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Famous Birthdays this Month

By Claire Turner

March is an exciting time of the year, as it marks the arrival of spring. To add to the excitement, some famous birthdays occur during this month as well. Those whose birthdays we celebrate consist of none other than children's book author, Dr. Seuss, and the infamous Oreo cookie!

Dr. Seuss was born on March 2, 1904. To say the least, he is famous for writing numerous children's books that are all cleverly rhymed. In fact, many people could not imagine their childhood reading experiences without Dr. Seuss, and Cloverleaf students appear to feel this way as well.

"I read Dr. Seuss books as a kid, and I loved them!" senior Katie Carino said.

"Dr. Seuss books were my favorite!" said junior Kensey Spinder.

"I love him! In fact, my art project is about him!" exclaimed senior Kelly Geig.

"He was a cool dude who was good at rhyming. Happy birthday Dr. Seuss!" said senior Ashley Zisko.

Although Seuss passed away in 1991, his books still influence young readers today. Some of his works are, but are not limited to *Green Eggs and Ham*, *The Cat in the Hat*, *There's a Wocket in my Pocket*, *Horton Hears a Who*, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, and *The Lorax*.

Although Seuss passed away

over 20 years ago, his works live on. Therefore, his birthday was rightly celebrated here at Cloverleaf this year. Some classes, including Mrs. Wooley's AP English class, read Seuss' books on March 2, rather than indulging themselves in their normal classic literature. This was a great day in English class for many!

A few Cloverleaf students shared their top choice of Seuss' books.

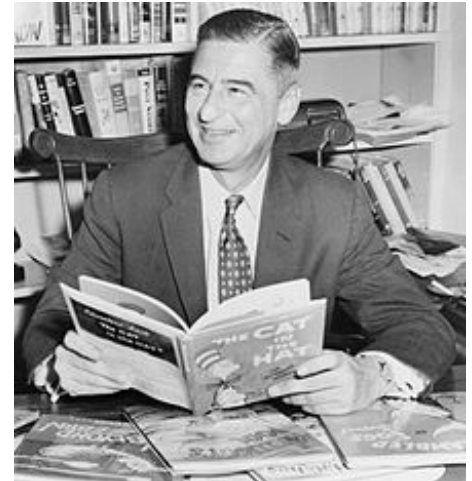
"I like *The Lorax*," said junior Rebecca Hobbs.

"*One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish* is my favorite," stated freshman Janelle Jordan

"My favorite Dr. Seuss book is *If I Ran the Zoo*," said sophomore Jake Thacker.

Along with Dr. Seuss, Oreo cookies also celebrate their birthday during the month of March, if it can even be said that cookies can have a birthday. Well, we're going to say that it can be. On March 6, 1912, Oreos came into the world by the work of the National Biscuit Company (Nabisco). Since their beginning, over 362 billion Oreo cookies have been sold, thus making them the best-selling cookie of the twentieth century (history1900s.about.com). On March 6, these delightful little desserts got to celebrate their 100th birthday, and that is a big deal!

We've all grown up eating Oreo's, so some Cloverleaf students were asked to share their thoughts on these wonderful cookies.



Dr. Seuss is only one of the many birthdays being celebrated this month. Photo Courtesy of Wikipedia Commons

"Oreos are delicious," commented senior Jackson Keller.

"I like golden Oreos!" said senior Emily Springsteel.

There you have it. You have had the opportunity to celebrate Dr. Seuss Day and the 100th anniversary of the creation of the Oreo, both within the time span of a week. These unofficial holidays are clearly somewhat important to the Cloverleaf community, and their celebrations were rather enjoyable.

Senior Dana Martin shared a final thought: "Happy birthday to everyone!"

Also, here is some advice. If you do not like green eggs and ham... eat an Oreo! Then everyone is happy, including the pig, the chicken, and yourself, and that sounds great!

