

# BlueJay Beat

Ripley-Union-Lewis-Huntington High School

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## The Strength of a Community

By: Shelby Smith

When tragedy strikes, a community can either fall or band together. Throughout the month of September, tragedy struck repeatedly. Hurricanes hit Texas, Puerto Rico, and Florida. A strong hurricane hit Mexico. In Ripley, we weren't affected directly. We didn't experience the damage, we had food to eat, and still got to go to school and continue on in our lives. Yet somehow, we are affected. When you know that people are hurting, you can't just turn a blind eye and pretend they aren't. So no matter the distance, we do what we can to help.

At the high school, we all helped out. The FFA and The National Honor Society created fundraisers. The National Honor Society created a competition between homerooms. Each homeroom had a collection box for students to drop donations in. Each hallway fundraised for a different location. The money went to three different organizations, The Americare, Red Cross and ASPCA. This was put out there for two weeks. The FFA fundraised as well for the victims.

The community wanted to do our part, we tried to get out as much as possible. Most of the homerooms were successful and fundraised. Together we raised over \$300. While the outcome wasn't substantial. In the community we live in, that's still good. We were a part of something greater. With each check that goes to help the flood victims, it proves that they have our support, that we care. All over the country, People stepped up and did the same. Personally, it feels amazing to be a part of something, to be showing that we care about what they are going through and we can give up a little to help them gain a lot.

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# Meet the Staff



My name is Colter Jaimz Cottrell. I was born in Whitefish, Montana on the 15th of April, 2002. I have an older sister, Trista, and an older brother Josh. I don't talk about Josh very much. My sister Trista on the other hand, she is the best sibling ever. Since the day I was born I could always count on her and she has never let me down. She has been there for me when I needed someone and I could never repay her for that. I also have a niece. She is only two years old, but she looks 4 and is super smart. Her name is Jacqueline, or Jackie for short. I also have an awesome brother-in-law. His name is Benny. I've known him for years and I couldn't ask for a better brother. I have the best girlfriend in the world and I wouldn't trade her for anything. My main hobby is video games but I also enjoy drawing and crafts. My favorite TV show is The Walking Dead, and a close second is Breaking Bad. My mother is the best mom in the world. She is always there to talk to and I would die without her. My mother also has a boyfriend, Todd. He has been a great person to me and my mom.

My name is Kailee Jo Fisher. I was born on July 24th and I am sixteen years old. This will be my sophomore year at RULH High School. There are many things I have learned so far while being at this school. I am starting to learn who I am and what I want to be. One important thing you should know about me is that I can be a little shy, but once you get to know me I can be very outgoing and hyper. My favorite place to be is outside. I love traveling and being in touch with nature. My favorite hobbies include hunting and fishing. This is because it has always been a tradition in my family. I also enjoy playing sports. My favorite sport is soccer. I enjoy soccer because it is competitive and fun. It has also allowed for me to make close friends. I am also part of the Huntington Hotshots 4H club. Being in 4H has exposed me to a lot of new things that gets me out of my comfort zone. The most important thing to me is my friends and family. Close friends and family have got me through a lot in life and has made me who I am today. My favorite thing to do in my free time is listen to music. My favorite type of music is country and my favorite artist is Drake White. I love music because it helps me cope with things and can change my mood.

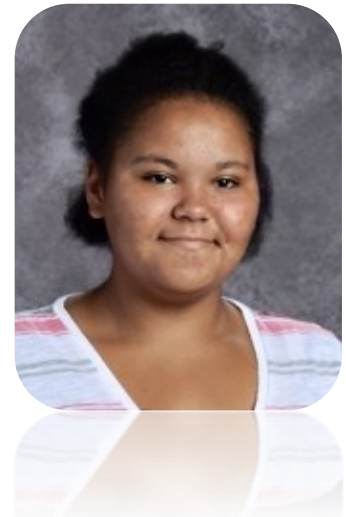




My name is Casey Baker. I am 15 and a half years old. I have five siblings. My boyfriend's name is Tristan Finn. Some things that I like to do in my free time is hang out with my boyfriend, read and cook. The thing that I love the most about school is learning and hanging out with my friends. My favorite subject in school is language arts. The reason that this is my favorite subject in school is because I'm really good at reading and writing. I love to play soccer but I couldn't play this year because I had to much to do after school and wouldn't have had enough time.

