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LETTER from the EDITORS

Happy Halloween, readers! This spooky edition of The Colonial is going to be filled to the brim with frightfully delightful articles, recipes, & even a behind the scenes look at Niles Scream Park.

Carve your pumpkins, get your halloween costumes ready, and dig into your candy stash as we dive into a Halloween special! Enjoy!



ASK A COLONIAL

"WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CANDY?"



COLE HUNT,
FRESHMAN
REESE'S



RACHEL HUNT,
FRESHMAN
HERSHEY'S



BOBBY BURNS,
SENIOR
CRUNCH BAR



PEYTON
SHRADER,
SENIOR
**BLUE RASPBERRY
RING POP**



DONTAY JONES,
SENIOR
AIRHEADS



MARCUS RANKIN,
JUNIOR
STARBURSTS



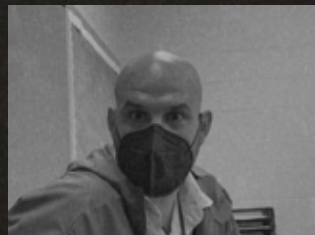
KAMARA
WOMACK,
SENIOR
SOUR PATCH KIDS



WILLIAM REID,
SENIOR
SOUR PATCH KIDS



EMMANUEL
PERKINS,
SOPHOMORE
**COSMIC
BROWNIES**



MR. ALRBRIGHT,
SOCIAL STUDIES
REESE'S

BOOK NOOK

MS. BITNER

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September 26, 2021 begins Banned Book Week, an annual event that celebrates our freedom to read! Banned Book Week spotlights our current and historical attempts to censor what people read. Libraries, classrooms, book stores, and theaters celebrate this week to provide awareness to the connections that books provide- between readers and knowledge. Whereas censorship divides. But what exactly is censorship, and do people seriously ban books? Here are some answers to your questions!

WHAT DOES THE FIRST AMENDMENT STATE?

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

WHAT IS A BOOK CHALLENGE VS. BOOK BAN?

A book ban usually starts with a book challenge. A book challenge is usually a written or verbal attempt for a book to be restricted or entirely removed from a library collection. A Book Ban happens when that challenged book is actually removed from a library, classroom or public space.

ARE BOOKS STILL BANNED TODAY IN 2021?

Yes! Every year libraries across the country and the world deal with book censorship. Challenges happen every single day! Bans are typically more frequent in countries that do not have a protection of a First Amendment Right.

WILL CLAY HIGH SCHOOL BE CELEBRATING BANNED BOOK WEEK?

Absolutely! If you would like to know more about Banned Book Week, or want to celebrate our freedom to read, by reading a challenged book, stop by the library! An entire display will be available for students starting!

WHAT BOOKS HAVE BEEN CHALLENGED?

Every year the American Library Association puts out a list of the Top 10 most challenged books:

GEORGE BY ALEX GINO

STAMPED: RACISM, ANTIRACISM, AND YOU BY IBRAM X. KENDI AND JASON REYNOLDS

ALL AMERICAN BOYS BY JASON REYNOLDS AND BRENDAN KIELY

SPEAK BY LAURIE HALSE ANDERSON

THE ABSOLUTELY TRUE DIARY OF A PART-TIME INDIAN BY SHERMAN ALEXIE
SOMETHING HAPPENED IN OUR TOWN:

A CHILD'S STORY ABOUT RACIAL INJUSTICE BY MARIANNE CELANO, MARIETTA COLLINS, AND ANN HAZZARD, ILLUSTRATED BY JENNIFER ZIVOIN

TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD BY HARPER LEE

OF MICE AND MEN BY JOHN STEINBECK

THE BLUEST EYE BY TONI MORRISON

THE HATE U GIVE BY ANGIE THOMAS



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

MARYAH HUDSON, 2024

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Migdalia Lopez, also known as Mrs. (or Sra.) Lopez, is a bilingual Spanish teacher at Clay high school. She was born and raised in Puerto Rico and also attended University High School in San Juan. At the age of 36, Mrs. Lopez came to Indiana in search of better job opportunities. In Puerto Rico, she started to learn English in kindergarten. Her mother was also an English teacher and had a big rule: From 5-6 pm everyday the household would have to speak in only English. When she was in Puerto Rico, she was a Spanish literature teacher. When she came here it was really different then in Puerto Rico, and for the first 3 years she had to do some adjusting. Other than Spanish, Mrs. Lopez has a minor in history and can also teach ELL (English Language Learner).

