

# BLUEJAY BEAT

Ripley-Union-Lewis-Huntington High School

April 2017 Edition

## Spring

By: Austin Spiller

Now that April has arrived, we can officially begin to get the feeling that winter is over. To me, it feels like winter just started, even though we didn't have much of a winter. Spring is the time of the year when the gray winter of Ohio is finally gone, and we can actually see the sun. For most, it is a reminder that summer break isn't too far away, but for seniors it could be more of a reality check, realizing that graduation is quickly sneaking upon us. Soon the flowers and trees will be blooming, and color will finally be back in the season. To me this year, spring coming is bittersweet. I'm glad that winter is finally over and how it's going to be nice and warm soon, but it also means that high school is almost over.

Something I'm really wondering about is how warm this spring is going to be. Since this past winter has been almost like spring, it wouldn't surprise me if it would be in the eighties or even nineties. Or, maybe one week we'll have all the seasons in four days, nothing would surprise me, I mean hasn't that already sort of happened? Regardless of what happens, it's nice to know that spring is quickly approaching, and things will be more colorful and bright, instead of dark and gray. It will be nice to see the sun more than one time a week!



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# Easter and Its Importance

By: Elizabeth Campbell

Spring is upon us, and that means Easter is this month. Easter is one of my favorite holidays because I get to dress up in a new outfit, and spend time with my family, but most of all, it is a time to celebrate the death and resurrection of my Lord Jesus Christ. Easter, to me, is the most important holiday because it is the time Jesus died on the cross for my sins and rose three days later. I have always celebrated Easter, and I will continue to celebrate it until I die.

When I was a child, I remember having an Easter egg hunt at Sylvia Fryman's house for our church. We had a blast there every year. There was enough eggs for everyone to have at least twenty, maybe more! Our church family would get together and share a meal and read a story about Easter and its true meaning.

On Easter Sunday, my family always wakes up early and goes to the church for a sunrise service. We sing and pray, and listen to the Easter story and how Jesus rose from the dead three days after being crucified. After the sunrise service ends, everyone goes to Frisch's for breakfast before we go home and get ready for the actual church service. After church is over my family goes to my Granny's house where we have a meal together and open Easter baskets. She usually gets us candy and a new outfit, and she gives us money too sometimes. Spending time with my family on Easter is amazing just because I know that we all know the true reason for the holiday.

Easter is a precious time of year. I have been blessed to have been raised in a good Christian home with parents who have taught me the true meaning of so many holidays. Easter is a time to spend with family and rejoice that God sent his son to die for everyone's sins and that he rose three days later, so that we can spend eternity with them in Heaven.



# The Beautiful Season of April

By: Johannah Fisher

April has come around, meaning spring has began. Usually I become excited that the weather will become nicer and the flowers will begin to grow, but instead I am becoming sort of emotional. I have a lot of emotions running in my head, at times I am happy, and other times I am sad or upset that graduation is now closer than ever. I feel a rush of excitement, that I will be going somewhere new to study Biology, and later on medicine to become a Pediatrician which I have wanted to become since fourth grade. April is an amazing month full of exciting weather, beautiful flowers, the season of Easter, and a month closer to graduation.

I usually really enjoy April, because of spring break. Last year I went to Tennessee, and made so many amazing memories. I can not wait to see what I will be doing this spring break. I am excited to see all the flowers grow, and the trees bloom. I am thrilled to be able to wear flip flops, and short sleeves and not worry about freezing to death, or in other cases getting trapped in my car again, and having to climb through the boot. (lol) The weather will be pretty, making my heart happy. I love everything about seeing a beautiful scenery including beautiful lands and skies. After fall, spring is my next favorite season. Everything comes back alive which makes me feel alive.

The end is coming near of high school, that I can actually see it right ahead of me. Even though it is becoming sad that I will no longer be sitting in a high school classroom, I keep my mind positive for a great future. I am just going to let the beautiful season of spring remind me that life is beautiful, and great things are coming my way. Spring is blooming, and so am I.



# April Event Calendar

By: Joshua Deaton

April 1- 11:00 A.M Baseball/Softball VS Felicity

April 4- 5:00 P.M Baseball/Softball @ Manchester

April 6- 5:00 P.M Baseball/Softball @ West Union

April 7- 5:00 P.M Baseball/Softball VS Lynchburg

April 11- 5:00 P.M Baseball/Softball VS Peebles

April 13- 5:00 P.M Baseball/Softball Fairfield

April 14-18- Spring Break, No School

April 18- 5:00 P.M Baseball/Softball @ Lynchburg

April 20- 5:00 P.M Baseball/Softball VS Eastern

April 21- 5:00 P.M Baseball/Softball VS West Union

April 25- 5:00 P.M Baseball/Softball @ Peebles

April 27- 5:00 P.M Baseball/Softball @ Eastern

April 28- Interim Reports Due

# True Team Player Kobe

By: Johannah Fisher

March has passed by leading into the month of April, where teachers at Ripley High School has picked Kobe Rigdon as student of the month. Each month teachers pick one student from each grade to represent student of the month. This, April Kobe Rigdon is representing the freshman class.

This year Kobe has entered the high school, for the first time. This semester Kobe is taking the classes: Algebra 1, Physical Science, Environmental Science, and ROTC. But, his favorite class was his marketing principles class that he took last semester. He says, "My favorite class is marketing principles because Mrs. Whaley is a very good teacher."

Kobe was surprised to receive student of the month because he is not doing well in a class this semester. Mrs. Skinner, principal of the high school, and Jason Thompson, athletic director, think different. They nominated Kobe based on his sportsmanship during his basketball season. When it came to tournaments, Kobe willingly gave up his starting position to another freshman boy who had been on varsity all year. Kobe is a true team player, because he gave up this spot, so that the Ripley boy's freshman basketball team could win the championship, which they did. This shows that Kobe put the team before himself, and showed what it means to be a team player. Outside of school, Kobe likes to play sports and hang out with his friends. Kobe plays both baseball and basketball, where he is a tremendous team player.

