

The Staff of The Spectrum kicks off the fall season!

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Homecoming celebration to begin Oct. 5

By Rachel Sapola
The Spectrum Staff Writer

For many high school students, one of the most exciting parts of going back to school in the fall is of course, Homecoming. Whether it's participating in Spirit Week or attending the football game and the dance, Homecoming can be enjoyed by all high school students. This means that students at Avon Lake High School have much to look forward to for this year's Homecoming.

However, not only are the students excited for Homecoming, the staff at ALHS is equally as excited as the students, especially Principal Mrs. Isaly-Johns.

“This is my first Homecoming as the head principal but my fifth Homecoming as administration,” she explains. “I feel great about it. We work closely with the cheerleaders and with Ms. Janus to organize it, and we're excited!”

Homecoming is largely planned out by the ALHS cheerleaders, who are in charge of ticket sales,

preparation, decorating, and cleaning up. This year, the cheerleaders chose the theme “Candyland” for the dance. Additionally, the Pep Club helps to decorate the high school, plan Spirit Week before the game, and plan the spirit assembly on the day of the game. Mrs. Rudkin, who has helped to plan Homecoming for many years, is advisor for the Pep Club, and also helps to coordinate the Homecoming parade.

For the dance, there are a few new things to be excited about, including two dessert trucks. Cheerleading coach Mrs. Marsala points out that the trucks “will be serving sundaes, cones, ice cream sandwiches and Hawaiian shaved ice.”

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Mr. Slabodnick returns to office replacing Mrs. Isaly-Johns as assistant principal

By Yashvita Kanuganti
The Spectrum Staff Writer

As September rolls around, students and staff alike are beginning to slip back into the familiar ways of the building and each other. Along with routine, ALHS welcomes another new yet familiar face to its administrative staff, Mr. Slabodnick.

This 2019-2020 school year, Mr. Slabodnick heads the junior and senior classes as assistant principal; however, he is no stranger to the high school and its students.

Mr. Slabodnick has been teaching for 10 years, starting off at Keystone Middle School, with the next 5 years followed here at Avon Lake. He spent all of this time with a focus in health and physical education, and also assisted Mr. Mueller and Mrs. Isaly-Johns in the latter half of his experience.

This past July, he was notified about the opening in the assistant principal position, and throughout the course of the summer, he was appointed for the responsibility.

“I think this is a great position, just knowing students for the last 5 years,” Mr. Slabodnick explained. “There's a trust relationship going.”

He also mentions that he is able to get to know all of the students, and that this position is a smooth fit.

When asked about words he lives by, he shares that it is important to learn something and challenge yourself everyday. He says, “As a coach, as a person, as a dad, as a husband, and as a teacher, I do try to get better every single day.”

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The Shoremen football team and fans getting riled up before a game. photo by Nicole Duvall

Drivers: fines for illegally passing buses increases in Avon Lake

By Grace Osoteo
The Spectrum Assistant Editor

Picture this: your alarm didn't go off in the morning, and now you're running late to first period. There's a school bus in front of you; with those obnoxiously red lights and that telltale screech of brakes, you recognize that it's making a stop. Now you have a decision to make. Should you wait or should you pass the bus?

The correct answer is to WAIT YOUR TURN, BUD. There's a law against passing school buses, something I'm sure we all learned about in driver's ed. And with the new revision to Avon Lake law, you could pay as much as \$750- not to mention spending up to 30 days in jail. That's a 50% increase from the previous fine (which was \$500, for those of you not looking to do any math).

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New section for middle school students a nice change

September is coming to a close, and fall sports are well underway. However, even though Avon Lake's most attended sport, football, has only completed four games so far, the sport has already sparked controversy in the community. With football's first home game on September 20th came a new seating policy for our younger spectators. As expected with our city's eccentric Facebook reputation, the Parents of Avon Lake had several problems with the proposal.

The exact details of the new policy are simple: all elementary school kids must be accompanied by a parent when entering the stadium and must sit with them in the home stands during the game. Fifth through eighth graders will



Livie Crimaldi

watch the game from the stands behind the west endzone, observed by chaperones. At halftime they will be able to go to the bathroom and the concession stand, but then must return to their section for the second half.