You're probably wondering why she chose clay? She chose Clay mostly because her daughter studied here, but also because she was drawn in by the dance and theatre programs. Years ago, she was a professional flamenco dancer on cruise ships. Mrs. Lopez is also our class of 2022 sponsor. She states that "it has been a great experience so far." Due to COVID, there have been a lot of disadvantages, but Mrs. Lopez isn't going to let that stop her. She has worked with these students for four years and wasn't going to let COVID ruin her experience being a sponsor, she is ready to leave a mark on Clay and start new traditions, starting with the senior parking block. She also stated that homecoming was a success and that she and the student council had so much fun planning the Coronation, and setting the timeline of the Homecoming Court as well as decorating the senior hallway. She says, "There is so much more to CHS than just academics!" Her favorite part about being a class sponsor is working together with the students and with the other class sponsors to bring more good things to Clay. However, her experience here in South Bend hasn't been all that great.

"I have encountered prejudice here in Indiana. A lot of people are ignorant of the fact that Puerto Ricans are born US citizens, therefore at least once a year I get asked for my 'green card'". With that being said, Mrs. Lopez has stated that while in public speaking on the phone or to her children that people have given her weird looks and audacious comments like, "You are in America, speak English." when she is fully bilingual. "Why do I have to speak English just because I am here?" is a great question that is asked by not only Mrs. Lopez but many bilingual individuals. Her mother has always told her "If you have questions concerning others, don't make assumptions, just ask the right person. That shows respect."

During the interview, Mrs. Lopez stated that her role model is Rita Moreno due to the fact that she was the first hispanic woman she saw in a movie. The movie she started in was West Side Story and that was the reason Mrs. Lopez got into theatre. With that, Mrs. Lopez had only one more thing to say:

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR MORE INFORMATION ON DANCES, SEASON OF SERVICE, BASKETBALL HOMECOMING, PROM, ECT!

DEVIOUS LICKS



Devious Licks. Just the statement makes teachers and janitors all over the country shudder. Google defines Devious Licks (also known as diabolical licks, dastardly licks, or nefarious licks) as “A viral 2021 TikTok trend in which American students post videos of themselves stealing (or, in some cases, merely pretending to), vandalizing, or showing off items they stole primarily from their schools, typically from bathrooms.” If you have TikTok, you have probably seen videos of someone stealing a soap dispenser or something similar to that.

The trend started in early September, with a user stealing a box of masks and captioning the video “A month into school... Devious Lick.” Soon after that TikTok went viral, and the trend exploded. People all over the nation began to participate in the trend, leaving schools shocked. TikTok even banned the hashtag and trend in a poor attempt to stop the nationwide theft. By that time, it was far too late. The hashtag had already surpassed 235 million views, with millions of videos made with the hashtag #deviouslicks. Schools all over the nation have been affected. Some schools have lost hundreds of dollars in supplies as a result of the theft. Toilets have

been stolen and vandalized, soap dispensers taken, even classroom doors have been unhinged and taken. Cities all over the nation have taken this trend very seriously, even involving police in some cases. Not only is the trend considered theft and vandalism, but it’s also considered a misdemeanor.

