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Making change in a war-torn home

By Ezra Turner

Hundreds of students walk the halls of Theodore Roosevelt High School on any given day, each with their own interests, and each with their own story. One person, in particular, stands out: Jenna Sosebee.

Sosebee had a childhood like any other. She would stay out through the evenings playing on the streets with her peers. As happy as could be, she was surrounded by her friends and her family in the place she calls home: Palestine. She grew up there, and her heart still feels it belongs there. Just one thing: Sosebee's home has been forcefully occupied during a conflict that has spanned over the past seven decades.

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict is one about culture, statehood, and land. The holiest of cities, Jerusalem, is a place immensely significant to three of our world's major religions. In the 1960s Israel seized a major segment of Jerusalem from Palestine through bloodshed. To this day, that takeover isn't internationally recognized as legitimate. Palestinians still reside in and have a legitimate claim to the territory Israel annexed. Israel does not recognize those claims and even today, the Gaza Strip is occupied by Israeli military forces. They restrict freedom of movement, the ability of Palestinians to access their rightful land, and are even forcing Palestinian residents out of their homes.

The conflict came to a head once again in May, with violence once more hitting levels that threaten the continued existence of both groups. It was characterized by an exchange of rockets, civil unrest, and airstrikes of the Gaza Strip by Israel. This led to hundreds of Palestinians being injured or killed and thousands more displaced. They will never be able to go home.

Sosebee, thankfully, was not in Palestine for the most recent round of disputes. Sosebee's family left Palestine due to the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure their continued health and safety, as access to quality medical care is a privilege denied to many Palestinians. Essential vaccinations are largely going unshared.

Sosebee's father is originally from Kent, he attended Kent State University, and through Kent State, he went on a trip to Palestine. Whilst there he met a pair of siblings--brother and sister--who had been left with life-altering injuries after their home was bombed. He brought them back stateside for medical care and raised the funds to pay for it. That was the birth of his organization, Palestine's Children Relief Fund (PCRF).

It was through Palestine's Children Relief Fund that Sosebee's father met her mother, a refugee from Jerusalem, and they worked together on the organization. They also worked on starting a family--they would get married, and have two daughters. Unfortunately, when Sosebee was two, her mother passed away due to cancer. For many years following that, Sosebee's father raised her as a single dad. Sosebee attended her elementary and most of her middle school years in Palestine, growing up learning to speak and write the language. Sosebee was tear-gassed three times during this time in her life. As a fourth-grader, Sosebee learned what tear gas felt like. This is not an uncommon experience for those

in Palestine--children made to fear for their lives.

Despite this, Sosebee considers herself lucky, "I had the experience of living in Palestine, and experiencing what other Palestinians experienced. So like I saw the pain and suffering, and I was able to witness it. At the same time I experienced the other half of living in the United States where it's comparatively peaceful." Sosebee emphasizes that most children in Palestine don't have that. For them, there is no escaping the gross violations of human rights.

All the while, Sosebee's father was often traveling to fundraise for the PCRF. There was a constant worry that one day he would leave and for whatever reason be prevented from ever returning. It was through this fundraising that Sosebee's father met who she now also considers her mother, at a gala to raise money to put a public pediatric cancer center in Bethlehem. The fundraising was a success and the center would be named after her birth--mother, the Huda Al-Masri Pediatric Cancer Department.

When Sosebee was thirteen, she would join her father on a cycling trip across borders to raise awareness. In 2019, she rode across four countries in four days to show that we can go freely between borders, but in Gaza, they can't. Sosebee's own experience hasn't greatly differed. According to her, "I've never seen the water. I've never seen the Mediterranean before, even though my country is on it." Sosebee can travel freely everywhere except her cultural home.

It's a struggle that has been going on for generations- and if we don't do anything about it, it will continue to go on for generations more. "If there's going to be a resolution in our lifetime," says Sosebee, "we have to want it. We have to fight for it. If we actually want it to end we have to push the people who have the power and tell them we're tired of this and we want change." According to Sosebee, you need to be the change you want to see in the world.

Some might call Palestine a warzone, a modern apartheid, but those like Sosebee will continue to call it home. Your home does not change because a bully demands it, and a solution must be found, or even more homes and families will be left as rubble in the wake of this ongoing atrocity.



Jenna Sosebee and her father at Cycling for Gaza.

Drama Guild takes the stage once again

By Fatou M'Baye

After an almost two-year hiatus due to Covid-19, Drama Guild is finally returning to the Roosevelt stage. The Fall One Act Festival will take place November 18-20, starting at 6:30 pm on Thursday and 7:00 pm on Friday and Saturday. Tickets will be sold during lunch periods; they are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door.

One Acts is a production that spotlights four student-written and directed plays. This year's plays are: *With Love, J*; *Personal Day*; *Eternal*; and *The Sicilian*. Drama Guild has been working on One Acts since September, but many of the plays were written pre-pandemic. The three scripts other than *Eternal* are recycled from seniors who couldn't have performances due to the Covid-19 shutdown in 2020.

The musical *Into the Woods* was the last show the Drama Guild performed for a live audience. "We literally closed the show, I returned the costumes, and we were closed the next Monday," said Drama Guild director Stephanie Auton. "We barely got our show done."

Up until this year, One Acts was a spring tradition at Roosevelt, and the play was done in the fall. Drama Guild only has time to do two shows a year now, so they decided to just do One Acts and the musical. Auton prefers having One Acts in the fall because it's a fun way to recruit new members at the start of the school year. It seems like that worked, because there are many new faces in One Acts this year. Freshman *Eternal* cast member Riley Ghosh is grateful to be in the production as an underclassman. "It's such a great opportunity because I haven't been able to do anything acting-wise because of the pandemic," said Ghosh. "It's been great to get back into that because I love acting."

Every One Act is unique. "One Act plays can be about anything," explained junior Lila Wagner-Gleeson, Drama Guild president and director of *Eternal*. "They're full of different genres and lots of very passionate people. There's something for everyone."

