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MASTERS

By: Carson Tucker

The Masters Golf Tournament is one of the most prestigious and revered events in the world. Held annually at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia, the tournament is steeped in tradition and history and is considered one of the four major championships in professional golf. The Masters is known for its iconic green jacket, the beautiful azaleas and dogwood flowers that adorn the course, and the challenging layout that tests the skills of the world's best golfers. The history of the Masters Golf Tournament dates back to 1934 when it was first established by golfing legend Bobby Jones and investment banker Clifford Roberts. The inaugural tournament was won by Horton Smith, and since then, the Masters has become a staple of the golfing calendar, attracting top players from around the world to compete for the coveted title. The tournament is renowned for its unique traditions, including the Champions Dinner, where past winners gather to dine and celebrate the legacy of the event. Another cherished tradition is the Par 3 Contest, held on the Wednesday before the tournament, where players compete on a nine-hole par-3 course, often accompanied by their children or other family members. The Augusta National Golf Club, the host venue for the Masters, is a pristine and meticulously maintained course known for its challenging layout and pristine beauty. The course features undulating fairways, lightning-fast greens, and strategically placed hazards that demand precision and skill from the players. The iconic Amen Corner, comprising the 11th, 12th, and 13th holes, is one of the most famous stretches of golf in the world, known for its beauty and difficulty. The tournament is steeped in tradition, and the iconic green jacket is perhaps the most recognizable symbol of the Masters. The green jacket is awarded to the winner of the tournament and has become a symbol of excellence and achievement in the world of golf. The presentation of the green jacket in the Butler Cabin after the tournament is a moment that is etched in the annals of golf history. The Masters Golf Tournament has seen its fair share of iconic moments and legendary performances.



MASTERS CONTINUED

From Jack Nicklaus' historic victory in 1986 at the age of 46, to Tiger Woods' dominant win in 1997 by a record 12 strokes, the tournament has been the stage for some of the most memorable feats in golf. The roars of the patrons as a player makes a crucial putt or hits a miraculous shot reverberate through the towering pines and add to the unique atmosphere of the event. The tournament has also been a platform for showcasing the talents of some of the greatest golfers in history. Players like Arnold Palmer, Gary Player, and Sam Snead have left an indelible mark on the Masters, while modern-day stars like Phil Mickelson, Rory McIlroy, and Jordan Spieth have added their names to the illustrious list of champions. The Masters Golf Tournament is not only a sporting event but also a cultural phenomenon. It transcends the world of golf and captures the imagination of sports fans and casual observers alike. The rich history, the storied traditions, and the picturesque setting make the Masters a spectacle unlike any other in the world of sports.

In conclusion, the Masters Golf Tournament stands as a testament to the enduring allure of the game of golf. Its rich history, iconic traditions, and the timeless beauty of Augusta National Golf Club make it a truly special event. The tournament's ability to produce dramatic moments and unforgettable champions ensures that it will remain a cornerstone of the golfing world for generations to come.

PROM CHECKLIST

- Prom Forms are Due Today April 26th! These Include your RSVP, Guest Forms, and after Prom Forms.
- Promenade Starts @ 7:15pm in the Jr. High Gym
- Prom @ Troy Country Club from 8-11pm
- After Prom from 12-3am @ High School



SPRING TIME

By: Erika Shellabarger

The sun is finally shining, and the flowers are in full bloom. Spring is here, and summer is just around the corner. Get the most out of this spring with some of these activities:

- Sporting events
- Walks
- Flower Picking
- Bike Rides
- Gardening
- Checking the UV index.
- Concerts
- Farmer's Markets



SPORTS

MONTHLY ROUND UP

Our Spring Sports here at Newton have been excelling greatly! The Baseball team is off to a hot 7-1 start and is currently in the driver's seat of the WOAC. Our Softball team is sitting above .500 and looking to make a run for the top of the conference. Boys and Girls Track have already broken multiple school records as shown on our school records page! Let's keep up the good work and let's keep coming out to support our Newton Athletes!

