

## SAINT PATRICK'S DAY:

### A LOOK AT THE MOST FAMOUS CELEBRATIONS

#### The History and Legends of Saint Patrick's Day

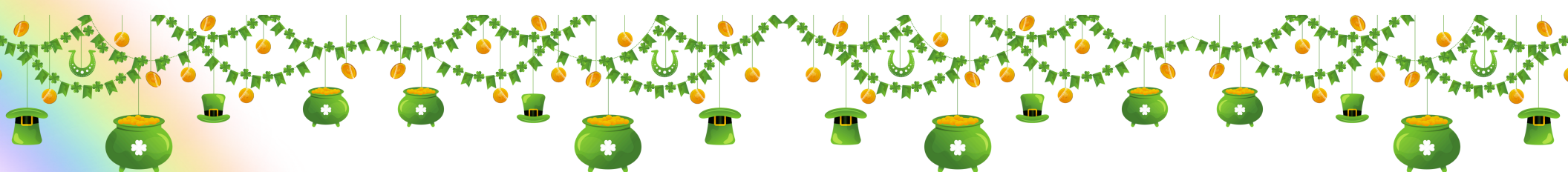
Written by: Cayla Noggle

Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on March 17th, honoring the legacy of Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. The day originated in Ireland and was initially marked by religious observances, including church services and communal feasts. The holiday is named after Saint Patrick, who, according to legend, was born Maewyn Succat in Roman Britain around the late 4th century. At the age of sixteen, he was captured by Irish pirates and taken to Ireland, where he eventually escaped and returned to Britain. However, he later returned to Ireland as a missionary, playing a crucial role in converting the Irish to Christianity. To commemorate Saint Patrick's Day, many Irish Americans indulge in traditional meals, with corned beef and cabbage being a favored dish. This hearty meal reflects the Irish-American culture shaped by immigrant experiences, particularly during the 19th century. Additionally, communities come together to enjoy vibrant parades featuring authentic Irish dancers and musicians, showcasing the rich cultural heritage of Ireland. In Irish mythology, leprechauns are enchanting figures believed to be protectors of hidden treasures, often depicted as small, bearded men clad in green. Folklore suggests that these mischievous beings hide their pots of gold at the end of rainbows, and if a human



Monasterboice High Cross and Round Tower. County Louth, Ireland. Photos by Jim Miesle

manages to capture one, the leprechaun must offer the gold in exchange for their freedom, demonstrating their cunning nature. The tradition of wearing green on Saint Patrick's Day stems from folklore that claims this color makes individuals invisible to leprechauns, who are known for their playful tricks. Additionally, it is thought that wearing green attire brings good luck. The elusive four-leaf clover, a rare find with odds of one in ten thousand, is also associated with good fortune and is often sought after during this festive occasion, making it a beloved symbol of Saint Patrick's Day celebrations.



# Happy St. Patrick's Day





# Local News

Written by: Savannah Sinn

Did you celebrate National FFA Week this year? From February 15th to 22nd, members and supporters were provided with an opportunity to celebrate the organization's role in developing future leaders in agriculture. Students also raise money for their FFA chapter; this year, the goal is to raise one million dollars for agricultural education.

Vantage Career Center, located in Van Wert, Ohio, invited sophomores from neighboring areas to take a look at what attending the career-technical school would look like for them. During the visit, Vantage allowed the sophomores to explore first-hand what the school has to offer, prompting students to take a jumpstart into the workforce.

The citizens of Scott, Ohio have proposed a community garden, which they believe will tremendously benefit the community by reducing environmental hazards, creating a more sustainable system, and strengthening community ties.

# Do You Have the Power to be Invisible?

Written by: Axel Bidlack

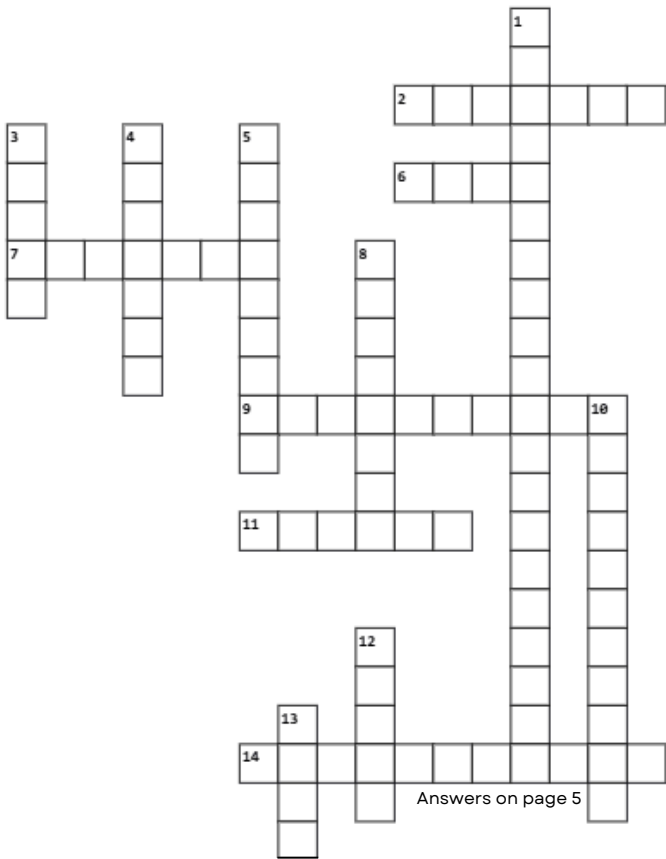
Do you remember how leprechauns would destroy elementary classrooms and put chocolate coins everywhere for you to find on St. Patrick's Day? There are many things you might not know about leprechauns. Like the fact that green isn't the only color they wear? They also wear red clothes. You are told to wear green on this day because you appear invisible to leprechauns, who pinch people for fun! According to some sources, they also hold the ability to live underwater. It is said that if you catch a leprechaun, he will grant you three wishes if only you let him go. What would you wish for from him?

