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## Brief History of Thanksgiving

In November 1621, after the Pilgrims' first corn harvest proved successful, Governor William Bradford organized a celebratory feast. The food served was most likely **Turkey, venison, seafood**, and the vegetables that they planted and harvested that year—**onions, carrots, beans, spinach, lettuce, and other greens.**

We asked students and staff what they are thankful for and **what they are looking forward to buying on Black Friday or Cyber Monday?**

**Mrs. Wehrley (School Nurse)** - "My family and friends"

**Noah Brush (Junior)** - "My family members who help me through a lot of stress"

**Mrs. Gearhardt (Librarian)** - "Gods generous gifts... Jesus/salvation, family, friends, my jobs, health, home, the list is endless" **"I'm working on Black Friday... so come check us out at Echo Boutique"**

**Dalton Trucksis (Senior)** - "Living in the freest and greatest nation in the world" **" I want to buy some time to sleep"**

**Mrs. Walker (Superintendent's Secretary)** - "Time spent with family" **"If I tell you, it wouldn't be a secret"**

**Joey Rowland (Freshman)** - "The opportunities that this school offers"

**Mr. Fessler (Technology Coordinator)** - "Family and grand kids"

**Emma Szakal (Senior)** - "The opportunity to go to school and play sports" **"I want clothes. Lots of clothes"**

**Mr. Spitler (Assistant Principal)** - "My family, friends, health, home and being able to enjoy each day with all of the great people in my life; from my family and friends to my colleagues and students!"

**Charli Smith (Sophomore)** - "Having a close relationship with my brother" **"Nothing, I need to save money"**

**Miss Short (Science)** - "My family (parents+sister), my cats, that I have a good home in a nice town and getting to teach science"

**Mr. Borchers (English)** - "My healthy kids" **" I want shirts for my painting company"**

**Mrs. Ewing (Math)** - "Becoming a mom and a healthy baby Ewing" **"I want a new Roomba"**

**Miss Meyer (History)** - "My friends - work friends for keeping me sane and to put things in perspective and home friends who remind me to have a life outside of school"

**Mr. Fisher (Intervention Specialist)** - "Newton schools". **"I want the XTech Ultimate Executive heated and cooled office chair \$1899.99"**

**Mrs. Lavy (Secretary)** - "My family, my church family and Newton family for all the support and encouragement they give me"

**Mrs. Anthony (Business)** - "My children and grandchildren. They are a blessing everyday"

**Mrs. Alexander (Guidance Counselor)** - "My family, my students at Newton, and being able to do what I love everyday"

# WINTER SPORTS PRESEASONS

The Winter Sport's season has arrived! Red and White Night took place on Saturday, November 19th. Newton's 2022-2023 basketball teams and cheerleaders were introduced. Below, is information on all the winter sports teams! Check it out!



## HIGH SCHOOL BOY'S & GIRL'S BASKETBALL:

Gavin Spitler is back for the 5<sup>th</sup> year as head coach of the Varsity team. Tab Lafollette is now the JV coach, and Ryan Mollette is the Freshmen Coach this year. Last season, the boys finished with a 12-10 record and lost a total of five seniors. The girl's Varsity team finished last season with an 8-14 season, however, they only lost one senior. All coaches are returning this year with the addition of Holly Alexander as a volunteer Coach. Both teams look to improve on their records from last year!

## HIGH SCHOOL CHEER:

The High School cheerleaders have a new Varsity coach this year in Layla Hicks, who was the JV coach the previous season. They have a small squad this year with only a total of nine cheerleaders, but will still be loud and hype up the crowd!

## SWIM:

Similar to last year, the swim team consists of three swimmers again this year. Quinten Reimer, who made it all the way to districts last year, Princeton Bess, and senior Noah Tullis. They all look to place well in the conference .

## BOWLING:

The High School Bowling team has a total of 35 bowlers this year, 20 boys and 15 girls. The coaches this year are Eric Schindler, Chip Fisher, and Steven Applegate. They graduated a total of three seniors last year, however there are a total of nine seniors this year.

## BOY'S & GIRL'S JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL:

There is a very large squad this year for JH boys basketball, there are 12 7<sup>th</sup> grade players and nine 8<sup>th</sup> grade players. The coaches are Drew Wehrman, Shawn Landis, and Bruce Ratliff. Unlike the boys, there is a relatively small squad this year for the girls consisting of nine players total who will play an 8<sup>th</sup> grade schedule as one team. They have returning coaches Missy Meyer, Tori Benedict and Chrissy Kenworthy.