Almost immediately after being announced, Avon Lake's most infamous Facebook page exploded. Parents furiously claimed this new system was "basically a prison" for their son or daughter, a child they haphazardly drop off every Friday night to wander unsupervised. If parents will not remain at the game to watch their children, then the school must impose something to avoid chaos and violence. Multiple instances last year made this rule a necessity, and now it will be used to avoid those past issues.

Clearly, this has been blown out of proportion. The purpose of the change is to keep people safe and make the game more enjoyable for everyone involved, not to torture anyone. By relocating the middle school kids, the space they previously occupied (around the concession stand and behind the bleachers) is less crowded and allows other spectators to reach their seats more efficiently. It also gives these younger kids their own space away from any older influences, allowing everyone to enjoy the game in their respective peer groups.

At the end of the day, this rule has already been implemented. It is there to solve previous issues and keep kids safe. Complaining won't change a reasonable policy.



by Mary Shabab

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Green Teen urges global change

My name is Nicole Duvall, and I, just like yourself, am an inhabitant of this earth. I walk on its ground, breathe its air, and overall mooch off of its resources to an excessive extent. But what do I do for this earth in return?



Nicole Duvall

Well, not to gloat, but I'd like to say I do a lot. It wasn't until recently that I was able to really see what impact I had on the earth. Over the summer I had the opportunity to go to Trinidad and Tobago and experience first hand what the world was like outside of Avon Lake. From excavating sea turtle nests to meeting with local wildlife researchers, the trip opened my eyes to issues being

faced all around the world. It was there that I realized just how much I cared for the earth and its future, and it was there that I decided to make changes in my life to help this earth.

Saving Mother Earth isn't just on my mind. In fact, on Friday September 20, an estimated 4 million people took part in a global climate strike. These movements were largely inspired by 16 year old activist Greta Thunberg. Thunberg has been working towards climate awareness since August of 2018, when she held weekly protests outside the Swedish Parliament.

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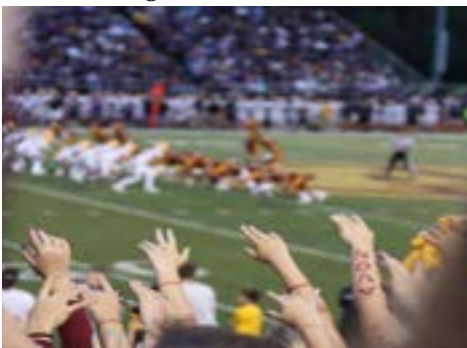
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More on upcoming Homecoming festivities

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She adds that “your Homecoming ticket will include one ice cream treat during the dance.” The dance will also feature the DJ from the 2019 Prom, which will also contribute to the excitement of the dance.

The Homecoming dance will be held Saturday, October 5th, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the practice gym. Ticket sales will begin Thursday, September 26th during the lunch periods and will end Friday, October 4th. Tickets are \$20 each and must be paid by a check made out to “ALHS Cheerleading.” As usual, it is required that all fees are paid before students can purchase a ticket for the dance and guest forms for non Avon Lake High School students must be completely filled out before a ticket can be purchased for a guest.



In addition to the dance, there will also be a Homecoming parade and the Homecoming game. The Homecoming parade will take place Saturday, October 5th at 10 a.m., the morning of the dance. The Homecoming game will be October 4th at 7 p.m. at Avon Lake

High School and the theme is White Out.

Another familiar face for VP

From Mr. Slabodnick on page 1

Mr. Slabodnick also offers key advice to the students of ALHS for this school year, noting “I’ve done a lot in my short time, and I know it sounds cliché, but you can do anything, no matter what anybody says about it.” He urges students to find their motivation, and that with motivation, anything can be accomplished.

He stresses the importance of education and how it is a lifelong experience. “I look back on when I was in high school; that was just a place I really didn’t want to be, and it’s funny now that I’m in the position that I am,” he said. “I’m trying to give the experience back to the students as a teacher, and now as an administrator, trying to give kids that chance I didn’t have.”

His favorite part of working with students is being able to help every type of kid and give them all a chance.

“I was worried about going from being a teacher to this role,” he says. “But in reality, I get to help more kids with this role than I could before.” So with Mr. Slabodnick taking the part of assistant principal, the 2019-2020 school year is set out to be a promising one.

