



Volume 1, Issue 2 | Date: October 11, 2018

MCDONALD CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

By: Nikolina Drobnjak

The Village of McDonald celebrated its 100th birthday with a giant festival that took place last Saturday. The festival kicked off with a giant parade at 10 a.m. Several nearby police and fire departments participated in the parade as well as the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Big Brothers, Big Sisters.

Following the parade, the park was packed with many food vendors and activities, including a Craft Show at the basketball courts and Bingo. There were also many activities for kids available, including a petting zoo, magicians, a movie night at the United Methodist Church, and face painting that was provided by volunteers from the Art Club.

Volunteer, and art teacher, Mrs. Mills said, "Volunteering in the community allows students to use their abilities to get involved and give back to our village." Live music was also available later that night.



Volunteers from the art club paint faces.

Other events that took place were centered around the city's history. School tours were provided that afternoon. Visitors were allowed to enter the school and walk around freely. Mr. Rupe showed a presentation on the city's history in the auditorium.

Finally, there was also a display set up in the community room by the McDonald Historical Society. The historical society set up old pictures and newspaper articles relating to the many events that have taken place in McDonald.



The parade procession travels down Ohio Ave.

STAFF LIST

Editor Staff:

Marisa Carusso
Kara Meehan
Rocco Pascarella

Jessica Stamp
Cerina Thorne

Staff Writers:

Ziad Abdul-Aziz
Bri Callow
Nicolina Drobnjak
Ryder Dye

Ali Hammond
Lauren Johnson

Elise McMaster
Ethan O'Connell
Kyleigh Sierra
Cailey Titus

Editor in Chief:

Mr. Backur
backb@mcdonald.k12.oh.us

In This Issue

McDonald Celebrates 100 years	1
Will the Devils make Playoffs? No Resting for Testing McDonald, Briefly MHS Toon	2
Sophomore TCTC Trip McDonald Helps Those in Need	3
Music Review What Grinds My Gears: Fortnite Editorial:: Seasons Are Changing	4
Hometown Star Lending a Helping Hand Featured Artist	5
Trip Advisor Recipe: Easy as Little Pies	6
Where are they now? McMaster's Book Nook	7
MHS Backpage Pics	8

Will The Devils Make Play-Offs?

By: Lauren Johnson



Photo Credit: Tyler Cintron
Josh Celli waiting for the snap.

Blue Devil fans are overwhelmed with joy from watching the football team go undefeated thus far, including a win in a close game over Springfield, with a score of 20-17.

Senior quarterback Josh Celli said, "I'm feeling confident about our season, although we still have some work to do. I believe we will make play-offs because we work hard and hard work pays off."

Last week, the Blue Devils pulled off another exciting win with their victory against arch-rival Mineral Ridge with a score of 48-0.

Good luck to the football players on the rest of the season! Make McDonald proud!



Photo Credit: Nikolina Drobnyak
Delaney Williams smiles after a good win

Another group having a phenomenal season is the tennis team, which ended its season with wins over schools including Niles and Liberty, and a loss to Struthers.

Senior Delaney Williams said, "I'm feeling good about the season. It is my senior year so I am just trying to make the best out of it. I am also proud of my team for working hard, and always having each others' backs on working towards our goal."

McDonald fans would like to congratulate the tennis team for a fantastic 2018 season.

No Resting for the Testing By Ziad Aziz



Ryan Culp signs up for the ASVAB

Testing for the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test, or PSAT, was earlier this week on October 10th.

The highest performers on this exam are eligible to earn scholarship money toward their selected colleges.

Junior, Parker Higgins said, "I'm taking this to help me see what kind of scholarships I can get from doing this."

Next Wednesday, students will be able to take the ASVAB, a multiple choice test that is administered by the United States Military Command and used to qualify for enlistment in the forces. However, there are more benefits to this test than just joining the military. The results also show your strengths, areas for improvement, and interests to guide you towards potential future success.

When asked why he is taking the test, Ryan Culp said, "I'm really interested to know what this test will help with and see what my skills are, or even what kind of field I want to go into."

McDonald, Briefly...

The Pep Rally was held on Friday, October 5 to show school spirit for the football game against Mineral Ridge. The students roared with excitement as the Devilettes,



cheerleaders, and members of the band performed their routines. After captains Zach Gray, Josh Celli, and Alex Cintron brought the crowd to their feet, everyone was dismissed.



