

# BlueJay Beat

Ripley-Union-Lewis-Huntington High School

October 2017 Edition

## Spooktober

By: Shelby Smith

October is here and with it comes the cold weather, the haunted houses, the corn mazes, the horror movies, and everything that goes along with “spooktober”. Halloween is one of my favorite holidays for numerous reasons. For one, I love halloween for the same reason little kids do, the CANDY! Not necessarily for trick or treating, but Halloween is the only time you can walk out of a grocery store with three big bags of candy and not get one sideways glance. They may assume I am passing out candy while I may assume the bags will be in my room for the next two weeks.

Beyond the normal reasons, Halloween is the one time a year you can be something you’re not. Halloween allows you to dress up and play make believe like you did when you were just a kid. You can show off your interests by dressing as your favorite character on a TV show, dress as something scary and pretend to be a monster, or maybe a humorous costume can show your sense of humor. If the dressing up isn’t for you, seeing others in their costumes can be excitement in itself. Especially the mystery of trying to guess what the kids that knock on your door are dressed up as.

The final thing I love about Halloween is that it is a holiday that is meant to be fun. Kids and teenagers spend it with their friends, use their creativity, and get candy. While I love my family dearly, Halloween is the one holiday that isn’t about togetherness, but rather just about enjoying yourself. On Halloween, I will be enjoying myself with my big bags of candy and my scary movies. So this Halloween dress up, enjoy yourself, and be safe!

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# Freshman Student of The Month

By: Casey Baker

Every Month, the email goes out and nominations come in for the title of student of the month. October's Freshman Student of the month is Mickayla Mallaley. Mickayla says that she think that she got the Freshman Student of the month because of her hard work, the effort that she puts into her school work and also her focus on school.

The things that make Mickayla a good student is the importance of her grades, and how well that she does her work. She always works very hard to try to be the best that she can be. She tries her hardest on all her assignments and work in general. In addition to making good grades, Mickayla participates in FCCLA. She has been a member of FCCLA since she was in 5th grade.

In school this year, Mickayla is taking Foundations of English, Wellness, Principles of Food, Algebra 1, Foundations of Algebra, Biology, Child Development, and Choir. She says that the teacher who helps and supports her the most is Mrs. Arthur. If she is having a rough day, all she has to do is talk to Mrs. Arthur and she feels better. Mrs.Arthur also helps her with her classes a lot. She is glad to have a teacher like Mrs. Arthur. Mickayla's favorite class is biology because she wants to be a veterinarian when she gets older.

When asked about her plans for the future, she spoke of her dream of becoming a veterinarian for both big and small animals. She wants to be a veterinarian because she has always loved animals and has grown up around them. I asked Mickayla what are some skills that she'd like to learn and she said that she would like to learn any techniques and skills that will help her accomplish this goal. She wants to learn this skill because she is planning on going to college for this, to make a career of it.

Mickayla looks up to her family in life because they have always been there for her and they always pick her up when she's down. They have also been in her life the most and they haven't left. They encourage her to try her best and try new things even though she may be scared or nervous. They motivate her to succeed, and if she fails the first time, they push and encourage her to try again but even harder this time.

Some of the things that she likes to do outside of school is help people, go to her barn and spend time with her animals, or just spend time outside in general. Mickayla's advice for the other freshman is too just focus and do your work and don't do what everyone else does. Congratulations on getting Freshman Student of the month Mickayla!



# Captivating Kailee

By: Shelby Smith

Every Month, the email goes out and nominations come in for the title of student of the month. October's Sophomore Student of the month is Kailee Fisher. Kailee said she was somewhat surprised to be student of the month because she doesn't feel she does anything extravagant, but rather just what is expected of her.

However, Kailee far surpasses what is expected. She is a great student in her classes and is very involved out of class. In addition to making great grades, she plays soccer, basketball, and is a member of 4H. In school, this year she is currently taking Multimedia, Financial Literacy, American History, and Biology. Kailee's favorite class is biology because she finds science fascinating.

Kailee was asked to describe her student image. She responded that she feels that she is viewed as hardworking and motivated. With a mindset like that, she can accomplish anything she puts her mind to. She has already accomplished a lot but still has big plans for the future. Kailee said she wants to go to college at Morehead and become a soil technician.

