



Ms. Long Steps Up to the Challenge

Geneva Middle School teacher gets entered into a walking contest

BY KEIRNAN BRITTON

GENEVA- Competing with over 100 other educators all across Ohio, Ms. Long will represent Geneva Middle School in a competition aimed at getting “educators up and moving during the pandemic.” Ms. Long, a science teacher and cross-country coach, has been chosen by Mr. Kujala to participate in the “Step It Up Wellness Challenge,” a competition based on how many steps you get each day. Ms. Long started competing on Sunday, October 18, 2020 and will continue her efforts until Saturday, October 31. Going into the competition, Ms. Long was getting around 15,000 steps per day. To succeed, she upped her daily goal to 40,000 steps per day, which she says she has been achieving since her second day competing. Already very active, she ran with her cross-country team and walked around the classroom, but to achieve this goal, she started waking up early in the morning to run on the



elliptical and has been walking laps around the school. When talking about her favorite walking places she said she likes to use the paths at the lake. When asked the importance of this contest, she said that she was representing her school, and that’s what mattered to her. Winning would be nice, being awarded a \$3,000 grand prize for the school or even \$2,000 for second place, but she just wants to make Geneva proud, something she does everyday being an amazing educator and coach.



Mask up Eagles! Photo Credit Genevaschools.org

New Four Day a Week Schedule Geneva Schools starts new 4 day system

BY: SEAN WILLIAMS

GENEVA-On October 12, 2020 Geneva schools opened up their doors to both A and B students, this new system uses a four day a week schedule and will hopefully help many students academically. Although the start of this School year was rocky this new system shows more consistency and smooth sailing.

When asked about the changes because of the pandemic Bryce Peet said this, “It’s definitely different, but I like it because I get time to catch up on missing work on Wednesdays. I was definitely excited to see all my friends at the same time.”

However, when asked about the new lunch system he responded with, “I dislike it because I don’t get to sit by all of my friends, only one”

I asked him if he trusts the precautions the school is taking and he said, “Yeah social distancing I think, is the most effective way to stay safe during this pandemic.” Overall a good review on this new system.

All students who are not online only will be at school each week for 4 days: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesday will remain a cleaning and sanitizing day and students will not go to school or attend online on those days.

Online students were asked in early October whether or not they would want to come back or stay online. The response: approximately 550 students kindergarten through twelfth grade chose to stay online.

The Impact Mrs. George Makes

The impact that she makes will show us a hard working, creative, kind, and caring counselor

BY: ALLIE TENNEY

GENEVA- Mrs. George, she makes a difference at school because she makes a big impact on students’ lives.

One of the reasons that she wanted to be a counselor is because when she was 10 years old she lost her dad, and her school counselor really helped her get through that. She came to GMS because she was a science teacher at the high school. Mr. Anderson told her that there was a job at the middle school. He told her that it was a school counselor! Ms. Long convinced her, so she took the job as the counselor.

Mrs. George said that the students at GMS are fun and some of us still love school. And that every kid is kind to other students and their teachers. She said, “I like when students come visit me, so I can get to know them better.”

Mr. Matune says, “I love working with her because I have learned and am still learning more from her everyday.” He also thinks that everything she does, she does it right. And she does those things with a big heart. With that big heart, she opens it up to everybody in the building. You can tell how hard Mrs. George works to help everyone in the building to its best ability. To me, I think that she is doing great.

“She does truly connect with the issues and needs of every individual student.” Mr. Anderson continues, “The best part of working with her is her personality and that she is easy to work with, and she is one of his closest friends.”

Mrs. George has a great impact on her students. She helps them with personal issues with grades, social issues, and helps teachers with other tasks. She also helps kids with tutoring or whatever that you need help with (both interpersonal and academic). She recently took the time to call everyone of our online only students to check on how they are doing.

Mrs. George is a jack of all trades and truly makes a positive impact on teachers and students. So, she truly does her best at everything. She really makes an impact on many students and staff, and is very inspiring.



2020 Grape Jamboree Cancellation

Why Was There No Grape Jamboree in 2020?

BY: SHANE SERAFINE



Grape Jamboree was canceled due to COVID 19
Photo Credit: Google Maps

GENEVA—Grape Jamboree 2020 was cancelled due to COVID-19 and is hoped to be rescheduled for 2021. Grape Jamboree is a celebration of the grape harvest. Every year, the people of Geneva set up a festival celebrating the grape harvest and fall. About 1500 acres of grapes are

harvested each year in Geneva, Ohio. This festival includes a parade that happens every day of the event. The festival is 2 days long. There are many varieties of food in Geneva during this time, such as the “Purple Cow.” A “Purple Cow” is a cup full of vanilla ice cream and grape juice. People from all over come to experience this event.

This year, due to COVID-19 and its dangers, the annual event was canceled. Many people were upset over the news including Mrs. Pierce, Vice President of the Grape Jamboree Board. She states that the board deciding to cancel the event “was the hardest decision the board of directors have faced in the 56 year history of Grape Jamboree.” She says that her and the other officers, along with other officials, agreed that, “the number one concern was the safety of those in attendance,” which led to the cancellation of the event.

Because of this, many business owners, families, and parade performers felt like they missed out. Mrs. Pierce says that she missed the togetherness of the event. She also thinks that many business owners were upset over losing business. There was also no parade, which meant many couldn’t have the excitement of marching. Many wondered why the event couldn’t just be rescheduled, but according to Mrs. Pierce, the board is only approved to host the event for the last full weekend in September.

Overall, the cancellation of the Grape Jamboree was something that nobody from Geneva had ever seen before. The people that regularly attend Grape Jamboree hope to have the 57th event rescheduled for next year. As Mrs Pierce says, “we hope for a bigger and better Grape Jamboree in 2021!”