Sophomore TCTC Trip

By: Bri Callow

On Thursday, September 27th the Sophomores took a trip to the Trumbull County Career and Technical Center, or TCTC.

On the trip these students spent a couple hours looking at all TCTC has to offer and asking questions to enrolled students. Some Sophomore favorites for the day were visiting the horses in the stable of the equine program, the multi media program, and the nursing program. Many of them were intrigued and are coming back on Career Day in January, where they will be able to explore different career options in more detail.

One student planning to attend TCTC next year is Sophomore Cheyenne Chaney, who hopes to study Pre-Nursing. When asked why she wants to go to TCTC, Cheyenne said, "It gives me an opportunity to study my possible career path, along with interacting with new people."

McDonald student currently studying at TCTC, Adyn Prentice, expressed his enjoyment of the opportunities TCTC offers, "The change in the school

compared to how McDonald is set up has helped the students dramatically raise their grades, along with mine."

The advice from TCTC students was very helpful to our students, even if they won't be attending TCTC as it offered some new perspectives.

The students worked up an appetite touring the school for half the day. The solution to the problem was Taco Bell and Dunkin Donuts. There, students were able to just sit, eat, relax and connect with one another while chowing down on their food. Some students may even claim it was the highlight of their tour! A big shoutout and thanks to Mrs. Bosheff and Mrs. Krumpak for taking the Sophomore class!



Here is one of the horses from the equine program!



Maddie Williams was very happy after she ate her donut!

McDonald Helps Those In Need

By: Kyleigh Sierra

Both the high school and elementary students collected cans and other non-perishable food items to help those in need. The new food pantry will be in Roosevelt Elementary's former technology room. From here, the food will be packed into book-bags and sent home with students on Friday to have over the weekend.



volunteers set up a collection table to help the community at the game against Mineral Ridge.

Superintendent Mr. O'Connell said, "We knew there were a lot of families that had a need, and we wanted to provide food for students to be sent home with them over the weekend to help them out."

Student volunteer Kaitlyn Helt said, "I generally like to help people. I also help out at Saint Vincent de Paul and I like to make a difference." The food drive culminated in a final push at last Friday's football game against Mineral Ridge. Thank you to all who participated this year.

Editorial: Time is Changin' Things Up

by Marisa Carusso

Have you noticed the sun going down earlier and the amount of time each day getting shorter? Daylight Savings Time is drawing to a close and soon the clocks will be turned back and an hour of time will be gained on the first Sunday in November.

Daylight is lost earlier and earlier which can be confusing to the mind and body because it almost throws off a daily routine. People will often go to bed earlier because it is dark outside for so long that it makes it feel as if it is later than it actually is. However, a good cause this might have is that people could get things done earlier than usual because they feel as if they're losing time.

For students this can be tricky because it can make them struggle when re-adjusting. Hunger patterns can change resulting in students not wanting to eat at their scheduled lunch time. This causes people to be hungry later in the day which can really alter moods.

Another factor is that in the morning the sun will rise earlier. This will likely throw students off because usually when getting up and going to school it is not that light out yet. This could cause people to think they're running late.

Students, hang in there when adjusting to the new time change this Fall!

WHAT GRINDS MY GEARS: FORTNITE!

By: Ryder Dye



You know what Grinds My Gears? *Fortnite!* Like, really? Epic Games gave us this FREE game to play and almost everyone spends money on it. Why in the world would you spend money on something that's free?!? Just to look cool? It really is sad.

Let's talk about Tilted Towers for a hot second. This spot is something else, man, because not only is it the most popular spot in the game to land, but good luck you're bad, brother. It's like you land and you're already down unless you have better than decent skill. Even if you call yourself skilled enough to be apart of that group, then you might, barely, make it out alive.

Let's get down to the nitty-gritty for a moment.

What A Bop! Music Review

This issue I am reviewing the album *Love Yourself: Answer* by BTS, a seven member South Korean group. This album is the third part in the *Love Yourself* trilogy. It is all about staying positive, loving yourself, and being who you are.

The group has won the Top Social Artist Award at the Billboard Music Awards two years in a row. With this album they reached No.1 on the U.S Billboard 200, the first for a K-pop group. Earlier this year they did the same with *Love Yourself: Tear*.

With their music they are trying to spread a message of self love and empowerment, which is why on September 24, 2018, they gave a speech at the United Nations where they were encouraging young people to find their voice. They are becoming more and more

Picture yourself mid-battle against an opponent who you know from the get-go is a noob. You fire off shots from close range and see the hit markers, wondering how they aren't down after landing all of those hits.

