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**On the Front and Back Cover:** Friday Night Lights at the Bronco Athletic Stadium.

*Photo by Zoey Barnes*

# THE AGE OF TECHNOLOGY CONTINUES WITH NEW NEXUS PHONE

MadisenSmith-StaffReporter

As the age of technology continues, new and improved cellular devices are created every year. This October, Google releases two brand new Nexus devices. With a five inch screen and three different color choices, the Nexus Pixel and Pixel XL were launched on October 4 and consumers could have it in their pockets by October 20.

“For me I can not say that it is better when it comes to performance, speed, or design, but what I can tell is that this device understands the user’s process. This new phone will help users to be more knowledgeable when it comes to handling and will help the customer to understand on how it process.” said Diego Michellie from the Google support team.

The Pixel, otherwise known as the Sailfish, comes with a full five inch screen and 35GB of space. Someone could purchase this phone for around \$449. The Pixel XL, also known as the Marlin, appears to come with a slightly bigger screen at 5.5 inches and also can be found with 35GB. It is priced at \$599, a difference of \$150 between the two phones. Both phones have a rear facing fingerprint reader and come in three different colors; black, silver, and electric blue. Additionally, they both own a 12MP rear camera and a 8MP front camera as well as a LED flashlight and even face detection software.

“It can handle 120 GB of storage, which is a very large storage. Also this new phone has

the latest, or strongest battery it has 34-50 megahertz of battery. And for me as a techy



The newest features of the iPhone 7 are very different from their former generation.

Photo by Gracie Snook

person, this screen, which is a 5.5 fits for what I like” Michellie said.

The Pixel and the Pixel XL seem more compact than the Nexus 5X and 6, making it easier to fit into consumer pockets. The Pixel and Pixel XL

also own a better memory than the Nexus 6p by one whole GB, however the screen resolution, reportedly, has not changed from

the earlier models. The Nexus 5 and Pixel have a screen resolution of 1920x1080. Similarly, the Nexus 6p and the Pixel XL have a screen resolution of 2560x1440.

“This new device comes up with more reliable hardware inside of it. When it comes to hardware which means it has a better memory and it has a better processor” said

Michellie.

There are some notable differences between these brand new Nexus phones and the new iPhone 7. The iPhone 7 was developed without a headphone jack, requiring users to rely on Bluetooth technology or lighting headphones, while the Nexus devices have a 3.5mm headphone port and can access Bluetooth. This allows users the option to use standard headphones or Bluetooth. The Nexus is also less expensive, running for about \$100 less than the iPhone 7, and the Nexus Pixel is slightly bigger than the iPhone 7.

“We don’t actually sell that phone here, that’s actually from Google. They probably won’t be in stores. Like last year when the new Nexus came out, you could only get it from Google” said Zach King from Verizon.

The new Nexus is not yet as popular as other phones and many stores have not been taking pre-orders, but it is rumored to have some edges over the competition. It will have an improved camera, better processing speed and power, and will be available on most major carriers.

The new Nexus Pixel and Pixel XL will be Google’s next flagship phone and if the rumors are true, then it will likely be a hit with long time fans of the Nexus line and newcomers. The Nexus line has always been a solid choice for people new to android and the new Nexus is no different, it will deliver a solid experience for a competitive price.

# Glow: Jack-O-Lantern Festival

SavannahHenslee-StaffReporter

How often does someone get to see over 700 carved and glowing Jack-O-Lanterns in one mile? At Powell Gardens Glow: Jack-O-Lantern Festival there is that and more. People can meet with friends and watch a master carver create intricately carved pumpkin.



This exhibit at takes place, very time consuming. Having the right type of materials is key.

of pumpkin carving designs. The designs take several hours to complete.

“It takes anywhere from a perfectly round pumpkin to a tall, odd shaped pumpkin. Meaning, I pumpkins make great carvings so that the air and sunlight won’t affect the pumpkin as I carve,” Rudy Garcia, pumpkin carver at the festival, said.

There are several details that are involved in such activities. The preparation involved, the amount of time needed to carve and perfect the pumpkins can become

take crafts, regional artist will have Jack-O-Lanterns for people to vote for the best ones.

Also there are other fall festivals and activities for people who can not make it to Glow.

“I enjoy be a part of the LSN theatre and performing at Oktoberfest,” Caleb Ellis, senior said.

Also, “I think people need to create their own activities and traditions,” Lauren Hollingsworth, social studies teacher said.

There are multiple other activities and festivals that can be attended, through the fall, a few others would be music

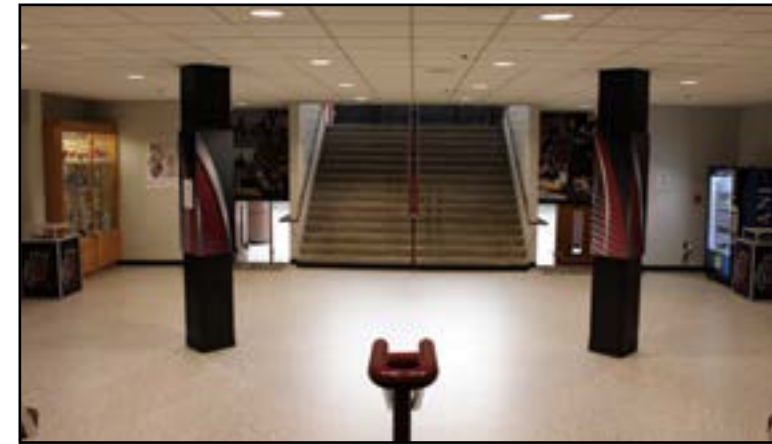
festivals, corn mazes, art fairs such as the Plaza Art Fair, and the Louisburg Ciderfest which takes place at the Louisburg Cider Mill.

