also, I was scared being the youngest of all four grades," Allie says. She says she definitely likes the food better here than the junior high. Allie mentions too that she feels more freedom at the high school. An accomplishment of Allie's that she wishes to complete is to receive good grades all throughout high school.

If you pass Jonny in the hallway, simply say hi because his advice was fantastic! As well for Allie, give her a hello for a matter of fact you were a freshman once too! Stay tuned for the next four minutemen we interview! Maybe it will be you.



Life

A Minute with a Minutemen



We met with Blair and she can't wait for the year to be over. However, she does enjoy this school year because her schedule is easy. "This time next year, I see myself in college," says Blair who has been looking into colleges, but is still undecided at the moment. Blair juggles her schoolwork with a job at Rancho Fiesta and also skiing in the winter. She enjoys to read and shop, if you've seen her you would know this due to her awesome everyday style. Blair is a true Lexington football fan! "I'm really proud of how far the seniors have come," says Blair.

Jarrett plays baseball in the spring, but stays busy throughout the rest of the year. Not only is he a Minuteman supporter, but also a Michigan, Cavs, Browns, and Indians fan too. "I really love watching sports. I was extremely depressed when the Indians lost, but it was still pretty cool how they got that far!" says Jarrett. He also says that he is very excited for the football team and has attended every single game. Jarrett wishes to give a shout out to the Cross Country and Volleyball teams as well on their great seasons. "If High school has taught one thing, I would say it is definitely to stay away from fake people," Jarrett tells us. We asked his opinion of the newspaper and he replied, "It's a great idea! It'll be nice to read what other students write and hear the news in the school"

Meeting with Mikaela we got her opinion on high school relationships. "High school is only 4 years of your life, so don't spend it worrying about the wrong things," she said. Mikaela tells us that she works at Warrior Pizza while trying to also focus on her schoolwork. She also spends her time hanging out with friends, attending her church's youth group, and listening to music. We asked her how her year is going and she responded, "It's a lot better than last year. I've learned that friends change constantly and you're the only one ever truly there for yourself."

Shelby says, "I love high school so far. My favorite part is the freedom." She tells us that the teachers are cool and she likes how they know her because of her brothers being previous students at Lexington. Demi, is one of Shelby's role models. "It's cool to have a cousin go to the same school as me to look up to and go to for advice," says Shelby.

Boys Volleyball

By Morgan

There is potentially a new sport coming to Lexington: Boys Volleyball. With all the sports we have and our surplus of extremely competitive athletes, it is no surprise that there is a desire for the sport. Mrs. Nixon (English teacher) is spearheading the plan along with several students. She was approached by eager athletes who discovered she had volleyball experience. The ultimate future for the sport would be a competitive team at Lexington that would compete with other schools. Although, it is not totally configured, it looks very hopeful



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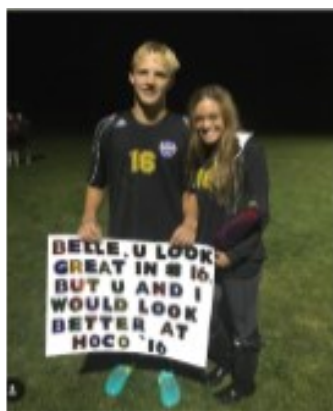
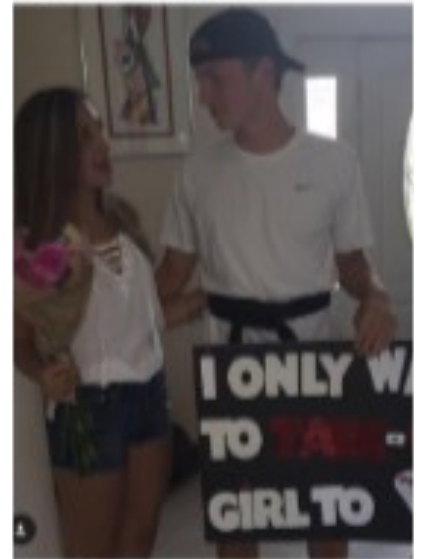
The Fun of Homecoming

The season of homecoming was upon us which offers the typical high-schooler something to look forward to. Dresses ranging from poufy and elegant, bow-ties, flowers, dinner, and dancing has been the traditions for homecoming. However, a huge trend that has come alive is homecoming proposals. Today, the way you ask or get asked is far more extravagant than just the typical, face to face question of “Want to go to homecoming?” If flowers, candy, or a cute poster aren’t involved then you’re doing it all wrong.