Band is struggling with Covid 19

How the School Band is dealing with Covid 19

BY: BROOKLINN WEESTON

GENEVA— As you may already know, Covid 19, a worldwide virus that has affected and killed thousands, has made the 2020-2021 school year Very different and challenging.



Band class has been especially difficult with the new changes. In Band there is no possible way to wear a mask (unless you are part of percussion). You also have to be spaced out a ton because your breath goes through your instrument. At the beginning of the year Geneva Area City Schools were on a hybrid schedule, which for the band worked out pretty well. Flutes and clarinets were in the music room while the rest

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Photo: Playing online instead of in person
Photo Credit: Brooklinn Weeston

Covid 19 in Ashtabula County

Covid 19 has affected Ashtabula County by a lot of cases and rules



By: Jovan Sanchez

GENEVA— As you may know Covid 19 has affected our world this past year.

Scientists are working on finding a vaccine for it, but it’s affected Ashtabula county. When it first hit on January 7, 2020 in Cuyahoga County, all didn't think much of the virus, but not too much later someone was affected by the Covid 19 in our county.

It affected the restaurants we eat at, the jobs we work at, the stores we shop at, and the schools we go to.

I have interviewed Diana M Sanchez, who is a Safety and Health Coordinator for A. Shulman. She says that, “We should fear the unknown and maintain safety and watch our health at all times. When this virus is over and when it is done, we should as a community keep safe and healthy as much as we possibly can to be healthy during these hard times.”

Our county has put in new laws and rules and Governor Mike DeWine has added some guidelines to follow to help us stay safe.

The Faces of Geneva Middle School

A spotlight on one of our staff

By Damien Anderson

Geneva, OH— Everyday when the students of Geneva Middle School come in there are friendly faces waiting for them. These men and women are the staff of Geneva Middle School. One of the first faces the students see is that of Mrs. Desmarais.

Mrs. Desmaris grew up here in Geneva and graduated from Geneva High School. After she graduated ...
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From BAND

...of the band was in the band room. When school went to 4 days a week the band had to move class into the cafeteria.

In a way it is better in the cafeteria, there is more space, which means more social distancing, but with more space there are always pros and cons. The cafeteria makes the noise echo and is much louder. This makes it very hard to hear Mr. Tredent at times. The online students are on mute, so that it isn't extremely loud. Mr. Tredent is always checking up on them to make sure they are doing ok and that there is no confusion.

Band class has definitely progressed since the first day of school, it is much more organized and nice. Online, the class has had some assignments to do on a website called Sight Reading Factory.com. It gives you different note patterns and records you playing it.

Although band class has quite a few changes, it is better to be safe than sorry. Hopefully the band and everything else will be back to normal in the upcoming years. Be safe and wash your hands.

The Afternoon Announcements

Mr. Clugh and his students have taken on the task of announcements

By: RILEY ANDRUSIS

Pictured below is Mr. Clugh
Photo from starbeacon.com



GENEVA- This year, Geneva Middle School decided to go to video announcements. Each day, they make a short video during 4th period and post it on their Youtube channel GMS Media, then teachers show it to their 5th period class. Mr. Clugh and his students do a fantastic job.

On their videos, they feature a variety of different things. They always feature the Pledge of Allegiance. They include birthdays, and the lunch of the day. Also, they say if there are any sporting events that day and give a summary of the sporting events from the previous day. Another thing that they talk about is what each letter in the word S.O.A.R. mean. They also do staff

interviews on Tuesday's, and student interviews on Friday's. They always include extra events that are happening in the school, like spirit week.

Earlier this week, I spoke with Mr. Clugh, the head teacher of the announcements. I asked him what the reason behind having video announcements was. "The reason behind having video announcements was to showcase more events and activities that are happening around the school." said Mr. Clugh.

"In the following years will you have video announcements?" I asked. "Yes, and they will be bigger and better." he said. He also said that his favorite part about the announcements was that it allows students to become more involved with school activities. The last question that I asked him was if there was anything that he disliked about the video's. "Not really," he said, "but it will take a while for them to be where we would like them to be."

The video announcements are a great addition to GMS. They get students more interactive with the school, and showcase events that are happening around the school. Mr. Clugh and his students do amazing with the announcements, and everyone at GMS hopes that they continue the videos for years to come.

Student Spotlight

Jaxon Streets

Ella Park

Lizzy Vacca

By: Ava Streets

GENEVA-Lizzy, Jaxson, and Ella are in Geneva Middle School; they attend here as 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Each one of them enjoy playing sports, or listening to music to get them motivated throughout the day. They all have different subjects that they prefer. For example, Jaxson likes language arts/reading class. Lizzy likes a whole different subject, social studies/history class. Ella has a different recommendation which is PHY ED/gym or art because she loves to draw.



Jaxson Streets was born in Ashtabula, Ohio, August 4, 2009. He is a 6th grade student and he loves to play football and listen to pop/r&b music to have more energy throughout the day. Jaxson also has a dog named Winston, he will be 2 in November. When Jaxson grows up he wants to be a Youtube streamer. Jaxson's

favorite movie is The Addams Family.

Ella Park is a 7th grade student and was born in Willoughby, Ohio, on August 26, 2008. She enjoys swimming, gym, and art. When Ella Grows up she wants to be a teacher. Ella Has 2 dogs named Jax and Turner. In her free time, Ella watches



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From Desmaris

....college she moved to Alaska for a time and considers it to be a second home for her. Desmarais and her husband Dave raised their 2 sons, Justin and Josh, here in Geneva. Mrs. Desmarais has a wide variety of interests, "I love to go fishing and skeet shooting. I also enjoy gardening, working outside, scrapbooking and doing my genealogy," she said.

Mrs. Desmarais shows so much Geneva Spirit. When asked what she hopes will happen at GMS in the future she explained, "I would love to be able to get back to the good old GMS, where we don't have to wear masks and the students can have dances, pep assemblies and all that fun stuff that makes Geneva great."