For many people fall is a favorite season because it is not too hot, but, not too cold and people can be outside comfortably in just a jacket. Other people feel that fall just has a different more relaxing rhythm to it.

There are so many different fan fall activities and festivals that can be attended but, for people that can not make it to any, make a new tradition to follow with family and or friends.

# A GLANCE AT THE NEW LEE'S SUMMIT NORTH

CarolineLuna-StaffReporter



For the first time in twenty years of Bronco history, Lee's Summit North has undergone more renovations than ever before, leaving the front office completely transformed.

“I think it looks nice and more professional. It makes the office look more inviting,” Mayson Truman, senior, said.

From new carpet on the main floor, to a newly renovated office, the updates have not only made the school visually appealing but also increased safety procedures within the school. Prior to the summer renovations, the front desk was positioned in an angle that made viewing the north doors difficult for front office workers. Currently, the main desk is located in an area for the purpose of being able to see the front doors and anyone who walks up the side stairs. LSN takes safety regulations extremely serious.

“It gives us a better view for security reasons to the stairs going to modern language and the north doors. It also opened up the reception area,” Julie Edwards, secretary, said.

LSN added an additional administrator this year as well, Elizabeth Bock. A new room was implemented for her in the front office too. Dustin Spencer and Rhea Moses are also new assistant principals this year as well.

The attendance window was also relocated to the front of the building next to the stairs. This gives students and parents better access to the window when entering the building and to open up the main office area.

“The building renovations can be confusing to other parents and students because they do not know where attendance is and they come to the office first, or they just do not know their

way around. I would put a large sign in front of attendance and front office so people would know where they are going,” Truman said.

LSN is now completely updated, but there are still few changes staff would like to see changed to make it in tip top shape.

“I would have put safety glass into the window and put in more outlets since we are in the age of more technology,” Edwards said.

Even though now the majority of students and staff are pleased with the new renovations, some of the staff had to deal with time constraints of the renovations that affected their workplace over the summer.

“It took longer than we thought it would and as a result we were not back here until freshman transition day,” Edwards said.

The timing of the renovations affected the new student workers as well.

“The renovations didn’t get finished until the day before school started, which made it harder for everyone in the front office to get acquainted with the new layout,” Connor



Young, senior, said.

Aside from the renovations made to the gyms in years past, the building has not experienced an update such as this since it opened. Which is seen as a drastic change especially for staff who have been at LSN since it opened.

“Now we can see exactly who is coming in the door, if they are in any way dangerous or suspicious, and we can see just how many people are coming in. The front office change made the building much safer,” Young said.

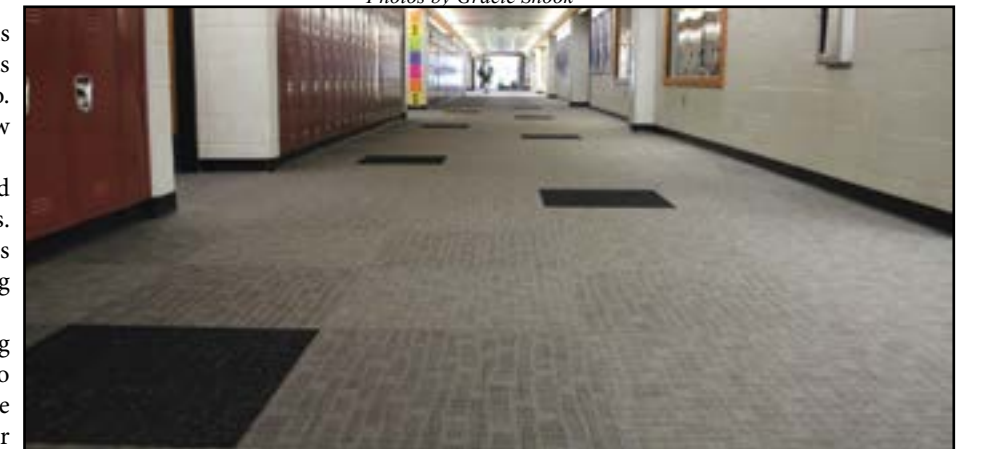
LSN staff as well as student workers are experiencing the new changes around them each day.

“I look forward to coming to work in a fun and new environment everyday after an update that has not happened in twenty years. I am excited to be among the first group of SBE’s to experience all the new and upcoming changes,” Young said.

Students and staff appear to be extremely satisfied with the results.

The school invested in many new renovations over the summer.

Photos by Gracie Snook



# Don't Miss This Jazz

Jocelyn Padilla-Staff Reporter



Ever since he was knee-high, Brandon Simpson has been dreaming of owning a restaurant. Finally, that dream came true. On September 1, 2016, the restaurant Jazzy B's, opened where Pork & Pit used to be located on Colbern Road. With food ranging from armadillo eggs, smoked filled chicken wings and even crab balls, do not miss this Jazz!