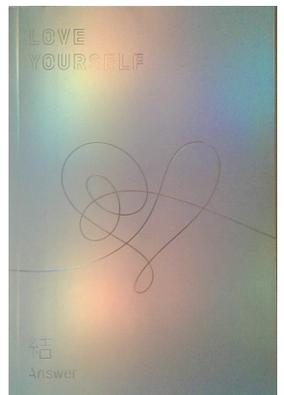
Next thing you know, you just got one pumped to the face for 225 damage and that same noob is dancing over you. Lots of things cross your mind: How? Why? and "Wow, ok I'm done with this stupid game." You question it, throw your controller and quit. It doesn't add up, because how can you land all your shots just to be hit once and go down? Nobody seems to have an answer why, but it just happens.

Don't get a favorite weapon either, because it's just a matter of time until it gets taken out of the game or everything you know and love about it is changed and gone forever. That, friends, is what Grinds My Gears.

By: Elise McMaster

successful as their music and message reaches people all around the world. Their latest music video "Idol" broke the record for most views in 24 hours.

I love this album. It's catchy, the vocals are great, the flow they keep when rapping is wonderful, and it has a message a lot of people can relate to. I also really enjoy the music video for "Idol", which is one of the most popular songs from the album. It's engaging with lots of color and great choreography. So if you're into music and want to change it up I would recommended listening to *Love Yourself: Answer*.





HOMETOWN STAR



By Ali Hammond

Hometown Star Zachary Gray made the Air Force Player of the Game against the Springfield Tigers. This was the Blue Devil's toughest game yet, but Zach caught an interception in the third quarter and took it all the way back for a touchdown to put the Devils up 20-10. Gray said, "I felt very excited and honored to be awarded this title."

LENDING A HELPING HAND

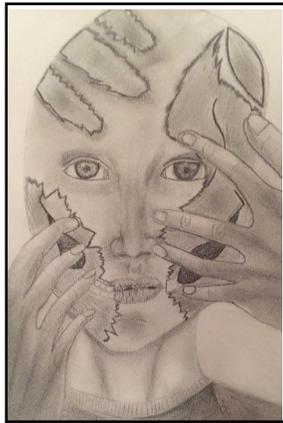
Junior Kaitlyn Helt made a difference in school by starting a Back to School Supplies Drive. She started this last year and continued it this year. Many donations were received from her church and the teachers, as well as monetary donations from those in the community. Kaitlyn said, "I'm just trying to help out and make a difference." If needed, students can find a variety of supplies in the office, including pencils, art supplies, binders, and much more.



FEATURED ARTIST BY ETHAN O'CONNELL

This week's featured artist is 11th grader Alyssa Strange. Alyssa is a very talented artist who has accomplished quite a lot.

She makes art, not just as a hobby, but as a form of expression and creativity. She loves the world of creative thinking and artistic expression.



THE FACE IS A PROJECT ALYSSA DID TO REPRESENT THE CONFLICT OF OUTER IDENTITY, TRYING TO SHOW THE STRIPPING AWAY OF LAYERS SAYING THAT UNDERNEATH EVERYTHING WE ARE ALL THE SAME.



THE HEART WAS MADE OUT OF MULTIPLE MEDIUMS INCLUDING CHALK PASTEL OIL AND PASTEL COLORED PENCIL. IT IS MADE UP OF THREE DIFFERENT MATERIALS INCLUDING CARD STOCK, MESH NETTING, AND TISSUE PAPER.



THE PLATE WAS MORE OF A HAPPY ACCIDENT THAN A PLAN. THE GLAZE APPLIED DIDN'T WANT TO STICK, BUT IT ENDED UP LOOKING BEAUTIFUL IN ITS OWN WAY.

The Trip Advisor By Ethan O'Connell

Last summer my family and I went to Asheville, North Carolina. One place we visited was the Biltmore, a mansion owned by George Washington Vanderbilt, an entrepreneur in the railroad and steamboat industry. The Biltmore is one of the largest privately owned homes in America, reaching about 135,280 in square feet.

According to Wikipedia, the house was built in 1889 and the construction lasted for about six years, requiring 1,000 workers and 60 stonemasons. Built using a Chateausque style, it is a prominent example of the Gilded Age (the end of the 19th century). The Biltmore is truly one of America's most beautiful homes.