When it comes to doing his best in school, Kobe is motivated by college. He says, "College motivates me to do my best in school so I can have a good education, and maybe become a cop one day." His number one role model is his father. He says this is because his father is very helpful, and supports him in many ways. Kobe wants to graduate high school, and then go to college where he wants to play baseball.

Kobe describes himself as, "A hard worker, I pay attention, and I get my work done." When asked to give advice for current eighth graders getting ready to come into high school is, "Be prepared for high school because it is a lot more challenging than middle school." Congratulations Kobe on becoming April's freshman student of the month.



# Eager to Learn Ethan

By: Elizabeth Campbell

Student of the month is an award that everyone should strive for. It is an award given to individuals who work hard and are passionate about everything they do. April's student of the month is Ethan Phillips. Ethan is a hard-working student and he deserves this honorable award.

Ethan is a sophomore here at Ripley High School, and he is currently enrolled in Geometry, ROTC, Physical Education, and U.S. History. He said, "I'm taking Geometry and U.S. History because I have to. Math isn't really my 'thing' but I love to learn the history of the United States and history of the world. Also, I'm taking ROTC and P.E. because I love being active and in-shape." Ethan usually receives A's and B's in school, and as of now he has all A's. With him having good grades, one might think he studies a lot, but he said, "I don't study much for anything besides midterms or I study for about 5 minutes before a test to refresh my memory because most times it's not what is on my mind after school." Ethan is active in ROTC, but other than that he isn't involved in any school related extracurricular activities. After graduating, Ethan said, "I plan on working as many jobs as it takes to get everything I want out of life. Hands-on jobs like welding, construction, mechanics, are the type of jobs I want to have." Ethan is doing what everyone should; he is planning on doing what makes him happy.

Ethan is student of the month because he has shown his willingness to work hard. He feels that he received student of the month because he tries to answer as many questions as he can in every class he takes, and he keeps his grades up and participates during class. He said, "It feels great to be acknowledged of how hard I try to do my best in school even though sometimes it's hard to do." Ethan has worked hard, and he deserves this award.

Student of the month is an award that honors students who have show not only their intelligence, but also their leadership. When asked if he feels like a leader in the classroom, Ethan said, "Sometimes I do, like in ROTC for a month or two, I was class leader. In other classes, not so much." Whether he sees it or not, Ethan is a leader. Ethan's parents and his eagerness to learn motivates him to do well in school. He said, "I want to have good grades. I would never want my parents to feel disappointed in me. Also, knowing that I have only two and a half years of school left makes me want to make a good impression before I'm finished." He also has role models who motivate him. His father, along with Sergeant Major Kokensparger and Colonel Clark are his role models. He looks up to them because they all expect him to do well in life and push him to do his best in everything he does. He said, "To be anything like any three of these men would be an honor."

Everyone knows that with hard work and dedication we can accomplish anything we set our minds to. Ethan has worked extremely hard and that is why he received this honorable award. His advice to his fellow students is, "No matter what circumstances, always try to do the right thing. Always do your work that is gave to you, the best you can." Congratulations Ethan on being April's sophomore student of the month.



# Achieving Austin

By: Shelby Smith

April's Junior Student of the Month is Austin Scott. Austin was surprised to be student of the month because he believes that there are more deserving candidates at our school. However, people do not always know when they are achieving excellence.

This year, Austin is currently taking Global Foods, Agriculture Food Natural Resources, English 11, Digital Video, Marketing Principles, Government, and Career Math. Austin is also a Teacher's Aid for Mrs. Rau. Austin said that Government is his favorite class because he finds it amusing. In addition to working part time, he still finds the time to be an active member in the High School's FCCLA chapter.

Austin is a student that knows what he wants and makes it happen. He plans to go to college for either psychology or work in construction. He has strong motivation, his mom. Austin said that his mom is his role model because, "She's been my mom and my dad. She's just amazing." This motivates him to put his best foot forward no matter what, because she never gives in and neither will he.

Austin said that he views his student image as, "Somewhat of a class clown but knows when to be serious." This describes him very well. He finds a way to enjoy every situation, but also cares about school, work and helping others. An example of this is when Mrs. Rau said "Austin devoted his time to prepare and serve meals at the local soup kitchen." This is very admirable of him.

Austin said, "Focus on school, don't be stupid." is the advice he would give to underclassmen. Great advice Austin, and congratulations on being April's Student of The Month.



# Senior Student of The Month

By: Austin Spiller

April's senior student of the month has been awarded to Tanner Hatfield. Tanner said that he was shocked when he was chosen for student of the month, as he was never expecting it. Some of Tanner's favorite classes are PE, Forensics, and Government, "I like these mostly because they are good social classes! I also learned a lot of good things from them." Out of all the classes Tanner has taken, he said biology was the hardest. Some of Tanner's strengths are physical fitness, PE, friendliness, and reliability. When I asked Tanner how it felt to be a senior he said, "It is a weird! It has a weird feeling to it! But it's also kind of cool knowing that my life officially starts after this."

Tanner's hobbies consist of playing basketball, hanging out with friends, and driving around in his Mustang. After high school, Tanner wants to do a couple of things, "I want to go straight into the Navy after high school, then go to college after I get out." Tanner said he is currently undecided on what he wants his career to be, but he is closely looking at being a physical therapist or a mechanical engineer. In five or six years, Tanner sees himself in college studying for his future career.





# Staff of the Month

By: Ryan Blanford

April's Staff of the Month goes to Shelby Schelling. Ms. Schelling is the Agriculture teacher here at RULH and the advisor of the FFA chapter. Mrs. Schelling's reasons for wanting to teach agriculture are because she has a strong passion for agriculture and feels that it is necessary to educate our youth on where their food comes from and how important farming actually is to the world.

Mrs. Schelling graduated from North Adams High School and received her bachelor's degree in science with a concentration in Agribusiness from Wilmington College. Mrs. Schelling is also currently taking educational courses through Bowling Green State University. In college she was a member of the National Kappa Delta sorority and was also a member of the equestrian team." I asked her what other subjects that she was interested in and she said, "I also enjoy English. I love correcting papers and writing and reading."

Mrs. Schelling also said that her favorite things about teaching agriculture were, "I love getting the students involved in something and competing to represent their school". I asked her why she wanted to teach here at RULH she said "I saw an opportunity to better the Ag program here at Ripley High School and it is also located in the country so there are prime locations for educational trips."

