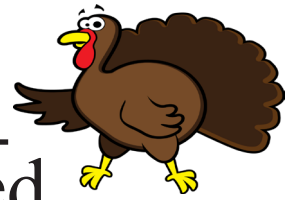


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New improved computer lab installed

Sydney Kocher
Reporter

If you have been in the library since the school year began, you had a big surprise. This past summer, the school created a new computer lab in the back of the library.

With a glass wall, 31 new computers, one 80 inch smart television that connects to the main computer, one all in one printer, three HD cam recorders, and a new green-screen, the school made a huge investment.

Mrs. Janet Cadman, computer applications teacher, said, "I 1,000 percent agree the new lab was a good investment because we have more room, an additional four computers, and multimedia. It also made the library and computer lab one wing."

Students agree the lab is a great asset.

Maria Bova, sophomore, said, "The computers work faster than the old ones and I feel it's easier to access whatever you need for school."

Myles Harris, senior, agreed and said, "The new computers have so many programs and

software that the old computers didn't have. Such as Photoshop and Adobe flash."

Jon Koutsaurais, junior, said, "It thoroughly enriched an area of study that is becoming increasingly necessary in today's society. With the steady incline of demand in jobs dealing with computers and computer applications, the new computer lab shows how Cardinal Mooney is always improving upon the firm base of our curriculum."

In addition to student work, Daniel Driscoll, junior, said the lab helps with the debate team. "The lab makes it so much

easier to do research, specifically because every team member can be on a computer finding evidence at the same time. It makes collaboration much easier."

Cadman said students are able to learn better with the new technology.

"The new computers are faster and there isn't a lot of time spent waiting for everything to load. Presenting with the television is also easier," she said.

Although the new computer lab has its perks, Driscoll found a downside, "It gets super hot in there!"

Many students and teachers stated they

like the glass wall that separates the library from the lab.

Cadman said, "It just gives the lab a more open feeling and gives other classes a chance to see what we're doing in here."

Harris said he dislikes the glass. "There's really no privacy at all."

The lab is a result of a special appeal led by Ed Muransky at the auction, which raised \$56,000 to update and expand the lab.



Emilee Mulhall/The Beakon

Here's where students can find help

Shakuilla Moore
Reporter

Teachers often hear "May I go down to room 126?" Most times, without a question or a doubt, students are permitted. What goes on in "Room 126" and who are these helpers students seek?

The Academic Assistance Program, found in room 126, started last year and involves many people with consuming jobs and many responsibilities.

The AAP started because of the Peterson Scholarship, which provided a grant to the school and pays those teachers' and aids' salaries. The scholarship is available to students who have individual educational plans and evaluation team reports.

An ETR determines if a student needs an IEP and what students need help with.

There are 46 students with an IEP, and 112 students in the program.

Christine Wolford directs the AAP, and has an intervention specialist license, which qualifies her to head the department. Before coming to Mooney, she taught and coached at Warren G. Harding.

The AAP has six aids: Chris Amill, Monica Bucci, Carolyn Fernberg, Sharon Stevens, Megan Straub, and Antonette Vasquez.

These teachers and aids are not limited to working only with students in the program; they can help anyone.

Help is available for students with minor adjustment plans and 504's, which are medical and/or physical reasons. People with a temporary concussion or diabetes can also go to room 126 to get the help they may need.

Wolford has many responsibilities to

keep the program intact. She modifies tests, writes academic plans for each student, attends school district meetings, and writes reports to the state about student progress. She also does the billing for salaries and coaches basketball and track.

The AAP is not the only place to go for help, the aids also co-teach classes.

Megan Straub co-teaches in Mrs. Tina Hughes' pre-algebra and Mr. Justin Prommersburger's history class. Antoinette Vasquez co-teaches in Mr. Jim Jablonski's world history class and in reading classes.

The teachers go back and forth between classes, so who they teach with isn't permanent. Mrs. Sarah Brooke is an algebra teacher aided by Sharon Stevens. Brooke said having Stevens in class is awesome and she is a big help. Brooke also said it has made a difference in class since students can get individual help.

Malala Yousafzai: History maker, education activist

Natalie Kunce
Reporter

Women's education activist. Seventeen years old. Youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. This is Malala Yousafzai; if you haven't heard of her, it's time you did.