# Campus Events

Written by: Trista Evans

Friday, March 7th: 2 Hour Delay - Staff In-Service  
Friday, March 14th: End of 3rd Quarter  
Monday - Friday, March 17th - 21st: NO SCHOOL - Spring Break

# Saint Patty's Day



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## Across

- 2. First country to hold a Saint Patrick's Day parade.
- 6. What color was originally associated with Saint Patrick's Day?
- 7. What city dyes it's river green every Saint Patrick's Day?
- 9. Mischievous Irish fairy.
- 11. What did Saint Patrick banish from Ireland?
- 14. Day of the month Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated?

## Down

- 1. Each year, thousands of Irish Americans gather with their loved ones on St. Patrick's Day to share a "traditional" meal of...?
- 3. Month in which Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated.
- 4. You will get \_\_\_\_\_ if you don't wear green on Saint Patrick's Day.
- 5. Found at the end of a rainbow.
- 8. Sacred plant in ancient Ireland because it symbolized the rebirth of spring.
- 10. U.S. city with the largest Saint Patrick's Day parade.
- 12. Color that represents Saint Patrick's Day.
- 13. What major Catholic holiday does Saint Patrick's Day occur during?

# Sunday Cartoons







# March Horoscopes

Written by: Jericho Guyton

- Aries (March 21 - April 19):** March brings a focus on health and wellness. It’s time to reassess your routines and prioritize self-care.
- Taurus (April 20 – May 20):** You are encouraged to express your creativity and emotions. Step out of your comfort zone and share your talents and feelings.
- Gemini (May 21 – June 20):** It is time to declutter both your physical space and family dynamics for a healthier sanctuary.
- Cancer (June 21 – July 22):** This month highlights communication; if you have been avoiding difficult conversations, now is the moment to express yourself.
- Leo (July 23 – August 22):** March prompts you to evaluate your self-worth and finances. Clear any mental or financial clutter.
- Virgo (August 23 – September 22):** It is time to let go of what’s no longer serving you and to prioritize personal growth.
- Libra (September 23 – October 22):** This month is about self-care and spirituality. This month, you are encouraged to connect with your inner self.
- Scorpio (October 23 – November 21):** March’s eclipse on the 14th focuses on friendships, bringing clarity or closure to social circles that may no longer align with you.
- Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21):** This month highlights your career sector. Reflect on your current path and aim higher if you feel stagnant.
- Capricorn (December 22 – January 19):** March invites you to seek new experiences; think of March as a door for new opportunities for travel or education.
- Aquarius (January 20 – February 19):** Focus on transparency in your relationships during March; dive deeper into emotional ties and shared resources.
- Pisces (February 20 – March 20):** March is all about embracing your main character energy. This month will shed light on your partnerships, providing clarity if you have been uncertain about a relationship. For singles, this month is a chance to release old wounds and welcome new possibilities.

## Elf: The Musical

Wayne Trace just wrapped up a very successful weekend on the stage at Payne Auditorium with its performance of *Elf: The Musical*. In director Nicole Morehead’s debut, a winter wonderland was created using new projection technology. From the North Pole to the streets of New York, a cast of over 40 performers brought the story of Buddy the Elf to life through amazing songs, incredible choreography, and unforgettable lines. Performances like this don’t just happen overnight. After auditioning in November, students began rehearsals in December and continued practicing after school and on weekends at the high school before moving over to the stage at Payne a month before the show. Students in the Engineering Design, Visual Primer, and Art Technology classes also spent weeks creating props and set items along with goodie boxes and promotional materials.

The schedule for this year’s production was a bit different than in the past due to several factors. Many of the performers, along with the conductor Mr. O’Donnell and accompanist Mrs. Wenninger, are also involved in the high school band and choir competitions which are the weekend of March 7. With spring break starting the following weekend, March 15, the musical found itself starting earlier than usual. However, the early date combined with this year’s winter weather just added to the storyline. The cast and crew would like to thank the Wayne Trace community for their continued support of the Performing Arts programs and look forward to bringing you yet another outstanding musical next year!



Lights Technician Hunter Lyons works under the careful observation of Buddy the Elf

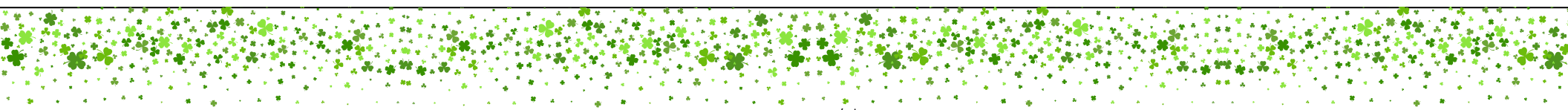


Show Lights  
By Stefany Lopez-Castillo

Backstage I’ll be, anxious to go out  
See, perfection isn’t what this is about  
The stage lights dim & the spotlights shine  
Right at my face, oh sweet light divine

I’ll play pretend and even dress up  
I’ll twist and bend and play with makeup  
I’ll become someone else just for one night  
Ear to ear, smile so bright

I’ll think of my love for the stage mid-dance  
Thanking God I gave performing a chance  
Knowing the stage is where I belong  
And the stage lights have been calling my name all along





# Take a Slice

Written by: Allison Noggle

Math enthusiasts from every corner of the globe gather to commemorate Pi Day on Thursday, March 14 – a date that perfectly aligns with the first three digits of the infinite and enigmatic number known as pi. This day serves as more than just a celebration of mathematics; it is a joyful occasion where friends and family indulge in a variety of delicious pie offerings, ranging from sweet treats like apple pie to savory delights and even everyone’s favorite, pizza. Long before the advent of computers, illustrious scientists like Isaac Newton dedicated countless hours to painstakingly calculating the decimal places of pi by hand, revealing the depth of human curiosity and determination. In contrast, today’s researchers harness the power of advanced computing technology to uncover trillions of digits of pi, diving deeper into its mathematical mystery, yet still finding no endpoint to its infinite series. This never-ending journey into the decimal places of pi not only highlights the persistence of human inquiry but also adds a layer of enchantment to this beloved mathematical constant.