Harrison told Lexington Concord, “I went over to Lexi’s house and stood in the door with a director’s clapper with ‘Homecoming?’ written on it with ‘2016’ under ‘take’ and a question mark under ‘Director?’. She had a big smile on her face and of course she said yes.”

Josh got a few of his cross country buds to body paint the word “Homecoming” across their bodies, surprising Tessa at a practice. We were excited to see Tess attend her first homecoming!

Shelby told Lexington Concord, “Cade came in yearbook and gave me a pass telling me I was in trouble. I had no idea what for. I stepped into the office and saw Kyle holding up a sign saying, ‘You’re sour on the court and sweet off the court, and I’d kill to take you as my date to homecoming.’ I was super shocked, but I was excited to attend with Kyle.”



On a rainy day, Isabelle was watching the boy’s soccer team play MCS. She was supporting Matt by wearing his jersey during the game. At the end of the game, Matt held a sign that read, “Belle, you look great in #16, but you and I would look better at hoco ’16.” “No it made sense why he kept bugging me to wear his jersey and everyone bugged me to stay until after the game,” she laughs as she tells us.

Skylar will be attending her first homecoming with Mason. Skylar does taekwondo as a hobby. When Mason showed up at her door with flowers and a black belt on she couldn’t say no to him only wanting to “taek-won girl” to homecoming.

“I had a crush on him in sixth grade and one day he was shooting paper ball baskets in the trashcan. I asked him if I could join and after that, we became best friends,” Gabbie shares with us. Nick, her best friend of five years asked her with a sign that read, “let’s take a shot at homecoming” with paper balls taped to the sign.

These were all very creative ideas and there was many more throughout the school. With Homecoming 2016 behind us these ideas may be useful in springtime when the flowers are beginning to blossom and you might need a prom date.

Harder to Fail

By: Mirial

Recently, I saw two posters in my science class. One stated how you could flunk and one read how you can pass. Of course, the poster about flunking had about 30 ways to fail and the passing had only four points.

- Show up
- Pay Attention
- Do your Work
- Behave

It seems so simple, and its so true. So why not do it? if you show up, you don’t need an “unexcused” slip, so then teachers cannot say they cannot score your paper. If you pay attention, some things might stick in your head, you won’t need to study as much. If you do your work, most teachers do effort checks anyway. If you behave, no red slips, after schools, or points off. Save yourself the embarrassment and matter of fact, the punishment.

Life

How to Ride a Bike

By: Anonymous

When I was little, I loved to play with rocks.

I never wore shoes and I never wore shoes with socks.



My hair was long, almost down to my butt.

I remember first riding a bike, falling and getting a cut.

I cried a little bit, but knew I had to get back up.

When I got older, I realized getting back up was not the only way to be tough.



It's been a year since the last time I rode a bike,

But I have fallen in situations that are just a like.

With some, I've had training wheels and some, I have not.

Either way, I've still fallen quite a lot.

If I recall my first bike, it was pink or maybe it was blue.

My mommy told me how to ride it and my daddy taught me to.

When I messed up, neither was there to give me a hand.

They taught me to take things like a man.

I was sad and I felt alone,

But you have to get up if you want to get back home.

I figured out that other streets were bumpy,

Also when I rode with friends, they never stayed with me.

Sometimes it was fun to stop and walk around.

I never got too far; I always stayed in my town.

On long hot days, as much as I want to quit,

Especially on those super steep hills is when I feel it.

Each day, getting stronger.

Makes it easier to ride and hold on for longer.

Soon with all my bags packed

I'll pedal away and sometimes come back.

My bike will get rusty and the tires will squeak,

But I will do it, for I am not weak.



I'm not in a car, so there's no GPS.

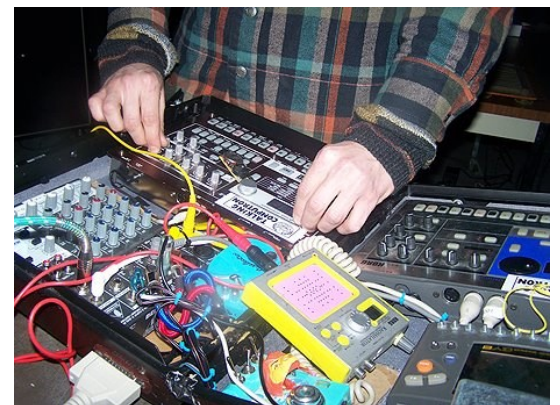
This means your destination isn't a yes.

