

BLUEJAY BEAT

Ripley-Union-Lewis-Huntington High School

May 2017 Edition

Big Shoes To Fill

By: Shelby Smith

It is now the last month of school. The count down till the last day has begun in almost every teacher's room. The high school is filled with people rushing to get grades up and giving it their final push with the inspiration that summer will be here within weeks. The seniors of course, are saying their final goodbyes to teachers and underclassmen. This May is seeming different for me, I am saying goodbye to three seniors that have helped me so much in the past year.

The Blue Jay Beat editors, Johannah Fisher, Elizabeth Campbell, and Austin Spiller, will be graduating. It makes me reflect on the impact that they will leave on the digital journalism program as they go. Each one has strongly made this program a huge focus of their high school experience. This is so inspiring. The school newspaper is something that many students overlook. Even I stumbled into Digital journalism on accident. I definitely did not imagine this as something for me to take again next year. However, from working with these people, I now can not imagine not signing up for it.

Throughout the semester they taught me the obvious things that are needed for class, such as how to write better and turn stories into a newspaper. They also taught me how to use a camera, which was nowhere near an easy task. However, most importantly, they have taught me to be more confident in my writing abilities.

The editors have all put tremendous effort into making the newspapers and yearbooks the quality they are. At the beginning of the semester, I asked them if and what they liked about digital journalism. While their answers varied, it was evident that each one has a strong desire for writing and that from their time here, they will each benefit just as much as the program will. Working with them this semester most definitely changed my high school experience. Editors, I am grateful to have worked with you guys and hope to follow in your footsteps. So thank you for everything you have done and will continue to do throughout the last few weeks. You are leaving big shoes to fill, but I will definitely try.

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May's Event Calendar

By: Joshua Deaton

- May 2- Baseball/Softball @ Whiteoak, 5 P.M
- May 4- Softball Senior Night, 5 P.M
- May 8- Softball Tournament Game @ Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy, 5 P.M
- May 8- RULH High School Blood Drive
- May 11- Senior Dinner @ Laurel Oaks Golf Course, 6 P.M
- May 15- RULH Elementary School Parent Involvement Council Meeting, 5:30 P.M
- May 15- RULH Elementary School PTO Meeting, 7 P.M
- May 16- RULH High School FFA Banquet, 6 P.M
- May 18- RULH Band/Choir Concert @ Middle School, 7 P.M
- May 20- RULH Alumni Dinner, 5 P.M
- May 21- RULH High School Scholarship Luncheon, 2 P.M
- May 24- End of Fourth Quarter/ Last Day For Students
- May 24- RULH School Board Meeting, 7 P.M
- May 25- Staff In-Service, No School
- May 28- Graduation

Freshman Student of the Month

By: Johannah Fisher

May has now sprung into season meaning the school days are almost over, and students are starting to become laid back ready for school to end. Jack Love, however, is still putting in every ounce of effort which landed him as the role of Freshman Student of the Month for May. Jack is very hardworking and in everything he does he puts his best effort to make sure all of his work is excellent.

Jack Love, a freshman, began his high school journey back in August of 2016. Since then he has taken a total of eight classes. First semester he took: ROTC, Spanish 1, Geometry, and Physical Science. This semester he is taking: ROTC, Advanced English 9, Digital Video, and World Studies. Out of all eight classes, Jack's favorite is Digital Video. When asked why he replied with, "It is not too hard, I have a small class, and making videos is fun." Jack was very surprised to receive student of the month because he didn't know it existed, and he's not sure which teacher would have nominated him. The teacher happened to be Mr. Bierly who said, "He is very hard-working and strives for excellence in World Studies."

Jack would describe himself as being laid back, and easygoing. His role model is his father because he has raised him into the young man that he is. He is motivated in school by knowing he wants a good job, and that he wants to live a happy life with less worrying. In the future Jack wants to attend a college and study something like programming. Outside of school he participates in color guard and cyber patriot. When not doing this he likes to play video games, or go outside with his friends.

May student of the Month went to Jack Love who has showed determination and good will through his school days. His excellence has shined through, and his hard work is paying off. His advice to incoming freshman is, "Don't do drugs." Congratulations Jack Love for being picked as May's Freshman Student of the Month."



Diligent Dearing

By: Elizabeth Campbell

Student of the month is an award that many love to receive; it is an honor to receive the student of the month award because it shows so much about oneself. May's student of the month is Landon Dearing. Landon has the right to be proud of himself for the accomplishments he has made by showing his teachers what a student of the month should act like.