# Faculty Feature

Written by: Cayla Noggle

When Mr. Noah Goodrich, a history teacher at Wayne Trace High School, was asked to describe himself in three words he exclaimed, “Relaxed, goofy, and kind... I tend to have a very laid-back mindset about most things and try not to take myself too seriously.” Mr. Goodrich was asked for one piece of advice he would give to students and he instantly stated, “Regardless of what you are involved in, commit yourself to it 100% and don’t be afraid to fail.” Mr. Goodrich was a basketball player for the Defiance College Yellow Jackets; in his senior year, he was 10/11 from the free-throw line and had a total of 132 points. Leading up to college, Mr. Goodrich believed he wanted to

be an athletic trainer; however, he tediously reconsidered after witnessing a football player experience a compound fracture, so he decided to major in integrated social studies with a minor in history. While Mr. Goodrich may be a laid-back person in and out of the classroom, he is not as calm while playing Jeopardy, in which he is undefeated against his fiancée. In the final minutes of his interview, Goodrich was asked what he likes to do outside of the school to which he stated, “I enjoy playing old man basketball, video gaming with my friends who have moved away, and reading books I find interesting.”

# Understanding Lent

Written by: Allison Noggle

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which falls on March 5, 2025. This season lasts for 40 days, symbolizing the time Christ spent suffering in the desert. The 40 days of Lent are counted from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday but do not include Sundays. While Sundays are significant during Lent, they are set apart as a time to remember and celebrate the Resurrection of Christ during Mass. Lent concludes with the start of the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday, which this year will be observed on April 17, 2025.

# Are You a Gamer?

Written by: Axel Bidlack

Every year, we select a few E-Sports games to showcase based on their popularity and the number of players who participate. This year, we are excited to have Fortnite and Overwatch 2 on the roster! We would love to see even more people get involved in E-Sports next year, as this would open the door for more amazing games. Join us in the fun!

# Is it Still a Debate?

Written by: Cayla Noggle

You walk into a pizza shop with a friend who orders a Hawaiian pizza, what are your initial thoughts? Are you gonna share the pizza with them (knowing you like it or are willing to try something new) or are you going to be appalled they want pineapple on their pizza, so you decide to order a personal pizza for yourself?

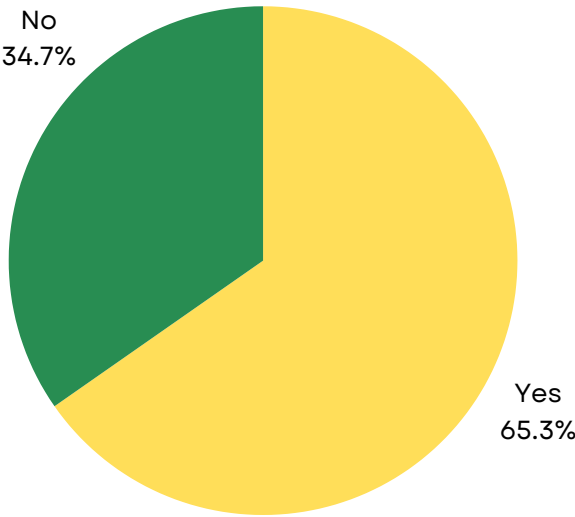
**Ariana Viola** (Sophomore) - I believe when the pineapple is cooked, it becomes the perfect textural addition to the pizza. When pineapple is added to pizza, there is a balance of sweet, salty, and fat, and when the proportions are right, it makes a great and satisfying bite. Pineapple on pizza is not a debate, it is a choice.

**Ashlyn Manz** (Freshman) - Pineapple should 100% not ever be considered on pizza. By itself, pineapple can be great, but on pizza... disgusting. Pizza is meant to be a balanced blend of flavors, and pineapple throws off this delicate equilibrium. Fruit and grains are two food groups that should remain separate.

What do you think about pineapple on pizza? Does pineapple throw off the pizza equilibrium or does it add to the balance of sweet and salty?

