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WHEN IS TOO SOON?

By: Quentin Webb

It is officially that time of year when it is appropriate to celebrate Christmas in everyone's eyes. However, some people celebrate right after Halloween. Most people are not really enthusiastic about Thanksgiving and they just want to celebrate Christmas. That is not necessarily a bad time to celebrate Christmas, but you skip a vital part of the fall season, Thanksgiving.

Many people decorate for Thanksgiving. There are some Thanksgiving decorations like little pumpkins and vegetables along with festive streamers or cut outs. but there are way more Christmas decorations out during November.

A lot of companies like Starbucks introduce new Christmas drinks right after Halloween. Some stores like Target and Walmart are already putting out Christmas trees and decorations before October is even over. This is great for all Christmas lovers, but what about Thanksgiving?

Thanksgiving is a great time to see those cousins that live far away, that you have not seen in forever. A time to sit around your family with awesome food and fun. Thanksgiving is not just one day. It is the time leading up to it and the cold days that follow along. Then there are those who choose to decorate for Christmas after Thanksgiving. Now it might be more work to take down your Thanksgiving decoration and put up your Christmas fun, but this way you are not skipping the importance of Thanksgiving.

For some people they celebrate Christmas on Christmas eve. They finally start to decorate their house and get into the festivities of Christmas. Do I believe in decorating for Christmas? Absolutely, but there is a fine line with doing it too early. That is my opinion and there is not a wrong time to celebrate Christmas. Just as long as everyone is in the holiday spirit.

