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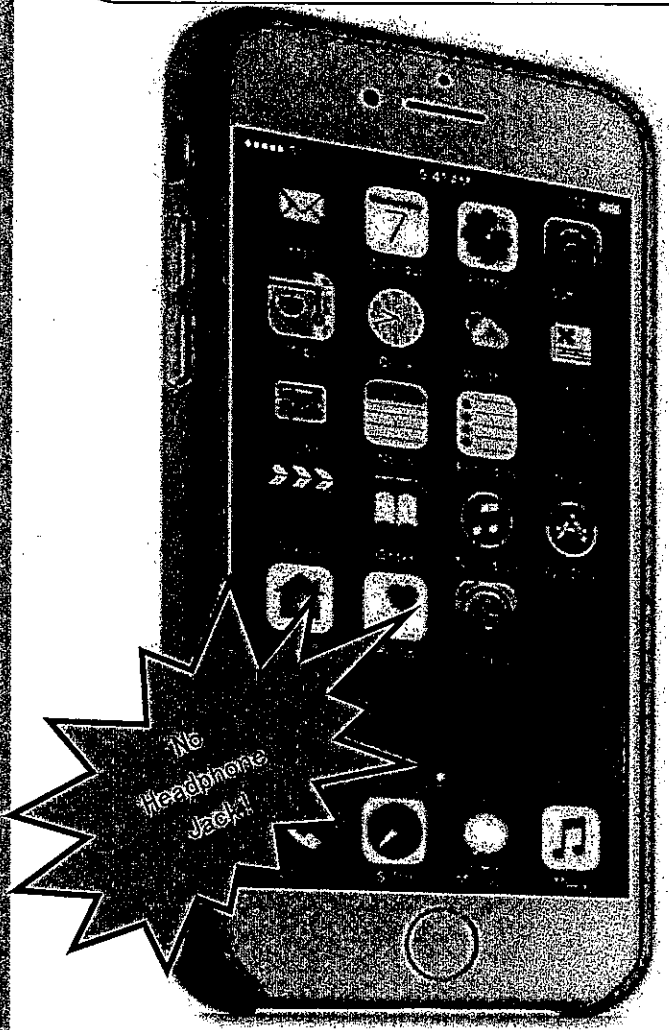
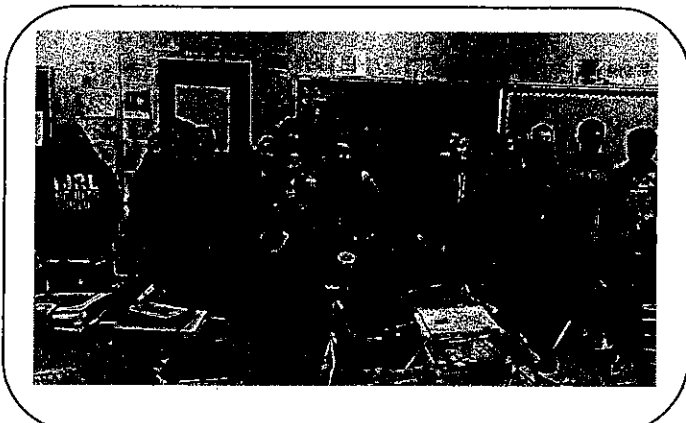
## Review of the iPhone 7

By Evan Schooley

Do you have the iPhone or even the brand new iPhone 7? Do you ever wonder if it is worth \$649 to \$1079? Well, that is what I am for. The iPhone 7 has a lot of brand new features people that buy it for. It even starts at 32GB of storage when it should start at 12.

The new features of the iPhone 7 include water and dust resistance, longer battery life, IOS 10, Bluetooth headphones, more storage, 3-D touch, and dual camera lenses. It also has a 25% brightness boost. Although it has all of those awesome new features, it does not have a headphone jack. The headphone jack is on the headphones, not on the actual phone. That causes difficulties for some users because if you want to change the phone, you will have to stop listening to your music.

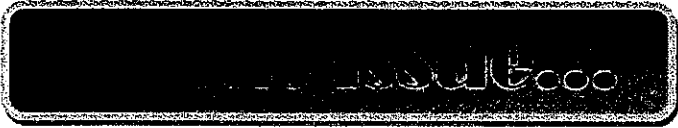
Most people do not like the headphone jack because they say it should be on the phone already. Student Jema McFarland thinks, "It is very stupid because the headphones have a lightning connector so you cannot charge your phone and listen to music." Apple did that so they could have a bigger speaker because they thought the speaker they had before was too small. Also, if you want to listen to music and charge your phone, you would have to spend money on Bluetooth headphones. Overall, the phone has good features, but it's just not worth it for the price. However, the decision is up to you. Will you waste your money and buy it?