## JUNIOR HIGH CHEER:

The JH cheerleaders have a new coach this year in Tina Mollette. Just like the High School cheer squad there is a total of nine cheerleaders in JH, three of which are in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and six in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.



The Talent Show was held Tuesday, November 22nd, the day before Thanksgiving Break! There were many different acts, such as singing, dancing, and playing instruments. We hope you enjoyed the show as much as we did!

## CONTESTANTS AND THEIR ACTS:

**Emma Szakal, Mallory Shade, Josh Fisher, Aaron Colvin, Aiden Kelley, Grayden Stocker, Emma Hemphill, Eva Bowser, Hudson Montgomery, Mercedes Craig, Jenna Robbins, Mason Brumbaugh, Max Blair, and Matthew Koon:** Awarded 3rd place by dancing and putting on a show to Katy Perry's "California Girls"

**Lily Sparks:** Followed up the seniors as our first singing act and excited the audience when she sang "Human"

**Emily Flora:** Switched it up a little bit and gave a calming vibe to the show by playing "Can't Help Falling In Love" on the flute

**Taylor Polson:** Drew in the audience with deep passion to her singing by performing "Burning House"

**Henry Ballard:** Used a song and story combo to wow the audience during "Waving Through a Window"

**Cori Haines:** Won 1st place by blowing the audience out of the water with her singing skills to Lady Gaga's "Shallow"

**Preston Christman:** Won over the audience by throwing pics in the audience after he played "Smoke On The Water", plus two other songs on his guitar

**Jayla Leland:** Was voted 2nd place by giving a sweet performance singing along to "Beautiful Day" while playing the guitar, adding a few giggles and smiles.

**Mrs. Hughes, Miss Meyer, Mrs. Kenworthy, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Schindler, Ms. Nunemaker, Mrs. Ewing, Miss Short, and Mr. Fryman:** Surprised all the students by giving a fun performance to Taylor Swift's "Shake It Off". Teachers, we wish we could of voted for you! Thanks for the fun!

1st



2nd



3rd



A special thanks to our MC, Miss Short for keeping us laughing!

Located at:  
210 W High St. Pleasant Hill,  
Ohio



# LOCAL

## COFFEE & CREAM

### HOURS:

M: 6:30AM - 7PM  
T: 6:30AM - 7PM  
W: 6:30AM - 7PM  
T: 6:30AM - 7PM  
F: 6:30AM - 7PM  
S: 7:30AM - 7PM



Emma Hemphill  
Eva Bowser

**Newton  
Student  
Workers!**



## THE EXCHANGE

December 6, 6-9pm

**AXE OUT CANCER** (Axe Throwing):

Pictures with **SANTA**

Wreath Making

Cookie **DECORATING**

Small Town Christmas



What is your favorite item on the menu?

White Peppermint Mocha and the Peppermint Milkshake

How is it working for a new company?

Great!! A lot of business so far (especially on weekends)

What is the most difficult thing to make?

Any kind of milkshake

How has balancing school and this job affected you?

It has not been bad at all, the only downside is getting home later than usual

What is the busiest day of the week?

Definitely Saturday

What is your favorite part of the job?

Attempting the Latte art



# THE BARN YOUTH CENTER

WE INTERVIEWED THE OWNERS OF THE BARN, CAMERON AND JENNA MYERS, AND ASKED THEM A FEW QUESTIONS THAT WE FELT WERE IMPORTANT TO SHARE!



## WHAT IS YOUR MAIN GOAL FOR THE BARN?

The Barn's main goal is to provide a space for kids to build relationships with God and their peers.

## WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE ACTIVITIES TO DO WITH THE KIDS?

Jenna enjoys playing "Apples to Apples", running the snack bar, and hanging out at the skate park. Cameron loves playing air-hockey and basketball.

## HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN CHARGE OF RUNNING/WORKING THE BARN?

Cameron and Jenna Myers began directing The Barn in August of 2020. At the time, they lived in Centerville but now have moved into the house on the property.

## WHO WAS THE FIRST OWNER AND WHEN DID THE BARN FIRST OPEN?

Larry and Bonnie Powell were the first owners of the barn, which opened in 1986 in their garage.

