The Badger Pause

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Unveiling the Halloween of yesteryear

by Melissa Braun, BP Staff Writer

Halloween: the day of spooks, scares, and candy. October 31st is known for dressing up in costumes, going to haunted houses, carving jack o' lanterns and spending the night trick-or-treating. It's filled with ghosts, witches, and ghouls but Halloween wasn't always this way.

Halloween can be traced all the way back to the ancient Celtic holiday, Samhain, celebrated across Europe. The festival was originally a celebration at the end of the harvest season and the beginning of a new winter. October 31st through November 2nd was believed to be the days where the barrier between the living and the dead is the weakest allowing the spirits to travel back into the living's world. The Celts would sacrifice animals and fruits to the spirits and light bonfires to keep the spirits away from the living. To ward off spirits so they didn't cause havoc on their crops and lives, people would dress up and wear costumes on the day of Samhain.

Samhain started to alter when Christian missionaries attempted to change the religious practices of the Celtic people. The missionaries thought the holiday and its practices were evil; they tried to convert the Celts and diminish any trace of the holiday. The missionaries then converted the three day Celtic festival into three more christianized days; All Hallows Eve (October 31st), All Saints Day (November 1st), and All Souls Day(November 2nd). But the Celtic people still wanted to remain true to their roots and would not completely disregard their holiday, so the Celts celebrated All Hallows Eve more than any of the other days because it was the day the most similar to Samhain. However the connections to Samhain remained immensely prominent within the celebrated day. All Hallows Eve was the time where spirits would wander the land and the superstitions became extremely high. All Hallows Eve eventually evolved and transformed into the Halloween we celebrate today.



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Carving jack o' lanterns on Halloween emerged from the Irish myth of Stingy Jack. Jack was a very stingy man, hence his name being Stingy Jack. Anyway Jack, when having a drink with the Devil, refused to pay so he tricked the Devil into becoming a coin to settle the debt. But Jack decided to keep the coin for himself and made the Devil promise if he were to die in the next year, the Devil wouldn't take his soul to hell. A year passed and once again Jack met up with the Devil and tricked him this time into promising Jack he wouldn't bother Jack for another ten years. During the ten years Jack died, only, God wouldn't permit him to enter heaven because of his behavior and of course he made the promise with the Devil so wasn't permitted in hell either. Stingy Jack was then condemned to wander the Earth for eternity with only a burning piece of coal lit within a turnip to guide his way. Children would then carve Jack into turnips calling them jack o' lanterns. The tradition came to the United States when Irish immigrants immigrated to the U.S. but instead, since pumpkins were more affordable, they would carve jack o' lanterns out of pumpkins rather than turnips. This then became widely accepted across the U.S. to carve jack o' lanterns out of pumpkins on Halloween.

Trick-or-treating as well originated from the ancient Celtic festival, Samhain, then became a part of All Hallows Eve. On Samhain the people would leave plates for the spirits wandering the Earth that night. In Ireland and Scotland the tradition is called guising. On the day, young people, dressed up in costumes, would go door to door or people would go to neighbors' houses offering prayers for dead relatives in exchange for a bit of food. These both eventually turned into people dressing up in costumes going to houses saying, "trick or treat!" and receiving a piece of candy,

This day is celebrated in a wide variety of ways across various countries. In other countries the day or days of celebration are more about honoring the dead than just the Halloween we know of. El Dia de los Muertos, (the Day of the Dead), is celebrated in Mexico, Latin America, and Spain. The days, October 31st through November 2nd, are held for families to remember and honor their deceased loved ones. The families put together altars full of flowers, candies, food, photographs, and candles to help the spirits find their ways back home

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History is written by the victors: How will they choose to write it?

by Zak Martinjako, BP Staff Writer

Jefferson County in Colorado is currently the front line of a censorship battle. The subject, however, may raise more than a few eyebrows; the Jefferson County Board of Education (BOE) is aiming to censor American History. Their goal, as stated in a publicly released curriculum proposal, is to "promote citizenship, [and] patriotism...", which might not seem so damaging at first. However, the BOE has stirred up conflict with statements such as "materials should not encourage or condone civil disorder, social strife or disregard of the law" and "instructional materials should present positive aspects of the United States and its heritage" being included in the proposal. In response, teachers and students have protested in droves, fighting for their right to unbiased education.

The origin of this story lies within the re-write of the curriculum for Advanced Placement (AP) American History. AP classes are elective courses directed by a national curriculum put out by the College Board. In recent years, all AP curricula have been rewritten and reworked in order to promote critical thinking in students. The subject matter that the revised AP American History curriculum emphasizes has sparked heated and intense political debate. Focuses of the new course include the role of minorities in political change, the evolution of the American national identity, analysis of slavery and other labor systems, and debates over economic values and government roles in the US (information pulled directly from the curriculum released by the College Board). These shifts, as well as others, have given birth to a fierce political clash. A number of groups, including the Jefferson County BOE, have claimed that the new curriculum does little to promote pride in America, and instead pushes the negative aspects of American history.

Various schools have made the decision not to follow the College Board's curriculum, for it is not enforced. However, this is detrimental and leaves students unprepared for AP examinations, which are based on the College Board's course descriptions, meaning they may very well miss out on the potential to gain college credit. Additionally the College Board has commented that if essential concepts are censored from the course, it may no longer be considered "Advanced Placement" (npr.org).

While the BOE might see their actions as necessary to promote patriotism in their school district, the citizens of Jefferson County have made it clear that they disagree. Multiple schools were unable to hold classes due to organized teacher "sick outs" (teachers call in saying they are sick and then do not show up to school) and student protests. Unrest is shared among instructor, pupil, and parent alike. The majority of them believe in an uncensored, unbiased education in American history. The BOE, however, remains steadfast, releasing statements defending their actions and calling the situation a misunderstanding.

According to cnn.com, president of the school board, Ken Witt, commented that "the idea is to make certain that we are expanding community involvement and community voice in curriculum. That's not censorship. That's the opposite of censorship. This is exactly what these students would want, I hope."

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Homecoming Court

by Lexi Sell, BP Staff Writer

Queen and King Candidates


Megan Arnold and Mitchell Freeman crowned as the 2014 Homecoming Queen and King.



Megan Arnold

1. To party like Jay Gatsby
2. Sheldon from *The Big Bang Theory*
3. Hoe Down Throw Down



Mitchell Freeman

1. The homecoming football game
2. Michael Jackson
3. The Bernie



Alex Berman

1. Dressing up in a pretty dress
2. Enrique Iglesias
3. I make up my own moves

The Homecoming Court Was Asked the Following Questions...

1. What are you looking forward to most for homecoming?
2. If you could have a dance off with anybody, who would it be with?
3. What is your favorite dance move?



