

# THE BULLDOG BARK



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## Our new leader needs truth, guts

*Without identifying a specific candidate, next President must fix country*

By Emme Reiser

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What does our country need in its leader? Has this question ever crossed your mind?

During the Presidential Election, those running for office try to convince you that they will "fix the economy" or "help health-care." Do you believe them?

I believe we need a leader we can trust. A leader who is truthful will earn the trust of

every American and will most likely be the best choice for President. They might also be re-elected in the future.

We need someone who believes in the American dream. Someone who believes in the American dream will stand for the people and not the government. They will also believe that the Constitution matters and we should be able to be free and speak as we please.

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## Traditions continue at 'The Gathering'

By Karlyna Kemery

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The Gathering is held on the first Saturday of October every year at the Seventh Street covered bridge. This event is when friends and families come together to raise funds for the "Rails to Trails," which is supported by the Northern Lehigh Historical Society.

The trails are used by the community for walking, biking, horseback riding, etc. At The Gathering, there are a lot of fun events, including the Duck Race,

the Chinese Auction, Bingo, 50-50 drawing, musical entertainment all day and the fireworks.



The Duck Race is when hundreds of ducks are released and race down Trout Creek. The people pay \$5 for each duck.

The mayor catches the fastest ducks and the winners receive a monetary prize.

The Chinese Auction is when local businesses donate items to be raffled. The items are displayed across the covered bridge for all to see. Guests pay \$5 for a sheet of 25 chances. At 9:30, most vendors close up shop and the lights dim for all to see the spectacular fireworks displayed right above them.

Each year, The Gathering is held rain or shine so I hope to see you there next year. Thank you for your support.

# Team 8's Walk-a-Thon exercises a good cause

By Jaelese Vargas

Team 8

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Walk-a-Thon was so much fun. We all had fun working out and it was for a good cause.

We raised a lot of money and we also had lots of fun. We were able to bring our electronics to listen to music while we walked or ran.

Our teachers marked how many times we went around the track (how many laps). The most laps done were 22 laps and the team that won was the White Team; they did really well.

The Walk-a-Thon was such a great way to raise money and have fun outdoors.



## May the best man win, for our country's sake



### Election, from page 1

We need someone who has the guts to lead our country. Someone who has the guts to lead our country would help a lot. They would make living in our country worthwhile (not saying that to offend anyone).

What I mean by *worthwhile* is turning the country around to how our founding fathers wanted it to be and turning the economy back to normal.

These are traits in a leader that I think should have a good effect on our country and turn it back to what it needs to be.

# More outdoor fun from the Walk-a-Thon



# Teens do not need to dive down the spiral

*Sadness, depression and suicide hinder young adults' normal lives*

By Danielle Doll

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I know it's easy to fall into a depression because of so many things. Whether it's because of your home-life, school-life, cyber bullying, or all three, it hits you hard. It really sends you down into a spiral.

You don't really feel like doing much, because nothing makes you feel enthusiastic anymore and it's mainly because of what's on your mind. Sometimes we forget how much we're wanted and needed here.

Sometimes we forget who we are because of what society has made you think 'beautiful' or 'normal' is. But when this happens you need to step out of the colorful film we call *life*, and look at what we have.

You'll see all the people that would cheer you on if you did something great in class, or on the football team, maybe even your school's chess team.

You'll also see the people that love you. If you don't see anyone, you need to make some changes in your story.

If something or someone is making you feel depressed, or they're deprecating you to a crumb, you need to tell someone.

Think of all the days you've wasted listening to them scream into your face and threaten to smack you. That's not how you deserve to be treated.

I don't care if you're sup-

posed to respect your elders; in that instant it's your life they're wrecking. You need to get out of that place and tell someone that you can trust. A best friend, a teacher, a fireman, or a therapist: they'll do as much as they can to help.

But most importantly don't listen to what they're saying, because chances are, they're too ignorant and ridiculous to see how amazing you are. Always remember that you define beauty yourself. Be weird, be funny, be kind, be geeky, and be bold.