## WOULD YOU HAVE IMAGINED YOURSELF IN THIS POSITION SEVERAL YEARS AGO?

Not at all. Cameron has been in the youth ministry since 2014. Providentially, friends who lived in Pleasant Hill suggested applying for the director position. Without them, we would have had little to no connection to this ministry.

## YOU'RE INVITED!

HS Christmas Party- December 16th 7-10pm

JH Christmas Party- December 17th 7-10pm

### REGULAR HOURS

HS- Every Friday 7-10pm

JH - First and Third Saturday 7-10pm

5th/6th - Fourth Saturday 7-9:30pm

"It's always free and always fun!"



## TURKEY TROT

This year's annual Turkey Trot was held on Thanksgiving morning at 8 a.m. in the chilly 56 degree weather where over 100 community members were there to run, cheer on the runners, or just enjoy coffee and pastries provided by the newly opened coffee shop, Local. The Barn collected items for the Community Food Truck Blessing Box, an organization that provides food security through mobile food pantries around the Troy and Piqua areas. If you missed out this year, you're invited next year on Thanksgiving morning, as this is an annual event!

# VETERANS DAY & BLOOD DRIVE RECAP

Veterans Day was  
Friday, November 11th.  
We had an assembly  
for grades 4th  
through 12th!

We had a guest speaker by the name of Jay Via. He was in the Ohio National Guard from 2005-2013. He was stationed in Kuwait and Afghanistan, during his time in the military.

Mr. Via's original dream was to be a Philadelphia Eagles football player, but as we all know, not all dreams come true. However, Mr. Via also wanted to be a U.S soldier. Even though he didn't complete his dream when he first could've, he became a soldier at the age of 36. His message from the assembly was to tell students that dreams can still come true and there is no time stamp of when they can happen.



## Blood Drive



Our Blood Drive was  
held on November 8th in  
the Fieldhouse  
Community Room.

Most of this year's  
donors were first timers.

We had 15 first time  
donors and 26 donors all  
together.

Great job Indians!

Most of the blood  
donated goes to people  
in need on a waiting list  
at hospitals all over the  
country.

Fun Fact: When you  
donate for the first time  
you get a card with your  
blood type on it.

Thank You Veterans, for all the protection you provide to citizens.

Thank You Blood Donors, for saving lives and helping others.

# THE NEWS TOONS

We are split into four different groups in the classroom to make sure that our work is done efficiently and effectively! In most cases, we switch our groups every quarter in order to get different thoughts, ideas, opinions, and abilities throughout our work.



Senior, **Nicole Devlin** says her favorite thing about the class is "The atmosphere inside the classroom and the connections each group has with each other".

Juniors, **Dan Fisher, Quinn Peters**, and **Bella Hall** say that their favorite thing about this class is "The videos, and having the creative experience while being able to bond with the student body".



Our first group is our cartoon Comic Strip group! This is a new group that we made this quarter. These students work hard to design comics using new software and a creative touch! Stay tuned! In this group we have:

Senior, **Grayden Stocker**  
Senior, **Matthew Koon**



Here we have the weekly group! These are the students that produce the weekly paper! Each student is assigned a different article/task on the paper. In the group we have:

Junior, **Kylie Velkoff**: Ned's Newton News

Junior, **Reese Hess**: Power Puff's Present (Birthdays and National Days)

Senior, **Mallory Shade**: Guest Star

Senior, **Aiden Kelley**: Tune Squad Sports News and Kelpy G's Jams (weekly song)

Senior, **Nicole Devlin**: Clubhouse News

Senior, **Max Blair**: Tweety's Tea



Our next group is the Youtube video group! These are the students that film and produce the weekly video! These students work hard to please the student body! In this group we have:

Senior, **Josh Fisher**  
Senior, **Mercedes Craig**  
Senior, **Aaron Colvin**



Junior, **Bella Hall**  
Junior, **Quinn Peters**  
Junior, **Dan Fisher**



For our next group we have the Bulletin Board group! These are the students that work hard to make the boards around our school fun and informative! In this group we have:

Senior, **Henry Ballard**  
Senior, **Taylor Polson**  
Junior, **Brooke Hines**  
Sophomore, **Cori Haines**





# EXAM TIPS



*First semester exams are quickly approaching. This year's exam dates are Friday, December **16th**, Monday, December **19th**, and Tuesday, December **20th**. While exams can be nerve racking for everyone, Seventh Graders tend to be extra nervous as it is their first time taking exams. Here are some tips and tricks from exam-experienced seniors.*

## STUDY HABITS YOU CAN TRY:

**Don't cram:** Studies show that cramming all of your studying for a big test is not optimal for long-term memory retention.