Jazzy B's started as a food truck that first opened on August 27, 2012. While Jazzy B's serve or cook their food, their customers sit in benches or stand eating food. That is the moment where people can socialize and join together, with Simpson talking to his customers showing a smile. Most of the time Simpson is with other food trucks so not only can people have a taste of barbeque and soul food but of other styles of foods like Chinese and Indian. Jazzy B's has not only served customers but he has made many friends along the way as well.

"Opening a restaurant was too stationary, meaning I would have to spend a lot of money, and my style of food is different, marketing would have been too much. Just being able to go from place to place is easier because I would be getting a different crowd," Simpson said.

Driving all around the Kansas and Missouri area, participating in Food

Truck Frenzy, Gails' Harley Davidson 10th Anniversary, Great Family Event, The Business of Food Trucks, Feast of Fountains, Sunday Food Truck Brunch and the Feast 50 Awards.

Brandon explains when he talks about when he started to dream about opening a restaurant. Many people were wondering when would Jazzy open his Restaurant, commenting on the Jazzy B's facebook page asking "When will the restaurant open?" "Do you have information on the restaurant yet?" Those questions were answered On April 19th at 8:55 a.m, the Jazzy B facebook page announced that they were officially opening by sharing an article from KC Source Link. Five months later on September 1, 2016, Jazzy B's the restaurant opened in 1803 NE Colbern Road. Their serving hours would be Monday, Thursday and Friday at 11 a.m

to 9 p.m, Saturday and Sunday at 7 a.m

to 9 p.m, while on Wednesday and Tuesday they are closed.

Many people are attracted by the name Jazzy B's. The name Jazzy B's does not actually mean "Jazzy Barbeque" it means "Jazzy Brandon's".

"At Northwestern Missouri State I was taking a Food Restaurant Management class. We were supposed to create a restaurant at the time, I was heavy into Jazz. The music in itself is a combo of all basics of all music: the tempo, melodies, everything comes from Jazz. It is the melting pot of food, this is what Jazz is..and the B means my name, Brandon." The name is very interesting but can be very mysterious at the same time. The letter B could mean anything: Bees, burger,

Jack Stack and Pork & Pit have interesting names like Jazzy B's. The sign in front of their restaurant is a tall, dark blue base with a red frame, music notes on the corner, the name of restaurant in the middle "Jazzy B's" in the front of a Saxophone and a music staff with utensils hanging off from it. The sign is noticeable from a far distance which causes many customers to pull into the restaurant. By only seeing the sign or hearing the name people can feel the emotions towards the restaurant and image what the experience is like. "In the name itself, Jazzy, it would be very fun. There will be a lot of great music, there will be great food there, and I hope really great service," Dane Lackey, a



Lee's Summit welcomes the newest addition to the barbeque and jazz restaurant corporation  
Photos by Marin Carey

sophomore, explains about his expression towards the name of the restaurant, Jazzy B's. Simpson makes sure that a goal similar to Dane's is set for his restaurant. His goals would be to have a lot of fun, make a lot of friends, have more trucks and more restaurants.

"Honestly, I would definitely go there for the soul food." Cheyenne Kitze- mann, junior, said.

Jazzy B's does not only serve barbeque, they also serve soul food. "I do breakfast on Saturdays and Sundays and I do a briskets with pork, chicken wings and ribs," Simpson explains as he talks about his food. From the menu, there are price ranges from \$3.00 to \$22.50 with the varieties to choose Jazzed barbeque, BBQ combos, Seafood, KC BBQ, Sides, Kids, Appetizers, and Salads. From the many options with the low prices do not miss this jazz.

buns, butter, brownies etc. Most restaurants like Famous Dave's,

# A Wooden Puppet Becomes a Real Boy

DanielleZammar-SocialMediaEditor

On February 23, 1940 Walt Disney released the original *Pinocchio* with the film immediately gaining positive acknowledgement. As it featured songs such as, "When You Wish Upon a Star" and "I've Got No Strings", the motion picture created a juvenile experience for its audience.

Furthering the youthful atmosphere, LSN's theatre will preserve the authentic storyline of the show but simplify lyrics included within the play's soundtrack and within each character's script in order to capture the attention of younger viewers as well. This includes the reason for the title of the production including the Jr. prefix, it stands as a simplified version.

Not only will the show be exclusive because it incorporates junior aspects, but this year a former student will be assistant directing and advising the cast and crew. Emily Bridges, who graduated in 2015, made the decision to return as an alumni and to continue to participate in her passion at a place where it occurred during its initial stages. Bridges already works with the Starlight Theatre in Kansas City as a teaching assistant and is majoring in theatre education at the University of Central Missouri.

Some members involved in drama come into the department with little to no experience; solely containing an interest.

A tale as old as time, "Don't lie, your nose will grow long" is being brought to life by LSN's theatre department this fall but with a unique twist. A modern musical, *My Son Pinocchio Jr.*, will be performed to retell a classic story about toymaker, Geppetto, as his miniature wooden puppet develops human characteristics and as Geppetto journeys beyond the toyshop to discover the meaning of family. With this production having the first ever student director for North, it will not be an event to miss.