# Does pineapple belong on pizza?

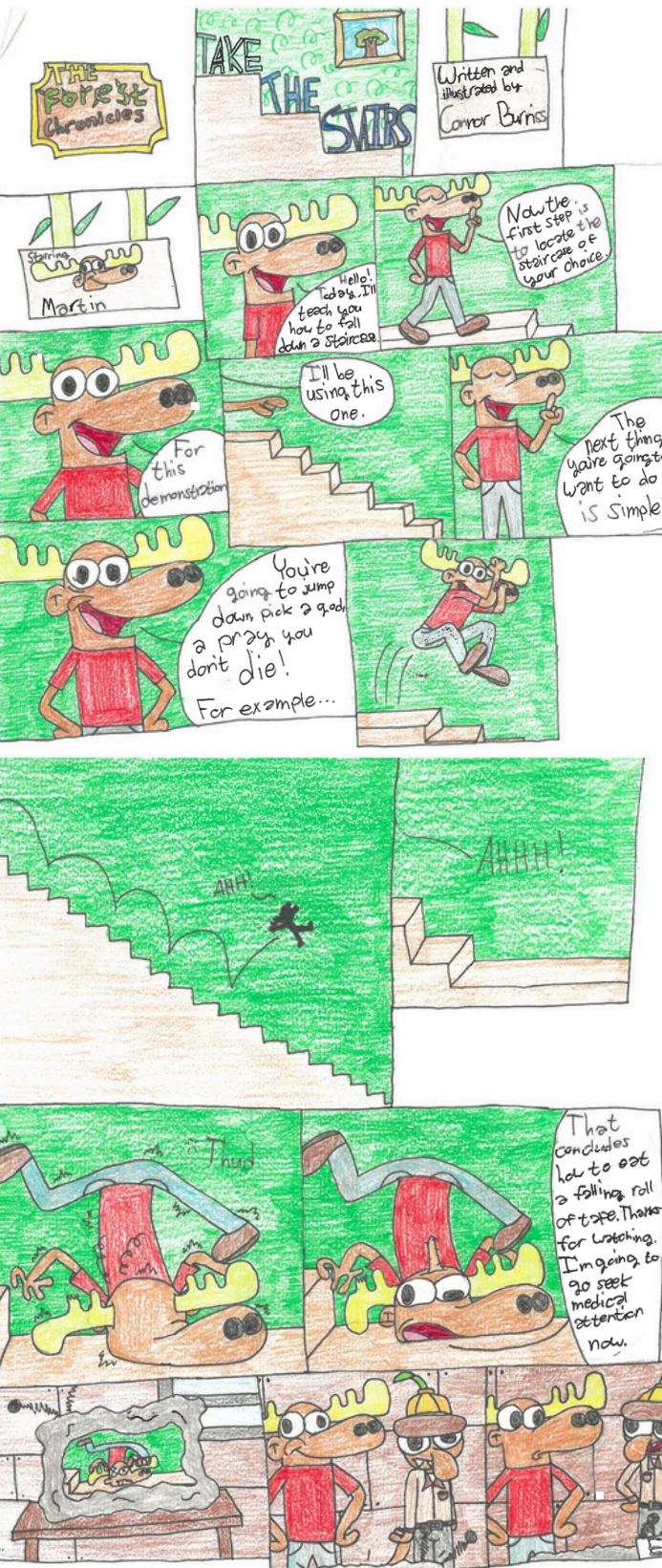
Wayne Trace students share their thoughts:





Artist Avenue

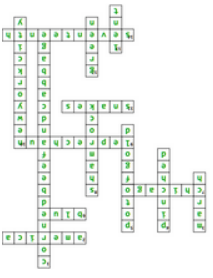
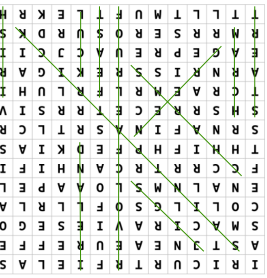
Created by: Connor Burriss



Kenzie Johnson and Madison Pease presenting at the OETC Conference in Columbus



Student artwork featured at the LORE exhibition in Van Wert



Saint Patrick's Day

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SAINT PATRICK  
TREATS  
GREEN  
IRELAND

IRISH  
FOUR LEAF CLOVER  
LUCK  
FEAST

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CHARMS  
MARCH

Mask Under the Beauty

Written by: Jericho Guyton

In the shadows cast by love's cruel game,  
A heart once bright now bears the shame.  
Whispers of friends, a warning bell,  
Yet in his charm, I fell- oh, how I fell.

His words like honey, sweet and warm,  
But underneath, a brewing storm.  
A puppet's dance, I played my part,  
Unraveled threads of a fragile heart.

Promises made in the dark of night,  
Turned into lies with the morning light.  
Each smile a mask, each laugh a chain,  
Freedom lost in this tangled pain.

watched as truth slipped through my hands,  
As he drew lines in shifting sands.  
With every tear, a lesson learned,  
Trust misplaced, a love that burned.

Now echoes linger, haunting and clear,  
The love I thought was, now cloaked in fear.  
But strength is born for the ashes of sorrow,  
And I'll rise anew, embrace tomorrow.

For every friends who spoke the truth,  
Their voices strong, a guiding proof.  
Though heartbreak stings, I'll find my way,  
To brighter skies and a brand new day.







## Blood Can Kill

Written by: EmmaJane Benschneider

March draws attention to the difficulties that blood and bleeding disorders give patients and families. Some are, inheritable blood and bleeding disorders. National Bleeding Disorder Awareness Month allows for those suffering from hemophilia, Von Willebrand disease, rare factor disorders, and more a chance to share their lives, stories, struggles, and successes with others. According to The National Bleeding Disorders Foundation, “The body produces 13 clotting factors. If any of them are defective or deficient, blood clotting is affected; a mild, moderate, or severe bleeding disorder can result.” There are about 3 million people nationwide who are affected by bleeding disorders. As stated by The American Society of Hematology, “Hemophilia affects mostly males. Many more people are affected by Von Willebrand disease, the most common inherited bleeding disorder in America, caused by clotting proteins. Von Willebrand disease can affect both males and females. Platelet disorders are the most common cause of bleeding disorder and are usually acquired rather than inherited.” Despite that these disorders affect millions of individuals, many people are unaware of the struggles those with bleeding disorders experience.

## Laugh a Little

Written by: Anna Manz & Trista Evans

Have you ever heard of quiet tennis before?  
It's played the same, just without all the racket.

I heard there were some break-ins over at the parking garage. That's wrong on so many levels.

Did you hear about the Italian chef who died?  
He pasta-way.

Where do rainbows go when they've been bad?  
To prism, so they have plenty of time to reflect on what they've done. Don't worry, it's a light sentence.

How does a penguin build its house?  
Igloos it together.