Due to an increase in taxes, it is now a tourist attraction open to the public for tours and viewing. Spanning over ten square miles in property, the entire village of McDonald could fit inside its property markers about 10 times. My visit was kind of intimidating because visiting a place like that is like taking a step into our country's past and the people who changed it.

I don't know if George Vanderbilt was a good person, but he had good taste. His house is now owned and run primarily by his descendant William A. V. Cecil, Sr. The gardens are truly a marvel in themselves and the upkeep must be backbreaking.



The Gardens of the Biltmore

There's something about a place like this one with so much history and art. It's really rare to get that kind of perspective. The story's etched in the bricks on the walls, the secrets under every surface. It's beautiful in a mysterious mesmerizing kind of way. When we live in a world where everything moves so fast a place like this feels eternal.



The front entrance of the Biltmore

Easy As Little Pies

Ingredients:

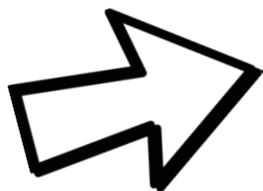
- 1/4 cup of brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon apple pie spice
- 3 tbs of melted butter
- 1/3 cup of chopped pecans
- 1 granny smith apple
- 1 can of Pillsbury Original crescent rolls

By: Cailey Titus



1. Preheat oven to 375, line baking sheet with parchment paper
2. In a small bowl, combine brown sugar and apple pie spice, set aside
3. Melt butter and toss apple slices in butter, set aside
4. Arrange crescent roll into triangles on the sheet and evenly distribute brown sugar mixture onto each triangle
5. Sprinkle each triangle with the chopped pecans
6. Place an apple slice on the wide end and wrap the crescent roll dough around the slice
7. Brush each crescent roll with extra butter and apple pie spice
8. Bake for 10-12 minutes, or until golden brown

Recipe by: www.theblondcook.com



Tips: If you can not find apple pie spice you could always use cinnamon instead. You could use any apple of your choice. And try baking until they are golden brown instead of a set time. These are a great dessert that's small and very tasty. Great for around the fall holidays.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

BY: RYDER DYE

In today's article, we spoke with Matt Morell, a member of the Class of 2014. Matt is currently taking a break from his studies at YSU to work in a Carpenter's union as an apprentice on a construction job in Pittsburgh.

Thinking back to his days in high school, Matt says that the part he misses the most about being a student at McDonald was the social aspect, saying that he enjoyed seeing all of his friends everyday. Matt also misses the ability to play sports like football and track, both of which he participated in while here at McDonald.

Matt spoke about some of his favorite memories from high school which revolved around some of his final moments as a member of the football and track teams. Matt said, "Those moments just made me think about all the moments that lead up to the final play and my final race. All the workouts, the games and the amazing moments I was able to experience just made that final time awesome."

When he looks toward his future, Matt says he hopes to have finished his four year experience in the union so he can obtain his journeyman's card and hopefully open up his own business, or continue working in the union.



Pictured above: Class of 2014 graduate, Matt Morrell

McMaster's Book Nook

By: Elise McMaster



The book I am reviewing this issue is *More Than This* by Patrick Ness. This book is about a boy named Seth who drowns and then wakes up in an overgrown abandoned version of the English neighborhood he grew up in. He remembers dying, so when he wakes he believes this to be his afterlife and punishment for what happened in his past. However when he goes out one day he finds himself being saved by two teenagers from the thing they call the Driver. This causes him to question everything he thought he knew.

What I liked about this book was the way the characters grew. As the story progressed, Seth finally worked through his guilt about what happened in his past and stopped blaming himself for everything that happened. As well as seeing three very different people from different backgrounds turn into a family, it was interesting to see how they could go through so many things together to come out stronger and get the answers they were looking for. Finally, seeing them realize there was more than this, more than the lives they were living was a part of the book I really enjoyed.

The thing I didn't like about the book was the way it ended. The ending in itself was good, but I wish it would have given closure and a true ending, instead of an open ending. I would have liked to see if they got a happy ending. Instead, we are left to wonder what will happen to them at the end of it all.

More Than This is a book that takes you on a trip. It allows us to see that it's okay to forgive ourselves and that people change and learn with time and experiences. The characters in this book are so different, yet they are always there for each other. They show us that things will get better and no matter what your circumstances are, you can find people who will be there for you. So if you ever want a good book to read I would recommend *More Than This* by Patrick Ness.

Backpage Pics: Spirit Week

By:Cailey Titus