While others have loved acting and have been committed ever since they can remember.

Andrea Hupman, senior, landed the lead role of Pinocchio within the play this fall and has enjoyed theatre for many years now. The ironic part of Hupman being the leading woman is that she will have to get into character as a male, wooden puppet.

"I have to wear a morphsuit that looks wooden underneath my whole costume. I have a very bright costume that includes red overalls, a blue bow tie, and a hat with a feather. I have a prosthetic nose that will grow when I tell a lie. There are a lot of layers to my costume, so it will be very hot, but it is adorable," Hupman said.

By being chosen to act as the main personality, a lot of responsibilities and trust come attached. Innumerable hours spent practicing outside of rehearsal are required in order to memorize

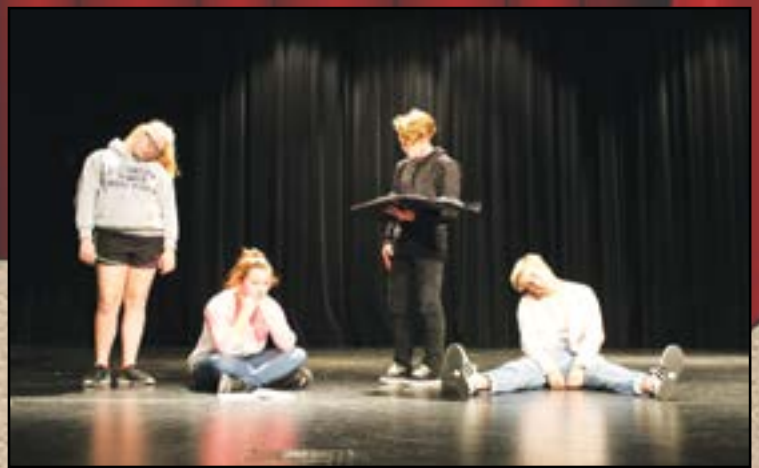
scripts and also to remember the choreography that is assigned.

"I practice my music and lines as much as I can outside of rehearsals, so I am ready when we stage everything," Hupman said.

Besides the lead roles, the ensemble in the show is especially crucial as well. Reily Harker, freshman, will play a village child, Rico, and an Idyllia child, Giuseppe, in *Pinocchio* within the ensemble. Coming in as a recent group member, Harker was assigned characters to portray for both fall shows.

"To land parts as a freshman because I like to do theatre, it is my passion, and to be able to be a part of this production is really cool," Harker said.

*My Son Pinocchio Jr.* will be performed October 14 and 15 at 7:00 pm and on October 16 at 2:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center.



Cast prepares for the first fall musical: *My Son Pinocchio Jr.*

Photos by Zoey Barnes

# Terror in the West Bottoms

BlairClark-JuniorEditor

There are many chances this Halloween season to experience a thrill. The haunted houses in downtown Kansas City; The Beast and The Edge of Hell, are now open at night to give people the scare they are looking for.

The Edge of Hell first opened in 1975 and The Beast followed opening in 1991 in the Historic West Bottoms Districts of Kansas City. These two were the first, large-scale haunted houses that have continuously opened every season for the last 41 years in KC.

“The Edge of Hell was my favorite haunted house. Every year they change the houses up a little bit and you can also go down the slides at the end,” McKenzie Jones, junior, said.

Since both of the houses opened, they have been ranked among the best haunted houses in the United States. Over the years many changes have taken place to amp up the scare and thrill. New set ups, holograms and costumes add to the adventure through the maze of terror.

With many haunted houses, there is no

touching involved, but The Edge of Hell and The Beast are 4-sensory houses. This means that throughout the house, guests will be experiencing it through smell, sound, sight, and most importantly, touch.

“I was more entertained than scared the night my friends and I went. We went on Halloween so the house was packed. It was still fun, but we could see what was coming next so it was not like we were getting scared,” Jennifer Collens, junior, said.

Both of the haunted houses are located in Kansas City’s Historic West Bottoms

District, right off of the 12th Street Bridge. This year, the houses opened on September 16 at 7:30p.m. They are both open every Friday and Saturday at 7:30p.m. until September 29. Starting then, the houses will be open every Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Once the weekend of October 20 rolls around, the houses will be open Thursday through Sunday. The last chance to go through the haunted houses will be November 5.

“My favorite out of the two was The Beast. It had more in it to scare us and it was

more exciting to walk through,” Olivia Krehbiel, junior, said.

There is more than just the haunted houses there. The Beast Jump, Macabre Cinema Haunted Attractions, and also Medusa, the largest snake in captivity are available to attend and see as well. Each of the attractions are separate entry and all have different prices. There are multiple packages online that can give guests a good price to experience all of the attractions around the houses.

“I’m looking forward to going with my friends just to their reactions. I also want to see the giant snake even though it will be terrifying, I think it will also be interesting,” Kameron Cox, senior, said.

The Historic West Bottoms District offers many attractions for the city of Kansas City, so if there is a need for a scare or thrill, check out The Edge of Hell, The Beast, and all the other attractions nearby.



The Edge of Hell can scare people to death.  
Photo by Gracie Snook



Haunted houses are a fun and scary activity to consider for the Halloween season.

