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Cheerleaders Lend a Helping Hand

By Allison Fazio

In January, the Cloverleaf cheerleaders participated in a community service project called Project Linus. Project Linus' mission is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers."

This organization started in 1998, and has been continually going strong since then. The first blanket that jump started this organization was one that was given to a 3-year-old girl that had been in and out of the hospital dealing with Leukemia. Since then, thousands of children have received blankets from Project Linus.

Each cheerleader from Cloverleaf High School brought in enough materials to make one tie blanket each to go along with the other donations the community had collected.

Where exactly did Cloverleaf get started on this project?

"I wanted the cheerleaders to participate in a community service project," said CHS cheerleading advisor Tonya Swain. "Helping seriously ill children is such a worthwhile cause. Just knowing that children will get the blankets and have some happiness makes me happy."



Cheerleaders show off the blankets they made to donate to Project Linus.
Photo by Tonya Swain

With talk about this project, the cheerleaders wanted to get involved right away.

"It warms my heart to know that there will be one more toasty, happy child in our community," stated senior cheerleader "Bec Boss" Simpson.

Teachers that did not get a chance to be a part of this community service project still think highly of the project itself.

"I think it's great!" exclaimed CHS staff member Craig Farrar. "I think it is something each group at our school should get involved in."

With the community service project coming to a close at Cloverleaf High School, the cheerleaders completed 17 blankets to donate to Project Linus.

If you did not get a chance to donate a blanket and would like to, there is a blanket drop off site in Medina County. Project Linus also takes monetary donations for people that want to help out, but do not have time to make a blanket. For further information on how to get involved in Project Linus, visit their website at www.projectlinus.org.

Twitter Litter

By Tate Arters

As many of us know, *Twitter* has blown up to be one of the biggest social media networks of the entire nation. Who knew such a simple network on the internet could produce such a worldwide buzz about different topics and different people.

Most people use *Twitter* to tell others what they're doing, how they feel, or any other trending topics of interest.

"I just got a new ball point pen that I want to tell everyone about on *Twitter*," said senior Jake Klag.

Most people that have a *Twitter* know what "retweeting" and "favoriting" is, but for those who don't know, it tells the person you really like their tweet or are possibly thinking or feeling the same thing that they are.

"I don't have a *Twitter*, but it sounds a little bit like *Facebook* with liking someone's status," said sophomore Tom Cottman.

In the *Twitter* world, there are many celebrities that fans follow to

see what their favorite "tweeter" is up to. Many TV shows and other networks use *Twitter* to get their fans involved in the media by showing the tweet while on the air. Some radio stations even use *Twitter* to make a game to see who can guess the person who tweeted a specific status. The winners get tickets to a game or concert, or some other sort of prize.

"I listen to 99.5 every Thursday morning to try to guess the tweet so I can win one of those MegaTickets that they are giving out for Blossom this year," said junior Luke Siman.

Twitter has definitely passed *Facebook* in the social media world, but has a close opponent with Instagram right on its tail. Instagram is only used to share pictures, while you can do the same on *Twitter* while also making a tweet to go with the image. "I prefer *Twitter* because it's the better of the two and has everything I need," said graduate Jacob Yeatter.

Many people use *Twitter* to gain advice. Most that have an account know of Wise Man Si and Wise Man



Twitter has become an internet sensation among millions of people. Image Courtesy of Wikipedia Commons

Phil, who always have inspirational quotes involved in their tweets.

"I like to follow Wise Man Si because he always has something positive to say," said sophomore Nate Gray.

Twitter is a place to express yourself and make simple statuses. The network keeps it short and simple when dealing with social media. As of right now, *Twitter* is the biggest social media topic of interest and will keep going strong as tweets are made every second.

Senioritis Coming on Strong

By Jake Klag

Every year, a class of seniors graduate, and every year a new class of seniors get to claim the school. What also comes along with this every year, is the epidemic of senioritis. When you inevitably catch it, you feel the effects.

Senioritis is the term used to define the lack of motivation to do any schoolwork during the senior year of high school. Yes, I know what you're thinking, *Senioritis isn't real. I'm only a sophomore and I already have no motivation to do school work.* It's different, trust me. And if you don't believe me, go ask any other senior.