I asked Mrs. Schelling about how she is involved with agriculture outside of school and she said "My husband and I own a dairy farm where we milk almost 30 head of cattle. I am also a Highland County Farm Bureau Board Member. My family also owns a 300 acre farm in Adams County." I also asked if she wasn't a teacher what else would she be, "If I was not a teacher, I would be a salesperson for an agricultural company selling agricultural products." Congratulations to Shelby Schelling for being nominated Staff Of The Month!



# Attractive Abby

By: Ryan Blanford

With Spring coming, we are beginning to see a lot of changes in fashion and the students at Ripley High School are starting to set the trends. One of the stand-outs here at the high school is Junior Abby Lewis.

The brands that Abby likes to wear the most are American Eagle, Pink, and Nike. Her style is influenced by looking online to see what styles are trending in social media and clothing store websites. On average, Abby says she spends about 50 or 75 dollars a month on her fashions. Her favorite clothes to wear are her dressy clothes because she likes to look nice and dressy. She said she also likes to wear jewelry with her outfits as well. Her favorite stores to shop at are American Eagle, Nike, Catos, and Pink.

On her lazy days, Abby likes to wear a Nike hoodie and sweatpants. She said she thinks her look is dressy and preppy. Abby said she likes to shop at a store instead of online so you can see the clothes in person and try them on. So Congratulations to Abby Lewis for being Fashion Girl of the month.



# Looking Fresh!

By: Joshua Deaton

For this month Chris Reuss has been chosen for boys fashion of the month here at RULH High School. Chris has a very unique style that can catch your eye from across the room. When asked what his favorite brand was he says “It’s hard to pick because there are so many, but I would probably have to pick Nike.”

When it comes to who inspires Chris in the fashion world he says ASAP Rocky and Kanye West are his role models. It may be hard to pull off a look like high profile celebrities like West and Rocky do, but Chris says that H&M can often give him the looks he is going for a very affordable price. Here he finds pieces of an outfit that he feels are most important to looking trendy. Chris says “Accessories are the most important, they can turn a simple outfit into a eye catching look”.

When asked, Chris says his style is unique because “I’m diverse, I feel I can pull off both athletic looks as well as trendy looks. I feel that the people I aspire to dress like (Kanye and ASAP) is different from most in this area.” Chris certainly has a look that can make anyone say “dang, he is looking fresh”!



# Finding Their Missing Puzzle Piece

By: Shelby Smith

Katelynn Miller and Kolby Alexander have been chosen as April's Couple of the month. Katelynn is a Sophomore and Kolby, a freshman at Ripley High School. They have been together for almost five months.

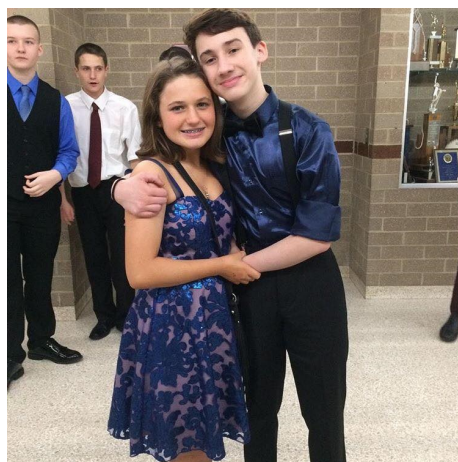
The couple became official on November 12, 2016, a week after meeting at the Marine Corps Ball. Katelynn said that her first impression is that, "He was really sweet, funny and from the first look he gave me, I was instantly astonished." Kolby said his first impression of her was that, "She was so beautiful that I couldn't explain it." They both said that they are most definitely in love, more than they have ever been. Katelynn described it as that, "they fit together like a puzzle piece." Kolby described love like theirs as something he has never experienced and never knew possible.

The couple said that going to school together does affect their relationship, but in a good way. Kolby said, "we love coming to school to see each other, so coming to school makes us happy." Katelynn blames school entirely for their relationship. If it wasn't for school, they never would have even met.

Katelynn and Kolby agreed that their favorite thing about the other was difficult to answer. Kolby said that for him, it would have to be her whole personality. Their personalities go together so well, it makes it easier to understand each other. Katelynn said her favorite thing about him would have to be the way he cares for her. She said that, "the way he treats me is beyond amazing." Kolby uses the words funny, intelligent, and sweet to describe Katelynn. He said that, "there is literally nothing she says that I don't laugh at, nothing I can't ask her help with, and she is always thinking of me and my needs." Katelynn uses the words loving, caring, and admirable. She said that, "He is pretty loving, he shows it. He treats me in such amazing ways. I admire his ambition and how he already follows it."

Katelynn said that to her love means "going to the end of the world for someone and for caring about them in the hardest of times." Kolby said, "To me, when you find that special person in your life and you can talk to each other and understand each other's problems without judging. That's love. The love they share for each other is hard to come by and when you have a love like that, you have to hold on to it, for you don't know if or when you will again find something so grand."

Five years from now, they still imagine them going stronger than ever. They both want to further their education at either a community college or an online school. They both have one thing in common in their plan, the other person being part of it. They plan to be living with each other and truly starting their life together. Congratulations Katelynn and Kolby on being April's couple of the month.



# Jays Basketball Ended On Low Note

By: Joshua Deaton

The Ripley Bluejays boys team played the Blanchester Wildcats in the first round of the District Tournament and lost 60-58. A win would have given the Bluejays a shot to play the number one team in the state, Summit Country Day. The Jays and the Wildcats were tied at 28 after two quarters. For the most part the game went back and forth in the second half with each team exchanging buckets quite often.

The Bluejays, who were already at the loss of senior Laymon Marshall due to technicals, lost senior starter Josh Deaton in the second quarter due to a technical. The Jays never seemed to give up though, keeping spirits high and leaving it all out on the floor. It came down to the last possession for Ripley, there was seven seconds left on the clock. The ball was inbounded to Brian Dunn, and by the time he evaded pressure from the Wildcats, he had no choice but to give it his best shot. Dunn's shot came up short at the buzzer. The Bluejays were led in scoring by Ryan Harney with 18, and Brian Dunn and Jaki Royal had 13 and 11 respectfully.