UPCOMING

Varsity Baseball

Thursday, May 2nd @ Home vs Arcanum at 5pm

Varsity Softball

Thursday, May 2nd @ Home vs Arcanum at 5pm

Track

Friday, May 3rd @ Covington Invite at 4:30pm

ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

By: Carson Tucker

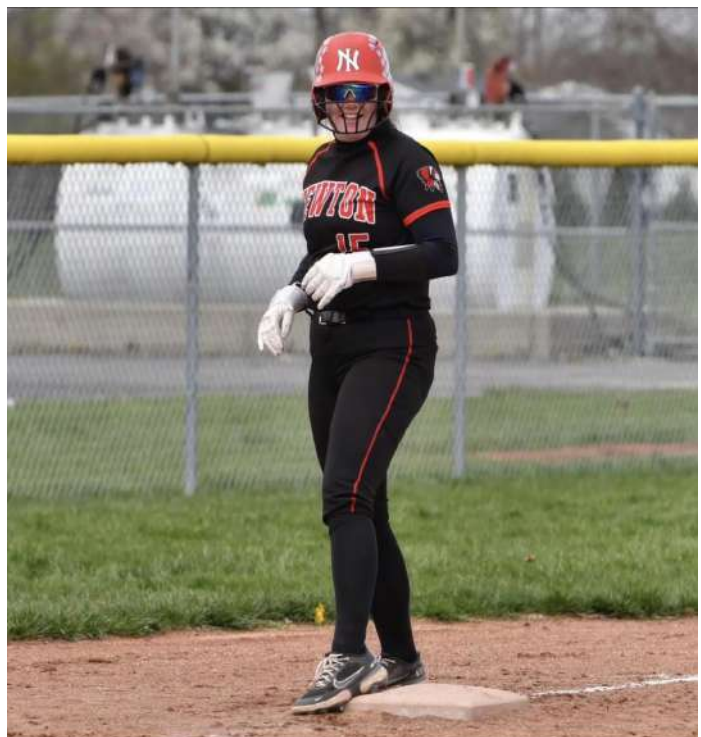
Male: Austin Tippie

Sophomore Austin Tippie is your Male Athlete of the Month! Austin has been showing out on the diamond as he is leading the WOAC in Batting Average, RBI's and Wins. Congratulations to Austin and keep up the great work!

By: Carson Tucker

Female: Layla VanCulin

Junior Layla VanCulin is your Female Athlete of the Month! Layla has had a great season so far this year as she leads the WOAC in saves. Layla also at the top of the conference in RBI's. Congratulations to Layla and keep up the great work!



TEACHER OF THE MONTH

By: Erika Shellabarger

What was your dream job as a child? I wanted to be a farmer and a livestock judge.

Why did you pick Newton? I knew it was a smaller school and I knew it would probably fit me better than the bigger school I was at at the time, and it was more of a rural community.

How is the FFA chapter doing this year? We are doing well.

What is your biggest accomplishment? This is more of a memory than an accomplishment, but the anticipation and feelings at Nationals for the Equine judging team. Everyone was so emotional and excited.

What motivates you to do this job everyday? I am a big believer that everybody should know where their food comes from. How it's made and produced. I believe everyone should take an ag class at least one time. I want everyone to see the industry no matter where they live or how much they may already know.

Why did you choose agriculture? Initially I didn't. I wasn't sure if I wanted to be in ag. Initially it was in science. I was worried that if I went into it it would drown out my hobbies in ag. But eventually it was my calling to be in ag. It's very important to me, and I think it's important to be an advocate for our industry. I hope when people leave this they will be an advocate for ag.



THE TOTAL ECLIPSE

By: Erika Shellabarger

The Solar Eclipse finally made its grand debut. Before it happened I thought everyone was blowing it way out of proportion, and I honestly was not expecting what happened to happen. I thought that it was neat and very interesting to watch. For getting to be in such a good place to watch it just happened to be in our favor, but personally I would not have driven anywhere to watch it. Pleasant Hill and surrounding areas had "watch parties" but some people also just watched it in the comfort of their own home. To get to experience that kind of darkness during the day was very neat, and the temperature change too was very interesting. Overall, I would say it was a pretty solid experience!

CLUNKER OF THE MONTH

By: Carson Tucker

Your April Clunker of the Month is Junior Hannah Williams! Hannah drives a 2009 PT Cruiser, and her favorite thing about her car is how small and unique it is! Something she dislikes about it is the life of the car, and how it's a dumpster. Congratulations Hannah!



ARTIST OF THE MONTH

By: Quentin Webb

Annelise Taylor has been selected for the Artist of the month. Annelise is currently in Art II.

1. When did you get into Art? - A couple years ago
2. What is your favorite medium? -I like using oil pastels
3. What does your Art consist of? -A lot of things, I don't like drawing animals a lot though
4. What motivates you to paint so well? - Probably just imagination and being able to see the finished product and be proud of it
5. Do you plan on pursuing a career in art after graduation? Probably not, I'll probably do some art on the side but I want to go into the medical field

ART GALLERY

WORK BY:



MUSICIAN OF THE MONTH

By: Quentin Webb

Parker Crow was the Musician of the Month. Congratulations!!!