There's no specific road for you to follow.

Pedal with your heart and never let it get hollow.

The Fuse Factory

On November 14th through December 7th of 2016, the Pearl Conrad Art Gallery, located on the Ohio State Mansfield campus, will be hosting an exhibition featuring new work created by technology based media and tools, called the Fuse Factory. The spunk given off by this untraditional form of art consists of experimentation with digital media by cultivating artistic creativity. The Pearl Conrad Art Gallery is excited to be initiating this captivating display of art for the second consecutive year. Along with the amazing art gallery exhibit taking place at the Mansfield campus, there will also be some hands on activities held at the Ohio State University main campus, the Columbus College of Art and Design, and the ROY G BIV Gallery. The creators of this exhibit hope to show the transformation and incredible impact humanity has had on the world through the evolution of technology. They hope to see you there!





Music



A Band Jubilee: the 42nd Festival of Champions

By: Dil and Dale

What is the festival?

The Festival of Champions is an annual Marching band competition that occurs in October at LHS, and has every year, barring last year, since 1973. It's a great opportunity for the Lexington Band of Gold to showcase their talents, and for other bands across the state to compete in friendly competitions.

The whole band was buzzing with excitement Saturday morning when they arrived at 8:30 A.M. to the help prepare for the festival of champions. Many alumni came to watch their old buddies perform, and to reminisce upon their days as a BoG member. When asking one former member what she liked about watching the band again she replied, "I liked how they hold the same traditions as when I was [in the band] ...I miss being a part of the Band of Gold. Every time I visit the band, it reminds me of the fantastic times I had..." People had so much fun helping, many students and alumni alike doubled on shifts running recordings to the press box, guiding other bands, and working in concessions. Nobody was short of a job to do.



Trumpets: Zoe , and Ann

When the kids finally settled down and it was time for the BoG to perform, they were finally called the warmup station (the parking lot). Breathing exercises, quick playing of a few troublesome measures, and they were ready to go.

Tired from a day's hard work, some band members were worried that they would not be at their very best (**que pokemon theme**) but they needed not to fret. The band did an awesome job, pulling off a superior rating with only two twos. They were filled with joy, a successful Festival and an even better show astronomically boosted the already cheery band's morale, and they are ready to perform that well and better as the season "marches" to its final stretch.

To end the day, we interviewed the band President, curious of how she felt about the Festival, the show, and marching band in general.

What is your favorite thing about the festival?

Can I say everything? My favorite part is being able to see bands that work just as hard as we do. Also being able to showcase our show for them to see without the competitive aspect being there. (The BoG is not eligible for awards at their own show.)

Were you disappointed in the cancellation of last year's show?

Yeah, but it would have been a waste of time due to the circumstances.

What compelled you to join the Band of Gold?

To be completely honest I was totally against band my eighth grade year. As the year continued, more and more of my friends (some already members of the BoG) pushed me into joining because they knew I would enjoy it. Now I've been in it for four years, so, I guess they were right!

Are there any members you asked to join, and do they enjoy it as well?

I convinced another trumpet player our sophomore year, I sure hope she does.

Are you excited to come back as a spectator next year?

Yeah, but I think it will be sad not being able to perform with the band, and just having to watch them.

Last question: Do you enjoy your mother being involved as a band parent? Do you encourage more parents to be as involved.

The band parents are the best! I don't think the band would be as successful without them. Yeah, I would encourage it, the more band parents, the merrier!



Field Commander Colton and Director Mr. Wilkins



Music



AFTERWORLD: MARCHING THROUGH MIST AND FIRE

By: Dale

From late July to early November the Lexington Band of Gold marches through a blistering heatwave and frigid cold only to achieve their one goal of reaching an oasis that is a state superior. From the beginning of Band Camp rookies are taught to march the correct way while they play a single stable note.

“It was fulfilling and painful at the same time to march.” Freshman, Alex, states, This year’s band president, Hanna, says “Marching Band is like a second Family but with a lot more siblings and weird cousins. It’s a lot of hard work and dedication but we all pull through in the end.”



As a member ages, he/she gains more responsibility within the band and their own section, whether it be Trumpets, Flutes, or Tubas, each section has their own section leader that has more responsibility and leadership. Thus, creating an atmosphere of newfound leadership and cooperation between students. Seniors and Freshman both agree that band is a sport that brings all groups together in a way unlike any other. When a freshman gets to school in late august, he/she usually already has a group of friends made when many others appear lost and without a group of friends to “kick it” with. This makes it so the band kid can hang in the band room in the morning without being kicked out (unless you do something stupid which happens every once in a while).

