



# Lakeview Lately

A STUDENT PUBLICATION FROM START TO FINISH

## Talent Show

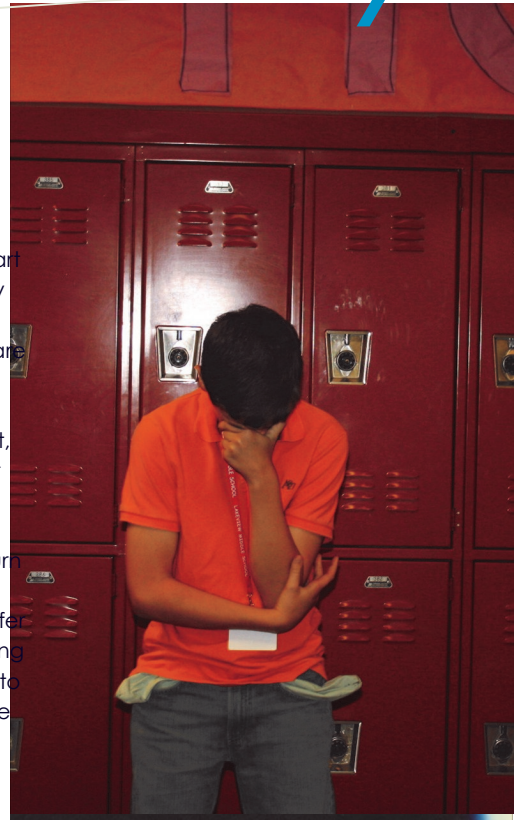
by Grace White

If you haven't heard yet, please remember one thing: don't shoot the messenger. Students were hopeful, making plans with friends. But what we have all been dreading has happened. The PTA has cancelled the 2011-2012 Lakeview Talent Show. But hey, now your Friday night's cleared up, right?

So yes, eighth graders, this article will mean nothing to you except for knowing the Talent Show is cancelled. But hey, you get to see "The Big Cat on Campus" next year. So now, pay attention "sevies".

You may be upset now, but you can turn those feelings into something else. Instead of complaining to your peers at lunch, get some people together to make sure the Talent Show happens next year. Go talk to the principles; tell them how much you want a talent show. When I asked 7th grader Colton Rich-

ards what he will do, he stated "[I would] start a petition. Letting [the PTA] know how many people want a talent show will make them rethink." "I think maybe the school officials are unsure about us getting enough education days. Maybe going a few more days would let us have a talent show." Brittney Gerhardt, 7<sup>th</sup> grader told me. Just talking the talk isn't enough though. When the time comes around, volunteer! If you let Dr. Keifer know that students would be willing to help in return for a show, odds are, she'll take that offer. Who wouldn't? If funds are an issue, then offer to have a fundraiser. If they need help setting up, then stay after school with some friends to set up. So, are you angry now? Well, it will be so much better next year knowing there is a talent show, just because you took the first initiative.



## Soldier Kills 16 Afghan Civilians by Josh Hall

Staff Sergeant Robert Bales allegedly killed 16 civilians in a small village in Afghanistan on a night-time killing spree on March 11, 2012. He snuck out of his base at about midnight and went to the village. A guard for the village thought he saw him, but he couldn't find him until the shootings began. Robert returned to the base at about 2 AM, left again, but the military is still not sure why he returned. He was arrested by a patrol outside of his base, and gave no fight when approached.

His wife is shocked at these accusations, and says that she can't imagine him doing something so horrible. He has two kids and she says he would never do anything hurtful to them, and their neighbors concur. She will prepare to defend her husband during his trial in a few months, and if he does go to jail, he will most likely not be leaving.

## The Innocent Victim

by Sarah Berhane

On February 26, 2012 Trayvon Martin, a 17 year old African American male, was shot in the chest and killed by George Zimmerman. Some say it's a hate crime. Others say it was an accident. According to Zimmerman, he did the right thing. It was a rainy day and Trayvon had his jacket hoodie on. He was walking to his father's fiancé's house after leaving a 7/11 with a bag of skittles, iced tea, and his cellphone. That was when George Zimmerman, a community watch volunteer spotted Trayvon. At the time, Trayvon was on the phone with his girlfriend when he noticed a strange man following him. Zimmerman called the police while following Trayvon and told them he looked suspicious. The operator asked if he was following Trayvon and Zimmerman answered, "yes." When the police told him that wasn't necessary, he agreed to wait for the cops to come and hung up. But what the police found was horrible.

