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Democratic Voters Are Feelin' The Bern

MarinCarey-StaffReporter

Bernie Sanders was elected to the U.S. Senate after 16 years as Vermont's sole congressman in the House of Representatives. And despite being viewed as a left-wing extremist, he is making strong leads in the polls for President of the United States in 2016.

On May 26, 2015 Sanders announced candidacy to a group of his supporters in his home state of Vermont.

In 1981, he was elected as mayor of Burlington, Vermont's largest city, by a very close 10 votes. As Mayor, Sanders made strides towards affordable housing, progressive taxation, environmental protection, child care, women's rights, youth programs and the arts. While under his rule, the city thrived and became very lively. Sanders refers to himself as a Socialist, which is a person who believes in political and economic theory that advocates that the means of production, distribution, and exchange should be owned or regulated by the community as a whole. He later went on to enter Congress as a member of the House of Representatives and became the longest serving independent member of Congress in American history.

"I think that a socialist government would not work in a free trade economy, and also I think he could never win an election because the majority of people who support him are under 18," Connor Keating, junior, said in regards to Sanders and his Socialist policies.

In Congress, he intensely fought to eliminate the gap between rich and poor through taxation and job creation. He also fought for women's issues and LGBTQ+



Bernie Sanders giving a speech. Courtesy of digital.vpr.net

issues. He also passed more amendments than any other member of congress.

On October 13, Sanders fought in his first Presidential debate against the democratic frontrunner, Hillary Clinton. He addressed issues such as gun control, the wage gap, free education, and other policies he continuously fights for.

As President of the United States, Sanders wants to continue his work on the issues he took into his hands in Congress. He also has fought the current election system and its money-based popularity tendencies. Candidates like Donald Trump have major businesses

funding their campaigns to help gain support. Sanders on the other hand relies primarily on donations from his supporters.

"I think Bernie Sanders is a pretty cool guy. I think that he for sure will have a very good chance going into the final election as the representative for the democratic party. I think he has really good views in regards to women and just equality in general making things better for people. I saw people talking about him on Twitter which inspired me to go and look up more articles about him and inform myself." Ally Banks, sophomore, said.



Some other issues that Sanders is involved in include income and wealth inequality, creating decent paying jobs, a living wage, climate change and environment, racial justice, a fair and humane immigration policy, fighting for women's rights, fighting for LGBTQ equality, caring for our veterans, strengthen and explain social security, fighting to lower prescription drug prices, reforming wall street, real family values, war and peace, and his supporting of the Iran deal.

"Bernie Sanders in my opinion is the most honest person in congress. I have never met him, but I have been in the same room with him. And I have spoken to many people who work on Capitol Hill because I am from Washington D.C. and they have said that that man is so honest because he honestly believes in his political viewpoints. He is a socialist, and he doesn't miss words he says (I am a socialist if you like me great and if you don't I don't care.) So I think he is a very honest man," Tavish Whiting, Social Studies teacher, said.

"The American people must make a fundamental decision. Do we continue the 40-year decline of our middle class and the growing gap between the very rich and everyone else, or do we fight for a progressive economic agenda that creates jobs, raises wages, protects the environment and provides healthcare for all?" Sanders said courtesy of www.berniesanders.com/issues

This shows that Sanders is a firm believer in change and moving forward as a country and as a people. To find out more information about him, visit his website www.berniesanders.com or find him on social media.

Corrupting Cars the Volkswagen Scandal



OliviaGray-SportsEditor

Volkswagon cars are prepared to be purchased in the Lee's Summit lot.

Photos by Cara Panarisi

On Tuesday, September 22, Martin Winterkorn, then-CEO of Volkswagen, admitted that the car manufacturer has been installing software in some vehicles in order to pass the United States and European emissions tests.

U.S. emissions tests set a legal limit of exhaust emissions produced by different engines or vehicles. Volkswagen installed software called "defeat devices" into their cars, allowing them to cheat emissions test and to emit 40 times the legal amount of nitrogen oxides. This improved performance and fuel economy, but it can also lead to respiratory illness.

"It is bad for the environment and it's harmful to people. It is not safe and they should try and fix it to make it environmentally friendly and safer for people," Tyler Aeilts, sophomore said.

Winterkorn, resigned after admitting the news of the scandal. He claimed he was personally innocent, but accepted the responsibility for the company's dishonesty

and stepped down in hopes to restore consumer trust in the company.

"I am doing this in the interests of the company even though I am not aware of any wrongdoing on my part," Winterkorn said (courtesy of www.huffingtonpost.com).

Matthias Mueller, CEO of Porsche, replaced Winterkorn on September 25. Three days later, German prosecutors announced the launching of a full investigation of Winterkorn. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and United States Justice Department are also investigating the scandal.

"I would not buy another Volkswagen unless it was newer and they fixed the problem. It is also expensive to get anything fixed," Savannah Periman, junior, said.

The "defect devices" were installed in Jettas, Beetles, Golfs, and Audis as early

as 2009. They were also installed in Passats in 2014-15 models.

The manufacturer estimated 11 million cars affected worldwide. Audi, a brand of Volkswagen, has admitted that 2.1 million of its cars have been supplied with the emissions software around the world. Nearly 13,000 of affected Audis were sold in the United States. It was announced 1.2 million Skoda models were also involved. Volkswagen has recalled about 482,000 vehicles in the U.S.

On Thursday, October 8, German prosecutors invaded Volkswagen Headquarters in Wolfsburg, Germany. Instead of protesting, the company offered any assistance to the prosecutors and willingly supplied them with many documents.

That same day, Michael Horn, Volkswagen U.S. CEO, presented himself before Congress. Although he said

none of the American workers were aware of the hidden software, he pledged to fix all of the cars containing the software that were sold in the US. He did not, however, have a timeline for 375,000 out of the nearly 500,000 cars affected.

"To my understanding this was not a corporate decision. This was something individuals did," Horn said (courtesy of www.wsj.com).

Volkswagen said they were going to spend 7.3 billion dollars to help cover the costs of the scandal as an attempt to regain consumer trust and company honor. The EPA, however, can charge the company up to 37,500 dollars for every car that had not passed the emissions test. This adds up to about 18 billion dollars in fines to the EPA alone.

Unfortunately, money may not be enough to repair the relationship with the public. Although the Volkswagen Group has made strong efforts to fix their mistakes, they broke consumer trust and only time will tell if they can ever regain it.

Putting a Stop to Abuse

ChrisMcLean-StaffReporter



Courtesy of www.pressconnects.com

There are several different types of abuse that affects the lives of thousands of people daily, including Lee's Summit residents. Often times people are too scared to talk about it with others. Abuse victims need to know they are not alone and share their problems with a trusted friend or a teacher so they can get help.

Abuse can be, physical abuse, which is where someone physically harms another person. Emotional abuse, where someone puts a person down verbally. Also, sexual abuse, which includes rape. Financial abuse, where someone is controlling another person's money and what they buy. Digital abuse which is where a someone bullies or harasses another person using technology, stalking, where someone is, following or harassing another person and making them feel afraid or unsafe.

Forty-four percent of people who are sexually abused are

under 18-years-old. Eighty percent are under 30-years-old. There are about 293,000 victims of sexual abuse yearly (<https://rainn.org/statistics>). Twelve percent of girls in High School have been sexually abused (<https://rainn.org/statistics>). Over forty percent of males in High School have been victim to domestic violence (<https://rainn.org/statistics>).

"Do not be afraid to call child services, they will protect you from the abuser," Cade Hughes, senior, said.

One in fourteen children have been physically abused and over 6,800 children have needed protection from physical abuse in the past year (<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/>).

"If you are in this situation you should gather your things and go to a friend's house. Make sure you contact someone that will help you," Hughes said.

Over one million Americans

over the age of 65 have been subjected to financial exploitation (<http://www.ncea.aoa.gov/>). One out of every fourteen cases of financial abuse happen in domestic places such as the victim's home (<http://www.ncea.aoa.gov/>). Almost 17% of women are financially abused (<http://www.ncea.aoa.gov/>).

Fifty-six percent of youth ages 14 through 24 have been abused through social and digital media (<http://www.apnorc.org/>).

"The potential for the abuse of power through digital networks - upon which we the people now depend for nearly everything, including our politics - is one of the most insidious threats to democracy in the Internet age," Rebecca MacKinnon, former CNN journalist, said (courtesy of www.brainyquote.com).

Fifteen percent of 14 through 25-year-olds have sent inappropriate pictures of

themselves to people and over half of these were sent because the sender felt pressured by the receiver (<http://www.apnorc.org/>). The receiver would beg and plead and sometimes threaten the sender to send the pictures.

Sharing a sexually suggestive message or an inappropriate picture as means to embarrass or shame the sender can be a form of digital abuse.

"Definitely tell someone, if they abuse you once, they will certainly do it again," Jenell Johnson, sophomore, said.

"Even though you are scared, try and find your best friend or a person you can talk to and see if there's a way they can help you," McKenzie McLean, senior, said.

If someone is in a situation like this, they can call a free abuse hotline at, 1-800-422-4453.

NEWS STRAIGHT OFF THE PRESS

DanielleZammar-JuniorEditor



Courtesy of www.usatoday.com

Local News

Two Kansas City firefighters, Larry J. Leggio and John V. Mesh, passed away Monday October 12th after a part of the apartment building fire they were fighting collapsed. A memorial service for both of the firefighters was held on Saturday October 17th to recognize both of the servicemen.



Beloved Kansas City Chief's running back and one of the best running backs in the league has now torn his right ACL and in result, will be missing the rest of this NFL football season. Jamaal Charles previously tore his left ACL in the 2011 season and hopes to recover just as quickly this time.