## Rules of the Road

Written by: Trista Evans

When driving on the highway, most people are familiar with the basic laws like obeying the speed limits and using the proper turn signals. However, many lesser-known rules of the road can significantly enhance your safety and efficiency. While driving on the highway, the left lane is generally used for passing and faster-moving traffic, and the right lane is used for slow-moving vehicles. Staying in the proper lane helps maintain a smooth traffic flow and reduces the risk of accidents caused by sudden changes in lanes. Secondly, you should avoid driving in another vehicle’s blind spot. Driving in these areas increases the risk of an accident because the other driver may not be able to see you when changing lanes. To ensure your safety and the safety of others, pass through these blind spots quickly to avoid them. Additionally, always check your blind spots before changing lanes. By making yourself familiar with these lesser-known rules of the highway, you can become a courteous driver. These practices will enhance your safety and contribute to a more efficient driving experience for all drivers on the highway.



## Remembering Our Past: Girls’ Team Shows Determination

November 25, 1981

Mr. Pressler is the new coach for the girls basketball team. He says that team would win if a team only had hustle and a good attitude. the girls work as hard as any group of athletes possibly could. He states, “I have been very pleased with their progress.” The strengths of the team are quickness, good attitude, desire to learn, and good senior and junior leadership. Some weaknesses also are evident like the size of the team and inexperience with nine sophomores and six freshmen on the roster. The returning lettermen are Michele Gudakunst, Deena Hicks, and Vicki Lytle. The other members are Joyce Stanton, Lisa Foreer, Jane Sinn, Marsha Dealet, Tracey Baer, Paulda Collins, Ginny Bunnell, June Horney, Lanette Saylor, Beth Ladd, Robin Tumblin, Roxanne Wolford, Jennifer Saylor, Sherri Lytle, Diane Rosswork, Jan Ladd, and Angie Yenser.







# Sophomore Profiles

**Katelynn Bauer**

Dream Vacation: Thailand  
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Seigman  
Favorite Dessert: ice cream cake  
Planned Occupation: surgeon  
In 10 years ... I see myself in college. If I'm not in college then training for my career path.  
Advice: Do your homework; trust me, your grades will drop heavily if you don't.

**Liz Graham**

Dream Vacation: Bahamas  
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Seigman  
Favorite Dessert: ice cream  
Planned Occupation: labor and delivery nurse  
In 10 years... I see myself graduating college, delivering babies, and living my dream. Overall, see myself being very happy.  
Advice: Work hard for what you want and don't let others bring you down. There will always be people who are jealous of you and your successes. You're worth so much more than what you are credited for and you always need to remember that.

**Keagen Sharp**

Dream Vacation: Japan  
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Seigman  
Favorite Dessert: brownies  
Planned Occupation: car mechanic  
In 10 years ... I see myself with my dream car and house next to a lake in the country or mountains.  
Advice: Don't slack off and turn in your work.

**Olivia Zartman**

Dream Vacation: Iceland  
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Smithmyer  
Favorite Dessert: apple crumble  
Planned Occupation: occupational therapist  
In 10 years ... I see myself having a job as an occupational therapist or an occupational therapy assistant.  
Advice: Go to Vantage.

**Grayson Sutton**

Dream Vacation: Italy  
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Seigman  
Favorite Dessert: ice cream  
Planned Occupation: lawyer  
In 10 years ... I see myself wealthy.  
Advice: If you only have 10% to give, and you give 10%, you gave 100%.

**Johnalynn Shellenbarger**

Dream Vacation: Hawaii  
Favorite Teacher: Mrs.Wannemacher  
Favorite Dessert: cherry cheesecake  
Planned Occupation: chief  
In 10 years ... I see myself having a job and living in a safe environment.  
Advice: Use your study halls wisely!

**Dakota Densmore**

Dream Vacation: Bahamas  
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Seigman  
Favorite Dessert: ice cream  
Planned Occupation: welder  
In 10 years ... I see myself having a wife, house, and everything figured out related to my future.  
Advice: Do your homework.

**Isabelle O'Shaughnessey**

Dream Vacation: Santorini Greece  
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Seigman  
Favorite Dessert: cookies  
Planned Occupation: hairstylist  
In 10 years ... I see myself as a hairstylist, traveling around the world, and probably dating because I don't want to get married too young.  
Advice: Try your hardest in school from the very beginning and don't fall into peer pressure.

**Kahlee Fore**

Dream Vacation: Australia  
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Seigman  
Favorite Dessert: cookies  
Planned Occupation: English teacher  
In 10 years ... I see myself either in communications or teaching in a high school classroom.  
Advice: Don't get in a car accident a week after getting your license resulting in two totaled cars.

**Arianna Viola**

Dream Vacation: Greece  
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Seigman  
Favorite Dessert: brownies  
Planned Occupation: prosecuting lawyer  
In 10 years ... I hope to graduate from college, be engaged, and own a house or an apartment.  
Advice: Do the extra activities like going to homecoming, going to the games, and being involved with the student body.

**Isabella Osorio**

Dream Vacation: Bahamas  
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Smithmyer  
Favorite Dessert: lava cake  
Planned Occupation: child phycologist  
In 10 years ... I see myself out of Ohio and making money.  
Advice: Turn in your missing work even if you got nothing right.

**Miley Jacobs**

Dream Vacation: Hawaii  
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Seigman  
Favorite Dessert: cheesecake  
Planned Occupation: electrition  
In 10 years ... I see myself living happily.  
Advice: Don't take life seriously.

**Anna Manz**

Dream Vacation: Italy  
Favorite Teacher: Mr. O'Donnell  
Favorite Dessert: unknown  
Planned Occupation: psychologist  
In 10 years ... I see myself finishing up college and maybe getting married.  
Advice: Respect yourself enough to try your hardest.