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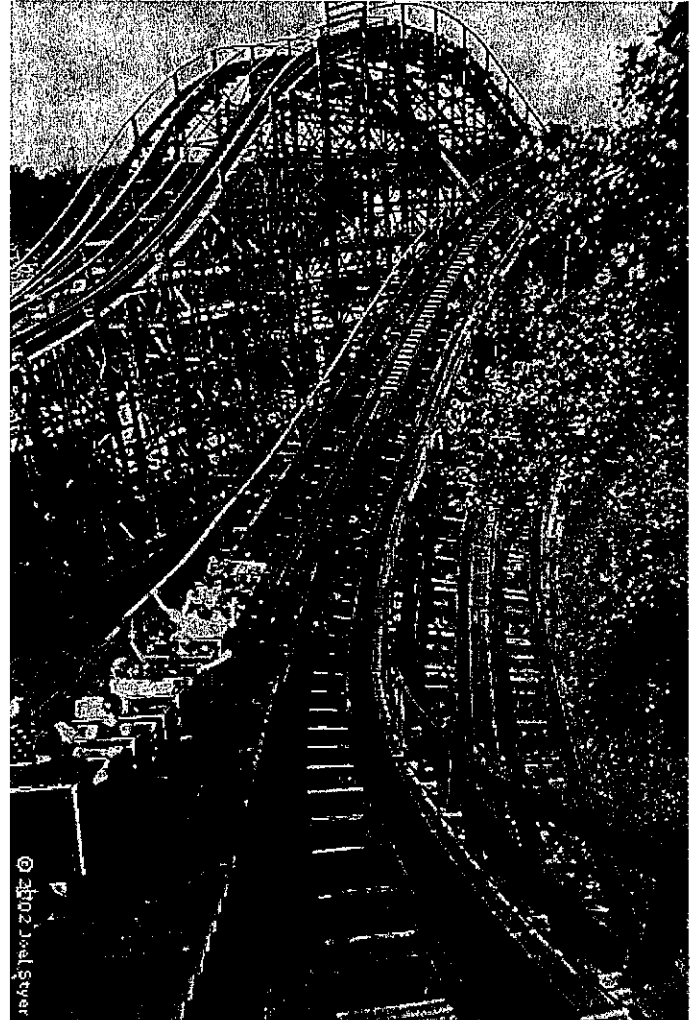
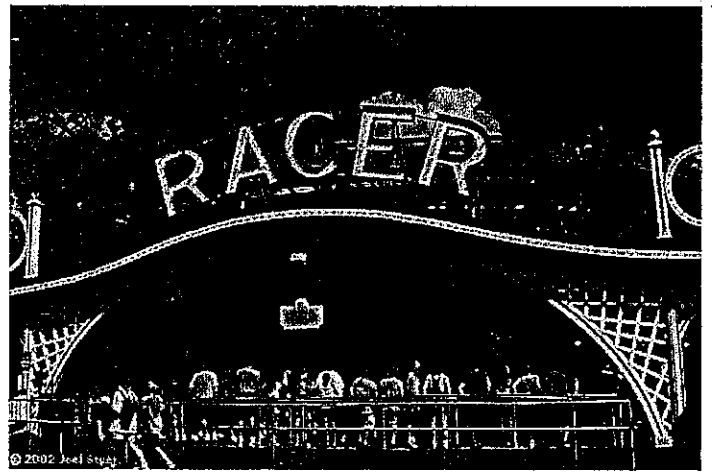
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*and much more!*

# A Local Look at Raving Rollercoasters

By Cameron Weatherly

Do you love to get your adrenaline pumping? Do you love going to theme parks? If so, you are probably one of the millions of Americans who love roller coasters. Most roller coasters are pulled by gravity, engines, and chains. They usually always start with a large hill, the highest on the entire ride. From that hill, they get the momentum they need to power them through the rest of the ride. The home of the first roller coaster in the world was Paris. Paris had the very first wheeled vehicles on tracks as amusement park rides around 1912. Since then, roller coasters have been getting much faster, longer, and taller. Most older coasters were made of wood, but today's are made of steel. You can still find a few wooden coasters today at our local amusement park, Kennywood. *The Jack Rabbit* and *The Racer* are both older wooden coasters that have withstood the test of time. *The Racer* was built in 1910, and the *Jack Rabbit* was built in 1921. One of the coolest and newest roller coasters in the world is the *Valravn*, located at Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio. At its highest point, it is 223 feet, zooms past at 75 miles per hour, and is 3,412 feet long. It boasts the longest dive in the world.