For now, he leaves us with amazing goals and aspirations for this year at ALHS, “I’m just looking towards having a great school year, with the staff and students, and gaining all the valuable experiences we’re going to have.”

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The driving law change in AL

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The revision, touted as an exercise of local police power (thanks, Mr. Schofield), was first introduced by Councilman David Kos, and passed unanimously in the Avon Lake City Council on Monday, August 26th. Original issues of debated constitutionality proved not to be a problem. And that’s just for Avon Lake- Ohio’s Senate Bill 134, introduced in April, could raise fines up to \$1,000 for the impatient driver.

What’s the reasoning here? Quite obviously, running over children is not a good idea, nor is it widely accepted, so that’s the bottom line. Kos cited a recent study from the Ohio Dept. of Education, which was just one day, but yielded information of over 1,500 incidents of illegal bus passing. He intends to put cameras on all Avon Lake school buses so that perpetrators of the law can be more easily identified. Enforcement would no longer be such

an issue. Currently, AL budget is being looked into, and Kos believes that cameras may find a place in there for 2020.

This actually means something to you, ALHS students, so try to understand it. Passing buses is BAD. Paying fines for something that could’ve been avoided easily is BAD. And I have no doubt that some of you are repeat offenders, so try to pay a tiny bit of attention while you’re on the road, instead of just blasting whatever edgy music you’re listening to this week. Get it? Got it? Good. I promise, getting one of those yellow tardy slips from the ladies in the office is a million times better than living with the guilt of running over a kindergartener. This has been a PSA.



The Spectrum Sports



Boy's golf finishes strong, takes first at SWC Tournament

By Morgan Huges

The Spectrum Sports Writer

The Avon Lake Boys Golf Team was able to come away with a SWC tournament win this past weekend. The team finished with a score of 318 on the Legacy Golf Course led by their coach Matthew Perry. This was a great victory for the golf team, especially since they were not the front-runners in the SWC preview tournament. Lots of practice on the Legacy course was one of the ways the golf team prepared for SWCs.

"We prepared by practicing on the course that we were going to play on," junior Sean Laverty said. "We had the shots we were going to hit in mind before the tournament."



Members of Shoremen Golf team.

Photo courtesy of Tyler Madden

However, they had several challenges to overcome before the tournament could be won. Senior John Perry said that there were a couple teams they were worried about going into SWCs.

"The teams we were most concerned about were probably Avon and Westlake because those were the two teams we had lost to in

the SWC preview tournament," Perry said.

Senior Dylan Roig said they have several people that deserve recognition for their extreme influence on the tournament win.

"Coach Perry has been really great all season. He knows a lot about golf and is always a good role model for the team," Roig said.

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Girls XC looks to SWCs and postseason

By Alexis Miller

The Spectrum Sports Writer

The girls cross country team has had three meets so far this year. One at Tiffin and two at Lorain County Community College.

Preparing for the season takes time and commitment. Senior Livie Crimaldi said, "The girls have been training all summer, building up to hopefully peak at the end of the season." Senior Ava Kramhoeller said, "We have done so much to get ready for this season. We start our summer conditioning at the beginning of June, which technically is not mandatory but for running, you need to build a base so you have to start pretty early if you want to prevent injuries and get better."

Every season the girls set goals for the team and for themselves. Livie and Ava both said that the girls always set a goal to qualify for the regional meet at the end of the season. "We're also reaching for a SWC championship this year, but that will take a bit more belief and determination," Livie stated. Livie also said that for herself personally, she just wants to constantly improve.

Goals can be very personal to each runner. Ava said that for herself, she wants to run varsity and PR this season. Ava said, "This sport is all about setting goals, you need to have a plan in mind so you have something you want to achieve." Ava said.

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Marcy's Mindset

Time for equal pay for US team

Marcy Allen

To no surprise, the U.S women's soccer team dominated the 2019 World Cup. According to Fox Sports, 17.8 million people watched the iconic female athletes snatch their fourth FIFA title against the Netherlands. The 2-0 victory has not only sparked excitement on the soccer field, but has also ignited an important conversation about equality.