The Jays look to come back stronger than ever with loads of young talent coming into the program. Go Jays!



# Reading Survey

By: Shelby Smith

Reading is an important aspect of school, but others enjoy it in their free time. We sent out a survey to high school students asking their take on reading. 62 students answered. The results are below:

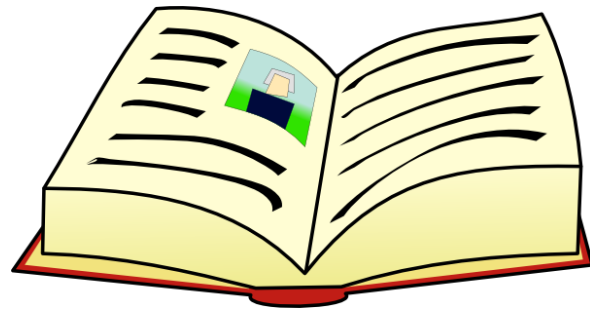
How many books have you read this school year?

0- 13

1-2- 22

3-5- 17

6 or more- 10



Do you enjoy reading?

Never. I only read for school-10

Occasionally, depends on the book- 40

Always. Reading is the best way to pass time- 12

What is your favorite genre to read?

Adventure- 11

Mystery- 15

Realistic Fiction-11

Nonfiction-14

Other- 9

What is your favorite book?

The most common answer were books from the Harry Potter series, Copper Sun, and Of Mice and Men.



# April Birthdays

By: Shelby Smith

4/01 Casey Baker

4/03 Corey Germann

4/03 Brandon Isaac

4/04 Morgan Jodrey

4/04 Shanna Sears

4/05 Savanna Profit

4/06 Kristen Jenkins

4/06 Savannah Cluxton

4/07 Isaac Garlejo

4/08 Tyler Schwarz

4/10 Jessica Morris

4/11 Malaki Renchen

4/11 Heath Adams

4/12 Michael Perrigo

4/13 Dylan Phillips

4/13 Carrie Mckee



4/13 Even Pfeffer

4/14 Spencer Turner

4/14 Jessie Thompson

4/15 Josiah Staggs

4/15 Colter Cottrell

4/16 Harley Blank

4/18 Christian Moran

4/19 Courtney Woodruff

4/20 Dalton Moran

4/20 Nicholas Vaughn

4/21 Brianna Phillips

4/24 Brandon Mason

4/25 Christopher Reuss

4/26 Danielle Bennington

4/28 Erika Campbell



# The Rise of Isaiah Thomas

By: Joshua Deaton

The average height and weight of an NBA player is 6'7" and roughly 222 pounds. In addition, the average stat line for the last pick in the NBA draft from 1989-2008 is .8 points per game, .4 rebounds per game, and .4 assists per game, along with an average of four minutes played per game. So if I told you the last pick in the 2011 draft stands at 5'9" and 185 pounds, where do you think he is today? He is the starting point guard for the Boston Celtics, that averages 29.6 points per game, 2.7 rebounds per game, and 6.2 assists per game through 57 games played during the 2016-2017 season. This man's name is Isaiah Thomas.

From 1989-2008, 50% of the last picks in the draft never played a single game in the NBA. Thomas is by far an outlier when it comes to the performance of the last picks in the NBA. He is simply a scoring machine, as he is second in the league behind only Russell Westbrook. He is also seventh in Player Efficiency Rating, fourteenth in total assists, and eleventh in True Shooting Percentage.

While his size may be at a disadvantage for him, he makes up for it with heart and confidence. On March 1, the Celtics played the Cleveland Cavaliers, which is the 'Gold Standard' in the Eastern Conference. The Celtics won, 103-99, and Thomas was outstanding. Thomas posted a stat line of 31 points, 2 rebounds, and 5 assist on 50% shooting. After the win, Thomas had this to say: "Nobody holds me in check, I made plays. I average 30 points for a reason." It is this confidence that has put him in the MVP race this year. The two-time NBA all-star and the Celtics are looking to make some noise in the Eastern Conference, and one thing is for sure: you cannot guard him.





# London Bombing Suspect Caught

By: Ryan Blanford

On Wednesday, March 22, 2017, London, England suffered its bloodiest attack in over a decade. The next day, Thursday, March 23, 2017 they ID'd the man who was the suspect; his name was Khalid Masood, and he was a British born citizen. He was shot dead by police at the Gates of British Parliament after he struck people with his vehicle on a the Westminster Bridge. This event has been labelled as a terrorist attack.

In this attack, four people were killed and near 30 other people were seriously injured. Masood lived in the West Midlands section of central Britain. Police said up to this point that he was not the subject of any terror probe and was not classified as a terrorist risk. He was not on their immediate radar, but was known to be around the “perimeter”. He killed three people before he was shot--two pedestrians on the bridge and one police officer. A fourth victim later died at the hospital.

Police said eight people were arrested in London and Birmingham following the attacks on Thursday, the day after. Met Police Acting Deputy Commissioner Mark Rowley Said “at this stage, we have no specific information about further threats to the public.” Police said Masood had previous convictions for violent offenses, including bodily harm and assault, but he was never convicted of terror crimes.

Wednesday's was the deadliest attack in Britain since July 7, 2005. On that day, terrorist bombings in central London killed 52 people and injured nearly 800 people.



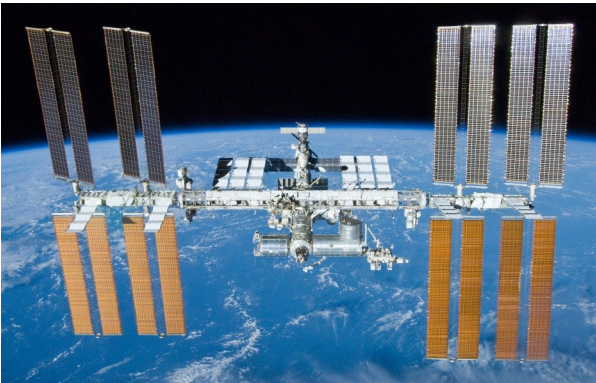
# Space Exploration Continues

By: Shelby Smith

It has been recently announced that SpaceX plans to send two private citizens on a trip around the moon at the end of next year. SpaceX is a company located in California that builds rockets for space exploration. They have recently contracted with NASA to build the rocket that will be used for the next time that humans will be sent into space since the last NASA human voyage in 1972 and eventually land astronauts on the International Space Station.