When it comes to her job here at Geneva Middle School, Mrs. Desmarais has a favorite part and a pet peeve. Her big pet peeve is when students come into the office and whisper. She said she knows the students can speak louder than that. "My favorite part about my job is working with all the teachers and staff. They are a cool bunch to work with and we have a lot of laughs and have become like a little tight knit family," she explained.

I know everyone would agree that we are so lucky to have Mrs. Desmarais in our office everyday. We are so thankful for her and all the other staff members.



"Jackson the Frisbee Wonder Dog"
Mrs. Desmaris's dog Jackson.
Photo credit Mrs. Desmaris.

...From the left...

The Office. When it comes to sports she is competitive, she runs track and swims and will do anything to win.

Lizzy Vacca was born in Mayfield Heights, January 31, 2007. She is an 8th grade student at Geneva Middle School. When she grows up she wants to be a counselor/therapist. Her favorite TV show is The Vampire Diaries. She does not have any pets. Her favorite subject in school is social studies/history class.



*Photo credit Mrs. George from school file

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(Mr. Kujala)

Addy Reece winner of class elections!

Addy Reece, pictured with her dog, is the new president of her 8th grade class.
Photo credit: Addy Reece



Eighth Grade Election Day Winners and more

By: Ella Park

GENEVA- Student council is very important to the school. If you don't know what that is, it's where eighth grade students run for either President, Secretary, or Treasurer, and during first period an election is held where all

eighth graders participate in voting, after that, the votes are all counted up at the office, and the winners are announced in the eighth period.

This year's candidates were: Lexi Besco, Bridget Doherty, Addy Reece, Kadence Pavlisin, Maddie Manupella, and Sophie Galliaggo for President. Abby Griffiths, Alyssa Bailes, and Alex Wand for Secretary. And the candidates for Treasurer were Emily Buck, Arianna Burkhoelden, Julia McDaniels, and Julianna Chambers. This election was held Friday, October 16, 2020. The winners of the election for the 2020-2021 school year were: Addy Reece for President, and a close second Lexi Besco for Vice President. Secretary Abby Griffiths was victorious and for Treasurer, Julia McDanial.

I interviewed Addy Reece about student council and being President. The first question I asked her was, "What made you want to run for President?" Her response was, "I was in student council in elementary school and I love being an example for others." When I interviewed her she was in a great, positive mood, and very happy. She always sets a great example for others. She talked about how she was surprised and happy that she won, and that she is excited to run the spirit weeks and dances.

Student council is not all about helping the school and doing things, it's also about being positive and setting a great example for others. As always have a great day Geneva!

New School Nurse New school nurse at geneva middle



Miss Ball school nurse photo credit Breanna Guy

By: Breanna Guy

Geneva- In Geneva middle school we have a new school nurse. Her name is Miss Ball. She started in August 2020

I interviewed Miss Ball. This is the result:

*Why did you want to become a nurse?
"working with people"

*What is her favorite part about her job?
"Working with kids and helping them!"

*What are your thoughts about covid?
"Taking the right precautions is key."

*Where are you from?
"Geneva born and raised."

I would like to thank Nurse Ball and all doctors and nurses for all their hard work. So next time you see a nurse or a doctor, please thank them for all their hard work.

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New History Teacher For GMS

New history teacher for GMS

By: Alexia Sherlock



Geneva- Mrs.Colucci, our new teacher at GMS, has been a teacher for 5 years, but has found a home for teaching history.

Mrs. Colucci grew up in Ashtabula. She used to go to Kent State for college and went to Geneva and Jefferson for high school. She wanted to be a teacher since she was little because she always found it fascinating and loved kids. Mrs. Colucci has two pets, a dog and cat, she also has two kids (one is 15 and the other is 2 years old). She wants to travel to Europe.

If she didn't do teaching, she would have been a dental hygienist. She loves the color purple and her favorite food is lasagna. What she likes best about teaching? "Seeing kids that struggle get that light bulb and know exactly what to do."

She hopes to continuously inspire the students that she teaches and hopes to make them be better learners.

Online School To In Person



Should children be in school or be virtually learning?

By: Emma Leverett

Geneva—On March 12, 2020, Geneva Middle School got shut down because of the Coronavirus.

Students had to do online school and it remained like that for at least eight months after it got shut down. Students started school back up, but they had to be separated by last name and only went two days a week. Now, everyone is back in school except people whose parents want them to stay online.

Student, Emma Leverett, interviewed Maddy Williams to ask questions about how she was feeling with the changes. Emma asked if she wanted to come back or if she would be remaining in online school, and Maddy said, “I will be staying online for the rest of the year.”

“I honestly think that online school is easier. I can focus on my work better at home than I usually would in school,” stated Maddy.

Emma’s opinion about this new way of doing school changes. She likes it because there’s only school four days a week, but she also doesn’t like it because she focuses better at home rather than at school.

Now, in October, I wonder if we will have to go back to all online school because of the Coronavirus. What do you think will happen...?

Ms. Mayle teaching from home

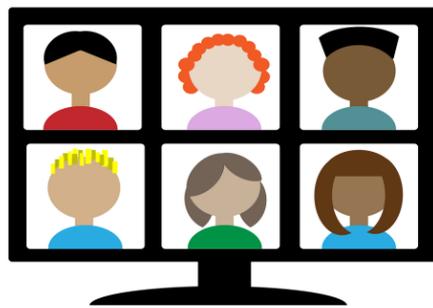
How is Ms. Mayle and how she teaches from home

By: Kendra Reith

Geneva—Ms. Mayle is a math teacher in Geneva Middle school. She has been teaching for 23 years. She first started teaching third grade for 3 years and has taught math for 20 years. She became a math teacher because she loved math.

She has 4 kids. She tragically became an online teacher due to COVID-19. She plans to teach this entire school year online. She said, “It is hard on me since I can’t get to know my students or meet them. It is difficult to keep up on work and emails.”

Good luck to Ms. Mayle and her students.



