

BLUEJAY BEAT

Ripley-Union-Lewis-Huntington High School

August/September 2016

Time Flies

By: Austin Spiller

I am Austin Spiller, I'm a senior and am part of the newspaper and yearbook staff. This will be my third year in digital journalism class; I took it my sophomore, junior, and now senior year. I find the class to be laidback and easy, plus I contribute to helping put together the yearbook and newspaper that students will buy. Besides the class, it's hard to believe that it's my senior year, seems like I just got here. Coming into high school freshman year I was pretty nervous and didn't know where to go or what was to come. Luckily, I figured out that it was actually a little easier than middle school.

High school then became the new normal, so I was used to it. It started to feel like any other school day during the week. When seniors and other upper classmen would tell me how fast it would go by and to enjoy it I believed them, but didn't realize how fast it was really going to be. As the years went on, they became faster and faster to where I couldn't believe how fast time was going by. My junior year was the fastest so far, and I won't be surprised if my senior year goes by even faster. It's hard to believe high school is almost over, but I've enjoyed most of it. Working on the newspaper and yearbook team has been great, and I hope to enjoy it as much as I did the previous years.

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A Senior Already?

By: Elizabeth Campbell

School has started once again, and we are finally getting in a routine. For as long as I can remember, I was so excited to get to high school; it's supposed to be the time of your life, right? Everyone always says, "Enjoy your high school years, they go by so fast." I never believed that I would agree with them.

My name is Elizabeth Campbell, and I am a senior here at Ripley High School. I am in Digital Journalism, and this year I am co-editor of the newspaper and yearbook. Looking back, I remember being a kid, dreaming of going to high school because that is the "cool" stage in your life. I remember everyone telling me not to "wish my life away" because "once you get to high school, your life flies by." I thought they were stupid. "How can my life just speed up when I enter high school," I thought. Then one day, I walked into high school for the first time as a freshman, and my life changed.

As a freshman, I was scared; I had no idea where my classes were, or who my teachers were. I was clueless, and that scared me. I was terrified walking through the halls my first few weeks of high school, but I started to get used to it and fell into a routine. Things started to get easier. Then I started sophomore year, and the classes were harder, but I got used to things and went on. Junior year came and left in the blink of an eye, and here I am in the first month of my last year in high school. I am a senior. I honestly believe I am more scared to leave high school than I was to start. I'm not ready for all of the responsibility that being an adult has. High school really did fly by. I feel like I should be starting my sophomore year, not my senior year.

Here's to a new school year: my last school year. Freshman, enjoy it, live it up, because it really does fly by. Sophomores, do your work, and pay attention in class, but don't forget to have fun. Juniors, this is honestly the best year. As a junior, you have to worry about classes, but this is your last "free" year; next year, you'll be worrying about what college to go to, making sure you have enough credits to graduate, applying for scholarships, and stressing. Enjoy your time in high school because it really does fly by.



A Hot, Sunny August

By: Johannah Fisher

August is a month of hot weather, summer, vacations, and many more adventures. This year August brings one huge event for me in my life: MY SENIOR YEAR! I am beyond excited to be starting my senior year. This is the year that I've been waiting for since middle school when I dreaded waking up at six o'clock in the morning.

This year I am taking 8 classes total at the high school. I take Mr. Scanlan's english 101 class, (a lot of work), Mrs. Ream's podcasting class, Mr. Bowery's psychology class, and Mrs. Ream's dual credit digital video class for semester one. In semester two I will be taking: Mr. Scanlan's english 102, Mrs. McClain's college math, Mrs. Ream's digital journalism, and Mrs. Douglas's spanish three class. I am also going for the honors diploma which over the years required a few more classes than usual.

The one thing I am most excited about for my senior year, is my soccer season. I love soccer more than any other sport, and I have grown up playing it. I find nothing more enjoyable than kicking around a soccer ball on the field. I love to be competitive, and I love to win. This will be my last year to play soccer for Ripley, and this is what is the most depressing about my senior year. I will miss soccer practice every day after school, I will miss the soccer games, and in general I will just miss the game.

This year my sister and I will be in the same school. She is a freshman this year. I am really excited for this because she is a sister and a friend all in one. I know when I'm down she will be there, and when I need a good laugh she will be there. My sister is a really great friend to me, and I can always count on her. Like she says, "Sisters or best friends."