What instrument do you play?

I play the tuba

How long have you played that instrument?

3 years

How long were you in the band?

5 years

If you could play with anyone in the world who would it be?

Dimebag Darrell

Do you plan on pursuing any type of career in the future or have it as a hobby?

Just as a hobby

What's your favorite genre of music?

Heavy metal

QUESTIONS OF THE MONTH - APRIL

By: Thomas Speer

The penultimate questionnaire for the 2024 school year was sent out at the beginning of April and was answered by many students, so thank you to those that filled out the form.

The first question asked if the solar eclipse that happened at the beginning of the month lived up to students' expectations, and the vast majority voted yes.

The second question asked if people did anything fun for Easter, and most people said no, but there were still some people that said that they went to church and helped with Easter Eggs for their families.

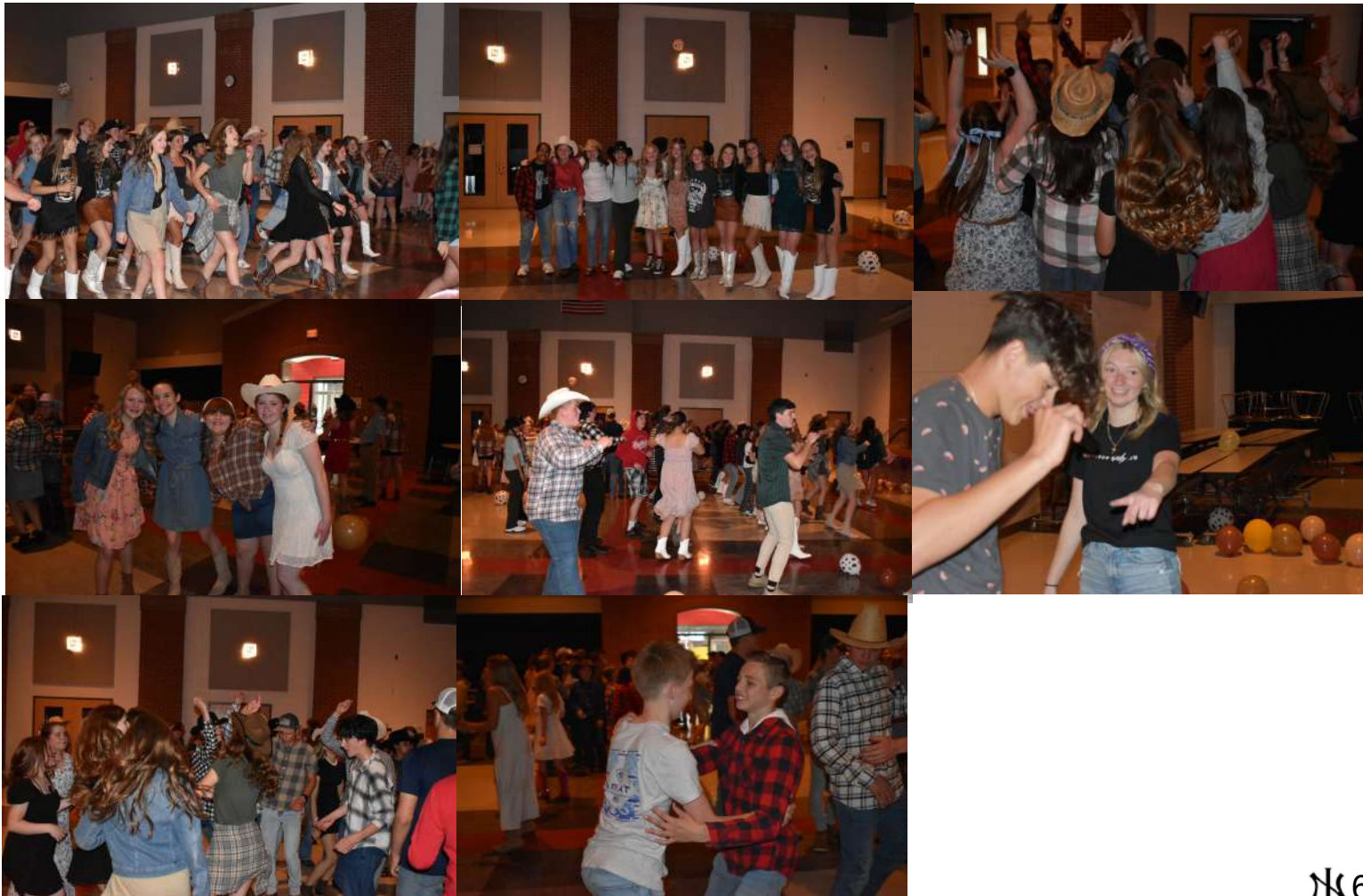
The third question asked if people pranked someone or got pranked by someone for April Fool's Day, and everyone answered no on this question, which surprised me.