Why Schools Have Spirit Week: The point of spirit week

By: Tyler Shaw

Geneva—The reason schools have Spirit Weeks are to show a sense of school spirit.

School activities such as “Neon Day” on Monday or “Color Wars” on Thursday help to develop more school pride. Monday, Oct 26, 2020, will be the start of Spirit Week. On Monday it is “Neon Day”, on Tuesday is “Twin Day”, Thursday “Color Wars”: 6th grade gray, 7th grade white, 8th grade red, (where teachers wear old Geneva Letterman’s jackets). With Friday ending off the week with “Halloween”.

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Watch out Geneva, Miss Rice is here!



Geneva schools hired a new assistant band director

By: Ally Leighner

GENEVA—Miss Rice is in the building! Over the summer Geneva schools hired Miss Rice as assistant band director to work alongside Mr. Tredent.

Miss Rice got hired around the middle of August. She wanted to be a band or music teacher because she loved her music instructor when she was in school. She has previously worked at the following places: Lakeside as the music tutor, Conneaut as the band director, and Madison as a substitute teacher. In my interview with her she said “I went to the university of Mount Union in Alliance, OH.”

Miss Rice will assist students if they need help with playing a specific part in a song or if they need music. Also, if Mr. Trident needs help getting something she can help get that. When she was in school, she played the flute. But in college, she learned how to play all of the instruments (She likes to stick with the flute and piccolo though).
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Steelers Fan Mollohan

Why is Mr. Mollohan really a Steelers fan

By: CHLOE DODGE

GENEVA— Our assistant principal, Mr. Mollohan made a bet with two seventh graders at GMS before the Steelers game both this year and last year, saying that the Steelers would no doubt beat the Browns.

We all know that Mr. Mollohan is one of the very few Steelers fans here at GMS, but nobody really knows why. Sarah Cybulski and I talked to Mr. Mollohan about this and he said, “I grew up near the Ohio, Pennsylvania border, so I could get to Pittsburgh in the same amount of time that I could get to Cleveland” Although he claims to be a Steelers fan because of his location growing up (Trumbull county) he isn’t correct. Trumbull county is actually farther from Pittsburgh than it is Cleveland by about 21.9 miles. More importantly though, here at Geneva Middle School, where he is now, Sarah and I surveyed 300 students and staff. Of these people, 64.3% are Browns fans, 14.7% are Steelers fans, and 21% cheer for another team or they don’t watch football. There are obviously more Browns fans than there are Steelers fans.

Because he is one of the few Steelers fans here at GMS, he made a bet with a couple Browns fans, Mr. Anderson, Sarah Cybulski and I, both this year and last year.

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The Heated Presidential Debate

The first debate for the presidential election this year

BY: DAWN THOMPSON

CLEVELAND- Recently, Donald Trump and Joe Biden went head-to-head in a heated debate, arguing about issues in the world today and who should be elected as U.S President this year.

The first debate of Donald Trump and Joe Biden was held on September 29th at Samson Pavilion of the Health Education, in Cleveland, Ohio. The current president, Donald J. Trump and vice president Joe Biden fought and argued about who would make the better president. So far, over 47 million people have cast their vote. Both of the candidates argued about the coronavirus, health in general, economics, and more. Biden claims that Trump is xenophobic and racist, because he made a rule that Chinese people could not travel to America because they were the one who spread the coronavirus. So far, Biden is in the lead, and election day is on November 3, 2020.

Surveys show that most students would vote Trump rather than Biden. Someone who would vote for Biden (Jovan Sanchez) said, "I would think Biden would win because Trump has done nothing for his 4 years, but I don't like either of the candidates, but if I was old enough to vote I would pick Biden."

Student Zachary Dunn said, "I think that Trump will win the election because even though some people don't like him, he has ideas that are very good for the nation."

In conclusion, a lot more students would vote for Donald Trump than Joe Biden, and many students said that the debate was dysfunctional and educational because of how much both of them argued and didn't let the moderator ask the questions given. It helped people learn about debates and how the two candidates would help out during the pandemic.



President Donald J. Trump and former vice president Joe Biden talk about issues during this time and what would make them the better candidate to vote for the president. CREDIT- CNN News

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Another thing she mentioned is that in her free time, she plays in an orchestra and flute choir, a group of flutes playing together.

Miss Rice is here to help any student in need. So far, she fits right in at Geneva. Thank you for reading this article on our new assistant band director, Miss Rice. GO GENEVA!

From B2 Steelers...

The bet was that if the Browns won the game Mr. Mollohan would wear Browns apparel to school, but if the Steelers won, the rest of us would wear Steelers apparel to school. Last year though, when the Browns won the game, Mr. Mollohan did not follow through. Mr. Mollohan told us that he never said anything about wearing Browns colors, but Mr. Anderson had some things to say about what happened. "It is absolutely despicable that he wouldn't follow through and it is highly offensive that he would lie as a Geneva Eagle," said Anderson. This year however, the Steelers won, 7-38, so Sarah, Mr. Anderson, and I kept our promises and made sure to wear anything that resembled the Steelers's team.

Mr. Mollohan is a die hard Steelers fan now, but that is all going to change pretty soon. Mr. Anderson said, "He is just confused. He thinks that his geographical location decides what team he cheers for, but in the end, he's in Ohio, not Pittsburgh isn't he?" Why he's really a Steelers fan is a question that may never be honestly answered. We'll just have to wait and see.

---About our Editors---

Dawn Thompson



Dawn Thompson is a 7th grade student at Geneva Middle School. She tries to work

her hardest to get good grades. Her goal is to get into an art school when she grows up so she can express her creativity. Dawn is a dancer, and she has been so since she was a toddler. She is also doing cheer for basketball this year. She likes to hang out with her friends and enjoys the outdoors. She also has an interest in technology and a lot of science based things. She also enjoys writing, so she can express her feelings and ideas on a piece of paper. Dawn also likes experimenting with new things and making new designs for things. She also likes to play with her cat, Thunder. She is always trying to improve in school and everywhere else.