Courtesy of www.astrobites.org

National News

NASA scientists have revealed a potential breakthrough in hopes that there is a possibility of life beyond Earth and in hopes to travel within our solar system one day. In late September, scientists discovered the existence of liquid water on the planet Mars which provided that life might still have a chance of surviving there.



A shooting occurred in Roseburg, Oregon this past October when Chris Harper-Mercer shot at and killed nine victims on Umpqua Community College's campus. Fourteen firearms were discovered by officials to be connected to the shooter as well. Harper-Mercer supposedly committed suicide after exchanging gunfire when police officers and state troopers arrived on the scene.



Courtesy of www.ccn.com

Worldwide News

Initially forming in the eastern Pacific along Mexico's coast on October 20th, hurricane Patricia rapidly intensified to a category 5 hurricane and peaked to become the most powerful tropical cyclone ever measured in the Western Hemisphere. As quickly as the storm strengthened though, it weakened. There are no confirmed storm-related fatalities or major damage in Mexico as of now.



British singer and songwriter, Adele took the world by surprise on October 23rd with the release of her first single in three years, "Hello". Offering a first taste for her upcoming album, the wait for the highly anticipated "25" will come to an end on November 20th.

ANIME: JAPAN'S GATEWAY TO AMERICA

ZoeRickman-StaffReporter

Walking the halls of Lee's Summit North High School, the hallway walls are covered head to toe with pictures of staff and students and pieces of paper advertising clubs and sport events. One the students at LSN may have seen on the walls: Anime Club. In Anime club, people of all grades meet and greet in studio 2006 to discuss the newest and most popular anime shows.

Want to experience Japanese culture first hand? Joining anime club will give the advantage to travel to Japan in July 2017 with the LSN Anime club sponsor (and librarian) Michael Russell. High school students from LSR7 will be on the trip (current nominated middle-schoolers are welcome to sign up; they will be high schoolers when traveling).

"In anime club we discuss new anime coming out as well as talk about anime related events coming up, like conventions and recent episodes of our favorite animes," Emily Walkenshaw, senior, said.

Dates that the anime club meets are: October 14, 2015; November 18, 2015; December 16, 2015; January 13, 2016; February 10, 2016; March 16, 2016; April 13, 2016; May 18, 2016.

"Anime club is an eclectic group of people who enjoy reading graphic novels, watching anime, doing cosplay, attending cons, and creating our own art. At club meetings we have discussed everything from how to build your own cosplay (costume play) of your favorite character to convention etiquette. We meet once a month in Elliott Hall from 2:30 to 3:30. Anyone is welcome to attend any meeting. We

are a very welcoming and accepting group and would love to have you join us!" (courtesy of Anime Club LMC web page).

Anime Club elects club presidents each year and this year's winner was Kebron Green. The candidates each thought of unique and inspirational ways to run for Anime Club president. Each made videos in whichever environment they wanted to, like their houses, at the school or outside. Green ended up winning the "election"!

"Usually at every meeting, we pick an anime to watch and we watch the first few episodes of the series. I enjoy Anime Club because the members are super nice and friendly and funny. It's learning of new anime and talking about ones we've already seen that I love the most," Wakenshaw, said.

Multiple Anime that they end up sharing with each other include: Full Metal Alchemist, Dragon Ball Z, Sword Art Online, Death Note, Attack on Titan, Soul Eater, Phsyco-Pass and many, many more, as there are hundreds of different anime shows to choose from.

"I am not a member of anime club, but I do enjoy sitting in with my friends and experiencing what being in a club is really about," Mara Mueller, senior, said.

Being a part of a club in high school, whether it be for sports, or anime, being involved will improve social skills for the future and provide many life long friends.



Anime club discussing which anime show they want to watch next.
Photo by Savannah Mullen

The Loud and Proud Crimson Crazyies

BlairClark- StaffReporter

The loud chants and encouragements are not just coming from the proud parents of student athletes. That big mob of students seen in the bleacher at sporting events, especially football, basketball and volleyball is the LSN student section. Leading it all, the loud and proud Crimson Crazyies, cheering on the Broncos to achieve the win.

The Crimson Crazyies are all about how loud they can be. They are always cheering on the Broncos, but out cheering the opposing team is their favorite thing to do. Out cheering is their game.

"My favorite team to out cheer is Lee's Summit West. We do not like LSW, so cheering against them and then beating them was a great moment as a Crimson Crazy," Seth Templeman, senior, said.

Even though one of their main goals is to out cheer the other team, they are mostly there to help encourage the Bronco athletes to bring home the win. Some coaches believe there should not have to be a whole student section for the athletes to do well, but they encouragement is always nice.

"Being in Crimson Crazyies and being an athlete is great. I always want to be at a volleyball game to cheer, but since I'm the one playing, that is not possible. The Crimson Crazyies are great to have there though. When we make a good play, it is always nice to hear the roar of the crowd. It is a great confidence booster," Anna Demmer, senior, said.

The Crimson Crazyies are also like one big family. Together they cheer as loud as they can and all of that cheering is for the Bronco family. The Crimson Crazyies add an enjoyable experience to the sporting event, it would not be the same without them.

"At football games, the Crimson Crazyies are there to party the whole night.

We start early by tailgating, and once the game starts, it is an even bigger party. All together, it is a great experience," Demmer said.

The Crimson Crazyies try to make it to most sporting events. The question of wondering if they are there will not come up. They are heard everywhere at the game, loud and proud. No matter what the situation, they never stop cheering. The Crimson Crazyies are always there behind the Broncos, before the game and after.

Another big part of the night is the theme. Some of the past themes have been white out, crimson and silver, America, Halloween costume night and many others. One of the favorites from the past has been Silent Night for basketball.

"We are definitely doing Silent Night this year. It was awesome last year. Silent Night is one of my favorite themes and a lot of the other Crimson Crazyies favorite themes," Matt Shortino, graphics technology teacher, said.

Not only are the themes just for fun, they also play into the game and cheers chanted. With Silent Night, everyone has to be completely quiet for it to work. It works best at basketball games and after the 10th point is scored, the crowd goes wild. The louder the better, but the Crimson Crazyies are always loud. Anyone at LSN can join them in cheering. The more students, the better.

Overall, the Crimson Crazyies are there to have fun. But most of all, they are there to support the Broncos till the end. Win or lose, they are behind the Broncos, as loud as they can be.



The Crimson Crazyies supporting the football team with their American theme.
Photos by Megan Busse



Introducing THE NEW TEACHERS OF LEE'S SUMMIT NORTH

HaleyHynes-StaffReporter

A new school year brings in several new teachers. The current number of new teachers at Lee's Summit North for the 2015-2016 year is at a high of 17. New teachers tend to go unnoticed by most students all year long. Starting at a new school can be challenging and scary. They deserve some recognition and a little time to tell the school about themselves.

Ranging from all different courses, the new teachers are Adriene Ray, Science; Brad Light, Choir; Jamar Mozee, Language Arts; Jessica Grindstaff, Life Skills; Katie Purkey, Business; Kerry Greenwood, Math; Mark Schmidt, ROTC; Michele Hinkle, FACS; Mick Cronk, Social Studies; Nicole Morris, French; Nicole Tigner, Science; Tracy Wrisinger, Math; Aaron Layendecker, Spanish; Nascenia Cates, Math; Rebecca Seitz, Counselor; and Sharon Ahuna, Assistant Principal.

Why do you teach?

Mick Cronk

"Growing up in the Lee's Summit School District, I had some amazing teachers, if I could have the impact on someone's life like they have had on mine, that is what I aspire to do," Cronk said.



Mick Cronk

Katie Purkey

"My mom is an awesome kindergarten teacher (Mrs. Bryant at Mason Elementary) and I have wanted to help students further their education. High school is a great age because you can hold students accountable and they are making plans for their future which is an exciting time in their life," Purkey said.



Katie Purkey

Kerry Greenwood

"I want to share my love of math with my students in a way that helps them understand it better," Greenwood said.

Why did you choose LSN?

Rebecca Seitz

"LSN has always been a dream school for me. I lived in Lee's Summit for several years and always knew I wanted to be here. It is an amazing place to be," Seitz said.

Jessica Grindstaff

"I chose to teach at Lee's Summit North because it has such a great reputation and it has a very welcoming environment," Grindstaff said.

Where did you go to school?

Adriene Ray

"I have a B.A. from KU, a B.S. in Chemistry from Metropolitan State College of Denver, and a M.A. from WGU," Ray said.



Adriene Ray

Aaron Layendecker

"I graduated from Western Michigan University with a bachelors in Education and Spanish and English Majors," Layendecker said.

How do you like LSN so far?

Nicole Tigner

"I love LSN so far, the staff is great, the students are great, I love the energy and support that I get from those around me. I am so involved in activities here and look forward to coming to work each day," Tigner said.

Tracy Wrisinger

"I love LSN. I like the mix of classes I am teaching. I love the opportunities available to students and the atmosphere in which they are encouraged to reach beyond their comfort level. There is great school spirit, and an expectation of excellence. I love working with teachers who are constantly looking for better ways to reach their students. My students make me smile. This is a great place with involved parents, dedicated teachers and interesting students. I feel blessed and honored to be here," Wrisinger said.

Michele Hinkle

"So far so good - I love the students here at LSN and enjoy seeing them every day. They often inspire me and teach me new things as well. That's what education is all about! It's a win-win for all," Hinkle said.

Mark Schmidt

"Students and staff are clearly above average in all respects," Schmidt said.

LEND A PAW: LOCAL ANIMAL SHELTERS

RachaelMcMillin-Co-EditorInChief

From sleepy puppies to playful kittens, animal shelters give a home to any animal that is in need. Many shelters around the Kansas City Metropolitan area are becoming full to the brim with animals, so they need help from people who are looking to get a new pet, adopt.