(Above, top) Park guests wait in line at the entrance to *The Racer* at Kennywood Park in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. (Above, bottom) Front seat car view of the wooden track. *The Racer* is one of the last wooden coasters left at Kennywood. (Left) The *Valravn*'s crazy track landscape, located in Sandusky, Ohio at Cedar Point.



# TEACHER FEATURE



By Ashley Dewese, Jenna McFarland, and Brooklyn Vucetich

On November 7th, 2016 we got the chance to do a sit-down interview the one and only Mr. Amadio. We asked him many questions about his personal and teaching life. We wanted to interview him because we all had the opportunity to learn from him whether we were in Mr. Gerega's class or not, and we like the way he got points across to us. He was also funny and he understood that sometimes kids are just going to be kids! We hope you enjoy learning some new things you may have not known about the amazing Amadio!

Mr. Amadio



Birthday?

- August 8

Hometown?

- Center

How long have you been teaching?

- Since 1994 (22yrs!)

How many kids do you have and what are their names?

- I have 3 kids. Their names are Gianna, Roman, and Nico.

Why did you want to be a teacher?

- "My dad was a teacher and anything I wanted to do with him was somewhat school related; I grew up in the school environment."

Did you start out teaching at Ambridge? Do you like teaching social studies?

- Yes, and I love teaching social studies.

What's your favorite memory as a child?

- Going on the Washington Trips as a student.

What was your favorite vacation as a kid?

- Seeing my cousins in Missouri and Arizona.

Where did you attend college?

- California University of Pennsylvania for an undergraduate degree. I got my principal's certificate and graduate degree at Penn State.



## ***Getting To Know Miss Healey***

***By Abby Polachek and  
Kyrsta Girardi***

What do you like most about teaching your classes? What are your plans this year?

- Miss Healey: I like the fact that I've never taught seventh grade or Newspaper before, so it's a new challenge for me. This year I am going to improve the behavior in my classes to prepare my students for 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and to produce a good newspaper.

What are some similarities and differences from when you went to school here as opposed to how it is now?

- Miss Healey: Some of the differences include an increase in student freedom, new teachers, more class opportunities, more periods in a day (there were only nine periods when I was a student, and there was no flex), and there is a new principal, Mr. Cooke. Most of my coworkers were my teachers. Some of the similarities include that they use the same desks and the layout of the building has not changed much.

Where did you go to college?

- Miss Healey: I went to Clarion University of Pennsylvania and I graduated in December of 2015. I left with a bachelor's degree in education and a teaching certificate to teach English to grades 7-12.

What are the hardest parts of teaching new students? Was teaching what you expected it to be?

- Miss Healey: The hardest things are learning all of the names fast, learning their strengths and weaknesses, and designing new plans quickly. No. It is a lot harder and a lot more tiring. I never realized I would never be alone because my students are all over the place. I see them everywhere I go.

What age were you when you decided you wanted to be a teacher?

- Miss Healey: It was when I was 13; I started volunteering for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Beaver County as a 9<sup>th</sup> grader. That is when I realized that a lot of children were less fortunate than I am and deal with difficult difficulties at home. By becoming a teacher, I would be able to help them.