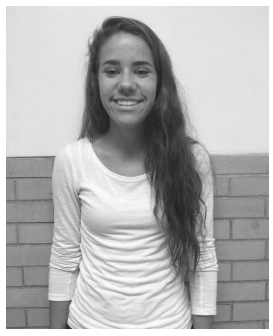
Grace Noce

1. Getting all dressed up
2. Jessi Simon
3. The shopping cart



Sam Jackson

1. Getting to see who is crowned queen
2. Beyoncé
3. The Wobble



Suzanne Koziol

1. I can't go because of my brother's wedding
2. Carlton from *The Fresh Prince of Bel Air*
3. The Worm

Homecoming Football Game vs. Newbury

October 24th.

VICTORY

The Great Gatsby and a Great Cause

Homecoming Dance

October 25th



Luke Byler

1. The food before and after
2. Usher
3. The Q tip



Tom Fabian

1. Seeing the fountain that Student Council set up
2. Bill Nye (I'd win…maybe)
3. I don't dance



RJ Maxwell

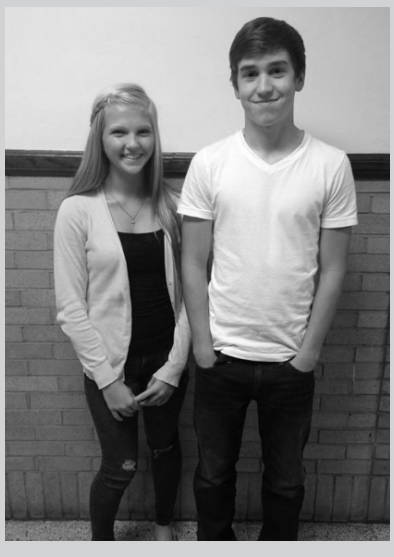
1. The marching bands music at the homecoming football game
2. Mr. Lester
3. The lean back body wiggle



Vince Noce

1. Seeing my beautiful date, Abby McDermott
2. Seth Rogen
3. The Sprinkler

Freshman Attendants



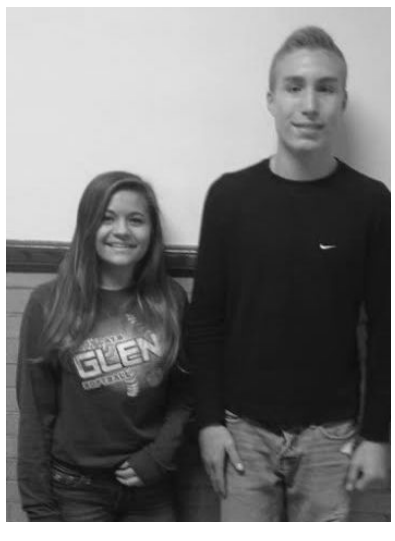
Amy Pfeister

1. To get my hair done
2. Obama
3. The Harlem Shake

Jared Hinkle

1. Eating food
2. Tyler the Creator
3. The Windmill

Sophomore Attendants



Gabby Skolaris

1. Looking pretty and hanging out with friends
2. Ryan Johnson
3. The Rump Shaker

David Tucek

1. Hanging with friend
2. Toukla Thing
3. Twerking

Junior Attendants



Kieran Wichert

1. Going out to dinner with my friends
2. Sam Anderson
3. Um…I'm just excited to see everybody else dance

Barrett Jackson

1. The after parties
2. Mr. Reedy
3. The pelvic thrust

The paranormal plagues Punderson

by Kaitlyn Moses and Samantha Hargis, BP Staff Writers

The rumors surrounding Punderson Manor have been swirling for decades; workers and guests claim the property is haunted. According to Geauga News and the Ohio State Park website, Punderson Manor is an English style Tudor mansion in Newbury and is part of the Ohio State Park Lodges. In 1795, General Moses Cleveland and several others discovered the land that Punderson Manor rests on. The area became known as "The Western Reserve". First settled by a man named Lemuel and his wife Sybal Punderson, the land was later sold by their family after their deaths. W.B. Cleveland, a descendent of the General bought the property. He built the "Big House" there. Punderson Manor stands on the old foundations of the "Big House". Originally, the property was Cleveland's dog kennel until he became ill and died in the 1920's. In 1925, Karl Long purchased the property from Cleveland's family to build a house. Long began to build a Tudor style mansion, but he later abandoned construction when he lost the funds. In the 1930's a woman named Ocie Cleveland, who was a relative of the General and W.B. Cleveland, owned and used the property as a girls' summer camp until she sold it to the State of Ohio when she became unable to support it financially in 1948. The state continued Long's construction, hoping to create a lodging resort for the public. Punderson State Park was then opened on November 15, 1956 and has many guests every year. It wasn't until the 1970's that strange occurrences were experienced and reported by visitors and staff.



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Haunted Hallway in Punderson Manor

Throughout the years, the Punderson State Park Manor house has been known to have had supernatural phenomenon. These events and occurrences have been seen both by guests and employees. Employees have often been irritated by the happenings and, in the past, have even yelled at the "ghosts" of the mansion. Guests have checked out early because of the supernatural feelings and chills the mansion gives them when they arrive. Ever since the mansion became property of the state of Ohio and part of the state park property these spooky events have occurred.

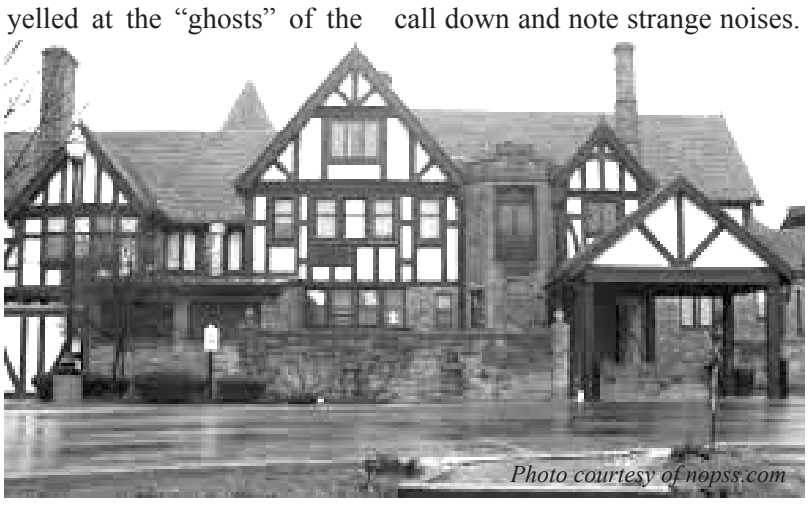


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Punderson Manor, the site of a number of paranormal occurences.