The Kansas City metro offers many places to visit animals of any types, from goats at a petting zoo to polar bears at the actual zoo, the town flourishes with activity. Those animals have homes, but some do not. According to the National Council on Pet Population Study and Policy (NCPSP), less than 2% of cats and only 15 to 20% of dogs are returned to their owners. Stray dogs and cats are on the rise in the United States and it is impossible to determine the amount of stray animals, but there is an estimate of 70 million cats that do not have a home.

Fortunately, there are few shelters in the metro that support the non-euthanizing cause. One of them is Wayside Waifs which offers a home to all types of animals without homes.

"Wayside Waifs is committed to finding homes for all adoptable pets. Wayside is the largest pet adoption campus in Kansas City, placing over 5,400 animals each year in loving forever homes. Wayside does not euthanize adoptable animals, and there are no time limits for animals in our care. Only animals suffering from significant medical issues or those that pose a danger are humanely euthanized. Wayside Waifs is proud to be a part of Kansas City's no kill community," (courtesy of waysidewaifs.org).

If a person comes into contact with a stray animal they should: think about their safety first, consider the safety of the animal, be ready to rescue the animal, if possible restrain the animal, when approaching the animal make sure to speak calmly and reassure the animal, try to lure the animal into the person's car with food and then close

the door and wait for help to arrive. If the person is not able to safely restrain the animal make sure to call the authorities and if the person is able to transport the animal make sure to take the animal to the nearest animal shelter.

"My family believes in adopting dogs rather than buying them from a breeder because we think that it is better for the community by making room in the animal shelter and better for the animal because they are in a home again," Tessie Deselich, senior, said.

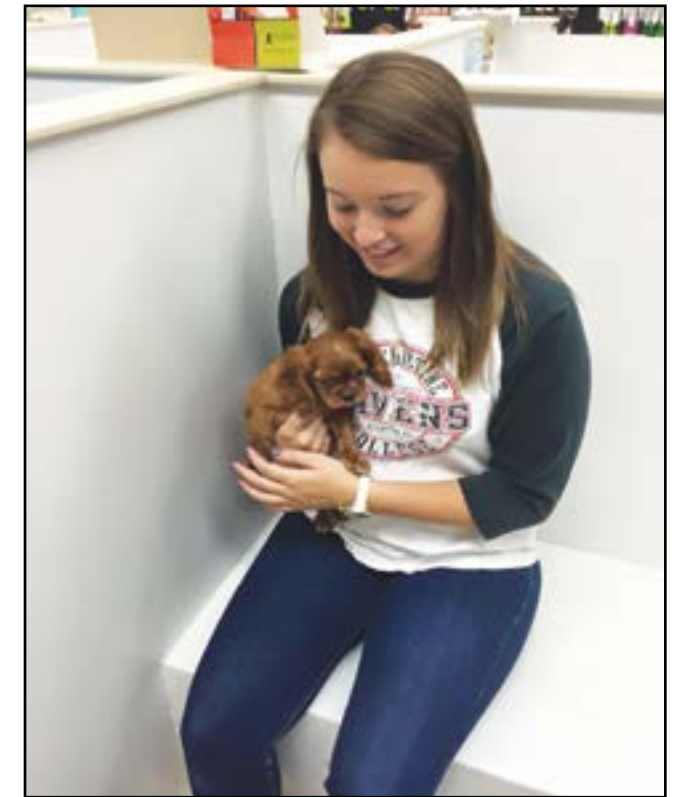
There are other animal shelters in the metro like, the Lee's Summit Animal Control Department, KC Animal Shelter, HELP Humane Society and PAWS. All of these shelters are open during the week during normal business hours and some shelters like PAWS and HELP Humane Society have options to browse the animals they have at their shelters online.

"I go once every two weeks to hold the puppies because they are really sweet and I want them to find good homes. They are in little cages all day and I go to hold them," Betsy Bartle, senior, said.

Along with adopting an animal comes fees and responsibility of the person looking to adopt. Most of the time the animal shelter will do research on a person looking to adopt to make sure that the animal will be a good fit for the person and their family. The fee that comes along with adopting an animal is mainly a little under \$100, depends on the shelter's own fee, but this does not guarantee that the animal will be spayed or neutered. Make sure if a person is looking to adopt to call the shelter and ask about their fee and pricing for vaccinations.

Even if a person is not looking to adopt, they can visit a shelter and volunteer to spend time with the animals and take care of them.

Whether a person wants to adopt or not, there are options in animal



Mackenzie Vandelloo, senior, beams with excitement at holding a puppy. Photo by Mackenzie Vandelloo

Lee's Summit Animal Control
Department

Wayside Waifs

PAWS

KC Animal Shelter

HELP Humane Society

shelters for people to help out the community by showing love for some animals.

Let's Go Clubbin': The Clubs of LSN

HannahJohnson-BusinessManager

The A+ program is funded by Missouri and it will pay for up to six semesters of college at a community college. In order to receive this money, students must have 95 percent attendance, a qualifying score for the Algebra I End of Course Exam, attend a qualifying A+ school for three years, a 2.5 GPA and complete 50 hours of tutoring.

"It helped me get volunteer hours that look good on college and scholarship applications. Also, it is a good back-up plan in case I decide not to attend a four year university," Brooke Dean, senior, said.

Ten hours of community service are needed to graduate. Hours can be counted starting after the last day of eighth grade through senior year. The guidance office can help students find places to volunteer. These hours may not seem necessary to some people, but it helps the school interact with the community and continue to improve community relations.



National Honor Society (NHS) is an organization for seniors. At the end of their junior year or throughout their senior year they may be accepted based on the GPA, community service and discipline. Being a member of NHS looks great on college applications as well as getting to know people while serving the community together.

"NHS is a great experience that allows you to hang out with friends and volunteer to help the community while doing so. The best part about NHS is the group." Lucas Hall, senior, said.



The Family and Career Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) club works with the community to help its members improve their leadership skills. Through this, FCCLA participates in a lot of community service and helping out the less fortunate.

"FCCLA is a great way to meet new people all over the U.S. It helps to not only improve your community, but yourself. It has also made it easier to speak in front of people and I have learned how to be a leader," Brenna Johnson, junior, said.



The Broncobots compete in the worldwide FIRST Robotics competition. At the beginning of the build season, the teams are given a game to have their robots play. The teams then have six weeks to build a functioning robot to compete in these competitions.

"The best part of robotics is the team. We are all really close and like family. We all support each other and learn together. I have made friends for life through this team. People should join robotics because it will change their life! I have greatly improved my public relations and speaking skills...it really gave me confidence. I love it and it is the most fun thing in my life," Connie Wentworth, sophomore, said.



Make48 is a competition for inventors. The competitors have 48 hours to make an invention that can be mass produced. The 48 hours starts with a category for the inventions. This year four people from the robotics team entered the competition and won first place with a prize of 6,000 dollars. The team consisted of Wentworth, Stacey Edmonson, Kenzie Settle (juniors) and mentor Joella Sommerhauser. In approximately the next 60 days the team will hear from companies at the competition to see if they are willing to

invest in their product.

"[It was exciting because] we managed to make something useful no one else had thought of," Edmonson said.



Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is a branch of the business department. Members help the community and through this hope to better their speaking skills and feel comfortable leading a group.

"I am more comfortable speaking in front of a group and it helps the business side with the role plays at competitions," Gunnar Gronberg, junior, said.



The Glitz, the Glam and All That Jazz

Zoey Barnes-Co-Editor In Chief

It is the desire to see a name in the lights, the want for fame and the need for fortune, that prompted Chicago, to be created. First performed in 1975, Chicago has become one of the most well known and prestigious musicals today. So when the LSN theater department found out that 2015's fall musical would be Chicago, the bar had been set. Students had their work cut out for them and were prepared for the challenge.

"I have always been a fan of the darker shows and since it's been a few years since we've done a pretty dance intensive show, so I wanted to combine the two. That's when Chicago popped in my head," Shayne Daniel, theater teacher, said.

Chicago is the story of young Roxie Hart (Haley Wolff), a woman who has only ever wanted to see her name in lights and of Velma Kelly (Cassandra Caruso), a woman who has already made her place in Hollywood, in the prohibition era of the 1920's. When Roxie is accused of murdering a lover, Fred Casely (Daniel Nietzy), she is thrown into a women's prison. Ironically, it is the same prison Velma has made home in. The only way to prove both of their innocences, they have to have the help of Billy Flynn (Chris Minx), Chicago's, finest and most alluring lawyers.

"I play Billy Flynn in the show. I would describe him as a greasy lawyer who only cares about money, not about his clients," Chris Minx,

senior, said. Since this show is still a running Broadway show and goes on national tours, it is a highly selective show. Samuel French owns the rights to Chicago, and only lets a few amateur theater troupes produce it a year. To be selected, French and his company will look into past shows, to make sure a particular troupe has the capability of producing the show and doing it justice.

"It was kind of like throwing a dart to a dartboard, blind-folded. I did not expect to get the rights. When I did find out, I made sure to take a survey with the students and theater booster parents, to make sure this would be something people would be willing to do,"

Daniel said.

To have a show done like Chicago and done well, the actors need to have a wide vocal range and the ability to pick up on dance moves quickly. Chicago has 19 musical numbers, 11 of which are very dance intensive.

"I have been dancing for about four years now, and have been taking voice for the same amount of time. I've also always done choir, so I'm always singing. To prepare for the show I went to the dance camp over the summer, and practiced the audition songs over and over to be fully prepared," Haley Wolff, senior, said.