New Sensation: Lemonberry

By Nate Sanford

Lemonberry, a place to get frozen yogurt, is now the new local hot spot in Medina. It is located on the corner of the Medina Square and it is really getting people talking. It was rated one of the best places to get frozen yogurt.

The place features new flavors every week, and they change every Thursday. When you enter the place, you select a cup/bowl and then pick the flavor you want. Once you have the frozen yogurt, you go down and select all the toppings you want on it.

When you are finished, they weigh the cup and then you pay.

The amount you owe is dependent on how much the cup weighs.

“I don’t like Lemonberry that much, actually; I’d rather have a fat blizzard or something,” junior JD Schleich said about the new spot in town. “Maybe I just went at a bad time when they had bad flavors.”

People were asked which they prefer more, Lemonberry or Smoothie King. The results were not even close. Over 75 percent of the students asked said that they prefer Lemonberry.

“I think it’s just popular because it’s new. Eventually it will die out just like Smoothie King,” sophomore Austin Smith said. “I just

don’t want it to go to my hips; I need to keep my figure.”

For all those who are looking for a tasty and cold treat, go on down to Lemonberry on the Medina Square. It’s delicious and you’ll be glad you went!



A sample of frozen yogurt. Photo Courtesy of Wikipedia Commons

Tornado Storms Leave 39 Dead

By Jenny Aungst

Early in the afternoon on Monday, March 2, a tornado went through the Tennessee Valley and the Ohio Valley, and parts of the South. It was recorded as one of the worse tornados in the month of March.

The amount of tornados was estimated at 128, but that could be an overestimate due to over counting. In Henryville, Indiana the strongest tornado was the EF-4; it destroyed the whole town.

The rest of the areas got a EF-3 or higher. The winds were recorded at 170 mph in Henryville, Indiana. There was a toddler found in the middle of a field. She was brought to the local hospital, and is now the only one still living in her family. The local fire department is telling all of the citizens to be careful when storms come - always go to a basement or somewhere with no windows.

“Our major job is to just make sure our citizens are safe. This process may take a while due to all the rubbish left, but we are trying our hardest,” a local fire chief stated.

“My prayers are with everyone whose families were changed that early Monday afternoon,” Cloverleaf student Kalee stated.

Hundreds of homes were destroyed, and barns and the animals were destroyed and killed. Mcradle’s Hidden Stables has been a running business for 40 years.

Two of the farm workers were killed and 15 of their horses too. In addition, their dogs were also lost in the mess. Many places have set up funds to help all of the tornado victims. A Cleveland boy set up a fund to help all the kids who lost, not only their personal items, but their school and their school textbooks.

A local news stations sent out a total of 654 warnings, but only 279 were put out for all the people to see. Many citizens are glad that the tornados didn’t hit when people were sleeping, because then they would have been able to get to safety.

The local police and fire chiefs are giving out advice to the children and the citizens of every precaution you should take during bad or heavy storms. The police are telling the families that survived, to always have the kids prepared for anything. Make sure they know where to go, and what to do in case of emergency.

Cloverleaf student Elizabeth knows all the ways to keep safe during a tornado.

“When a tornado hits, I go into our basement, and make sure I’m in a safe part just in case anything was to happen.”

Quiz & Quotes

What does your tattoo signify?



Jesse Agnes (12)-
“My cousin, brother and I all have it in the same spot.”



Ryleigh Manges(12)-
“It was a birthday present.”



Collin Davies (12)-
“I designed it myself and thought it would be cool.”



John Bruck (10)
“Well, it’s my last name.”

The Fight Against DMD

By *Rebecca Simpson*

There is a disease out there that not many people have heard of - a disease that is inherited, though often occurs to a person without a known family history of the condition. It is a rare disorder that over the years slowly deteriorates the muscles in the body, a sickness that occurs in one out of every 3,600 male infants. This disease is called Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD).