SpaceX has built rockets that launched into space to deliver cargo, but this will be a new experience for most involved, them included. The production of the rocket has already begun and the health tests and physical training of the citizens is expected to begin sometime this year. The rocket that will make the journey is the Falcon Heavy. The company said, "Falcon Heavy is due to launch its first test flight this summer and, once successful, will be the most powerful vehicle to reach orbit after the Saturn V moon rocket." SpaceX hasn't yet made an attempt to send people to the ISS. However, they plan to conduct an unmanned trial sometime this year.

SpaceX has made two successful launches this year after recovering from a disastrous launch last year. In September, the company had a rocket explode on the launch pad while being fueled up, fortunately no one was hurt. Judging by their recent missions, they have fully recovered from last years mishap. This new mission is another big step for space exploration. These astronauts, as the ones before them will travel into space carrying the hopes and dreams of all mankind as they embark on their journey.



# History of Easter!

By: Shelby Smith

Easter is probably the most important holidays for Christians. This is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. Unlike most holidays, Easter varies on date by each year. This is because Easter is on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the Vernal Equinox, or March 20. Therefore, this year Easter falls on April 16.

Easter is usually celebrated as a whole season rather than as a single day. This begins with lent. This a 40 day period where people give up luxuries as a form of penance. It is said that Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness before starting his ministry. Within this time, he survived many temptations by the devil. The week preceding Easter is known as the Holy Week. This week includes, Maundy and Good Friday, two important days for Christians. The day of Easter is usually celebrated as a feast with friends and family.

While still celebrated with a feast, new traditions and icons of Easter have arose. Some of these are the Easter Bunny, Easter eggs, and candy. The Easter bunny began when German immigrants moved to America. They celebrated "Osterhase", or a egg laying tradition. People would lay out nests for the Easter bunny would lay eggs on. Decorating Easter eggs is a tradition that dates back to at least the 13th century. Eggs were typically a forbidden food during lent. Therefore, when lent was over, they would decorate eggs and celebrate by eating them. This eventually adapted to hiding them for children to find. Candy for Easter begun with those associated with eggs, such as jellybeans and peeps. This later spread to all candy being given out. As many other holidays, Easter had changed and adapted to how we know it now. Rather celebrating religiously or just celebrating the day with family, have fun and enjoy the holiday.



# Spring Survey

By: Elizabeth Campbell

As spring is in our midst, I asked the students of Ripley High School a few questions about spring and what they plan on doing over spring break. Forty-nine students responded to these questions, and the result are listed below.

1. Are you excited about spring?

Yes- 45

No- 4

2. Are you ready for spring break?

Yes- 45

No- 4

3. Do you celebrate Easter?

Yes- 42

No- 7

4. Do you enjoy Easter?

Yes- 45

No- 4

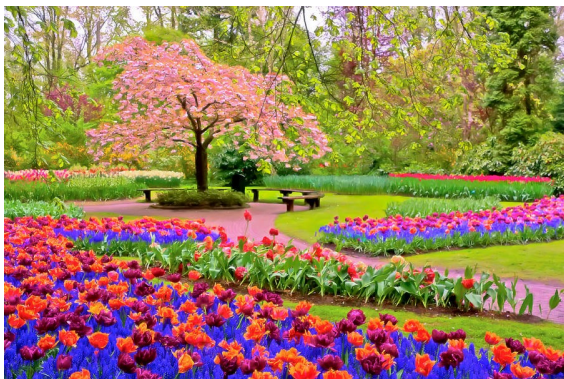
5. What are your plans for spring break?

Spending time with family/friends- 17

Taking a trip- 5

Relaxing/Sleeping- 11

Other- 16



# Phone Being Slow?

By: Austin Spiller

Remember when you went to that last concert, or football game and your phone was very slow? That was due to everyone being on their phones at the same time you were, causing congestion which slows everyone down. Soon, within a year or two, that problem may be completely eliminated and be a thing of the past.

We all know what 3G, 4G, and 4G LTE mean, but now a new wireless technology is coming in, and you guessed it, 5G. This new technology has speeds so fast that an entire movie could be downloaded in seconds, compared to minutes on 4G LTE. Currently, 4G LTE can have download speeds anywhere from 10mbps (average) to even upwards of 120mbps (very fast). Comparing those numbers to 5G isn't even fair, 5G can offer up to 1gbps speeds, which is insanely fast. That means, a 1GB file would download in about five seconds.

Verizon is claiming that they will be the first to test this technology in real-world environments. They are also claiming that they will have partial commercial deployment sometime this year, but time will tell if it really happens. AT&T is also going to test out 5G this year, specifically in Austin, TX. The 5G network will be tested by streaming DIRECTV NOW, according to AT&T. Besides testing with video streaming only, AT&T will do what Verizon is doing, and will eventually begin to test the network on mobile devices. While this is exciting news, don't get your hopes up yet, because most phone manufacturers haven't even put 5G technology in their phones, so you may be waiting a year or two until 5G can actually be utilized.

The Verizon logo, featuring the word "verizon" in a bold, black, lowercase sans-serif font, with a red checkmark symbol above the letter "v".The "5G Evolution" logo, with "5G" in a large, blue, stylized font and "Evolution" in a smaller, black, italicized sans-serif font below it.