"Senioritis is real," explained senior Kendall Yuhas. "I have no moti-

vation to do anything and the days last long."

The reason this happens is because the further into the school year we get, the closer to graduation we get, the more anxious we are to leave. We also have less tolerance when it comes to schoolwork.

"Because of senioritis, I hardly do any work at all," said senior CJ Yaeger.

A lot of the time, senioritis affects our grades. Sadly, however, this still doesn't motivate most kids to try.

Senior Jacob Markert stated, "Not only does senioritis make me lazy, but I just don't care."

He's not the only one who has given up on caring. There are many others like him. Senior Mason Frary said, "I don't do anything. Ever."

For most of us, sadly, there is nothing that can really get us motivated again to try, especially for those who have already been accepted to college. "Having already been accepted, it is hard," explained senior Dani Koval.

We might not be happy about it, but there's still a couple more months of school left. So let's hit the books, and you can be sure that we have some long nights of studying for that big test... or we can just watch another episode of *Workaholics*... worry about that whole test thing later.

Quiz & Quotes

What are you looking forward to in February?



Austin Molnar (9) - "The dance because there's music and girls."



Alex Showman (9) - "The band concert because I am excited to play music."



Nicole Rhoads (11) - "My choir competition and the chocolate I'm buying myself on Valentine's Day."



David Kennedy (12) - "Taking my girlfriend out to eat for Valentine's Day."

iPhone 6 Expected to Soar

By Tyler Mayfield

Apple plans to add to their line of the famous iPhone, later this year.

One of the phones expected to come out is the new iPhone 6.

This new iPhone 6 is expected to come out, featuring a new array of colors. So far, the expected colors are black, white, silver, red, blue, and yellow.

This iPhone is expected to be a complete redesign from its predecessors.

The 6 will have two A6 processors or possibly an A7 processor. This means that the phone will be able to hold a massive amount of data. If all goes well with this new A7 processor it will be used in the next generation iPad as well.

The iPhone 6 will have many new features, that past iPhones simply did not.

These new features include: face recognition, password patterns, so you can unlock your phone with a special pattern your finger draws on the phone, also an HD screen, compliments of Sharp.

The iPhone 6's screen will be upgraded as well.

The screen on the 6 will be comparable to that of a Galaxy S3, with a 4.8 inch display. The phone will also feature IGZO, which gives an incredibly bright, crisp, screen that produces images better than HD.

The 6 will also receive a bigger keyboard.

This new keyboard will especially come in handy for emails, rather than having to switch back and forth from the traditional letter keyboard, and the symbols keyboard.

A huge feature, that will be a great new addition, is the virtually unbreakable screen.

This new screen will be that of a liquid type. The screen will be somewhat flexible and virtually shatterproof. This new "flexible" screen will also make the phone easier to get in and out of pockets and purses as well.

Google Maps may also be a returning addition to the iPhone 6.

Apple and Google are in the works to

bring Google Maps back to the iPhone after much rejection of the Tom Tom map software used on the iPhone 5.

A 3D screen is also in the planned for the iPhone 6.

The patent is pending to develop an HD screen that will work on the iPhone. The phone will be expected to render, capture, and process 3D images, which goes along with the camera changes as well.

A new feature that is expected to come with the iPhone 6 is the ability to take 3D videos as well.

Rumored features also include a wireless charger, a 10 megapixel camera in the back and an 8 megapixel camera in the front. 64 gigs, standard, and 120 gigs of memory. An extended battery life with up to twenty hours of talk time may also be included in the new iPhone.

The iPhone 6 will be the most advanced iPhone ever. Featuring the most changes out of any other iPhone release, it is expected to be highly anticipated. Apple addicts will now have to wait in anticipation until September to get their hands on the new iPhone.



The iPhone 5 has already been a big success. *Photo Courtesy of Wikipedia*

Pretty Little Liars Thrills Audiences

By *Kelsen Lewarchick*

Pretty Little Liars is an American teen drama mystery-thriller television series loosely based on the popular series of novels written by Sara Shepard. The show premiered on June 8, 2010 on *ABC Family*. After an initial order of 10 episodes on June 28, 2010, *ABC Family* ordered an additional 12 episodes for season one. These episodes began airing on Jan. 3 and ended on March 21, 2011. The ratings success of the first 10 episodes prompted the book series to be extended beyond the initial eight novels. On Nov. 29, 2011, *ABC Family* renewed the series for a third season, consisting of 24 episodes (still airing). The third season premiered on June 5, 2012.