Yousafzai was born in the Swat Valley of Pakistan. Her hometown was a known tourist trap, popular for its summer festivals. That is until the Taliban took control.

Yousafzai's father founded a school which she attended in secret for fear of retribution from the Taliban. Still, Yousafzai spoke out for women's rights and education; she gave speeches and started a BBC blog under the surname Gul Makai. The Taliban was quick to issue a death threat against Yousafzai.

On October 9, 2012, Malala was shot in the head by the Taliban on her way home from school. The rest is literal history.

Yousafzai not only survived, she thrived. Despite being shot in the head Yousafzai's efforts toward the fight for women's rights have deemed her the youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in history.

Sara Trattner, intern for the Ohio National Organization for Women, said, "I think Yousafzai winning the Peace Prize foreshadows a more inclusive and unified movement (for feminism). I hope that this serves as a jumping off point for other women to be activists, but also reminds us there are many different perspectives and types of feminism."

While some favor feminism, some do not. Trattner suggests that many mistakenly believe feminists only want what they want and how they want it for themselves.

"There is a misunderstanding of women in other cultures," said Trattner. "There is

anger sometimes because things aren't changing fast enough. There are setbacks every day; we see clinics close, the wage gap magnify, and politicians seem to forget we are people."

Trattner also admits that people refuse to see positivity right in front of them, like Yousafzai winning the peace prize, and being an incredible role model for girls, or the recent striking down of marriage bans. "There is so much to be happy for," said Trattner.

Gwen Simon, junior, said, "Malala can

be an example to anyone. Just by speaking out for something as simple as education she gave hope to girls, and boys too, by showing that in any situation the outcome is a result of your own determination and hard work."

Caroline Smith, senior, said, "Malala is someone I look up to. Her strides for

equality are a great achievement for feminism."

Grace Haddad, sophomore, who is the same age as Yousafzai when she began her movement for equality, said "Malala is an honest recipient of the Nobel Peace prize. She is setting an example for both young and old to start taking action to fight for what is right."

For women's rights activists, every day is a battle. There are setbacks, but there are those who work for equality.

Yousafzai's brave fight against the Taliban made her a symbol for equality and hope for a better future for the girls of her homeland.

"They thought the bullet would silence us, but they failed- and out of that silence came thousands of voices," said Yousafzai. While the fight may not be an easy one, it is good one.



Ginal Patella
Reporter

Stress. Anxiety. Pressure. Today, American College Testing determines a student's academic future. Students are required to meet college administrators' expectations to not only do well in school but exhibit high ACT or SAT scores. Parents place an abundance of pressure on their children because these standardized tests determine not only whether or not a student is accepted into the desired school but also, the higher the score, the lower tuition.

The ACT defined is a college entrance exam that evaluates a student's readiness for college. However, college preparation requires more than a four hour exam. A test consisting of math, science, English and reading cannot determine a student's charisma, personality or other talents needed to be a good student.

"As I am in the process of applying and being accepted to schools, it seems almost all of them care strictly for a high ACT or SAT score," said senior Nicole Ciancone. "A student can be extremely book smart but may have a character that totally degrades the atmosphere of the school."

Endless preparation and stress goes into this four hour test. Expensive tutoring sessions, long hours of study and sleep deprivation can result from this.

Even as a junior, Maddie Abrigg already feels the pressures of the ACT.

"One test can ruin your future plans if all doesn't go well," said Abrigg. "If you do not get the score required for your college of choice, a lot can change."

Others feel the ACT is a goal and hard work is always required to reach a goal. Some view stress, pressure and anxiety as an imprint of the determination necessary to achieve success.

Despite the pressure the ACT puts on his future, senior Jon Saadey, claims people make excuses that the test is too difficult. "I think there needs to be a way of separating students and the ACT does an accurate job of doing that," said Saadey.





Reese plays against the Gilmour Academy Lancers in the regional semi-final.

Reese to serve for the Wooster Fighting Scots

Natalie Kunce
Reporter

Whether she is the best dressed girl at homecoming or making Mooney volleyball history, McKenzie Reese is an unstoppable force; taking on the college of Wooster she will bring not only her incredible volleyball skills, but also the final chapter of the Reese legacy.

