



New Trampoline Park Opening

By: Miles Meisse and Olivia Finfgeld

A new trampoline park bounced into Ontario! Altitude Trampoline Park opened November 18, 2017 right across the street from the Richland Mall. The areas in Altitude are the main court, battling beam, basketball hoops, dodgeball courts, kid zone, foam pit, performance trampolines, and an arcade.

Prices range from thirty minutes for \$9.00, one hour for \$12.95, two hours is \$20.95, and three hours is \$24.95. Prices for individuals six and under are reduced. We interviewed an employee there and they informed us, "Our business has been successful so far."

We interviewed two students from each grade who got to attend the incentive trip for the third quarter. We asked them "How was your visit?", "What was your favorite part?", and "Was Altitude better than Sky Zone?" Here are their responses.

Eighth graders, Madi Male and Josh Young both gave Altitude a thumbs up, though Madi still prefers Sky Zone. Here were their responses, Madi Male exclaimed, "It was a good time, jumping on the trampolines was fun, but again, I prefer Sky Zone." While Josh Young stated, "Very fun, the dodgeball and basketball court was my favorite, and is way better than Sky Zone."

Seventh graders, Adi Turnbaugh and Zain Fulmer loved Altitude. Adi Turnbaugh exclaimed,

"Very fun, the Olympic trampolines were fun. I thought it was way better than Sky Zone." She also stated, "Dodgeball is the most popular by far." Zain Fulmer said, "Pretty nice, the dodgeball court was the best. It was way better than Sky Zone."

Sixth graders, Taylor Counts and Austin Boughton liked Altitude, but Taylor liked Sky Zone better. Taylor Counts stated, "It was fun. The foam pit was my favorite, but it was not better than Sky Zone." Austin Boughton exclaimed, "It was great. The dodgeball court was my favorite, and it was way better than Sky Zone." Those were there responses. What are your thoughts about Altitude?

Also, the word is we will be going back to Altitude for another incentive on May 4th!

Is Computer Testing better than Paper Testing?

By: Mendy Ye & Faith Dickson

We asked two teachers from each grade, "Which type of test is better for students: Paper or computer?"

The results were very shocking, both 6th grade teachers, Miss Fulk and Mrs. Murray, stated that computer was better. Miss Fulk chose computer over paper because she believed it was more modern timed than paper. Mrs. Murray chose computer over paper as well because she said it takes less time to type the essay parts of the questions the students have versus writing on paper.

7th grade teachers Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Basham had similar views of paper over computer

but Mrs. Basham also chose computer because in the future, that is what will be replacing all paper tests. Mrs. Johnson stuck with paper because she declared that testing on paper was easier to see, a lot easier to refer back to, and when the student has an article along with their questions, it's easier to see the text and the question.

8th grade teachers Mr. and Mrs. Tagg both chose paper over computer. Mrs. Tagg's reasons were there are fewer chances for errors on paper than there are on computers, and she says that statistics show that paper for state testing is better than computer. Mr. Tagg expressed that on paper it was easier to see and that it was also easier to change things than on computer.

In the article we found, "Paper -Base or Computer-Based Testing? Whichever Meets Student Needs." (Link below), Benjamin Herold states that students who took the PARCC exams in 2014-2015 scored lower on a computer test than on a paper test, especially in English Language Arts and middle school and high school Math. This is often connected to the student's comfort level of technology. Benjamin Harold said in this article that the "higher scores on paper tests draw into question whether we should continue down the path of tech-delivered assessments."

<https://www.teachthought.com/technology/paper-based-or-computer-based-testing-whichever-meets-student-needs/>

Academic Challenge

By: Miles Meisse and Olivia Finfgeld

What is Academic Challenge you may ask? Academic Challenge is a group of students who must take a test. The students with the 15 top scores are the members of Academic Challenge. Those who score is the highest are asked to join the team and answer difficult questions to score points for their team. There are multiple categories ranging from literature, history, science, fine arts, language arts, geography, and miscellaneous. An example

question they would use in their meet would be," Get a varicella shot to avoid this itchy disease." The answer is "chicken pox." The advisor of Academic Challenge is Mrs. Ritchey. In this group there is a quiz bowl competition designed to encourage and promote academic excellence.

Their first meet took place on January 30, 2018 at Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center. The members included Priya Das, Ethan Browning, Jaslyn Ly, Audrey Saltzgeber, McKenna Gorbett, Shelby Keever, Duncan McLean, Isabel Baker, Brooklyn Wharton, Shelby Zimmerman, Samantha Fraley, Laura Beckett, Alex Bayes, Omar Abdelaziz, and Brody Phillips. The Ontario teams had a great battle against the others teams with combined score of 222 points all together. Their next meet is March 20th.