One of the most terrifying incidences in the mansion is said to have happened in 1979. As employees were socializing at the front desk after a long work day, one of the three left to go to the kitchen and get a cup of coffee. Instead of coffee, the employee found a ghost of a lumberjack hanging by the neck in the lounge, rotating on a rope. The ghostly figure stayed for three hours until the sun rose and the figure faded while the sun arrived.

Recently a couple checked into the mansions biggest, and most haunted suite, the Windsor Suite. The couple went in and put their things in the room but after only five minutes in the room, there was a problem. The man came back down to the front desk and asked to immediately check out; it turns out he requested this because when his wife called out to him, she felt as if she was being held down to the bed by multiple people when she first sat on the bed. Her husband had to "save" her and get her off of the bed. It is quite frequent that guests call down and note strange noises.

The Manor House often receives complaints from guests that involve loud talking in the next room over or non-stop laughter. Also, many guests have reported cold chills coming and going in their rooms and in the hallways. Employees have said they often see pencils flying, fires going out in an instant, and furniture moving across the room.

An employee staying at the mansion reported that her bathroom's garbage can moved in front of the shower door which blocked her from getting out. She got out, moved it, and went about her business, but when she looked again it was back in front of the shower door. Other tourists and employees have taken pictures and have seen green or cloudy ghostly figures floating in their rooms or in the hallways, stalking them as if they're trying to push them out of the house.

Through the strange phenomenon, the Punderson State Park is still a great resort. As well as the mansion, other parts of the park have been known to have strange features but do not be discouraged from visiting! Guests who have not had supernatural events happen when they stay and many often say it is a nice place to go but there will always be the mystery of haunting in the Punderson State Park

New Badgers in the building

by Abbie Maschek, BP Staff Writer

Being the new kid at school is never a fun experience. You suffer through countless thoughts that mostly likely would never actually happen in real life. Everyone already knows everyone and you just awkwardly stand there not knowing how to handle this unfamiliar situation. Some new experiences are enjoyable, while other new experiences traumatize you. You take on the challenge of navigating throughout the crazy hallways, being pushed in every direction, and on some occasions, you may end up receiving the kick that was supposedly meant for someone else. As Berkshire seems to be bursting with new faces this year, the Badger Pause staff continues to bring the spot light onto them.

Freshman Lizzie O'Connor is one of the new faces you may be seeing in the hallways. O'Connor previously attended Saint Helen before making the switch to Berkshire. When asked about the biggest difference between her previous school and Berkshire she recalled "my past school was a private school so it was really small. It had a lot less people and this school is bigger." Her favorite thing about Berkshire thus far is "playing sports and making friends. I have different friends from different groups. I like to connect with people." Lizzie agrees with most of the student body; she would like to change the fact that she has to wake up early. The thing that she is looking forward to most this school year is getting good grades.

Gabrielle Skolouis is in tenth grade and is also a new student here at Berkshire. She previously attended Robert B. Glenn High School. When she was asked about the biggest difference between Berkshire and her previous school, she couldn't name one as they are very similar. When asked what her favorite thing about Berkshire is, Skolouis responded with "I just love this school. The teachers are great." She continued on saying "I wouldn't change a thing, I'm glad to be going to the same school my dad went to." Gabrielle is looking forward to playing softball this year.



Pictured left to right: Tiffany Sullivan, Billy Maschek, Gabrielle Skolouis, Lizzie O'Connor

Junior, Billy Maschek, is another new face at Berkshire this year. Maschek comes from Agape Christian Academy. When asked about the biggest difference he noticed in Berkshire compared to his previous school, Maschek quickly responded with "I like Berkshire. I think that it gives us more freedom and treats us like we are actually adults." Maschek also stated "I like how we are able to play more sports; there are lots to choose from. There are more people here that you can be friends with. I am also looking forward to homecoming." One thing that Maschek would like to change about Berkshire is the time school starts saying, "I wish I didn't have to get up so early to go. And if we were able to get out at 1:45 pm that would be really nice." Maschek is looking forward to two different things for this school year; the end of the school year and the start of winter sports.

Tiffany Sullivan is finishing up her last year of high school at Berkshire. Sullivan came from Newbury High School. When asked about the biggest difference between Newbury and Berkshire, she said that "the classes and the privileges I have here that I didn't have at Newbury." Her favorite thing about Berkshire thus far is that "everyone is really easy going and friendly. It's a good environment to be around." If Sullivan was able to change one thing about her experience at Berkshire she agreed with the other new students and would like to change the time of school starting. Since this is her final year of high school, the thing that she is looking forward to most is "being more involved in the school and making my last year the best."

Well, there you have it. These new students are set on making this year their best one yet. If you happen to see one of these new students in the hallway, stop and say hi. They may surprise you and become your new best friend.



Boys Varsity Football

Robert Timms
Ian Semler
Gordy Cossick
Clay Crea
Mitch Freeman
Emil Hess
Donovan Springer
John Kumher
Hunter Geber
Noah McCaskey
Ben Blechschmid
Will Blechschmid
Dan Humes
Ryan Hall
Jared Hinkle
Nick Hunt
Jacob Hanson
Kyle Storm
Derek Sass
David Tucek
James Speelman
Bob Durey
Riley Carey
Justin Miller
Mason Ulatowski
Jacob Haycox
Jeff Burnett
Logan Kumher
Bubba Urban
Jimmy McClellan
AJ Adler
Frank Kaschalk
Chris Costantini
Zack Budin
Tim Hlad





Head Coach
Josh DeWeese

"Every rep, every set, every play, every day."

Senior Night is October 31st vs. Cardinal

08/29/2014	Home vs. Harvey	7 - 32
09/05/2014	Home vs. Gilmour	42-48
09/12/2014	Away @ Grand Valley	35-19
09/19/2014	Away @ Hawken	36-20
09/26/2014	Home vs. Beachwood	21-47
10/03/2014	Away @ Fairport	43-0
10/10/2014	Home vs. Cuyahoga Heights	18-35
10/17/2014	Away @ Kirtland	7-41
10/24/2014	Home vs. Newbury	41-8



Girls Varsity Cheerleading

Head Coach Pam Pfiester

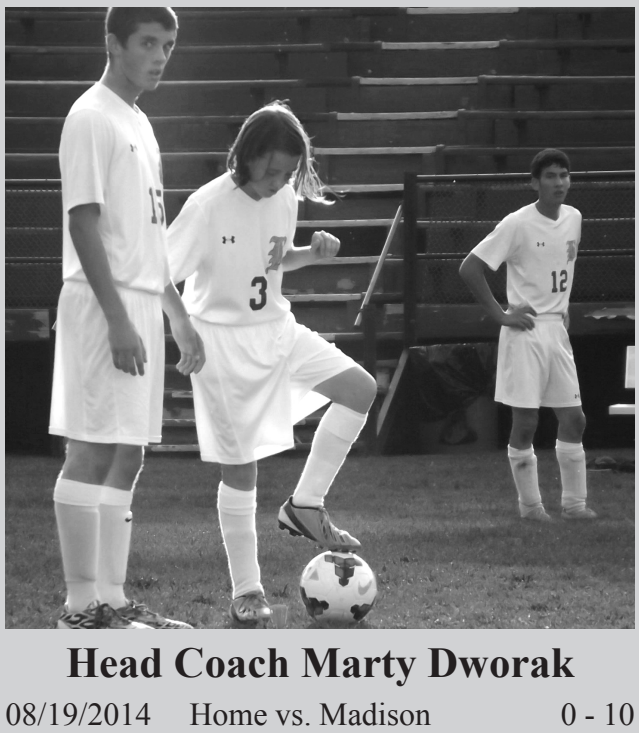
Alex Berman
Sabrina Flaherty
Sam Jackson
Emily Young
Bree Barker

The Winter Sports Season begins late October/ early November.