(Junior Tuba Player Joey in the band room.)

Junior, Damon, informs us “Marching band is a fun activity where you get the chance to work with people who you normally wouldn’t be able to work with who have the work ethic to do well.” Junior Trumpet Player Rick states, “Band has always meant a lot to me. My section became my family from the moment I was hugged by last year’s senior, Nathan, or as we called him, Chum. Even though there are feuds between people, each and every one of us shared a common goal of getting that state superior and keeping our almost 30-year streak going.”

Throughout the years the marching band has traveled to numerous competitions across Ohio as well as just as many State Competitions, receiving a state superior for nearly 27 years, and this year was no different from any of the rest! The band traveled to Hilliard Bradley once again this year to receive a state superior once more! Mr. Wilkins, the band director, expressed his pride in their accomplishment on Tuesday after school during their first rehearsal for the Football Playoffs!

The Band of Gold was ecstatic after receiving their state superior so they went and had a celebration at Dave and Busters where they played games and did other such things and were just themselves. Games were played, tickets were gained, prizes won and as they entered Lexington the sirens began and the Police escort began. They stuck their heads out and screamed and continued to carry on as excited teenagers, allowed to be themselves.



Freshman: Alex, sophomore: Jadon, and senior: Hanna



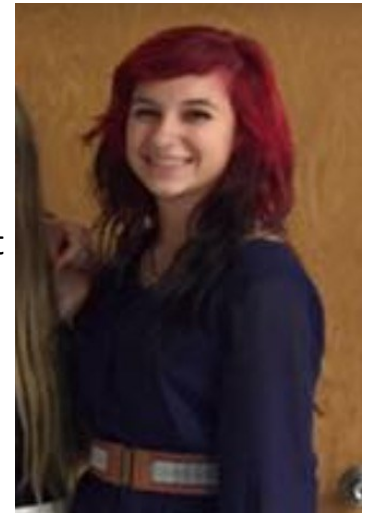
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Color Guard



if you have ever been to a football game and have seen the marching band at halftime, I'm sure you've seen the people spinning flags and weapons. Well, those people are members of the color guard. The guard spends what feels like weeks on end learning their work and drill spots with the instrumentalists during band camp. Spending hours outside in the blistering heat on cloudless days isn't the most ideal. Neither is spinning in the rain—the equipment gets wet and slippery making it difficult to do everything. Every section in the band has a section leader(s). Sam and Abby are the leaders for

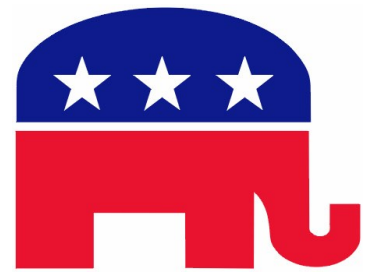


the guard. When asking Sam why she wanted to join color guard she responded, "I joined because I used to spin baton before, and since the two activities are kind of similar I thought: why not try it out." I also asked the other captain, Abby why she tried out to be one of the captains and she answered, "I wanted to show Emily [the color guard instructor] what I have and try to make a good impression. I want to help people in the guard as much as I can, and I felt that being a captain would really help." This year the guard won "Best in Class A Auxiliary" and "Best Overall Auxiliary" at Grove City.





Politics



Current Politics and where the candidates stand

By: Hannah

Over the last several weeks, Trump has improved his chances of becoming president, but still is down many electoral votes. There are currently 70 electoral votes up for grabs (Florida, Nevada, Ohio, and North Carolina). Trump needs to get some of the solid Democratic states on his side, that's why Clinton and Trump combined have spent over 21 million dollars on television ads for Pennsylvania alone.

What has happened lately?

Iowa went from "anyone's game" to "lean republican", Utah goes from "lean republican" to "solid republican".

What states are where?

"Leans Republican" - Arizona, Georgia, Iowa

"Solid Republican" - Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, West Virginia, Wyoming

"Anyone's Game" - Florida, Nevada, Ohio, North Carolina

"Leans Democratic" - Colorado, Michigan, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Wisconsin

"Solid Democratic" - California, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington, Minnesota, New Mexico



Who do you think will win the 2016 Presidential election, Trump, Hillary, or anyone?