Landon is a sophomore here at Ripley High School, and a few classes he has taken this year are Painting, Geometry, and ROTC. Landon is a good student; he usually receives A's and B's in his classes. He was asked how much he studies, and he responded saying, "Sometimes if it is really important." Landon is a basketball player for our Ripley Bluejays basketball team. He really enjoys playing, and he's good at it too! He is motivated to do well in his classes because he knows that he has to keep his grades up in order to play basketball. After he graduates, Landon plans to attend college. Landon has big plans for his future, and that is why he is working so hard in high school.

Landon is student of the month for more than one reason. Landon is hard working and respectful. He said he doesn't know why he was awarded student of the month, but it feels good knowing he has done something good. When asked if he felt deserving of this honor, he said, "Yes actually because I try in all of my classes." Landon works hard for his grades, and he deserves student of the month just as much as the next person.

Most people think the student of the month award is based solely on high grades, but they are wrong. Student of the month is based on leadership and motivation. A student of the month is a leader in the classroom, whether they know they are or not. When asked if he felt like a leader in the classroom, Landon said, "Sometimes I feel like a leader, but it really just depends on what subject it is."

Everyone knows that with hard work and dedication, you can do anything you set your mind to. Landon is dedicated to his school work and his future. He works very hard at everything he does, therefore, he will achieve great things in his life. His advice to other students is, "You should always pay attention and work hard." Great advice Landon, and congratulations on being May's sophomore student of the month.



Marvelous Madeline

By: Shelby Smith

May's junior student of the month is Madeline Moran. Madeline was surprised to be student of the month because she has not received this award since middle school, in spite of the fact that she is very deserving.

This year Madeline is taking College English 11, College Spanish 3, Chemistry, Algebra 2, Government, Psychology, Leadership, and is a teaching assistant for Mrs. Schelling. She said Algebra 2 was her favorite class because "Math is not my strong suit and it happens to be my highest grade this semester. It always feels good to do good at something you aren't good at." In spite of all of her college classes, Madeline is still very involved in school. She is in 4-H, FFA, Spanish Club, and the Junior Fair Board. She also plays for the school soccer team. Madeline was nominated by Mrs. Schelling, her FFA advisor. She said, "Madeline is a very hard worker and excels in everything she does. Madeline is Vice President for Ripley FFA and has stepped up to fill several roles this school year when our President has not been available. Madeline is organized and is always there when I ask her to help me get things ready for any event or competition. Madeline cares about the feelings of her fellow students and everyone else that surrounds her."

When asked who her role model was, Madeline said, "My role model is my parents. I look up to them because they are both intelligent, driven, and they succeed in everything they do. They encourage me to participate in activities and push me to do my very best in school." It is this that motivates her. She also said that being successful in activities or passing a test makes her constantly give 110% effort to everything she does. It is because of this, that Madeline will be able to accomplish anything she sets her mind to. In the future, Madeline wants to attend Morehead State and eventually pursue a job in the agriculture field.

Madeleine's advice to underclassmen is, "NEVER procrastinate, it doesn't get you far and never be intimidated by upperclassmen, we're not really that bad." Great advice Madeline, and congratulations on being May's Junior Student of the Month.



Senior Student of The Month

By: Austin Spiller

May's senior student of the month goes to Claire Brookbank. Since this is her senior year of high school there are a lot of things Claire is thinking about. She has decided that she will attend Morehead after graduating high school, "I plan to attend Morehead State University after high school to study child psychology." When asking Claire why, she said, "Child psychology is something I've been interested in since my freshman year, and I love working with kids." For now, her goal is to get her bachelor's degree while at Morehead and hopefully take her degree further.

As for high school, some of Claire's favorite classes are painting and government, "My favorite classes are painting with Mr. Gilk and Government, taught by Mr. Bowery. Painting is my first class in the morning and it's very laid back and chill. Government with Mr. Bowery is a fun class because I learn a lot about current events while having fun at the same time." Some of Claire's strengths in school are towards science and social studies, "I like to learn about past events and with science, I like to prove theories using equations."

Some of Claire's hobbies are soccer, gymnastics, cheerleading, and track, "I like to stay involved in sports because my friends participate in them and I get to spend more time with them." Since Claire is a senior, I ask her what it feels like since everything is about to change, "To be a senior now, it doesn't feel real. High school goes by incredibly fast and even though it gets tough, some of my greatest memories are made throughout the four years." Congratulations for receiving student of the month!



History Made By ROTC Cadet

By: Joshua Deaton

Senior ROTC Cadet Justin Garrison recently participated in the National Youth Fitness Program test. It requires you to do sit-ups, pull-ups, push-ups, a 300 yard shuttle run and a standing long jump. To receive a perfect score you must do 100 sit ups in two minutes, 50 push ups in two minutes, 20 pull ups, the shuttle run in 46 seconds, and a 8 feet 5 inch long jump. Justin did 133 crunches in two minutes, 33 more than what is required to get a perfect score. He then did 61 push-ups, 11 more than the 50 you need to get a perfect score. After this, he did 22 pull-ups which is two more than what is need to get a perfect score. He did the shuttle run in 46 seconds, and the standing long jump coming in at 8 feet 5 inches and one quarter. This being said, Justin received a perfect score of 500, making him only the third person to do it in RULH Cadet history. Congrats Justin, on this significant feat!