Riley Andrusis

Riley Andrusis, a 7th grade student at Geneva Middle School. She is an organized student and a "joy to have in class," says her teachers.

Andrusis plans to do track in the spring and hopes to get an athletic scholarship one day. She is patient with others.

Her GPA has stayed at 4.0 all of her middle school career. She also has a great sense of humor and loves to pull pranks. She's a friendly student and easy to get along with. Also, she is grateful for her family and friends. Her parents Frank and Stella Andrusis are very proud of her and wish her the best of luck in the rest of her career.

Ella Park



Ella Park is a student in the seventh grade. Right now she is focused on

school, swim, and Cross Country. Ella is a competitive swimmer on the spire team (L.E.S.D) Lake Erie Silver Dolphins. Ella also enjoys Cross Country.

In her free time she loves drawing scary things, she is very organized and is always looking forward to waking up to the nice spotless room and house in the mornings.

Ayva Encarnación

Ayva, A 7th grade student athlete, attends Geneva Middle school is focused on her priorities and works on defying the odds. Ayva



currently plays tackle football with being the only girl on the team she is defying gender boundaries. She is focused on getting an academic or athletic scholarship. Ayva hopes she can continue her football success and be the girl to be in the NFL. Ayva has set a high standard for herself and does hope to achieve it.

Addelynn Sheppard



Addelynn Sheppard, a 7th grade student athlete that attends Geneva

Middle School. She is hard working, compassionate, and overall just a silly girl. Apparently her friends call her Shep or Addie.

Addelynn loves helping people and getting the job done. Addelynn plays softball and volleyball. She loves both sports equally, but she is more focused on her softball career. She dreams of getting a scholarship for softball. She loves school, has good grades and strives to do her best.

Addie says her favorite subject is science. Addie is such a caring, thoughtful person that is an asset to Geneva Middle School.

Chloe Dodge



Chloe Dodge is a 7th grade student at Geneva Middle

School. She is intelligent, hardworking, and responsible. Chloe has earned good grades her whole life and has never failed a class. She works hard in order to get what she wants because she knows that you cannot achieve your goals if you don't work hard.

Chloe is in the Geneva band and is trying extremely hard to learn her instrument. She is working so hard because her goal is to get an academic scholarship for college.

She enjoys going camping with her family and hanging out with her best friend, Sarah. She sets the bar for herself very high and almost never falls short of reaching it.



A Little Bit of the Past, in the Present

Read to learn about the history of the Harpersfield covered bridge

BY ADDELYNN SHEPPARD

GENEVA—The Harpersfield Covered Bridge was constructed in 1868, and has been around for 152 years. In 1913, a surprising flood struck, and the flood washed away the land on the north end of the bridge, and subsequently the steel span was attached. The Covered bridge featured a walkway, added during its renovation in 1991–1992. The bridge is the third longest covered bridge in Ohio, at 228 feet.

The Harpersfield Covered Bridge is located on Harpersfield road and it's over the Grand River. Recently they added a new dam, started in 2018–2020. The dam cost 7 million dollars and they built a new one because of Lampreys. Lampreys are a parasite that feeds by boring into animals and fish to suck their blood. The reasoning of building the lamprey trap is because lampreys migrate to Lake Erie and wipe out the lake trout.

The Harpersfield covered bridge also has a park and family fun activities. The park has a north and south side, The north side has a nice simple playground where kids can have fun. There is a nature path through the woods and there are nice picnic tables and swings. In addition, there is a fun baseball field you can practice on, or have fun. Then on the south side there's a little shop, more picnic tables and swings. There is a little path that leads to

a little waterfall, where you may take pictures. On each side, there are beautiful pavilions where you can have lunch, a birthday party, or you can just relax.

Also every year the “Friends with the Harpersfield Covered Bridge” host fun events; such as the Christmas celebration and pictures with Santa. They provide hot chocolates, cookies, sleigh rides with horses, and also can sit around a nice fire.

A local member of “Friends of the Harpersfield Covered bridge,” Jakie Spoor’s favorite part of the Harpersfield Covered bridge is “Seeing how our fundraising proceeds have changed both

the north and south side of the parks for the better.”

It is not only the beauty in the covered bridge, it's the people that make it special. It is very important to many families and lots of other people. It's the memories that make it special.

Photo information: This is one of the Harpersfield Bridge's beautiful days. Taken by- IntuneDan/ Wikipedia Commons



Halloween Catastrophe



What is gonna happen this Halloween with covid...

By: Haylee Fabain

GENEVA— What is going to happen this Halloween? Since COVID-19 had started, it has been hard for everyone to get around. Halloween is just around the corner, and no one has any clue what is going to happen. We all know that we can't go to large events because of coronavirus.

Even though some places are open for Halloween, in these times, we would encourage you to stay home. If you do go trick-or-treating, make sure you are in the area you are allowed and be cautious about what you are doing this year. This year still has no specific guidance on what to do, but still be on the lookout for dangers.

There may be COVID, but that can't stop you from doing your own Halloween thing this year. Get dressed up, sit on the couch, and watch movies with your family. It may not be the same as every other year but sometimes different can bring us closer together. This year you could even sit in bed, and eat candy all night!

So far there are 8.78 million cases of coronavirus in the US on October 27, 2020. Make sure you do your part in keeping that number as low as possible. Whether that be just staying in the house or wearing a mask. Just know you are helping the world out. It can be very hard to stay in a house with the same people everyday, but you are making a difference in the world. Just stay safe!



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SPORTS

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More Ohio Girls Playing Football

Girls playing football

By: Ayva Encarnación

Photo credits: Ayva's mom Stephanie Simko. Picture of Ayva Encarnación in a football huddle.