Equal pay is a serious concern to the women's national team and their fans after being victorious this past July. People are outraged that the female athletes are getting paid less than their male counterparts, although they are outperforming and raising more revenue. The federal class-action lawsuit against the US soccer federation states the men's national team earns more than the women's team, even though the women play more games and win more matches. The historical lawsuit is being promoted by female athletes across the world. One athlete in particular is Megan Rapinoe.

Captain Rapinoe was lethal for the United States this past summer. Rapinoe snatched the Golden Ball for the tournament's best player, the Golden Boot for its top scorer, and is the first woman to start three consecutive World Cup Finals. After the tournament, Rapinoe continued to be a leader and spoke out against the US soccer federation. "If we want to be proud to be from a country like America and all the things that we hang our hats on, like diversity, equality, land of the free and the home of the brave, it's everybody's responsibility to ensure that everyone in the country is being afforded the same rights," Rapinoe said.

Voices have the power to change the formulaic routine of society's unfair policies. Strong and outspoken women such as Megan Rapinoe is exactly what young girls need to be inspired. I am thrilled to be apart of this movement of feminism and hope the gender pay gap will lose its match, just as the Netherlands did to the United States in the FIFA final.

Boys Soccer hopes to build from strong start

By Jackson Bologni
The Spectrum Sports Writer

The Shoremen Varsity boy's soccer team has come up victorious this season and are in high hopes of claiming an SWC title.

"The team is about where we expected we'd be. We shocked a lot of people against Ignatius. There were high expectations for our team in the conference and we're living up to them so far," stated Drew DelGiudice, captain of the team.

When DelGiudice mentioned Ignatius, he was referring to when they played Saint Ignatius High School early in the season. Ignatius was ranked the number one team in the nation, and the shoremen put up an impressive performance losing only 2-1.

Although the team has been doing very well this year, the goal is to win the conference. "Looking at our schedule going forward, I do not see a game that we should lose. Our goal this year is to win the SWC and make it far into the playoffs.

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Photo by Nicole Duvall

The Shoremen line up in their rout of Westlake (49-0) on Sept 20.

By Marcy Allen
The Spectrum Sports Editor

After a devastating loss to Avon with a close score of 12-13, the Avon Lake Varsity football team is continuing to work hard for a victorious season. The Shoremen have won their last three games against Clinton-Massie (24-23), Berea (35-0), and Westlake (49-0) and are hopeful in finishing out the season strong. With powerful players and driven dedication, it is extremely likely that Avon Lake Football Program will impress once again.

The AL squad has worked extremely hard to secure a successful 2019 season.

Shoremen rebound from week one loss, look to build momentum

"We physically and mentally prepared during the off season. We have a determined squad who is hungry and focused,"

said senior captain, Kai Kuwalu.

Kai Kuwalu, along with his 2020 classmates are dangerous forces to be reckoned with. Senior Nick Marsh has already gotten offers, including the prestigious Columbia University. "All the hard work I've put in over the years is paying off, but my top priority at the moment is my senior season and team," said Nick Marsh.

An important strength to the Avon Lake Varsity football team is how well rounded they are. Offensively and defensively the Shoremen are lethal.

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Soccer legs out big wins

By Emma Okuma
The Spectrum Sports Writer

As the school year picks up, Avon Lake Girls soccer is already rolling. With a new coach, they prepare for the season a bit differently than previous years.

"We held open gyms playing Futsal once a week," first year head coach Mr. Salco said. "Once June came around we were working on fitness twice a week and practicing with the ball twice a week. We then attended camp at Cleveland State University."

Clearly, they had their heads in the game to start off.

The beginning of the season is always hard for any sport. Getting back in shape to be the best team player the athlete can be. For these girls, transitioning to a new coach adds onto that challenge.

"We got off to a rough start playing the most difficult part of our schedule in the first five games," Salco said. It's definitely deflating having a team so

excited to play and losing the first five games."

As for the players, the team is also off to a rough start. "The start of the season wasn't up to what we'd hoped, but typing Amherst was an awesome achievement," captain Marcy Allen said.

"The Avon Lake Soccer program has a lot of potential, consisting of a new dedicated coaching staff and talented underclassmen."

The start of the season may be the toughest, but according to the leaders on the team, they have something in store.

With the help of Salco and Allen, the team can have an awesome rest of the season. The girls are working hard, and it will show in the end.