Since this show is all about the glitz and the glam, it is imperative that the backstage and onstage characters work together, to pull off this show. There are all sorts of

different moving parts and kinks to the set LSN has created. During the show the entire stage will be utilized, filled with ensemble and lead roles alike. For scenes like Razzle Dazzle, All That Jazz and We Both Reached for the Gun, many different types of special effects will be used.

"Basically, we took every number and layered it with some element of tech theater to make each number special and our own," Daniel said.

To compensate for the cost of this show, anybody interested in seeing the show, could auction for a seat on the stage, bringing a whole new level to the front row seating. The set itself will have different levels, mirroring a nightclub, so that the auctioneers will be placed sporadically throughout the set, making it seem as if they were patrons to the nightclub.

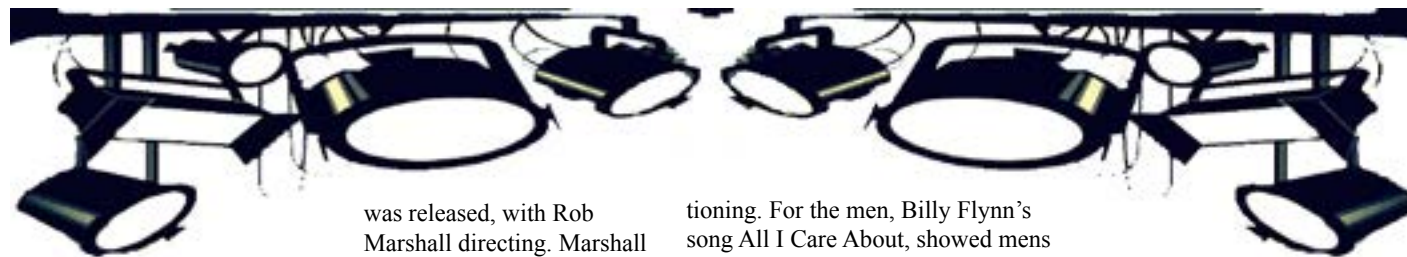
"We are still working on the set, and it will not be fully completed until the week before opening night. We want it to be something we're proud of when the curtain goes up," Daniel said.

Chicago has been adapted into many different off Broadway, on



Students rehearse "All That Jazz".

Photo by Megan Busse



broadway and even in film. This show was first on Broadway in 1975, running 936 shows before 1977. Originally written and choreographed by Bob Fosse, Fosse's style is strongly known because of this show. After its close in 1977, it ran 600 times in 1979, and had its final revival in 1996, claiming the name of the Longest Running Musical Revival. As of November 2014, it has had 7,486 performances, making it the second longest running show on Broadway, behind The Phantom of the Opera.

"I've seen the show live twice, once off Broadway, and one on Broadway. Both shows were great, but the on Broadway version was just amazing. Before seeing it live, I had only seen the movie, and the live shows definitely changed my perspective on the movie," Cassandra Caruso, senior, said.

In 2002, the film adaptation

was released, with Rob Marshall directing. Marshall is known for his work with Chicago, Into the Woods and Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides. The women in the movie were Renée Zellweger who played Roxie Hart and Velma Kelly who was portrayed by Catherine Zeta-Jones. Richard Gere portrayed Billy Flynn and John C. Reilly acted as Amos-- Roxie's husband.

"I do like the movie, it's so hard for me to choose if I like the stage or movie version. It takes a more realistic approach but more theatrical," Wolff said.

To make the show LSN's own, their was a very arduous audition week. For women, All That Jazz and A Little Bit of Good, were the audition songs. Both songs included challenging parts, so that Daniel could see vocal ranges of all the students audi-

tioning. For the men, Billy Flynn's song All I Care About, showed mens vocal range and their ability to sing baritone. After vocal auditions, there were two days for dance. Both dances showed a student's ability to catch on to strenuous dances in a short amount of time.

"To prepare for auditions I practiced All That Jazz a lot but also practiced all the other songs just in case something changed. I also went to the dance camp over the summer, which helped since I've never danced before," Caruso said.

Seniors, Haley Wolff, Cassandra Caruso and Chris Minx will be taking the stage. Wolff plays Roxie; Caruso, Velma; and Minx, Billy. Other main characters in the show include Roxie's husband Amos, who will be portrayed by Riley Harley. Emalee Mack will be playing the corrupted prison guard, Mamma Morton, while Alex Rosell will play the shining journalist.

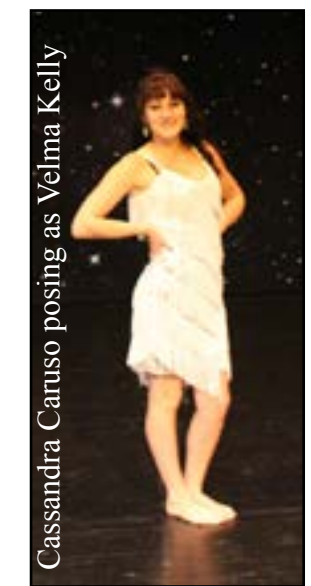
Mary Sunshine

Chicago is best known for its risqué script and flashy costumes. The musical version is rated PG-13, whereas the 2002 movie version has been rated R. To make this show more student-friendly, Daniel has made a few changes to the script which included taking out or changing all the curse words said during the show.

"I am very excited for this show. I cannot wait to see my friends performing with me and I'm excited to see how it all comes together," Minx said.

With its intense dance scenes that will be flashy, showy, and "All That Jazz" and with vocally challenging songs, Chicago will be a show for the yearbooks. The show will run the weekends of November 13-15, and November 20 and 21. Tickets are \$8 if purchased online. Chicago will be sure to "Razzle Dazzle" the audience with each performance.

CHICAGO'S OWN KILLER DILLERS, THOSE SCINTILLATING SINNERS



Cassandra Caruso posing as Velma Kelly

MS. ROXIE HART AND VELMA KELLY!

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Haley Wolff posing as Roxie Hart

Living Young at Young Life

SavannahMullen-StaffReporter

International and local, Young Life is helping adolescents from high school to college deepen their faith with God while being lively and having fun with people who believe in the same religion.

In 1939, Jim Rayburn, a young follower was invited to help make a connection with kids who had no involvement in the church. Eventually, Rayburn got kids together and made a club for people who believed in God.

As an end result, on October 16, 1941, Young Life was officially born and has affected young lives until this day. Since then, every state in the United States and over 90 countries have a Young Life organization. Young Life has taken over 8,000 cities all over the world.

Locally, Young Life has taken over our cities and became a hot spot for high schoolers all the way to college. The Lee's Summit schools make up our local Young Life and is held at Lee's Summit Community Church. Young life is every Tuesday and starts at 7:47 p.m. It is such an unusual time, yet it is easy to remember.

Over the summer, Young Life has a camp

and for our local Young Life members, they go to Crooked Creek, Colorado. A few known members of Young Life from North had the chance of visiting such a place.

"In club, we have a lot of open mic nights and all the people talked about how it was a life changing opportunity and I really wanted to be brought closer to God," Taylor Tays, sophomore, said.

Going to camp is a present and is a time to bond with God. The week at the camp is referred to "the best week of your life" and for LSN kids they would agree.

At the camp, they were not aloud to have a cell phone nor any electronics, except a digital camera. Everyone in this era, does not talk face to face and this is giving them a chance to talk.

"You were kind of isolated without phones, but you were involved with only the people there and you were forced to talk and it was better that way," Taylor Davis, sophomore, said.

The camp changed the way Young Life members think and gave



Photo by Porsha Lewis

them a week to remember. In Colorado, there was many things to do and for a lot of people they could not get enough. As well as being phone less, they went hiking, bonded and sings. They have fun but learn about God, something they went there for.

From Colorado to back to Lee's Summit, the Young Life members were ready to head back into the lively routine of their Tuesday nights.

"Everyone meets up at the church at 7:47 and at 8:08, we go inside and rush down the stairs. From there we dance and sing and then some more dancing and singing. After that we pray and meet with our group leaders," Leana Samyn,

sophomore, said.

The singing is one of the best parts and is what they do most. Members would gather around, meet new friends and dance their hearts out to some religious and latest hits.

After hanging with friends they gather around the stage and listen to prayers and sometimes, open mic night. Open mic night is where members get up on stage and give a story on how they got closer to God or just a good story.

Young life has affected many adolescents lives and will continue to do so as long as it is around. Lee's Summit Young Life is requesting more high school students to join in on the fun and wants LSN students!



American Horror Story: Back to the Beginning

ChrisMcLean-StaffReporter

American Horror Story has been on television since October of 2011 and receives over a million views each time a new episode airs.

MURDER HOUSE

The first season, *Murder House*, takes place in 2011 Los Angeles, California. *Murder House* centers on the Harmon family: Ben, Vivien and their daughter Violet, who move from Boston to Los Angeles after Vivien has a miscarriage and Ben has an affair. They move into a restored mansion, unaware that the home is haunted by its former inhabitants. The theme in *Murder House* is infidelity. Infidelity is shown by the father, Ben, cheating on Vivien and it is shown when Vivien is with child with the Rubber-Man's child. The monster in this season is the Rubber-Man, who is played by Evan Peters.

ASYLUM

Asylum, season two, takes place during 1964 in Massachusetts. *Asylum* originally aired from October 17, 2012 to January 23, 2013. The premise of the second season marked a departure from that of the series' first season, featuring all new characters and a new location, thus marking *American Horror Story* as an anthology series. The season begins in 1964 at the fictional mental institution, Briarcliff Manor, following the stories of the staff and inmates who occupy it, and intercuts with events in the past and present. The monster in this season is Bloody-Face, who is played by Zachary Quinto. The theme in *Asylum* is sanity.