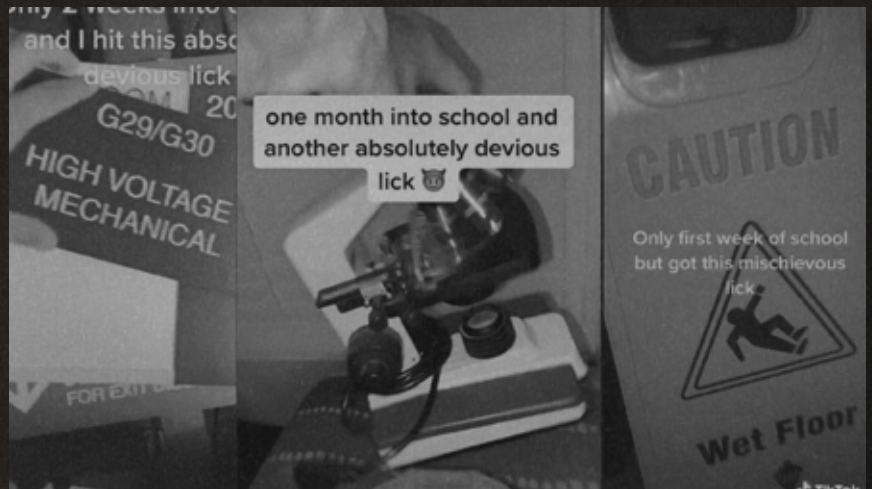
In Kentucky, a news article regarding Devious Licks went viral. The article stated that 9 juveniles have been charged in relation to the trend, each receiving 4 counts of vandalism and 4 counts of theft. Not only has the trend and theft occurred at schools, but it has spread to restaurants and parks. At a park near North Stafford High School, six students are facing juvenile charges after pulling a soap dispenser off the wall. Those students are not only facing legal charges, but discipline on school grounds. The trend not only can ruin your academic record, but criminal record as well. The trend of Devious Licks is prohibited in the Clay building, as well as any other school.

With a new principal in the Clay building, there are a few expectations regarding Devious Licks. Though Mrs. Schreiber arrived at Clay as the

Devious Licks trend began to die down, she stated that if you are caught participating in a Devious Lick or any sort of theft, there will be disciplinary action. In the SRR (SBCSC rules and responsibilities) it states that any forgery or theft under \$150 will involve a parent or guardian conference and 1-2 days of ISS (in school suspension). However, with forgery or theft over \$150 will involve a parent or guardian conference and 1-3 days of OSS (out of school suspension).

In regards to the challenge, Mrs. Schreiber urges students to not participate and focus on their schoolwork and student responsibilities. Many students here at Clay have been wondering about the status of the bathrooms and why they haven't been open completely. Mrs. Schreiber assured that the bathrooms were not closed because of Devious Licks but as a result of students not being where they are supposed to be. Mrs. Schreiber stated that as soon as students are in class and where they are supposed to be instead of huddled in the bathrooms or halls, the bathrooms will open fully once again.

At Clay High School, best behavior is expected. It is your responsibility and duty to fulfill your expectations as a student. Focus on your school work and get to class on time, don't participate in this trend. Think about your actions before doing them. Is it a good idea to participate in this trend? Will it affect me later? What If I get in trouble? What will happen to me if I get caught? All of those questions and more could save you from serious consequences and serious discipline.



THE OLD NORMAL

A burning question has been present since the beginning of the pandemic: Will we ever have our old normal back? Will the days of not really having to worry about germs and bacteria ever come back? That's only half of it! After days of staying inside and doing nothing, many people's mental health deteriorated over the course of the pandemic. Asking a few students how they felt on these topics, they had diverse responses to each question.

"The quarantine affected me self-discipline-wise." Sophomore Christian Davis says, "I couldn't really make myself do the work that was assigned to me whether it was easy or not."

Very interesting answers regarding the old normal coming back by Davis were said as well.

"I do think in time that our 'normal' will return. Emphasis on 'in time' though, due to the fact of how easy it is to not do what we need to do, due to our laziness."

An anonymous source has also commented on these issues. "I have had time to think more," they say, "for better or worse I have definitely changed a lot." When asked if our old normal will ever come back, the same source answered: "I think that there will be aspects of our lives now that are viewed as normal, that weren't there before. These changes will always linger now, in day-to-day life."

Clay is taking all precautions to return back to the most similar "old normal" as possible, such as enforcing COVID-19 protocol and keeping the students safe. Although our old normal may never come back to us, our future is inevitable; the old normal might be gone, but the new one is present.