Lady Jays top Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy in first round tournament 7-4!

By: Coach Elaine Manning

The Ripley Lady Jays were on top of their game Monday night in the first round tournament action against Cincinnati Hills. The game started off strong defensively on both sides and it was apparent this was going to be a tough battle. The Lady Jays gave up one run in the second inning due to a homerun put up by Cincinnati Hill's pitcher. The Lady Jays could not connect with the ball in the third inning and went back out relying on their defense to hold the game to 1-0. Cincinnati Hills came back out in the bottom of the third and put two more runs on the board, but that would be all for that inning and the Lady Jays were back in to bat. They were in the top of the fourth inning and needed some runs to stay in the game. Patience and perseverance would pay off as they began to connect and get some runners on base. Elizabeth Campbell, Whitney King, Madison Plum, and Amber Kirschner would all hit moving runners around, along with patience at the plate from Kristen Jenkins, Payton Whitt, and Meggie Scott with walks that would continue to put runs on the board. They finished the fourth inning with six runs before going back out to defend their lead. The Lady Jays continued to dominate on defense with nice plays from Kristen Jenkins with a throw out from third, Abby Lewis with several awesome plays from short stop to first, Kamri Offutt with a double play at second, and hard work and hustle from everyone on the field. The Lady Jays would put one more run on the board before the bottom of the seventh inning when Cincinnati Hills came back out to try and reclaim the lead. The Lady Jays did not let up defensively and thanks to Payton Whitt's quick movement the first batter grounded out to first. The next batter would be out number 2 and you could see the excitement building. The third batter connected and got on base but the Lady Jays did not lose their composure and they were ready for the fourth batter. The fourth batter connected with a fly ball to center field but Elizabeth Campbell was fast on her feet catching the ball to end the game with a victory for the Lady Jays! The Lady Jays advance to round two in the tournament where they will take on Bethel Tate on Wednesday at Bethel Tate.



May Birthdays

By: Shelby Smith

5/01 Cody Smith

5/02 Jonathan Umstead

5/03 Timothy Mulkins

5/03 Makenzie Nickell

5/03 Taylor McGuffey

5/08 Zachary Heflin

5/09 Shanee Weatherspoon

5/10 Zachary McKibben

5/14 Emily Presley

5/14 Cary Wright

5/19 Ryan Harney

5/20 John Lung

5/20 Elizabeth Grooms

5/20 Kylie Carrington



5/21 Haylee Sears

5/21 Tanner Hatfield

5/21 Lucas Moran

5/22 Joseph Boone

5/22 Katelynn Miller

5/24 Whitney King

5/26 Madison Scott

5/26 Sam Titus

5/27 Jordan Griffith

5/27 Madison Bradford

5/30 Clinton Bartley

5/30 Kayla Caswell

5/30 Elizabeth Miller

Summer Survey

By Ryan Blanford

The school year is winding down fast, and a lot of students have made plans for the summer. A survey went out to high school students asking their plans for the summer. There were 26 students that responded. The results are listed below.

1. Working a summer job.

Yes- 18

No- 8

2. Staying home for most of the summer.

Yes- 15

No- 11

3. Going on vacation this summer.

Yes- 10

No- 16

4. Where they are going this summer.

Nowhere- 15

Florida- 2

California- 2

Tennessee- 3

Puerto Rico- 2

New York- 1

Hawaii- 1



End Of Course Exam Survey

By: Shelby Smith

Freshman through Junior Students were sent a survey asking their take on the tests that determine our graduation. There were 28 responses. The questions and answers are listed below.

Have you taken any end of course exams this year?

Yes-22

No-6

If so, on a scale from 1-5 with five being the best, how do you feel you performed on your EOC exams?

1- 3

2- 0

3- 6

4- 10

5- 2

Didn't take any- 7

Which test has been the area you feel strongest in?

English-10

Math-7

Science-2

History-2

Didn't Take any-7



Do you believe this is a good system to affect graduation? Why or Why not?

The majority of people that answered believe that this is not a good system for various reason. The reason one answered was, "No, because if you fail the test and don't get enough points you can't graduate." Some did believe it was good, one student responded, "I feel like it does test your ability to comprehend the lessons you have been taught. "



The NBA Playoffs Are Here

Joshua Deaton

*Disclaimer: Story was written April 24, and all elements of the article are in accordance with this time period.