The First Presidential Debate

By: Kent

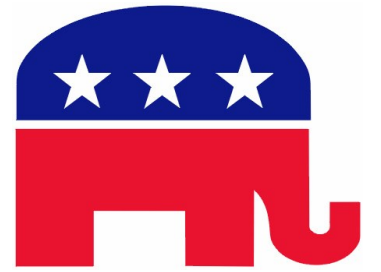
On September 26 in Hempstead, NY the Democratic Nominee Hillary Clinton and Republican Nominee Donald J. Trump debated in the first of the three presidential debates. When I decided I was going to write this article I was prepared to sway in a direction saying either Trump or Hillary gained the most out of the debate. Rather than come to that conclusion, I have found the depression of idealism and politics, their corpses being kicked by both nominees on stage Monday night.

Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump while being far apart politically, have a very key similarity. They are both the oldest of the baby boomer generation, Hillary at 68, and Donald at 70. However, they represent the polarized ideas that the two parties, Democrats and Republicans, assimilated over the course of the past five decades. On the right wing we have overwhelming conservatism, a want to return to the roots of America and isolationism and protect the traditional values of what makes America... America. On the left wing we have a strong wave of liberalism, a want to see things get better, a focus on the globalization of economics and protecting the rights of expression and varied viewpoints. Both candidates are representations of these ideals that the American people hold dear, in the worst possible way.

Donald Trump, as we saw on Monday night, has reduced the great machine of capitalism into pure selfishness. He only desires to become the president out of his own greed and megalomania. He wants to eliminate the death tax, so he can grant his children all the billions of dollars he owns tax free. He treats people, such as the architect Hillary mentioned, like objects. He's proud he evaded \$916 Million in taxes while the middle class foots the bill. On stage he boasts that he took advantage of the law, while showing he has little to no more ethical reasoning than Wells Fargo CEO John Stumpf. He lacks the most basic concepts of middle class civil life and the President's responsibility to it, just look how he answers "how can you relate to the economically disadvantaged?" with "I've had many hard times in my life, when I got out of grad school, my father [\(Cont. on page next\)](#)



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[\(Cont. from last page\)](#) only gave me a small loan of a million dollars.” However, Hillary is no goody-two-shoes

either. Hillary Clinton, as we saw on Monday night, is a liar who uses her friends to silence outsiders to the system of the Democratic Party. She only desires to become president to top off her very troubling career in politics. She doesn't have a consistent viewpoint, at least not her own, because over the past fifteen years she's changed her position overnight on so many things. She lies, possibly to the levels of her rival, about nearly everything, she supported NAFTA and denied on stage that she did. She lacks the human touch that is necessary to win the presidency, many people feel that she is disconnected from the American public, despite her grandiose words. The only idealist in the Democratic race for nominee was Bernie Sanders and was snuffed out by Hillary and the DNC simply for not being Hillary Clinton. The Benghazi Scandal still haunts this debate, along with the deletion of 33,000 emails, 3 phones, 2 tablets, and a server. Hillary may be an experienced politician, but she is nothing to celebrate. She lacks the consistent ideals and responsibility for her actions to become President.



Neither campaign is favorable. Both campaigns have no appeals to the higher ideals of our nature. Things like honesty, civility, respect, are necessary if you want to form a better society. Rather than do that, both campaigns have appealed to things like bigotry and demonization assuming that the lowest of our thoughts are the most real. They both lack an appeal by being or presenting anything other than simpletons. Ironically, both candidates are inverse of what the baby boomers had tried to do in America during the 1960s and 1980s, which was to restore a sense of idealism. The biggest challenge of our present day is not global warming nor is it immigrants, the most pressing issue is our crisis of isolation and fragmentation of the American consciousness. The biggest need is to rebind our culture that has been torn by selfishness, cynicism and lies. Once this need is addressed we can focus on the issues we should be focusing on, like the aforementioned global warming and immigration. I believe that some point down the line, the next presidential race or one many years from now, will restore our unification as a nation with the ideals of respect for one another. I believe my generation, the Millennials, wants to desperately be agreeable with each other. I believe we want to be active in the stitching of our ripped society's fabric. But a call to action for us isn't coming from either presidential candidate of our current day.

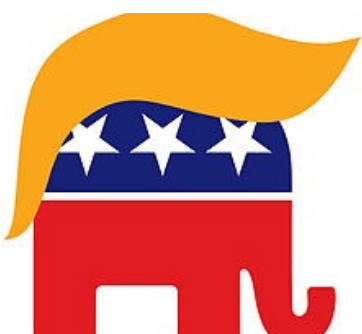
The Republicans

By: Grant

It was not so long ago Republicans believed they had this presidential race in the bag. Eight years of Obama should have been enough to usher in a Republican administration. The President was falling out favor, and along with him, the Democratic Party. His failed Affordable Care Act, multiple foreign policy blunders, and repeated use of Executive Orders should have given the conservatives a foothold to exploit. Adding on to that Hillary Clinton, the inevitable Democratic nominee, was flawed and would give them plenty of ammunition to defeat her.

