



## March Edition

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### Note From the Committee:

We hope you enjoy this all digital edition of our newspaper. Regardless of when we go back to school, we hope to continue to publish a monthly newspaper. Although we cannot collect money, all current profits and any future donations will still go to Angels for Animals!

Thank you for the support, stay healthy, and enjoy!

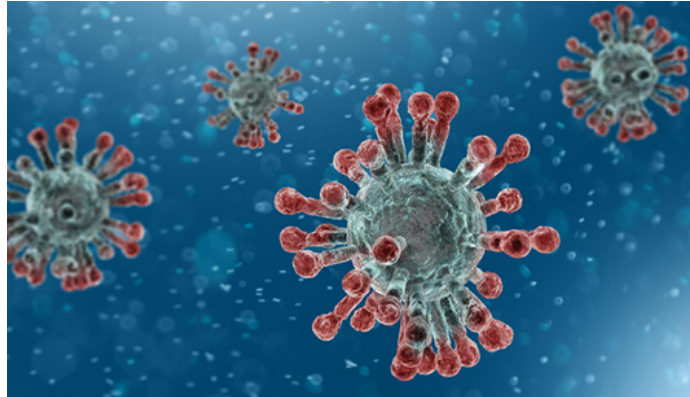


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## Corona or Crisis?

By: Liam McLaughlin

Lots of events, family vacations, and work trips are being canceled because of the latest pandemic called the coronavirus or specifically COVID-19. There are a bunch of CRAZY rumors about how this all started! Some say it started because Chinese people were eating bats. (What?!) Some even go as far as saying the Chinese government created this virus to lower the population. (Hmm.. really?!) But nobody knows for sure how it started but we are trying to stop it. The good news is children are least likely to get killed by the virus. Most people who died from the coronavirus had problems with their body already like cancer. Unless you have serious problems, then you are pretty much unlikely to have a serious effect!

I know right now we're on a break, but that doesn't mean it's time to have fun and throw parties! The government is recommending no more than 10 people in a crowd. Birthday parties could be canceled, vacations could be canceled, and so much more is being affected by this virus. I would encourage you to stay inside and keep to yourself. It's the best thing to do during these times.

Don't worry, this is just another story you'll tell your kids and grandkids someday. We'll get through this no matter what. I've been going to Springfield Local for 3 years now and if it's taught me anything, it's that Springfield never backs down from a challenge. When we were invited to go to the state championship, were we too scared? NO!! This time is no different. SLIS should power through this time with power and courage. I encourage all of you out there to not be afraid. Sticks and stones don't break our bones. Springfield is strong and I stand by it, no virus is going to get on our nerves. We can power through together.

# Feature Stories



## The Legends and Facts About St. Patrick's Day

By: Caitlin Blankenship

**St. Patrick's Day** is a fun holiday that takes place on March 17th every year. St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland, and **St. Patrick's Day** observes his death. This holiday, **St. Patrick's Day**, has parades, dancing, music, special foods, and a lot of green.

St. Patrick was born in the late 4th century. He was kidnapped at the age of 16 and was taken to Ireland to work as a slave. He escaped but returned to Ireland to convert them into Christianity. There are many legends about him including that he used the shamrock (a well known symbol for **St. Patrick's Day**) to explain the trinity. The tradition for the color green started in 1962 when Chicago colored its river green for the holiday. The original color for the holiday was blue. Corned Beef and cabbage are associated with the holiday. In parades, there are usually Irish dancers. Irish stepdance is closely related to American tap dance. The leprechaun legend is that there is a realm where the leprechauns live and they can only come out 3 days a year: the day before, the day of, and the day after **St. Patrick's Day**. This year because of the coronavirus [COVID 19] many parades have been canceled, but many still celebrated at home with their families. In conclusion, **St. Patrick's Day** is a fun holiday for all ages.

## E-Learning If School Closed

By: Taylor Raneri

So, do you know about the Coronavirus? Well, if school ever closed you would have to make up those days in June. But, have you ever heard of online learning or e-learning? It would help so you don't have to stay in school in June when you could be enjoying summer. In the text, "New Debate: Snowed Out," by ReadWorks says, "A couple hours of online works beats going in for an additional days in June." It also says in "News Debate: Snowed Out," "But on a June day you would just have to sit there for seven hours, thinking about how you could be outside, so you could lose focus." That means you would lose focus in school more easily if you were stuck in school during summer compared to if you just worked at home when school was canceled. All in all, this is what may happen if school would close.



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# School News

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## Springfield's Outstanding Administrator!