GENEVA—Girls playing football is very out of the ordinary. Some girls are up for

the task at hand. Girls playing football in the United states is a surprising; 1,715 girls a year, that is fewer than one percent of the population. Geneva Middle School in Geneva, Ohio has a special case.

Ayva Encarnación, a 7th grader at Geneva Middle School, played football this past season and plans to play next season as well. Sometimes working with people who are out of the ordinary can be challenging. John Barbo, the Geneva Middle School 7th grade coach said, “Coaching a girl was no different than a boy. As a coach, I am more concerned about toughness, dedication, and coachability, and commitment than I am gender. Luckily, the girl who played this year was an incredibly tough athlete and a great teammate. Exactly what a coach wants in a player.”

Being a girl who plays football can be incredibly tough but can also be a new thing to learn about a girl. John Barbo said, “It was not a new thing for me. I have coached girls basketball for 20 years. I am always impressed with motivation and toughness. I always believe girls can be good at football, and this year it was proven to me.”

The majority of the population would recommend girls play football. John Barbo said, “I would absolutely recommend girls play football. I think the physicality of the sport may surprise them, nonetheless I would for sure recommend any girl who wants to play. Football is a tough sport and requires a lot to play. It is physically and mentally challenging.”

Furthermore, girls playing football can be challenging and take a lot of time, but playing could be a new experience that you can only experience once. Being a good athlete does not depend on gender. It depends on the person's athleticism.

Chalk Box Gymnastics

Gymnastics before and during COVID



BY: MADELINE WILLIAMS

Ashtabula— Covid has affected many gymnasts, coaches, and gyms, because of COVID they have to take certain precautions.

Over the years, kids have enjoyed gymnastics with little limitations until COVID hit. I have interviewed the current owners of The Chalk Box, Chrissy and Michael Speelman.

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Three local students play for the Diamond Hit Club travel baseball team

BY: LOGAN RUSTIC

Geneva/Cleveland—Three local students are playing baseball for the Diamond Hit Club.

Isaiah Rose, Owen Davis and myself play for the Diamond Hit Club. It is a travel baseball team that goes all over the state of Ohio and Pennsylvania. Study shows that over 90% of Diamond Hit Club players have gone on to play the collegiate level of baseball.

I interviewed two players from the team from Geneva Middle School, Isaiah Rose and Owen Davis. I asked them, “How do you feel about playing for Diamond Hit Club?” Isaiah said, “I like the team. I like most of the players.” Owen stated, “I feel good and I feel like my practice paid off.” Isaiah Rose is an 11 year old athlete from Geneva Middle School. He is in seventh grade and he likes to play Fortnite in his free time. Owen Davis is an 11 year old athlete from Geneva Middle School. He is in sixth grade and he plays baseball, football, and basketball. Isaiah said he likes the...SEE Baseball

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From Chalkbox....

In 1920, a car dealership built a building on Main Avenue in Ashtabula. In 1980, the building was empty since the car dealership moved on. Beverly Windle had a dream to turn the old building into a gym which opened December 1st, 1980. In 2001, Beverly decided to retire and Cathy and David Speelman bought the business. Then in 2016, Chrissy and Michael Speelman took over the gym.

When Chrissy and Michael took over the gym they had many programs which were; Run and Tumble, Parent/Tot, Preschool, Kindergarten, Grade school boys and girls, Tumbling, Girls Team, and Boys Team. Chrissy said, "Currently, they have approximately 250 gymnasts registered."

When COVID hit they were forced to shut down the gym. They were able to open for Team girls and boys to condition in June, but were not able to do any gymnastics. In July, they were able to open the gym up to all classes with several precautions. Chrissy explained, "The gymnasts use hand sanitizer before and after practice. Team girls are not congregating in the locker room, they wait in the lobby or main part of the gym." They sanitize equipment, mats, bleachers, bathrooms, common areas, vending machines frequently throughout the day. "We are limiting the number of parents that are inside the gym during classes. We have staggered a 15 minute break between most classes," Chrissy said.

The staff has been instructed to let Chrissy and Michael know if they have symptoms or have been exposed to COVID.

To put all the precautions into perspective Chrissy said, " We have been open since June, and we are averaging over 200 kids a week coming in for class. It is almost November, so in the almost 5 months we have been opened we have had almost 4,000 different occasions of kids coming to practice. Now, that isn't 4,000 different kids, but the same 200-250 coming every week for almost 20 weeks. And we have an average of 10-25 staff members here at a time, and knock on wood, we haven't had anyone get sick yet. We have had a lot of traffic through this building and we feel like we are doing something right!"

Many gymnasts turn into coaches, when they turn 14 most ask for a job. When asked what they enjoy most about owning the gym, they said, "Mike pretty much grew up there, and the morals, values, and life skills have not changed one bit for him. Chrissy: It is all for the kids, we know a majority of them won't get to the olympics or collegiate level, but they will learn about winning, losing, friendship, love, and pushing through tough times. We love everything about the gym, the kids are #1."

High School Athlete of the Week: Matthew Frabotta

By: Breonna Frabotta

Ms. Long cheered on Matthew Frabotta, Geneva High School cross-country team.



Matthew Frabotta: Geneva High school Cross-Country Team

Why he's Athlete of the Week: The senior set a new personal-best 3-mile time in an important moment of his life, clocking in at 18 minutes, 33 seconds during the district's meet in Madison, Ohio on October 24, 2020. Frabotta may not have placed in the top 30 to move on to regionals, but many are very happy with his achievements for his last season of cross-country. It was a hard race with some amazing times but

this kid held his head high, smiled and cheered on his teammates. The athlete started his career as a sophomore and wasn't too sure if he would like it, but he truly learned to love the sport and the team which was more like a family.

From Frabotta: "It was super important to me to do the best I could not only to end my career but to prepare me for the military. For a little bit during the season I was worried I wouldn't hit the 18's and started really pushing myself at the end. I was super happy to be able to pull off the time I did, and I was happy with what the team did as well."