Photo by Gracie Snook

# STUDENTS SHINE AT SUMMER ART FESTIVAL

RebekahPanek/StaffReporter



IB Art students (pictured from left to right) Desirea Cervantes, Fiona Dougan and Maggie Curran work on their pieces for class

*Photos by Gracie Snook*

Here again for the 8<sup>th</sup> year, the Summit Art Festival a three-day outdoor event that takes place in downtown Lee's Summit each year is back again. There is a plethora of different types of art and art culture to offer and there will be over 200 pieces will be exhibited from students in LSR7 from grades 7-12.

The Summit Art festival will be held October 7 from 4-8 p.m., October 8 from 10am-8 pm, and October 9 from noon to four p.m. The weather for these three days will be range from high 60's to high 70's. The festival will have food and drinks, and have a kid's area. Ivory Black is the opening act on the first day, they are one of the sponsors. They will be performing at 4 p.m. for two hours.

Desirea Cervantes, senior, is only one of many students who will have artwork on display; she is very excited for this opportunity and the festival as a whole.

"It means a lot to me. It's kind of how my mind thinks and is feeling on display, or a message I am trying to con-

vey," Cervantes said.

Attendees can expect to see more than 90 artist booths to look through and a variety of 45 bands playing on three different stages.

Cervantes has always remembered loving art.

"I've always had an interest since I was a little kid. The first thing I remember doing was trying to redraw the "Captain Underpants" back cover. From then I've always been doing art," Cervantes said.

The Summit Art Festival is sponsored by Summit Art with is a non-profit organization who find aspiring artists exhibit opportunities, professional development and never be as influential as her, but I mentoring in Lee's Summit and sur-

rounding communities.

They have an Art Gallery on Third Street called Got Art. Got Art was opened to provide a venue for local and regional artists to exhibit their work in downtown Lee's Summit, Got Art offers; art classes for kids and adults, internship and mentor-

ing programs, monthly art exhibits, summer art camps, birthday parties, social art classes and reception event space.

Fiona Dougan, senior, shares what she loves about her art role model.

"I love Frida Kahlo, I love what she stands for and I love that she is such a cultural icon. I know I could never be as influential as her, but I want to place as much meaning as

I can behind my pieces, just like she did," Dougan said.

Volunteers run the festival, and Summit Art is collaborating with downtown Lee's Summit. The Festival is held in historical downtown Lee's Summit on Main Street.

"They were two of my best pieces from IB Art last year and I'll be putting them into my portfolio to apply to art school," Maggie Curran, senior, said.

Curran, another student who will have art on display talked a little bit about her work.

One of her pieces that will be on display is called "Practice what you Preach."

If anyone were looking for something for something to do this weekend, this would be a perfect thing to consider. Many see the artwork as interesting, and entertaining to discuss and it goes for the live music as well. Anybody who would want to support the Lee's Summit school art students can see over 200 pieces of art from students between the three schools in the LSR7 school district.





# FOOTBALL IS BACK: NFL SEASON PREVIEW

WillMauer-SportsEditor

It has been 214 days since the last snap on the 2015 NFL football season, and finally it is back. The NFL season is back for another installment of hard hitting, high drama, full-blown action on display for all of America to see. Cities around the country anticipate the festival of football for the next three months, and dream their team makes it to the promised land holding up the Lombardi Trophy in Houston this February.

Injuries sustained from the preseason and early parts of the regular season have seen teams take an immense hit to their Super Bowl chances. The Minnesota Vikings and Dallas Cowboys know the feeling all too well.

"It's clear from Minnesota's decision to acquire Bradford that the Vikings are in win-now mode. Mike Zimmer and his staff made the decision to capitalize on the talent on the roster now. We'll see if it pays off for the Vikings." Jeanna Thomas said. (courtesy of sbnation.com)

The 2016 draft turned out to be a unique one for the Chiefs. They cut third round pick KeiVarae Russell after week one, but their first pick, Chris Jones, has been playing a great deal through the first few weeks.

The defensive tackle from Mississippi State who went 37th overall in the second round, Jones is expected to control the line



Stadium participates in a 9-11 tribute performance.  
Photo by Will Mauer

of scrimmage for the Chiefs this year and give players like Dontari Poe and Jaye Howard a break from plugging up holes along the line of scrimmage.

The Chiefs are highly rated this season from fans and experts around the league and are expected to have a strong season. With the return of Jamaal Charles, the offense looks to pick back up where it left off in 2015 and return to form from their 10 game winning streak.

"I think if the defense plays well, I would say 12 wins, and possibly going to the AFC championship," Dennis Crull, senior, said.

As far as the AFC West, the division may prove to be a tough test this year, with the defending Super Bowl champions in the Denver Broncos, as well as the Oakland Raiders have many of their key players on rookie contracts, which means they have spent their mon-

ey acquiring free agents that can help the young players develop and win football games.

"I think it is best division in football. The Chiefs and Broncos will be in the playoffs, with the Raiders not far behind." Garrett Mason, senior, said.

As far as the rest of the AFC, The Patriots are always in the mix at the end of the year, but without Tom Brady for the first four games because of suspension, it may be a challenge to get a top seed for the playoffs.