At school it's basically the food chain. People pick on each other, gossip and physically bully kids until we're all tired and maimed.

Kids can be cruel, and sometimes some of them will make you wonder about humanity. If they're picking on you and pointing out your flaws, tell someone.

Tell your teacher or the principal, because if you don't they're just going to wear you down to a pulp.

You need to fill your life with people you can count on, people who will love you for you. Most importantly, you need to rid the people who are making you feel suicidal.

You also need to find someone who will listen to what you have to say when you aren't so sure about things.

So remember someone will always love and care about you; no matter how dark things look, there will always be a light.



**Kat Redline and Katie Hoffman pitched two great games at a softball tournament on Sept. 28 and 29. The team met professional softball pitcher and Olympian Jennie Finch who was there because it was her sponsored tournament, “The Finches Aces Invitational.” In response, Kat said, “When I first saw her, I didn’t believe it because she has been my idol since I was 4 years old. I fell to the ground crying when she walked by.” Katie said, “It was awesome meeting Jennie Finch. I felt so nervous and excited to meet her. She turned out to be fun and I enjoyed the experience.”**

# So, you're a bully... Feel better about yourself?

By Journey Torres

*Team 7*

I have seen many cases of bullying in my school but the most I see is directed at a specific girl. It started at Peters Elementary, then went to Slatington, and now to the middle school, and nobody seems to forget to make fun of her.

Everybody thinks she shows no sign of being hurt, but I know I have seen her crying and I don't think that's funny. It's cruel.

Bullying has been a problem for a very long time and sometimes people do nothing about it. Another case of bullying I have seen is toward one of my friends.

Everyone makes fun of her for being overweight. A while ago, I heard somebody make fun about how she should lay off the Twin-kies and doughnuts.

Sometimes there is nothing I

can do about it but I know I can protect my friends with speaking out to stop bullying.

Sometimes I find that people

thinks he is repulsive. He sits alone at lunch all the time and I think it is very upsetting to have to be alone everyday.



who are bullied and made fun of feel they have no friends. I have witnessed this. He is very smart and very kind, yet everybody

These are the reasons why bullying hurts and this is why it should be stopped.

# Knowing and trusting your true friends

By Rebecca Snyder

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I am 14 years old and we need to talk about what real friends are. Real friends are people who don't talk about you behind your back or are not friends around you when another person hates you.

Over the elementary school years and one of middle school, I learned not to be a false friend but to be a true friend.

Being a false friend to me is just a pile of you-know-what.

But if you think about it, being a real friend isn't that bad.

When people finally grow up, then they look at themselves from years ago and it just says how much of an immature person you are. I

think that true friends are here for



your party.

# 'Direction Infection' overtakes 'Bieber Fever'

By Darby Pender

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As I walk down the hallway, I see that the insides of students' lockers are loaded with One Direction! Throughout the summer, I think their fame grew!

Yes, Liam Payne, Harry Styles, Zayn Malik, Niall Horan and Louis Tomlinson are still in almost every girl's mind!

The boys have over five million Facebook fans and 3 million followers on Twitter.

They recently received a BRIT Award for Best Single "Live While We're Young," which is stuck inside many heads (mine included)!

With Direction Infection still lingering in the air, this thought came into my mind: Is Bieber Fever still contagious? Justin Bieber, I believe, is still out there! Ever

If you were Annie McIntyre, you are still deeply in love with Justin!

Although One Direction seemed to have won almost every



since One Direction came along though, he has faded away just a little bit (to some people)!

girl's heart, Justin still has a chance to rock hard and NEVER SAY NEVER!

## Who are these international 'cuties'?

By Kryslyn Fehr

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In this article, you will learn about each one of the boys in "1D," or One Direction: Niall, Zayn, Liam, Louis and Harry. Let's start with the only Irish band member, Niall.

Niall James Horan was born on Sept. 13, 1993, which means his astrological sign is Virgo. His hometown is Mullingar in West-

meath, Ireland. As you may already know, he is the only Irish band member.