Kailee finds motivation from her family. Her role model is her grammy. She said, "My grammy is my role model because she has always taught me to do the right thing" Beyond her grammy, she finds motivation within. On the topic of motivation, she said, "my desire to get in a good college motivates me because it will allow for me to have a bright future" Due to this, there isn't a thing standing between her and the future she wants,

Kailee's advice to the new freshman is to simply do what is expected of you, don't rush through things, and ultimately be involved! Great advice Kailee, and congratulations on being October's Sophomore Student of the month.



# Junior Student of the Month

By: Shelby Smith and Savannah Doyle

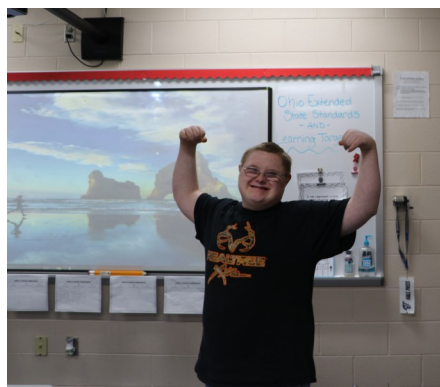
October's Junior Student of the month is Seth Darnell. Seth feels deserving of this award, as he should, because "he wins". While the win is self proclaimed, it is clear to everyone that knows Seth that he does win! He wins by being the greatest and nicest person he can be. In spite of this, he said that being student of the month makes him feel special.

Seth Darnell is well known around the high school, everyone knows who Seth is and everyone loves him. Seth is so well liked by all his peers because he is always enthusiastic. At times, high school can be filled with negativity, but Seth can always bring a smile to your face, even just from down the hall.

Seth is a student in Mrs. Hartman's class. He is also in Mrs. Rau's global foods, which is his favorite class. Seth has many friends. He said some of his best friends are Ralph Glenn, Haley Gast, Mr. Jason, Mrs. Lewis and Tristan Fisher. When with his friends, he likes to play basketball, football, and games such as uno.

Last year, Seth was nominated for student of the month because of his accomplishments in basketball. The past two years, Seth has been the Team Manager of the basketball team. When put in the game last year, he scored his first basket with just seconds left in the game. Seth's favorite sport is basketball. He enjoys shooting ball with his friends and would play on the team if he could.

Seth puts a full effort into everything he does and always tries to stay involved. In addition to Team manager, he is also the Vice President of the student council. After high school, Seth plans on working with his brother. Through his determination and motivation, there is nothing Seth can't accomplish. Congratulations on being October's student of the month Seth.



# Hard Working Malaki

By: Kailee Fisher

Every month emails go out to the teachers to choose a student they think is worthy of Student of the Month. October's student of the month is Makaki Renchen. Malaki is a senior here at RULH. He believes he earned this title because he is a good student in and out of the classroom.

Malaki is a hard worker and it is reflected in everything he does. He only takes English 12 here, but then spends the rest of the day at work. He works 6 days a week, and has developed a great work ethic. Makaki's favorite class he has taken in high school is Digital Video because it allowed him to be creative in video making.

Malaki is a good student because he has good listening and communication skills. His plans for the future is to go to college. After that he would like to start a career in physical education and health classes. Malaki finds motivation from himself because he knows what he does will determine his future. Having this mindset will allow him to achieve big goals in the future.

Outside of school, Malaki likes to spend time with friends and family. In fact, Maliki said his role model is his grandpa. This is because he always teaches him the true meaning of life and how to find joy in life. Malaki's Grandpa has obviously gave him valuable advice and has helped shape him into a great person.

When asked to give advice to the under classmen, Maliki responded with "Take your education seriously. You only get one chance... Your GPA determines what college you go to which will determine your future." Congratulations on getting student of the month Malaki. Keep up the good work!



# Halloween Survey

By: Colter Cottrell

Halloween is right around the corner and we decided to ask everyone just how they plan to spend the Spooky Holiday!

Are you dressing up for Halloween?

Yes: 50%

No: 50%



Is Halloween your favorite holiday?

Yes: 32%

No: 68%

Are you decorating your house?