"The Class of 2023 is a force to



Photo by Marcy Allen

Avon Lake Varsity girls give a thumbs up for soccer!

be reckoned with! Freshman Bella Snell, Rachel Sheehan, and Erica Parker all made Varsity their freshman year which is extremely impressive," Allen said. "They are fierce competitors and have outstanding work ethic."

The team seems to have great chemistry which is important when they have big goals for themselves. The support they give each other is the key to success in a season along with all the hard work they've already put in.

Boys cross looking strong headed to season back stretch

By **Andrea Crimaldi**
The Spectrum Sports
Writer

The Avon Lake High School's boys cross country team has had a great season so far. They kicked things off at the SWC Preview placing first, leaving a 24 point gap between them and the second place team.

The boys also had another great race at the Liberty Center Wide-water Invitational, finishing in second overall. The team is run by head coach Rob Jurgens, with top runners sophomore Matthew Henry, senior Ryan Keller, and junior Do-

monick Houdeshell.

The Shoremen cross country team is extremely driven. "I'm most proud of how we've had so many people run races in which they've improved," said lead runner Ryan Keller. "

"Avon Lake's cross country team is different because we're deep. Other teams try to rely on a consistent lineup to back up their fastest runner," senior Micheal Kuban said. "Our varsity spots are continuously changing because we have so many runners capable of being 4th of 5th on the team. This in-

tra-team competition gives everybody something to work towards."

The boys cross country team's goal this season win the South Western Conference title. Overall, the team shows great character with consistent hard work, competition, and sportsmanship. Their next race is the Gilmore Invitational meet, which will take the team one step closer to reaching their end target of becoming SWC champions.



Photo courtesy of @ALHSVolleyball twitter

Picture of Avon Lake Volleyball team.

Volleyball wins seven matches in a row

By **Morgan Hughes**
Spectrum Sports Writer

The Avon Lake volleyball team intends to improve their 8-3 record continuing this season with their next game against Avon. Coach Dan Berkheimer along with team captains Kai Rybarczyk, Katie Guerra, and Abby Kirk hope to lead their team to victory in the conference. Senior captain Abby Kirk says the team has been working hard and preparing in the offseason.

"Avon Lake Volleyball has been training hard all summer with lifting and conditioning to get ready for the season," Kirk said.

Senior captain Katie Guerra believes the team dynamic of being so close knit helps their performance tremendously on the volleyball court.

"I'd say our biggest strength as a team is that we are so close," Guerra said. "With only losing one senior last year, this year so many girls returned that we are so close."

There are no new players to the team this year, but junior Madison Olinger made her return to volleyball after being injured two years in a row.

"Madison Olinger tore her ACL the past two seasons, and she's finally back and healthy," sophomore and captain Kai Rybarczyk said. "She is a huge contributor to our team."

Sophomore Brooke Lumpkin has also stepped up in lieu of a senior that graduated last year to be a big asset for the team.

"Last year with our only senior being our only setter, Brooke came up and has done such a good job," Guerra said. "Setting is such a big role in volleyball, and she truly works hard every day to get better."

The team has big goals, such as winning conference, but they still have many things they need to overcome before they can get there.

"We got off to a rough start with two losses," Guerra said. "But now we are on a winning streak of seven games and third in our conference with Olmsted Falls and Avon being ahead of us. If we can pull through these two home games this week it will really prove how good we are."

Girls Cross Country looks for growth

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"As a team we really want to get a SWC championship which the girls team hasn't done in a very long time."

The girls cross country team participates in a summer running camp right before the start of each season. Livie said, "The summer running camp is honestly the best team bonding experience I've ever been a part of. Two and a half days with no phones, pretty much isolated from the rest of society, brings all the girls together and makes us closer as a team."

Livie said that she was thankful for being able to go to summer camp every summer.

It is important to prepare yourself and the team for the season. Ava said, "Going to a running camp in the summer may not sound like it would be that important but it actually is what makes or breaks

our season in some cases." Ava said,

"Our coach always says that a team can have good runners but if there is no team chemistry or bonding, that team will have a harder time working towards a common goal." Ava said, "We got to a running camp not just for the workouts but to become closer as a team, you can't do this sport without the support of a team because it is so hard mentally."



Photo courtesy of Livie Crimaldi

The girls prepare for a recent race in their pump up circle.