COVEN

Coven, the third season, premiered on October 9, 2013, and concluded on January 29, 2014. The season takes place in 2013, in New Orleans, and follows a Coven of Salem Witches as they fight for survival. *Coven* also features flashbacks to the 1830s, 1910s, and 1970s. The monster in this season is the Axeman. The theme in *Coven* is oppression. Oppression is showed in this season is showed by how the witches have to hide from everyone else and keep their powers a secret.

HOTEL

Hotel's lead actress, Lady Gaga, is playing the owner of the Hotel Cortez and the mother of vampire children who are eight-years-old. *Hotel's* new monster is played by Max Greenfield and looks as if his eye are covered in melted wax or skin. The monster, a drug addict, checks into the hotel looking like a regular man. His name in the show is "Gabriel" who is known as the Addiction Demon. Strange occurrences happen in the hotel, drawing a homicide detective to it. The season is about addiction.

FREAK SHOW

Freak Show, the fourth season, premiered on October 8, 2014 and concluded on January 21, 2015. The season is mainly set in 1952 Jupiter, Florida, telling the story of one of the last remaining freak shows in the United States, and their struggle for survival. This is the first season of the series that is not strictly anthological, with Lily Rabe, Naomi Grossman, and John Cromwell reprising their roles from the series' second cycle, *Asylum*. The monster in *Freak Show* is Twisty. The theme is discrimination. It is showed by having everyone gang up against the "freaks" and hate them for being different.

AMERICAN HORROR STORY

FILMS SOON TO CONQUER THEATRES

ZoeRickman-StaffReporter
 Whether a *Harry Potter* fan or a die hard *The Hunger Games* aficionado, movie fans across the globe are going to be running to the theaters in an attempt to cross these new movies off their film bucket list. With movies featuring Daniel Radcliffe from *Harry Potter*, James McAvoy from *X-men* and multiple actors and actresses from the hit TV series, BBC's *Sherlock*, these films will bring fans together from all different fandoms.

Movies like *The Good Dinosaur* will be great for viewers of a young age and movies like *Leg-end* and *007 Spectre* will bring the older viewers into theaters everywhere.

The Good Dinosaur asks the question: What if the asteroid that forever changed life on Earth missed the planet completely and giant dinosaurs

never became extinct? While being completely family friendly, it also portrays many important lessons worth learning at a young age like: problem solving and communication skills.

As the release date for part two of *Mockingjay* gets closer and closer fans from all around are voicing their excitement.

"I really love all the Hunger Games movies and I have read every book at least three times," Kayla Harding, junior said.

Yet the books are loved largely, seeing the action go from page to screen seems to make everything seem so much larger.

"I am very excited to see the series come to an end. I will be very emotional for me because I've loved the books for so long,"

Harding said.

After being symbolized as the "Mockingjay", Katniss Everdeen and District 13 engage in an all-out revolution against the autocratic Capitol in the brand new film, *The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part Two*.

Bringing a brand new twist to the classic *Frankenstein* (a book written by Mary Shelley in 1818) Daniel Radcliffe (Igor) and James McAvoy (Victor Von Frankenstein) bring these classic characters up to whole other level. Along with Radcliffe and McAvoy, fellow Sherlock actors will be joining the cast, including Mark Gatiss, Louise Brealey and Andrew Scott.

Mad scientist Victor Frankenstein (McAvoy) and his protégé Igor Strausman (Radcliffe) share a noble vision of aiding humanity through their groundbreaking research into immortality. But Victor's experiments go too far, and his obsession has horrifying consequences. Only Igor can bring his friend back from the brink of madness and save him from his monstrous creation.

In an alternate timeline in which an asteroid never hit Earth and dinosaurs never became extinct, a young dinosaur named Arlo loses his father in an accident. One day, Arlo falls into a river and gets knocked out by a rock, finding himself

far away from his home. While trying to find a way back to the Clawed-Tooth Mountains, he befriends a

human cave boy that he names Spot and Spot helps Arlo home. This movie is perfect for not only

children,

but adults as well because it involves witty human that will make the whole family laugh (courtesy of www.IMDB.com).



Mocking Jay Part II movie poster. Courtesy of www.screenstushing.com

November is full of movies; from Frankenstein to dinosaurs. So put on a coat and venture out to the theater!



The Good Dinosaur movie poster. Courtesy of www.comingsoon.net

Lee's Summit Joins the Andy's Family

GracieSnook-StaffReporter

For years, Andy's Frozen Custard has been bringing happiness to families all over the country. Now it is bringing that happiness to Lee's Summit.

The first Andy's custard opened in 1986, in Osage beach, Missouri.

The owners and creators, John and Carol Kuntz felt they needed to take ice cream to the next step. They created a new kind of custard. The new treat was a hit down at the lake, and then flourished into Springfield.

Many students and staff have been to at least of the many Andy's Custard stores around the United States.

"It is not like I have eaten many different flavors at Andy's, but I love chocolate. I have had some of their blizzards. I like their custard," Terry Durnell, Journalism and Broadcasting teacher, said.

Although Andy's mainly serves custard, they also have other things like ice cream,

soda, and Italian ice. Many people love the environment of each Andy's around the United States. Andy's strives to make each customer feel as welcomed as possible. That includes keeping the stores clean and neat, as well as communicating with everybody.



People patiently waiting for their icecream outside of the original Andy's Frozen Custard in Springfield, Missouri. Courtesy of www.eatandys.com

and by the lake. "It was very friendly and welcoming," Sara Mullins, sophomore, said.

The majority of Andy's menu is a "make your own ice cream" kind of idea. There is a type of treat to choose from, and then decide the flavor of ice cream and toppings and so on.

When Andy's first opened, it was a huge hit, and then they quickly opened another store in Springfield, Missouri. According to some of the students and staff at Lee's Summit North, other custard or ice cream stores, do not compare to Andy's. Each employee is kind and patient with customers and help when they can.

Everybody interviewed said they were very excited and

"It was nice, they were very nice, so I give them 5 stars," Jack Small, sophomore, said.

Many customers would say the service and the employees are very hospitable.

People who went to the stores down at the Lake of the Ozarks love that it is outdoors

happy that the company decided to bring the Andy's family to Lee's Summit, Missouri. Many of the students said that their parents were more thrilled for the new store than they were. Lee's Summit is eager to bring such a great tradition of many families to our home. Watch out Lee's Summit,

New Singles, New Artists; A New Month for Music

MarinCarey-StaffReporter

Recently there have been some major releases and announcements throughout the music industry and it has all the biggest music fanatics ecstatic. Artists such as The Weeknd, Halsey, and Troye Sivan have already dropped new music and artists such as One Direction, Selena Gomez, and possibly The 1975, will be dropping new music soon. Also, Ed Sheeran is coming out with a concert video documenting his first headlining stadium show.

With all of the new and upcoming releases as of recent, it is looking to be a great season for music. First of all, The Weeknd released their new album *The Beauty Behind The Madness* on August 28, 2015 and it has gone over very well, as of October 1, 2015 (slightly over a month after it's release) the album is at #3 on the iTunes top albums chart and has two songs, "The Hills" and "Can't Feel My Face" in the iTunes top ten. After their song "Earned It" was featured on the *Fifty Shades Of Grey* soundtrack, the band's fame rose even more which could have partially helped the album do as well as it has done.

"The new Weeknd album was really nice; I liked it. I jogged to it." Emma Carignan, Sophomore, said.

In the slightly more underground

alternative genre, Troye Sivan, an Australian actor, musician, and internet personality has released a new six song album called *Wild*.

Wild explores topics such as depression, relationships, and homosexuality. He released the album on September 4, 2015 and it went over well. It reached #1 on the iTunes chart shortly after release and over the prime time of it's release had a few songs reach the iTunes top ten.

He is also releasing a series of music videos for three of the songs on the Album, and they are all one connected story. The music video series is entitled



Courtesy of www.boohoo.com

"The Blue Neighbourhood Trilogy" and it is about two young boy characters that grew up together and eventually developed a relationship, but one of the boy's very conservative family

found out and forbid the boys from seeing each other.

There are very controversial topics involved within the series, but the

music is very refreshing and modern. Sivan has recently announced a third album that will be released on December 4. It is entitled *Blue Neighbourhood*. With the preorder you receive Sivan's new song "Talk Me Down" which is a slower song about reaching out when you need it the most.

In other news, Panic! At The Disco came out with a new single "Victorious" on September 29th which has a very upbeat tempo and a fun message.

"It recently hit #1 on apple music and it is so good. Their new album hopefully

comes out this month or next month and I'm really looking forward to that too," Nate Fleming, Sophomore, said about Panic! at the Disco.

Fans are looking forward to the new refreshing sound the band is coming out with.

Speaking of refreshing, Ryan Adams recently redid Taylor Swift's album *1989*.

"I do not like Taylor Swift, but Ryan Adams redid her album *1989* and I really like it," Jessica Struckhoff, a FACS teacher, said.

The remake/cover music industry is booming with artists such as Ryan Adams and other bands such as Pentatonix.

Pentatonix originally started as a five person cover band that sang songs a cappella. Recently they have expanded their horizons to writing their own music and they even won a Grammy. Pentatonix will be releasing a new album on October 16th, and it includes numerous original songs along with some classic remakes.



Courtesy of www.seethemuzic.com

October has been a great month for music fans everywhere and they await what the rest of the year has to bring.

Fall Into Autumn

DanielleZammar-JuniorEditor

Autumn is one of the most popular seasons during the year. Excitement starts to escalate around this time because of various events occurring, the thrill of Halloween and the trends that take place every fall.