Yes: 37%

No: 63%



What are you dressing up as?

Nicole: Doctor

Makenna: Scarecrow

Haley: Scorpion



# Birthdays

By: Kailee Fisher

October 1- Hannah Washburn

October 2- Brian Dunn

October 2- Camdan Klump

October 3- Sean Clark

October 4- Tristan Finn

October 5- Nathan Brooks

October 5- Alexandra Ross

October 8- Penny Spires

October 9- Isaiah Dawson

October 9- Mason Williams

October 10- Earl green

October 10- Dalton Applegate

October 10- Jacob Castle

October 12- Hana Schwierling

October 19- Liberty Fowler

October 20- Tristan Fisher

October 25- Kolby Alexander

October 29- Raelyn Curtis

October 30- Destiny Barbee

October 31- Emily Dodson



# American Family Freed from Afghanistan

By: Kailee Fisher

An American woman and her family is set free after 5 years of being held hostage in Afghanistan. Caitlan Coleman, 31, and her husband, Josh Boyle, 34, were kidnapped in October 2012 while hiking in Wardak Province.

The woman, Ms. Coleman, is from Pennsylvania and was pregnant at the time of the abduction. While in captivity, she had two more children, putting more pressure on her difficult situation.

The family was freed on Thursday in a mission where Pakistan forces carried out intelligence from U.S. authorities. The Trump administration and the Pakistan government worked together to free them. A U.S. official told NPR that the Pakistani security forces used the U.S. intelligence to locate and stop the vehicle carrying the hostages. A gunfight broke out and the hostage takers got away, but the family was rescued. The middle child, who had been held in captivity his whole life had never seen daylight until that day.

The family was held by the Haqqani network, an Afghan extremist group affiliated with the Taliban. The family has not spoken about all their experiences while in captivity, however one story was shared. Ms. Coleman was expecting another child, however was raped and was forced an abortion in captivity. Boyle said he and Coleman “spent five years telling ourselves that it’s all going to be okay, because as soon as we get out of here...as soon as we get back to our families, we’re going to be so happy.”





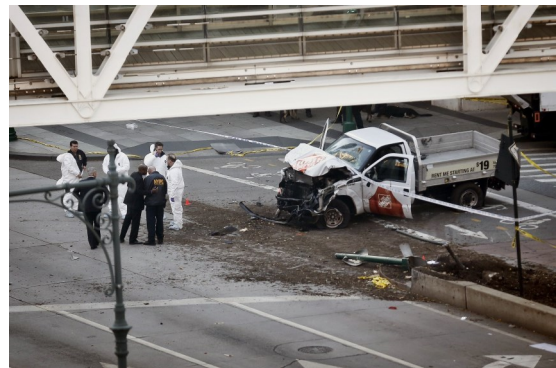
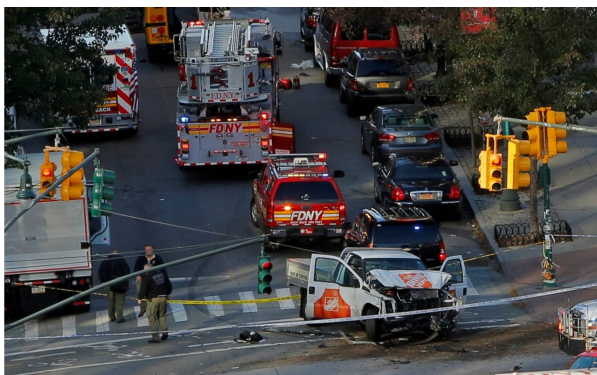
# ISIS Claims Responsibility for New York Terrorist Attack

By: Colter Cottrell

On Tuesday, October 31st, a man drove a truck into a school bus in New York City, New York. ISIS later claimed responsibility for the attack claiming he is a "Soldier of the caliphate." President Trump said in a series of tweets that "The degenerate animal who killed, and so badly wounded, the wonderful people on the West Side was 'their soldier.'" He also said that "Based on that, the military has hit ISIS 'much harder' over the past two days. They will pay a big price for every attack on us!"