The area that I'm interested in writing for the school paper is the sports section. The reason that I'm interested in the sports section is because I think that it would fun to write about and I love going to soccer and basketball games.

My name is Keesha Maxwell. I live in Ripley, Ohio, where I was born and raised. I like to travel around the country. My dad is a truck driver and my mom is unemployed. I have two pitbulls. I am the only child in my family. My birthday is on July 19. I like to write and I like reading because I am best at it. My least favorite subject in school is math. Math has too many equation problems, Like why can't they solve themselves? I am in ROTC. I like it so far, but it is hard. ROTC gets me out of my comfort zone. I like the instructors and I like when my fellow cadets motive me to keep going. They say it is just a mental thing, that I tell myself to give up when I can do it.



My name is Savannah Lynn Doyle but my family calls me Vannah (or bannana). I live down 763(the road that is currently closed for construction). I now have two baby kittens that I rescued from the side of Scoffield road. I am a big fan of macaroni and cheese. I work at Dairy Queen in Aberdeen. I am 16 ½. I own cats but I am a dog person at heart. I do lawncare and gardening. My other hobbies include netflixing, playing with pets, and remodeling occupational rooms. I want to attend The University of Tennessee Knoxville after I graduate and go for my doctorate in veterinary science, to perform surgeries and rescue patients. I have a goal to live in Tennessee with a horse ranch, farmhouse, and an apple, cherry, and peach orchard

# Jokes and Riddles

By: Ean Phillips and Colter Cottrell

- Q: Where do pencils go on vacation? A: Pennsylvania
  - Q: What gets wetter as it dries? A: A towel
  - Q: What is the difference between in-laws and outlaws? A: Outlaws are wanted
  - Q: Why can't orphans play baseball? A: They can't find home
  - Q: What do you call a Frenchman wearing sandals? Phillippe Pillope
  - Q: Why did the old man fall down the well? A: He couldn't see that well
  - Q: What breaks when you say it? A. Silence.
  - Q: David's father has 3 sons, snap, crackle, and.... ?A. David
  - Q: What is the center of gravity? A. The letter V.
  - Q; What gets bigger and bigger as you take more from it? A. A hole.
  - Q: What month has 28 days? A. All of them.
  - Q: How many books can you put in an empty book bag? A. One after that it's not empty.
  - Q: Did you hear that joke about the roof, never mind it's over your head.
  - Q: What has 2 hands, a round face, always runs but stays in place? A. A clock.
  - Q: What is the difference between a hippo and a zippo? A: One is really heavy while the other one is a little lighter
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- Q: And God said to John, come forth and you shall be granted eternal life. But John came fifth and won a toaster.



# Beautiful Fall Scenery

By: Colter Cottrell

## Aspen, Colorado

If a town is named after a tree, you have to imagine it has some pretty nice scenery. Trees in Aspen have a spectacular leaf color change. They turn to a rich yellow, and quite literally shimmer in the breeze. The gold tones of Aspen in autumn make for a picture-perfect contrast with the evergreens and craggy mountain peaks.

## The Catskills, New York

6,000 square miles in the state of New York, the location known as The Catskills is home to 6 extraordinary river systems, thirty-five monstrous mountain peaks breaking 3,500 feet. In the fall, the spread of red, yellow, and orange electrify the hillsides.

## The Berkshires, Massachusetts

A popular destination for those looking to escape the city life of New York, Boston, and Pennsylvania, the Berkshires in beautiful and historical Massachusetts is full of colorful fall foliage along with extensive art and culture. Curvy roads along the country beautifully compliment the explosion of everything from crimson to bright yellow.

## Columbia River Gorge, Oregon

Creating a beautiful natural border between southern Washington and northern Oregon, the 80 mile Columbia River Gorge is an extraordinary sight even when explosions of colorful leaves are all around you. There are many ways to experience the fall beauty of this area, from hiking the many trails, to rafting or kayaking down the river.

## Glacier National Park, Montana

Ending the list right in my home state, we have the beautiful scenery of the historical Glacier National Park. By the break of fall, all the concessions have closed, all the tourists have gone home, and you can blissfully enjoy the nature of the Big Sky State in peace. With endless trails to hike and miles of road to drive, you can spend days enjoying this explosion of natural beauty.