"Mine is about the end of the world," continued Wagner-Gleeson. "It's a lot of fun, and it will help you escape from your woes of life for a while. I'm not biased, but mine is something I'm super proud of because it may resonate with a lot of people as far as the pandemic goes. It's about cherishing what you have and the

people around you. It's full of some funny quips too."

Sophomore director Dylan Schmidt's play *The Sicilian* is a drama about two representatives from warring families who are at an Italian restaurant, negotiating after someone's death. He thinks that One Acts is different from seeing other productions like the winter musical, because it's something completely new to audiences. Unlike other Drama Guild performances, One Acts seats the audience directly on stage to create a more intimate atmosphere.

"It's fun, and it's an experience," Schmidt stated. "You get to see the craft of other students. By coming to One Acts, you are supporting a creative writer first of all, but you're also experiencing something different. You get to connect with an up and coming writer, and you're supporting them for something that they made."



The cast of *Eternal* (from left to right: Leah Mercer, John Denning, Lila Wagner-Gleeson, Riley Ghosh, Theoren Brown, and Mya Syphrit).

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The truth behind teen jobs

By Ben Pazderak

Had to wait longer for your coffee at Dunkin' Donuts recently? Have you been surprised when Subway was closed sooner than expected? There's a reason for this.

In the summer of 2021, there was the start of the national labor shortage. According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, "within separations, the quits rate increased to a series high of 2.9 percent" in August of 2021. One of the major reasons for this was low wages and working in unsafe conditions, especially with the looming presence of COVID.



The tile fell while Ferner was working her shift at Subway.

With so many people quitting, many low experience jobs opened up to be filled, especially by teens. TRHS students are some of the many who have filled these open slots. However, similar problems have been faced by the students who filled them.

Senior Anya Ferner was an employee at Subway from July to October, 2021. According to Ferner, her worst experience while working at Subway was "the near-death [experience] via ceiling tile." The story behind this paints a picture of the awful conditions many young workers have to face. "A ceiling tile fell from the ceiling while I was working, and it was near me," Ferner continued. "It hit the ground and broke, and then we had to sweep it up."

Ferner also implied that Subway doesn't care about their employees. "They could have asked if I was okay," she said while commenting on what they should have done during the situation.

Furthermore, Ferner argues that Subway treats teenage employees worse simply because they are younger. "They stole our tips," she stated. "I didn't know what they were doing was illegal, and I'll bet others didn't, too." Ferner only realized that the stealing of tips was illegal when her mom pointed it out. She also stated that they "left [her] alone" multiple times as the only worker in the store at age 17. Ferner has since quit her job.

Junior Cassie Holman has also faced poor working conditions. As a cashier at Giant Eagle for ten months, Holman worked during the bulk of the pandemic as well.

"During the mask mandate, I had a customer come in two minutes from closing," Holman stated. "He wasn't wearing a mask, and when I refused to serve him until he put one on, he got angry." The customer continued by yelling explicit insults at Holman, even though wearing a mask at the time was a store policy, and not up to her whatsoever.



Junior Cassie Holman

When commenting on whether or not teenage employees are more likely to be harassed in the workplace, Holman stated "yes, absolutely. I have also been harassed by gross old men at work multiple times, and [Giant Eagle] has done nothing about it." Holman feels that the company should put better policies in place in order to protect teenage employees from harassment by customers.

The issue at hand is ultimately up to the companies to fix. No worker should not be put under dangerous conditions, especially unexperienced teens. If policies aren't put in place to protect employees, this national labor shortage is bound to last even longer.

To stress or destress, the ways of the teenager

By Charlotte Crowe

Teenagers now have ways to relieve stress that may be a little unorthodox to older generations, but this generation has different stressors than they had.

The same social media that can cause so many problems for one developing teen can be an outlet for another. No two people have the same way to deal with the daily stressors they face, and part of those stressors may be not knowing how to destress. With looming deadlines and grades closing, many people are under a lot of pressure to do a lot in a little time.

In an interview with senior Megan Moser she revealed what was currently on her mind, "Grades, college applications, and figuring out what I want to do as a major and as a job." When asked how she destresses she responded, "I don't destress, I just keep going until I break down then I get back and do it again."

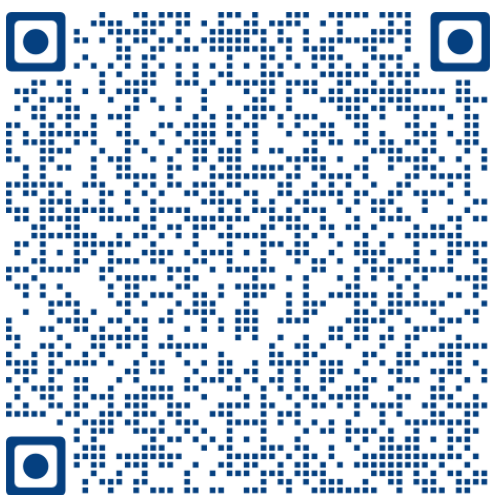
As a senior and captain of the volleyball team there is a lot on her plate. One thing all seniors should keep in mind is that it's okay to not have an idea of what exactly you want to do. In fact, our local university Kent State's largest college is for the undecided, meaning you're definitely not alone.

Now unfortunately in some aspects today's teenagers are the least alone in what they're feeling than any other generation. According to Developmental Science research, Gen Z is more stressed about current news than adults overall with issues such as rise in suicide rates being 18% higher for Gen Z. In an even more alarming statistic, today's teens are the least likely generation to say they have good mental health, with only 45% of teens responding that they do.

Fortunately some teenagers have found ways that best help them. In an

interview with a person who wished to stay anonymous, they said, "I'm stressed by being around people all day and having to keep a polite and positive attitude, and I destress by mindful time to myself when I can."

Taking time for yourself and for self-care has proven to be amazing in helping stress. Experimenting with what works best for you can be made fun and get your mind off other parts of life. Playing video games, caring for plants, exercise, reading, etc. are just some of the few ways to unwind. Making your own goals to destress a priority may turn out to be the most beneficial thing you can do for your health.