He backed up these tweets while speaking to reporters. "What we are doing is every time we are attacked from this point forward, and it took place yesterday, we are hitting them 10 times harder," Trump said. President Trump also stated his opinion that the suspect should be executed. "NYC terrorist was happy as he asked to hang ISIS flag in his hospital room. He killed 8 people and badly injured 12. SHOULD GET DEATH PENALTY!" the President tweeted Wednesday night.

The suspect claimed that watching ISIS videos inspired him to do this gruesome attack. Officials said, Saipov drove a rented truck down a bike path near the World Trade Center, crashed into a school bus and then jumped out, brandishing imitation firearms. New York police Officer Ryan Nash shot him in the abdomen, and he was taken into custody. More than a dozen people were also injured in Tuesday's attack.



# On this Day In October

By: Kailee Fisher

October 1st- 331 BC Alexander the Great defeats Darius III of Persia in the Battle of Gaugamela

October 2nd- 1789 George Washington transmits the proposed Constitutional amendments (The United States Bill of Rights) to the States for ratification

October 3rd-1849 American author Edgar Allan Poe is found delirious in a gutter in Baltimore, Maryland under mysterious circumstances; it is the last time he is seen in public before his death.

October 4th- 1777 Battle of Germantown: Gen George Washington's troops attack and are defeated by the British at Germantown, Pennsylvania

October 5th-2005 Vampire novel "Twilight" by Stephenie Meyer is first published by Little Brown

October 6th- 1961 JFK advises Americans to build fallout shelters

October 7th- 1950 Whitey Ford wins his 1st World Series game 5-2

October 8th- 1945 US President Harry Truman announced atomic bomb secret shared with Britain and Canada

October 9th- 2006 North Korea allegedly tests its first nuclear device

October 10th- 1st dinner jacket (tuxedo) worn to autumn ball at Tuxedo Park, NY

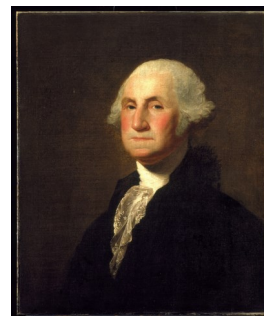
October 11th - 1922 First woman FBI "special investigator", Alaska Davidson, appointed

October 12th- 1999 The Day of Six Billion: the proclaimed 6 billionth living human in the world is born

October 13th- 1976 First electron micrograph of an Ebola viral particle obtained by Dr. F.A. Murphy, working at the C.D.C.

October 14th- 1979 1982 US President Reagan proclaims a war on drugs

October 15th- 1969 Vietnam Moratorium Day; millions nationwide protest the war



October 16th- 1923 Disney Brothers Cartoon Studio founded

October 17th- 2006 United states population reaches 300 million

October 18th- 1931 American gangster Al Capone convicted of tax evasion

October 19th- 2015 US scientists from University of California find evidence life on earth may have begun 4.1 billion years ago, 300 million earlier than previously thought

October 20th- 1864 US President Lincoln formally establishes Thanksgiving as a national holiday

October 21st-1944 World War II: US troops capture Aachen, 1st large German city to fall

October 22nd- 1962 US President John F. Kennedy imposes naval blockade on Cuba, beginning the missile crisis

October 23rd- 1981 US national debt hits \$1 trillion

October 24th- 2008 "Bloody Friday" saw many of the world's stock exchanges experienced the worst declines in their history, with drops of around 10% in most indices

October 25th- 1946 1st trial against nazi war criminals in Nuremberg

October 26th- 1947 Hillary Clinton was born

October 27th- 1962 Black Saturday - Russian nuclear missile crisis in Cuba

October 28th- 1492 Christopher Columbus discovers Cuba and claims it for Spain

October 29th- 2015 China announces the end of their one-child policy after 35 years

October 30th- 1697 Germany signs French/English/Spanish/Dutch/Brandenburgs peace treaty ending Nine Year War



# Flying Taxi

By: Colter Cottrell

Technology is a truly amazing thing. We are able to send messages across the world in microseconds and able to find out anything we want with just the tap of a few buttons. Now, technology might just be turning a new corner with flying transportation whenever you need it, with a flying taxi. But is it really safe?