**Ask for help:** You don't have to struggle through difficult material on your own. Don't be afraid to ask your teachers, or even your classmates, for help on difficult subjects.



MISS MEYER

If you are a 7th, 9th, or 11th grader you will be taking an exam for Miss Meyer. The high number of questions can be overwhelming. However, if you make sure to read over your previous notes, homework, and tests and you will do alright.



MR. DAVIS

I'm going to be honest, it is highly unlikely you will get every question right on Mr. Davis's exams. Make sure to ask thorough questions before the test. Another option is doing practice problems to prepare for the exam's content.



MR. BORCHERS

For Mr. Borchers' exam make sure to review old study guides, and make sure you know all important dates, and the authors of the books your are reading. It may also be helpful to review SparkNotes.

## EXAM SCHEDULE

**\*Official exam form will be passed out next week!**

Period	Friday (16)	Monday (19)	Tuesday (20)
1	period 1 exam	period 2 exam	period 5 exam
2	period 1 exam	period 2 exam	period 5 exam
3	period 3 exam	period 4 exam	period 8 exam
4	period 3 exam	period 4 exam	period 8 exam
5	normal	normal	normal
6	period 6 exam	normal	early release (12:20)
7	period 6 exam	period 7 exam	
8	normal	period 7 exam	

# Tree Lighting and Lifewise Tree Farm

This year the annual Pleasant Hill tree lighting was on Sunday, November 27th! On this rainy evening, not only was the tree lighted, but there were also different booths selling hot chocolate, coffee, boba tea, and kettle corn. Even Santa came to visit! Be sure to check out the town's Christmas tree sitting on the corner of Monument and Main St.



Lifewise Academy is a Christian organization that helps kids learn about Jesus in a fun way. They believe that a child's character can benefit from lessons from the Bible. Because the program is run by volunteers and the services are free to students, the Lifewise team puts on a variety of fundraisers, like the Tree Farm, to raise money. If you are still in need of a Christmas tree, check out the Tree Farm across from the school!

## THE Game



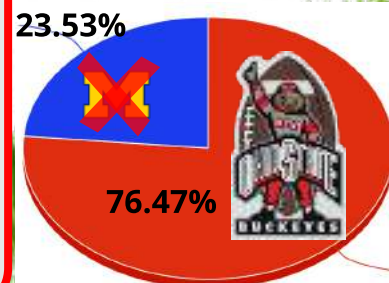
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Every year, the battle between **The Ohio State Buckeyes** and **Michigan Wolverines** is something of legendary status. The rivalry has been vigorous and uninterrupted since 1918! Last year was the first time since 2011 that the Wolverines have beaten the Buckeyes. This year, the game was played in Columbus and the blood for both sides was boiling as they both came into the game undefeated. Even the coaches had some beef going as Michigan Coach, **Jim Harbaugh** talked about Ohio State's Coach, **Ryan Day**, being handed everything once he took the Head Coach job in 2018. The game started off perfect for the Buckeyes as Heisman Trophy favorite **C.J. Stroud** threw a perfect pass to Sophomore Receiver **Emeka Egbuka** in the endzone to cap off a great drive down the field. Michigan marched down the field the next drive, scoring a field goal making it an offensive game. Michigan's star running back, **Blake Corum**, took two snaps but did not play for the rest of the game due to a leg injury which occurred the previous game. In the end, OSU's plan of stopping the run collapsed when Michigan Quarterback, **J.J. McCarthy** capitalized and threw for 263 yards with 3 touchdowns. The Buckeyes offense looked to be firing on all cylinders but their defense couldn't contain the Michigan Wolverine's powerful offense. The Wolverines upset the Buckeyes, with a final score of **45-23**. This was the first time the Wolverines have beaten the Buckeyes in the Horseshoe since 2000!