The City Market in downtown Kansas City has turned out to be one of the most trendy attractions during the fall because of the attractions that are hosted there, the actual farmers market itself and all of the diverse food options that go along with it. A few of the events hosted at the City Market include assorted concerts, a harvest celebration and Grub Crawl 2015. Personal events can even be presented at the market if an idea occurs and if desired. The largest farmers market in the Kansas City Metropolitan area is found at the City Market as well. The fruits and vegetables that are for sale are solely based upon whether the food is in season or not and during autumn, a

plethora of various fruits and vegetables are available. At any point in time though at the market, numerous diverse food options and cultures are shown.

"I love seeing all the different types of people and cultures represented there and it's not a trip to the market without buying some beautiful flowers," Kaitlyn Hilbert, junior, said.

Yet another common event to do during the fall is to participate in haunted houses.

Some people locally run haunted houses through their garage during Halloween but if a professional experience is craved, The Edge of Hell and The Beast will definitely not disappoint and provide a legitimate scare. The Edge of Hell and The Beast are the two most prominent haunted houses in the Kansas City Metropolitan area. In their prime season and in the evenings, substantial lines form outside the houses so it is best to prepare ahead and arrive a few minutes

early. The actors working inside the attractions have the ability to come out and grab visitors traveling through the course and live animals, reptiles and insects are also included inside. Do not worry though, in case



Kaitlyn Hilbert showing off her trendy fall styles.

Photo by Danielle Zammar

panic takes over anyone can alert the staff at any point and leave the houses. Another

exceptional option

for haunted houses is the Halloween Haunt at Worlds of Fun. The main attractions during the Haunt include Corn Stalkers, Zombie High, Psycho Freaks, London Terror and Carnevil. Our own Lee's Summit North chapter of the National Honor Society makes two trips to Worlds of Fun to volunteer and participate in the events of the Halloween Haunt each year.

"I love the adrenaline haunted houses and give me

and the memories that are created," Alexis Mitchell, junior, said.

Other than the events that occur during the fall season, there are also many trends that take place. These trends include but are not limited to, drinks at Starbucks, corn mazes, carving pumpkins, caramel apples, hayrides and watching football. During autumn, Starbucks offers a seasonal drink that is quite loved by many, the Pumpkin Spice Latte. Starbucks even introduces new designs on their cups for fall. By a large range, autumn is one of the most favored months because of all the entertaining and appealing things to do.

"I love so many things about fall, it is hard to name them all. I think everyone is just happier during the season and cuddling up next to a bonfire or watching football on Sundays makes it even better," Rebecca Lash, sophomore, said.

As autumn season is starting to finally begin with tons of events to attend, get out and make memories and experience this cherished and beautiful time of the year!

CHEER TUMBLES TOWARD STATE

Lexie Talpers - Junior Editor

Johnny Campbell lead the first cheerleaders at an University of Minnesota football game in 1898.

It was made up of all boys.

The cheerleaders do not just cheer for our athletic teams they also compete against other schools for a chance to be declared 'state champions'.

The cheer team has a winning legacy, winning three state championships in the school's history. The amount of times the cheerleaders have won state is the most in the school's history. The team won Regionals and State in 2014 and also won Regionals this past June. They look to continue this winning streak at the state cheerleading competition on November 7.

"It was kind of bittersweet to win state last year because we tied with West but it was still pretty good because we still won a state

After months of hard preparation, hours of practice and countless numbers of stunts thrown, it all became worth it when the LSN varsity cheer team heard their name called, winning the class 5a Small State competition.

title," Bailey White, junior, said. The girls tied with Lees Summit West cheerleader because after both schools performed their routines they both had the exact same score. The cheer team tumbled their way to winning the State competition last year and is looking forward to the chance to compete for another.

"We have high hopes for state this year, we won regionals, and we think we are even better than we were last year, so we have high expectations," White said.

All of the girls bring a passion and spirit to the team, making sure to remain positive with each other even when practices get tough and routines increase difficulty.

"Of course things are going to be difficult at some point, but I always try to keep a positive attitude because nothing is going to get done if everyone is frustrated and just gives up. You are what you think you are, so I'd like to think positively," Jessica Whitmore, junior, said.

The older girls on the team share responsibility of making sure all the girls stay focused on reaching their goal of a fourth state title. They attempt to demonstrate the mentality of leaders and guide

the girls through the harder practice and make sure they all keep positive mind.

"I feel like all of the girls look up to us, so we make sure we do not let them think that it is okay to mess around at practice so we all put in one hundred percent every practice," Porsha Lewis, senior, said.

Within every person and within every team, there are strengths and weaknesses and the girls look to improve on their weaknesses and show off their strengths. Strengths can include their tumbling passes, their jumps or just their ability to be vocal during their routines.

"I feel like I am a good leader and I feel like I have some pretty good jumps," Lewis said.

All of the girls want to win and are all focused on the ultimate goal: winning another state title and getting the chance to add another state ring to their collection.

"I want to win, and get another ring and end my cheer career with a win and just be happy, Lewis said.

Cheer is not only a physical task where the girls throw their bodies through difficult routines for three minutes, it is also a mental battle of not giving up even when the body is begging to just quit. The girls work tirelessly from March until state, conditioning, practicing and pushing through the pain all to be rewarded with the State title, along with plaque and rings.

Varsity Cheer showing off their state stunts at the Homecoming assembly.
Photo by Savannah Mullen



HEISMAN WATCH IS ON THE CLOCK

Haley Hynes - Staff Reporter

Now that college football has gotten into full swing, the Heisman Watch is on. The players up for this very prestigious award are ranging from all around the country and this has proven to be a very controversial topic.

The Heisman Memorial Trophy Award is awarded annually to the most outstanding player in college football in the United States whose performance best exhibits the pursuit of excellence with integrity.

After the death of the Club's athletic director, John Heisman, the award was named in his honor and broadened to include players west of the Mississippi. Heisman had been active in college athletics as a football player; a head football, basketball, and baseball coach; and an athletic director.

The last five winners have included: Marcus Mariota, Oregon; Jameis Winston, Florida State; Johnny Manziel, Texas A&M; Robert Griffin III; and Cameron Newton; Auburn.

Now the top five in the country change almost weekly, but most stay in the same position.

The top five are Leonard Fournette, running back, Louisiana State University; Trevone Boykin,

quarterback, Texas Christian University; Derrick Henry, running back, Alabama; Ezekiel Elliott, running back, Ohio State; Seth Russell, quarterback, Baylor.

Former Archbishop Shaw, LSU and former National Football League safety Ryan Clark strongly expressed who will be the next Heisman winner, he claims Leonard Fournette will.

"He's going to win it," Clark emphasized. "I don't think he can. I'm not hoping he can. He Will. Win. The Heisman. I said it here. I'll say it again. When you ask me in three weeks, I'm gonna say it then, too. When you look at running backs winning the Heisman, it has to be extraordinary," Clark said (courtesy of The Times Picayune).

Trevone Boykin was asked about his opinion on winning the Heisman. He gave a very modest response.

"If I'm blessed enough to

win it, and it comes back to Fort Worth, I'll be proud," Boykin told Kate Hairopoulos of the Dallas Morning News. "The city of Fort Worth and Dallas, where I'm from, will be proud. And I'm pretty sure my family will be too."

A very enthusiastic Georgia Bulldogs fan, Nick Schwarzmann, gave his reasons as to why Nick Chubb will be the Heisman recipient.

"I firmly believe that Nick Chubb is the scariest player in all of college football. He's 5'10", 220 lbs., fast as lightning, and impossible to tackle. Not to mention he's confident. Earlier this offseason, he, comically, compared himself to a Lamborghini in that he doesn't need to advertise for himself," said Schwarzmann (courtesy of dawnofthedawg.com).

Junior John Voss expressed his opinion as well.

"There's so way Leonard Fournette won't win. He's just too good. His stats compared to everyone are incredible. If I had to rank them, I would say Fournette, Elliot, Boykin, Henry, then Russell," said Voss.

Josh Littell, senior, has a love for college football and expressed his opinion on the Heisman awards.

"Leonard Fournette. He's having a better year than previous winners from the SEC like Herschel Walker and Bo Jackson did. But we'll know more after LSU's game against Bama. Fournette's big test is against the rugged Florida defense. Ranking the five is easy. Fournette, Boykin, Elliot,

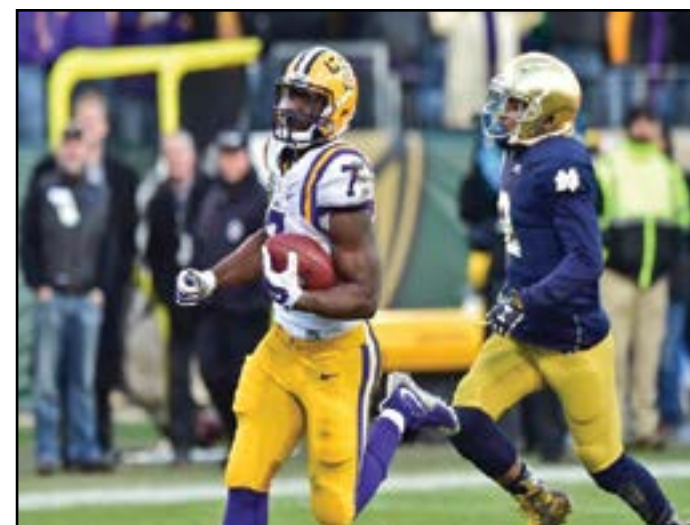
The first Heisman was awarded in 1935 to Jay Berwanger, a senior running back from the University of Chicago.

Russell, then Henry," Littell said.

David Maksin, senior, also wanted to put in a word on who he thinks will win. He has someone else winning compared to the other interviews.

"Hmm... Ezekiel Elliot I think he's been producing some really good yardage on the ground and is just as good as a receiver. Well according to ESPN experts: Elliot, Boykin, Fournette, Henry, then Russell," Maksin said.