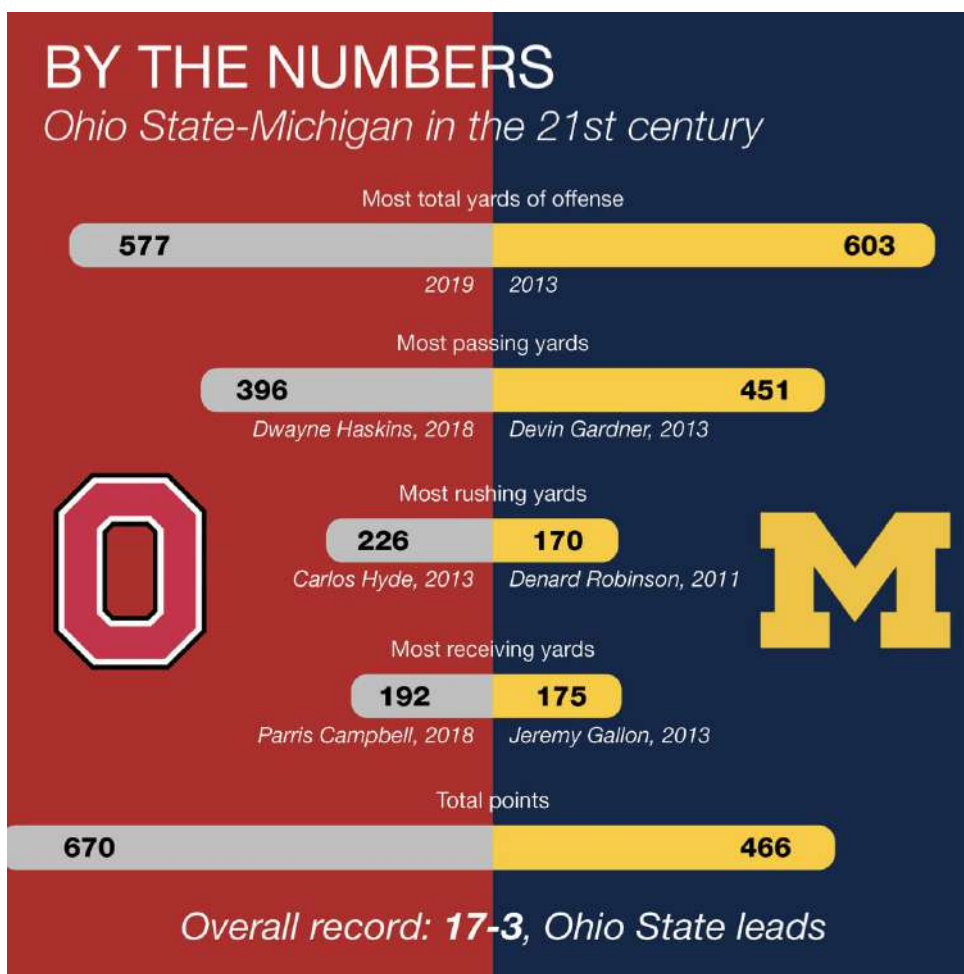


SPORTS

OHIO STATE VS. MICHIGAN

By: Carson Tucker

The Ohio State vs Michigan football rivalry is one of the most storied and intense rivalries in all of college sports. Dating back to 1897, these two powerhouse programs have faced off on the gridiron over 100 times, creating a legacy of competition and passion that transcends generations. Both The Ohio State University and the University of Michigan have long-standing traditions of excellence in football. The annual clash between these two teams has become a spectacle that captures the attention of fans across the football world. The rivalry is so deeply ingrained in both schools' cultures that it extends beyond just football; it permeates every aspect of campus life. The intensity of this rivalry can be credited to several factors. First off, both teams consistently recruit talented rosters, making for highly competitive games year after year. Secondly, the proximity between the two schools adds fuel to the fire as fans from both sides are often neighbors or even family members. Lastly, there is a historical context to this rivalry as both programs have had their fair share of success over time. In conclusion, the Ohio State vs Michigan football rivalry is more than just a game; it represents a clash between two institutions with rich traditions and passionate fan bases. It is an embodiment of competition at its finest and serves as a reminder that college sports can bring people together while also igniting fierce rivalries that will endure for generations to come. The Wolverines defeated the Buckeyes with a score of 30-24.



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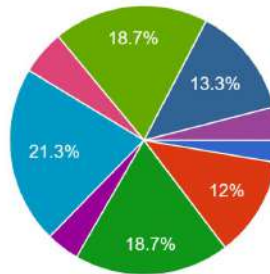
TOP TEN THANKSGIVING FOOD

Top Ten Thanksgiving Sides

By: Quentin Wbb

1. Dinner Rolls
2. Pumpkin Pie
3. Stuffing
4. Mac n Cheese
5. Turkey
6. Corn Bread
7. Mashed Potatoes
8. Green Bean Casserole
9. Yams
10. Pecan Pie

Select your favorite Thanksgiving food.
75 responses



- Yams
- Turkey
- Green Bean Casserole
- Pumpkin pie
- Mashed potatoes with gravy
- Dinner rolls
- Corn Bread
- Stuffing
- Pecan pie
- Mac n Cheese

BLACK FRIDAY

By: Erika Shellabarger

Another day of waking up early for some, conquering the crowds, and lines to get the “best deals” has passed. Black Friday is no longer the rave it always was for some people. Now, you can score so many of the best deals online and you no longer have to conquer the craziness. Some of the deals ranged from Apple Watches to electric scooters and a lot in between. Electronics were big hits especially at Walmart and Best Buy. A few good Black Friday deals from students were Uggs for \$50 and Nike shoes. Top stores were Amazon and Dicks, with a lot of online shopping to go along with them. With 55% saying Black Friday is better than Cyber Monday (45%). Another year of fighting the craziness for the best deals.

NEWTON'S GOT TALENT

Talent Acts:

The Pink Flamingoes
Gentri Deaton and Emily Flora
Ava Meyer
Cori Haines
Jayla Leland
Ivan Chen
Stephan Bowerman



Results:

Winner: Stephan Bowerman

Runner Up: Jayla Leland



VETERANS DAY

By: Thomas Speer

For Veteran's Day, we always have an assembly where veterans can come and celebrate the duty they have fulfilled to this great country. This year, we had a speaker by the name of Ken Serey, and his speech was great and fun to listen to, especially whenever he went into detail of his stories he had to share with us. After the assembly, I asked Mr. Serey some questions, and here are the results:

1. What part of the military would you like to have served in the most? "I would have liked to serve in the army because of my father and to honor him." Although he himself did not serve, he has a deep respect for our veterans.
2. What is your favorite story you like to tell? "It is a World War I story, and it is about a man named Delos Andrews. He was bullied throughout his life and he knew six languages entering college, but he then went into the military to serve his country. However, he was declared dead as a young adult. He then was declared undead in a miraculous recovery, but ended up getting the Spanish Flu. In his lifetime, he managed to build a castle out of stone and he and his friends used the large structure to have fun and party in; however, he died in 1981."