The Bengals and Steelers are two quality teams from the AFC north, and look to avenge early exits in the playoffs last year. The Bengals hope to win their first playoff game in 26 years, losing last year to the division rival Steelers.

As far as the NFC, it is crowded towards the top of the conference. The Panthers were in the Super Bowl last year, the Cardinals added Chandler Jones and return Tyrann Mathieu from injury, all with teams such as the Packers, Vikings, Seahawks not even listed.

As far as the super bowl, some

popular employees of huge networks believe that another Kansas City team will be playing for the title. Adam Scheffter and Chris Berman both picked Kansas City to make the Super Bowl but eventually lose in the finale to Seattle and Green Bay, respectively.

With baseball coming to an end, and football kick-starting its season, all the attention from the city will be on the football team. Expectations are high for the team hailing from Missouri and Chiefs fans abroad desire this is the year the team finally breaks through.



Offensive linemen warm up for game.  
Photo by Will Mauer

# THE ROAD TO DISTRICTS: BOYS SOCCER

CaraPanarisi-OpinionEditor

The boys soccer team kicked off their season on August 20 with a 5-1 victory against Liberty North in the Liberty Invitational tournament.

Although the boys maintained their winning streak by finishing off the Liberty Invitational tournament undefeated, the fall season is a long journey, and there are many more games and tournaments to come.

Having two to three games a week and practicing every other day after school for over an hour is exhausting work. Being a student athlete is no joke, no matter what the sport, they are constantly adjusting schoolwork to their games and practices and also juggling the two.

"Probably the physical toll is the hardest part about having soccer practices or games just about every day of the week, but I mean it gets you prepared for what you are going to face in the middle of a game or in the middle of a season, so it is hard to endure on your body, but it is all worth it in the end," Kyle Rock, sophomore, said.

Once they get used to the rhythm and patterns of the season, it becomes easier to manage time and find the balance of school and soccer.

"I try to get most of my homework done at school and that just helps me because I do not have stress whenever I get done with a game or practice, so I just get my homework done as soon as I can and then I am stress free for the rest of the night," Rock said.

Every year the boys set many goals for both themselves, and also as a team. Ryan Kelley, varsity soccer coach, makes sure the boys try to reach these goals before the end of the season and helps prepare them for either next year's season, or college ball.

"Our biggest team goal to accomplish



The Varsity Boys soccer team performs drills to prepare for upcoming games.  
Photo by Gracie Snook

this year would to advance out of our district, we have been in the district finals the past few years and have been a little unlucky and not being able to win that, I think that is something the boys really would like to do," Kelley said.

This year, just like any other year, the boys have big plans of winning districts and advancing to go to state and bringing home the rings.

"The biggest goals of the team are to have a winning season and to make it passed districts," Joseph Thomas, freshman, said.

With these plans, it is not always easy to advance, considering there are many solid teams who are competitors and want the title just as bad.

"The hardest team in our district will come down between Lee's Summit or Lee's Summit West, either one of those schools will be very difficult. West has a lot of seniors back, Lee's Summit has a little bit of experience and a lot of confidence from winning the last few district titles. Beyond that, Rockhurst is always a very good team, they always have a lot of talented players," Kelley said.

Getting passed the district games and ad-

vancing through to the final games with the best teams in the state is not an easy thing to accomplish. The team prepares for this a various amount of ways, whether it is practicing daily at top speed or constantly being mentally prepared during practices, games and tournaments.

"I am trying to get them to be able to play the game at the highest level, to be able to be organized as a team, to defend, but also to have different ideas and tactics we can use to attack, to try to get up around the goal to be able to score, to be able to play opponents who have different styles so we can adjust our game from match to match," Kelley said.

The boys have a lot of support from the Barnyard, which is the fan section dedicated solely for boys varsity soccer. The sections have been looking a little dry this year; so make sure to check the schedule when the boys play next and support them in the stands as they finish off their last few games of the season before districts begins.

# 10 TEAMS TO 1 CHAMPION: THE 2016 MLB

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October is here. Argued by many, October is often herald as the best month in sports and it is headlined by Major League Baseball’s annual playoffs and World Series. Last year, the Kansas City Royals took home the grand prize for the first time in 30 years and now a new group of 10 teams fight to win it all.

“As always I am very excited for the MLB playoffs. As a Reds and Royals fan I am a little disappointed neither of them will be competing, but I have hope next year should be better and it does not affect my excitement,” Bob McIntosh, science teacher, said.

After the last two seasons of playoff excitement in Kansas City, this year was very glum for the boys in blue. A disappointing season ended with a 81-81 record.

“It is not as bad as the 2009 season, but after two world series appearances, a world series championship and a huge amount of good players

to be apart of this team, it looks rough, but I would still say they are doing decent,” Abbey-Rose Shaw, sophomore, said.

The Chicago Cubs, like the Royals had seen many fair shares of struggles prior to the last couple of years. This year, the Cubs managed to attain baseball’s best record 103-58 team’s division. They have been one of the hottest teams this year and people are excited for what they could do in the postseason.

A few weeks ago legendary Los Angeles Dodgers broadcaster, Vin Scully announced that he would not broadcast any postseason games in 2016, despite popular demand. Scully recently broadcasted his final game on October 2; back in September he explained why he thought that made sense.