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The great resignation

By Jaden Lepp

The COVID-19 pandemic has had pretty large effects on the economy, and in particular, small businesses. Many stores and restaurants are understaffed. The interviews with Roosevelt students can help answer the questions about why there is such a large labor shortage right now, what its effects are, and how we can deal with it.

According to Harvard Business Review, since August of 2021, a record 4.3 million workers across the US have quit their jobs. This phenomenon, often referred to as the great resignation, has had great effects on our lives. The root cause of the great resignation goes back to early 2021, when 42 states issued mandatory stay at home orders. Many workers were encouraged to quit their jobs, and government funds were diverted to be used in stimulus packages. However, the number of workers who actually resigned was relatively small. Many people stuck it out though the heart of the pandemic. Once the summer of 2021 rolled around though, things began to change.

As July turned to August, many workers across all sides of the workforce began to resign. Since August, a record number of workers have resigned. So why is this? Burnout from the covid pandemic may be one answer. Lots of people are tired of stress, tired of work, and just want to relax.

Other reasons could deal with the unemployment benefits package signed into action by President Biden. Until its expiration in September, this package supplied jobless workers with 1/2 of their average weekly wage, plus a \$600 dollar a weekly bonus. This actually means that minimum wage workers, who would make about \$360 on an average 40 hour work week, would be making more off of unemployment than they would actually working their jobs. The issue with the unemployment package theory is that Biden's unemployment package expired over two months ago, yet the labor shortage continues.

A different theory that many people have is that teen workers are quitting their jobs, and so many businesses that rely on teen labor are suffering. However, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 54.4 % of young people (age 16-24) are employed, a percentage that hasn't been exceeded in America since 2004.

Whatever the cause, the labor shortage has been having serious effects on the lives of many Americans. According to Allen Ghets, manager of Hibachi Japan, "We have been looking for new workers the whole summer, and some of the other guys I know, they have been too. During summer I feel like it wasn't even that bad, but once school started we lost all of our servers." With many stores and restaurants as understaffed as this customer satisfaction, quality of service, and

waiting times have gone up through the roof. While some people may not think this has a large impact, many small shortages and corners cut can add up. An anonymous Roosevelt student said the following about an anonymous restaurant, "A lot of the time we would have so few people that after hours we couldn't clean up the restaurant properly. There would only be one or two people able to stay after, and by the time the clock struck midnight all of the floors would still need to be mopped and swept and dirty dishes would still be in the kitchen. Everyone was so tired, and there were so few of us, a lot of the time we would just go home after that, and leave the rest of the cleaning to the poor people who were scheduled the next day."

There are some economists who think that this labor shortage may never end, as more of the American population enters retirement faster than they can be replaced. If this is the case, more efficient jobs and an increase in machine labor may be the key, however, developing our infrastructure and industry to the point of supporting this could take years. For now, all we can do is our best to take into account the ongoing labor shortage and its effects on businesses, and be patient with people as we go about our daily lives.



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Pool power

By Luke Jenkins

With coaching changes and new pool improvements, the diving and swimming programs at Roosevelt are on track for a one-of-a-kind season. With money from working Browns games, as described on page 8, and a large class of high-quality seniors, the team is well-funded and ready to work.

Last season featured then-junior Anya Ferner breaking the school's 11 dive record, besting it by around seventy-five points, and finishing 14th at the Division 1 state diving meet. Her score of 414.90 in the event is the highest score received by any diver in Roosevelt's history. Ferner states that her biggest goal this year is to "break my personal bests for both 11 dives and 6 dives." This season also features a new diving coach, Megan Nugent, and a new diving board, which Ferner says will "100% improve our performance as a team."

Fellow senior diver Claire Fried emphasized the hard-working nature of the group, with last year featuring all of the school's divers making the district competition. "It takes an insane amount of mental strength to do most of the things we can do," she says, "we are also very determined to keep improving during every practice." Her hope this year is to once again have all the Roosevelt divers be district-bound.

Former assistant swim coach Corey Spicer now takes the helm as head coach for the programs at the pool, with teacher Carol Bender serving as assistant coach. The family duo, aunt and nephew, have long participated in both the swimming and diving program and in the greater Kent community.

For sophomores and upperclassmen members of the team, the return of morning practice four days a week will be one of the biggest challenges this year. The team did not practice in the mornings last year due to a variety of reasons, but this year features a return to the old tradition. On Mondays and Wednesdays, members of the team will make their way to the pool from 6:00 to 7:00, take a quick shower, and be in class by 7:30. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the same will occur in the weight room. Junior Zoe Bailey is "glad to have them back because they're good for team bonding." She goes on to say "I already wake up at 5:45, so it's not that much of an adjustment." With practices in the afternoon sometimes stretching past five o'clock, our swimmers and divers can spend up to

nearly half the day balancing their busy school and practice schedules. This swim season will also see Justin Barzellato's last year as one of the team's most promising shining stars. The current senior broke the school record in the 100-meter breaststroke last year at the district meet, with a time of 1:01.26. To see Justin and other swimmers in action, their first meet will be in our home pool against Barberton on December 1st at 5:30. Two days later will feature the premiere of our dive team against Lake at 5:30 as well. Come out and support all these amazing Riders in action.



Left: Claire Fried showcases her diving prowess. Right: Ayna Ferner posing with her gold medal.

WINTER SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

By Luke Jenkins

As the leaves fall, our winter sports teams are set to rise for a stellar season. With the possibility of multiple state championship runs, athletes are expected to break records and blow past expectations. Hear from four athletes, boy's basketball's Blake Green, boy's bowling's Parker Balan, girl's basketball's Ari Crockett, and wrestling's Ricky Legg, on their goals and changes in their respective programs.

What are your biggest goals for the season? What are the biggest goals for your team overall?

Parker- "I want to improve my average by 40+ pins this year and the goal for the team is to make it back to states."

Blake- "My goals—To have the most fun possible season with my closest friends one last time. Also to lead the team in scoring. Team goals—win the Suburban league."

Ari- "My biggest goal this year for basketball is to beat the record for most amount of 3's in a season. I also want to score over 350 points this season. A big goal for our team would be to have a winning record."