**Madison Gilbert**

Dream Vacation: Paris  
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Seigman  
Favorite Dessert: brownies  
Planned Occupation: preschool teacher  
In 10 years ... I see myself living in the country with 2 to 3 children, married to a hard-working man, and working as a preschool teacher.  
Advice: Don't let your friends distract you from getting your work done, causing you to get bad grades. Freshman year is one of the most important years because it's the starting point for your GPA.

**Kenzie Johnson**

Dream Vacation: Hawaii  
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Seigman  
Favorite Dessert: cookies 'n cream ice cream  
Planned Occupation: marine animal behavioral specialist  
In 10 years ... I see myself living in Florida with a stable job, preferably at a Clearwater Marine Aquarium. Also, I would like to have a couple of pets (either cats or dogs).  
Advice: Do your work, don't slack off. It will pay off in the future.

**Campbell Volk**

Dream Vacation: Egypt  
Favorite Teacher: Mr. Gerber  
Favorite Dessert: tiramisu  
Planned Occupation: social worker  
In 10 years ... I see myself working as a social worker, having a family, and living in a new place.  
Advice: Be kind and don't be afraid to be yourself.

**Amber Stoller**

Dream Vacation: Bahamas  
Favorite Teacher: Mr. Baumle  
Favorite Dessert: ice cream  
Planned Occupation: occupational therapist  
In 10 years ... I see myself working as an occupational therapist, hopefully married, and maybe having a kid.  
Advice: Focus on your grades, but have fun!

**Naomi Perez Tello**

Dream Vacation: Hawaii  
Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Seigman  
Favorite Dessert: cheesecake  
Planned Occupation: nurse  
In 10 years ... I see myself as a nurse, who is married with 3 kids.  
Advice: Pay attention in school.





# Staff Profiles

**Matt Kennicutt**

Favorite Class in High School: marching band  
I attended... Bowling Green State University.  
Favorite Dessert: chocolate peanut butter brownie ice cream  
Dream Vacation... France  
If I had to pursue a different career I would choose... marketing and sales.  
If I could buy anything I would buy... a Tesla, I heard it is a pretty cool car!  
Advice: Always have a positive mindset, focus on being goal-oriented, and try the best you can every single day, even if you are not pleased with the results. Every single one of you has a bright future ahead of you—just know that! Always be yourself, and know that as teachers, we are here to support you.

**Amelia Rogers**

Favorite Class in High School: English  
I attended... Indiana Wesleyan University.  
Favorite Dessert: cherry cheesecake  
Dream Vacation... Maldives  
If I had to pursue a different career I would choose... to be a media content coordinator  
If I could buy anything I would buy... a private jet to travel wherever and whenever I want!  
Advice: “No one in life will remember who was the smartest, best dressed, most athletic, etc. However, people will remember how you made them feel” -Karen Seigman.

**Shawn Gerber**

Favorite Class in High School: American History  
I attended... Bluffton College.  
Favorite Dessert: strawberry cheesecake  
Dream Vacation... Holy Land  
If I had to pursue a different career I would choose... to be in the FBI.  
If I could buy anything I would buy... Lamborghini Revuelto.  
Advice: Make good decisions!

**Susie Johnson**

Favorite Class in High School: bookkeeping  
I attended... Ohio Northern University.  
Favorite Dessert: ice cream  
Dream Vacation... Iceland  
If I had to pursue a different career I would choose... accounting.  
If I could buy anything I would buy... a home on Mackinac Island.  
Advice: Study hard, work hard, play hard, and do it all with a smile.

**Jack Baumle**

Favorite Class in High School: physics  
I attended... The Defiance College.  
Favorite Dessert: Oreo Cookies (plain)  
Dream Vacation... Italy  
If I had to pursue a different career I would choose... to be a surveyor.  
If I could buy anything I would buy... farm ground.  
Advice: Don't get in the habit of taking the easy way out, do the hard things now, so you can do the harder things later.

**Kayla Gawronski**

Favorite Class in High School: science and math  
I attended... Defiance College.  
Favorite Dessert: red velvet cheesecake  
Dream Vacation... Alaska  
If I had to pursue a different career I would choose... to be a veterinarian since my undergraduate degree was in Pre-Veterinary Medicine.  
If I could buy anything I would... pay off all my family debt and then buy a large wooded property for hunting.  
Advice: Don't rush to grow up! Adulthood can wait. Try to enjoy your school years more. Get involved, take risks, and make it your mission to have the most fun.

**Joni Klopfenstein**

Favorite Class in High School: biology or math with Mr. Jack Baumle :)  
I attended... Defiance College and Bowling Green State University.  
Favorite Dessert: banana cream pie  
Dream Vacation... Antarctica  
If I had to pursue a different career I would choose... to be a brain surgeon.  
If I could buy anything I would buy... a dark gray Aston Martin  
Advice: Apply yourself to your education. You have no idea what's in your future, so getting a good education will provide you with choices.

**Danielle Okang**

Favorite Class in High School: English  
I attended... Grand Canyon University.  
Favorite Dessert: cake  
Dream Vacation... Ghana  
If I had to pursue a different career I would choose... industrial psychology.  
If I could buy anything I would... pay off debt.  
Advice: Kindness is really that easy. You have no idea what demons others are dealing with!

**Valerie DeVelvis**

Favorite Class in High School: English  
I attended... Bowling Green State University and Nova Southeastern University.  
Favorite Dessert: scotcheroos  
Dream Vacation... somewhere tropical with a beach!  
If I had to pursue a different career I would choose... to be a labor and delivery nurse.  
If I could buy anything I would buy... a beach house.  
Advice: Stay focused and study hard, but don't forget to have fun, too!