The % of staff and students predicting the winner

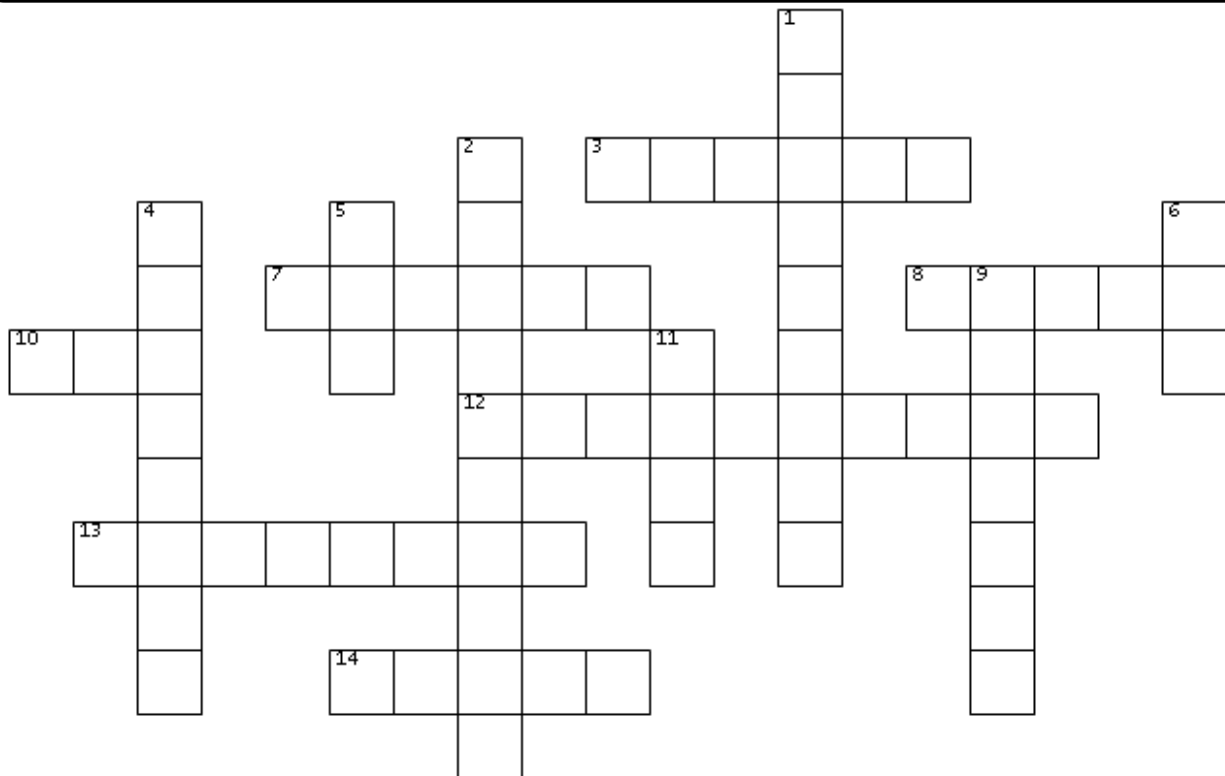
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76.47%

# Newton's November: Puzzler Page

**THIS IS OUR NOVEMBER PUZZLE. THE ANSWERS FOR THE CROSSWORD WILL BE BASED OFF OF OUR MONTHLY SMOKE SIGNAL ARTICLES. IF YOU SUCCESSFULLY TURN IN THE PUZZLE TO MRS. KENWORTHY BEFORE **DECEMBER 2ND** YOU WILL BE ENTERED INTO A COMPETITION TO WIN A **\$5 LOCAL GIFT CARD**. THE RESULTS WILL BE **DRAWN DECEMBER 5TH**.**



## ACROSS

3. Mr. Via's original dream was to play professional football for the Philadelphia \_\_\_\_
7. Mrs. Ewing planned to buy this on Black Friday
8. Mr. Fisher wants the \_\_\_\_ Ultimate Executive heated and cooled office chair for Black Friday
10. Last name of the Guest speaker at Veteran's Day Assembly
12. Talent show winner
13. Last name of the Freshmen Boy's Coach and Junior High Cheer Coach
14. Introduction night of basketball teams (Red and \_\_\_\_ Night)

## DOWN

1. According to Emma H and Eva B the hardest drink to make at Local is a \_\_\_\_
2. Newest group in the NewsToons is the \_\_\_\_ group
4. In November 1621, after the Pilgrims' first corn harvest proved successful, Governor William \_\_\_\_ organized a celebratory feast
5. The Barn's main goal is to provide a space for kids to build relationships with \_\_\_\_ and their peers.
6. School club (abbreviation) that puts on the Blood Drive
9. Who puts on the Turkey Trot
11. In the Talent Show there are five performers who did this for their performance