Ricky- "My biggest personal goal is to make it to States and placing. For the team, to get more kids out and have a winning record."

Are there any big changes occurring for your team this year?

Parker- "There are plenty of new and old faces this year which will help us greatly since seniors graduated."

Blake- "We are better than we have ever been in a very long time."

Ari- "Yes, we lost 2 seniors that played big roles on our team."

Ricky- "We are getting a new coaching staff, traveling a lot more, and wrestling at Stanton, not the high school, for practice."

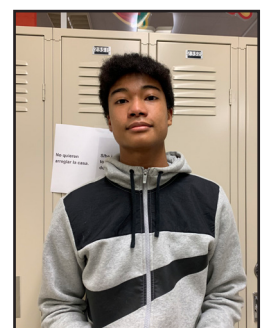
What's one thing you would like Roosevelt to know about your team/sport?

Parker- "We are very competitive and work hard to prepare for tournaments and matches."

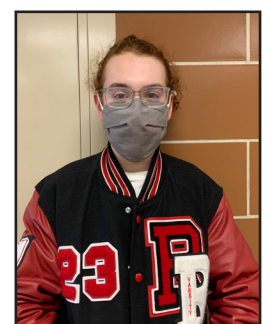
Blake- "We are all really close and there really is a 'family' dynamic."

Ari- "Our girls basketball team is very dedicated and are always giving our all. We may have had a losing record in the past, but we're a family and trying our best all the time."

Ricky- "We are hard working and build a lot of good relationships with our teammates."



Blake Green



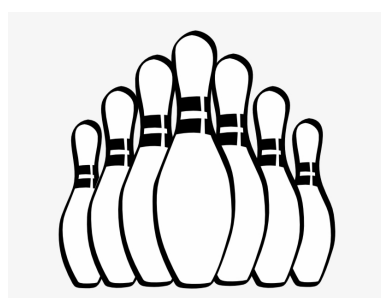
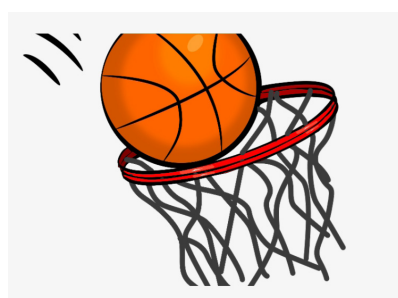
Parker Balan



Ricky Legg



Ari Crockett



Horoscopes

By Payton Courtney

Aries March 21 - April 19

November will be bringing you new beginnings. October may have been a stressful month for you, but November should be more relaxing. Rest up!

Taurus April 20 - May 20

November will be peaceful for you. Your friends will be depending on you, but you are a great listener and very dependable. Go you!

Gemini May 21 - June 21

November will be an easy month for you. This past month may have been stressful, but this month should be a relaxing one. Thanksgiving break will give you some conflict, though. Prepare for chaos.

Cancer June 22 - July 22

November will feature an arrival of sorts. You've been coming a long way in this journey, and you may now enjoy the fruits of your labor. Yum!

Leo July 23 - August 22

November will be a crazy month. You will be busy with many different activities. This month, you will get closer to some people that you have been waiting to get to know.

Virgo August 23 - September 22

November will be a breath of fresh air. Last month was a stressful one, and you will finally get to relax. There will still be much that you are involved with, but it should not cause you much stress.

Libra September 23 - October 23

November will bring you change. There might be something that you want to do, but are afraid of the outcome. November will bring you the courage to do what you have been waiting for. Get to it!

Scorpio October 24 - November 21

November will be a very artistic month for you. You will have many opportunities to show your creativity. Don't waste it.

Sagittarius November 22 - December 21

November will bring chaos. You may like this chaos at first, but it will bring stress later on. At the end of this month, you will rise out of the stress with a new perspective on life. Best of luck.

Capricorn December 22 - January 19

November will bring a new positive energy. Recently, there may have been some negative energy that you dealt with that was stressful. November will help clear out the negative energy and bring a positive one.