I am also really excited to start going to college. I want to go to Ohio State University, and become a pediatrician. This field has been my choice since fourth grade. I cannot wait to start learning about this profession, and further my education. I also can't wait to try new things, and meet new people.

In conclusion, this August I start my senior year of high school. I am really excited to graduate, and take senior pictures. There will be some bitter moments this year, and there will also be some exciting moments. I am ready for whatever this year may bring. I cannot wait to see what my future has in store for me, and I cannot wait to try new things.



Meet the Staff

By: Stephanie Colston

My name is Stephanie Colston. I am 16 years old, and I am a sophomore at Ripley High School. I've lived in Ripley for almost four years now. I really love spending time with my family and friends. I live with my mom, dad, brother, and sister. I am an absolute animal lover.

One of my favorite hobbies would be reading. I love to eat too. Mostly I hang out with my boyfriend, Luke, and my brother and sister. I am in the Ripley Ridge Runner's 4-H group. I show rabbits, I currently have ten rabbits, one dog and 2 cats. I am also in Ripley JROTC. My favorite season would have to be fall. I love the leaves and hoodie weather. My favorite holiday would have to be Halloween.

I'm pretty athletic, I love to jog and play sports, but I don't like to play tennis. Next year I would like to run cross country. I love listening to music too. I am also a singer. I've been singing ever since I could remember. I've been in one choir competition, and I plan on being in more. I can play three instruments, and I'm working on playing another. I also plan to join the Marine Corps after I graduate, and then I'm going to college to be a choir teacher. I also could live in a pool. Swimming is one of my favorite things to do. When I'm in the water I feel like I can't be stopped.



September Event Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					B & G Soccer @ White oak 4:30pm – 8:30pm Where: Southern State College	Volleyball game @ New Richmond. 10:00am – 12:30pm Soccer B & G @CNE
	Labor day – No School		jhvb vrs f'ville Volleyball @ Manchester 5-7 --- B & G Soccer VS North Adams	Volleyball @ West Union 5-8	B & G Soccer @West Union 5-9	B & G soccer vs Georgetown 4-9 pm CC @ Felicity
		Volleyball vs Fairfield 5-8 pm	CC @ Georgetown SHAC Golf Tournament 4-7 Soccer @ Felicity	Picture Day Volleyball vs White oak 5-8	B & G Soccer VS Eastern 4:30-9 jhvb @ whiteoak	CC @ Bethel Tate B & G Soccer VS Reading Volleyball VS Batavia
	jhvb @ eastern brown 5-6 PTO meeting 7-8 pm	4pm SHAC Golf Tournament Volleyball 5pm west union	B & G Soccer VS Fairfield 4:30-9:30 Volleyball VS Eastern 5-8	SHAC Golf Tournament 4-7 Volleyball VS Eastern	jhvb @ Manchester 5-6	CC @ New Richmond
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SEPTEMBER

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AUGUST 2016

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Senior Survey

By: Stephanie Colston

In a recent survey given to the seniors of R-U-L-H High School, they were asked a series of questions. They were asked if they were excited to be starting their senior year, seventeen said yes and two said no. They were asked if they had any plans after high school twelve said yes, and 9 said no. The last question they were asked was if they were going to miss anything specific after high school, fourteen said they were and twelve said they weren't going to miss anything or anyone.



August/September Birthdays

By: Stephanie Colston

August:

Kassey Arnett - 8/1
Brandon Boling – 8/5
Nicole Mock- 8/6
Siarah Herrmann- 8/7
Hailey Coleman- 8/8
Alexis Dearing- 8/8
Colton Hatfield- 8/9
Jeremy Gillman- 8/14
Britney Hofmann- 8/17
Shallyn Mussinan- 8/17
Ashlee Berry- 8/17
Sierra McRoberts- 8/17
Chester Skaggs- 8/18
Montanna Amriott- 8/21
Justin Garrison- 8/21
Lisa Baucom- 8/27
Tyler Starrett- 8/27
Shelbie Cox- 8/28
Bailey Adams- 8/28
Jacob Seaman- 8/28
Jalynn Sexton- 8/28
Jesse Kinman- 8/30
Dallas Smith- 8/31