JOC HEINRICH, 2024

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PUBLIC DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION

CHARLOTTE GRIFFITH, 2024

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According to Dr. Gary Chapman, an author and counselor, there are five love languages; words of affirmation, physical touch, acts of service, and receiving gifts. Above all such languages, one stands out as perhaps one of the most prominent. Physical touch, which, when performed in public, is known as PDA.

Social taboos around physical touch began to emerge as humans stopped being hunter-gatherers, and started farming; the concept of PDA can be linked to the first civilizations.

One of the first recorded mentions of something resembling PDA comes from Li Lou, a treatise written by the Chinese philosopher, Mencius, during the Warring States period. In this document, Mencius states that "It is the etiquette that males and females shall not allow their hands to touch in giving or receiving anything." To the ancient Chinese, public physical touch,

particularly between the opposite sex, was considered crass.

However, a few centuries later in Europe, PDA would come to be baked into the culture of feudal society. It was mainly practiced amongst men; One could kiss one's equal on the lips, while someone above your station had to be kissed elsewhere. Usually the cheek or the foot, but sometimes a knee. A kiss could be used in lieu of a greeting, to seal an alliance or complete a trade. And these rules were fundamental to European society, especially at court.

In the latter, half of the medieval period the tides would turn against kissing for two major reasons, particularly in England. The first reason for this was the bubonic plague, a pandemic that swept through Europe, Asia and Africa during this time. It killed about 75-200 million Europeans alone, about 30-60% of the continental



population. King Henry VI famously banned kissing in 1439 to help mitigate the spread of the disease, which led to the rise of gestures such as hat-tipping, curtsies, and handshakes.

The second reason for this cultural shift was the Catholic Church. The church had been having moral qualms with the practice of kissing for some time by then. By the 1300's, kissing had begun to be more widely associated with affection, and, in the eyes of the church, lust. These qualms eventually culminated in a ban on "holy kissing" by Pope Clement V in 1311. In other words, no kissing in church, specifically as a gesture of goodwill and peace. This, of course, left Catholics in need of a new sign of peace, and the "peace be with you" handshake was born; All for the express purpose of avoiding unnecessary kissing, by this point considered a venial sin. Pope Clement got his way, and public kissing would phase out by the 18th century.

Moving forward, kissing was regarded as something profoundly personal, almost secretive. Kissing in public was bad manners. According to one early 20th-century American etiquette guide, kissing was "A reprehensible custom and should not be tolerated in good society." That idea has somewhat stuck. PDA, particularly public kissing, is widely regarded as inappropriate, even if there are some who partake in it.

In more recent years, however, PDA has been reclaimed as an act of resistance, particularly in feminist and LGBTQ+ circles. According to JR Thorpe of Bustle, "In many periods in human history, women's ability to demonstrate emotional attachment in public was fiercely curtailed or thought to be dangerous." It was a massive faux pas for a woman to be affectionate in public, especially if unmarried. Even today, up to 39% of women feel that PDA has damaged their reputation; meanwhile, 57% of men believe it has improved their reputation. With these double standards surrounding gender and sexuality, perhaps it is only logical for women to reclaim that sexuality; to quite literally, stick

it to the man.

But PDA may also be a queer rights issue. After all, for centuries same-sex relationships were all but forbidden. If the church had such a moral panic over heterosexual kissing, the reaction to same-sex PDA would be unthinkable. For years, queer relationships were considered shameful, something to only be shared in private, shrouded in secrecy. Same-sex relationships were illegal in some American states as late as 2003, and nationwide same-sex marriage was only achieved as of 2015. "Making out with folks of a certain gender on the streets of New York has resulted in me getting spit at by a stranger mid-smooch," says Mariella Mosthof, a journalist and queer rights advocate. "When folding marginalized identities into the motivations behind and effects of PDA, things get complicated." So in denying PDA, does society also deny women and queer people their rights to self-expression? Is society actually stifling self-expression by discouraging such activities?

Perhaps. But not all arguments against PDA are anti-feminist or anti-queer. What about the age of the parties involved? Two consenting adults have every right to engage in PDA, but does the same go for teenagers? Legally, yes. If both parties are minors, (meaning below the age of consent) they can have a completely legal relationship, including all the acts of love. But is that a good thing? Is there a link between PDA and promiscuity?