The NBA Playoffs are here just in time as we are at the peak of basketball, after March Madness ended, at the beginning of the month of April. The NBA Playoffs is where players either elevate or crush under pressure, and it is as entertaining as any other sporting event year round. This year, we see the Boston Celtics and the Golden State Warriors headlining the one seeds for each conference. The Celtics have struggled thus far and are standing at a mediocre 2-2 series tie at the moment with the eight seed Chicago Bulls. However, on the west coast, the Warriors are running circles around the Trailblazers. Steph Curry has taken it upon himself to show the world what he is capable of, as in game three he hit two daggers right in the heart of Portland in the closing of the fourth quarter. Not to mention, the Warriors are resting Kevin Durant due to some left calf complications and Steve Kerr is still struggling with back pain from his surgery he had almost a year ago.

Some other compelling stories is the Milwaukee Bucks facing off against the Toronto Raptors and the Atlanta Hawks versus the Washington Wizards. While this basketball may be very entertaining, I look for the Golden State Warriors to face off in a finals trilogy versus the Cleveland Cavaliers. If Kevin Durant is fully recovered from his calf injury, I look for the Warriors to beat the Cavs in five or six games, and I would be surprised to see if the series went more than this. The Warrior's starpower is simply overpowering against the Cavaliers, and the only chance they have is Lebron taking over.



Additional Efforts To Eliminate ISIS Will be Taken

By: Shelby Smith

As the fight in Iraq continues, the United States Military will be sending two more companies from the Army's 82nd Airborne Division into the fight against ISIS. There will be nearly 200 additional troops deployed to the Middle East. A U.S. Defense Official has said that more troops will be sent to Mosul—"to provide additional 'advise and assist' support to our Iraq Partners as they liberate Mosul,"

There have been rumors that there will be upwards of 1000 troops sent out to act as a reserve force. However, in a recent press briefing, the rumor has been denied. At the Townsend said that there will be no large number of troops being deployed because the efforts to combat ISIS are working. With the small addition of troops, the pentagon is optimistic that the fight in Mosul will be over within months and the fight with ISIS in general within a few years.

Some of the troops will be sent to Qayyarah Airfield West, we currently have gunships and rocket systems stationed here. The additional troops will be assisting in this ongoing battle over Iraq's second largest city. The United States Army is not alone in the battle, but rather, helping the Iraqi forces that are fighting to take down ISIS.

Iraq Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi said that together we are defeating them militarily. For example, last month, US assisted with the jet bombing on West Mosul. While nearly 200 civilians were killed, the fight in this city is coming to an end. With the new troops, this can be achieved faster. Which hopefully means, the war will end and they will not be kept overboard for long.



The Rise of PG-13

By Ryan Blanford

Formerly known as PG-24, this 26 year old from Palmdale, California is officially starting to earn the title of superstar. I am talking about Paul George, star Small forward from the Indiana Pacers. The Fresno State prospect was drafted 10th overall by the Indiana Pacers. He was originally ranked 251st in high school, proving he has been underrated for a while now. Paul George currently is a three time All-NBA Team Player and three time All-Defensive team Player.

He was a rising superstar during the 2012-2013 season, where he had his classic duel starting against LeBron James and the Miami Heat in the Eastern Conference Finals at the Playoffs. What ended up getting him more attention was the poster dunk he did in game two on Chris Anderson. The next season he showed his full arsenal by becoming an All Star Game starter and dual threat on offense and defense. Then he played in the playoffs again against the Miami Heat and LeBron James and once again, lost. During summer Paul George was trying out for the USA Fiba world cup basketball team on a nationally televised game when he broke his leg on a chasedown block attempt on James Harden. The leg injury could have been career ending. It caused him to miss almost the whole 2014-2015 season. However, he came back for the last six games where he averaged nine points in fifteen minutes per game.

Then in his big return season he started off averaging 19 points through the first few games, then offensively exploded. He had two 40 point games in that season. Those two games were 47 points (Career High) against the Utah Jazz and 44 points against the Oklahoma City Thunder. He was an All Star starter again in 2016 where he dropped 41 points, almost breaking the record for most points in the All star game; the record was 42 at that time. He did break the record for most 3's in an All Star Game with nine 3's. Paul George did make it to the playoffs, but lost in seven games to the Toronto Raptors in the first round. Paul George averaged a career high in points and rebounds that season.

Then the 2016-2017 season came and he started off slow, really slow. He began to pick up after the all star break, where he was a reserve on the all star team. The last few weeks he has been dominant, near the end of the regular season. Paul George's best game was against the Cavs in a double overtime thriller where LeBron dropped 40 and Paul George dropped 44 points. The last two weeks he is averaging 32 points a game. Paul George won Eastern conference player of the week; he has been great. As of now PG and the Pacers will be playing LeBron and the Cavs in the first round of the NBA Playoffs.