Reese started volleyball in 7th grade at St. Christines, where she attended from kindergarten to eighth grade. A four year varsity starter, Reese is a right side hitter and defensive specialist; basically Reese can play the court in any area, an all-around talented player. This is a well-known fact, with Reese coveting over 200 kills and digs this season alone. The 2014 lady cards were the first team in Mooney history to bring home the District Championship.

"It's still surreal," said Reese. "I feel like it didn't happen, but after losing last year there was no other option than to win this year." Among Reese's many accomplishments she was named Second Team All-District two years in a row, was a four year letterman, and a two year captain.

Reese is more than just a tall girl with

a powerful arm, though. She also thrives in the classroom and community. This last month, Reese was chosen as a Scholar Athlete by the DeBartolo Corporation.

"Receiving this award is very fulfilling and makes me feel like all the hard work I've put in the past four years of my career have really paid off," said Reese.

In addition to her incredible athletic skills, Reese volunteers at Potential Development, Happy Campers Daycare, and the Inn at Christine Valley. She is also a Eucharistic minister and a leader in the Celebrate program at St. Christine's Parish.

"Mckenzie has always made us proud; she is disciplined, hard-working, and goal oriented," said Mr. Ed Reese, McKenzie's dad and number one fan.

Reese attributes her success to a strong support system.

"We have never missed a game," said mom Mrs. Diane Reese. "It's not always the both of us, but one of us is always there."

The trip to Wooster won't be anything new for the Reese's, however. Oldest brother Eddie graduated this year and Danny is a senior. Reese admits athletics are in her blood. Sports were not a choice, but she doesn't mind.

"Ever since I was little I was either going to games or playing in games. We were raised to be athletes. I had to follow in their footsteps but I wanted to do it. I didn't want to be called 'Eddie and Danny's sister.' I wanted to make a name for myself," said Mckenzie.

She plans to study business economics and marketing, and hopes to get into the fashion industry. "I would like to get an internship somewhere in New York City and eventually become a buyer."

Fashion is one of Reese's favorite past-times, and she said she could eventually see herself starting a fashion blog, featuring some of her favorite designers like Christian Dior, Ellie Saab, and Zuhair Murad. As for that incredible homecoming dress? It is from Cameo, one of Reese's favorite brands.

In addition to clothes, Reese loves working out and watching movies. Her top pick this year being "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire."

Reese also plays for the Infinity Volleyball Club, a junior Olympics club team that travels from cities in Ohio all the way

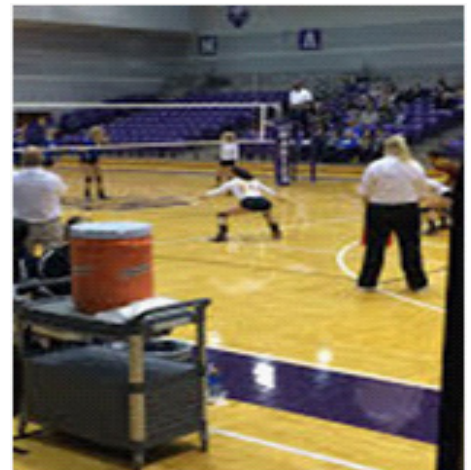
to Arizona. Clearly, Reese couldn't (and wouldn't want to) get away from volleyball if she tried.

Reese said she is excited for the next four years of collegiate volleyball, but is sad to leave behind Mooney volleyball.

"Nothing will be like the Mooney family," said Reese. "Everyone supports one another. Whether it is soccer or speech, everyone is happy for one another's successes." Her teammates have high regard for Reese.

"I've been best friends with Mckenzie since kindergarten and I love playing along-side her. She's an amazing teammate and a fantastic player," said Lauren Lottier, senior. CMHS Principal Mr. John Young calls Reese a quiet leader and has enjoyed watching her grow as a player the past four years. "I know she's going to be a huge success. She will be a difference maker at Wooster," said Young.

As for the lady Cards she leaves behind, Reese advises, "Never give up. Don't worry about what others have to say about you. Prove them wrong."

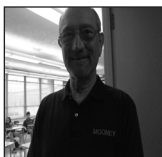




Enjoy Chick-fil-A? Free Chick-fil-A? Well, here is the opportunity to win a \$10 gift card courtesy of *The Beakon*.