**Tricia Langhals**

Favorite Class in High School: French  
I attended... The Ohio State University.  
Favorite Dessert: Graeter's coconut chip ice cream  
Dream Vacation... London  
If I had to pursue a different career I would choose... fashion or interior design.  
If I could buy anything I would buy... peace and kindness.  
Advice: Nothing bad ever comes from being KIND

**Noah Goodrich**

Favorite Class in High School: World War II  
I attended... Defiance College.  
Favorite Dessert: dirt pudding  
Dream Vacation... a river cruise through Europe  
If I had to pursue a different career I would choose... IT, something working with computers.  
If I could buy anything I would buy... a new car.  
Advice: Be curious and do the best you can to enjoy your learning. A positive attitude goes a long way!

**Paul Jones**

Favorite Class in High School: social studies  
I attended... Defiance College/Bowling Green State University.  
Favorite Dessert: lemon meringue pie  
Dream Vacation... Hawaii  
If I had to pursue a different career I would choose... marine biology  
If I could buy anything I would buy... an island in the tropics  
Advice: Put yourself in a position where you NEVER have to look back on your life and wish you had done it differently.

**Alayna Kistler**

Favorite Class in High School: English  
I attended... Bowling Green State University.  
Favorite Dessert: scotcheroos  
Dream Vacation... Cancun  
If I had to pursue a different career I would choose... event planning.  
If I could buy anything I would buy... ocean front property.  
Advice: Learn from your mistakes, in order to improve.

**Megan Chapman**

Favorite Class in High School: biology  
I attended... Bowling Green State University and Defiance College.  
Favorite Dessert: Tiramisu  
Dream Vacation... Iceland  
If I had to pursue a different career I would choose... bioengineering.  
If I could buy anything I would buy... a Dodge Viper.  
Advice: Be kind. Kindness gets you further in this world than anything else.

**Sarah Franz**

Favorite Class in High School: Spanish  
I attended... Bowling Green State University/Heidelberg and Dayton.  
Favorite Dessert: cookies  
Dream Vacation... Fiji  
If I had to pursue a different career I would choose... business.  
Advice: Work hard, show up, and have fun.







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**Jana Smithmyer**

Favorite Class in High School: physical education  
I attended... Ohio Northern University.  
Favorite Dessert: peanut butter pie  
Dream Vacation... Hawaii or Scotland  
If I had to pursue a different career I would choose... nursing.  
If I could buy anything I would buy... An entire square mile with plenty of woods to hunt in. I would build a house for each of my kids on each side of the mile and put my house somewhere on a corner. We would all be close while at the same time having our own space.  
Advice: Just be kind. Don't lie. Never buy groceries when you're hungry! Always shop with a grocery list. You will save yourself so much money if you're not hungry and have a list.

**Elizabeth Nichols**

Favorite Class in High School: Spanish or band  
I attended... University of Toledo.  
Favorite Dessert: rhubarb pie  
Dream Vacation... Spain  
If I had to pursue a different career I would choose... to be a teacher with a concentration in History.  
If I could buy anything I would buy... a big piece of land with a nice house and an in-ground pool.  
Advice: Understand that failure is ok and is part of life; it is important to know how to pick yourself up and keep going after you fall. Also, look up from your phone and tell the people who you care about that you love them! You never know when you'll get another chance to do so.

**Jim Linder**

Favorite Class in High School: history  
I attended... Defiance College.  
Favorite Dessert: coconut cream pie  
Dream Vacation... Hawaii  
If I had to pursue a different career I would choose... business.  
If I could buy anything I would buy... an island.  
Advice: Just be a good, kind, respectful person in whatever you are doing. Try your best to get along with everyone. Be nice to people every chance you get, realizing some people are just hard to get along with.

**Ed Stuart**

Favorite Class in High School: Art  
I attended... Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.  
Favorite Dessert: peppermint bark  
Dream Vacation... Switzerland  
If I had to pursue a different career I would choose... architecture.  
If I could buy anything I would buy... a 1955 Chevy Belair, 2-door Hardtop, fully restored, candy apple red.  
Advice: Quote from Lou Holtz - "Your talent determines what you can do. Your motivation determines how much you're willing to do. Your attitude determines how well you do it."

**Matt Holden**

Favorite Class in High School: AP History  
I attended... Bluffton University.  
Favorite Dessert: cheesecake  
Dream Vacation... Europe during the winter for a ski/snowboard trip  
If I had to pursue a different career I would choose... to be a computer scientist or a mechanical engineer.  
If I could buy anything I would buy... the Dallas Cowboys.  
Advice: Maintain a positive attitude every day and be kind to everyone. Friends may change over the years, and what feels important now might not matter later. Embrace experiences and personal growth, but don't hesitate to return home—Northwest Ohio is a great place to settle down, and being involved is the best way to improve your community!

**Tim Manz**

Favorite Class in High School: AP Biology  
I attended... Youngstown State University, Defiance College, and Bowling Green State Univerity.  
Favorite Dessert: raspberry cream pie  
Dream Vacation... African Safari and Hunt  
If I had to pursue a different career I would choose... pediatric oncology.  
If I could buy anything I would... pay for every person to be able to develop a skill that would help them be successful in the job market and life.  
Advice: Failure is OK and is a part of life. When you fail, pick yourself back up and try again in a new way. If you aren't occasionally failing, you aren't challenging yourself enough.

**Kim Miller**

Favorite Class in High School: Spanish  
I attended... Defiance College.  
Favorite Dessert: butterscotch pie  
Dream Vacation... Israel  
If I had to pursue a different career I would choose... to be a librarian.  
If I could buy anything I would buy... land.  
Advice: Always be kind. Someday, your children will be in activities with the children of your classmates. You will work, worship, and serve alongside former classmates in your community. They will not remember your sports stats or the clothing you wore, but they will remember how you treated them.