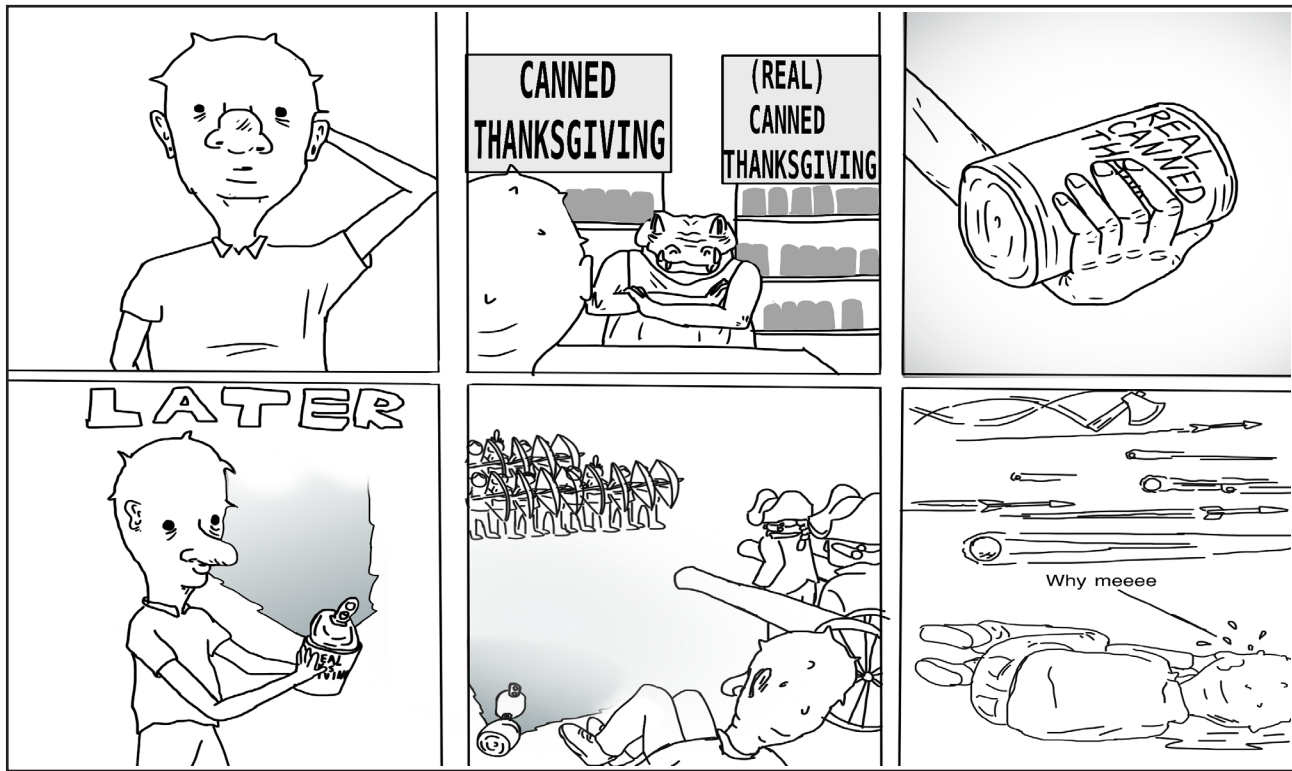
Aquarius January 20 - February 18

November will bring change. You may have gone through some relationship trouble last month, but November will bring forward new beginnings and new relationships.

Pisces February 19 - March 20

November may be a heavy month emotionally for you. This month will bring you many feelings, good and bad. Trust your instincts and all will be well.

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Autumn Crossword

By Ezra Turner

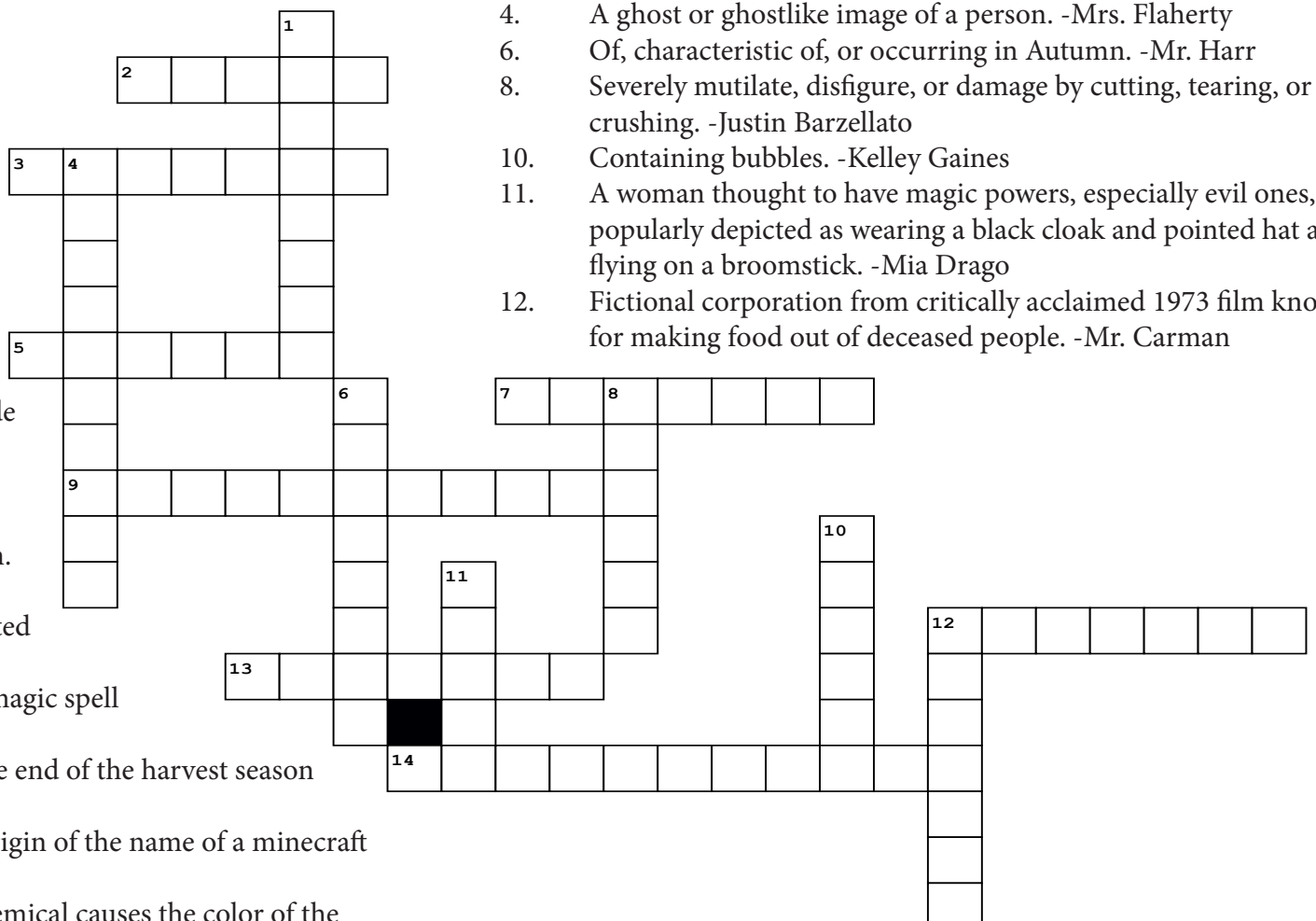


Across:

- 2. A fall drink commonly made with apples. -Rain Carman
- 3. A bloodsucking fiend; what Dracula is. -Mr. Zagray
- 5. The Cleveland football team. -Mr. Love
- 7. A large orange fruit associated with fall. -Kyle Schmidt
- 9. A series of words said as a magic spell or charm. -Ezra Turner
- 12. A gaelic festival marking the end of the harvest season -Mr. Susel
- 13. Frightful or macabre, the origin of the name of a minecraft mob. -Lila Wagner-Gleeson
- 14. The reabsorption of this chemical causes the color of the leaves to change. -Mr. Marquette