Starboy

By: Joshua Deaton

Abel Tesfaye, or as he is better known, The Weeknd, released his newest album, “Starboy”, in November of 2016. It is his third studio album, and he has taken quite a turn from the norm for himself in this album. The Weeknd is known from his dark, low-profile sound, matched with vocals many compare to ‘The King Of Pop’ himself, Michael Jackson. The Weeknd has been known to talk about his rough upbringing in Toronto. He may have shied away from that in ‘Starboy’ slightly, as much of the music has a very positive melody to it.

In this album it has eighteen tracks, which may be the album's biggest downfall. Often times when we see an album exceed ten to twelve tracks you worry the sound may start to become diluted, or that the artist is relaying the same message over and over. The Weeknd was on the verge of becoming just this, but before this happens he cuts it off right in time. This being said, the rating I would have to give this album is a 8.5/10. I would have easily settled for four to six less tracks, as that would probably mean for a higher quality of focus on the rest. Some of my favorite tracks are ‘Starboy’, ‘Reminder’, ‘Six Feet Under’, ‘Ordinary Life’, and ‘I feel It Coming’.



Harden Vol. 1 Review

By: Joshua Deaton

James Harden is an NBA MVP candidate, and everyone loves his game and style. Since signing a two hundred million dollar contract over thirteen years with Adidas, he has taken on the role of being different. Harden, known also as 'The Beard' due to his giant beard, has shown that he thinks outside of the box both on and off the court. That does not change in his first signature shoe with adidas, the Harden Vol. 1.

Just recently I purchased the Harden Vol. 1, and I have really gotten to break it in and I really feel that I know how the shoe works, and what its weaker and stronger points are. First off is the traction, Adidas does not change the outside of the box mentality here, going with a very odd outsole. It almost looks as if it's a bunch of circles and diamonds on the outsole. It did get the job done for me, but I have played in better.

Next, is the cushioning department. This was my favorite aspect of the shoe, as Adidas used its famous cushioning known as 'Boost' (my personal favorite cushioning). It has very good plush impact protection when jumping, but also it has a nice responsiveness when making hard cuts. Lastly, we have the upper of the shoe, and this is where it can get tricky. The pair I own, "The Disruptor", features a Jacquard material with a suede patch over the toe. Adidas switches it up on every pair so be sure to look up the materials before buying a specific model. I found the setup I had to just be okay. It definitely needs breaking in but even after that the materials feel slightly stiff. The setup was great, but the materials could be slightly softer.

So to wrap it up, the Harden Vol. 1 is a very solid shoe. It gets the job done and its cushion gives the price point of \$140, a fair price. With slightly softer materials and a more traditional traction pattern, you could be talking about a shoe for the decade. I will give the Harden Vol. 1 a 7.5/10 rating. This is certainly a good shoe, and you can likely find it at your local shoe outlet.



App Review

By: Joshua Deaton

This month's app review is a game called *Hot Wheels: Race Off*. This game is an interactive game for iOS and Android devices and the name basically says it all. Hot Wheels was always one of my favorite games back when I used to play it on Nintendo DS. While I will say the experience is not quite as good as it was on the DS, it is still a very fun game. If you are one of the millions of people to play Hill Climb or Hill Climb 2 for iOS and Android, it is very similar to that. There are 50 levels with 25 unlockable cars, and there is also a multiplayer feature as well.

This app is one of those apps when you just need to kill some time and you don't just want to sit there. There is one downside for this app for me. As with every other gaming app out there, the download is free but they then try to get you to purchase things with in-app purchases. It is VERY, difficult to unlock some of the cars, and it is made that way so they can try to get you to buy them. I myself prefer a challenge anyways, so I did not buy them, but if you are into that kind of thing then there is no problem with it. This app is special to me because of how many childhood memories it brings back. If you are looking for a more street style version of Hill Climb, this is for you!

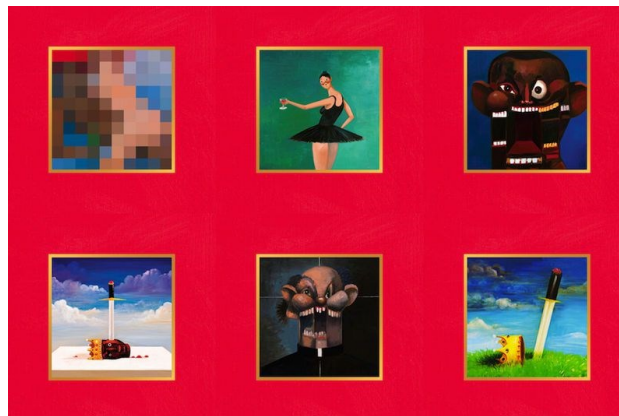


Music Review

By Ryan Blanford

My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy comes from the mind and talent of multiple Grammy winning and platinum selling artist Kanye West. Kanye started off recording this album when he was dealing with public and legal controversy. He recorded most of the album in secrecy and exile in Hawaii, California, and New York. This album is a masterpiece and Kanye West's best work. It is in my opinion top 25 greatest albums of all time.