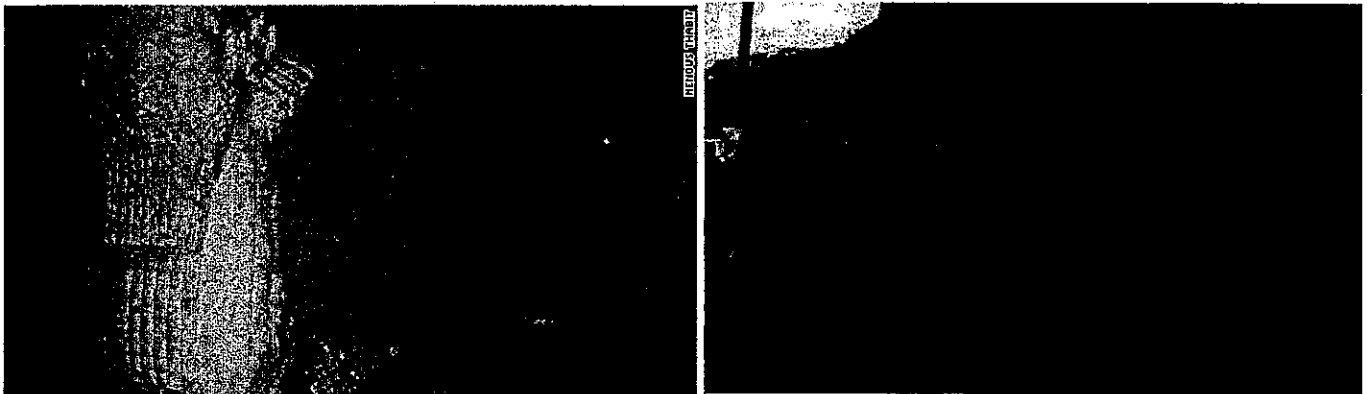


## *The Atrocious Operation of ISIL: Nenous Thabit's Mission to Restore Destroyed Relics*

In early 2015, the Assyrian terrorist organization, Islamic State of Iraq and Levant (ISIL), publicly announced that they would destroy the artwork of the ancient city of Nimrud. Nimrud is located in the Ninevah Plains of northern Mesopotamia, and was founded somewhere around 2000 B.C.

It is highly notorious due to its archaic artwork. It was March of 2015 when ISIL attacked the city's objet d'art by the means of sledgehammers, bulldozers, et cetera. These obscene acts are online for the entire world to see. Afterward, 17-year-old Nenous Thabit decided to re-sculpt the ruined artifacts. He has told CNN, "They waged war on art and culture, so I fought them with art." One statue he restored was Lammasu, a protective Assyrian deity (one of his favorites). This took him 15 days to improve or convalesce. As of today, Nenous is mending Ninevah's various *effigies*, or statues. Maybe, with luck, this visionary virtuoso will recover all of the city's artwork. Perhaps, one day, terrorism will end, along with the merciless destruction of precious oeuvre (works of art.)

Written by Aidan Kost



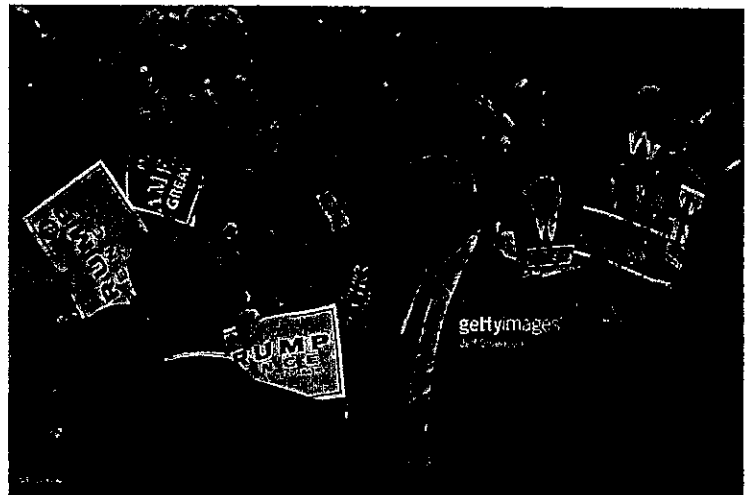
(Left) Nenous Thabit shows one of his recreations after ISIL destroyed the ancient city of Nimrud (right.)

# The Election's End Means a New Beginning

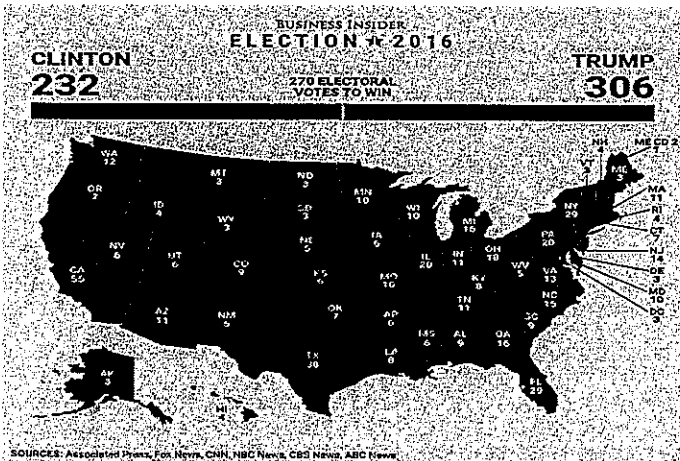
By Tyler Sproul and Michael Husted



As the presidential election season comes to a close, the new president-elect, Donald J. Trump, has to face a greatly divided nation. Here, in Beaver County, the majority cast their votes for Trump, contributing to his Pennsylvania win. Despite having the majority of the electoral votes, Trump still lost the popular vote; because of this, he faces difficulties from a diverse nation. We have witnessed this diversity firsthand earlier at Trump rallies. Many people protested these rallies, but others just wanted to listen to what he had to say. An anonymous woman who attended the Trump Rally in Ambridge recalls a plastic milkshake cup being thrown at her simply because she was carrying a Trump sign home for her brother who could not attend. Although Trump protestors have been criticized for spewing hate-filled speech all across the nation, neither side has been totally innocent. He is now the president of all Americans, regardless of who they supported and vast their ballots for. Donald J. Trump, a controversial businessman and reality television star, is going to be the next president of the United States of America.