His personality trait is known as the "funny one." You may notice his braces and his old teeth were known as "Irish teeth." He started singing at 10 years old.

Zayn Jawadd Malik was born on Jan. 12, 1993. His astrological sign is Capricorn. His hometown is West Lane Baildon, Bradford.

Zayn is known as being "the

quiet one." He has four tattoos: the Japanese lucky symbol on his hip, a yin-yang symbol on his wrist, his grandfather's name, "Arabic," on his chest, and crossed fingers on his upper-arm.

Liam James Payne was born on Aug. 29, 1993. His astrological sign is Virgo. Liam's hometown is Wolverhampton, England. Did you know that Liam tried out for

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# M-Rated video games: How do they affect us?

By Tyler Smith  
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What do “Resident Evil,” “Mortal Kombat,” and even “Call of Duty” have in common? They are all mature titles of M-rated video games.

Many gamers at our school have at least one M-Rated title in their house right now but many parents don’t want their children to play titles like the ones I mentioned.

The dads are usually OK with it because their sons/daughters can fake it.

Truly many good video games are M-rated but yet parents say NO!

Well, would your kids really do that stuff? “Call of Duty” shows what it is like in the mili-

tary. The Resident Evil series shows what happens in a zombie apocalypse, but most importantly, the game cannot really happen.

us to play games like that when it’s not real? Some games can give you nightmares but that’s only when you’re sleeping.



You can’t rip a guy’s head off with your bare hands.

So why do parents not want

In conclusion, these titles would not do anything that bad. So keep playing!

## Just who are these One Directioners?

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the X-Factor at age 14 and got all the way to the judges’ house before getting sent home for being too young.

Liam is known as the “smart and sensible one” and also as “Papa Smurf.” Also, Liam was premature as a baby and going through his life, he only has one

kidney.

Harry was born on Feb. 1, 1994. His astrological sign is Aquarius. He was born in Holmes Chapel, Cheshire, England. Before he was in “1D,” he had a band called “White Eskimo.” Harry is the “flirty one.” Harry also came up with the name “One Direction.”

Louis William Tomlinson was born on Dec. 24, 1991. Even though he is the oldest, he is known as the “leader/prankster.” He was born in Doncaster, South Yorkshire, England. This “cutie” may look like he doesn’t miss his home but he secretly keeps Yorkshire tea with him to have a little home around him.



# Disney's best villains throughout history

By Kryslyn Fehr

Team 7

This is a history of Disney's best (or worst) villains!

**Maleficent** ~ Let's go back to 1959 to a villain everybody knows. Maleficent's main movie was "Sleeping Beauty." She's one villain everybody forgets. Who could forget her famous curse? She's one of the only girl sorceresses Disney produced. Apparently she likes cursing people like Aurora to get revenge on King Stefan.

**Cruella Deville** ~ Next up Cruella Deville was created in 1961. Her main movie is "101 Dalmatians." She is one of the most hated villains Disney created. From stealing puppies to falling in barns, she's done it all. She may look mean at first but every kid will get a little laugh out of it.

**Scar** ~ Ok, let's go to a Disney classic, the "Lion King" created in 1994. Of course you can't forget the villain Scar. He is one of the meanest villains for killing Simba's dad, Mufasa. But the only thing he was angry about was his brother, Mufasa, getting the title king of the pride lands.

**Hades** ~ Well, what can I say about one of the most powerful gods? He may be mean but he is an awesome actor and he played well in Hercules created in 1997. Even though he doesn't look that bad in the movie, the Greeks

believe that he could kill a man only with looking.

The main reason I write this is because some people may look

mean but really they're nice. So tomorrow, be nice to people. Say hi to other people and kids, just be nice!



# Preparing for a possible zombie apocalypse

By Hunter Oberle

*Team 7*

There have been many rumors about the impending zombie apocalypse and there have been supposed zombie attacks in history. This all makes you wonder what if it happens? You may have many questions like.. How a zombie is created? Or how do you kill a zombie? Or what is a zombie? Hopefully I will be able to give you all these answers and more. I will cover the creation of a zombie, the anatomy, the best weapons and, much more. Here is your average zombie.

