

# The Observer

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## Thoughts For A Bad Day

*By Claire Turner*

We are three weeks into the 2011-2012 school year, and school can bring about many different things. Students become busier and have to be responsible for homework and classes. Some may feel like they're never home. These are just a few reasons why people tend to have more bad days during the school year.

"I definitely have more bad days during the school year than in the summer because it's more stressful," said senior Taylor Detwiler.

Detwiler is right, school can be stressful and combined with the perfect mixture of life in general, you have an off day in the making.

"One day, in the middle of winter, I wiped out in the hallway while I was on crutches," senior Sam Pankuch said.

Some times, things just happen that we can't control no matter what we do. It's only normal for us to be upset over them. However, there are several things you can do to keep your mind off of unpleasant things that may be happening.

"When I'm in a bad mood, I like to eat and sleep. It keeps my mind off of it," said senior Megan Klinect. Chase Burgess and Katie Carino agreed.

There are some other things you can do to add some brightness to your otherwise rough day as well. You can always go for a walk,



Watching a sunset is one way to reflect and make your day better.

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listen to some music, work out, or read. Being around other people makes us happier too. Doing things like hanging out with friends could definitely help.

Also, things may not be as bad as they seem. Whatever your problem may be, it's likely that there is a workable solution to it. It helps to look at the bright side of life. Junior Rebecca Simpson does this often.

"When I'm having a bad day, I just keep in mind that my problems are not as big as they seem, and I know that I'm really blessed. So I just thank God for everything He's done for me," she said.

"I just take a deep breath, and say a prayer. Then I realize that certain things just aren't worth worrying about and panicking over," stated English teacher Mary Lee Wooley.

It's good to step back and look at the good things in life. For example, if you're bummed that you're having a bad hair day, just remember how lucky you are to have hair! Or, if you're overwhelmed with homework, know that you may be thankful later because this is only preparing you for college.

Something good can come out of any situation. Some things just aren't worth stressing over, and plus, there's always a light at the end of the tunnel! It helps to just look around. Watching the sunset is a beautiful, humbling experience, and ironically, it can really brighten your day!

We're all going to have bad days every now and again. So next time, just think positively! If you do this, you can really turn your day around.

# Fears and Phobias Range from Big to Small

By *Emily Smith*

Ask almost anybody and they will be able to name something they are afraid of. A persistent and sometimes irrational fear of an object, activity, or even a person is called a phobia. All phobias have a name always ending in the suffix -phobia.

Phobias can range from being a mild annoyance to even being to the point where a person needs therapy to be able to live a normal life. Phobias can range from ridiculous, like the fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of your mouth, (Arachibutyrophobia) to more common ones like the fear of spiders (Arachnophobia).

Some common phobias deal with fears such as heights, snakes, and fear of small spaces (Claustrophobia).

"I have a fear of falling," said

senior Patty Andrews.

Her fear is actually a common one along with sophomore Kalee English's fear.

"Needles!" exclaimed English.

Both fears are common ones that afflict many people. However, there are also other fears that may not be so common and could seem ridiculous to some.

"I don't know if it's a phobia or not, but I'm terrified of touching people with dandruff," stated senior Daytona Arko.

While that may seem weird to some people, some phobias do not make sense at all.

Senior Claire Arble also has some fears that may not seem normal.

"I am afraid of plugged-up toilets, plungers, and Port-O-Potties. I am also afraid of june bugs; they make me want to cry," explained

Arble.

Some people may be fine with an object unless it is in a certain situation that they are dealing with it.

"I have a fear of straws, but only if they are in my belly button," said senior Jake Elliott.

Some people have a long list of fears that they deal with like senior Ashley Zisko.

"I have a few phobias: a mild case of claustrophobia, I really hate feet, arachnophobia, snakephobia, clowns, and Claire Arble phobia," stated Zisko.

It seems that phobias are pretty common in the halls of Cloverleaf High School. While you may have a fear of clowns (Coulrophobia), a fear of feet (Podophobia), or even a fear of gravity (Barophobia), just know you are not alone.

## New Avengers On The Block

By *Marc Frary*

Over the past few weeks, Director Joss Whedon decided that one of the best places that they should film the new *Avengers* movie would have to be something new. A place where they can capture the feeling of real streets and a place that can be anything they want it to be. After a little time, they decided that the best place to film would be in, brace yourself, Cleveland!