“As a little kid, my first thought was, ‘Oh, those poor Giants.’ From that little kernel, I developed a desire and a love

for baseball. Since the Giants were 20 city blocks from my school and I could get there thanks to the Catholic Youth Athletic League, I could go to games free, Monday through Friday. So I became a very big Giants fan. As things turn out, the last game of the season, and my last broadcast, will be against the Giants, in San Francisco, Oct. 2, 2016 — exactly 80 years to the day that I saw that Giant-Yankee scorecard. That is a fitting conclusion, I think, to my

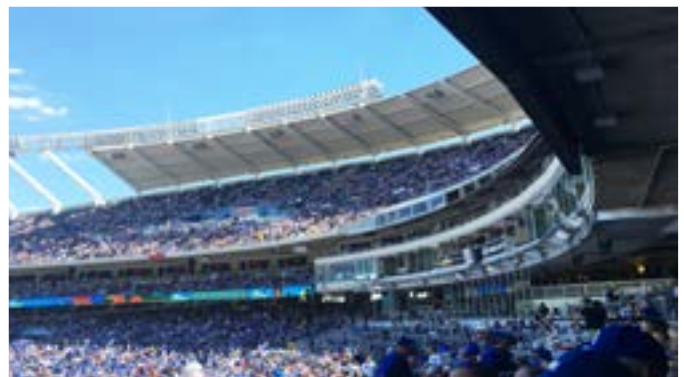
career,” Scully said (Courtesy of usatoday.com).

Some say that the saying is worn, but baseball is and always will be highly regarded as ‘America’s Pastime’. 162 games, 2,430 matchups, from April to October there is so much to say, too much for a small page like this.

Just know, the playoffs are here and fans are excited. Whether a favorite team is participating or not, there is sure to be non-stop action and breathtaking plays for the avid and average fan alike.

Royals fans get up during the Seventh inning stretch during the Tigers game.

Photo by Jack Langle



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# Exposure Editorial

## THE MASS INCREASE IN SCHOOL SHOOTINGS

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**S**chool shootings. School shootings used to be a phrase that had power. Those words had meaning. Feelings of shock and agony and disgust and fear. Now, what do those words mean? We are at the point where all those words trigger is the thought “Oh, another one”. What brought us to this point? This point where school shootings are not even always the headline anymore? To the point where we are not even shocked anymore.

How as high school students, living in an age where school shootings are almost a social norm, cope with this massive increase in student death, how do we prepare the student body, how do we make sure the victims are not silenced, how do we protect ourselves from something so unpredictable?

In 2016, alone, there have been a total of seven school shootings, which has been a drastic decrease from the 64 school shootings America faced in 2015. Americans

hear about these shootings all the time, but we have become so accustomed to a headline including the phrase “School Shooting” that our brains automatically add “Another” in these headlines.

From a teacher’s point of view, in the last 20 years, the amount of security has increased dramatically, which shows progress in school safety, but as school’s advance, so do gunmen.

Many students try to block the phrase out of their minds because thinking about it for prolonged amounts of time terrifies them, and yes, there is validity in this. Thinking about dying while so many of us are still so young and have bright futures ahead of us, could scare anyone. But this is not something we should ignore, it is not something we should silence ourselves on. It has almost become an elephant in the room, however it is something we need to discuss. Nothing will be fixed if nothing is said.

Here, at Lee’s Summit North, our building is right across the street from the police station, so we think no person would ever consider walking into our building with a weapon, however this is false. You and I probably have the same chances to be shot in a place we are supposed to feel safe as anyone else in this whole country.

We live in a world where 14 year old boys can walk into a gunshop and purchase a shotgun in less than 20 minutes. We live in a state where anyone can walk around carrying a firearm without safety training, without even a permit. So is gun regulation the problem? Is societal non acceptance of mental issues the problem? Is it the fact that so many of us have become numb to the word shooting that we have trouble sympathizing with those lost because “It has affected everyone?” Or is it a combination of the three,

among other things.

School shootings is a problem that is going to take years to fix, and there may always be school shootings. This is not a problem that high schoolers can fix, this is violence that no one can cure. But by desensitizing school shootings and the pain, the suffering that comes with the loss of large amounts of children at a home away from home, we are not solving the problem, we are nurturing it.

Encourage discussion, discussion with your friends, your family, your community. We must be a voice, a voice that political leaders hear around this country. If we do not make our voices heard, we are part of the problem, part of the desensitization that this world does not need.

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# Small Town, Big Art District

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Kansas City may not be as large as San Francisco or New York City but Kansas City is still known for its large art district. Small city, big art district.

Earlier in the 1980s, Kansas City Crossroads was no where near what it is today. It was a lost part of Kansas City and at the time was not called crossroads but yet not called anything. In the 1990s, Jim Leedy, owner of Leedy-Voukos, went on a search for a place in Kansas City to share art. He came across the crossroads and established his company from there.

Kansas City has many aspects of art, but one way KC shows off the great art district is by First Fridays. First Fridays is an event held down at the crossroads and displays art of local and non local artists. It is every first Friday of each month and starts around 4 and goes until about 9 for some galleries, but also others go past 9.