We gathered teachers' favorite Thanksgiving memories from food to watching football. All you must do is match the response to the correct teacher; be the first to get the most correct, and the gift card is yours!

1. Mrs. Marlene Bassil



2. Mr. Lawrence Bozick



3. Mrs. Sarah Brooke

4. Mrs. Janet Cadman



5. Mrs. Sue Eich

6. Ms. Terri Hendrix



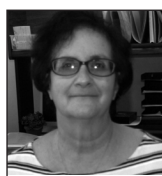
7. Mrs. Patty Hughes

8. Mrs. Tina Hughes



9. Mrs. Maureen Kandray

10. Mrs. Diane Mastro Nard



11. Dr. Richard Mattiussi

12. Mrs. Peggy Moore



13. Mrs. Marylou Rogers

14. Mr. Sam Ronshak

15. Mrs. Ellen Sandel

16. Mrs. Debra Scarnecchia



17. Mrs. Melissa Smith

18. Mrs. Susan Trewella



19. Ms. Antoinette Vasquez

20. Mrs. Teresa Yarger

21. Mr. John Young

A. Graduating to the "adult" table – this year I hope!

B. I love having a house full of family, friends and good food.

C. My honeymoon was over Thanksgiving, and we stayed in and ate due to torrential rain. Little did we know, and not until much later, it was a hurricane! Worst food ever.

D. Not having to cook!

E. On my way to waitress job a lady hit me and totaled the car. I got to eat Thanksgiving with my family, I didn't have to work, and I got a new car!

F. I had Thanksgiving dinner with friends in California the day before I left for Vietnam in 1968.

G. I will always remember my 86 year-old mom's pies – Dutch Apple, berry and pumpkin.

H. I was to make dinner at my son's house an hour away. When I got there and unloaded all the groceries, I realized I forgot the turkey. I went to two Giant Eagles to find a fresh (not frozen) turkey before I got one that someone else ordered but did not pick up. Dinner was later, but at least we had a turkey.

I. I always loved going to my parents' and seeing steam on the kitchen windows, smelling the aroma of pies, and hearing my dad "talking" to the football game on TV. I miss them!

J. My grandmother's homemade cellar buns, and seeing my dad and brothers suit up to go pheasant hunting.

K. I always feel empowered and humbled helping with the food drive for Mooney. I'm thrilled that I can assist the Mooney Family in helping so many people, and humbled to realize how much I have and how much others are lacking.

L. Eating turnkey and stuffing smothered in gravy. The stuffing was a secret recipe, and then we all felt like stuffed turkeys!

M. My daughter's first turkey! We scooped out the stuffing and found the bag of the giblets and neck still inside! I did the same thing MANY years ago.

N. Seven years ago I made my first Thanksgiving meal for 15 people as my mom and aunt watched. It was the passing of the torch from one generation to the next.

O. The first time I cooked a turkey I didn't defrost it enough, and we for hours to eat!

P. When my daughters were three and four years-old and we were about to start the prayer, they argued about who was going to be first. Funny!

Q. I miss my mom's special marshmallow salad. In high school, we always played a Turkey Bowl tackle football game. I like the parade and the Detroit Lions and Dallas Cowboys football game.

R. All the excitement the day brings! It's great!

S. My 44th wedding anniversary is Nov. 28, so Thanksgiving is special to me and my family. One year we played a game – candle game – I had so much fun laughing and watching. The game was made up by the men who lit a candle and then tried to blow it out from a distance, which was carefully measured. I guess you had to be there, but it was hilarious as more restrictions came into play. We then watched the video of our wedding with the whole family.

T. I love spending time with my family; taking a whole day to just express our thanks for being a family.

U. Baking bread with my kids each year – sometimes edible, sometimes for show. Early years we shaped it like Pilgrims and turkeys and The Mayflower, and as they grew the bread became more sophisticated. I look forward this year to making bread with my older grandson who is 22 months. The tradition continues!

Netflix Killed the Cable Show

Emily Kiraly



“Relationships may end but Netflix will be in my life forever,” said Nichole Webber, senior. Instant streaming and commercial free television have grabbed viewers. Thrilling TV shows and classic movies captivate audiences in suburban homes and city lofts. Variety and convenience boosted sales for the company since its startup in 1997, and although many still prefer traditional cable television, Netflix is clearly rising to the top.