Make sure you come on out and show your support for the Berkshire teams.

Varsity Boys & Girls Soccer

Tim Pillot
Karsten Bergmeier
Jack Reed
Nathan McFadden
Vince Noce
Nick Romask
David Stotlar
Ryan Zeitler
David Cheung
John Nelson
Christian Price
Nick Boyk
Justin Pollitzer
Corey Mraz
Ben Bresnahan



Head Coach Marty Dworak

08/19/2014	Home vs. Madison	0 - 10
08/21/2014	Home vs. Perry HS	0 - 11
08/26/2014	Away @ Kirtland	1 - 7
08/30/2014	Home vs. Gilmour	1 - 8
09/02/2014	Home vs. Cuyahoga Heights	1 - 1
09/04/2014	Home vs. Conneaut	0 - 5
09/06/2014	Away @ Labrae	0 - 6
09/09/2014	Away @ Independence	0 - 7
09/13/2014	Away @ Newbury	2 - 0
09/15/2014	Away @ Lakeside	1 - 3
09/18/2014	Home vs. Benedictine	1 - 7
09/23/2014	Home vs. Cardinal	0 - 7
09/30/2014	Away @ Harvey	1 - 9
10/02/2014	Home vs. Memorial	1 - 5
10/07/2014	Home vs. Beachwood (Senior Night)	0 - 8
10/09/2014	Away @ Riverside	1 - 7
10/14/2014	OHSAA Sectional Semifinal vs. Grand Valley	4 - 2
10/18/2014	OHSAA Sectional Final vs. Kirtland	1 - 10

Grace Noce
Alivia Alfredo
Anna Carlson
Hannah Bucholtz
Ashley Curry
Alexis Johnson
Vanessa Zelle
Abbey McDermott
Aysa Martin
Abby Carlson
Lexi Caponi
Amber Taraska
Erin Drew
Maddie Timmons
Joanne Miller
Georgia Schiewe
Catherine Lillibridge
Julia Losasso
Abby Clarke
McKenna Brown



Head Coach Kayla O'Brien

"Two-Twelve! (212°) Always show up to play and cherish the time you have with your teamates, coaches, and friends. It goes fast. lead by example and leave it all on the field."

08/19/2014	Home vs. Lakeside	3 - 4
08/21/2014	Away @ Perry	0 - 1
08/26/2014	Home vs. Euclid	1 - 0
08/28/2014	Home vs. Beachwood	0 - 7
09/04/2014	Away @ Geneva	0 - 7
09/06/2014	Home vs. Conneaut	2 - 2
09/09/2014	Home vs. Cornerstone Christian	1 - 4
09/11/2014	Home vs. Wickliffe	0 - 4
09/16/2014	Away @ Fuchs Mizrachi	4 - 2
09/18/2014	Away @ Kirtland	0 - 7
09/23/2014	Away @ Pymatuning Valley	1 - 5
09/25/2014	Home vs. Harvey (Senior Night)	0 - 2
09/30/2014	Home vs. Open Door Christian	5 - 0
10/01/2014	Away @ Independence	0 - 7
10/08/2014	Away @ Bristol	3 - 6
10/09/2014	Away @ Cuyahoga Heights	0 - 6
10/13/2014	OHSAA Sectional Semifinal vs. Kirtland	0 - 9

"2014 was a great season for the boys golf team. We were CVC Champions once again & qualified to Districts for the first time since 2011."
- Coach David List

Luke Byler	Sam Fisher	Miles Chapman	Cole Crea
Nick Paul	Jarrett Smetana	Anthony Granny	Jack Reed

Boys Varsity Golf

08/07/2014	CVC Preseason at Legend Lake	Valley Division 1st Place
08/08/2014	Trinity Classic at Ironwood	4th - 329
08/14/2014	Twinsburg Invitational at Glen Eagles	N.R.
08/15/2014	Cardinal Invitational at Grandview Golf Course	3rd - 325
08/18/2014	Harvey at Painesville CC	BHS 191, HHS 230
08/20/2014	Cardinal HS at Pleasant Hill Golf Course	BHS 172, CHS 182
08/22/2014	Cardinal/West G at Grandview	1st - 174
08/25/2014	Wickliffe HS at Pine Ridge	BHS 171, Wick 205
09/03/2014	Independence HS at Pleasant Hill Golf Course	BHS 160, IHS 175
09/08/2014	Kirtland at St. Denis	KHS 160, BHS 172
09/09/2014	Cornerstone Christian at Pleasant Hill Golf Course	N.R.
09/10/2014	Cuyahoga Heights HS at Pleasant Hill Golf Course	BHS 161, CHS 191
09/15/2014	Kirtland at Pleasant Hill Golf Course	BHS 163, KHS 181
09/17/2014	CVC Championship at Windmill Lakes	1st - 338
09/18/2014	Orange HS at Beachmont CC	N.R.
09/24/2014	OHSAA Sectional Tournament at Pine Hills	3rd - 347
10/01/2014	OHSAA District Tournament at Tannenhauf	4th Place