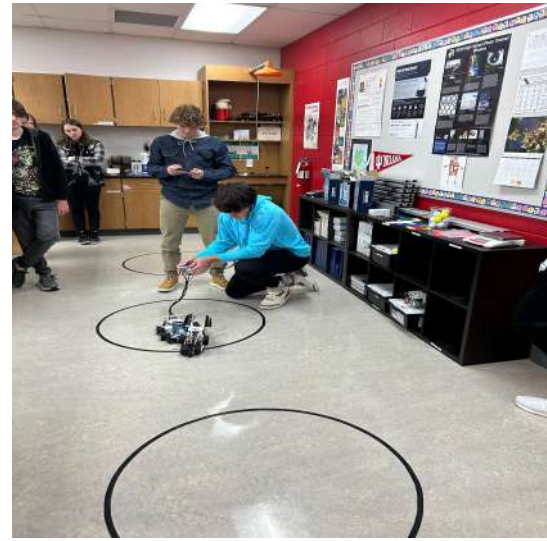
INDY BECOMES "THE SEA OF BLUE"

By: Erika Shellabarger

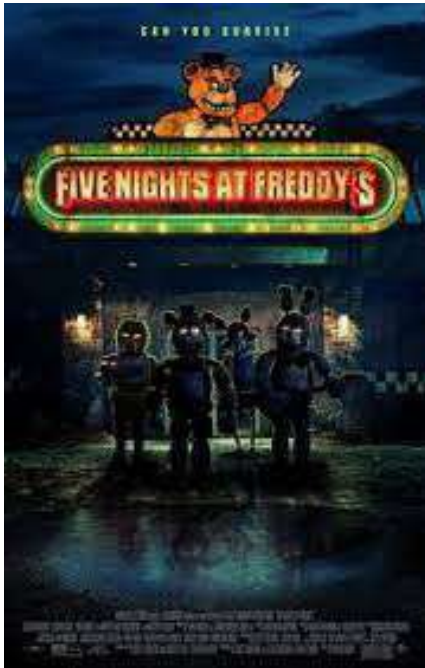
Members of the FFA took on National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indy, for a few days in November. While in Indy the students visited Ozark Fisheries, kissed the bricks at the Indianapolis RaceWay, met new friends, jam sessions in the minibus, great conversations, danced on the Colts Stadium field, played Sardines through the whole hotel, stayed up way too late, woke up early, and listened to many speakers. The whole city of Indianapolis became the "Sea of Blue" while thousands of FFA students were running the city. Conventions are well spent time learning more about FFA, what you can do within the organization, learning about new things like businesses and colleges, meeting new people, and getting to know who you are as an FFA member. It is a privilege to be able to have the blue corduroy jacket on. You stand out to the public and they wonder what you are a part of. Just as a basketball player would wear a jersey so people know who they are, an FFA member wears a blue corduroy jacket. A jacket can mean so many different things to a person. It can be lessons learned, banners won, goals accomplished, and friends made. In the opening ceremony at every convention the Sentinel states, "Through this door pass many friends of the FFA. It is my duty to see that the door is open to our friends at all times and that they are welcome." At convention every FFA member is welcome to experience the excitement of FFA. It does not matter if you live on a farm or not. To experience an FFA convention is like none other, give it a try. You never know what life long friendship you may find. Also while in Indy, Clint Shellenberger (Class of 2022) received his American Degree. An American Degree is the highest degree an FFA member can obtain. Congrats to all of this year's recipients.



PHOTO JOURNAL



FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S MOVIE REVIEW



As a class we watched the new release *Five Nights at Freddy's*. This is a very anticipated movie adaption of the popular video game with the same name. The movie follows Mike Schmidt, played by Josh Hutcherson, as he takes on a late night security job in order to provide for his little sister, Abby. The job is at an abandoned pizzeria, Freddy Fazbear's, and is haunted by the spirits of missing children.

"It was not really what I was expecting it to be, there was more to it than just a scary movie" - Erika

"Interesting movie, with a weird plot" - Quentin

"Movie was pretty decent, I do feel like the acting could have been a little better" - Carson

"The movie could have been scarier, but it was overall alright."
-Thomas

The overall consensus was that it was an okay movie but there was too much hype around it and our expectations were way too high.

As a class we give this movie an overall rating of 3 out of 5 stars.

MEET THE NEW ADDITION TO THE SMOKE SIGNAL: QUENTIN WEBB

Quentin Webb- Hello, fellow Indians. My name is Quentin Webb and I am senior and one of the four authors and editors of your monthly Smoke Signal! I love to hang out with my friends and play basketball. I also love to work out and play Fortnite in my free time. I am looking forward to the rest of this year, I hope you guys are, too.