By: Paige McCalla

I am excited to say that Mr. Yazvac has won Ohio Music Education Association's 2020 Outstanding Administrator of the Year! He was nominated by our one and only music program. I had the pleasure of talking to Mrs. Nerone, one of our fabulous choir teachers. I chose to ask, "I heard Mr. Yazvac used to teach music. Why is it important for such an important figure in the school district to have a music background?" She replied, "That is an excellent question! Any music teacher will tell you that there are a million reasons that music is important. But any time a music teacher advocates for the importance of music education, people inevitably look at that advocacy a bit skeptically. You see, a music teacher advocating for the importance of music, means that they are also advocating for their job. Having administrators who understand why music plays such an important part, not only in our schools, but in our communities, is invaluable."

I believe Mrs. Nerone did an amazing job of showing that any music teacher will explain music is important, for the sake of their job, but having someone so rich in music lead the school district will help show that it is extremely essential to involve yourself in the fine arts.

I also asked her, "Mr. Yazvac always greets with a warm smile and good attitude. Do you respect how he always powers through the tough days?" She told me, "Absolutely! He has a job that few people can do. On any given day he has a million things he is juggling, but you would never know that when he greets you. As an administrator, it is important that he makes the people in his schools feel valued and respected. He absolutely achieves that every day."

Thank you for taking the time to give us these amazing answers, Mrs. Nerone, and again congratulations Mr. Yazvac for such a tremendous achievement!



Image from Ms. Julie Bercik



# Community News

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## The Roadhouse Has Closed

By: Jordan Garrett

The Roadhouse has moved on. The Roadhouse was a local business, which I'm sure you have been to or at least seen. The Roadhouse had been here for a while, and in fact The Roadhouse was in New Middletown for over eight years. Also, there were a lot of good memories for people there. For instance, the elementary soccer team a few years back celebrated their victories there; and The Roadhouse even sponsored them and put their business name on the back of their jerseys. Were you surprised when The Roadhouse left?



Image from wfmj.com

## Puppy Rescue!

By: Sophia Wiscott

Sometimes puppies get abandoned, and that's not okay. But luckily, we have shelters that rescue them! Shelters that rescue puppies help them out by giving them food and water and by giving them a bed and cage where they can sleep. However, this isn't all that helps the puppies. The other way to help a puppy is by adopting them. Adopting puppies can change a lot. The puppy will have a new playmate! You can also give them toys, and let them explore the outside world. According to "wagwalking.com", "Dogs enjoy being outside because to them it is where everything interesting happens..." Letting your dog outside can also lead it to making friends with other dogs, so keep that in mind. Do you now see all of the benefits the dog will have if you adopt it? If you plan on getting a dog from a rescue shelter, remember all the benefits, not only you, but the dog will have!



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# Sports

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## Track

By: Grace Burchfield

As the track season is getting underway, I had the opportunity to speak to Conner Sugar, an eighth grade track member.

Q: What are you doing on track this year?

A: I am doing shot put and discus.

Q: What are you looking forward to this season?

A: I'm looking forward to beating my shot put and discus record from last year and maybe running one event for Coach Guerriero.

Q: What is your favorite part of track?

A: Definitely the competition and just trying to be the best.

Q: Would you suggest it to others, and why?

A: Absolutely, before the season, I try talking people into it. It's just a great way to go get some exercise and maybe make some new friends!

\*\*This interview was conducted prior to school closure. We hope track athletes have their season! ♥

## Our Season, Our Reason

By: Brianne R. Carnahan



The Springfield Tigers holding their second place trophy.  
Photo Courtesy: Brianne Carnahan

This season for the Tigers has been awesome, don't you think?! The reason they played? They love basketball! Our overall record was 18-7. We have made a huge improvement from the beginning of the year to the end of the year. We did especially good since half of the team missed some of the practices and there was a delay to the start of the season due to how far the football team went in their season. The reason for this season was putting a smile on fans' faces. The Tigers certainly did that!! As you can see, this season has been awesome for the Tigers, and the reason they did it was pretty great as well!

# Meet the Teacher

## Mrs. Shurtleff

By: Ronni Agee

Meet Mrs. Shurtleff! She is the 8th grade language arts teacher. I asked her if she always wanted to be a teacher, she said, "No, I wanted to be an oceanographer." I then asked her if she has always worked at Springfield. She replied, "No I worked at St. Paul's Daycare and other daycares." I then asked her how long has she worked at Springfield. She said she has been here for 14 years. Her favorite 8th grade assignment that she gives is the Narrative Project. I asked her if she had any tattoos and she said no. I asked her what her favorite movie was and she said, Robin Hood: Men in Tights. I asked her how many pets she has and she said three. I asked her what her favorite subject was and she said Latin and English.



## COMICS



By: Maddy McCormack



# “Won’t You Be My Neighbor?”

## Movie Review- *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*

By: Olivia Flynn

It is truly a beautiful day in this neighborhood with this heart-felt story about the one, the only, Mr. Rogers. Many of you may have heard about the “perfect” world of Mr. Rogers. But, as you learn in the movie, his world isn’t as perfect off-camera as it is on. He is still the very calm person everyone sees on camera, but, let’s just say you’ll hear some harsh notes on the piano if you were to catch him when he was stressed out or angry. So we don’t spoil too much, let’s just say Tom Hanks made an outstanding Mr. Rogers!