The twisted notion of the album revolves around the concept of religion, romance, violence, wealth, prosperity and other things as well. This is a dark album that really makes you think about how things truly are. This album changes your mental aspect and how you view things altogether. To me, this album is magnificent and a must listen. My favorite songs on this album are "Power", "Monster", and "Blame Game". The main thing I love about this album is that it shows Kanye's full potential. Kanye did something no artist has done. On the song Runaway, after the main song was over, he starts humming and turned his voice into the beat. This is crazy to even do. My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy is an all time classic that deserves its recognition.



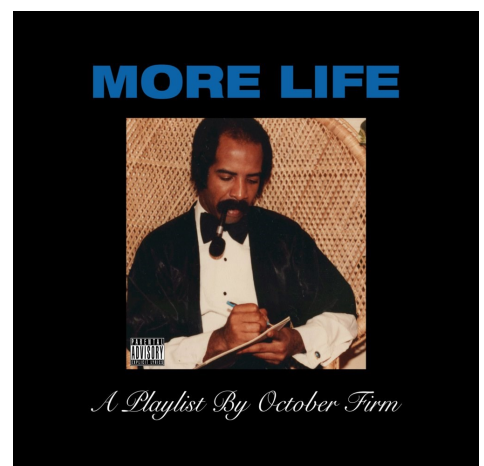
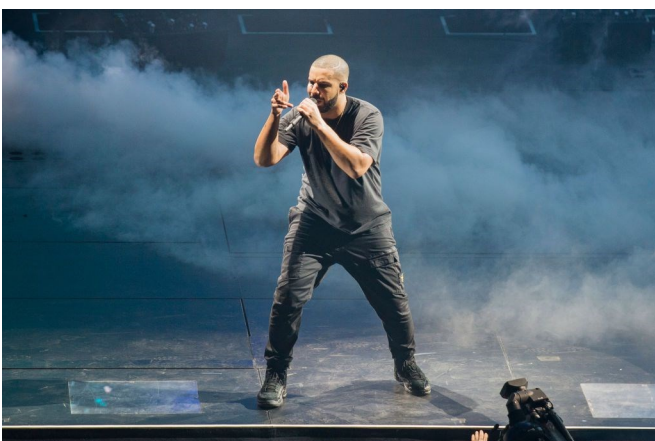
More Life

By: Joshua Deaton

Drake has finally released his latest project dubbed 'More Life'. It released March 18, after a long line of rumored release dates. Drake seems to be just as one of his lines on the playlist, "stay at the top like I'm stuck." Within one week of it's release, Drake managed to notch 385 million streams online in the U.S. The second week he still managed to reach 235 million streams online, and has an estimated 43,000 album sales. These smash the record that he set last year when his album 'Views' released and reached only 245 streams in the first week. For perspective, Trey Songz newest album debuted at only 28 millions streams the first week.

More Life has twenty two tracks and can give you a total of an hour and twenty-one minutes of listening through the whole album. It features Giggs, Black Coffee, Jorja Smith, Sampha, Quavo, Travis Scott, 2 Chainz, Young Thug, Kanye West, and PartyNextDoor.

When listening to More Life I got a very good vibe from it. There is a very American rap feel, but Drake also gives us a few Jamaican vibes as well as some U.K. vibes. This is one reason in my opinion, that Drake is conquering the music world. He is reaching into several different cultures and tapping into them for his own music. His many talents from singing and rapping is what makes him so versatile. If I had to rate More Life, I would give it a solid eight out of ten. The only drawback is with twenty two tracks some of the songs do feel slightly repetitive. Drake did give us plenty of spring and summer-time hits to listen to, and he says he will be back in 2018 for his next music release. So for now, More Life!

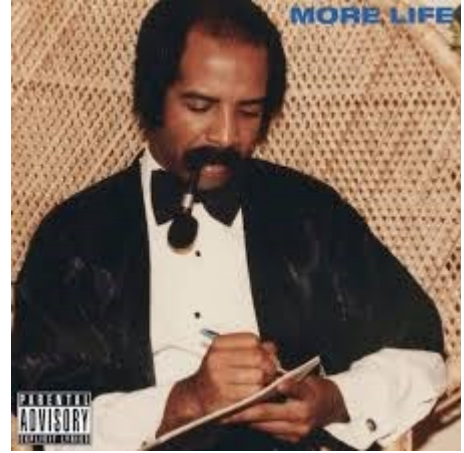


Top 10

By: Ryan Blanford

Songs:

- 1- Shape Of You by Ed Sheeran
- 2- That's What I Like by Bruno Mars
- 3- I Don't Wanna Live Forever by Zayn and Taylor Swift
- 4- Bad and Boujee by Migos feat Lil Uzi Vert
- 5- I Feel It Coming by The Weeknd
- 6- Tunnel Vision by Kodak Black
- 7- Something Just Like This by The Chainsmokers and Coldplay
- 8- Passionfruit by Drake
- 9- Portland by Drake feat Quavo and Travis Scott
- 10- Paris by The Chainsmokers



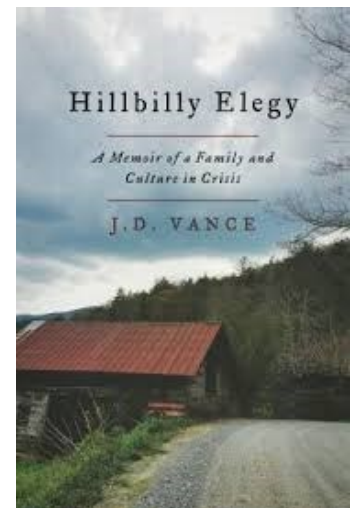
Movies:

- 1- Moonlight
- 2- Get Out
- 3- John Wick Chapter 2
- 4- Headshot
- 5- Logan
- 6- XX
- 7- The Sense Of An Ending
- 8- My Life As A Zucchini
- 9- Kong: Skull Island
- 10- Kong: Skull Island



Books:

- 1- Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance
- 2- The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood
- 3- Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae
- 4- Strengthsfinder 2.0 by Tom Rath
- 5- Milk and Honey by Rupi Kaur
- 6- Big Little Lies by Liane Moriarty
- 7- How To Be A Bawse: A Guide on Conquering Life By Lilly Singh
- 8- When Breath Becomes Air By Paul Kalanithi
- 9- The Magnolia Story by Chip Gaines, Joanna Gaines, and Mark Dagostino
- 10- The Girl on the Train By Paula Hawkins



Those are Holidays?

By: Shelby Smith

5/01 Mother Goose Day

5/02 National Teacher Day

5/03 Two Different Colored Shoes Day

5/04 Star Wars Day

5/05 Space Day

5/06 Free Comic Book Day

5/07 World Laughter Day

5/08 No Socks Day

5/09 Day Without Shoes Day

5/10 Clean your Room Day

5/11 Eat What You Want Day

5/12 Hug Your Cat Day

5/13 Frog Jumping Day

5/14 National Chicken Dance Day

5/15 Chocolate Chip Day

5/16 National Sea Monkey Day



5/17 Pack Rat Day

5/18 No Dirty Dishes Day

5/19 Pizza Party Day

5/20 Be a Millionaire Day

5/21 National Waiters and Waitresses Day

5/22 Buy a Musical Instrument Day

5/23 National Taffy Day

5/24 Scavenger Hunt Day

5/25 National Tap Dance Day

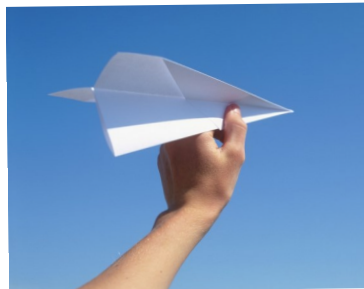
5/26 National Paper Airplane Day

5/27 Sun Screen Day

5/28 Hamburger Day

5/29 Put a Pillow on Your Fridge Day

5/30 My Buckets Got a Hole Day



Where In The World?

By: Joshua Deaton

This brand is popular with professional athletes in most every sport.

This brand has its HQ located in the U.S.

This city is home to a football team known as the 'Ravens'.

This brand showcases Cam Newton and Stephen Curry among its most popular endorsers.



Answer: Under Armour HQ, Baltimore, MD

Jokes and Riddles

By: Josh Deaton

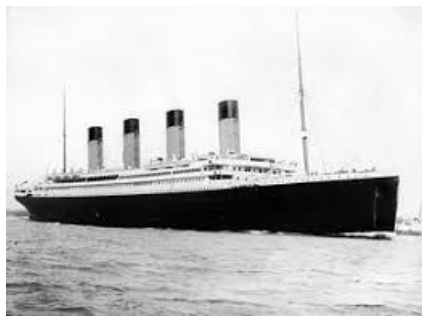
- Q: What has one head, one foot and four legs? A: A Bed
Q: Did you hear the joke about the roof? A: Never mind, it's over your head!
Q: How many letters are in The Alphabet? A: There are 11 letters in The Alphabet
Q: How can you spell cold with two letters? A: IC (icy)
Q: What state is surrounded by the most water? A: Hawaii (this is really just a trick riddle)
Q: David's father had three sons: Snap, Crackle, and ? A: David!
Q: If you were in a race and passed the person in 2nd place, what place would you be in? A: 2nd place!
Q: What is the center of gravity? A: The letter V!
Q: What English word has three consecutive double letters? A: Bookkeeper
Q: What has a head, a tail, is brown, and has no legs? A: A penny!
Q: The turtle took two chocolates to Texas to teach Thomas to tie his boots. How many T's in that? A: There are 2 T's in THAT!
Q: What goes up, but never comes down? A: Your age!
Q: What gets bigger and bigger as you take more away from it? A: A hole!
Q: How many months have 28 days? A: All of them!
Q: Can you spell rotted with two letters? A: DK (decay)