# Haunted Houses Near Ripley

By: Kailee Fisher

1. Dreadland Haunted Woods (Sardinia, Ohio)
2. Logan's Gap Haunted House (Logan's Gap, Ripley, Ohio)
3. Wilmington Haunted Hollow Ride (Wilmington, Ohio)
4. The Haunted Theater (Georgetown, Ohio)
5. Backwoodz Oddities (Waverly, Ohio)
6. The Dental School House (Cincinnati Ohio)
7. Wicked World Scaregrounds (Nicholas, Kentucky)
8. The Mayhem Mansion (Morning View, Kentucky)



# Fall Crafts

By: Keesha Maxwell

## DIY Candy Corn Button

Art Materials:

- Yellow, Orange and White Buttons. I prefer Favorite Findings buttons (found at Jo-Ann Fabrics) but ended up using a mixture that I had on hand.
- Burlap (found at craft stores)
- 8×10 frame from the Dollar Store
- Hot Glue gun
- Acrylic Paint in yellow, orange and white
- Mod Podge



Instructions:

Then draw an outline of a candy corn on top of your burlap. If you don't want to draw it freehand, head over to Google Images and find yourself an outline of a candy corn to use as a template. paint in the lines of your candy corn with acrylic paint.

When everything is dried, start gluing on your buttons! It helps to put the larger buttons down first and then fill in the gaps with smaller buttons. I used about 30-35 buttons for the white part, 50 for the orange and a little over 60 for the yellow. The bigger your buttons, the less buttons you will need.

## DIY Rustic Pumpkin Stand

Art Materials:

- 1×2 - 4 foot long (if you buy a 8 foot long 1×2 - you can use it to make two projects)
- 72" long x 5 1/2 wide cedar fence pickets
- 1" staples
- Exterior wood glue
- Tools - measuring tape, saw (circular or miter), Jig Saw, Ryobi Airstrike Crown Stapler, clamps
- Paint and/or stain of your desired color and preference
- Sanding block or sander

Instructions:

For the pumpkin, cut your cedar fence pickets into 4 - 18" pieces and the 1×2 into 2 - 20" pieces for the braces and 1 - 8" long piece for the stem. For the box you will need to cut a cedar fence piece into 1 - 17" long piece, 2 - 5 1/2" long pieces, and 1 - 16" long piece. Of course all of this can be adjusted - want to make it smaller or larger just adjust the measurements to fit your needs. but just draw it out with pencil making the bottom a bit heavier than the top. Use a jigsaw to cut the shape out. This doesn't have to be perfect - the fun part is this makes every pumpkin unique (which every real pumpkin is shaped totally different too!) Then secure the small 1×2 piece on the back with wood glue and staples for the stem. Be creative! Want to make it longer/shorter/use a stick as the stem - go for it! Then it is time to make the box. The 16" piece is on the bottom, the 17" piece is on the outside, and the 5 1/2" pieces make up both sides. Make sure to use wood glue and then secure with staples. An then secure the entire box to your pumpkin making sure to line it up with the bottom edge and then you decorate the way you want.



# Strange Laws

By: Casey Baker

- It's illegal for more than five women to live in one house
- The Ohio driver's education manual states that you must honk the horn whenever you pass another car
- Skateboarding in the city limits is prohibited after dark
- You must not run out of gas
- In Baltimore, It is illegal to take a lion to the movies
- It is illegal for a woman to be on the street wearing "body hugging clothing"
- In Staten Island, You may only water your lawn if the hose is held in your hand
- In Tulsa, Oklahoma You must sleep 10 hours before you fly 2 planes in 1 day
- In New York City, New York it is illegal to do a puppet show in a window
- In Honolulu, Hawaii, it is illegal to sing loudly outside after sunset.