September:

Tony Carrington- 9/3
Alexis Stauder- - 9/4
Brianna Lyn Toller- 9/5
Kirkland Swanger- 9/8
Montrez McGill- 9/10
Allison Brooks- 9/11
Andrea Preston- 9/11
Jaslyn Morton- 9/14
Payton Whitt- 9/14
Meggie Scott- 9/14
Jacob Macleod- 9/15
Nicholas Campbell- Johnson- 9/15
Jeremy Curtis- 9/15
Hailey Hopper- 9/15
Landon Klump- 9/17
Anna Dawson- 9/17
Nancy Flaughter- 9/19
Thomas Whaley- 9/21
Laymon Marshall- 9/21
Tori Lewis- 9/23
Brooklyn Presley- 9/23
Juwana Avery- 8/28
Carly McGuffey- 9/28
Shelbie Bowen- 9/29
Tristan Angeles 9/30

That's a Law?

By: Austin Spiller

Ohio

- It is illegal for more than five women to live in a house.
- It is illegal to mistreat anything of great importance.
- No civil arrests may be made on Sunday or on the Fourth of July.
- If you ignore an orator on Decoration Day to such an extent as to publicly play croquet or pitch horseshoes within one mile of the speaker's stand, you can be fined \$25.
- Women are prohibited from wearing patent leather shoes in public.
- It is illegal to fish for whales on Sunday.
- It is illegal to get a fish drunk.
- Participating or conducting a duel is prohibited.



Kentucky

- One may not dye a duckling blue and offer it for sale unless more than six are for sale at once.
- A woman may not buy a hat without her husband's permission.

Indiana

- Hotel sheets must be exactly 99 inches long and 81 inches wide.
- A three dollar fine per pack will be imposed on anyone playing cards in Indiana under the Act for the Prevention of Gaming.
- One may not sniff glue.
- One man may not back into a parking spot because it prevents police officers from seeing the license plate.
- Baths may not be taken between the months of October and March.
- It is illegal to sell cars on Sunday.



Wacky Holidays in September

By: Elizabeth Campbell

1st - National Cherry Popover Day

2nd - International Bacon Day

3rd - Skyscraper Day

4th - Newspaper Carrier Day

5th - Be Late for Something Day

6th - Read a Book Day

7th - National Salami Day

8th - National Date Nut Bread Day

9th - Teddy Bear Day

10th - Swap Ideas Day

11th - Make Your Bed Day

12th - Chocolate Milkshake Day

13th - National Peanut Day

14th - National Cream-Filled Donut Day

15th - Make a Hat Day

16th - National Play Doh Day

17th - Constitution Day

18th - National Cheeseburger Day

19th - International Talk Like a Pirate Day

20th - National Punch Day

21st - Miniature Golf Day

22nd - Elephant Appreciation Day

23rd - Dog in Politics Day

24th - International Rabbit Day

25th - National Comic Book Day

26th - Johnny Appleseed Day

27th - Crush a Can Day

28th - Ask a Stupid Question Day

29th - Confucius Day



2016 Top 10

By: Chelsey Hines

Movies:

1. The Witch
2. Love and Friendship
3. The Lobster
4. Krishna
5. Jungle Book
6. Zootopia
7. Weiner
8. Green Room
9. Swiss Army Man
10. The Meddler

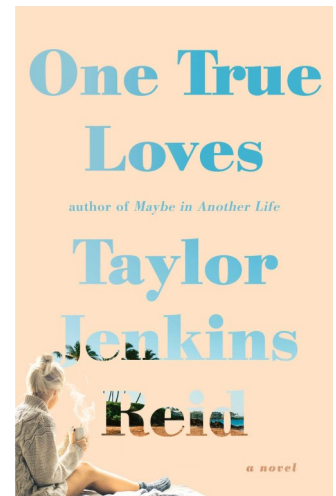


Books:

1. Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi
2. One True Loves by Taylor Jenkins Reid
3. Tracing the Bones by Elise A. Miller
4. The Sweetheart Deal by Polly Dugan
5. Grace by Anthony Doerr
6. Meternity by Meghann Foye
7. So Close by Emma McLaughlin
8. I Almost Forgot About You by Terry McMillan
9. Here Comes the Sun by Tom Holt
10. Girl on Fire by Robin Wasserman

Songs:

1. 7 Years by Lukas Graham
2. One Dance by Drake ft. Wizkid & Kyla
3. I Took A Pill In Ibiza by Mike Posner
4. Work by Rihanna ft. Drake
5. Love Yourself by Justin Bieber
6. Cheap Thrills by SIA
7. Stitches by Shawn Mendes
8. Fast Car by Jonas Blue & Dakota
9. Lush Life by Zara Larrson
10. Sorry by Justin Bieber



What's Up with That?