20 Fun Facts

By Ryan Blanford

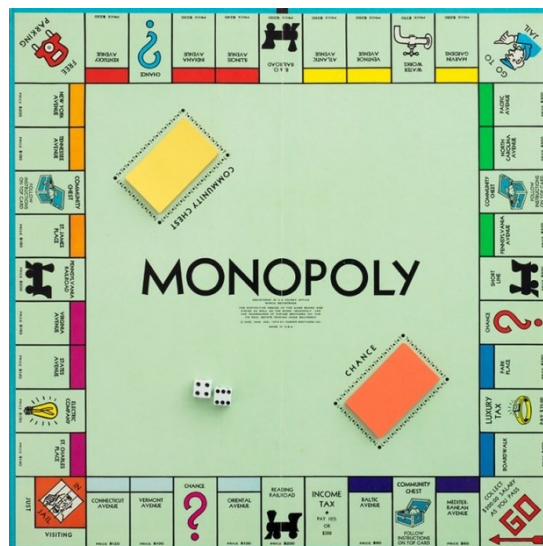
- 1- In the UK, It is illegal to eat mince pies on Christmas Day.
- 2- When hippos are upset, their sweat turns red.
- 3- If you lift a kangaroo's tail off the ground it can't hop.
- 4- Bananas are curved because they grow towards the sun.
- 5- Movie trailers were originally shown after the movie, which is why they were called "trailers".
- 6- An eagle can kill a young deer and fly away with it.
- 7- Billy goats urinate on their own heads to smell more attractive to females.
- 8- In 2015, more people were killed from injuries caused by taking a selfie than by shark attacks.
- 9- You cannot snore and dream at the same time.
- 10- Arab women can initiate a divorce if their husbands don't pour coffee for them.
- 11- Smearing a small amount of dog feces on an insect bite will relieve the itching and swelling.
- 12- Facebook, Skype and Twitter are all banned in China.
- 13- 95% of people text things they could never say in person.
- 14- The Titanic was the first ship to use the SOS signal.
- 15- Los Angeles's full name is "El Pueblo de Nuestra Señora la Reina de los Angeles de Porciuncula."
- 16- The Twitter bird actually has a name - Larry.
- 17- In the Caribbean there are oysters that can climb trees.
- 18- Every year more than 2500 left-handed people are killed from using right-handed products.
- 19- California has issued 6 drivers licenses to people named Jesus Christ.
- 20- According to Genesis 1:20-22 the chicken came before the egg.



Did you Know?

By: Shelby Smith

1. Did you know Monopoly is the most played board game in the world?
2. Did you know 96% of candles sold are purchased by women?
3. Did you know cats can jump ten times their tail length?
4. Did you know that only female mosquitos bite?
5. Did you know a piece of paper can not be folded more than seven times?
6. Did you know Isaac Newton invented the cat door?
7. Did you know the word 'almost' is the longest word spelt in alphabetical order?
8. Did you know women are struck by lightning 7 times more than men?
9. Did you know that every day 7% of the United States eats at McDonalds?
10. Did you know dirt snow melts quicker than clean snow?
11. Did you know gorillas sleep 14 hours a day
12. Did you know it is possible to lead a cow upstairs but not down?
13. Did you know bookkeeper and bookkeeping are the only two words in the English language that have three consecutive double letters?
14. Did you know apples are more effective at waking you up in the morning than coffee?
15. Did you know Nintendo first produced playing cards?
16. The average woman will consume over six pounds of lipstick in her life?
17. Did you know at birth all Dalmatians are white?
18. Did you know the opposite sides of a die always add up to seven?
19. Did you know the first train reached a top speed of only 5 mph?
20. Did you know an average person will spend 25 years asleep?



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- Finally, a newly remodeled kitchen in Nov. 2016!
- New Catholic Charities "Food for All" Mobile Food Pantry distribution mission every 3rd Wednesday (11:00-1:00) for all Brown County began here in April, 2016, and is still growing! Students and Volunteers from almost all area churches helped with this mission.

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