(Above) Donald Trump smiles at the crowd gathered to listen to him speak at a rally in Ambridge, Pennsylvania. (Left) A map showing the electoral votes that Trump won to defeat major opponent Hillary Clinton.



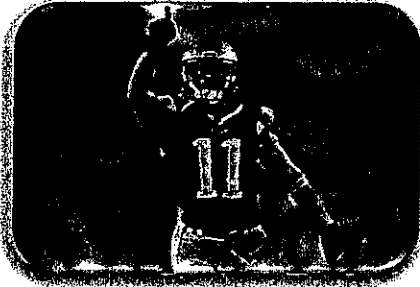
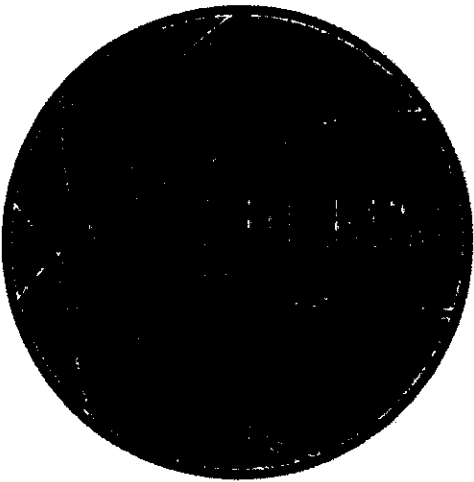


# NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

## LEAD AFC DIVISION

BY AMONDO ROSS

The New England Patriots' record is eight and two (wins, losses.) Currently, they are number one in the AFC division followed by the Dolphins, Bills, Jets, and so forth. The New England Patriots 54 year history consists of 450 total wins and 377 losses. The New England Patriots colors consists of blue, red, and white. Head coach, Bill Belichick, who previously coached for the Cleveland Browns, and defensive coordinator Matt Patricia look forward to the rest of the season. On Sunday, November 27, they defeated the New York Jets 22-17 in a stunning comeback win. Brady's final pass to Mitchell gave the Patriots another touchdown, and the win.



# BRIDGER BOYS' BASKETBALL COACH INTERVIEW

BY LOGAN HOOVER AND RYAN KROKONKO

We sat down with Ambridge Jr. High Boys' Basketball Team Coach Ryan Healey to get his perspective on how the season will play out on the court.

Q: What is your goal this year?

A: Our goal is to win a section title for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Q: How are the games and practices going?

A: They are going well so far, although we need to work harder, come to play every day and come together as a team for a common goal.

Q: Why do you coach and for how long?

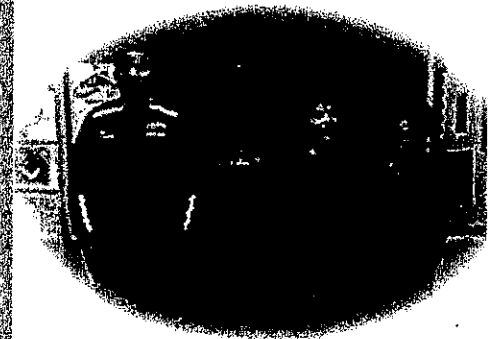
A: I just love how basketball transforms your life and teaches you new skills. I have been coaching for 5 years. I'm an Ambridge graduate and played on the basketball team when I was a student here.

Q: Do you encourage the students to come and support their peers?

A: Yes I do, please come out and support our team this season.

Q: Last question: what teams are going to be really hard to beat this season?

A: West Allegheny, Moon, are doing to be tough. The most difficult is Avonworth.



See Desmond Drew, D'Saun Harmon, Brian Frederick, Montaz Wellons, and the rest of our basketball team on the court this season!

# A Historical World Series

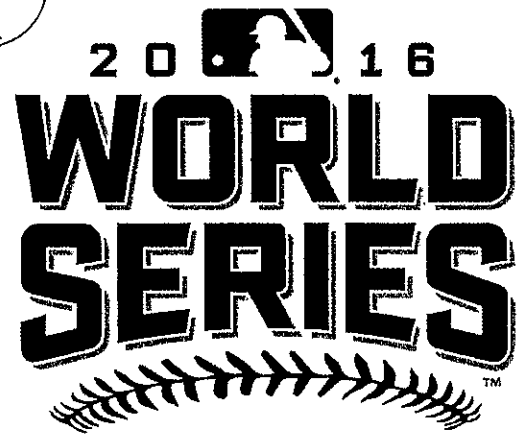
By Parker Gazda

In the 2016 Major League World Series, the Chicago Cubs and Cleveland Indians faced off in an enthralling series of baseball games. The series went all the way to game seven which created huge levels of suspense.