When asked about his favorite memory, Matthew said, "My favorite cross-country memory is from last year, when we went to a friend's house to run. The whole day was super fun. We ran our warm up and then practiced like usual but then we jumped in the river and were flinging water at each other. We were all super happy, and the team hung out together in tents all night long. I'm for sure going to miss the boys."

Matthew Frabotta has successfully finished the 2020 season of cross country and is looking forward to wrestling season which will start soon. He is trying to live his life to the fullest for his senior year of high school before he joins the U.S. Army next year in the summer.

From Baseball....

experience so far, it helps his arm a lot. Owen said that he has been using bands and doing band work to get ready for the season, although he has been playing football. I asked him if he is excited to start training with Coach Donte. He said, "I am very excited to start training with Donte and play with the rest of the team." Isaiah said he thinks that he has gotten stronger throughout the training because he used to throw forty, and now he throws sixty. I asked both of them if they think we are going to win games and have a good season. Owen stated, "I think we are going to have a great season and I hope we win all of the games." Isaiah said, "I very much think we will be a good team."

Diamond Hit Club is a travel baseball team that is located in Cleveland, Ohio, but travels all over the state of Ohio and some of Pennsylvania. Over 90% of Diamond Hit Club players have gone on to play college baseball according to the coaches. Practices for arm training are held in Cleveland at Triple Play baseball academy. It will cost different amounts of money for each age group. There are many different age groups, ranging from 10 years old to 18 years old. Tryouts are held every year, depending on your location, in Mentor McMinn and Euclid Paul Sierra Field.

Isaiah Rose, Owen Davis, and I have been playing baseball together for about two years now, and we are still playing together, except on a better and much more sophisticated level. The Diamond Hit Club.



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The Jiu-Jitsu Club

By: Haylee McDerment

Ashtabula-Get to know some members of the Jiu-Jitsu Club in Ashtabula, Ohio.



First up we have Rylee. Rylee started Jiu-jitsu about two years ago. Rylee joined because she was getting bullied in school and wanted to learn to defend herself. While in Jiu-jitsu she made friends that kept her going. Rylee has done some competitions, but did not really like it. She did not like being watched by everyone. She has worked hard over the years and is now a yellow belt.



Next is Travis. Travis started Jiu-jitsu around 3.5 years ago. He started because he wants to be a professional. He has worked his way up over the years starting at a white belt and is now an orange belt. It took a lot of hard work and dedication of about one and a half years to get his orange belt. Travis has been competing for the last couple of months and has won an amazing 53 medals.



Last but not least is Coach Jacob. Where it all started. Coach Jacob goes by Coach Jake most of the time. Coach got into competitions and has won around 25-30 of them. Jake wants to be a professional competitor while doing more. He felt he had another calling so he started teaching about 8 years ago in 2012. At that time he was already a blue belt. Coach was 22 when he started and he loved to see the children's faces light up when they got the move right. The largest class he has ever taught is 30 people. Coach Jake is now a Brown belt after all these years of competing and teaching.

To conclude I would like to say that Jiu-jitsu has a lot to offer for almost anyone who wants to try it. It can help with self-esteem, those who want to compete, or if you just want to do it for fun.

Eagles Place 2nd

BY NIGLE ROSADO

GENEVA-On January 4th 2020 The Geneva Eagles wrestling team traveled to Berkshire and got 2nd place out of 6 teams.

The Geneva Eagles Wrestling team traveled to Berkshire high school for a tournament and got 2nd place by six points. Those six points were won by Mason Lomas, he was 1-3. He said that he would not do so well because he had a shoulder blade injury, but he scored for the Eagles.

The wrestling team did great! Five Geneva wrestlers placed first. The 8th graders that placed were: Matthew Vansickle, Logan Queen, Kenny Palvlisin, Jack Plant, and seventh grader Nigle Rosado. Our coaches said everyone did a good job. Overall the team did a really good job. The next match will be in January at Beachwood High School.

Dunk And Go Nuts

Basketball tryouts Wednesday and Thursday

BY ANTHONY CILLUFFO

Geneva-Basketball tryouts were held on October 21 and 22 from 5:30 to 7:30 at the Geneva Middle School auditorium. All games and practices will be held at Geneva Middle School. This year's coach will be Coach Barbo. Coach Barbo has been coaching basketball for 21 1/2 years. Mr. John Barbo has always wanted to be a basketball coach ever since he played middle school basketball.

Coach Barbo's way of disciplining his players is different than most coaches. He doesn't discipline too often, but when he does he makes them run and do extra stuff. He teaches his players to be a good sport and to be fair on the court. Other than teaching basketball, he is a teacher at Geneva High School.

John Barbo loves to be out there on the court, cheering his team into victory. When he tells his players who made the team, he makes sure that he explains why they didn't make the team. He makes sure that he reminds them to keep on trying to never give up, which to me is very important. Just because you didn't make the team doesn't mean you're not good enough. "If you didn't make it, just focus on what you can do better," said John Barbo. So speaking, NEVER GIVE UP ON WHAT YOU LOVE, keep on trying.



Photo credits Star Beacon
This is John Barbo and his wife, Nancy coaching a recent basketball game.

Sports Editors

Logan Rustic



Logan Rustic, a seventh grade student-athlete at Geneva Middle School, is strong, hard working, a good brother, a good athlete, a gamer, a good student, and usually gets straight A's.

Rustic has earned good grades all of his life and is still going strong with them. He is competitive in sports and his goal is to play college baseball and basketball and eventually make it to the NBA (National Basketball Association) or the MLB (Major League Baseball).

He likes to play with his friends and ride his dirt bike and four wheelers in his free time. He is good at popping wheelies on his dirt bike and four wheeler. He is always trying to get better at everything he does.

Shane Serafine

Shane Serafine was born on 02/15/08, and is 12 years of age in the 7th grade. He attends school at Geneva



Middle School. Shane is a very honest person. He wants to be honest so he can earn others' trust.