By: Johannah Fisher

- ◆ Everyone graduating early?
- ◆ No one being at school after first period?
- ◆ The classrooms being hot then freezing?
- ◆ The parking lot being so empty?
- ◆ People eating habanero peppers?
- ◆ People flipping water bottles at lunch?
- ◆ Maysville changing their prices for college classes?
- ◆ Getting charged for gross lunches?
- ◆ Everyone getting tattoos?
- ◆ Weird hairstyles?
- ◆ What's up with summer being almost over?
- ◆ The hot weather not going away?
- ◆ Nasty bathrooms?
- ◆ Pretty Little Liars last season being in April?



Where in the World?

By: Chelsey Hines

- England was part of the shortest war in history.
- The fought Zanzibar in 1896 and surrendered after just 38 minutes.
- It is illegal to die in the House of Parliament.
- Big Ben the name of the clock, it is the name of the bell which is inside the clock.
- Great Ormond Street Hospital owns the rights to Peter Pan.
- One of Christopher Wren's original ideas for St Paul's Cathedral proposed a 60 foot stone Pineapple in place of the now iconic dome on St Paul's.
- The Horse Guards is the official ceremonial entrance to St James and Buckingham Palace, yet the clock face above the entrance has a blank blot marking the hour that King Charles I was executed: 2pm. A bizarre way to commemorate the death of a monarch.



London, England

Jokes and Riddles

By: Dustin Earls

Q: Why did that cat go to Minnesota?

A: To get a Mini soda!

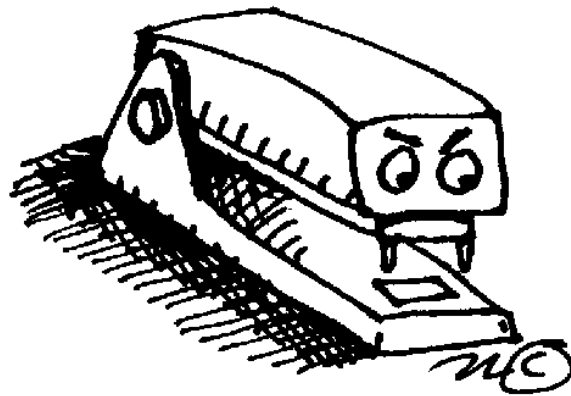
Q: Why did the cow cross the road?

A: To get to the udder side!



Q: What is a Cheetah's favorite food?

A: Fast food.



Q: Why was Dracula in Jail?

A: He robbed a blood bank!

Q: Where should you never take a dog?

A: To the flea market!

Q: I travel all over the world, but always stay in my corner. What am I?

A: A stamp

Q: With pointed fangs I sit and wait; with piercing force I crunch out fate; grabbing victims, proclaiming might; physically joining with a single bite. What am I?

A: A stapler

Q: Why was the chef embarrassed?

A: Because he saw the salad dressing!



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Pharmacy*

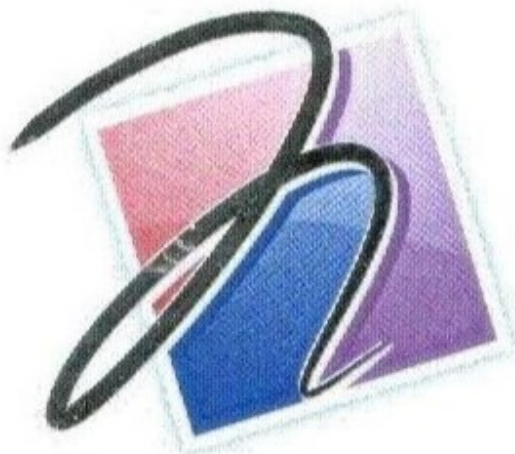
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