Local Area News:

First Woman Commander Chosen to Lead 179th Airlift Wing

By: Elisha Burson

On January 9, 2018 Colonel Allison Miller was chosen to lead air wing operations in Ohio. She will officially take command of Mansfield's airlift wing during a ceremony on Sunday, January 7, 2018. "It is a true honor to be given the opportunity to work alongside the incredible men and women of the 179th Airlift Wing, who are worldwide professionals in all they do and are the epitome of our core values- integrity, service, and excellence," says Miller, "Our Air National Guard airmen are our greatest asset and truly a family." Miller will replace Colonel James Camp, who was promoted December 29 to the Ohio Assistant Adjutant General for Air.

Miller has served in operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, New Dawn and Inherent Resolve. She received her bachelor's degree in aviation management and flight in 1993 from Auburn University in Alabama and a master's degree in aviation management operational art and science in 2013. She

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started her military career in 1996 when she decided to join the Alabama National Air Guard.

The Ohio National Guard has more than 16,000 personnel and is the nation's fourth-largest National Guard. "I look forward to helping each 179th Airman advance personally and professionally to ensure undeniable mission success with the continued excellence, passion and dedication to which they already serve." Miller said to Richland Source. The 20-year veteran will command 1,100 airmen of the 179th.

Miller is the director of Safety for the Air National Guard, so she is responsible for managing all ground, flight, weapons, and space safety programs for 90 flying and mission support units including more than 105,700 Air National members nationwide. "Safety isn't simply a topic, it is who we are and it impacts everything we do," says Lt. Gen. L. Scott Rice, director of the Air National Guard. "Allison Miller was a natural pick to lead the safety directorate at the Air National Guard headquarters level and her record of achievements is proof that it was the right decision." Almost everybody in the Air National Guard looks forward to seeing Miller's success.

Drone Pilot Takes a Top Spot for the Fastest Racers in the World

by: Elisha Burson

Wesley Burson flew out to Loveland, Colorado but not to sight-see. He actually took place in the Loveland invitational for flying small drones around called Tiny Whoops. Tiny Whoop is a company founded by Jesse Perkins. They are tiny drones in which pilots can learn to fly.

Loveland, Colorado, is the headquarters for Tiny Whoops, is also where they hold the Tiny Whoop Invitational. Burson was invited by some friends to go with them. He went in under the name "BluJ." Burson started out with a time of 1 minute and 24 seconds. During the qualifying events, Burson dropped his time to 1 minute and 12

seconds; beating out the fastest time of 1 minute and 16 seconds.

Fans chanted his pilot name, calling him "BluJ from Nowhere Ohio" since he was the underdog of the entire event. Unfortunately, halfway through the final race Burson's radio controller broke and had to borrow one from a friend. "I had some practice," Burson said, "but it was a little different." Although his controller broke, Burson still placed second in the event only losing by a point.

Pilots control their drones using headsets connected to the drone's camera and radio controllers. If pilots crash into the course's obstacles, audience members must race over and flip the drones. However, Burson never crashed.

Burson became a Team Pilot for Tiny Whoop, meaning he's sponsored by the brand. Burson goes out to race with his friends every other weekend, hosting his own event at Hobby Town in Ontario. "I usually fly for a few hours each day," Burson said. "Probably more than I should."

Jesse Perkins, owner of Tiny Whoop, believes that middle school is one of the best places to start for drone racing. "I think it's a great idea for middle school students to begin drone racing." Perkins said, "From what I can tell, all the best pilots in the world started at a younger age." One of the best racers at the event in Colorado was an eleven-year-old girl. When asked the best place to start with racing drones, Perkins answered anywhere. "I recommend that beginners find a sunny day with very little wind and fly over grass." Perkins explained.

BluJ said that he thinks it's a great idea for younger people to get involved with STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math). "It allows kids to learn the dynamics of flight and basic electronics," BluJ said. BluJ holds races every other weekend at Hobby Town in Ontario for local racers who are looking to make it big.

To learn more about Tiny Whoops or any drone, you can visit Hobby Town's website or talk to BluJ on Instagram at @bluj_fpv or on YouTube @Wesley Burson.

Sanctity of Life Sunday March

By: Elisha Burson

January 22nd marks forty-five years since abortion was legalized in 1973. After eleven years, President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation designating January 22 as the first Sanctity of Human Life Day. This day calls for the celebration of life and commemoration of the lives lost to abortion. Pastor Matt Timmons of Hopewell Church in Ashland repeated that "the future belongs to the fertile."

About 50 people marched from Park Avenue West from the First Language Lutheran Church parking lot to the Central Park gazebo in recognition of Sanctity of Life of Sunday holding signs that read, "Life is precious" and "Stop abortion now." Amy Dannemiller, one of the organizers for Sunday's event in downtown Mansfield, joined the fifty. She says, "We believe that all human life is precious from the moment of conception until natural death." Dannemiller went on to say that it's important to protect all human life.

Even schools such as Saint Peters participated in the Pro-life march. Elizabeth Wurm, director of religious and youth minister at St. Peter's, said that this is the third year that St. Peter's has organized to attend this event. St. Peters also formed a group to go to Washington D.C. to take part in the March in front of the Capitol building. The students were sponsored by the Bucyrus Holy Trinity Knights of Columbus Council #711.