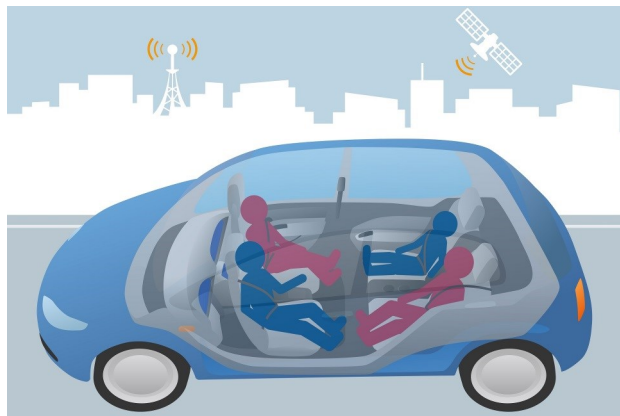
# Entering the Age of Driverless Cars

By: Shelby Smith

Everyday, people try to find a way to complete everyday tasks easier, why not driving? We are approaching a point where driverless cars can be expected to be seen regularly within the next few years. There are many companies working on building these cars, such as Almotive. Uber is currently the company testing them out. Within the past couple months, it has been allowed for these cars to hit the street. They are mainly being tested in California. There, a law is in place that there must be a licensed driver in the driver's seat of the car on the ready to take over in case of any failure, anytime it is on the road.

The biggest concern with driverless cars is safety. In order to make sure that the software is complex enough to handle all driving conditions, they use simulation. They use these simulators for the practice of virtually driving millions of miles. They believe that with this, they can adapt their system to take control in the case of any "black Swan events", or events that cannot be predicted. Since the beginning of the trial phase, there have been few crashes. This number is declining as further research into it is taking place.

These cars are expected to eventually become the norm. At the moment, they are trying to find a way to transform the average car into a driverless one cost efficiently. The market for driverless cars is still unpredictable. Many people appear uninterested, however companies working on them believe that once they prove safe, the market will grow substantially. The work on this change is taking place. The lawmakers are adapting, and soon so will the consumers.



# NBA 2017 MVP Race

By: Joshua Deaton

The 2016-2017 NBA season is coming to an end, with teams entering the last quarter of their schedules the true MVP candidates are starting to separate themselves from the pack. However the race has been shaken up due to an injury. Kevin Durant was considered by most to be third in the MVP race until he suffered a left MCL sprain against the Washington Wizards. Durant was averaging 25 points, 8 rebounds and 4 assists up until his injury.

We are all familiar with, LeBron James, checks in third place right now. James is averaging 26 points, 8 rebounds and 8 assists this season. He has done this relatively quietly due to the fact he has been putting up similar numbers since he entered the league. It is also due to the rise of the next two candidates.

Russell Westbrook is currently second in the MVP race, averaging a triple double. Westbrook is sitting with a stat line of 32 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists. Westbrook has been putting crazy numbers up since Kevin Durant left the Oklahoma City Thunder to join Stephen Curry and company in Golden State. Westbrook is now the lone wolf on the Thunder after the Thunder somehow lost two other MVP candidates.

James Harden, who played with Russell Westbrook and Kevin Durant before being traded to the Rockets for basically a handful of rocks. Harden is number one in the MVP race averaging 29 points, 8 rebounds and 11 assists. Harden is first despite having not quite as good stats as Westbrook because he has single handedly led the Houston Rockets to the third seed in the Western Conference. What is astonishing is that (before Kevin Durant's injury) the top three MVP candidates were once teammates on one team and the Thunder somehow lost two of the three.

While there is still less than 20 games left in the season, disregarding injury this will likely be the outcome of the MVP race. Honorable mentions are Kawhi Leonard of the San Antonio Spurs, Isaiah Thomas of the Boston Celtics, John Wall of the Washington Wizards, and Stephen Curry of the Golden State Warriors.



# NBA 2K17

By: Joshua Deaton

NBA 2K17 is the most popular sporting video game in the business right now, however is the game as good quality as it seems? The game definitely has the shell of a great game. It has great graphics, multiple game modes, online gameplay, and an area of interest for millions. The game is also the only of its kind, which is also a negative. NBA 2K17 is a high quality game but is lacking something very important, morals.

NBA 2K17 has lackluster morals and its value for what the customer has to say is only the beginning. The customers have been asking for better online services for three years or so now, and have yet to receive them. When playing online it is very important to have smooth gameplay, however with bad servers the gameplay becomes poor because it is hard to compete when you lag.

Until recently, NBA 2K17 would even freeze while loading and you have to wait until it loads. I personally have waited three plus hours for the game to load. They also did not change any of the online gameplay from 2K16 to 2K17 despite the customers asking for something new as it has been the same for three years. It appears the company's only concern is selling in-game currency as you could even see ads inside the game to buy the currency. Until someone challenges this company they will only continue to ignore what the customers want.





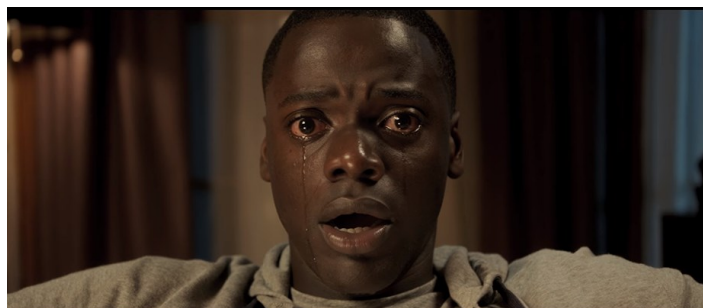
# A Must-Go See

By: Johannah Fisher

I am sure that you all have seen the previews for the movie “Get Out” directed by Jordan Peele that came into theaters February 24, 2017. I recently went to see the movie, and the commercials lived up to their name. The movie was one of the most suspenseful and most frightening movie I have seen in awhile.

Chris, played by Daniel Kaluuya, is an African American male who is in a relationship with white female Rose, played by Allison Williams. Chris and Rose have been in a relationship for five months, and they finally take the next step in the relationship by going to see Rose’s parents. Chris is concerned about Rose’s parents not knowing he is black, and feel that they will not accept him. When they first arrive at the house, Chris is a little stunned by the fact that Rose’s parents have two servants with both of them being African American. This is not the only weird thing that is going on. Other events have been happening that has got Chris suspicious on what is happening around the house. He starts to wonder what Rose’s parents are doing, and he then tells Rose that is leaving and going back home.