Airbus is in the process of putting Taxis in the air, hoping to reach their goal by 2018. This was confirmed by Airbus Chief Engineer Marius Bebesel, and it looks like they might succeed. Their latest ground tests have proven successful for the electrical power system that will be used to propel the vehicle through the air.

The CityAirbus craft is a vertical takeoff and landing craft that uses 4 propellers to carry up to 4 passengers through dense urban areas, with the goal of connecting major transport hubs like train stations. The vehicle will be operated by a pilot at first but the company plans to move to a fully automatic vehicle.

The plan is to set the vehicle on fixed, predetermined paths reaching up to 80 miles an hour. You will be able to skip over traffic and greatly reduce travel time. Would you ride the CityAirbus taxi once it is launched?



# The World's Best Soccer Team

By: Casey Baker

The best soccer team in the world is Real Madrid. The Real Madrid is a soccer team in Madrid, Spain. They are ranked number one in the world because of their talent. They set the tone in world soccer by winning three European cups. In 2014, they won la Décima, also winning the club world cup. This team was founded on March 6th, in 1902.

They have won a total of 23 major trophies including UEFA Champions League, UEFA Cups, and UEFA Super Cups. Real Madrid is one of the richest and most popular soccer teams out there. Some of the founders of this team are Adolfo Meléndez, Juan Padrós, Carlos Padrós, and Julián Palacios. Some leagues that they are in are La Liga, UEFA Champions League, Supercopa de España, UEFA Super Cup, Copa del Rey, FIFA Club World Cup.

A total of 60 teams have competed in La Liga since its inception. Nine teams have been crowned champions, with Real Madrid winning the title a record 33 times and Barcelona 24 times. Real Madrid's name in meaning Royal. In 2000, soccer's international governing body, FIFA, selected Real Madrid the best football (soccer) team of the 21st century.

Real Madrid has won a record nine European championships, seven Spanish Super Cups and three world championships. The top ten players of this team is Cristiano Ronaldo, Zinedine Zidane, Raúl González Blanco, Ronaldo Luis Nazário de Lima, Alfredo di Stéfano, Iker Casillas, David Beckham, Roberto Carlos, Mesut Özil, and Ruud van Nistelrooy. It is one of the few teams still owned and operated by its members.



# Game Review: Assassin's Creed Origins

By: Colter Cottrell

Ubisoft has been under some criticism recently after several Assassin's Creed titles proved to be less than satisfactory. From Syndicate being super repetitive to Unity being so bugged that sometimes it was impossible to play. However, Ubisoft is renewing the series with the newest entry in Assassin's Creed, Assassin's Creed: Origins.

The player takes on the role of an Egyptian Medjay named Bayek as he works to protect the people of the Ptolemaic Kingdom during a time of widespread upheaval: the Pharaoh(Ruler), Ptolemy XIII, struggles to maintain his rule while harbouring ambitions of expanding his kingdom; his sister, Cleopatra, begins marshalling loyalist forces to launch a counter-coup against Ptolemy; and frequent invasions into the Kingdom by the Roman Republic under the command of Julius Caesar lead to fears of an imminent invasion. Bayek's role as a Medjay brings him into contact with the secretive forces manipulating these events and sees him become the first Assassin.

The game will also feature brand new Dark Souls type combat mechanics. Previous titles in the Assassin's Creed series used a "paired animation system" where the player character would engage with an enemy and combat would be decided by a series of predetermined animations based on player inputs and scripted AI movements. Assassin's Creed Origins will be changed to a "hit-box system." When the player wields a weapon, they will strike at whatever is in range, allowing them to hit enemies directly, injure different body parts, and creating the possibility of missing an enemy entirely. Complementing this is the way weapons fall into different categories and are rated on their damage dealt, speed and range. Enemies will be drawn from several basic archetypes that use a variety of tactics in combat which, combined with the hit-box system, will require players to learn the attributes of individual weapons and change their playing style to succeed in combat. As enemy combat is also dictated by the hit-box system, the player will be equipped with a shield and will need to balance their offensive and defensive capabilities. Locations within the game world will be designed to enable players to choose their playing style by offering stealth and open combat as equally-viable choices for completing objectives.