Girls Varsity Golf

08/05/2014	CVC Preview at Pleasant Hill	Pleasant Hill Golf Course
08/11/2014	vs. Madison/Perry at Erie Shores	3rd - 285
08/12/2014	CVC Preseason at Kent State	7th - 459
08/14/2014	vs. Kenston at Punderson	Kenston 192, BHS 241
08/15/2014	vs. Orange & Geneva at Punderson	3rd
08/19/2014	vs. Perry & Conneaut at Powderhorn	3rd - 279
08/21/2014	vs. Cuyahoga Heights at Pleasant Hill	BHS 245, Cuy Hts 254
08/26/2014	vs. Lakeside & Orange at Chapel Hill	LHS 190, BHS 216, OHS 221
08/27/2014	vs. Hawken/Perry at Pleasant Hill	3rd - 229
08/28/2014	vs. Willoughby South at Grandview	South 237, BHS 238
09/02/2014	vs. Madison at Grandview	BHS 225, MHS 229
09/03/2014	vs. Aurora at Pleasant Hill	AHS 202, BHS 231
09/04/2014	vs. Geneva & Willoughby South at Geneva-on-the-Lake	GHS 156, South 229, BHS 237
09/08/2014	vs. Lakeside & Conneaut at Pleasant Hill	Lakeside 215, BHS 26, Conneaut 238
09/09/2014	vs. Orange at Punderson	BHS 230, Orange 231
09/15/2014	vs. Independence HS at Seneca	Independence 190, BHS 256
09/17/2014	CVC Championship at Glen Eagles	6th - 463
09/22/2014	OHSAA Sectional Tournament at Punderson	518



Coach Bomback	Alex Sanda
Carolyn Mayer	Amber Bowman
Bri Steigerwald	Alyssa Maier
Alex Berman	Kieran Wichert
Rachel Breckenridge	Stephanie Harden

Boys & Girls Varsity Cross Country

Boys	Girls
David Pelletier	**Christin Dornback**
Adam Thompson	**Melissa Koziol**
Nate Walker	**Suzanne Koziol**
Dan Bridavsky	**Gwen Losasso**
Seth Byler	**Katelyn Luther**
Nate Schultz	Amy Pfiester
Jack Squire	Riley Schultz
Jacob Turk	Kylie Scott

8/23/2014	Berkshire Early Bird Invitational	Girls 1st, Boys 5th
8/30/2014	Kenston Frank Gibas Invitational	Girls 1st, Boys 5th
9/06/2014	Tiffin Cross Country Carnival	Girls 2nd, Boys 3rd
9/13/2014	Boardman XC Invitational	Boys 4th, Girls 5th
9/27/2014	Columbiana Clipper Invitational	Boys 1st, Girls 1st
10/04/2014	Legends Meet	Boys 2nd, Girls 3rd
10/11/2014	CVC Championship at Perry	Girls 1st, Boys 2nd
10/18/2014	OHSAA District Champtionship	Girls 1st, Boys 2nd
10/25/2014	OHSAA Regional Championship	Girls 3rd, Boys 5th

11/1/2014 OHSAA State Championship





"One chance is all you need."
- Coach Julie Cole

Girls Varsity Volleyball

08/20/2014	Home vs. Garrettsville Garfield	Won	3 - 2	
08/23/2014	Home vs. Laurel		Won	2 - 0
08/23/2014	Home vs. Wickliffe	Won	2 - 1	
08/25/2014	Home vs. Newbury	Won	3 - 0	
09/02/2014	Away vs. Fairport		Won	3 - 0
09/03/2014	Home vs. Champion		Won	3 - 0
09/09/2014	Home vs. Cardinal		Lost	1 - 3
09/13/2014	Away vs. Grand Valley		Won	2 - 0
09/13/2014	Away vs. St. John School		Won	2 - 0
09/16/2014	Home vs. Kirtland		Lost	0 - 3
09/18/2014	Away vs. Harvey		Won	3 - 0
09/20/2014	Away vs. Twinsburg at the Chagrin Falls Tournament		Lost	1 - 2
09/20/2014	Away vs. Woodridge at the Chagrin Falls Tournament		Won	2 - 0
09/20/2014	Away vs. Rocky River at the Chagrin Falls Tournament		Won	2 - 0
09/23/2014	Home vs. Fairport		Won	3 - 0
09/27/2014	Away vs. Geneva at the Perry Tournament	Lost	0 - 2	
09/27/2014	Away vs. Wooster at the Perry Tournament		Won	2 - 0
09/27/2014	Away vs. Normandy at the Perry Tournament		Lost	0 - 2
10/01/2014	Away vs. Cardinal		Lost	0 - 3
10/07/2014	Away vs. Kirtland		Won	3 - 1
10/09/2014	Home vs, Harvey		Won	3 - 0
10/11/2014	Home vs. Chardon		Lost	1 - 3
10/14/2014	OHSAA Sectional Semifinal vs. LaBrae	Won	3 - 1	
10/16/2014	OHSAA Sectional Final vs. Brookfield		Won	3 - 1
10/20/2014	OHSAA District Semifinal vs. Cardinal		Lost	0 - 3



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Diving deep into discrimination

by Abbey Carlson BP Staff writer

Dis•crim•i•na•tion:

1. The unjust or prejudicial treatment of different categories of people or things, especially on the grounds of race, age, or sex.

History books claim racism was demolished with the passing of the civil rights act of 1964, but was it really? Sharmeka Moffitt, a 20 –year- old black woman, would plead differently. In 2010, Moffitt was exercising alone at a park in Winnsboro, Louisiana, when three men wearing white hoods approached and doused her in some sort of flammable liquid. They then set her on fire, causing third degree burns which may result in a skin transplant surgery. Moffitt was able to put the fire out with a nearby water spigot before police arrived at the scene. When they reached Moffitt, they found the letters "KKK" spray painted on the hood of her car, as well as a racial slur. Now, I'm sure many of you thought that the infamous Ku Klux Klan had dissolved multiple years ago, when civil rights were finally passed.

Sadly, this isn't the case. In fact, there are around 163 KKK groups which hold 8,000 members total; and according to the FBI Uniform Crime Reports, there have been about 88,736 incidents of hate crimes in the U.S from 1995-2012. Hate crime is a crime motivated by racial, sexual, or other prejudice, typically one involving violence.



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The race that is most discriminated is blacks with 54.5 percent, yet Caucasians follow them with a 16.3 percent. The other 29.2 percent is a combination of Hispanics, Asians, and other ethnicities. How many times in elementary school were you told that skin color means nothing, that you're all the same on the inside, and that's what counts? As crazy as our third grade teachers might have been, they had a valid point: one that some people seem to be forgetting!

Although racism is a pressing matter, there are many other different types of discrimination as well. The second largest cause of hate crimes in the U.S. is religion. The former Ku Klux Klan leader is being held at 10 million dollar bail because he gunned down Reat Underwood, 14 year old Eagle Scout, as well as Underwood's grandfather, William Corporon, at a Jewish community Center in Kansas. He then drove to a nearby village and killed an employee, 53-year-old Terri LaManno. According to the FBI Uniform Crime Reports, 66 percent of victims of religious hate crimes are Jewish, and 12.1 percent are Muslims. If you're honest with yourself, when the word Muslim is mentioned, how many of you instantly picture extremists and 9/11?