Trayvon Martin was dead with a gunshot wound in the chest. Zimmerman admitted to shooting Trayvon for, "self-defense" because he, "punched me in the nose and beat me." Zimmerman hasn't been charged with any crime because there is no evidence, eh has a squeaky clean record, and he claimed it was self-defense. Americans all around the country held a protest on the one month anniversary of the death of Trayvon Martin,



## News

### Super Woman is Retiring!

by Mallory Trager

I met with the fabulous, high school-preparing Eagles Social Studies teacher, Mrs. Rhonda Lynn Turley. She is sadly retiring this year after 21 years of teaching and around 10 years in the military. "Are you excited about retiring this year?" I asked. "Yes," she replied quickly, "I am going to miss teaching very much, but I am very excited to be able to spend my time at Children's Mercy Hospital." Also, she would love to buy a beach house in Florida sometime to be able to get away and relax with her husband. "Do you plan on coming back and visiting the school or subbing for teachers while retired?" She replied with a joyful smile on her face saying, "I am not quite sure yet, but I think I might," she hesitated, "But I am not quite sure yet." She is most happy when she can see and tell when her students are learning something new. One of her most ridiculous teaching moments was when her students made her get up in front of the entire class and sing to them. "And I'm defiantly not the best singer!" she says smiling remembering her embarrassing times. Mrs. Turley is truly an inspiration to many of her students and co-workers. She will be remembered for being sweet to her students and preparing them well for high school.

## Fun at School

by Kaitlin Austin

"I think so...I've seen more people dance than in the past," smiles a publications and speech teacher, Mrs. Panther, when I asked her if she thought students enjoyed the dance. I asked, "Are there going to be any assemblies in fourth quarter?" She replied with a lot of information. "We are going to have media assemblies. On May 11th all seventh grade students that have held all purple cards with the exception to four or less silver cards will go to Power Play."

"On May 18th, 8th graders will visit Park Hill South, be treated to a picnic lunch, and have a yearbook signing that afternoon." Mrs. Panther continued, "On May 21st the awards ceremony will be held and much, much, more during the last week of school." I questioned, "Who provides the all of these events?" "STUCO provides and puts together dances, encore teachers work on the card parties, the PTA hosts the media assembly, and a range of other committees help with other events," Mrs. Panther wraps up.

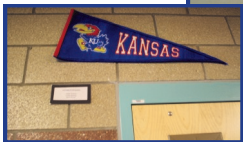
# Upset City by Matthew Dieleman



Last year's Cinderella team in the NCAA March Madness, VCU, has to beat USC and play in games against Georgetown in the round of 64, Purdue in the round of 32, Florida State in the Sweet 16, and then the University of Kansas in the Elite 8 to make it to the Final Four. This year's upset team was Ohio who beat the 4th seeded Michigan 65-60 and the 12th seeded South Florida Bulls 62-56 to make it to the Sweet 16. They then faced the 1st seeded North Carolina Tarheels and lost 73-65.

The two biggest upsets of the tournament were the Mizzou and Duke losses. Mizzou was a heavy favorite to make it to the Final Four, but before they could do that Norfolk State stepped in and beat them 86-84. K. O' Quinn had 26 points and 14 rebounds leading Norfolk State to a victory. "Mizzou wasn't on their game and Kim English didn't shoot very well," said big Mizzou fan Mrs. VanLeeuwen. Duke lost 75-70 to Lehigh who was also a 15 seed that beat a 2 seed. C.J McCollum led Lehigh with 30 points and 6 rebounds. That Friday was the only time that a 15th seed has beaten a 2nd seed twice in the same year.

The Final Four this year is Kentucky (that's no surprise), Ohio State, Kansas, and Louisville who beat Michigan State, the 1st seed, and Florida, the 3rd seed. Louisville might be better than we all thought, or Michigan State isn't the team they are supposed to be. My prediction of who be the championship teams are Ohio St and Kentucky. The championship team this year will be Kentucky. Kentucky has height, the ability to shoot threes, and they play extremely aggressive. Even though Ohio State has Sullinger, Thomas, and Craft Kentucky's Davis, Jones, and Teague are too strong for Ohio State. The final score will be Kentucky 68-Ohio St 64.