Boys golf score tournament win

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“Also, Tyler Madden and Ryan Shinko were solid scorers all around for the team.”

Top scorer and senior Tyler Madden won the tournament with a score of 73. Other scores on the team include Sean Laverty with a 75, Ryan Shinko with an 82, Dylan Roig with an 89, Owen Conroy with an 86, and Emmet Fink with an 84.

Despite this tournament victory, the golf team was unable to get the conference win once the overall scoring

for the season was determined.

“Unfortunately Avon still ended up winning because of how the point system worked out,” Roig said.

However, the season is not over for Avon Lake boys golf. The team still has some very big things to look forward to in the near future.

“Next we play in the sectional golf tournament at Legacy,” said Roig. “Hopefully if we win there we can advance to districts and then states if we win at districts.”

Soccer looking forward to future

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“By the looks of how our team is doing, I believe we will make that happen,” stated senior athlete Spencer Chippi.

“So far we have three losses, but we currently are the number one team in the conference,” stated Josh Lawniczak, another senior on the team. There is currently a lot of confidence among the players, and the shormen are set up to win the conference. As long as they keep playing the way they have been, they should have no problems.

The juniors and seniors have shined on the varsity team this year, so there is a lot expected for the freshmen and sophomores in the upcoming seasons.

“The freshmen and sophomores should do a good job in the upcoming seasons. The team’s style of play will most likely change after the seniors this year leave, so you can expect a very different team in the next few years,” stated DelGiudice.

There is a lot expected out of the boys soccer team for the rest of the year. There is a great amount of confidence among them, and it will be interesting to see if they will be able to win the SWC like they hope to do.

Football stacked for success

Football from page 5

Offensively, Avon Lake has speedy athletes, including players Nate Sidloski, Creed Bologna, Matt Oehlstrom and Jared Krukowski. Defensively, AL is overwhelmed with dominating players such as Nico LaBianca, Nick Marsh, Jack McCrum, Josh Vlasak, and Kai Kuwalu.

“Our team is strong in every aspect. Our defense is on another level and our offense is explo-

sive,” said senior captain Nico LaBianca.

Having three away games and only one home game this season, the Avon Lake football team is looking forward to playing on their own turf. The Shoremen play at Avon Lake Memorial Stadium against Amherst (10/4), Midview (10/18), and Olmsted Falls (11/1). All three games will be exciting events to watch.



Photo by Nicole Duvall

Shoremen fans cheer on their favorite football

Shoregal golf dominates districts

By Marcy Allen

The Spectrum Sports Editor

After a record-breaking season in 2018, the Shoregal golf team once again proved to be a force to be reckoned with. The team placed third in SWCs, as well as snatched an impressive first place at districts. With an undeniable drive and top notch underclassmen, the Shoregals were victorious.

The team finished the regular season with a victory against Amherst (199-207), led by sophomores Sydney Roig, 45, and Ashley Hubert, 48, and Sarah Skaggs, 52. Other notable players included senior McKenna Roof, 54, Maggie Masterson, 56, and Delaney Roth, 61.

“The sophomores played a vital role in helping us come in first place this

season,” said golfer McKenna Roof.

After the graduation of top golfer Paighton Masterson, the Shoregals were unsure about their 2019 season. Strategically focused on rebuilding, the team had impressive success. “The season went great. After losing key players from last year, I am so proud of how much the team has stepped up,” said captain Maggie Masterson.

The Avon Lake Girls golf team showcased that hard work has a positive correlation to success. Tackling sectionals next week, the team is hopeful for a victory.

The Avon Lake girls golf team has a bright future ahead and it will be interesting to see what they accomplish in the upcoming years. Go Shoregals!



Photo courtesy of @ShoremenSoccer twitter

Picture of the Shoremen varsity boys against Berea- Midpark.