Just to clear things up, not all Muslims are extremists, and not all extremists are Muslim! Many people make that assumption, and that's called stereotyping, which is a type of discrimination. So stop! According to a file compiled by the FBI, only 6 percent of terrorist attacks on U.S. soil between 1980 and 2005 were committed by people of Middle Eastern origin. Thousands of people have traveled thousands of miles to be able to express their religion freely in the U.S; and they don't need people telling them they're wrong in their religious beliefs.

Sadly, Racism and Religion are not the only two areas where discrimination finds itself focused. Homosexuals have been the victims of intense hate and detestation, just because of who they love. Many believe that gays choose their sexual orientation, but in a world that expresses so much hate and homophobia, do you truly believe someone would choose to be at the center of so much disgust, just because they wanted to? No one desires to be hated; people thrive on love and acceptance.

From 1995-2012, 21,788 people reported that they had been targeted with violence, just because they like the same sex? Everyone knows the song, "Same Love", sung by Macklemore and Ryan Lewis, heck, most can sing it forwards and backwards. But how many of you have actually listened to the lyrics, understanding the true meaning behind them, and tried to promote love and acceptance? Instead of listening to me drone on and on about gay marriage and gay rights, re-listen to that song, eduacate yourself on those who identify differently than you, and maybe it will change your mind a little. Maybe, just maybe, your acceptance for others' differences with broaden, and you may even find yourself a little happier! Finding the positive aspects in life will put a smile on your face quicker than pointing out others' differences or flaws.

Some will never completely change their mind set about gays having the same rights as straights, just like some haven't let go of their loathing due to blacks having rights. But as the next generation, and future of our country, lets stand up for everyone regardless of the color of their skin, who their God is, or who they love, they deserve just as much respect as everyone else. This is not only about society accepting everyone for their differences, it's also about everyone receiving their

It's my world too

by Anna Carlson, BP Staff Editor



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We live in a world that fits in the palms of our hands. As wide as the Earth may sometimes seem, all of the oceans, continents, countries, and people are connected by a tangle of cords and wireless signals. The world is literally at our fingertips, endless knowledge is within our grasp, and it is our responsibility as human beings to educate ourselves.

I've never been starving. I've never had to survive a vicious drought in the middle of the desert, forced to walk miles for a milk jug's worth of dirty water. And I've certainly never been woken up in the middle of the night, marched outside to watch the murder of my family, and then abducted by masked guerilla fighters armed with machine guns.

But that's my world too.

I've never been forced to pray to a specific god. I've never worn a veil that covers me from the top of my head to the tips of my toes because of the belief that my body is an evil temptation intended to lure men away from the holiness of God. I've never been forced into marriage at a prepubescent age to a man thirty years my senior.

But that's my world too.

I've never experienced the desperation of a polar bear swimming through warming salt water, searching for solid ice upon which to rest his weary limbs. I've never seen the smoldering stumps and acrid ground where a lush rainforest once used to stretch for miles. I've never waded in warm gulf water, slick with the dark opalescence of crude oil bleeding from an iron tanker into the once blue depths of the ocean.

But that's my world too.

It's a cliché saying that "We're all connected" but it's a cliché for a reason. It's true. As we become better connected, mostly through the advances in technology, the distances between us that were once too massive to span, grow ever smaller. What happens on one side of the world affects the people on the other. The government coup in South Sudan affected people here in the United States. The spill in the Gulf of Mexico shook people not only on America's southern coast but the people of Mexico as well. The creation of Israel as an independent state had a ripple effect that reverberated throughout the world, not just in the Middle East. We are all linked together through our shared humanity.

Yes, I am just a seventeen year old girl living in the United States of America. In fact, I am a seventeen year old girl living in a tiny rural town in the middle of the United States of America. But I am still a part of something bigger.

That girl? Forced into marriage at the age of twelve? She's my brown-eyed little sister.

That boy? Dying from dehydration? He's my younger cousin who loves dinosaurs.

That man? Holding the AK-47 aimed at a family? He's my religious fanatic of an uncle.

That woman? Cleaning oil off a duck? She's my grandma who makes the best lasagna.

We're a family. All of us. What one person does affects every single person on the planet, and so it is the responsibility of everyone to understand what is going on, to speak their minds, to stand up for what they believe in, to write their opinions down for others to read and perhaps agree with (or most likely critique).

For you see, this isn't just your world. And it isn't just mine. This world, in all its beauty and tragedy, is the place every single one of us calls home.

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Witt also stated in an article through denverpost.com that "it is never OK to use kids as pawns, and it's exactly what I think is happening here. And I'm disappointed in [those involved] in this — the union message coming down through the teachers to get kids to deliberately get out and protest something they don't have any facts about whatsoever." Witt's statement puts all blame for the conflict on teacher encouragement and student ignorance.

The community is not accepting the BOE's claims and explanations, and the conflict rages on. Parent Julia Brunner remarks that "to me, it did seem like it was trying to scrub the material — teaching children what to think instead of how to think" (denverpost.com). Brunner's words seem to reflect the public's general consensus on the BOE's actions, that they are attempting to censor history.

The battle in Jefferson County has now spread throughout the country, becoming a nationwide story. Even social media has been drawn in as protestors take to Twitter and criticize the situation with tweets bearing the hashtag #JeffcoSchoolBoardHistory. Yet Jefferson County is just the face of a much larger political debate. Behind the scenes lies a raging war over education as left-wing and right-wing politicians violently clash heads. The AP curriculum and Jefferson County BOE are merely small pieces of a grand puzzle. In this war, both sides have something to prove. Even as the conflict in Colorado begins to fade, the war will rage on into the foreseeable future. Ultimately, the American people will need to voice their will, lest the combat continue on indefinitely.

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In Germany, people hide their knives to make sure no harm comes to the spirits crossing between worlds. The Irish hold a big celebration, the Spirits of Meath Halloween Festival full of bonfires, tricks, candy, and fortune telling.

The ancient Celtic festival is responsible for the trick-or-treating, carving pumpkins, and dressing up in Halloween costumes done on the 31st of October. Without their traditions created many years ago none of the things we love to do during the holiday of Halloween would ever exist; we owe it all to the ancient Celts. There would be no getting bags full of candies, going to pumpkin patches to find the perfect one to carve, getting to dress up, or being scared to death at haunted houses.

Halloween's must-see movies

by Katie Moses & Alex Sanda, BP Staff Writers

Many people have yearly Halloween traditions: pumpkin picking, visiting corn mazes, going trick-or-treating, and making their way through haunted houses. One of the most prominent is watching scary movies. Some are good, some are gory, some are psychological, and some are simply awful. There are a few must-see horror films to watch this October, in honor of the spooky season. If you're under 18, be sure to have your parents' or guardians' permission before you watch the movies (they are rated R). Don't get too scared.