With cable prices hovering around \$60 a month, Netflix is the clear fiscal victor. At eight dollars a month, Netflix provides viewers a large number of movies and television series, they refuse to disclose the exact amount.

One can watch videos on two or more screens; it is extra for more. One can access videos by logging onto an account on a device with Internet capabilities. Netflix streams movies anytime and anywhere on gaming consoles, tablets, computers, and smart phones, which allows users to connect on the go. Cable’s inability to stream anywhere is a detriment in its war with Netflix.

“I like Netflix because it is instant and nice to kill time with,” said Alex Ugolini, senior.

Contracts and fees are nasty commitments that come with cable services. Many cut their cable cords and now focus on contract free services of Netflix.

Former cable customers found once they were locked in a contract, cable companies deemed them ineligible to receive new discounts offered to non-contract holders. Netflix does no such thing; instead, they keep prices low and consistent, which attracts viewers of all ages and financial means.

In fact, Netflix claims to have more than 53 million users. In a recovering economy, money can be sparse, and Netflix offers entertainment on a budget, which is why it has grown into a successful company. Last year alone, Netflix increased its total subscribers by 34.7 percent, and its net income from \$29.5 million a year to \$71 million according to the *New York Times*.

Netflix’s great variety of television shows and movies urge consumers to purchase its services.

“I really like Netflix’s variety of shows,” said Dave McDowell, junior. This variety includes popular TV shows “Breaking Bad,” “American Horror Story,” and “Gossip Girl.”

Netflix also has great films like “The Hunger Games: Catching Fire,” “Silver Linings Playbook,” and “Pulp Fiction.”

I strongly recommend anyone who loves great television shows or movies to try Netflix’s free one-month trial. You can access the trial from the web site.

Netflix Favorites

Emilee Mullhall

Netflix is taking over cable TV. Some of your favorite shows and movies are on there, and let’s face it, who doesn’t want to watch their favorite movies and shows anytime they want!

Netflix, a company started by CEO Reed Hastings, charges a small fee of \$7.99 to watch all these shows and movies. Regular cable TV prices range from \$50 to \$60 a month. Netflix provides Internet that streams media to viewers in America and parts of Europe. It started out by sending DVDs by mail in 2009, but they soon offered 100,000 choices to watch.

“My mom got it back in the day to watch movies when they first sent out DVDs, but I don’t really watch it now,” said Brittany Hendricks, senior.

“I usually watch Netflix in my free time or when someone recommends a movie,” said Alex Marshall, sophomore. “I like a little bit of action but I also like to throw a comedy in there.”

Andrew Hubert, sophomore, when asked if he likes Netflix better than regular TV said, “It depends. You can find just about anything on Netflix, but there’s nothing better than watching a live sporting event on cable TV.”

So will cable TV still be popular for sporting events, or will Netflix add live sports?

“I think Netflix should add *Platoon* with Charlie Sheen, greatest movie of all time,” said Hubert, “Also, I wish *South Park* was on there. Mainly any movie with Sheen would do.”

Maddy Keffler, sophomore, said “I think it’s worth it to join. I like to watch *One Tree Hill* and it is easy to watch it on my own time. So paying a small fee isn’t a problem.”

Many people like to binge watch on Netflix, which is watching a whole series in one day, or two, three, or more episodes at one time. According to Cinema Blend, 61% of people binge watch, 73% view binge watching as a positive thing, and 79% say binge watching makes the actual show better.

“I like to binge watch,” said Elise Jamison, senior, who enjoys watching episodes of *Criminal Minds*.

Brandon Gromada, senior, said “I’m watching *Breaking Bad* again. It’s a good show. Watching something over picks up things you missed the first time. I probably watch four a night and often catch something I missed, then it makes more sense.”



Boys' Soccer Summary

Chris Mediate
Sports Editor

The last few years, the boys' soccer team ended the season in disappointment, falling short in the State Tournament to Lakeview High School. Last season was rough, with a total of just six wins. The storied and successful program expected more, and players and coaches were determined to do that.

Summer training began one of the most up and down, exciting and enjoyable seasons the players experienced. The team was off to a fast 2-0 start that eventually became 10-7; four more wins than last year.