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Devin Medved



- **Thoughts on being a senior:** I still look like I'm twelve
- **Favorite high school class:** AP Chemistry
- **Song that describes your life:** Beverly Blues by Opia
- **Any special talents:** I can put both feet behind my head
- **In the case of an apocalypse, what teacher would you want to be with:** Mr. Reutter claims that he can take a bear, so I guess him
- **Colleges you're looking at:** OSU, U of Michigan, Villanova, Boston College, and a couple more
- **Best movie you saw in the past year:** Us
- **Pet peeves:** When people use "to" instead of "too" and "there" instead of "their"
- **Harry Potter house:** Gryffindor
- **Last picture on your phone:** Group photo of all my best friends
- **TV show character you relate to:** Monica Geller
- **End of the world- nukes or zombies:** Nukes 100%

Logan Hubert



- **Thoughts on being a senior:** It's weird to have people move out of my way in the hall
- **Favorite high school class:** APUSH
- **Song that describes your life:** Should've been a cowboy
- **Any special talents:** Can fix combustion engines
- **In the case of an apocalypse, what teacher would you want to be with:** Mr. Gill
- **Colleges you're looking at:** Notre Dame, Cornell, U Mich, Air Force Academy
- **Best movie you saw in the past year:** Breakfast Club
- **Pet peeves:** Mechanical Pencils
- **Harry Potter house:** Ravenclaw
- **Last picture on your phone:** Sunrise from a topsoil farm
- **TV show character you relate to:** Kyle from Last Man Standing
- **End of the world- nukes or zombies:** Nukes

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Aries (March 21-April 19)

Aries, keep your head up. This month may end up a little difficult for you, so try to stay compassionate to others while still taking care of yourself.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Taurus, take a risk! Life is too short to stay inside your comfort zone. Explore the endless possibilities and options that you have in your life, and come out as a better person.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Gemini, don't be afraid to reach out to people you've lost connection with. Chances are, they will be happy to hear from you. Make the effort!

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Cancer, let yourself be happy this month. Take some time for self care and understand that it's okay to not always have the right answers to everything.

Leo (July 23-August 22)

Things are gonna go great for you this month, Leo! You're gonna have an awesome homecoming. Just make sure to keep your emotions in check; don't doubt yourself.

Virgo (August 23-September 22)

Virgo, stick to your studies! Nothing is happening that you aren't prepared for, but be on your toes anyway. Don't slack off now!

Libra (September 23-October 22)

Libra, it's safe to say that while you've been having a bit of a rough time, things are going to start looking up. Your friends will come to understand you better, and you'll have the night of your life at hoco!

Scorpio (October 23-November 21)

Scorpio, remember to be humble. You accomplish so many great things, but it's important to know that without those around you, you couldn't be where you are now.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)

Sagittarius, be confident! You are right where you need to be at this moment. Enjoy the little things in life.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19)

Capricorn, don't let any self doubt get in the way of true happiness. Your just desserts will come, so don't stress about them.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18)

Aquarius, time to start thinking of other people. You've been wrapped up in yourself so much lately- it would do you good to recognize that kindness is key to maintaining relationships.

Pisces (February 19-March 19)

Pisces, try something new this month! Keep up the good work and remember that you are a joy to be around! Surprising things are coming- it's up to you to decide how to take them.



by Madam Mysteriosa

The stage is set for Avon Lake's mayoral election rematch

As Avon Lake's bicentennial comes to a close the focus of the city now turns to the mayoral election being held in November. Current Mayor Greg Zilka will be running for re-election against his former opponent, Karl Zuber. Both Zuber and Zilka are former mayors of Avon Lake and longtime city council members.

Here is the exciting part for ALHS: A small portion of this year's graduating class will be eighteen by November, giving them their first opportunity to exercise their constitutional right to vote. However, political awareness is still important for those who are still too young to vote; it is a responsibility as a citizen of Avon Lake.

Both Zuber and Zilka's campaigns focus heavily on improving Avon Lake's economy by bringing more businesses into the area. Their campaigns differ in other areas, such as plans for public safety, infrastructure, and education. While Zilka's platform focus is the economy, public safety and education are his two next greatest



Marguerite Smith

priorities. Safety of the citizens and students of Avon Lake is the current objective of Zilka and his team. Recent efforts include enforcement of state crosswalk laws and an increase of fines for passing school buses. Avon Lake's city government also maintains a strong partnership with Avon Lake City Schools and looks to further develop that relationship in the next few years.

If re-elected, Mayor Zilka's long term plans include developing the western side of Avon Lake to improve the local economy. Zilka, a former teacher at Avon Lake High School, is seeking the support of the student body, stating that "We are planning for their economic future... creating a stable economic environment for graduates to enter into."