The fourth question asked if people were ready and excited for Prom, and the majority was a yes.

The fifth and final question asked the students what a perfect promposal looked like in their eyes, and most of the answers were the same, like saying that the perfect gift is simply flowers and candy and asking the question itself.

The school year is approaching its end, and with this being the second to last Smoke Signal of the year, there's a lot to cover for the last issue, so make sure to answer next month's questions for a final chance to be included in the newspaper.

JUNIOR HIGH DANCE



STUDENT WORK

Poem by: Jimmy Ingle

The quality of life
Isn't just time
Time is precious

It costs a dime
To live a life
Were time is fast and moments are slow
In the streets to the hills
Time is of the essence

Look at the door
Fly away and have a day
Where you say wow what a day
Go have fun
The way we made
So you can say
What a wonderful life for the day.



Photography by: Kayla Olander



Photography by: Rilee Owens

Change

By: Alexis Gearhart

As the spring turns to summer
I think of it all
When summer was turning to fall
I had it all
My hair short and curly
My cheeks rounded and rosy
I was loud and brash
My smile happy and aggressive
Then fall turned into winter
That's when it all changed
My hair short and curly was now growing long
Bangs that frame my face
Were cut to cover my forehead
My cheeks were red and rosy
But I looked older
All of what I know became new
My old friends faded away
As I was uprooted from my home like a flower in soil
Then winter turned to spring
I grew to be 5'2
My hair now long and curly
The red that never faded
The bangs that I cut now cover my eyes
My smile now gentle and sunny
My loud personality is now quiet
So that I don't scare people away
I grew and it shows
My chubby cheeks now thinned out

My old friends have forgotten me
Yet I remember them down to every small detail
My old friends now faded to new
Now soon spring will turn to summer
I wish to have it all
I want my loudness back and the aggressive smile I keep
Shall I cut my hair again to be unique
When summer comes will my colors still be muted
Will I be more quiet than loud
No matter how much I beg change will still happen
Change is natural all things go through it
The seasons change as do you and I
As the fall fades into winter then spring and finally summer
Change happens to all

SCHOOL RECORDS!

Congratulations to Seth Coker, Katie Critz, Luke Cornett, Elliot Cook, Liam Woods, and Seth Coker (again)!



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APRIL TRENDS

By: Thomas Speer
 The "Brainrot" Trend
 Jojo Siwa's weird new song
 Taylor Swift's new album
 Updated AI Software
 New skincare routines
 Falling in love on a cruise ship
 Heartbreak
 Senioritis
 Hot days and cold days
 Random storms



TAYLOR SWIFT ALBUM REVIEW

To celebrate the release of Taylor Swift's new album "The Tortured Poets Department" the Smoke Signal staff made friendship bracelets and had a listening party. As a class we couldn't listen to the whole album as she did a double release with 31 songs for a total 2 hours and 2 minutes but from what we heard here were our favorites:

Down Bad
 So High School
 Fortnight (feat. Post Malone)
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allergies
warm
test
track

blooming
banquet
baseball

rain
cheerful
dance

softbal
tan
rainbow
records

spring
state

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Ryan Woods	Nolyn Denlinger
Lillian Goad	Emily Flora
Owen Bradshaw	Rysen Evans
Matillie Casey	Addison Speer
Shad Shough	Mayson Cosby
Harvey Dotson	Emerson Leingang
Parker Crow	Trenton Robinson
Dawson Fisher	Brady Downing
Cori Haines	Tenley Spurlock
Isabella Fullenkamp	Madilynn Karns
Ava Velkoff	Ella Bayer
Bryce Toney	Aryan Shorten
Lincoln Smith	Havyn Coning
Nathan Harju	Reese Hess
Karlee Schwartz	Jersey Robinson
Brooklyne Hines	Lily Sparks
Shelby Van Den Bosch	



Opening Day
April 27, 9am-12pm

Newton-UNCC FFA FLOWER SALE

Open on every saturday until sold out of flowers



Location: The Greenhouse behind school

WE OFFER A VARIETY OF FLOWER OPTIONS INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING...