They fought and scratched through a notoriously difficult schedule. Unfortunately, rival Fitch wasn't included in that schedule. It was lightly drizzling day and, according to Howland's head coach, there was a number of key injuries on the Falcon's defense.

The Fitch head coach and athletic director called and canceled due to weather. It's speculated they canceled because of fear they couldn't match up with the Cardinals offense, but that wasn't proven. Regardless, Mooney's coaches were outraged and didn't re-schedule the game, and instead replaced them with Campbell.

The 9-6 record earned the Cards a number 1 seed going into the tournament. The boys' began the march by beating Salem in sectionals. Next was district semis against

Courtesy of Leslie Mediate



a familiar foe, Lakeview High School. It was all business going into the game with no one talking, it was pure focus.

Junior Goal Keeper, Dustin Hudak, had a huge block on a penalty kick that could have put the Bulldogs up 1-0. Later, junior Keyton Graff drilled a 40-yard goal off a goal kick.

"It was the shot of my career," said Graff. "It really took a lot out of them and let us gain back momentum."

In the second half, pressure continued and senior captain, Myles Harris, split two defenders with fancy foot work and scored a goal putting Mooney up 2-0. Late in the second, Lakeview scored, but the stingy defense held them off. Winning 2-1, Mooney snapped Lakeview's 3-game winning streak against them.

It seemed the stars were aligning, Canfield, who was believed to be the only team that could oppose Mooney in the district bracket, lost to Ravenna in a huge upset. Canfield was the defending district champion. Poland then beat Ravenna, making the district title game Mooney vs. Poland.

"I was very anxious. I knew it was time for Mooney to be the top dogs in the area again," said Harris.

Earlier in the week, the football team beat rival Ursuline, the volleyball team won districts, and the girls' soccer team also won districts. The anticipated soccer championship game was on Homecoming day, so if Mooney won it was time for celebration at the dance.

The win would've topped off a perfect week for Mooney sports. Unfortunately, this wasn't the case.

With 1,000 people in attendance, Mooney was up 1-0 the first minutes of the game after Graff found junior Nick Koken for a header. From that point it was all downhill. The Cards simply didn't match up with Poland's speed. Mooney fell 3-1.

It didn't end like it should have, but not a single player will forget the bond they shared, and the fun all-around season. With a bad taste in the underclassmen's mouths, it is clear there is unfinished business.

"I look forward to next season and hope we can find even better success," said sophomore Andrew Engartner.

Breyshon Lott: Jack of all Trades

Rayshawn Wallace
Reporter



Shakuilla Moore/The Beakon

Breyshon Lott is not only a star on the football field, but also in the classroom and on the stage.

Lott, a junior and a receiver, wears num-

ber six for the Cards.

"I was a fan of football since I was a little kid. My cousin, Antwan Dawson, inspired me to play, and he taught all younger kids to play," said Lott.

Lott, who lives on the East Side, has two brothers and two sisters, and he attended P. Ross Berry for elementary school.

"I was a little shy when I first came here as a freshman, but now I am part of one big happy family," said Lott.

"Breyshon has come a long way since freshman year," said Ms. Heather Sirney. "He is going to participate in the OMEA District 5 Honors Choir. This is his second year doing that. He used to be really nervous, but he's not anymore. He's a character, and he's been a part of choir for three years."

Coach Chris Amill said, "Breyshon is a great young man with excellent character. He is a leader on and off the field. As a

player Breyshon is one of the hardest workers, he has a great attitude, and is a versatile player who helps his team in many ways."

Lott is not only a good singer and football player, he is also a decent student.

"He's a very respectful student," said Mr. Rob Raseta. "He is very kind to his classmates and teachers and completes all his work."

Dr. Rich Mattiussi agreed saying, "Breyshon is full of energy and yet respectful. He has a great personality. I enjoy having him in class."

Mrs. Peggy Moore said he is also outstanding on the big stage. "Breyshon came into the play a little late last year, but he quickly set the standard! He is an excellent dancer and takes direction well. He is fun to be around, and he is dependable."

His friends agree. "Lott is silly, but when it comes down to it he will get serious. He is trustworthy, a good friend and a killer football player," said Grace Kennedy, junior.