I personally look forward to this completely new look at the Assassin's Creed series. I honestly enjoyed all of the games and cannot wait to play the next one. I've played every Assassin's Creed game from the original to Syndicate (minus Liberations) and I enjoyed every one. Origins looks like it is going to be a whole new feel to the game with a more Dark Souls type combat system. I should probably get better at Dark Souls before Origins comes out.



# Those are Holidays?

By: Colter Cottrell

10/1: National Homemade Cookies Day

10/2: National Name Your Car Day

10/3: National Boyfriend Day

10/4: National Frappe Day

10/5: World Teachers Day

10/6: Come and Take it Day

10/7: Bald and Free Day

10/8: American Touch Tag Day

10/9: Leif Ericson Day

10/10: National Angel Food Cake Day

10/11: Take Your Teddy Bear To Work Day

10/12: Moment Of Frustration Day

10/13: Friday the 13th

10/14: National Dessert Day

10/15: White Cane Safety Day

10/16: Bosses Day

10/17: National Pasta Day

10/18: No Beard Day

10/19: Evaluate Your Life Day

10/20: Brandied Fruit Day

10/21: National Pumpkin Cheesecake Day

10/22: Mother-in-Law Day

10/23: TV Talk Show Host Day

10/24: National Bologna Day

10/25: Punk For A Day Day

10/26: National Mincemeat Day

10/27: Navy Day

10/28: Plush Animals Lovers Day

10/29: Hermit Day

10/30: Mischief Night

10/31: Increase Your Psychic Powers Day

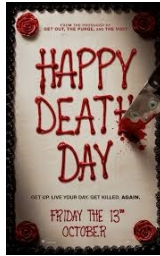


# Top Ten

By: Casey Baker

## Movies:

1. Happy Death Day
2. Blade Runner 2049
3. The Foreigner
4. IT
5. The Mountain Between Us
6. American Made
7. American Made
8. The LEGO Ninjago Movie
9. My Little Pony: The Movie
10. Victoria & Abdul



## Songs:

1. Bodak Yellow-Cardi B
2. Rockstar- Post Malone
3. Mi Gente- J Balvin
4. 1-800-273-8255- Logic
5. Look What You Made Me Do- Taylor Swift
6. Feel It Still
7. Thunder- Imagine Dragons
8. Sorry Not Sorry- Demi Lovato
9. Despacito- Luis Fonsi
10. Unforgettable- French Montana

## Artists:

1. Justin Bieber
2. Adele
3. Drake
4. The Weeknd
5. Taylor Swift
6. Twenty One Pilots
7. Selena Gomez
8. One Direction
9. Shawn Mendes
10. Meghan Trainor



## Top Actors:

1. Leonardo DiCaprio
2. Christian Bale
3. Matthew McConaughey
4. Robert Downey Jr.
5. Brad Pitt
6. Hugh Jackman
7. Bradley Cooper
8. George Clooney
9. Matt Damon
10. Mark Wahlberg

## Football Teams:

1. Alabama Crimson Tide
2. Georgia Bulldogs
3. Penn State Nittany Lions
4. TCU Horned Frogs
5. Ohio State Buckeyes
6. Wisconsin Badgers
7. Clemson Tigers
8. Oklahoma State Cowboys
9. Miami Hurricanes





# 20 Fun Facts

By: Casey Baker

1. A crocodile can't poke its tongue out.
2. Chewing gum while you cut an onion will help keep you from crying.
3. If you were to stretch a Slinky out until it's flat, it would measure 87 feet long
4. It is physically impossible for pigs to look up into the sky.
5. It would take a sloth one month to travel one mile.
6. A shrimp's heart is in it's head.
7. People say "Bless you" when you sneeze because when you sneeze, your heart stops for a millisecond.
8. Rats and horses cannot vomit.
9. Most lipstick contains fish scales.
10. Hot water is heavier than cold.
11. The lifespan of a squirrel is about nine years.
12. Human birth control pills work on gorillas.
13. A group of twelve or more cows is called a flink.
14. Your heart beats over 100,000 times a day.
15. Slugs have four noses
16. An ostrich's eye is bigger than it's brain
17. Butterflies taste with their feet
18. Starfish have no brains
19. It is impossible to lick your elbow
20. A pregnant goldfish is called a twit