The nightmare of having to cope with this disease is a day-to-day reality for the brother (Curtis) of a Cloverleaf student, Anna Kopinsky, and her family.

Curtis is 18 years old, and 10 years prior his family started to recognize he wasn't doing well in his sports as he used to before and it was getting harder for him to walk. Simple activities took great strength, and at eight years old, Curtis was diagnosed with DMD.

A cure for this disease has not yet been found, however, Anna is determined to change that.

Last Friday morning, sophomore Anna Kopinsky made an announcement at IMPACT by proposing what she wanted to do to try and help find a cure.

From March 5 until March 23, during third period, Anna and a few other members from IMPACT are selling

paper shamrocks. Students at Cloverleaf can buy a green one for a dollar, or a gold one for five. The students will then put their name on it and hang the shamrock on the walls of the school. All the money made will go towards the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) to help find a cure.

“Any donation will be greatly appreciated,” says IMPACT member Janelle Jordan.

“I would like to let the students at Cloverleaf know how lucky we are to be so healthy and not have to deal with the daily struggle of Duchennes. Your support for this month is so important and I hope that your hearts will be lead to help this organization,” says Kopinsky.

The need to find a cure is main priority for the Kopinsky family; the time is now to donate.

“No one has lived past 30 years old when diagnosed with this disease,” says Kopinsky. “That’s so hard to deal with every day knowing his time is drawing near.”

Instead of counting the years Curtis is thought to have left, Anna is working to make the years count. Buying shamrocks to find a cure is one priority that will help make a difference.

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Unbelievable Undefeated Season

By Alex Oring

“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.”-Henry Ford

The Cloverleaf Gymnastics team has been working together all year, and by working together as a team, they succeeded with an undefeated season. To achieve this unforgettable season, these girls had to work extremely hard.

“This season was outstanding; everyone did an amazing job at competing in all events,” said sophomore Robyn Tresch

The Cloverleaf Varsity Gymnastics team may be small, but they all have a great deal of dedication for competition and winning. The team members include: Ashley Rose, Mikayla Burgess, Kalie Cold, Alyssa Gall, Madeline Brandt, Katie Schroll, Tresch, Mariah Borcuch, Savannah Brocuch, Cassandra Grabowski, Hanna Kotlarek, and Samantha McCullough.

Lucky for us, Cloverleaf did have two excellent gymnasts move on to State from Districts from Sectionals. At Sectionals, senior co-captain Ashley Rose placed first on the uneven bars with an impressive score of 9.15. Rose also placed sixth on beam and floor, as she finished fifth all-around. Maddie Brandt, a Cloverleaf sophomore, finished second on vault with a 9.275, third on bars, sixth on floor and seventh on beam, finishing third place all-around. Ashley advanced to districts in four events and Maddie advanced to districts in five categories.

“This season was great overall,

we are undefeated and it feels great that I was able to make it to State,” said Brandt.

This team worked very hard to make it to State, and they missed it by only .075 points! It was an awesome team effort, but they fell slightly short to Stow at Districts. Only the top five teams in the District would advance on to State and the Cloverleaf gymnastics team was sixth.

This is an awesome group of focused girls; they were undefeated, they won the conference title, and they placed second at Sectionals. Maddie qualified in all five categories at State and Ashley qualified on balance beam and bars.

“I was so excited about this season because it is my last with the

high school team. I’m going to miss the team and the coaches, but overall, I’m proud of the success this year,” said Rose.

At State, Rose brought home a second place medal on the uneven bars, and she also medaled on the balance beam. Brandt competed in all her events and she tied for 10th place in the all-around competition.

This year’s gymnastics team has pushed through the ups and down of injuries, and their coaches have pushed them to succeeding, resulting in their undefeated season. The Cloverleaf Varsity gymnastics team has really shown how they work together as a TEAM: Together Everyone Achieves More!



Ashley Rose and Maddie Brandt at the State gymnastics meet.

Photo by Wendy Armstrong