Annabelle is one of the neest and scariest horror movies of the year. It will keep you curled in a ball in your seat with your hands covering your eyes in terror (as we were, but we won't mention that). While peeking through your separated fingers, you will be startled by jump scares (the scares that make you hop 5 feet into the air because you didn't see something coming). Don't be discouraged though, there's a lot more to this film than just jump scares. One positive to the film is that it doesn't have much gore, so those that are oversensitive should be able to handle it.

Krystal Mechling, a Berkshire sophomore, comments "I really liked the fact that everybody wants the doll. Why in the world would anybody want that doll? "

Throughout the movie, you are able to understand what the characters are going through and feel the emotion, tension, an terror all the way to your bones. *Annabelle* is based off a true story (the most terrifying part of it all), but the doll isn't a creepy porcelain creation, it's a Raggedy Ann in reality. The actual doll is still available to view at the Warren's museum, but is kept behind glass and has been subject to many exorcisms. If you love to be frightened out of your wits, this is the movie to go see before Halloween. The movie with that classic shower scene, known as one of the first "slasher movies", *Psycho* is a classic still loved today, as another Berkshire sophomore, Kyndra Lipstreu, points out, saying that "this movie's the bomb; it's a classic." Inspired loosely by serial killer, Ed Gein, Alfred Hitchcock's Norman Bates (the main character in Psycho who may, or may not, be the murderer) is still the stuff of nightmares. Both Bates and Gein were demented souls who had very traumatic childhoods and were raised by their mothers to think of almost all women as prostitutes. *Psycho* is a top-notch horror movie which still has relevance. The film's black and white coloring "gives it a vintage feel" according to Cori Rockefeller, a sophomore here at Berkshire.

If conspiracies are your thing, *The Cabin in the Woods* is the scary movie for you. Mechling, when asked how she would rank *The Cabin in the Woods*, gives it "a good 8. It's a conspiracy theory on horror movies." *The Cabin in the Woods* is a recent movie that shook things up in the horror genre with its unexpected plot twist. At first, it seems just like any other scary movie in the woods, but your ideas will change from the opening credits to the last scene. There was an older version of the film, but it had different elements and outcomes. It contains a bit more violence and blood compared to the other movies on this list, so if you aren't very good with that, you might skip this scary movie. We won't give anything away here, so go check it out!

Other notable scary movies worth seeing that did not make the list but are liked by other Berkshire students include *Insidious* and *As Above, So Below*. No matter what kind of horror you're into (psychological, gory, violent, supernatural, modern, old), there will always be a film to suit your fancy. And, hey, if you don't like scary movies, there isn't a limit to how many times you can watch *Frozen.*



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Jack the Ripper's identity: ripped wide open

by Clare Lynn, BP Staff Writer

As Halloween draws nearer, a once mysterious urban legend has finally been solved. Last month, the infamous Jack the Ripper's identity was released. For those who aren't familiar with Jack the Ripper, he was a serial killer in London from 1888 until 1891. He killed at least five female prostitutes and was renowned for mutilating their corpses. For years, mystery had shrouded this case because even after suspects were imprisoned, similar murders continued in locations near the Ripper's killings.

According to The Guardian UK, with modern day DNA testing, a 150-year-old blood-soaked shawl reveals that Aaron Kosminski was the infamous killer. Russel Edwards, a businessman, has been studying the case intensively for fourteen years and after buying the victim's shawl in 2007, he was delighted to find that it hadn't been washed since the gruesome night it was drenched in blood. The blood was shed due to a brutal stabbing encounter followed by bodily mutilation. Kosminski was one of the prime suspects in the case, and while detectives at the time thought that the killer would've been a butcher or a surgeon based on the victims' wounds, Kosminski, surprisingly, was a barber. Although not much is known of Kosminski, there are records of his behavior and death at Leavesden Asylum in London.

Jack the Ripper's crimes can only be described as horrifying. Even gaining the nickname of "Whitechapel murders", Kosminski's crimes terrorized London. The murders were infamously known as the Whitechapel murders since the bodies were found in various allys of the Whitechapel district in the East end of London. The five known prostitutes all displayed similar slashes on their bodies leading to the belief of a serial killer. Due to the nature of his crimes, Jack the Ripper will always remain a ghoulish fiend of London's past.

Now that the case is closed, many feel that justice was not served to Kosminski because did not have to go to prison or face death row for all the murders he committed. Although Kosminski did not rot in jail, his death was probably not a luxurious one, as mental asylums were notorious for atrocious care in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Many patients suffered from more than just their illnesses in these asylums due to overpopulation, poor diet, little exercise, and so on.

For those people who may feel disappointed that the mystery of this case is over, or who still want some scary serial killer information here are some spooky facts for your Halloween holiday.

#1. At any given moment, there are about 100 serial killers in the U.S, many from the Midwest.

#2. Almost every single serial killer had a traumatic event or multiple traumatic events happen to him or her in their childhood.

#3. Serial killers often have ideal victims with specific traits, for example Ted Bundy, a notorious serial killer, only killed young brunette women.

#4. Most serial killers deeply regret their first murder, but admit that their second murder is a turning point at which they can't stop their killing.

#5. Serial killers often have killing spurts in their serial killing timeline, meaning months and even years can go by without murdering, but some months and years can be filled with a tremendous amount of murder.

Here are a couple of great Jack the Ripper inspired films, in case real serial killers are too spooky!

The Lodger: A Story of the London Fog.....1927 (silent)
A Study in Terror.....1965
The Ruling Class.....1972
Jack the Ripper.....1988
From Hell.....2001


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Creative costume ideas

by Erin Wiggins, BP Staff Writer

Why does it seem like every year we pay more and more money for less and less fabric when it comes to Halloween costumes? When in the course of our lives did a cat costume turn into a sexy cat costume? Why has this holiday become just another way for society to sexualize women and young girls?

Every year it seems the same Halloween costumes get remade to include less fabric and more skin. As we graduate from girl's costumes to teen costumes or teen costumes to women's costumes, we have to adapt. It's survival of the fittest at its best in the Halloween isle at Wal-Mart. What should you be? A sexy witch? A sexy bunny? Don't let natural selection get the best of you this holiday season and follow this guide to cheap, easy, and family-friendly Halloween costumes.

Costume Ideas

Take a note from Charlie Brown and be a ghost! This vintage costume is easy and affordable. People will appreciate your reference to this 60s cult classic without you having to break the bank.

If you really feel like sticking it to the man, make this feminist icon your Halloween costume this year. Rosie the Riveter is a simple costume consisting of a jean top, jean bottoms, a red bandana, and red lipstick to top it off.

Be Waldo! Everyone will be asking where you found that gem of a costume (get it, found… Waldo). All you need is a red stripy top and some glasses and you're good to go.