A zombie is basically a human who is infected with a virus. We are not sure what the virus is but some believe it is solanum.

Solanum is 100 percent commutable and 100 percent fatal. It is not waterborne or airborne, and dies quickly in an open environment. Infection can occur only through direct contact with bodily fluids. A zombie bite is by far the most recognizable means of transference, but it is not the only way.

Humans have been infected by being scratched by a zombie, brushing their open wounds against those of a zombie or by being splattered by its remains after an explosion. Ingestion of infected flesh (if the person has no open mouth sores) does not cause infection, but permanent death.

Infected flesh is found to be highly toxic. Humans are the only animal that the solanum reanimates. Solanum does not create life; it alters it into an unstoppable flesh-eating machine. Despite tiring (and continuing) searching across the world, no sample of solanum has ever been found in



nature. The source and most of the abilities of the virus remain unknown. The solanum enters the body when an infected person (zombie) bites you; the solanum is in their saliva or spit and when they bite you, the virus enters the bloodstream.

You are doomed after being bitten, no matter where the bite is. From there the infected blood will eventually spread through the entire body and one by one all of the organs shut down except the brain.

The virus will turn the brain into a self-sufficient organ no longer needing oxygen or blood.

Since all the organs have shut down the bacteria that protects your body from decaying is gone and the newly formed zombie's skin and flesh will slowly decay. After a new zombie is created it will have only one purpose: to devour human flesh. The new zombie has no memories left of when

it was human. We have no idea what is in a zombie's mind or if it even thinks at all. The moan is also a physiological weapon; after hearing it day after day humans will eventually go mad and often kill themselves. Killing the seemingly unstoppable zombie is actually simple: destroy the brain. No brain, no problem. Another way is to burn it to a crisp, but that would be too difficult. If you set a zombie on fire you take the risk of

burning down the neighborhood. Eventually the brain will burn but not fast enough. There are thousands of ways to destroy the brain from stabbing to clubbing. Some weapons are better than others. Firearms are great in some cases but they have finite ammo and they are very loud, bound to attract zombies from miles around. Also use common sense when looking for a weapon. Don't pick up an RPG if you have no idea how to use it (using an RPG in Call of Duty doesn't count). The almighty trench knife, nice isn't it?

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# What's 'in' these days; according to the society

By Zaquahn Ingram-Bryant

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Items that are in these days are pretty much ordinary things like the old but still new in popularity. Also, there are the new iPhones that everyone wants.

There are new musical acts like "One Direction." This is a band that is made up of five guys who are British and there is only one that isn't. Niall is Irish.

Also, there is an item that used to be worn on farmers. They are called suspenders. A lot of people want or at least wanted them. They are popping up in school in different colors such as red, blue, orange, green and many more.

Even though there are dozens of generations with things that people will try to use to be in the "in" crowd, new items will come and go.



## ACE Team: Attention all eighth-graders

Are you really good at something? Literature, science, math, social studies? Do you like trivia? Do you like to compete against others to show how much you know? If you answered *yes* to any of these the ACADEMIC CHALLENGE EIGHTH COMPETI-

TION (ACE TEAM) may be for you. ACE is a team of 8<sup>th</sup> graders who compete against other schools in our area. Not everyone who signs up will make the team, but six lucky 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be selected based on a quiz of trivia. A sign-up sheet will appear on the

wall outside room 31 in early November. Last year our team made it to the finals, we placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and this year our goal is to be #1! If you have questions about this unique and exciting opportunity, see Mrs. Lieberman in room 31, 8<sup>th</sup> period, any day.

## If they come for us, will we be ready?

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There is so much more that I can explain to you. I only wrote the minimum about zombies but there is way more. I hope now you have newfound confidence about the apocalypse and with this you will no longer be prey and you will no longer be a meal. You will be a survivor.