The Heisman does get picked until after the football season is over. The ceremony is a great opportunity for charities and other awards are given out at the same time. The live showing of the awards will be broadcasted on Entertainment and Sports Programming Network (ESPN).



Courtesy of www.katc.com

The Biggest Debate in Sports Today:

Messi vs Ronaldo

Will Mauer-Staff Reporter

One time he scored 73 goals in a season. If he does not score more than 50 goals, it is considered a down season for the Barcelona Forward. Such consistency is only found in the highest quality of players. Saying Messi is at the top of his class may be an understatement.

“Don’t write about him. Don’t try to describe him: watch him,” said Pep Guardiola, Messi’s former coach at Barcelona. (Courtesy of genius.com)

Not only does a soccer genius like Guardiola know the skills on Messi, but casual fans can also see his greatness.

“He is a magician, the way he controls the ball at his feet is incredible. It is like he has a string on his foot tied to the ball.” Kevin Joseph-Perez, senior, said.

His stats are incredible, but the eye test is the most important way of defending their position, for some. Going to YouTube, or watching the Vine while scrolling through your Twitter timeline and seeing greatness is something fans take for granted.

Every game he showcases his dribbling magic, or an incredible goal coming from Lionel Messi. His skills are unmatched -- something soccer fans around the globe have never seen before. The question is asked every day: is Lionel Messi the greatest player of all time?

His 73-goal season was one to remember. He played 60 games the 2011-12 campaign and won the Ballon D’Or, the Spanish Super Cup and the Copa Del Rey. 73 Goals. That is over one

He plays for the legendary club of Barcelona. He makes 22 million dollars a year from his endorsement deals with colossal companies, such as Adidas or Pepsi and he is on the cover of FIFA 16. He has four FIFA Ballon d’Or awards, given to the best individual player that year. He is the leading goal scorer in La Liga History, beating out incredible legends. He is Lionel Messi.

goal a game for an entire season. It is the greatest season, goal wise, in the history of the sport.

“It is a remarkable amount of goals in one year,” Joseph Madrigal, junior said.

Messi came into Barcelona as a young prodigy and started on the first team at 18 years old. A young prodigy from Argentina has had an indescribable run

with Barcelona. He is only 28, but in the middle of his prime. Unfortunately, Messi getting injured earlier this season is going to hurt his stats for the year, but should not affect his outstanding career.

“His injury will not hurt him, he will bounce back even better than before.” Joseph-Perez said.

All Messi does is win. In 2009-10 and 2011-12 he won six trophies, and has never had a year without winning at least one trophy. That type of winning just does not happen, unless you’re the best. His deter-

mination to win is crucial to his success and is a trait only a select few have.

There is no way to stop him. When Messi is on top form, he is extremely difficult to contain, let alone stop.

“There is no defense that can stop Messi. It is impossible,” Guardiola said (courtesy of genius.com).

Messi is an absurd player, and there is no denying it, even for rival fans to admit. His dribbling ability, his goals, his team play, all of it astonishing to watch. By the time it is all said and done, Lionel Messi will go down as the greatest to ever kick it.



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Courtesy of www.independent.co.uk

Real Madrid is a club of such class, the tradition of winning like they have. So many great players have been seen playing on the freshly cut grass of the Santiago Bernabéu. They are one of the most popular, wealthy organizations in the world of sports. Oh, by the way, he is arguably the best player in the world, Cristiano Ronaldo.

season for European soccer, Ronaldo secures three places. The consistency he displays on the soccer field is unmatched. All he does is play at a high level.

“His shooting, passing, and work ethic are insane. That’s why he is the best,” Jared Finch, senior, said.

Other than the incredible goal scoring, Ronaldo has impeccable physicality. He makes up some of his errors with his speed, strength, and power. Also, Ronaldo has won the Ballon D’Or the last two years. This shows, at least of late, Ronaldo has been the best player in the world.

Ronaldo also has free kicks in his arsenal, and uses that to his advantage. His stance is unique, and every soccer player has tried to imitate him at some point. He can shoot so incredibly powerful that sometimes the ball goes array, but when he hits it just right, no goalkeeper in the world can stop it. Ronaldo has 25 free kicks to date with Real Madrid.

Ronaldo has broken many records in his time, but surpassing 500 goals is considered to be his best. Also, he is the top goal scorer in Real Madrid history.

The amount of legends that have played for that club, and Ronaldo has scored more than any of them, netting more goals that game played for Las Blancos.

The whole world knows the name. Although he is 30 years old, he is still an absolute monster and forever will be known as one of the best.

Crown, with his own signature shoes from Nike. The Real Madrid number seven also has unbelievable stats. He holds the record for Champions league goals; he is Real Madrid’s all time goal scorer in La Liga. He is the epitome of working hard and reaping the benefits. He is an incredible physical specimen with the power and speed, agility and skill.

“More is put on Ronaldo’s shoulders, he has to do more,” Jason Egberuare, senior, said.

Ronaldo has also played in other leagues, not just La Liga. He started out at Sporting Clube de Portugal, playing top-flight soccer in the country he was born in. He then signed for \$18.5 million dollars to play for Manchester United in England, playing in The Barclays Premier League.

Ronaldo played for legendary coach Sir Alex Ferguson and that helped him become the legendary athlete he is today.

“He was the father of football for me.” Ronaldo said. (Courtesy of BBC.com)

After the stint at Manchester United, he moved on to the Spanish giants, Real Madrid, for then record \$132 million dollars. It proved to be money well spent.

Ronaldo could not have had a better year than last years campaign, winning the Ballon d’Or -- something he has done one other time—and scoring a staggering 61 goals. In 2013, he scored 17 goals in the Champions League; all while lifting the trophy over league and Madrid rival Atlético Madrid. That is 1.55 goals per game. He was on top form that year.

Ronaldo scores a ton of goals. Out of the top twelve goals in a

Did You Know...

Soccer players run about 9.5 miles each game.

A KING IS CROWNED: 2015 MLB PLAYOFFS

JackLangle-NewsEditor

Leading up to the postseason, there was a fight between all 10 playoff teams for the best seeds and matchups.

The Kansas City Royals were the first team to clinch a division, while cross-state rival the St. Louis Cardinals were the first team overall to clinch a spot.

Yet, it did not matter because the bracket was not finalized until game 162 on October 4.

The Royals and the Toronto Blue Jays had been battling for all of September to see who was the best in the American League (AL), which was important since

Major League Baseball (MLB) has concluded its 112th season since its original founding, and the fans have another world champion after the 2015 World Series has just wrapped up. Now it is time to look back at this incredible year.

the AL had home field advantage in the World Series after winning the All-Star Game.

The battle came down to the last day until during game 162 when the Royals beat the Minnesota Twins and the Blue Jays lost to the Tampa Bay Rays.

"I was not surprised we got the number one seed, but I was a little worried about the Blue Jays. We are good under pressure which came into factor," Aylish Hulme, sophomore, said.

Those two teams were not the first to play in the playoffs though. Houston and New York played on October 6 and

Chicago played at Pittsburgh on the seventh in the wild card games.

The games were full of excitement, both shutouts and both had the road teams, Houston and Chicago

winning.

Following those games, the bracket was down to eight and the first official non wild card game was October 8 with the two first games of both American League Divisional Series (ALDS).

The Toronto Blue Jays and the Texas Rangers played first at 2:30 pm CT at the Rogers Centre in Toronto.

The game was watched by millions and the Rangers continued the streak of the road teams winning, grabbing the first game, 5-3.

5-2 was the final of the Hous-

ton-KC game with the Astros winning and stunning the Royals at home and proving the road warriors are king.

Yet, after these two series were over, the higher seed teams moved on, setting up a Toronto-Kansas City American League Championship Series (ALCS).

"I could not believe the comeback the Royals had in game 4, it was amazing," Aaron Meers, senior, said.

On the National league (NL) side, the Chicago Cubs were able to top the St. Louis Cardinals in four games, reaching

Cubs Manager, said.

Fans packed the stadiums for all the games excited to see their favorite teams if they were still left in it, try to take home the gold.

After the both series ended, the winners of the ALCS and NLCS met for another World Series and to prove who the best team is.

The World Series is a big business in many ways, and betting is one. Vegas goes big for the series and people across the country place their bets for who will win it all. Those who cannot though, still make their predictions at home.

"From the start of the playoffs, I thought it would be the Royals over the Cubs in the World Series this year," Aaron Meers, senior, said.

the National League Championship Series (NLCS) for the first time since 2003.

The New York Mets were able to beat the Los Angeles Dodgers to set them up with a date against those Cubs from the north side.

All four teams would battle to a best of seven series to see who would represent their respected leagues in the 2015 World Series.

The "Final Four" of what was the MLB playoffs started with both higher seeded teams winning their first two home games, The Royals and Mets over the Blue Jays and Cubs.

After the Mets beat the Cubs in game one with a huge performance by Matt Harvey the whole country was turning their heads.

"The command was outrageous tonight," Joe Maddon,



Courtesy of www.zimbio.com

The 2015 playoffs was a period of games to remember. There were highs and there were lows. Exciting plays and

a few innings that could have been quicker. All in the entire world now has a champion, a team on top.

Did You Know...

Seven out of the last 10 years, the League (National/American) that won the All-Star Game also won the World Series.



Kauffman Stadium explodes with joy after their win. Courtesy of www.huffingtonpost.com

WHO WON?



SENIOR PRIVILEGE SHOULD BE INCREASED



CarolineLuna-Feature Editor/JuniorEditor

Seniors should be given more opportunities as they embrace the end of their high school career. Many have given everything they have to make something of themselves in high school and should be given a privilege for this throughout their last year of high school.