According to the National Youth Risk Behavior Survey, teenagers today are far more conservative than their predecessors. In 2019 only 38% of high school students reported having sex, and only 9% had had four or more sexual partners. And with the prevalence of PDA amongst teenagers, it is safe to say there is no such link between PDA and teen promiscuity.

PDA is a complex topic, one whose roots reach ancient times, and has taken a permanent seat in the unwritten rules of society ever since. And whether one thinks it's repulsive or romantic, its effects can not be denied.

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Clay High School is most known for its extensive CTE (Career and Technical Education) offerings and the many Fine Arts opportunities. Let's explore Clay's CTE.

Clay offers many different CTE programs including Architecture, Automotive Technology, Construction and Design Processes, Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management, Economics, Entrepreneurship, Family and Consumer Sciences, Fire and Rescue, Welding, and Dental.

CTE classes are designed to let students explore possible career options while they are still in high school. An added bonus is the ability to earn college credits at the same time. Students in any South Bend Community School Corporation high schools are eligible to join any program, regardless if the program is offered at their school. Students are accepted in grades 10-12. Interested students should contact our career specialist, Mrs. Marcia Warter, in the Counseling Office for more information.



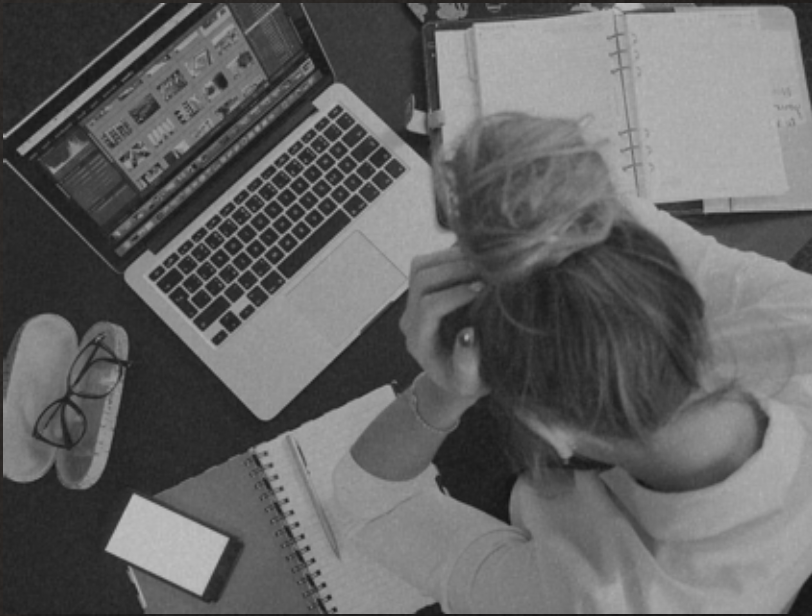
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SCHOOL STRESS

CHAMARIE GREER, 2024

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Now that we're finally going back to school for five days a week, we are all probably feeling a little stressed. Dealing with homework, extracurricular activities, and chores that you may have at home. So, a big thing that would help would be time management.

Time management will help you to work smarter and in a more efficient way. 5 ways to use it would be to keep a to-do list. Write down all the things you need to do on that day or maybe even do it by the week. Prioritize. Pick your most important things from the least important. You need to have structured time blocks for your work. Maybe start off with 30 minutes on each thing you have to do. Be focused and manage your time. Try to cut out distractions like TV or your phone so you can be more productive.

You also need to make sure that you have time to relax and have time for yourself. You can do little things like draw, go for a walk, or take some time and watch your favorite show. You should also learn to accept that there are some things that you can't control. For example, if your teacher is taking forever to put grades in there isn't really anything you can do about that. And if you're ever behind in school, try talking to your teachers so they can tell you what you can do. Or use the other resources, like the after-school tutoring program. Which is from 3:45 to 4:45 Monday through Thursday in the library.