When the end comes around, the plot twist is revealed leaving the whole movie theater shocked. The plot twist is what makes the movie so exciting and so worth the watch. You will not believe what you see, and how the movie ends. I definitely suggest that you go out and see the movie “Get Out” before it is out of the theaters. Or when it comes out on DVD, I suggest it as a must buy.



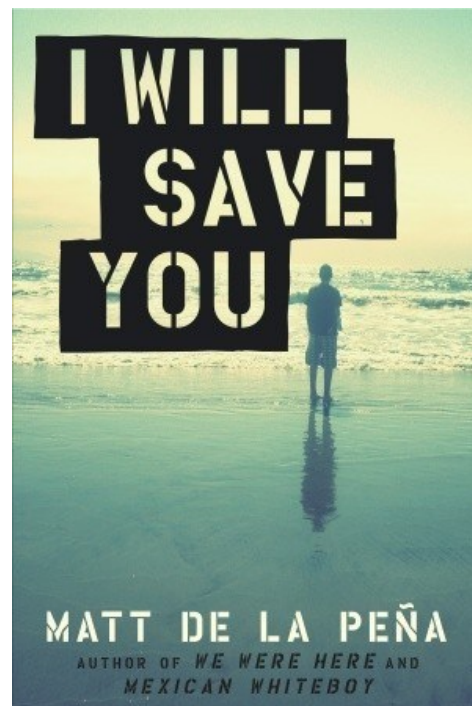
# Book Review

By: Shelby Smith

The book I am reviewing is I Will Save You. This is one of Matt De La Pena's most popular books. I Will Save You is about overcoming adversity, to obtain a better life. The main character is Kidd. He is a foster kid, or was a foster kid. He has ran from his foster home because there was nothing there for him. He has no parents, his mother killed his abusive father then herself. That was the night that he went into foster care and his life changed forever. Kidd has no one, the closest to a friend he has ever had is Devon and he is bad news. He seems to be driven by a death wish. Everytime Devon is around, Kidd is pressured into making bad decisions, some with severe consequences and some that will come back to haunt him.

After running away he finds himself staying at a beach in Cardiff, where he lives and works. There he meets a pretty girl, Olivia. He is finally getting the life he has always wanted until Devon pops up again. Like always, his shot at a better life is slipping away. He has to either give up his best chance at love to protect her from him or risk everything for both of them with the chance at truly obtaining happiness for the first time in years.

I Will Save you is a sad yet thrilling book that twists and turns until the very end. When Kidd's choice becomes life or death, you discover that everyone has secrets, some they keep from others and some they keep from themselves. The book goes back and forth between his past, the present, and his journal entries until you discover these secrets. I Will Save You has a true surprise ending that will leave you questioning the meaning of every sentence this book is composed of. I would recommend this book to anyone. Whether you like realistic fiction, mystery, or romance, this book explores the areas of each.



# Top 10

By: Ryan Blanford

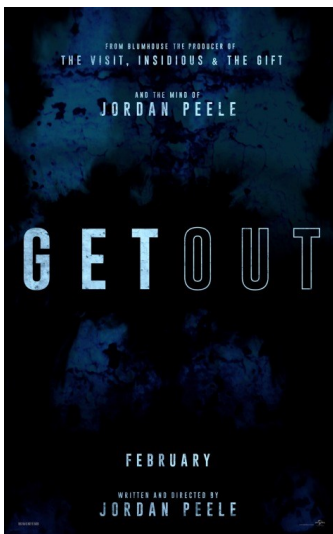
## Songs:

- 1- Shape Of You by Ed Sheeran
- 2- Bad And Boujee by Migos feat Lil Uzi Vert
- 3- I Don't Wanna Live Forever by Zayn / Taylor Swift
- 4- That's What I Like by Bruno Mars
- 5- Closer by The Chainsmokers feat Halsey
- 6- Paris by The Chainsmokers
- 7- Love On The Brain By Rihanna
- 8- Chained To The Rhythm by Katy Perry feat Skip Marley
- 9- Bounce Back by Big Sean
- 10- Bad Things by Machine Gun Kelly x Camila Cabello



## Movies:

- 1- Get Out
- 2- The Lego Batman Movie
- 3- John Wick Chapter 2
- 4- The Great Wall
- 5- Fifty Shades Darker
- 6- Fist Fight
- 7- Hidden Figures
- 8- La La Land
- 9- Split
- 10- Lion



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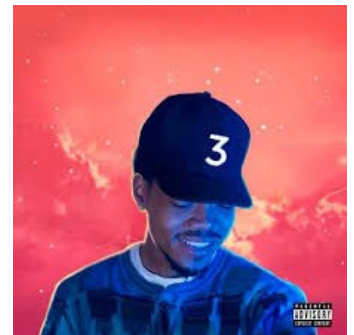
- 1- The Shack by William P. Young
- 2- Devil In Spring by Lisa Kleypas
- 3- Big Little Lies by Liane Moriarty
- 4- A Dog's Purpose by W. Bruce Cameron
- 5- A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman
- 6- Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly
- 7- Dereliction of Duty by H.R. McMaster
- 8- The Legend Of Zelda: Art & Artifacts by Nintendo
- 9- Hillbilly Elegy by J.D Vance
- 10- Echoes In Death by J.D Robb



# 20 Music Fun Facts

By: Ryan Blanford

- 1- Kendrick Lamar used to work as a security guard.
- 2- Kanye West got his first major production credit for his work on Harlem World's "The Movement" Album, which was released in 1999 on So So Def.
- 3- Meek Mill was originally a member of a group called The BloodHoundz before embarking on a solo career.
- 4- Young Thug has considered changing his name to Jeff The Rapper because of his niece, who knows him by that moniker.
- 5- Travis Scott chose his rap name as a homage to his favorite uncle Travis.
- 6- J Cole's original rap name was The Therapist.
- 7- Drake once lost a watch in a dice game with rapper Bishop Brigante
- 8- Russell Simmons passed on signing Nas due to the fact he thought Nas sounded too much like Kool G Rap.
- 9- Big Sean turned down a scholarship to Michigan State to pursue his rap career.
- 10- Ice Cube studied architectural drafting in high school.
- 11- N.W.A was once ran off of the stage at Apollo Theater by Harlem rap group Mob Style
- 12- During a stint in prison, Kevin Gates took a class on psychology.
- 13- Tyler, The Creator was born the same day Tupac's first solo album came out
- 14- N.W.A.'s Straight Outta Compton came out when Kendrick Lamar was 1.
- 15- The first rap grammy was awarded to Fresh Prince and Jazzy Jeff 26 years ago.
- 16- Nas wrote NY State Of Mind when he was 17.
- 17-Nelly was scouted by the St. Louis Cardinals when he was in High School.
- 18-Lil Wayne shot himself 2 times.
- 19-The art on Chance the Rapper's *Coloring Book* is a photo of him looking down at his daughter. He wanted the cover to depict "the future being bigger than himself."
- 20-After J. Cole graduated from St. John's in 2007, he finally received his degree in 2015. He stated that the reason he had never obtained it was because he still owed money to the school for an overdue library book.



