Carrie Underwood: *Blown Away* Long Awaited

By Tricia Rice

Carrie Underwood may have been hiding in the shadows lately since the end of her Play On tour; however, that doesn’t mean she hasn’t been keeping herself busy.

For the past three years, her fans have been waiting patiently for her next album to be released.

Their wish was finally granted with the midnight release of Underwood’s brand new album *Blown Away* on May 1.

“It’s been a while for me since I’ve had an album out,” the country star explained. “The songs are really descriptive; it’s like reading an awesome book or seeing some great movie. We take you on a journey.”

Underwood is known for her heartwarming songs such as “Mama’s Song” and “Temporary Home”. However, she’s taken everyone off-guard with her surprisingly dark album this time around.

“She’s imminently more complex than most people give her credit for,” Underwood’s producer, Mark Bright said. “Her taste runs very opposite of that beautiful and real sweet exterior that she has.”

So, what are these new tracks that literally have everyone blown away?

The album’s title track “Blown Away” is a dramatic story of a daughter who locks herself in a cellar during a tornado and leaves her drunken, abusive father upstairs to die.

The other track that may send a chill up your spine is “Two Black Cadillacs”. This song unveils the story of two women—a wife and a mistress—who secretly work together to kill their cheating man.

If you’re not into hauntingly dark songs, don’t worry! Underwood’s album has much more to offer than just that. There is good amount of those sweet, thoughtful songs that we are all used to as well.

Underwood’s album is almost guaranteed to make waves, just like her previous ones have in the past. Of course, that doesn’t stop the humble singer from worrying.

“I’m nervous, just because of the possibility of nobody buying it,” fretted Underwood. “There are no guarantees in life or in music and it can get scary! But there’s no turning back now.”

Most fans would agree that Underwood has no reason to worry. Her music has never failed to impress and has yet to let country music down.

As her albums are being swiped off the shelves by the minute, the country star is already one step ahead and planning her next tour.

“We are putting everything together and getting ideas,” shared Underwood. “Obviously, you want the next tour to be bigger, better, and brighter than the last. I’m pretty confident that we can achieve that.”

If you haven’t already logged onto iTunes or made a stop at the store to snag your copy of *Blown Away*...GET ON IT!

Underwood’s upcoming tour will hit the stage this fall. So, if you’re planning on getting your hands on a pair of tickets, you might want to start with that must-have album.
**Spirit Week Very Successful**

*By Kaylee Gutschow*

With Prom week gone, it is time to review the excitement and spirit that led to the big night. Spirit week is always a tradition for Cloverleaf students to participate to kick off the week before a dance. Some students really get involved, and most seniors go all out for the spirit week of Prom, since it will be the last one they get a chance to participate in. Even underclassmen dress up just for fun.

Monday was crazy hair day and although not many participated, the ones that did looked good. Freshman Kevin Chester dyed his hair green and senior Adrian Medina died his hair blonde for the occasion.

“I like crazy hair day,” says sophomore Emily Peterson. “It gives me an excuse to not try and make my hair look nice.”

On Tuesday, you might have been seeing double and that’s because it was twin day. Students really seemed to like this day and a lot of students participated. Juniors Morgan Hall and Erin O’Callaghan did a really good job with this spirit day. They looked exactly alike.

Sophomore Kendal Wilde said, “Miss. Ferguson and I looked the best.”

Wednesday was college day and participants were asked to wear apparel from their favorite college. It is also a great chance for seniors to wear stuff from the colleges that they are going to attend in the fall.

“I really like this spirit day because it’s easy for everyone to do,” said senior Ryleigh Manges.

Thursday was superhero day, and everyone was able to break out their superhero Halloween costumes, or just wear a superhero logo tee-shirt.

Junior Austin Roberts said, “Superhero day is dumb. I’m a superhero and there aren’t shirts made about me.”

Last but not least, Friday was pink, solid-color day. Many dressed in pink from head to toe to coincide with the theme of Prom, ‘A Night for the Cure.’

“I wish I had a pink morph suit to wear that day,” said sophomore Josh Butt. “That would have been really sweet.”

Spirit week is always fun for the whole school, even if you’re an underclassmen or not going to the dance. Everyone can participate and it’s a week you can wear crazy things and not care what people think of you. Make sure you get in on the fun in the future, and continue to show great spirit for your school.

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**Class of 2013 Tee Shirts!**

*By Brittany Piper*

Starting today through May 9, the class of 2013 will begin selling their class tee shirts. The tee shirts will not be taking place of the traditional class officer shirts. These shirts will just be an extra tee shirt to kick off the new senior year.

The idea of the tee shirts was made up by current juniors Rebecca Simpson and Morgan Eyering.

“We wanted to do these tee shirts because we thought it would be a fun way to begin our senior year,” states Simpson.

The tee shirts forms request your name and size. If you did not receive a form, do not worry. Starting today, there will be a table set up in every lunch period with students collecting money and forms.

“I really think idea is sweet! I will buy a tee shirt, maybe even two,” stated Joe Kruggel.

The tee shirts will cost $7 and will be delivered on Monday, May 21. Although the money needs to be in quickly, the idea of the tee shirts is to wear them on the Monday after the seniors graduate.

The colors of the tee shirts will be a sapphire blue with yellow writing. The shirts will say “2+0+1=3—We’re the only class that adds up.”

The shirts will only be on sale for a limited time so make sure to take part quickly. If you have any questions, just look in the halls for Morgan Eyering or Rebecca Simpson.
Tips on Getting Jobs

By Karissa Kelling and Emma Rowan

As a teenager, looking for your first part-time job can seem like a daunting task. Let’s face it, finding a job is hard to begin with.

But when you haven’t had any experience in a workplace, have never been through an interview, and don’t know where to start in writing a resume, the task can seem impossible.

You can start by doing these simple tips. Prepare yourself, you always want to be prepared and understand the work and tasks that are ahead of you. You don’t want to go into a job field you know nothing about.

Some jobs may require you to get a physical or have a job resume. Remember, if you are getting a job, make sure to get a job permit from the office.

When you get ready for a job interview, make sure to look your best. Appearances and first impressions matter when going to job interviews.

“I made sure I dressed really nice and my clothing was appropriate for my interview,” stated junior Dani Koval.

Get a list of places to apply. Look through your local newspaper’s help wanted ads, at the library for help wanted listings, or walk through town to find help wanted signs.

“It’s been looking at all the stores I go shopping at,” said sophomore Morgan Hart.

It doesn’t hurt to go into the store to ask for an application. Some places make you apply online.

As a first-time job seeker, you have to remember not all places are going to accept you. Make sure you prepare yourself for a “no.” When places do say “no,” make sure to reply respectfully and ask if they can keep you in mind for a future opening.

“I was really hoping I was going to get the job,” said sophomore Charlie Rice,” but I got turned down because I couldn’t drive.”

When doing this, it shows the manager that you are serious about getting a job and you are not going to give up. Every store wants someone passionate about the job to work for them.

While in your interview, or just going to get an application, make sure you stand up straight and act mature. This shows you are not a child and ready to take on the daunting task of having a job.

Following up is one of the most important parts of finding a job. If you don’t call and check up at the store to show you’re interested, some people may forget about you or just throw you out of the running of getting the job.

Quiz & Quotes

What would be a good spirit day?

Robyn Tresch (10)- “Switch gender day.”

Seth Detwiler (11)- “Celebrate the 2nd Amendment Day.”

Devin Knapp (11)- “Nike Day.”

Alex Williams and Adrian Medina (12)- “Mexican Day.”

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