Set in the fictional town of Rosewood, Pennsylvania, the series follows the lives of Aria Montgomery (Lucy Hale), Hanna Marin (Ashley Benson), Spencer Hastings (Troian Bellisario) and Emily Fields (Shay Mitchell), four girls whose clique falls apart after the disappearance of their queen bee, Alison DiLaurentis (Sasha Pieterse). One year later, they begin receiving messages from a mysterious figure using the name "A" who threatens to expose their secrets. At first they think it's Alison herself, but after she is found dead, the girls realize that

someone else knows their secrets, including long-hidden ones they thought only Alison knew. Alison was also stalked by A, and the girls continue to find more and more information about A and Alison's disappearance, all while risking their lives.

Pretty Little Liars is extremely popular for teenage girls all over the world. The show has tons of suspense that tempts people to keep watching the show.

"I love *Pretty Little Liars*! I cannot wait till the last season where everyone finds out who 'A' really is. It is going to be a huge surprise I feel like," said sophomore Camille Hughes.

"I like Aria in *Pretty Little Liars*, she is so pretty, and is my girl crush. All the girls in the show are really pretty and have good style," said sophomore Bailey Truitt.

Mostly girls are attracted to *Pretty Little Liars*, but some boys also watch the show. Even though the show is really popular, some people still read the books. The show is supposed to have a different ending than the book, so many people love watching the show to see if it will end up differently.

"I have read all the books, and they are all really good and suspenseful just like the show. I like the show better than the



Pretty Little Liars is an American teen drama mystery-thriller that has just about everyone hooked. *Photo Courtesy of Wikipedia Commons.*

books because you can tell what everyone looks like, and the suspense is crazy," said sophomore Angela Fazio.

The major question that everyone wants to know an answer to, "Who is 'A'?" Everyone knows that Mona has something to do with it, but it's obvious that she has help.

"I think 'A' is actually Alison DiLaurentis herself. I think she never died in the first place and it's all a big prank," said junior Courtney Anel.

Pretty Little Liars is a very popular show throughout America. It is very suspenseful and keeps people's attention. It won't be too long until viewers may figure out the identity of 'A.'

Winter Guard and Indoor Drumline Preview Show

By *Talyah Fogle*

Last year, the Cloverleaf Winter Guard began their first season at Cloverleaf High School after three years with their show entitled "Dreamer." Now, they're back again with their new show, "Breath of Life."

Lauren Walkley, a 2009 graduate, and Cloverleaf's Auxiliary Director and Instructor, wrote both this year's and last year's Winter Guard shows. This year, she is joined by Cari Danko, who is the Auxiliary Advisor.

"The big difference between this season and last season is the difficulty of work, added equipment and a tarp," Walkley said.

"My favorite part would be that we can include weapons this year, especially saber," said Cloverleaf junior and saber soloist, Ashley Peyton.

"Rifles are a good addition to our show. They go with the mood of the song," said Cloverleaf junior, and returning member, Shelbie Whitacre.

Unlike their "Dreamer" show, the "Breath of Life" show has a very serious mood. This can be seen with the rifles, as well as the facial expressions seen on the performers' faces.

New member, and senior, Sierra Benson, said that she is very happy that she does not have to smile because she can't keep a smile for the whole four minutes of the song.

"I really like their show this year. It has a lot of energy," said Don Lenk at the Licking Valley Competition. "I can't wait to see the finished product."

So far, the guard has about two minutes and 30 seconds of their show ready and almost perfected. Although, their show may be almost perfected, the judges had

to take off points for their show not being fully complete like other guards.

Walkley said she would rather have part of their show perfected than the whole show put together, but looking sloppy.

Since their competition at Licking Valley on Jan. 26, the guard has added the rifle work and is working really hard to prepare for their preview show on Feb. 8 at Cloverleaf High School in the CHS gymnasium.

"I think that the student body needs to know that we really work hard and we should receive more recognition and support," said Peyton.

When most people think of Guard, they think of the Marching Band.

"There's a huge difference between indoor and outdoor. With indoor, there's no band behind you. It's a cooler experience," Walkley said.