Richard Stedman, director of men's ministries at Richland Pregnancy Services spoke at the march. "What child in the womb deserves to be killed? The answer emphatically; nothing," he says. Stedman goes on to say that science tells us that abortion kills a human being. "Although science

can't tell us what's right and what's wrong, it can tell that the earliest stages of human development the unborn are distinct, living and whole beings." He encouraged Christians to challenge the views of culture and demonstrate love and grace to women in pregnancy crises.

National News:

Florida School Shooting

By: Olivia Finfgeld, Miles Meisse, Michael Brown, and TJ Ludwig

You've most likely heard about the Florida school shooting. Well it was all caused by a man by the name of Nikolas Cruz. A short time before the shooting, Nick Cruz commented on an Instagram photo about a mass school shooting in New York the past summer. He wrote, "Man I can do so much better". Many of his attorneys stated that Cruz fought a chronic battle with mental illness and depression exacerbated by the recent death of his adoptive mother, which left him with no parents. One of the attorneys also said he was "A broken child."

Nikolas Cruz was adopted by Roger and Lynda Cruz. Roger had died years ago, but Lynda had died this last fall, caused by an illness. According to the family's attorney, Cruz was then taken in by a schoolmate's parents. His mother's death caused trouble in his high school years, which led to Cruz's expulsion from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. A while after the shootings one of Cruz's former classmates said that Nikolas would sometimes introduce himself as a "school shooter". Another one of his schoolmates, Brody Speno, recalled peculiar behavior. Speno said "Something wasn't right about him, he was off", and then he also said that he was "an evil child who was always getting in trouble". He also recalled Cruz stealing other's mail, throwing stones at cars, and tormenting animals. Right after this he admitted that the police were called to the house almost every other week.

Florida School Shooting continued...

Just a little while ago President Donald Trump was having a meeting with governors about school safety. During the meeting Trump stated, "You don't know until you test it, but I think, I really believe, I'd run in there, even if I didn't have a weapon, and I think most of the people in this room would have done that too." After that he said the Boward County Sheriff's deputies who stayed outside the school as the shooting happened "Weren't exactly Medal of Honor winners." and then said "The way they performed was really a disgrace."

Shortly after the shootings it was said that Nikolas Cruz went to Walmart and then McDonald's, which is where he was found and arrested. Cruz is now behind bars.

Our school has implemented many safety precautions like no bags are allowed on the stage, students are not allowed to bring bags to 8th period, and we practice safety drills often. So far we have been lucky enough not to have had anything this horrendous occur. But what if it did happen, how would our students respond?

We thought it would be interesting to find out if our own classmates knew what to do in these situations? We also wondered how they felt about these occurrences.

First, we interviewed sixth grader Olivia Gongwer and she replied with, "I would hide, I feel sad about these occurrences happening." We also interviewed sixth grader Diondre Cantey and he said, "I would call 911 with my phone, I think it is wrong for people to go out and shoot schools."

Next, we interviewed seventh grader Lizzie Nagel and she replied, "I would jump out of the window, this is really scary and it's confusing about what is going on right now." We also interviewed seventh grader Hunter Kuenzli and he said, "I would do what the teachers say, it's very sad."

Lastly, we interviewed eighth grader Riley Vavra and she stated, "I would run wherever, I don't like school shootings." The last person we spoke with was Antonio Houston. He replied, "I would run home, this is stupid and needs to be stopped."

So, are our classmates really prepared? We hope we never have to find out!

Astronomer finds NASA satellite lost for 12 years

By: Michael Brown

NASA's satellite called IMAGE has been lost in space for 12 whole years; they lost contact with IMAGE back in 2005. Earlier this month an "amateur astronomer", named Scott Tilley, was searching for traces of the secretive Zuma mission launched by SpaceX then he stumbled into a signal from a satellite that wasn't accounted for. Next, Tilley, who is based in Canada, matched the signal to a NASA spacecraft and theorized that it was the satellite IMAGE that was missing for a long time. According to Tilley's blog, he reached out to the investigator who was responsible for the satellite's mission.

After that, NASA set off to investigate and trained its Deep Space Network, a bunch of radio telescopes were used to communicate with space missions, to search for the satellite. Then on Tuesday, January 30, NASA found some old information about IMAGE. Like how IMAGE was launched in March 25, 2000.

IMAGE was designed to study Earth's magnetosphere, which is the magnetic field that shields the Earth. IMAGE was a success, it was able to help map out Earth's magnetic field in a lot more detail which resulted in 37 different unique scientific discoveries, shortly after that when IMAGE was in its extended phase when we lost contact on December 18, 2005. NASA tried to get control back of the satellite but it concluded that the

satellite most likely suffered an event that disabled the satellites power supply. Then the mission was declared over since 2007.

(<https://www.cnn.com/2018/02/01/us/nasa-satellite-image-found/index.html>)