Down:

- 1. Dead organic material such as fallen leaves. -Mr. Markulis
- 4. A ghost or ghostlike image of a person. -Mrs. Flaherty
- 6. Of, characteristic of, or occurring in Autumn. -Mr. Harr
- 8. Severely mutilate, disfigure, or damage by cutting, tearing, or crushing. -Justin Barzellato
- 10. Containing bubbles. -Kelley Gaines
- 11. A woman thought to have magic powers, especially evil ones, popularly depicted as wearing a black cloak and pointed hat and flying on a broomstick. -Mia Drago
- 12. Fictional corporation from critically acclaimed 1973 film known for making food out of deceased people. -Mr. Carman



Fall fashion phases in

By Cooper Liedtke



Clothing and fashion today are a very easy way for teens to express themselves and their interests. While some people may not care about what clothes they wear on a daily basis, for some, their clothing choices gives them comfort and confidence.

With the cold weather moving in, many people have transitioned from shorts and t-shirts to more layered outfits. Jeans, cargo pants, and even sweatpants are now at the forefront of Roosevelt's fashion. Sweaters and sweatshirts as well as jackets and work shirts can also be seen all around the school. Cardigans give a refreshing take on just a regular sweater. Concert

and music artist merchandise is also very popular among students. On the same note, sportswear and jerseys appear all over Roosevelt. Accessories and jewelry are also a very popular and good addition to anyone's outfits. To rep school spirit, many school athletes have finally been able to bring out their varsity jackets to flaunt their school accomplishments.

In terms of footwear, the usual Converse, Vans, Adidas and Nike shoes are

everywhere. For a slightly less casual look many students have picked up a pair of Dr. Martens. The boots provide a sleeker silhouette and can be easily dressed up or down and provide protection against the colder weather of fall and winter. A bit of a newcomer in the shoe realm is Reebok, not that the brand is new, but the Reebok Club C has gained mass popularity and in turn has brought many more people to buy Reebok. The Club C's popularity derives from its vintage look and style, and it has become many people's daily shoe. The Nike Blazer has also gained mass popularity, with the same vintage style.

Lauren White, a senior cheer captain, started her Rotten Barbie Boutique in 2019, at the beginning of Covid-19. White said she had been making jewelry for a while with the help of her dad who owns a fine jewelry store. A fun hobby turned into a small business when she hesitantly started a Depop shop and Instagram, eventually getting her own website.

As her business has taken off, it has been a little hard for her to continue the boutique sometimes. "I'll admit it gets a little hard to keep up with making jewelry while simultaneously being in school and cheering," says White. "I'll sometimes get too busy to make anything so I'll go a while without posting anything new. That frustrates me." Still White wishes to continue with her shop. Just recently she was accepted into Kent State's School of Fashion. White's goal is to have her own small shop sometime in the near future, as well as art shows.

If you're looking for a place to find handmade jewelry, and you would like to support a small local business, be sure to check out Rotten Barbie Boutique.



Ricky Legg



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Students attend annual Leadership Retreat, plan Community Canned Food Drive

By Paige Thompson

On October 29-30, there were 75 Theodore Roosevelt High School students at Camp Wanake in Beach City for the 36th annual leadership retreat. This year's theme, The Recipe for Leadership: What Do You Bring to the Table?, highlighted the importance of the students' individual "ingredients" that make them unique, and how they can see that uniqueness in their peers to better their leadership skills.

During the course of the two-day retreat, delegates and planning committee members worked to foster their leadership skills through activities such as small group workshops, motivational keynote speakers, and interpersonal group discussions.

Because of the Pandemic, this year's retreat had a few changes. The retreat was shortened by a day, not overnight, and required to remove some traditional activities due to Covid. However, this did not prevent the student leaders from learning and growing, and bringing their insights back into the halls of Roosevelt.

The leadership retreat planning committee worked diligently to continue the legacy of the retreat against all odds. There are nine Roosevelt seniors on the committee, including Nicholai Barak, Sami Baron, Charlotte Crowe, Claire Fried, Blake Green, Sydnie Leavery, Jeremy Schuch, Paige Thompson, and Takeria Worley. Instrumental in the planning were three advisors: Charles Bowman, Christina Dreher-Rodesheim, and Heidi Jurging.

In order to assist in the intensive planning process, each planning committee member chose an assistant delegate. The assistants to the planning committee were Johnpaul Antalek, Parker Balan, Charlie Beutel, Rachel Booher, Jackson Fankhauser, Bella Fried, Logan Poole, and Lily Schiller-Stacey.

Applications for the retreat were open to all Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors at Roosevelt (or within a Career-Tech Education program at Roosevelt). In order to promote a more equitable environment for students, this year's application process was available to all students, regardless of their involvement within clubs/organizations at TRHS.

There were two keynote speakers at this year's retreat, who shared meaningful and inspiring stories to delegates. One of the speakers was Jerry Peña, who spoke about his inspirational life story growing up within Chicago and moving to Cleveland. The second speaker was Marcquis Parham, a Theodore Roosevelt alum, who now works at Ohio University inspiring others with his passion for his community.

Furthermore, the chaperones and teachers who volunteered their time assisting on buses, preparing snacks, and running the workshops were huge assets to the success of the retreat. These volunteers include John Roebke, Daniel Vannoy, Jessica Evanson, Charles Bowman, Hana Brammeier, Jeff and Julie Coffee, Brady

DeRemer, Jen Flaherty, Chris Hibbs, Mary Knight, and Will Kulis. Although the Pandemic prevented the usual community leader delegate discussion, these chaperones helped provide the discourse that showed delegates how they can bring what they learned back to the Roosevelt and Kent communities.

After the recent retreat, planning committee members, delegates, and the advisors are planning the annual community-wide canned food drive for Kent Social Services, in order to give back and promote the positive qualities of a leader. In the past, this canned food drive has allocated thousands of cans. Each of the Kent Schools will be participating, including a competitive class competition at the high school.