The Chicago Cubs have a legacy of bad luck. In the fall of 1908, they won a World Series that would be the last one they would win for another 108 years. Some superstitious people believe that the reason for the lengthy losing streak is due to the "Curse of the Goat." In 1945, the Cubs managed to enter the World Series, but a man named William Sianis was thought to set a curse on the franchise. At the game, he brought a goat. The odor of William's goat was surrounding fans, so he was asked to leave the ball park. At that moment, Mr. Sianis said, "Them Cubs, they ain't gonna win no more." The Cubs lost that World Series appearance. They never made another appearance for another 71 years and they won it. The broke the curse!

The Cubs truly dominated this year. Additionally, the entire team contributed and did their best to get to where they are now. A few players worth mentioning are Anthony Rizzo, Kris Bryant, Jayson Heyward, and Jake Arietta.

The Cleveland Indians were the other team participating in the 2016 World Series. They, too, have not won a World Series for a very long time. In 1948, the Indians made their first World Series Appearance. They beat the Boston Braves in game six and have not won a World Series ever since.



(Above) William Sianis and his Billy goat that started "the curse of the goat." Mr. Sianis was asked to leave the ballpark due to the stench of his goat, and said "Them Cubs, they ain't gonna win no more."



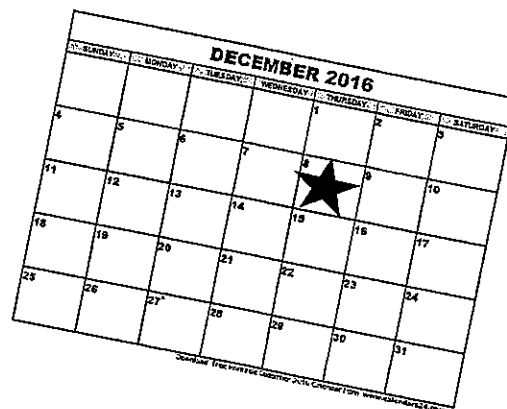
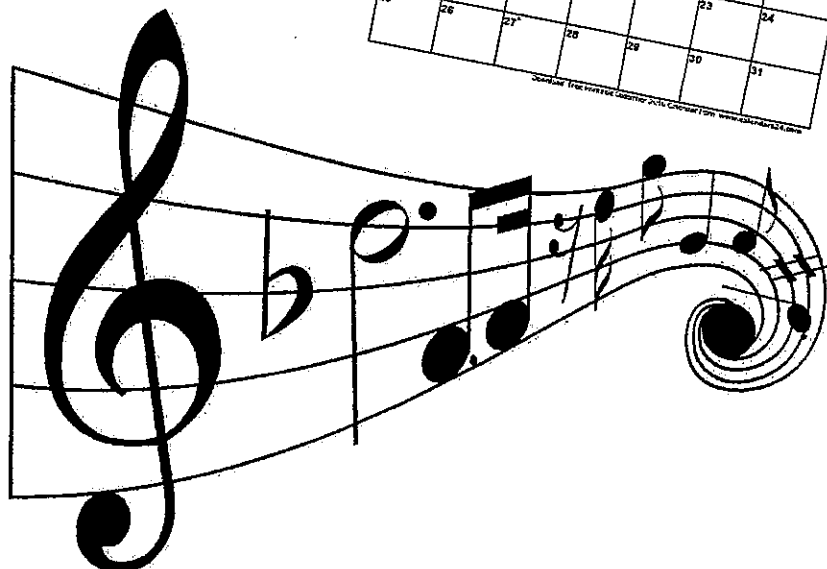


# ARTS and Entertainment

## What's Happening in the Arts?

By Aliyah Hines

Music is an art. Needless to say, music and the arts are alive and well at Ambridge Jr. High. Many parents encourage their children to start playing an instrument or singing at a young age, and many studies have even shown that musicality is directly linked to higher thinking. It's not just limited to classic and pop; you can enjoy music in lots of ways. Upcoming musical performances include the upcoming musical "Beauty and the Beast" in January and the band/chorus concert on December 8. Enjoy the musical selections while supporting your friends.