**Maureen Sorenson**

Favorite Class in High School: math  
Favorite Dessert: chocolate cake with fluffy white frosting  
Dream Vacation: Scotland  
If I had to pursue a different career I would choose... accounting  
If I could buy anything I would buy... an island off the coast of Maine and build a summer home  
Advice: Never give up; always strive to do your best on everything and remember that making mistakes helps you learn IF you learn from your mistakes.

**David Sorensen**

Favorite Class in High School: band  
I attended... Bob Jones University.  
Favorite Dessert: blueberry pie  
Dream Vacation... Ireland  
If I had to pursue a different career I would choose... to be a medical doctor.  
If I could buy anything I would buy... Red Ryder Carbine-action 200-shot Range Model Air Rifle.  
Advice: Celebrities and athletes like LeBron James, Patrick Mahomes, and Taylor Swift achieved their success through hard work and practice. You, too, can succeed through dedication. Right now, school is your "job," and your classes and homework are the training sessions that build your skills. The grades you earn reflect your effort and are crucial for your future. If you haven't viewed school this way, now is the time to start.

**Rhonda Walters**

Favorite Class in High School: History  
I attended... Indiana Tech and Bowling Green State University.  
Favorite Dessert: coconut cream pie  
Dream Vacation... Ireland  
If I had to pursue a different career I would choose... education (my first few careers were business-related).  
If I could buy anything I would buy... unlimited airfare and accommodations.  
Advice: Enjoy life! Position yourself financially so you can do the things you love with the people you love. There will be good times and bad, but the good always outweighs the bad. Grow spiritually to navigate both!

**Karen Seigman**

Favorite Class in High School: science  
I attended... Ashland University and Youngstown State University.  
Favorite Dessert: peach cobbler  
Dream Vacation... Ireland, England, and Scotland  
If I had to pursue a different career I would choose... to be a physician's assistant.  
If I could buy anything I would buy... a beach house.  
Advice: Your education opens so many doors for your future, so don't waste it. Take full advantage of every opportunity to learn something new.

**Rachel Wiechart**

Favorite Class in High School: accounting  
I attended... adult classes for phlebotomy and medical assistant.  
Favorite Dessert: peach pie  
Dream Vacation: Hawaii  
If I had to pursue a different career I would choose... teaching  
If I could buy anything I would buy... a bigger camper  
Advice: Life goes fast, so enjoy your time!





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**Jessica Holden**  
Favorite Class in High School: show choir  
I attended... Bowling Green State University.  
Favorite Dessert: cherry chip cake  
Dream Vacation... Japan  
If I had to pursue a different career I would choose... to be a veterinarian.  
If I could buy anything I would buy... a horse.  
Advice: You can choose your attitude, you can choose to be happy, choose to be positive. You do not need to let something bad or negative affect you if you don't want it to.

**Lori Keipper**  
Favorite Class in High School: communications and public speaking  
I attended... The Ohio State University.  
Favorite Dessert: butterscotch pie  
Dream Vacation... Ireland and Scotland  
If I had to pursue a different career I would choose... Ag buisness management.  
If I could buy anything I would buy... a bookstore and coffee shop.  
Advice: Don't be afraid to try something just because it's not your “thing” --you might be surprised.

**Katy Bowman**  
Favorite Class in High School: art  
I attended... Ohio University.  
Favorite Dessert: tiramisu  
Dream Vacation... somewhere with a tropical climate  
If I had to pursue a different career I would choose... archeology or criminal profiling.  
Advice: Mistakes are meant to be made. It's what you do differently the next time that matters.

**Mike Myers**  
Favorite Class in High School: personal finance  
I attended... Bowling Green State University.  
Favorite Dessert: oreo dessert  
Dream Vacation... Hawaii  
If I had to pursue a different career I would choose... business.  
If I could buy anything I would buy... a cure for cancer.  
Advice: Get involved! Make a positive difference in this world! Make positive connections and relationships with others! Do good deeds!

**Megan Fitzwater**  
Favorite Class in High School: Ag classes or physics  
I attended... The University of Findlay.  
Favorite Dessert: ice cream cake  
Dream Vacation... Ireland  
If I had to pursue a different career I would choose... nursing.  
If I could buy anything I would buy... farm land.  
Advice: Enjoy your high school years - they are what you make it!

**Rachel Wannemacher**  
Favorite Class in High School: industrial arts  
Favorite Dessert: Nothing Bundt Cakes  
Dream Vacation... Turks and Caicos  
If I had to pursue a different career I would choose... to be a guidance counselor.  
If I could buy anything I would buy... a private Jet - pilot and fuel included.  
Advice: Always be kind to yourself, listen more than you speak, embrace change, and stay true to your values.

**Kasey Mills**  
Favorite Class in High School: art  
I attended... International Business College.  
Favorite Dessert: I prefer french fries or salty chips over dessert.  
Dream Vacation... Costa Rica  
If I had to pursue a different career I would choose... retail management.  
If I could buy anything I would buy... property where the warm sun shines all year long  
Advice: You can't change the people around you, but you can change how you are around people.

**Angie Stokes**  
Favorite Class in High School: graphic art  
I attended... Bowling Green State University, St. Francis, and Chatham.  
Favorite Dessert: all!  
Dream Vacation... Korea  
If I had to pursue a different career I would choose... museum studies.  
If I could buy anything I would buy... peace.  
Advice: Don't be afraid to try something new; we learn from all of our “happy mistakes!”



Top (left to right): Axel Bidlack, Savannah Sinn, Jericho Guyton  
Middle (left to right): Cayla Noggle, EmmaJane Benschnaider, Kaylee Fore  
Bottom (left to right): Trista Evans, Allison Noggle, Anna Manz