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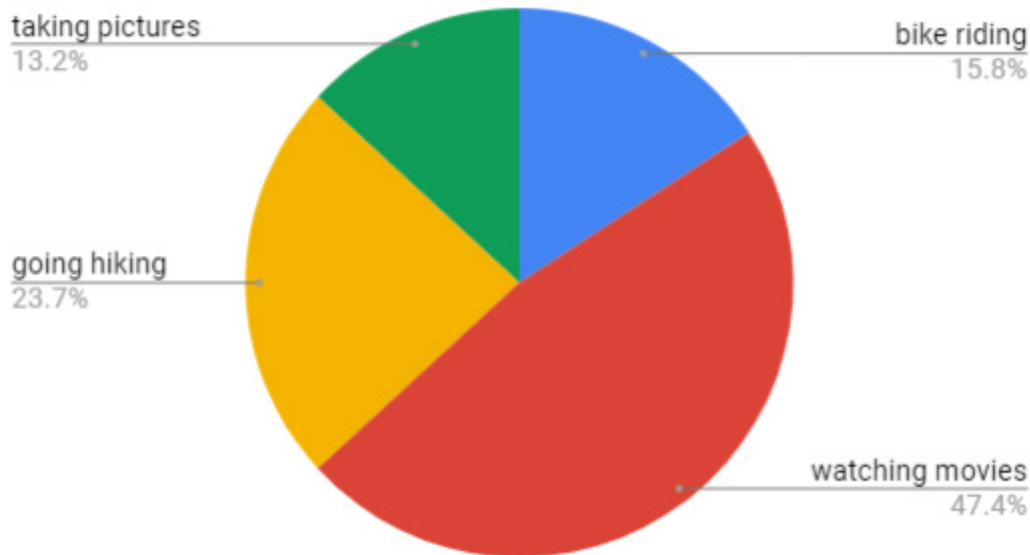
## Book Review

By: Zoey Douglas

If you’ve haven’t noticed, the school library has hundreds of books and there are so many options. There are a wide variety of books to choose from, from nonfiction about World War I, to fiction books about aliens invading. This month also happens to be Dr. Suess’s birthday, so you should really read a book in honor of his birthday. One suggestion I have for you is the *Matched* Trilogy. These books are about a girl in a town controlled by the government. She is “Matched” with her best friend, but there is a malfunction and she sees someone else’s face on the port and she has to decide if she will follow her destiny or follow her heart. The rest of the books tell about her wonderful adventures about finding the right guy to spend the rest of her life with and if she decides to break the rules to follow her heart. I rate the book 4.5 out of 5 stars because it is interesting, fun, and I always want to read it. Overall, I would suggest reading the *Matched* series in honor of Dr. Suess’s birthday.

## Student Poll- Favorite Spring Activity

By: McKenzi Miller



# GUESS WHO?!

By: Elijah Gardner

This teacher has been teaching for 30 years, 27 of those years at Springfield. She loves to take naps after school. Also, this teacher has 2 kids and have been married for 29 years. She likes all kinds of sports. Her favorite teams are the Cleveland Browns, the Cleveland Indians, and The Ohio State Buckeyes. Her favorite quote is "That which doesn't kill you will only make you stronger; except bears, bears will kill you." Finally, a fun fact about her is in her next life, she is going to be a NASCAR driver.

Can you guess who this Springfield Tiger is?!



The answer from the February newspaper was... Mr. Malone! :)

## Ask Adaline



*Hey guys! Adaline here! While we are out of school, I will be sending out some words of advice on everyday topics and concerns since you are unable to submit advice requests. So, here is my advice for this edition... Although your homework might be hard, keep working because if not you will fall behind. Keep working! You can do it!*

*Bye for now,  
Adaline*

## Notable Quotables

By: Gigi Garchar

"Never let oneself be beaten down by persons or by events."

-Marie Curie

"Those who dwell among the beauties and mysteries of the earth are never alone or weary of life."

-Rachel Carson.

"Men, their rights, and nothing more; women, their rights, and nothing less."

-Susan B. Anthony

"I don't think of all the misery, but of the beauty that still remains."

-Anne Frank

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart."

-Hellen Keller

"Girls are capable of doing everything men are capable of doing. Sometimes they have more imagination than men."

-Katherin Johnson, the NASA mathematician who helped put a man on the moon

## Kindness Korner

By: Payton LaCivita

A kind heart is a garden. Kind words are the flowers. Good deeds are the roots. Keep the weeds away. As long as you grow up, people will water you and take care of you. Be the sunflower in a garden full of roses. And be kind.





# Puzzle of the Month



## Middle School Tiger Staff

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 HORVATH  
 MARTIN  
 PATRONE  
 SENN  
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 FERRARO  
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 RUPERT  
 SHURTLEFF  
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