# Those are Holidays?

By: Kailee Fisher

8/1 National Mountain Climbing Day

8/2 National Ice Cream Sandwich Day

8/3 National Watermelon Day

8/4 National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day

8/5 National Underwear Day

8/6 Sisters Day

8/7 International Forgiveness Day

8/8 Sneak Some Zucchini onto Your Neighbor's Porch Day

8/9 Book Lover's Day

8/10 Lazy Day

8/11 Son and Daughter Day

8/12 Middle Child's Day

8/13 Left Handers' Day

8/14 National Creamsicle Day

8/15 Relaxation Day

8/16 National Tell a Joke Day

8/17 National Thriftshop Day

8/18 Bad Poetry Day

8/19 National Potato Day

8/20 World Mosquito Day

8/21 Senior Citizen's Day

8/22 National Tooth Fairy Day

8/23 Ride the Wind Day

8/24 Vesuvius Day

8/25 Kiss and Make Up Day

8/26 National Dog Day

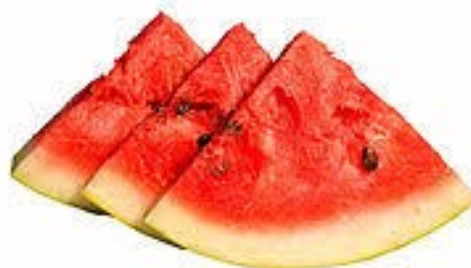
8/27 Global Forgiveness Day

8/28 Race Your Mouse Day

8/29 More Herbs, Less Salt Day

8/30 Frankenstein Day

8/31 National Eat Outside Day



# September

9/1 Emma M. Nutt Day, the first woman telephone operator

9/2 International Bacon Day

9/3 Skyscraper Day

9/4 Labor Day First Monday of month

9/5 Cheese Pizza Day

9/6 Read a Book Day

9/7 Neither Rain nor Snow Day

9/8 International Literacy Day

9/9 Teddy Bear Day

9/10 Grandparent's Day

9/11 9/11 Remembrance

9/12 National Video Games Day

9/13 Positive Thinking Day

9/14 National Cream-Filled Donut Day

9/15 Make a Hat Day

9/16 National Play Doh Day

9/17 Wife Appreciation Day National Cheeseburger Day

9/18 International Talk Like A Pirate Day

9/19 National Pepperoni Pizza Day

9/20 International Peace Day

9/21 Autumn Equinox - Fall begins!

9/22 Dog in Politics Day

9/23 National Cherries Jubilee Day

9/24 National Comic Book Day

9/25 Johnny Appleseed Day

9/26 Crush a Can Day

9/27 Ask a Stupid Question Day

9/28 Confucius Day - Try your luck. Get a Fortune Cookie.

9/29 National Mud Pack Day

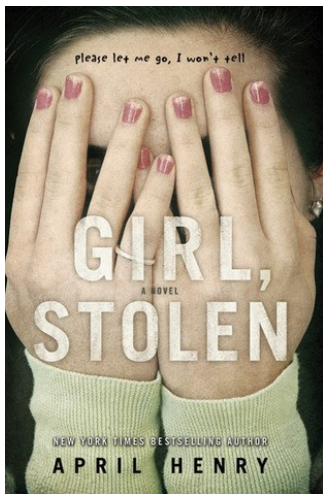


# Top 10

By: Casey Baker

## Songs:

Lil pump- Gucci Gang  
Sam smith- Too good at goodbyes  
Demi Lovato- Sorry not sorry  
Beyonce- Crazy in love  
Miley Cyrus- Younger now  
Selena Gomez- Bad liar  
Issues- Julia Michaels  
Kelly Clarkson- Love so soft  
Lady Gaga- Million reasons  
Coldplay- The scientist



## Books:

Girl stolen by April Henry  
The outsiders by S.E Hinton  
Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson  
Where the red fern grows by Wilson Rawls  
Dark places by Gillian Flynn  
Looking for Alaska by John Green  
A stranger in the house by Shari Lapena  
All the missing girls Megan Miranda  
Sharp objects Gillian Flynn  
Barely Breathing series  
Book 1- Reason to breath

## Movies:

Moana  
Everything, Everything  
Grease  
The longest ride  
Cyberbully  
Dear John  
The Notebook  
Finding Dory  
Safe Haven  
The Choice



# Senior Survey

By: Kailee Fisher

This questionnaire was sent to all seniors. The point in this survey was to see what seniors want to do after high school and see if they have any job experience. These results show me that most seniors have a plan after high school. The results of the survey are below

1. Do you plan on attending college?

Yes- 94.4%

No- 5.6%

2. Do you have a job or any job experience?

Yes- 83.3%

No- 16.7%

3. What do you want to do after high school?

These answers varied from going to college, going to the military, becoming a teacher, etc.