Remember that everyone deals with the stress of school. You're never alone. We have fall break then followed by winter break, which will give you some time to regroup and relax. And remember to always put your mental health first.

THE ISSUE WITH TRANSPORTATION

MICHAEL SCHMANSKI, 2024
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The SBCSC Transportation has always been a confusing and complicated factor for our schools. Many SBCSC students face challenges every year regarding transportation to and from school. These problems mainly affect the students that ride the school busses. Those students who ride a bus might also end up being late to school or getting home later in the evening.

SBCSC Transportation is also starting to affect some students' learning. Due to a shortage of busses in the district, some students have been arriving late to school and missing as much as the first few periods. In an interview with Clay's new principal, Mrs. Schreiber, she had this to say.

"The issues are frustrating, but we have to remember that this is a very large school district." When asked about the problems with tardies and absences she responded with, "The number of absences and tardies we have are not due to the buses being late, as much as students just refusing to go to their classes." Mrs. Schreiber also stated that our schools' after-school activity busses also cause problems.



HISTORY OF CHS

We all walk into the same building every day, looking at the same walls and the same floors, but do we really know where Clay High School really comes from? Do we even know who the school was named after?

Let's start from the beginning. By the beginning, I mean the guy that the school was named after. Henry Clay was an attorney and statesman that represented the state of Kentucky in both the U.S Senate and House of Representatives. Although he sought the presidency, Clay was beaten by John Adams. He died in 1852 from tuberculosis.

Clay wasn't always just named Clay High School. It was actually named Washington-Clay High school, with this being shown in locations like the front lobby. George Washington was the first president of the United States of America, being the main general in the Revolutionary War, but dying of acute bacterial epiglottitis, inflammation of the windpipe and essentially suffocating him, in 1799.

Now, let's move on to the actual building. Washington-Clay was

(opened north of the current CIA torn down and is now a baseball field) where the current CIA/ (at some time moved to Darden then the current building) Darden Elementary building was in 1939, moving buildings in 1976 to the current building that we're in right now. It was in Clay township, where Georgetown, a neighborhood just east of Clay High School, didn't even exist and was all wooded until then.

As for the land plot of the current-day building? It was allegedly a field before Clay High School was built. The building was built from 1976 to 1979, the year that it also welcomed its first batch of students.

Ms. King-O'Brien, the government teacher and the peer tutoring teacher of Clay High School, was the class of 1979. However, her father, Mr. King taught from 1956 and retired in 1993. Ms. O'Brien attended the school from her sophomore year to senior year. She was the first class to be in the current-day building. O'Brien swam for Clay High school, being on the State Championship swim team in 1976. After graduating in 1979,



OLI HUPP, 2022

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MS. BEARD (FINE ARTS COORDINATOR)
MR. HARTMAN (ATHLETIC DIRECTOR)
MS. HENDERSON (SCHOOL COUNSELOR DIRECTOR)
MRS. O'BLENIS (GOVERNMENT AND PEER TUTOR TEACHER)*

*CLAY GRADUATES
MRS. O'BLENIS (CLASS OF 1979)
MR. DETTMAN (CLASS OF 1984)
MS. HENDERSON (CLASS OF 1986)
MRS. SHAFER (CLASS OF 1986)
MR. NOBLE (CLASS OF 2016)
MR. LOVE (CLASS OF 1986)
MR. KASPER (CLASS UNKNOWN)
MR. CARPENTER (CLASS UNKNOWN)*

she taught at Navarre and Brown before returning to her alma mater in the early 2000's.

The schools and surrounding communities, however, weren't as inclusive as they are today. "The schools were segregated," O'Brien recalled, "Clay was a neighborhood school. So you went to school with all the neighbor kids, but no diversity. There was only one African American in my class." Although desegregation was becoming more of an issue as O'Brien went through high school, "It didn't occur until my brother's class in the early 80's, though."

SBCSC officially desegregated in 1981, Clay High School included. As a result of being integrated into SBCSC, removing the Washington from Washington-Clay, thanks to Washington High School already existing when Clay had integrated. Thanks to this, more diversity was included in Clay High, eliminating segregation with each year passing.