## KC SPORTING

by M. A. Herrejon

## The Offseason

by J. Hernandez

"The NFL offseason was a huge twist to the upcoming season," according to Tanner Alderson. The offseason has been a huge twist though. First, the Steelers wide receiver, Hines Ward, retires after 14 seasons with them. He won 2 Superbowl rings and won the MVP in the 2006 Superbowl. Then, Randy Moss comes out of retirement to play again. Next, the biggest news of them all happens. "I've played for a great franchise and my heart will always be a Colt," Peyton Manning says after announcing the Colts cut him. He ended up as a Bronco in Denver. "The Colts kicking out Peyton is like the North Pole kicking out Santa," Rodger says. Now it's Tebow Time in New York after the New York Jets signed Tim Tebow. Finally the Saints coach Sean Peyton gets suspended for bounty for one year.

A local team you may know are the KC Sporting from Kansas City, The Sporting recently changed their name from The Wizards and also made their fans more comfortable by building a new stadium to watch the games. What I mean is they now have a more European stadium format such as comfortable seats, more foot space, and a fancy design. They are glad to see that a team cares about the comfort of their fans.

The fans I saw down with are also proud to saw, "We are Sporting!" Why? Because the team has been doing fantastic! Jimmy Nielsen is doing a marvelous job of leading the team to victory with a winning streak. Shoot, you don't believe me? Go to their website and see for yourself! Even ask a hardcore fan of them and they'll know. How the season is looking is amazing with a record of four wins and no losses or ties. Headlines read "The Fantastic Four" about this team for the first time.

## The Artist Inside Revealed

by Tori Beeler

For Artist of the Month I asked students, teachers, and even the art teachers and they all led me to one person; Grant Pace. He started to figure out he was actually good at drawing when he was in kindergarten. Everyone told him his drawings were good and he thought so too at that time. Looking back at the pictures he drew, he states, "They weren't as well as I thought, they were actually terrible." While he was working on one of his many pieces, this one saying "emerge" with a butterfly on it, I asked him if he draws best with people around or alone. Very quickly and without hesitation he says he that he definitely likes to work alone. In this picture he was painting he says that it actually stands for gay rights and how they are finally emerging into the world and how he believes in it.

Although he is very good at drawing in general, he loves to draw people and they're what he draws best. Also, music, people, friends, family, other artists, and his own beliefs inspire him. He likes to draw he says, "Because it's a way to express myself. I sometimes even like what I create which is fun, but sometimes not." He also isn't sure about being a professional artist when he grows up. He is thinking about possibly writing and he really likes science so he might go in to that field too. Whether he is a professional artist or not, Grant Pace is truly an amazing artist in the eyes of everyone.

## Padberg Pride

by Samantha Taylor

On March 28, 2012 I questioned people about their favorite teacher: Mrs. Padberg was the most common answer. Now that I know that, I needed to know what was so admirable about her. In order to do that, I needed some information from peers that were or had been in her class, or staff that were close to her. I enunciated with Grace White, Marco Herrejon, and Mrs. Panther. Grace joyously stated, "Mrs. Padberg is my favorite teacher because she is really helpful, nice, funny, and she's always understandable and gives us extra time to finish assignments." Next, I communicated with Mrs. Panther, she had absolutely stupendous things to say about her that most students most likely don't know. Did you know that Mrs. Padberg won the Star Spirit Sward for having the most school spirit in 2010? Or that she's working on her Master's degree? Or that she loves exercising and being healthy? Mrs. Panther personally thinks she's one of the most compas-

# Features



## ISAIAH HOLLEY: ARTIST STAR

by Lexi Applequist

While talking to Lakeview art teacher, Kate Padberg, on March 28, 2012 in the art room, I asked her about some of her current students and art. Although Mrs. Padberg didn't take art class in middle school, she did take classes in collage and loved it. Her favorite type of art is textiles. After asking her what she thinks the most important thing about art is, she replied, "The most important thing about art is for the artist to be expressive and creative. It's also important to develop problem solving skills and to connect to other subjects and cultures."