This will be a big thing for those that live in Cleveland. They have the chance to possibly see some of the star cast hanging out around Cleveland. The streets have been changed to look like New York City and even Germany. Now, not the entire movie

was filmed in Cleveland, there are a couple of scenes that they had to film in New Mexico. This will be the largest film ever filmed in Ohio; it's expected to cost over \$100 million.

This isn't the first time a super hero movie was filmed in Cleveland though. Back when they were making *Spider Man 3*, parts were filmed in different areas of Cleveland. There are fans now that are crowding around every filming spot, just to get a sight of one of the many stars in this movie. Just a few examples of the actors in the movie include Robert Downey Jr., Samuel L. Jackson, Scarlett Johansson, and

Chris Evans.

If this movie does as well as Whedon thinks it will, this could cause other movies to want to film in Cleveland. The CEO of Marvel Studios, Avi Arad, thinks the movie will be a great success.

"My personal opinion is that Joss will do a fantastic job. He loves these characters and is a fantastic writer," Avi Arad said in an interview. "It's part of his life so you know he is going to protect it."

Everyone is expecting to love the new movie and they are hoping more movies will be filmed in Cleveland or other parts of Ohio. *The Avengers* are going to assemble on the big screen on May 4.

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## Quiz & Quotes

What are your reflections on the 10-year anniversary of the Sept. 11 Terrorist attacks?



**Matt Romanoff (9):**  
“It really reunites the sadness of the issue.”



**Austin Smith (10):**  
“Really a horrible thing that happened.”



**Jesse Troike (11):**  
“It really opened our eyes and brought America closer.”



**AJ Gbur (12):**  
“I can’t even believe it has been that long since it happened.”

# Good Samaritan: What It Takes

By Alex Oring

We all have heard of them, heroes and villains. Most of us always wanted to be a hero or we looked up to one. Some time in your life you are going to be faced with a challenge and you’ll think back to that time when your favorite hero helped someone and saved their life; and you may have wanted to be just like them.

Would you consider a super hero a Good Samaritan? No one can really answer that question because what is considered a Good Samaritan and what qualities it takes to be considered a Good Samaritan vary.

“A Good Samaritan should be friendly,” said senior Ryleigh Manges.

“Helpful, kind, not afraid to help,” said senior Mackenzie Greer.

One difference between just being friendly and being a Good Samaritan is a Good Samaritan is willing to help with any challenge, and being friendly is just being nice.

“A Good Samaritan will go out of their way to help other people,” said senior Claire Turner.

Well Good Samaritans should be recognized for the good deed they have done. One of Cloverleaf’s students was awarded a Good Samaritan award from the Lafayette United Methodist Church on Sunday, Aug. 28, 2011. Eagle Scout Zachary Beadnell was the recipient of this award.

Beadnell received this award because over the summer he showed exemplary action to the situation he was put in.

On June 9, Zach was going home from work on Interstate 71. Beadnell and his co-worker (boss’ son) were following their boss; when something terrible happened to the lead truck. The driver of the truck

lost control and ended up hitting the guard rail which caused the truck to flip and ejected his boss. As the truck flipped, it rolled over top of their boss. Beadnell stopped his truck and told his “co-worker” to call 911, while he went to go help.

“When I went over, I thought he was dead till I got up to him and then tried to stop the bleeding,” said Beadnell, a senior.

He got to the truck and had to take his shirt off to try and stop the massive bleeding coming from the head injury of his boss and began CPR. An off-duty paramedic stopped and helped with CPR, as Beadnell went back to the truck to look for the female co-worker who was still strapped in the truck.

“I would have just kept doing CPR and waited for help if the paramedic didn’t stop,” he said.

Beadnell and his partner helped pry open the door and his partner crawled in the truck to get her out. With Beadnell’s level-headedness that day, he helped save two people’s lives. He wanted to let his scoutmasters know what he did and wanted to thank them for what they taught him.

“Scouts taught me everything I needed to know to save their lives.”

On that Sunday, the church awarded him a metal, pin, and certificate of being a Good Samaritan. He was honored by his entire Troop 453.

“I just did what I had to do.”

A Good Samaritan should be recognized and our school should be proud to have an Eagle Scout that has faced such a challenge. Beadnell saved two lives that day and faced a difficult challenge. We all can learn from this in different ways.

# What Does September Hold For You?

By *Shelby Dearth*

**Aries (Mar. 21- April 19)** – This month will bring deep emotions, good and bad, and you will find yourself demanding more from the ones you love. Fear and insecurities may surface, making this a good time to be open about your feelings with those who matter most to you. However, you may develop an attraction to a new person that could completely fascinate you.