All the party had to do was nominate the right candidate. Someone respectable and articulate enough to take the fight to the Democrats. However, that's where it all fell apart. The party begrudgingly got stuck with Donald Trump, the most rude, crude, lewd, and undisciplined candidate ever. He stormed through the primaries and the convention and there was nothing the party could do about it.

It was ironic, Trump, who acted the opposite of conservative, won the conservative party's presidential nomination. In a way, this was the Republicans' fault. If they had just chosen a better candidate in 2012 and beaten Obama, or even fought against his executive orders and agenda, the Trump scenario might have never occurred. Yet Obama won, and four years later Trump feasted on the anger (that same anger the conservatives tried to cook up) Americans felt from the Democratic President. The Republicans, who had a real opportunity to defeat Hillary Clinton, are again shooting themselves in the foot for the second straight presidential election. Instead of focusing on winning an election, they are trying to put out fires for a candidate who is now most known for saying he gropes women. The comedic ineptitude of the Republicans continues.



Sports

Girls Soccer

The Lady Lex Soccer team finished their season 11-7-2. This year they really stepped up their performance compared to the other years. The girls ended the season with a loss to Clear Fork, but were sectional champions.

Courtney – *“This year as a team we were the most successful we’ve been in close to 10 years, and overall it was just a fun season. I think that a large part of the reason we were so successful as a team was due to how close we were with each other.”*

Girls Volleyball

The Lady Lex Volleyball team claimed yet another OCC title. The team went 20-5 throughout the season, sharing the OCC with Mt. Vernon. The girls ended their season as sectional champions losing to Norwalk in 5 close games.

Lauren – *“Volleyball has been one of the biggest parts of my life. Even though it didn’t end the way I wanted it to, I still had fun this season and I wouldn’t trade any of my teammates for the world.”*

Boys Soccer

With a 12-10-1 record, the Boys’ Soccer Team scored a sectional title. They ended their season with a 6-3-0 OCC league record. The 2016 season all came to an end when they were beat in close district championship game by Vermillion 3-2.

Anthony – *“Making it to a district final 3 years in a row isn’t an easy thing to do. It shows the hard work we’ve put in during our high school soccer career. Not winning it this year didn’t feel too good, but 2 out of 3 isn’t too bad.”*

Girls Tennis

Jordyn – *“Tennis was definitely a highlight of my high school years. It gave me friendships with people that I might not have ever crossed paths with. It did mean a lot to me and I was very blessed to be able to end my high school tennis career at the final stages.”*

Girls Golf

This year’s golf team ended with a 15-5 dual record. In all of the season’s tournaments, the team finished in the top 10. They also finished second in the OCC standings as a team. Individually, Isabelle and Leah were awarded 1st Team OCC. Isabelle was also awarded 2nd Team Northwest District, and was a district qualifier. Leah and Alayna were awarded Honorable Mention Northwest District. On top of all of this, the Minutemaiden golf team ended the year with 5 new school records. Alley, Baylee, and Alanya were recipients of the “Academic All-Ohio Award.”



Alley – *“This past golf season was remarkable. I got to share my season with a group of my best friends. I’ll always remember the great memories and all the joy golf has given me. I couldn’t be prouder of all the work and success that my girls achieved.”*

Cross-Country

The Lexington Cross-Country Team continued their tradition of excellence this year, winning state runner-up for both the boys and the girls. The two teams also added another regional title this year, with Mackenna individually winning the regional meet, three days after coming back from an injury. At state, Ryan and Kyle finished beside each other at 10th and 11th, with Forest right behind them at 14th. On the girls’ side Mackenna ran the state meet at 19th place, followed by Carina at 28th, Olivia at 31st, Whitney at 55th and Alexia at 84th. The tradition of winning for the cross-country program will not fade away anytime soon.

Mackenna – *“Honestly, my coach has always been my biggest inspiration, and I will miss her more than anything. She has done far too much for me.”*

Ryan – *“This season was so memorable. We came together as a team, and even though we didn’t win the state title, we really showed the state of Ohio what Lexington Cross-Country is made of.”*