The first can collection date is November 13, at the RHS Community Craft Show (held in the high school's cafeteria). On November 20, retreat delegates will be collecting drop-offs at Roosevelt High School by the main doors (to the cafeteria), and local grocery stores will have collection areas outside for donations. Because of the effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic, this year's canned food drive is of the most importance to Kent Social Services, as it is traditionally their most successful donation throughout the year.

RHS students will participate in a two-week competition bringing in needed canned foods for Kent Social Services, and bring in items to their class representatives to be counted and tracked throughout the course of the competition. If the TRHS reaches the goal of 10,000 cans, there will be NO HOMEWORK over Thanksgiving break for students. More information and updates about the canned food drive can be heard on the daily morning announcements, and social media accounts for the retreat and student council (@trhs.stuco and @trhsleadershipretreat).



Speakout

By Ryan Barkley

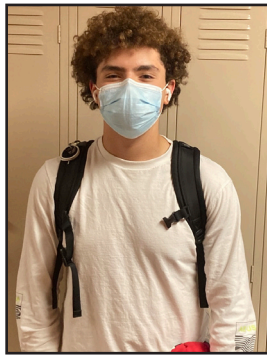
If you were the principal and could change anything about the school what is the first thing you would change?



Tyler Poluga
"Occasional mental health day."



Mathias Broyles
"Fix Soccer/Lacrosse practice fields."



Jackson Froman
"Add a Trampoline room for exercise purposes."



Griffin Pahls
"Bring back Teddy's Snack Shop."



MARRISA KOACH
"No more masks!"



Ikram Naqash
"Fill the vending machines."



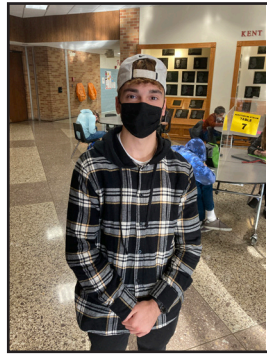
Justin Dunfee
"No school on Mondays."



Connor McLaughlin
"Fix the parking lot."



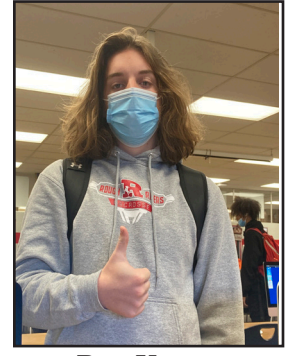
Zach Rogers
"Bring back half days on Wednesday."



Mr. Karam
"Pizza party every quarter for each class."



Danny Hido
"French toast sticks everyday."



Ben Young
"Mandatory naptime."

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Stay safe against sex trafficking

By Payton Courtney

Imagine you are walking out of a grocery store, carrying cookie dough. For the past three weeks you've been planning to make cookies and watch scary movies with your friends at a sleepover. As you are walking to your car, you notice a van parked right next to it. You are certain the van wasn't there before. Since it is a busy Friday night and you are excited to get home, you shrug it off and unlock your car. Right as you are about to enter your car, someone grabs you from behind, throws you into the mysterious van, and drives off.

Sex trafficking is a global problem that can happen to anyone. Recently,

Sex trafficking is a serious problem, but there are many ways you can make sure you don't get kidnapped.

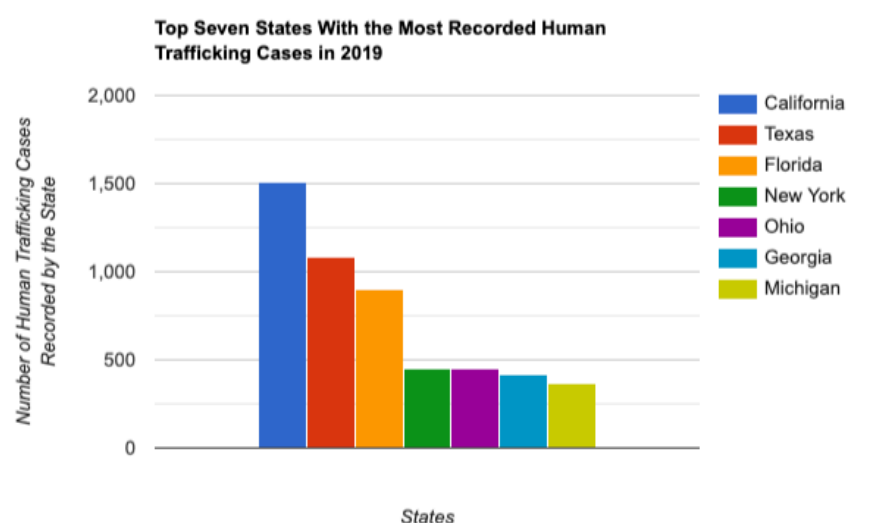
- 1) Trust your judgment. If a situation or individual makes you uncomfortable, make certain to trust your feelings.
- 2) If you think you might be in immediate danger or experiencing an emergency, contact 9-1-1 without hesitation.
- 3) Try to avoid or stay away from anyone who is following you on foot or in a car. Don't get close to them, allow them to get close to you, or feel as though you must answer any questions they ask you.
- 4) If someone tries to force you to go somewhere with them or tries to push you into a vehicle, scream as loud as you can, run, and/or fight.

If you do get kidnapped and find yourself in a human trafficking situation, the following safety tips might help you escape.

- 1) If you are unsure of your current location, examine your surroundings and try to determine your location; look for street signs and nearby businesses. In addition, look for your captor's address on newspapers, magazines, and other items of mail.
- 2) Plan an escape route or exit strategy. Make certain to rehearse this route or strategy.
- 3) Contact the National Human Trafficking 24-Hour Hotline at 1-888-3737-888 to obtain local referrals for shelter or other social services and support. The hotline can also connect you with specialized law enforcement referrals. However, if you are ever in danger, contact 9-1-1 immediately.
- 4) During violent or explosive situations, avoid dangerous rooms.
 - a) Examples of dangerous rooms include the kitchen (access to knives, sharp utensils, pots), garage (tools, sharp objects), bathroom (hard surfaces, no exits), basement (hard surfaces, no exits), rooms where weapons are kept, and rooms without multiple exits.
 - b) Examples of safer rooms include the front room, yard, or an apartment hallway, where a neighbor might see or hear the situation.