INTERACTIVE PAGE

THANKSGIVING WORD SEARCH



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WORD BANK

Cranberry
Dinner
Family
Grateful
Mayflower
November
Pie
Pilgrims
Pumpkin
Thanksgiving
Turkey

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

~November~

Noah Bayer
Mckenzie Sheridan
Seth Euton
Candace Shellenberger
Adrian Benedict
Evanston Hemphill
Jennica Holly
Anna Wall
James Stucki
Brayden Doty
Millie Adams
Oliver Crow
Mia Isidro-Coppock
Kylie Velkoff
Braden Pleiman
Harlee Adams
Zoe Kesling
Ally Moore

FIRST QUARTER ACADEMIC HONORS

Honor Roll:

UVCC 11th Grade:

Noah Bayer
Jaden Deaton
Cori Haines
Jennica Holly
Parker Kanet
Makenna Kesling
Jaemyn Lowry
Noah Resides
Bekah Shough
Alysa Stevenson
Lillian Szakal
Bronson Van Culin
Lexi Walters
Alexis West

UVCC 12th Grade:

Damien Hahn
Brandon Laughman
Jadaan Miller
Payton Nicholas
Daphka Peters
Aidan Williams

7th Grade:

Coltyn Adams
Mollie Adams
Vivien Bowser
Porsha Craig
Oliver Crow
Brayden Doty
Brooks Flory
Caroline Forsythe
Ava Hughes
Tylea Jackson
Gracie Jones
Gabriel Miller
Karlee Schwartz
Max Silk

8th Grade:

Meghan Addison
Adrian Benedict
Isabella Bunting
Khloe Carver
Parker Christman
Tucker Fisher
Bella Garber

Lillian Goad
Seiler Hutchinson
Madilynn Karns
Allison Kramer
Elijah Leingang
Nolan Meurer
Jersey Robinson
Micah Sagers
Colton Shellenberger
Jack Van Den Bosch
Anna Wall
Anthony Weber
Lily West

9th Grade:

Easton Knupp
Emily Laughman
Jayla Leland
Andrew Long
Regan Miller
Tyler Miller
Braden Pleiman
Trenton Robinson
Peyton Schutz
James Stucki
Meg Yoder

10th Grade:

Logan Butts
Arianna Church
Rachel Fisher
Emily Flora
Douglas Goad
Evanston Hemphill
Rylee Hess
Brilie Hines
Ethan Moser
Ava Nolan
Kinzie Peters
Estie Rapp
Carson Resides
Candace Shellenberger
Annelise Taylor
Ava Velkoff

11th Grade:

Dylan Bauer
Isaac Beidelman
Seth Coker
Seth Euton
Felicity Harbour
Kayla Olander

Caitlyn Pleiman
Erika Shellabarger
Brady Wackler
Hannah Williams

12th Grade:

Princeton Bess
Noah Brush
Dustin Butts
Daniel Fisher
Nathan Harju
Brooklyne Hines
Kate Stull
Carson Tucker
Sarah Willoughby

Principal's List:

UVCC 11th Grade:

Missy Nance
Max Newhouse
Korey Nolan

UVCC 12th Grade:

Brady Downing
Luke Gilbert
Zoe Kesling
Daniel Lucente
Breanna McClish
Zayne McFadden
Gisele Michaels
Terri Peele
Quinten Reimer
Gabrielle Schmackers

7th Grade:

Izabel Ballard
Austin Barhorst
Mayson Cosby
Isabella Fullenkamp
Bentley Hess
Nolan Knupp
Zoey Robinson
Mckenzie Sheridan
Shayleigh Shoup
Chase Wackler

8th Grade:

Ella Bayer
Jackson Blair
Eleanor Bradshaw
Brynnasen Fiely
Michaela Flora
Garrison Hughes

Ayden Kane
Stephanie Knepper
Brenna Locker
Tanner Long
Ava Meyer
Emmaline Rapp
Lindsey Willoughby

9th Grade:

Chloe Adams
Cole Alexander
Wren Bauer
Parker Coning
Mya Denlinger
Kellany Merritt
Ally Moore
Alec Schaurer
Travis Stanhope
Claire Stull
Amelia Szakal

10th Grade:

Ellie Bauer
Zurich Bess
Will Bowser
Elliot Cook
Audrey Miller
Austin Tippie

11th Grade:

Emerson Leingang
Sienna Montgomery
Ava Rapp
Grace Stanhope
Shelby Van Den Bosch

12th Grade:

Grace Davis
Nolyn Denlinger
Reese Hess
Quinn Peters
Olivia Rapp
Ty Schauer
Chloe Shellenberger
Kylie Velkoff
Madalyn Walters