# Those Are Holidays?

By: Ryan Blanford

1 International Fun at Work Day

17 Bat Appreciation Day

2 National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day

18 International Juggler's Day

3 Don't Go to Work Unless it's Fun Day -  
we know your decision

19 National Garlic Day

4 Hug a Newsman Day

20 Look Alike Day

5 Go for Broke Day

21 Kindergarten Day

6 National Tartan Day



22 Girl Scout Leader Day

7 National Walk to Work Day

23 Lover's Day

8 All is Ours Day

24 Pig in a Blanket Day

10 Golfer's Day

25 East meets West Day

11 National Submarine Day

26 Administrative Professionals Day  
(Executive Admin's Day, Secretary's Day)

12 Big Wind Day



27 Babe Ruth Day

13 Scrabble Day

28 Arbor Day

14 International Moment of Laughter Day

29 Greenery Day

15 Husband Appreciation Day

30 National Honesty Day

16 National Librarian Day



# Did You Know?

By: Ryan Blanford

Did you know the average person falls asleep in 7 minutes?

Did you know a bear has 42 teeth?

Did you know an ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain?

Did you know lemons contain more sugar than strawberries?

Did you know 8% of people have an extra rib?

Did you know 85% of plant life is found in the ocean?

Did you know rabbits like licorice?

Did you know the Hawaiian alphabet has 13 letters?

Did you know 'Topolino' is the name for Mickey Mouse Italy?

Did you know a lobster's blood is colorless but when exposed to oxygen it turns blue?

Did you know armadillos have 4 babies at a time and are all the same sex?

Did you know reindeer like bananas?

Did you know the longest recorded flight of a chicken was 13 seconds?

Did you know birds need gravity to swallow?



# Where In The World?

By: Joshua Deaton

1. It is the largest of its kind
2. It's in what is known as the 'sunshine state'
3. This city is home to the Orlando Magic
4. When you get done eating you can work off it off at the play center
5. The number one food franchise in 2016
6. Home of the golden arches



Answer: The world's largest entertainment McDonald's, Orlando, FL

# Jokes and Riddles

By: Joshua Deaton

1. I travel all over the world, but I stay in my corner, what am I?

A stamp

2. What kind of coat is always wet when you put it on?

A coat of paint

3. How many seconds are there in a year?

12, there is one second in each month

4. What has 13 hearts, but no other organs?

A deck of cards

5. What do you call a bear without an ear?

A "B"

6. What are two things you never eat after waking up?

Lunch and dinner

7. What is the most curious letter?

Y

8. What did 0 say to 8?

"Nice belt"

9. Which month has 28 days?

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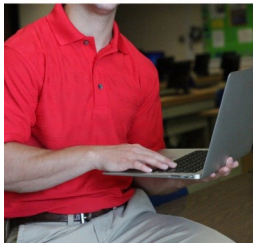
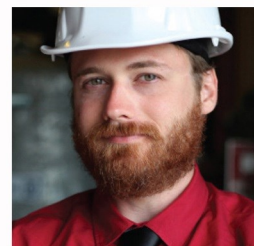
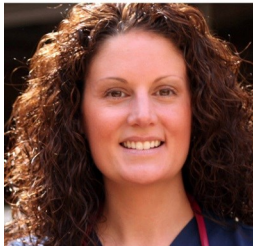
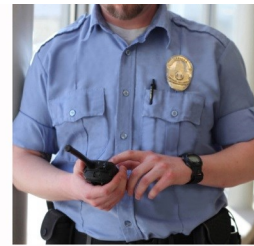
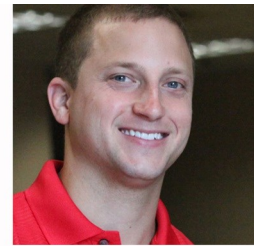
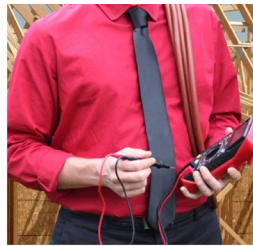
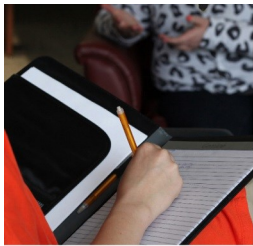
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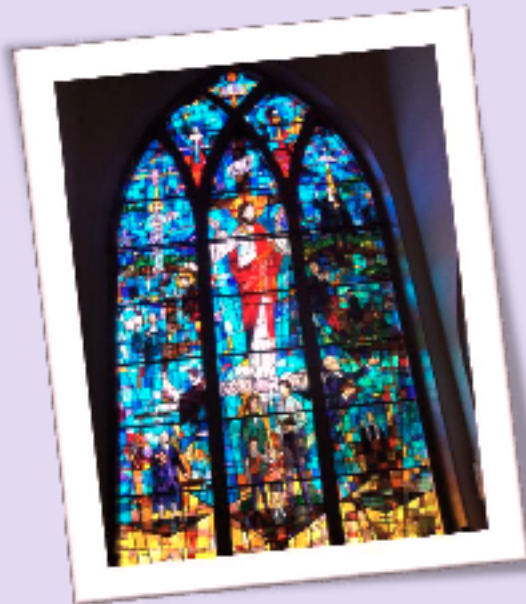
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