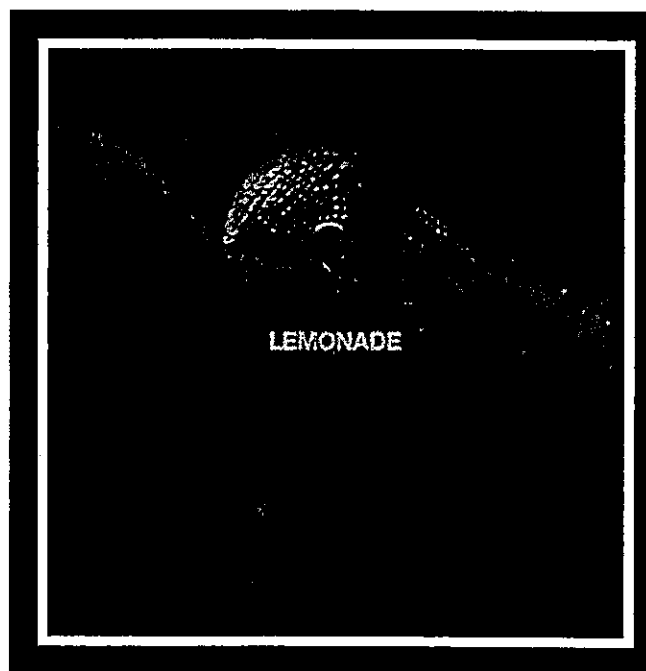
Beyoncé released a new R&B album, *Lemonade*, on April 23, 2016. As her 6<sup>th</sup> studio album, it is classified as R&B but also features pop, reggae, blues, rock, hip-hop, soul, funk, Americana, country, gospel, electronic, and trap. Guest vocals of this album include James Blake, Kendrick Lamar, The Weeknd, and Jack White. *Lemonade* debuted number one on the US Billboard, selling 485,000 copies in its first week. On February 6, 2016, Beyoncé released "Formation". The next day, she performed the song as the headlining act of the Super Bowl 50 halftime show. She was both praised and criticized over a new song. People tagged with with #BoycottBeyoncé and #IstandwithBeyoncé, mainly because people were taking sides on her including police references. The album was inspired by her grandmother and has received widespread acclaim from critics. The two songs that inspired me are "Hold Up" and "Sorry." "Hold Up" is about the cruel ways men can treat women. Some of the song is about how they might label women and girls. "They used to hide from ya, lie to ya, but y'all know we were made for each other....like being walked all over lately, walked all over lately." "Sorry" takes a stab back at the cruelty by including lyrics such as "I ain't sorry...tell that boy bye." Beyoncé may have been suggesting to young people that they should protect their hearts and value their minds. I encourage everyone to give this album a listen. You'll be inspired, too.

## Thirsty for some *Lemonade*?



Get the inside scoop on Beyoncé's hot new album.

By Chrissy Smith



# A Day In The Life...



## Student Spotlight

By Rosie Sterenson

Kylie Barnick, a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student at Ambridge Area Jr. High School. Whether or not you know her personally, you have something in common with her. We have all had to experience the first day of Junior High. I'm going to tell you about her experience on the very first day. She had a great start!

"I got dropped off at school. I walked in and took a glance around this huge room. I wondered where I was standing and who I would see next. Finally, after lots of waiting, I saw one of my friends from last school year.

I stood awhile with my friend and spotted some others. Greeting them, I called them over and we all started talking about the first day. Suddenly, the bell rang, and everyone came down the hall like a stampede. I found my homeroom, 1401, and then located my locker. So far, so good.

That very day, we had A.M. activity. I sat in homeroom talking to a few of my friends until they called our homeroom down. I didn't know what to expect next. Mr. Cooke, the principal, had spoken to everyone about this year. After making it through the first four periods of the day, it was finally time for lunch.

I moseyed around the cafeteria looking for familiar faces and a place to sit. I decided to sit at an empty table and wait for some friends. Lunch was over, and I made it through the next few periods of the day.

At the end of the day, it was FLEX period. *What? Do my homeworks? It's only the first day...* Thank goodness, the bell had rung and it was time to walk home. 179 more to go.