She thought of the student Isaiah Holley when I asked her which student had made the most progress this year. "He has made a major change in confidence and ability to create art." During my chat with Isaiah, he said he liked middle school art and was planning to take art in high school or college. His favorite type of art is sketching and his least favorite is clay/sculpting. So far, his favorite project this year has been the endangered species project. He told me, "[My favorite thing about art] would probably



### MRS. PADBERG

Artists and art take over Lakeview in these people features.

# Features



## Deputy Morrow: For or Against the Law?

by Fiona Bledsoe

Lakeview's very own Deputy Morrow is well known, but before Susan was working with the law she was a typical teenager, herself. Susan was a self-described trouble maker, rebellious teen in her (even) younger years! "She used to be bad and crazy when she was a student in middle school!" says a friend of Morrow's. I honestly don't think she was that crazy, but she did turn her life around and worked well in high school, trained in the Junior Police Academy, and now works with the law.

While she may see some pretty crazy things working around KC, she loves what she does. When asking if she enjoyed her job, she replied, "Yes! I love what I do and all the fun kids I get to meet and talk to! I love my job!" She says with a cheesy smile.

A lot of students may not have gotten the time to sit down and talk to her, but she's all ears and a very sweet lady! Some students think that by 8<sup>th</sup> grade and high school you should have got it all figured out and that if you are bad now, you'll be a bum for the rest of your life. But Susan Morrow has Lakeview Middle School students inspired to dream freely!

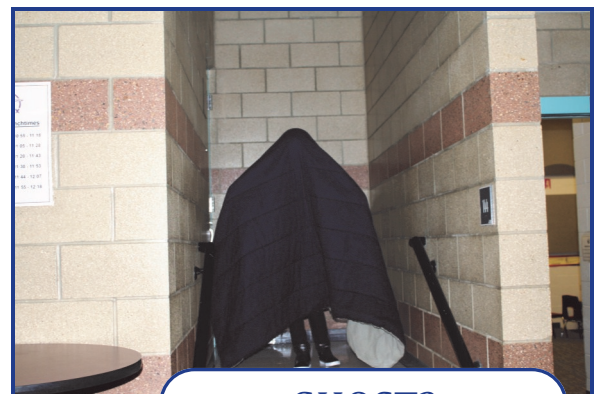
## MRS. BONO GOES SOUTHERN

by Daria Ghasemi

On March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 I interviewed the beautiful Mrs. Bono. She was chosen to be this month's teacher spotlight. Mrs. Bono has been teaching for 20 years. That's a long time! She taught 4<sup>th</sup> grade for ten years, 5<sup>th</sup> grade for one year, 7<sup>th</sup> grade for eight years and 8<sup>th</sup> grade for one year. All of these teaching years have paid off. When I have asked students they said, "She is so nice!" and, "She is a great teacher and makes learning fun." Some kids loved her so much they looped with her from 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Mrs. Bono is married with two kids; James who is 14 and Sarah who is 11. Sarah competes in dance and James plays four different sports! She is such a hard working mom. Her birthday was only three days after our interview, on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012. She couldn't contain her excitement for her big spring break plans when I was talking with her. After school she was going to Savannah, Georgia with her husband. They are going for nine days with no kids. This is a good way to get away from her busy home life. "I can't wait to spend time with my husband, but I will miss my kids. "They are doing many exciting things while there. They are going on a ghost tour, visiting art museums and touring historic homes." She can't wait! I hope Mrs. Bono and her husband have a fun time; she deserves it!

## Haunted Lakeview by Jalynn Sheehy

Today at Lakeview Middle School I interviewed Pat Wigger. I interviewed her because I need those ghost stories I have heard rumors about! She told me, "Lakeview is haunted!" Turns out there are ghosts here! Some people have claimed to see these ghosts, or have thought they heard them. Mrs. Wigger was one of the people that could hear them. She told me one night when she was here cleaning, she heard some noises in the gym. Lucky her, she was brave! Once she got in the gym, she heard basketballs bouncing and kids laughing, but she didn't see anything. A couple of days later another janitor was cleaning in Mrs. Elder's classroom and someone touched him, then he heard a woman's voice. The last story she told me was that a janitor was cleaning at 10:00 pm, and he heard a loud noise in the gym. When he went to check it out, no one was there but a puddle of blood.