**Taurus (April 20- May 20)** – You will desire to share your happiness and wealth this month. You will feel extremely generous, and could find yourself buying high cost gifts and blowing by any budgets. This is a good time to show your kindness to others, as well as yourself.

**Gemini (May 21- June 20)** – September will bring you ambition, optimism, and enthusiasm towards any activity you do. However, do not go into anything overconfidently, and do not take on more challenges than you can handle. This month could be very productive and a time of growth, as long as you stay within your boundaries and manage your time well.

**Cancer (June 21- July 22)** – You will begin to realize what you want, need, and feel when it comes to relationships. Anything that is causing dissatisfaction will be revealed, and differences in lifestyle will finally be noticed. However, if your personal life is going smoothly, this will be a month of appreciation for that special someone and a month of enjoyment.

**Leo (July 23- Aug. 22)** – September seems dreary and boring to you, so you aspire to travel or do something exciting. Chores and staying indoors will likely bring you down, and everyday tasks will either not get done or will be done poorly. Be careful not to do too much work of importance, because it is likely you will lose focus and make errors and mistakes.

**Virgo (Aug. 23- Sep. 22)** – Dreams of love are strong this month, and you may fall for a special someone this month who could end up disappointing you later and not meeting your expectations. You will feel very creative and imaginative, as well as inspired. However, you may be reminded of memories of the past. Do not dwell on them, keep moving on.

**Libra (Sep. 23- Oct. 22)** – This month is a good time to travel, to gain new ideas of the world and different views of life. Anything that could broaden your knowledge is of interest to you this month. You will really begin to see the big picture, and focus less on the little details.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23- Nov. 21)** – You will become more sympathetic and compassionate towards others. You will give others the benefit of the doubt, become less pushy, and learn to accept if others do not agree with you at all times. It is a good time to be open with others, even those that you have not gotten along with in the past.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22- Dec. 21)** – This month will be difficult to save money, and you will tend to splurge and enjoy yourself. Quality will be especially important to you right now. It is a good time for parties and social interactions, as long as you don't overdo it. Relationships will be rewarding.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22- Jan. 19)** – New opportunities will strike this month, and taking these chances will have a positive outcome for you. Your energy levels will be high, and you will feel more flirtatious and find yourself wanting to spend more time with the person you love. You will also feel more creative, and will be satisfied with the results from your creations.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20- Feb. 18)** – September will bring focus and determination to get things done. You will finally tackle work that usually frustrates you or is difficult to complete. Self-control and self-discipline are necessities, but will pay off in the long run. You will move forward in all areas easily and comfortably with hard work.

**Pisces (Feb. 19- Mar. 20)** – You will experience a lot of new energy, and physical thrills will be things you crave this month. A wild, competitive sport would be a good way to invest time. Your increased spontaneity will bring fun and excitement to your life. However, these emotions may leave you irritable or edgy, unable to let problems pass.

## Wildfires Burn Away in Texas

By *Kristen Reed*

So far in 2011, 7.2 million acres nationwide have been destroyed because of wildfires. Nearly half of the acres burned have been in Texas.

Due to the lack of rain in Texas, wildfires have been burning for nearly a year, but have just recently become more out of control than manageable.

A recent fire in Leander County in mid-eastern Texas was believed to be an arson, started by four teenagers that were seen running from the field where the fire started on Monday. That fire destroyed 11 homes.

In Bastrop County, just 60 miles southeast near Austin, 576 homes have been destroyed so far and that number is expected to increase. This fire began last Sunday and has killed at least two people and was only 30 percent contained by last Wednesday.

"The wildfires should be stopped as soon as possible before Texas burns as a whole," expressed sophomore Kalee English.

The fire caused 5,000 people to evacuate as it spread across 33,000 acres. Wednesday morning nearly 100 search team members with a dozen canines were sent in to search the area.

On Tuesday, in the northeastern part of the state, 1,490 acres were destroyed. In the past week, 172 fires all around the state have destroyed 135,051 acres.

"I think it's sad that nature is burning," commented Emilee Zimmerman.

Helicopters are picking up water from various resources such as the Colorado.

More than 2,000 firefighters are working to help contain the fires. The drought alone has cost Texas about \$5 billion in loss of crops and livestock.

Since Sunday, four lives and 700 homes have been lost.

"The fires are terrible," said senior Ashley Zisko. "I hope the Texans have a swift recovery!"