Kylie Barnick

Grade: 7

June



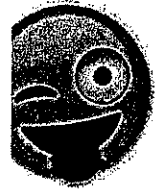
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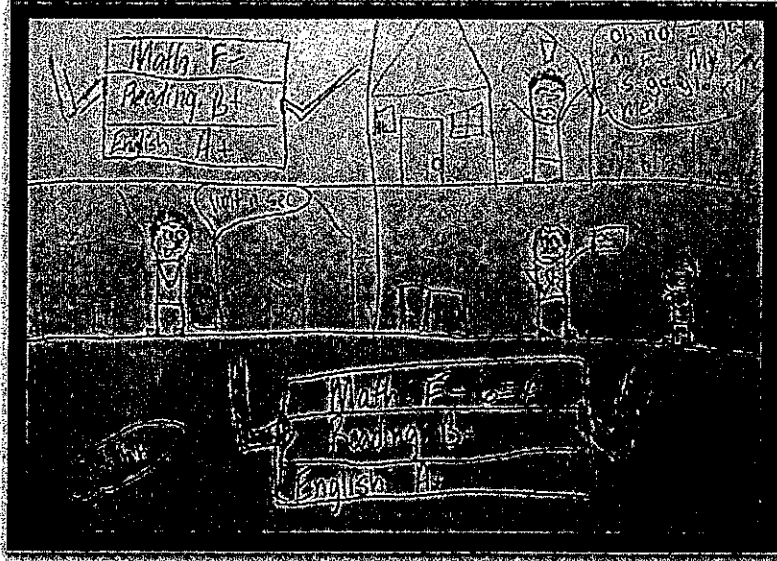


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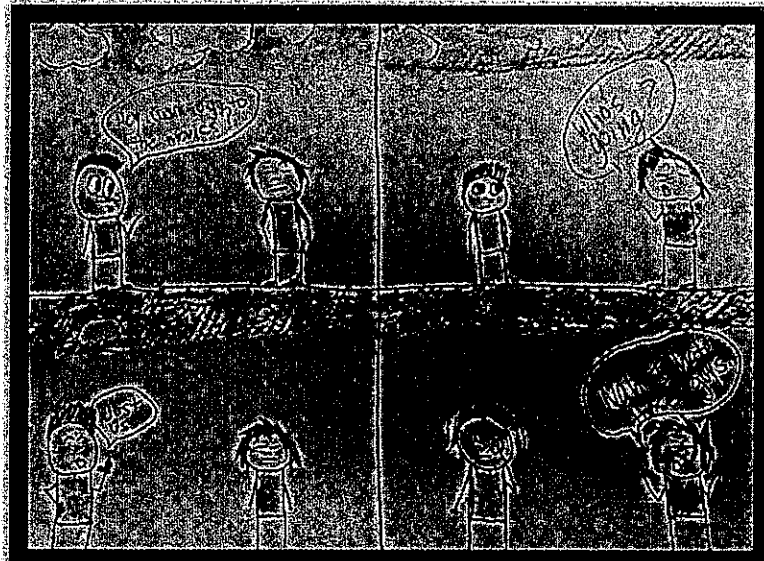
BY DYLAN JONES AND JACOB NELSON



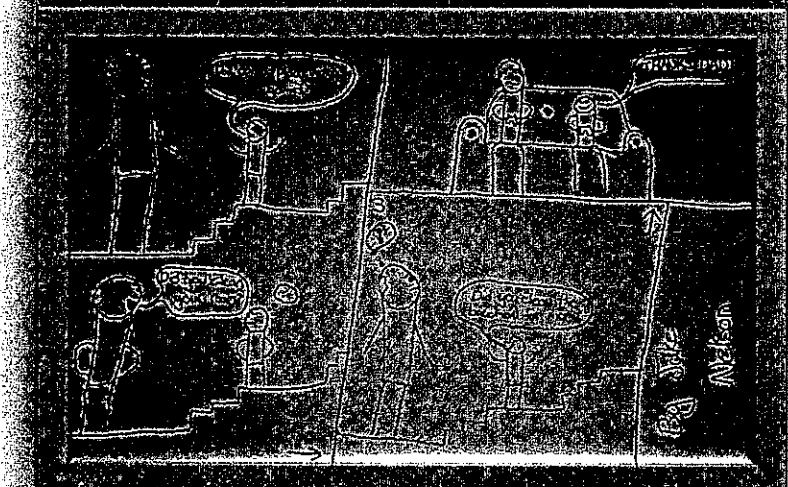
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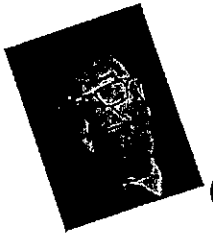
# Puzzles & Games

By Devon Pollock and Sophia Chickos

## Teacher Puzzle

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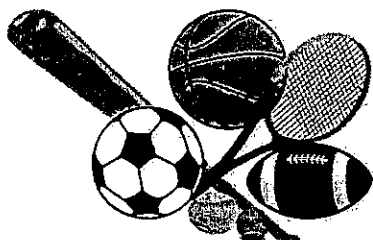
## School Sports Puzzle

### School Sports

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 TENNIS      SWIMMING  
 FENCING      SOFTBALL  
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