Shane Serafine is very mature; he tries to stay mature so he is not viewed as an immature person. Shane also tries to stay positive so others are happy and so is he. Shane is a very respectful person. He stays respectful so people like him, and they are nice to him. Shane Serafine is funny; he says he is funny to make others laugh.

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Some Information on Coding Will you like coding?

By: Bradley Wells

GENEVA-Coding is a job where you can write down javascript on a computer and then it usually creates certain images based on what you placed in javascript.

Is it fun? Well if you consider doing things like programming robots and video games fun, then yeah. Does it pay well? Once again, if you think beginning at twenty-one thousand to seventy-three thousand dollars paying well, then certainly the answer would be "yes."

Now, let's get into the basics. Coding can be a well-paying job so, why shouldn't you do it? Well there is more to jobs than just money, but you should probably find a job you like.

On the other hand, some things you might not like are it is usually very time consuming because it tends to be a hundred lines of coding at a time.

Also, you need to get every line of code correct or else it won't work. This job requires you to be perfect. The reason for that is the computer won't understand if you just simply make typing mistakes. Computers are very specific, and they need to be told exactly what to do to get what they are supposed to accomplish done.

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Airforce

The Air Force is one of the eight forces

By: Noah Hicks

GENEVA- Many people join or get recruited into the Airforce. Are you still able to apply for the airforce?

The United States Army was founded on June 14, 1775, and is still strong today. Most of the recruiting offices have transitioned to virtual operation, but recruiters are still signing up for future airmen. You can also reach out to your recruiter via phone, email or message. Both the army and airforce are testing new recruits for COVID-19 before arrival. They both have reported about 2% of the new recruits have tested positive for COVID-19. Those who tested positive, about 60% are asymptomatic. There are several ways to contact a recruiter. First you can visit Airforce.com, and then select "connect". Lastly, find a recruiter willing to talk.

The requirements for the air force are: you have to be 17-39 years of age. You have to be a U.S. citizen or be a legal permanent resident. Also, you have to have a high school diploma, GED with at least 15 college credits, or GED. United States Air Force, basic military training is an eight-week program of physical endurance. It is held at Lackland Air force Base, in San Antonio, TX. The tests and things they make you do are very hard and tiring.

The Air force was a part of the Army until September 18, 1947, when they seperated. The Air force separated from the Army with the passing of the National Security act. So now, the U.S. Air force is a military service branch organized within the Department of the Air Force.



Tesla Inc.



By: Zachary Dunn

Geneva-Everyone loves Tesla for it's latest tech and cool gadgets! With the electric cars that go super fast, powerful tech that can fit in your palm, and so much more, Tesla has become a leader in car manufacturing. Here is a look at the new self-driving car features.

Tesla's cars are not only super fast, but very cool looking and very handy. One of the interesting things about Tesla's cars is that some of them even drive themselves. Some people think that it was installed so people wouldn't get into many car accidents, some people think it was installed for people who can't drive, and some people think it was added for pleasure because who wouldn't want to ride in a car that drives itself. All you would have to do would tp type in the coordinates and you're done!

Another cool feature is the look. Tesla cars look so futuristic, sleek, and high tech. They can come in many colors like red, green, blue, and so many more.

The last cool feature is the way you "get gas" for it. Instead of using gas,there are charging stations at some gas stations where you can charge it. Tesla cars are electric,so think of it as a toy car that is electric and it's battery is low and they charge it so they can play with it again.That's what it's like for Tesla cars.

Teslas, however, are very expensive. Tesla inc. said some of...
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Companies you may want to work for are: Microsoft or Google because those companies focus on things like programming.

I asked someone who does code as a job if they liked coding, and Mark Sanzotta's reply was, "I love coding! It is like you are a wizard and you conjure what happens in a virtual environment."

Coding is a fun and interesting job in my opinion. It takes great patience and typing skills. It can be a well paying job and you could have a chance to work with big companies. Plus, you are communicating with computers!

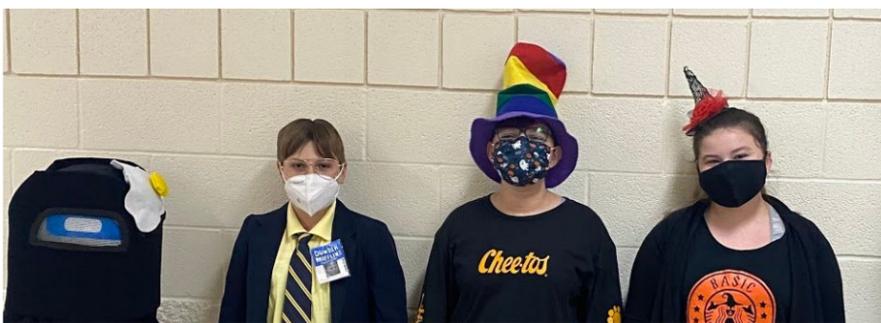
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...the cars are 30,000 to over 100,000 dollars! In some countries they are less expensive, but still not cheap. However, if you were to buy one and had enough money for one, there is a wide selection of them to buy. The price of a Tesla depends on the model and speed. The better the model and faster speed, the higher the price of it will be. On review sites, people reviewed the cars four to five stars! Officials say that "Tesla's cars are one of the best reviewed cars in the world!"

Now Tesla offers other products than super stylish and fast cars, they actually offer many other technology products. For example, they make solar products for homes and businesses. Since Tesla is a clean technology company, their main goal is to have people use products that rely on renewable resources, such as solar energy. Another product is wall chargers. This product is used by people with Teslas because it's like a little charge station at your home so you can charge your car when you're not using it.

So, all in all, Tesla is not only a car company, but a clean energy company. Whether you buy Tesla products because you want to support a clean energy cause or you just want a sweet ride, surely there will be something to your liking.

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