Calibrachoa Superbells Tropical Sunrise	Each individual pot (4.5 inch)
Superbells grape punch	\$4 each
Coleus Strawberry drop	Flat (10, 4.5 in. pot)
Lantana Luscious royal red zone	\$35
Lantana Luscious Berry Blend	10' inch hanging baskets
Lantana Luscious Grape	\$15
Lobelia Laguna white cloud	
Lobularia Snow princess	
Osteospermum bright lights purple	
Petunia supertunia vista bubblegum	
Petunia supertunia vista snowdrift	
Petunia supertunia indigo	

Cash or checks accepted

Contact Kreg McCullough with questions
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THIRD QUARTER ACADEMIC HONORS

Honor Roll:

UVCC 11th Grade:

Jaden Deaton
Cori Haines
Jaemyn Lowry
Max Newhouse
Korey Nolan
Bekah Shough
Callie Smith
Alysa Stevenson
Lillian Szakal
Bronson Van Culin
Layla Van Culin
Alexis West

UVCC 12th Grade:

Brandon Laughman
Daniel Lucente
Zayne McFadden
Gisele Michaels
Payton Nicholas
Terri Peele
Quinten Reimer
Gabrielle Schmackers

7th Grade:

Havyn Coning
Porsha Craig
Oliver Crow
Brayden Doty
Brooks Flory
Caroline Forsythe
Bentley Hess
Louella Leitte
Gabriel Miller
Karlee Schwartz
Shayleigh Shoup
Max Silk
Dahlila Stone
Chase Wackler

8th Grade:

Meghan Addison
Adrian Benedict
Isabella Bunting
Khloe Carver
Parker Christman
Tucker Fisher
Alexis Gearheart
Lillian Goad
Garrison Hughes
Elijah Leingang
Claire Marchal
Robert Peele
Griffin Reimer
Micah Sagers
Lincoln Smith
Jack Van Den Bosch
Anthony Weber

9th Grade:

Harlee Adams
Matillie Casey
Parker Coning
Cody Craig
Easton Knupp
Emily Laughman
Jayla Leland
Kellany Merritt
Regan Miller
Tyler Miller
Holly Morse
Kaelyn Petry
Braden Pleiman
Trenton Robinson
Peyton Schutz
Travis Stanhope
James Stucki
Meg Yoder

10th Grade:

Ane Alvarez Gil
Arianna Church
Emily Flora
Emilia Hild
Brilie Hines
Gwendolyn Holbrook
Owen Miller
Kinzie Peters
Estie Rapp
Candace Shellenberger
Annelise Taylor
Matthew Waller

11th Grade:

Dylan Bauer
Sienna Montgomery
Caitlyn Pleiman
Hannah Williams

12th Grade:

Katie Critz
Olivia Rapp
Thomas Speer
Bryce Toney
Carson Tucker

Principal's List:

UVCC 11th Grade:

Missy Nance

UVCC 12th Grade:

Luke Gilbert
Cole Grice
Zoe Kesling
Breanna McClish
Jadaan Miller

7th Grade:

Mollie Adams
Izabel Ballard
Austin Barhorst
Mayson Cosby
Isabella Fullenkamp
Ava Hughes
Nolan Knupp
Zoey Robinson
Mckenzie Sheridan

8th Grade:

Ella Bayer
Jackson Blair
Eleanor Bradshaw
Brynnasen Fiely
Michaela Flora
Ayden Kane
Madilynn Karns
Stephanie Knepper
Allison Kramer
Brenna Locker
Tanner Long
Nolan Meurer
Ava Meyer
Emmaline Rapp
Colton Shellenberger
Anna Wall
Lindsey Willoughby

9th Grade:

Chloe Adams
Cole Alexander
Wren Bauer
Mya Denlinger
Andrew Long
Ally Moore
Alec Schaurer
Claire Stull
Amelia Szakal

10th Grade:

Ellie Bauer
Zurich Bess
Will Bowser
Elliot Cook
Rachel Fisher
Evanston Hemphill
Rylee Hess
Audrey Miller
Austin Tippie
Ava Velkoff

11th Grade:

Isaac Beidelman
Emerson Leingang
Ava Rapp
Grace Stanhope
Shelby Van Den Bosch

12th Grade:

Nolyn Denlinger
Nathan Harju
Reese Hess
Quinn Peters
Ty Schauer
Chloe Shellenberger
Kylie Velkoff
Madalyn Walters
Sarah Willoughby