The 1990's and early 2000's were basically a sports 'Golden Age' for Clay. Several championships have been won in this time, the most notable being the 1994 state championship for the boys basketball team. Mr. Hartman, the athletic director of Clay High School, explained the general era of the 1990's when it came to sports.

"We had a lot of success in the early 90s and early 2000s." Mr. Hartman recalls. Success was indeed had during these times.

Unfortunately, sports have experienced some cutbacks from the lack of players.

"We went from a school with almost 1,800 kids to a school with 800." Mr. Hartman said, "you're looking at a student population that a number of students came to Clay for the Fine Arts. Fine Arts students are not always athletes. [...] We just don't have the same number of athletes or students that we used to have." A number of those students have gone an alternative route, it being the magnet program.

The magnet was created on a giant grant, given to the schools. Adams was assigned the International Baccalaureate magnet, Riley the Engineering magnet, Washington the Medical magnet, and Clay the Fine Arts magnet.

"Mrs. Butler created the magnet program." Ms. Beard says. Mrs. Butler was the former Fine Arts coordinator for Clay High School before Ms. Beard. Subsequently, she also created the magnet program in 2005, "She did so much research, she visited other magnets in other states to find out the best way to do it. Then, she created it."

Clay High School then had its final remodel in 2008, adding on the piano lab (Which was pretty much just a closet before the remodel) and the risers in the choir room were removed. From then on, everything supposedly was doing fine for Clay High for the next 12 years, with it being the only self-sustaining school for its magnet program and being the first pick for the most prestigious events, the 2019 Iowa caucus being among the most notable events.

And then COVID-19 hit.

COVID-19 is the current pandemic that is no stranger to this newspaper, however, the damages that were created from it were humongous to both the fine arts and athletics in 2020. Everything was too dangerous, from tackling others to the ground to others simply trying to sing. It's a rough time, but Clay has always been known to bounce back. Thankfully, things have been turning to normal in 2021, and maybe will be back to complete normal by 2022 if we're lucky.

Slowly but surely, the Clay High School that we now know and love came to life. From desegregating the schools to the impressive sports history that took place in this building. Unfortunately, not everything is covered in this article like the remodels that have happened to Clay High School. Though, quite a few of the teachers here were Clay graduates. Try talking with them and learn a little history yourself!

SPOOKY SPIDER TREATS

This recipe is a great way to stay festive for this upcoming Halloween season. Don't worry, Rice Krispie treats are easier to make than they seem. These few steps will even walk you through it.

First, you will need these things:

Your choice of Rice Krispies

Marshmallows

Butter

Vanilla extract

Pretzel sticks (optional)

M&Ms (optional)

A dish to put the Rice Krispies in

A pot big enough for the desired amount (around 3-4 quarts)

A spatula

Some parchment paper

The amounts that you want to make will depend on the number of ingredients that you use. I am going to go with:

A stick and a half of butter (about 1 1/2 cups).

It is best to use mini marshmallows for this. 11 cups or about 20 ounces of mini marshmallows.

A teaspoon of vanilla extract.

9 cups of Cocoa Krispies.

Now you'll want to line a wide baking dish with

parchment paper. Lightly grease the parchment paper with some cooking spray or some cooking oil on a paper towel. Start to melt the butter in the pan over medium-low heat.