## GHOST?

Ghosts, goblins, oh my! Tall Tales are always around!

The M.A.P schedule differs from school to school, but it always messes up our daily schedule. First hour could be your regular second, fourth, eighth, etc. But, hey! You get a calm period of time to relax, read, or write, and, of course, the free snacks! The Missouri Assessment Program is a standardized test in Missouri. It is given to us in a two-week time period. The state gives all districts a deadline to start by, and end by. This year, Lakeview Middle School starts on April 2nd. The whole school, though opinionated, has two sides to choose from. Extend MAP testing, or shorten it? Mallory Trager is Team Extension with her words of, "Yes! I want more free time outside playing with friends and socializing and GOOD snacks! Make it longer! Oh! I wish they would do it later in the day, cause most people are, like, dead in the morning." On the other hand, local featurette, Lexi Fitch says, "It's too long....." What are you? Team Ex (extension) and extend it? Or are you Team Axe, killing the schedule and cutting it down to size? Personally, I believe in Team Ex. There would be so many benefits! We would have a longer time to relax and read. We would be able to go outside more often! Most of all, it wouldn't be such a stress to test. Cram a standardized M.A.P. in with school, homework, home, and after-school activities, you just made a huge disaster! If we could extend the test's time-period in which it is given, we would kill a lot of unnecessary strain. If we can get rid of stress, test scores will go up, because when you are relaxed, your brain can focus on doing its mental best. In the words of the lovely, but slightly crazy, Mrs. Panther, "....Take away the actual test, and it would be ten times better!"



THE MAP CRAZIES

## Passing Time Tips by Grace Heinerikson

On March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012, I got the chance to ask Maggie Moyes on the Legends how she feels about her peers' use of passing time. She said, "...I think that some people choose to use their time irresponsibly. Although irresponsibility can be fun, it's not an excuse to be late to class. I blame this all on the irresponsible parents who don't instill time-management skills into their child's everyday life." That, however, is only one side of the argument. Legends-student Lauren Terrell says, "[Four minutes] is not enough. I think we need more [time] because people are still asking to go to the bathroom all the time."

Now, usually students are late to class because they needed to go to the bathroom. Most times when you know you're going to be late to class, it's a toss-up between your locker and the bathroom. Here's a tip: go to whichever is closest first. So, if on your way to class you pass a bathroom, go there, then to your locker, then to class. Another piece of advice is not to make a habit of it. If you're not constantly going, teachers will trust you more. And if you really don't think you have enough time, go to class first, tell your teacher you have to go, and ask them to excuse you if you're late. Most teachers will let you do this if it means avoiding a disruption later in class. Sometimes they say no, though, so you wait for class to start and then ask. Just a hint: teachers hate that. If this happens, wait until you're at least 10 minutes into class or the teacher is at a break and/or gives you work time. Then they will most likely let you go and take a pass, rather than a cit. mark. It is also helpful to have a purple card so you don't have to use a pass. Now comes the thing no one wants to do. Decrease your social time in the hallway, and focus on getting to where you need to go.

Use these simple tips to get yourself to class on time, and I can guarantee you'll find school a lot more enjoyable and the teachers a lot less irritable.

## Perilous Pants

by JD Nassab

Recent discoveries and interviews conducted by me shows that wearing pants can be dangerous. Here's how. Have you ever struggled to get your pants on? Darius Dedmon agrees with me when I declare that it is difficult. When it is that hard to keep your pants from popping, your circulation is cut off. Not only are your poor legs' blood at stake, but your skin is, too. The zipper 's cutting edge can technology literally digs into your legs. "Has a zipper ever cut you?" I asked Mr. Dedmon. "Yes," he said quickly, as if trying not to remember the experience.

Tanner Alderson, an 8th grader at Lakeview Middle School, also brought up a very valid point. He said that you can get your pant legs stuck in an escalator and it can cause you to trip and hit your head. When I asked if he has ever done this, he said it happens to him all of the time.