“My favorite part about Kansas City as a whole is just their support of the arts. Most people think New York and Los Angeles are most important but Kansas City really holds its own in the art field. Kansas City may not be world renowned but



A band performs live at First Friday's in September  
*Photo by Zoey Barnes*

definitely nationally renowned and respected,” Rashelle Staley-Stutts, art teacher, said.

Staley-Stutts had an art show down at the First Fridays in September. She displayed her work at Leedy-Voukos until September 30.

Along with Leedy-Voukos, there are many other art galleries and museums such as the Nelson-Atkins Art Museum. The Nelson-Atkins Art Museum was voted one of the best U.S. art museums.

“Kansas City is one of the

best art districts because of the luminous atmosphere. There is such an immense aura of community and diversity,” Nia Lange, junior, said.

Kansas City may not compare to New York or to Los Angeles but Kansas City has its own vibe that connects with art on another level. This city is in the center of the country and people come from all around for the art district.

This city for the midwest is

the best art city, no doubt.

There is art all around and for Kansas Citians art has been incorporated into our cultures. There are many galleries but not just in the crossroads. There are some galleries in downtown Lee's Summit such as Got Art.

“Art is important to us in Kansas City, but in New York and other cities with large art districts they just have more space and more money to have those. Kansas City is just smaller so we just have to do everything on a smaller scale and we do a pretty nice job with it,” Colby Mathews, art teacher, said.

With not having as much money and space for a larger art district, KC is unable to provide like New York. However, Kansas City has a highly respected art district for a city that is small, but has a big art district.

Kansas City is known for art but also for the acceptance of art. Art is not just paintings and drawings but yet acting and music. The Kauffman Center may be new but is nationally ranked. The best of the best play there and act there.

“My favorite part about Kansas City is meeting new people and finding new bands, just the fact that so many artists come together and are willing to share their art with my friends and is so special,” Sarah Carpino, senior, said.

Kansas City may not be huge or have enough money like New York or LA, but Kansas City has the people and the art which makes it the best all around.

Many people participate in activities at this monthly festival.

*Photo by Zoey Barnes*



# Possible Purchases at Lee's Summit North

Jillian Jamaledin-Staff Reporter



Coming back to school in August each year, students may not know what expect. School funding is put to a variety of new features each year. At LSN, that includes the new picnic area outside that costed the school \$12,000. But do not fear, this money came from \$25,000 LSN had left to spend from the previous school year. Determining what to purchase each year simply goes to what administrators believe will benefit all students and what will improve the school.

"A lot of it is based off of need and what teachers, coaches, and students have told me that we need," Jeff Meisenheimer, principal, said.

Many of the new features are based off of what staff and students have requested for the school to buy.

Though there are several great new features useful to all students, there are a handful of components the school could add. A couple items I believe should be added are more student printers. This year the

computer lab printers are no longer available for students to print from, leaving the LMC printers crowded and in high demand. Teachers wish for more additions as well.

"The school needs more storage areas for equipment and supplies. Our limited storage areas, especially with athletics and activities, is overflowing with items and it makes it difficult to safely store equipment," Ryan Kelley, Physical Education teacher, said.

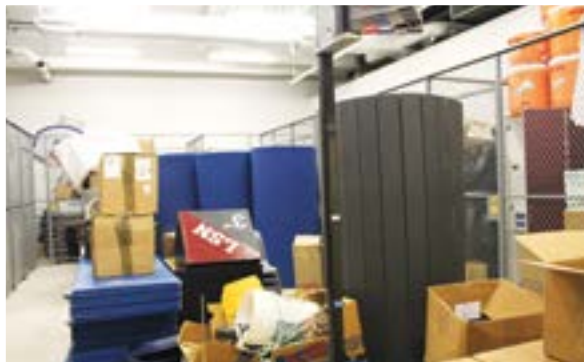
One change made to the school was the new look of the front office and front entry. Multiple teachers found this to be a fresh new look that helps increase the school's security. Other updated looks to the school include new paint, carpet, and countless more graphics. Personally, I like the new graphics and think they add to the school spirit. The recent

pictures that were hung make a more comfortable place to spend the school day.

"Most of the other changes were cosmetic, but as long as those costs do not take

away from our true mission of education, then I think it provides a nice facility in which to visit and spend so much time," Shayne Daniel, Theatre teacher, said.

Another positive about



New renovations cut back on storage space.  
Photo by Gracie Snook

funding is the school continues to enhance the building throughout the year. This quality gives students and staff something to look forward to during the school year.

Along with that, investments towards the school are based off of the request of teachers, coaches and students.

"Another upgrade coming in October is the mezzanine behind the bleachers is getting artificial turf put down there and our PE teachers told us they need that for the extra

space. After school coaches, conditioning coaches said they need that... And so, it will touch a lot of different sports, and kids who are not in sports just in PE as a usable space," Meisenheimer said.

Additionally, I think funding should be distributed to more experiences instead of just cos-

metics and supplies. Outside of school activities are rare and often do not make a top priority.

"I would start a big field trip fund so we never had to charge students and could do even more real world experiences. I'd also love for every teacher to be able to attend their professional organization's conference every year," Pamela Schleiden, chemistry teacher, said.

Funding a school with numerous obligations comes easier with the requests of students and staff. Nevertheless there are items the school still could benefit from. Various elements continuously account to Lee's Summit North's prosperity.