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Favorite fall flavors

by Gwen Losasso, BP Staff Writer

Fall is here and everyone's inner white girl is in pumpkin spice heaven, (unless of course you are not a fan of pumpkin spice). Regardless of the pumpkin spice monopolization, we must not forget the Halloween and apple themes as the next go-to fall food. In honor of fall, and of course Halloween, here are some delicious (and easy) recipes that you should try!

Cheese Broomsticks

Ingredients:

- Mozzarella string cheese sticks
- Tiny pretzel rods
- Chives or green onion

Directions:

1. Cut the cheese sticks in half.
2. Using a small knife, cut the bottom part of each half into strips.
3. Insert a pretzel rod into the uncut end of the cheese stick.
4. Wrap cheese with chive or thin strip of green onion and knot.

Pumpkin Spice Blondies

Ingredients:

2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 sticks (1 cup) unsalted butter, melted
1 1/4 cups packed light brown sugar
1 large egg
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin puree
2 cups semisweet chocolate chips

Directions:

1.) Preheat the oven to 350°F. Line a 9x13-inch baking pan with foil or parchment paper, leaving an overhang.

2.) In a large bowl combine the flour, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, allspice, and salt.

3.) In another medium bowl whisk together the butter, brown sugar, egg, vanilla, and pumpkin.

4.) Add the butter mixture to the flour mixture, stirring until just combined. Stir in the chocolate chips. Pour the batter into the prepared pan.

5.) Bake for 35 minutes, or until a cake tester inserted into the center comes out clean.

Apple Crisp Breakfast Smoothie

Ingredients:
1 cup apple cider
1/2 cup vanilla Greek yogurt
1/4 cup old-fashioned rolled oats
2 Tbsp. pecans
1/4 tsp. cinnamon
1/8 tsp. nutmeg
1 cup ice cubes

Directions:

1.) Blend together ice cubes and yogurt.

2.) Add the apple cider, oats, and pecans and blend until similar texture.

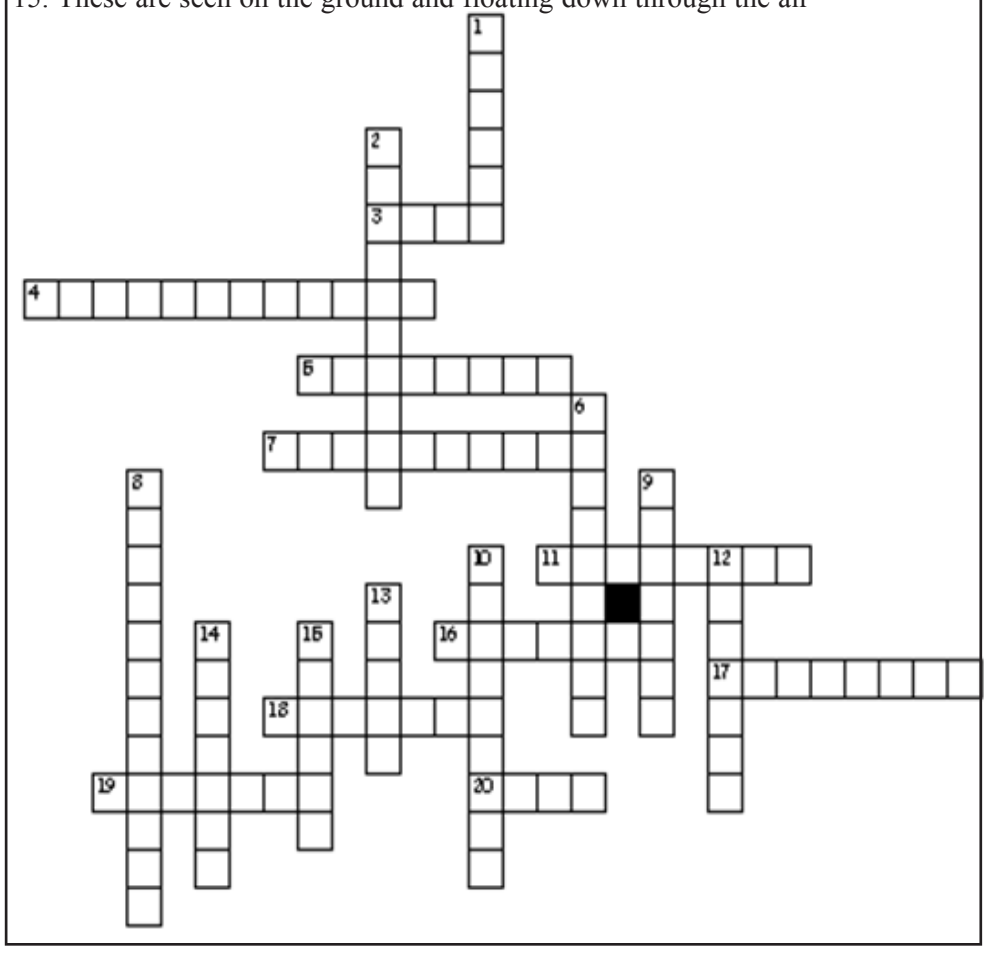
3.) Add spices and mix thoroughly.

Fall Festivities

by Sam Hargis, BP Staff Writer

Across
3. Popular fall flowers
4. The popular drink flavor used during this time of year
5. They can be found around town on people's porches
7. Horn-shaped symbol of abundance, full of produce and flowers
11. The month full of elections and delicious food
16. This moon is the full moon falling closest to the Autumn equinox
17. People support their school and socialize on Friday nights at these games
18. A fun activity involving a tractor, hay and a wagon
19. What do people see when they drive through the countryside with the colorful fall festivities
20. Tool that can be used to get rid of the pesky leaves

Down
1. Autumns most abundant fruit
2. The famous social event and school dance of autumn
6. This holiday comes once a year and is full of spooky costumes and cheer
8. Fake scary monsters live in this type of house
9. Chilly days in the fall are perfect examples of what kind of weather
10. A "hay man" used to discourage birds from eating crops
12. People stay warm and toast marshmallows around this
13. Fruit bearing plant related to pumpkins and squash, often used as a decoration
14. The animals are overpopulating so it is the perfect time for this season
15. These are seen on the ground and floating down through the air



Be the change

by Lexis Sell & Abbie Maschek, BP Staff Writers

- "With a few chosen words, we have the power to either make someone's day or ruin it."
  - Doe Zantanmata
- "Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companions of fools will suffer harm."
  - Proverbs 13:20
- "Fame is a vapor, popularity an accident, riches take wings, only one thing endures, and that is character."
  - Horace Greeley
- "We need to fill out buckets of self-esteem so high, that the rest of the world can't poke enough holes to drain it dry."
  - Alvin Price
- "If the words you spoke appeared on your skin, would you still be beautiful?"
  - Unknown

Clare's comic corner

by Clare Lynn, BP Staff Writer