Sex trafficking is a serious issue in Ohio and around the world. Hopefully these safety tips will help you avoid being kidnapped or get out of a sex trafficking situation.

as part of a state wide anti-human trafficking operation, more than ten missing children were recovered. In addition, more than two hundred people were arrested for trafficking in Ohio. Among those arrested were a teacher, a college professor, and a firefighter.



Season of giving

By Tyson Maynhart

Are you in the giving mood and looking for ways to support our community this Thanksgiving season? Family & Community Services, Inc., FCS for short, is one of the largest non-profit agencies in northeastern Ohio. FCS provides services to over 100,000 people every year through donations and volunteer work.

With over 70 different programs, 600 staff members, and 3,600 volunteers every year according to their website, FCS is deeply invested in supporting and improving the lives of many individuals and families in Northeast Ohio, with services extending to 27 counties, including four in Michigan.

Since their beginning in 1941 as the Catholic Charities Bureau of the Ravenna Deanery, FCS has strived to grow and provide a broad array of different services to support, strengthen, and empower individuals and families in the community. FCS provides many types of services such as hot meals, groceries, shelter for the homeless, emergency housing, veteran's assistance, child services, counselling, medical aid, and many more.

FCS is able to provide all of these services at no cost due to the generosity of volunteers and donors in the community. If you are interested in contributing yourself you can donate on their website which provides many payment options for recurring payments if you wish to give steady support. 97% of every dollar donated goes directly towards services and if you want to donate 100% they have an option for that as well if you add an additional 3%.

If you are interested in donating, to the right are four programs that you might consider donating to. If none of them interest you, they are only a very small portion of the 70 different programs they offer, so be sure to check their website to find out more.

- **SCOPE Senior Services:** SCOPE operates a total of 6 senior centers that serve senior citizens with recreational activities, educational events, food, socialization, and fitness to assist older people with becoming independent and being a part of the community.
- **Freedom House:** Freedom House provides emergency shelter to veterans in a housing crisis, as well as support, advocacy, and referrals to encourage self-sufficiency and movement towards permanent housing.
- **FCS Behavioral Health Programs:** FCS's behavioral health programs are committed to diagnosis, treatment, and education and offer extremely advanced mental and behavioral health treatments for people of all ages. The program is staffed by many qualified psychiatrists, nurses, therapists, and case managers who are dedicated to providing immediate help to those who need it.
- **Big Brothers Big Sisters:** Big Brothers Big Sisters is the largest donor and volunteer supported mentoring network that provides children facing adversity with one-on-one mentoring relationships. The program finds children through school and social service referrals who need early intervention to avoid failing or dropping out and pairs them up with a mentor who can help them with setting goals, achieving academic success, and increasing their chances of graduating from highschool.

Masks policy remains in place, in spite of new quarantine guidelines

By Ezra Turner

On Monday, October 25th the Ohio Department of Health announced a new set of quarantine guidelines called, "Mask to Stay" and "Test to Play" respectively. Under "Mask to Stay" students directly exposed to COVID-19 will no longer be required to quarantine at home, and may remain in class if they continue to wear a mask for up to two weeks after the date of contact. A person is only required to get tested if they begin to exhibit symptoms related

to COVID-19.

The "Test to Play" option relates to participation in extracurricular activities such as sports and other clubs. Under this option, asymptomatic exposed students will not be required to isolate from their activities so long as they wear a mask whenever possible, test after they are exposed, and test again 5-7 days after initial exposure.

Due to this recent change, some school

districts in the area are changing their mask policies back to being "optional" for students.

According to Superintendent George Joseph, Kent City Schools does not intend to change any mask policy until all students, ages K-12, have had the opportunity to receive a vaccination. The Kent City School District will still be following the new guidelines whilst requiring masks. Further information is available online on the Ohio Department of Health website.

Cleveland Browns concession stand back in business

By Ethan Jenkins

Something is cooking in Cleveland, Ohio, and it's not just Baker and the Browns. The Cleveland Browns concession stands are open for all sports teams who are looking to make some dough. Many Roosevelt teams have been taking advantage of this task and have been able to use the money for more activities, resources, and equipment.

The Roosevelt Swimming and Diving team are always at the games. "To be honest it's more fun than you think it would be," Kent Roosevelt men's swimmer Justin Barzellato says. "The stand supervisors are super nice and when you have plenty of hands to help, then the workload is quite manageable. I usually help make the hot dogs and nachos when I work, but I also pour the drinks as well."

"The stand is usually quite busy from an hour before the game to midway through the third quarter," states Barzellato. "After that though, the crowds really die down and you can take a break. You can even watch the game during your breaks so you basically get in for free."

Barzellato also recommends it for others; "I definitely recommend volunteering because the job is easier when you have more people working at a time, and it raises a tremendous amount of revenue for our sports teams. For example, the swim team has made over \$30,000 working the stand over the past three years alone. That money has been reinvested in the team being used to buy new equipment and improve the team."

The boys soccer team is also trying to jump on the train and make some money. "My experience in the stand was better than I expected," Kent Roosevelt men's soccer player Diego Morales says. "It was fun to see the stadium and to watch the game for free, but it was busy during halftime and the third quarter. I personally just had to scoop popcorn, but there are other jobs you can do like cash register, cooking, and making other stadium foods."

Morales also recommended it for other teams: "It's a once in a lifetime opportunity and an experience you

will never forget. You get an opportunity to make money for your team and have the chance to watch the Browns for free, and get discounts at the team shop as well."

Regarding all the work, there are some rewards to working the stand. Benefits include free parking all season long at FirstEnergy stadium, access to free food and supplies, and up to 55% off in the team shop.

With all this fundraising going on, teams have been able to spend more money on equipment and resources than in past years. With only four home games left, the chance to make some dough is almost up. Try to apply today, and hopefully earn your team lots of money.



Employees at a Cleveland Browns concession stand prepare food for a game. Photo taken by Recourd Courier

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