But here are some survival tips just in case: 1. Always think one step ahead. 2. When planning,

do not ever expect things to turn out right. Always have multiple escape routes and backup plans for each step you take. If you're not always prepared, one miscue could leave you a stranded midnight snack. Take out the brain. Thousands of ways to do it; only one goal. 3. Be ready to move. 4. An attack can come from anywhere at any time. Always have your to-go pack and weapons in close proximity so if you need to bolt in a hurry, you will not have

to waste any time. 5. Don't panic. Sure there may be 50 zombies at your front door but what will panicking help?

It will only get you killed faster. Instead, take a second (if you have one) and make a plan to survive.

Panicking will only leave you open to making stupid decisions and most likely wanting to dine on human flesh yourself.

# Super Bowl should kick off on a Saturday

By Rachel Holmes

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I think the Super Bowl should be on Saturday instead of a Sunday. A reason I think this is because a lot of men and women have jobs on Monday morning. It is not fair to them to have to get up early. If it is on a Saturday, they can sleep in the next morning. Also, most children are into

watching the Super Bowl too. This is also not fair to them to have to go to bed early on Sunday night to get up for school on Monday.

Last week, I went into Northern Lehigh Middle School's hallways to ask people what they thought.

Seventh-grader Joe Chirico said, "Many people need a chance to sleep in on Sunday morning."

Also, Mr. Graver said, "A lot of people like to have Super Bowl parties; if they do, they would need a chance to recover and clean up their house on Sunday."

What do you think? Do you agree or disagree with this? Many people think the Super Bowl should be on Saturday instead of Sunday. Maybe someday this will happen.

## Chuck Norris: The King of Awesomeness

By Amelita Pjetrovic

*Team 7*

I am a fan of Chuck Norris. He is the King of Awesomeness. He should be voted "Greatest Man Alive" in the world record books. He is amazing. But enough about me; let's talk more about him.

Saying that you're a fan doesn't mean you actually are one. In order to be a fan, you need to know who he is.

For example, he starred in the show "Walker: Texas Ranger," in the 1990s. You need to know what he does. For example, to some people, he is amazing. To other people, he is just plain old

and boring, but they are wrong, in my opinion.

You need to know that he is awesome; no example needed. Now for the lovers out there; here are some jokes.

The chief export of Chuck Norris is pain. Chuck Norris doesn't actually write books; the words assemble together out of fear.

## Top 10 Mile Runners; intramural officers for 2012

**7<sup>th</sup> grade boys:** Richard Baker (7:41), Hunter Oberle (7:45), Trevor Hoffman (8:04), Jason Pepe, Robert Shoff, Chase Ohlson, Mason Seiler, Zach Long, Mike Yanchek, Shane Barrett. **7<sup>th</sup> grade girls:** Jillian Olewine (7:45), Kaitlin Hoffman (8:44), Kalena Wotring (11:15), Sophia Williams, Taylor Malloy, Kara Steckel, Tori Csanadi, Jenny Ni, Shelbie Hyrowich, Sagan Schaffer. **8<sup>th</sup> grade boys:** Ashton Bevans (6:14), Jacob Kistler (6:29), Nicholas Miller (6:35), Everette Bevans, David Custer, Tyler Smith, Wyatt Delans, Dakota Uhler, Ryan Hoffer, James Yoder. **8<sup>th</sup> grade girls:** Sara Hunsicker (6:48), Andrea Snyder (8:27), Courtney Arce (8:51), Ashley Wilk, Lindsey Rice, Jennifer Knerr, Rebecca Snyder, Monika Mankos, Danielle Fleming, Jocilyn Duschak.

Also, **Volleyball Tournament winners** were the Woodchux and the Contenders (7<sup>th</sup> grade) and the Teletubbies and the Potatoes (8<sup>th</sup> grade). **Congratulations to the following students** who were elected by their classmates as Net Sports intramural officers for 2012-13. President: Jocelyn Andino; Vice President: Zaquahn Ingram-Bryant; Treasurer: Dylan Berger; Co-Secretaries: Kiera Shellhammer and Anna Hillegas; Equipment Manager: Morgan Everitt.