Another downside to wearing pants is that it is a fire hazard and a choking hazard. Have you ever choked on your pants? Probably not, but it is probably. What's more probably is catching your jeans on fire. Denim can be very flammable, especially when doused in kerosene.

Furthermore, pants are very uncomfortable. Cole Franklin agrees with me. Cole, quite frankly, does not like pants. So the next time you wear pants and get injured, don't blame me: I warned you.

# American Idol vs. The X-Factor

by B. C. Booth

People like American Idol or The X-Factor just because of the judges, in particular Simon Cowell. American Idol is a production on FOX. For Direct TV it would be on channel 4, on Cable it would be on channel 6, on Dish Network it would also be on channel 4. It has judges I am sure you have heard of before and have adored: Randy Jackson, Steven Tyler, and Jennifer Lopez. They critique contestants who show off their singing skill.

The X-Factor, American Idols rival is also on Fox, what a surprise. The X-Factor has judges Simon "Mr. Nasty" Cowell, Paula Abdul, Nicole Scherzinger, and L.A. Reid. Wow! Tough competition between judges. This show doesn't just let the contestants sing, but also lets them share how much of their heart is committed into their music. Some of Simon Cowell's best put downs are, "Your voice sounds like a cat falling off the Empire State Building." Another put down is, "You and Latin Music go together like chocolate ice cream and an onion."

"I haven't watched American Idol this year, most people watch the X Factor." said Colton Richards. "People watch the X Factor more than American Idol now, because Simon moved." explained Matthew Dieleman.

So, I guess we could all conclude that people watch The X Factor rather than American Idol based upon the critics that critique the contestants.

## HORRORSCOPES BY CONNOR LOCKE

Virgo (August 23-September 22) One of your pets will die this week, but to cheer you up, grandma will visit. With your grandma there, things will get better over time, but plummet downhill when you die in 2012.

Libra (September 23-October 22) You will meet Jimi Hendrix when he comes back from the dead and become great friends. You will die in 2012, but it will be okay since you die by Jimi's side.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21) If you see a shooting star make a wish—but don't waste it on something foolish. You probably will though...and you will die in 2012.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21) Your friends will all betray you and your school smells of fish (you hate fish). Things won't pull up either—you're going to die in 2012.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19) School makes your life miserable, but a mysterious frog will help cheer you up. Stay close to this frog. You may have a small chance of surviving 2012.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18) Watch out for fire hydrants—you will trip over one on your way to school and break your leg. It doesn't heal in time for 2012.

Pisces (February 19-March 20) STARS Tonight while you are eating Reese's Peanut Butter Cups you will find a double wrapper—this means good luck. More luck than you expected—you have a 50% chance of 2012.

Aries (March 21-April 19) Don't go to any parades—it will rain. Oh, and you're going to die in 2012.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Your life will be average, and though you won't notice until your life flashes before your eyes in 2012, it will have been boring and unfulfilling. Do as much as possible to brighten up your life, and it may get better.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) You will travel back in time and save someone's life. You will live a content life until the day you die (2012).

Cancer (June 21-July 22) Watch out for pencils—there will be an attack. Cupcake's will be waiting on your doorstep—don't trust the cupcakes or you will die in 2012.

Leo (July 23-August 22) A double rainbow is coming your way—stay positive—your life will be great until you die in the year 2012.

# One Direction

by Maria Hadley

"They are attractive, but I like them for more than their looks!" stated Emary Langhorn about the new boy band, One Direction. There are five talented boys in the band: Zayn Jawaad Malik, Harry Edward Styles, Niall James Horan, Liam James Payne, and Louis William Tomlinson. They not only have looks, they have talent. All of them tried out on X-Factor solos' (a show where talented people audition to sing or dance). They didn't know each other at that time and they all made it through the boot camp rounds. They were in the last 24 male soloists, but all 5 of them did not go through. Instead, Simon Cowell put them together in a band and they got 3<sup>rd</sup> place as a group band on xX-Factor. Now they're doing tours and they have an album out which includes: What Makes You Beautiful, Gotta Be You, One Thing, More Than This, Up All Night, I Wish, Tell Me a Lie, Taken, I Want Everything about You, Same Mistakes, Save You Tonight, Stole My Heart, Stand Up, and Moments. One Direction might be the next big star!