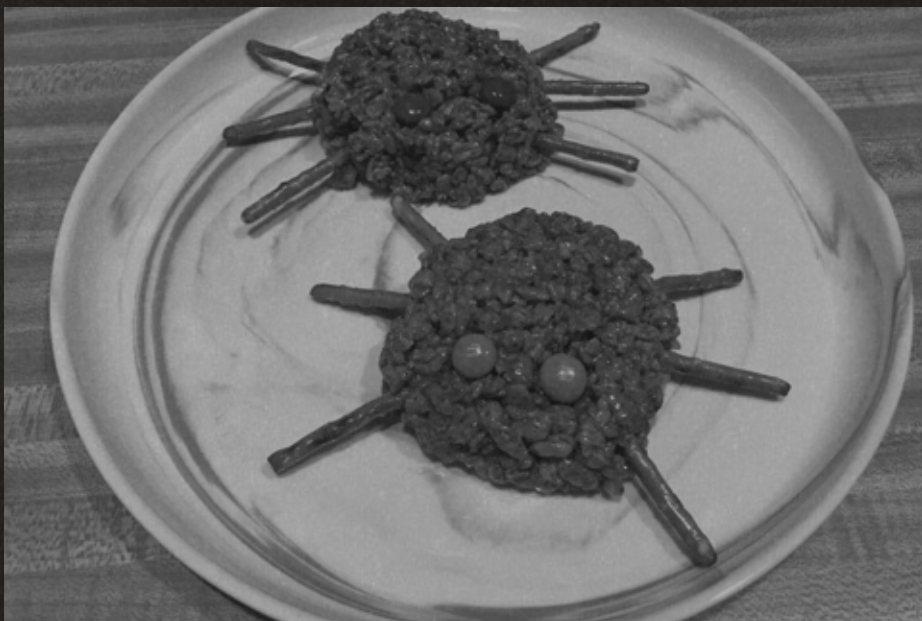
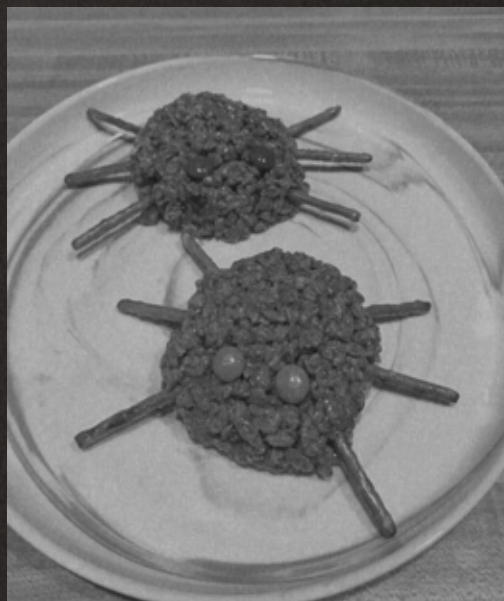
Once the butter is melted add the marshmallows. Stir the marshmallows continuously until they are completely melted. Once melted, add your vanilla extract and the cereal. Stir everything together. After combining, add to your baking dish. Smooth the Rice Krispies into the pan while being careful not to pack it down too hard. Allow to set completely (About 1-2 hours).

Since I am making these into the "Spiders" I am going to use a cup to cut mine into circles. After that, I am going to put the pretzel sticks around the side to make them look like the legs & 2 M&Ms on each one to look like eyes.

Now your Halloween-themed Rice Krispies are finished!

MICHAEL SCHMANSKI, 2024

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NILES SCREAM PARK BEHIND THE SCENES

OLI HUPP & VIA LARGENT, 2022

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It's that time of year! Next to Halloween, it's the time for Niles Scream Park to come alive! For 9 weekends, Niles Haunted House will open and feature the houses that have been built over the course of a year.

The main house theme for this year is Nuclear Nightmare, where it will take you into a nuclear wasteland, with many Fallout references to spare. You can get into the main haunted house for 15\$. The side house theme will be The Gruesome Gallery, a wax museum collection full of classic monsters and artifacts that could lead to dark magic after dark. Entry for the side house is 10\$.

The Haunted Hayride is returning this year as a recollection of the past horrors that Niles have hosted over 50 years. Entry is 10\$. The Field of Screams is also returning this year! With a huge both outdoor and indoor maze, it's nothing short of an adventure. Entry is also 10\$ here.

Finally, back by popular demand, is Hooded! Hooded is the most intense scare that you can get out of Niles Scream Park. They are even amping it up by not only being able to touch you, they now blindfold you! This attraction is 18+ and you must sign a waiver in order to enter.

Niles Scream Park has done nothing but raise the bar on the quality and passion of their scares. If you think you can stomach it, you should most definitely go!

The Colonial was invited to Media Night on September 8, and was able to get a lot of behind the scenes actions and sneak peeks of the fun that you can experience.