Seniors with a 3.25 cumulative GPA or above and no disciplinary actions for the year should be given the option of leaving school on block days for their lunch shift. This will allow students to be rewarded for thriving throughout their four years of high school.

"I support leaving campus for lunch because that would be the most trustworthy group of kids and they would be the ones that could drive, you would be able to trust them more because they have already proved themselves at school," Emilee Dent, senior, said.

Students who are able to leave school for lunch are obviously on the right track on grades and integrity when it comes to making choices while outside the walls.

"I do support leaving campus for lunch because that would be the most trustworthy group of kids and they would be the ones that could drive, you would be able to trust them more because they have already proved them-



selves and have tried at school," Emma Cleaver, senior, said.

Students should be required for them and their parents to sign a waiver at the beginning of the year. They must have signed an agreement that states, they will be responsible for any tardies of class the next hour or any.

"I think it is a good idea. I know senate has talked about it and tried to get it just one Wednesdays because it is late start already, but I think the schools problem on it is we are responsible for students once they are here. If a student got in a crash we would be held responsible legally for that, so that is the only reason the school has not allowed it," Cleaver, said.

Students would need to check in and out when leaving and reentering through the school during lunch. They should have a distinct mark on their ID card saying they are allowed to leave for lunch. They must also agree that if any other events were to happen outside LSN such as a car accident off campus, the school would not be at fault.

Students who are constantly showing responsibility all around should be able

to have the extra opportunity to get to enjoy lunch with others outside school.

"It gives seniors an opportunity who have worked hard and have kept their grades up to be able to get one perk and be able to go out and eat and be with friends and be able to relax," Dawson Lemmons, senior, said.

Senior students who also participate in programs such as Summit Technology or Herdon are leaving school already throughout the day to get to their building or back to LSN. It is not uncommon if they have extra time, they stop to get lunch along the way their or back because they are already in the area.

Seniors who leave school for lunch on block days would be required to fill out an agreement with the district, so should students who also attend these other programs if they wish eat out as well if given time.

Seniors being able to leave school for lunch on block days could benefit LSN as a whole because it will increase grades because all grades freshman through seniors will have a greater work ethic to be able to have the opportunity to leave school for lunch, and it will give seniors more responsibility and allow them to enjoy their last year of high school.

Anxiety: The Silent Killer



LiliCunningham-EntertainmentEditor

In all the movies and TV shows, high school is supposed to be the best time of your life. But in reality, high school causes 29% of all students have anxiety and 27% are extremely stressed.

When a freshman walks through the doors on the first day of school, it feels like there are endless opportunities. Unfortunately over the years, some students do not have the greatest experiences as others. This is not an unknown fact, though. It is expected that students will have different experiences and it is known that some will not be as amazing as others.

High school consists of eight hours of learning and trying to obtain knowledge, and then on top of that, after school, there is homework and after-school activities. Hours upon hours are piled on after getting home. Some students have work after school too.

"I think some of the causes of anxiety in high schoolers is public speaking, presentations, standardized tests



Spencer Peterson and Sterling Resinger stressing about their school work.

Photo by Megan Busse

and excessive homework," Michael Smith, senior, said.

There are too many causes of anxiety to count. The smallest, most insignificant detail can be a trigger to someone and bring on an anxiety attack. School, for example, creates many triggers for students. Public speaking, hours of homework and essays can be causes for students. Statistics show that 40% of teens get irritable or angry when they're stressed, 31% feel overwhelmed, and 30% feel depressed or sad.

"The average high school kid today has the same level of anxiety as the average psychiatric patient in the early 1950's. We are getting more anxious every decade. Psychologists have speculated about the possible reasons for this increase in both anxiety and depression over the last fifty years... [Many]... factors can contribute to worry, uncertainty, anxiety and depression," Robert L. Leahy, Ph.D., said (courtesy of psychologytoday.com).

Everyone's symptoms of anxiety are different, because everyone has differ-

ent triggers. When I get anxiety, my heart pounds rapidly, I hyperventilated and being to shake and tremble. But there are many other symptoms, for example: panic, feeling of no control, chest pain, heart palpitations, feeling like you're to faint, trouble breathing, hot flashes and chills. Preventing anxiety is basically the same as treating it. Avoiding caffeine, exercising and even writing in a journal can help prevent and treat anxiety.

"...Men who have anxiety disorders are also at greater risk for cardiac disorders, hypertension, gastrointestinal disorders, respiratory illness, asthma, and back pain. Women with anxiety disorders are more likely to have a history of cardiac problems, hypertension, metabolic, gastrointestinal, dermatological, respiratory disorders and arthritis," Leahy, said (courtesy of psychologytoday.com).

Students experiencing anxiety are encouraged to visit your guidance counselor and/or Mr. Deutsch in room 2165.

The Troubles of Dress Codes in High School



Blair Clark-Staff Reporter

Everyone expresses themselves in their own way. Whether it is the way they dress or the way they act, people are being looked at and criticized in different ways. Teens, especially girls, get reminded of this all the time at school mainly with clothing

Many different times I have seen or heard about girls who have been sent to the office or the nurse being forced to change their clothing because it was said to be 'inappropriate'. Yes, in some situations the girls need to cover up, but in others, it is simply their shoulder showing. Many people, including myself, do not see the harm of showing a little skin such as your shoulder. Everyone has a body and people should not be criticized or forced to change because of a little skin showing.

"I do not think dress codes are even necessary because it is shaming the human body, which everyone has. When showing



your shoulder is considered exclusive, it is saying a shoulder is sexualized in reality," Nia Lange, sophomore, said.

Dress codes are a big deal among girls and there are many reasons for it. One of the biggest reasons is people only see and hear about the girls getting in trouble. Some believe when this happens, it is saying males' education is more important than females' and letting the girls express themselves.

I can see how many girls would believe that statement, but I also believe in reality, the people who tell you to cover up are just trying to help you. There is also a downfall to that statement. Girls should not be forced to cover up. The guys, especially at a high school age, should be mature enough to not let a shoulder affect their learning.

"I think dress codes are necessary, but only to an extent. A shoulder is not going to make someone lose his or her education. I understand shorts being too short or low cut shirts, but dress codes are over enforced in many situations," Haley Guynes, sophomore, said.

There are many different opinions on how the school should go about dress codes. Personally, I think dress codes are

necessary to an extent. Nobody wants to see someone's behind hanging out of their shorts, but I also do not think it is that big of a deal to show a little skin.

In many situations it has been said dress coding girls can actually lower their self-esteem and make them feel worse about themselves. Also, learning is not affected by the way another is dressed.

"I understand the argument if girls are showing more than just a little shoulder, but for me, a little skin is not going to affect me or my learning," Ben Boyle, junior, said.

Usually for guys, the only time they are dress coded is when they are wearing a hat. But for girls, it could seem like something comfortable they are wearing is too risky. In my opinion, sometimes showing a little skin can show how confident someone is in their body and there is nothing wrong with that.

I understand where teachers and staff members are coming from when they dress code, but there is a fine line between when someone should be dress coded and when they should not be dress coded. Yes, there are times when clothing is too short or too low cut, but I also think people dress to comfort. Overall, everyone has a body and as a person, you should be confident in what you wear and how you dress.

Battle of the Broadcasters



Gracie Snook-Staff Reporter

All over the world millions of people are switching from cable over to Netflix and Hulu. Students at Lee's Summit North state their opinion on which they prefer. Netflix and Hulu are the top online entertainment providers that will not break the bank. Many families are making the change because of large bills from various cable companies.

The majority of students said they prefer Netflix to Hulu. Most have Netflix and cable, but use Netflix more often. You can take Netflix and Hulu with you virtually anywhere. As long as you have Wi-Fi, 4G, or LTE, your movie and T.V. selections for wherever you are going are huge.

"I can just go and find any movie at once. I do not have to pre-record or anything like that," Harper Manley, sophomore, said.

Netflix is \$7.99 a month. It gives you a one-month free trial and then you decide how you want to proceed after that. Hulu, on the other hand, is



\$8.00 a month but has a free version with fewer movies and TV shows.

Both of these entertainment providers are Internet based which makes it really easy to catch up on a show, finish a movie, or even just have something to do in your free time.

Many students said that they think Netflix has a larger selection and has better movies and shows in general.

"I think Netflix has a larger selection of movies and shows," Madison Gordon, sophomore, said.

Also the fact that Netflix never has advertisements or commercials that pop up in the middle unlike Hulu is a great feature, that only Netflix possesses.

Netflix is a great on-the-go entertainment provider that is very self-explanatory as well as updated frequently.

"There is a thing on the PlayStation for Netflix, it is called the Max, you take a little quiz and it helps you find a movie or show to watch," Shay Morgan, sophomore, said.

Netflix in my opinion, utilizes many other devices, and has a different layout on each, which I think is interesting. Including, PlayStation, any laptop or computer, Kindles, tablets and smartphones.

Hulu is harder to get to and the application is a little more confusing to

understand and figure out... my family got rid of cable years ago, around

when Netflix came out. Immediately we switched. It was so much better, more convenient for traveling, and keeping people busy. We also had Hulu, but it did not have such a great selection. It was hard trying to figure out where you instant queue was, where the recently added shows were at, and where movies were. It was more complex than Netflix.

According to many students, Netflix has better features. "There is a wide variety of choices. It is instant, you can fast forward, pause and replay anything," Jack Small, sophomore, said.

Overall, if cable has you on a tight leash and is taking a large chunk out of the bank, switch over to Netflix or Hulu. You will be amazed at the difference. The quality and choices are better, it adapts to your schedule, and is a great way to relax and hangout with friends and family. If you want to make the switch to one of these awesome entertainment providers, get ready for loads of fun and bonding with people. So for all those T.V. bingers out there, Netflix and Hulu have you covered.

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