While Zuber also has plans for the economy of Avon Lake, a large portion of

his campaign will focus on infrastructure and land for parks. The use of the land bordering Lake Erie is critical, potentially attracting more businesses to the city. Zuber describes himself as the most qualified candidate for the position of mayor.

"I have lived in Avon Lake for nearly fifty years and have over twenty-five years of experience in government," he explains. Zuber's familiarity with Avon Lake and its residents has kept him consistently competitive when running for office.

Making the effort to vote could make all the difference this year, seeing that eight years ago Zilka edged out Zuber for the position of mayor by only 29 votes. This year's rematch is projected to be a close call once again. Those who can vote: make sure you get out there and contribute!

The Spectrum wants to remind all 18 years olds that they should make their voices heard and vote on November 5!

Mudbound author visits AL

By Josh Kerner
The Spectrum Staff Writer

Every few years, Avon Lake Public Schools and the Avon Lake Public Library partner together and bring in an author to speak. It's a rare opportunity to hear an author talk about their book, and serves as an inspiration to anyone looking to become a writer. This year's author is Hillary Jordan, who wrote the award-winning novel *Mudbound*. *Mudbound* details what life was like in the American south after World War 2, including systemic racism and injustice present during that time.

On October 3rd, Hillary Jordan is visiting ALHS to speak about her novel, and about her writing process and inspiration for the book. From 1-2, she'll be speaking in the PAC, and everyone is encouraged to attend. Why should students go? For one, you'll get out of classes, but more importantly is because you have the chance to listen to a great author, and hear what she has to say about her book, her life as an author, and more.

According to Mrs. Frisch, "We don't make it mandatory because we want students to really want to

hear about the author and her inspiration for the book. We also want students who enjoy reading and writing just to listen. We want kids who really want to be there, because it's a great opportunity."

Mrs Bickerton agrees, saying "It's a rare opportunity to get to hear from a person who is a career novelist. *Mudbound* informs people what it was like during a specific time period, post-WW2, in a particular region of the country where racial discrimination and injustice was going on."

This event only happens every few years, so it's a rare and exciting opportunity! If you want to go, tickets are available for free in Mrs. Frisch's room and Mrs. Bickerton's room. There's limited seating, though, so you'll want to get your ticket soon!

Many students are already taking part in *Mudbound* events, doing impressive projects that are currently on display around the school and in the library. For the past month, students from AP Literature and AP Language have been doing projects to better understand the theme of *Mudbound*.

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Environmental change in AL

From Green on page 2

"We can't change the world by playing by the rules, because the rules have to be changed," Thunberg stated at a speech in November of 2018.

Young voices like Greta Thunberg's have inspired more people to take action. With more science coming forward to shed light on just how devastating our world's situation has become, more deniers are stepping into positions of power.

"Obviously just marching won't lower carbon emissions, but it shows our local government and people who saw us that this is an issue that the constituents care about," said Magnificat student Lilly Des Rosiers, who attended the climate march held for the Cleveland area.

It has become evident that it is up to our generation- the generation that will be alive to see the effects of our carelessness- to make changes before it is too late.

As someone who is not only passionate about my future, but the futures of my friends and family, I encourage you to get involved in any way you can. The simple things add up in more ways than you may realize. Reducing meat consumption and using metal straws aren't the only small steps you can take to help your planet. The goal of this column is to shed light on ways that you can help the earth without making life-altering changes. Remember, it's not just the future of the world we're worried about, it's the future of OUR world.

Taylor Swift's newest release receives mixed reviews

Two years in the making, Taylor Swift released her seventh studio album called "Lover" on August 23 and it is, by far, her most free-spirited yet. Each title emphasizes that she has entered a new phase of her life.

Arriving 13 years after her self-titled debut album, this album shows Taylor clear-eyed, thick-skinned, and grown up. It also resembles battle scars from breakups to celebrity feuds.

"Lover" has a total of 18 songs, including "You Need To Calm Down" and "ME! (feat. Brendon Urie)", her two singles on this album. *Lover's* emotional peaks are deeper than her other album from 2017, reputation.

My first impressions of this album was that I thought it was very upbeat and catchy. In my opinion, Taylor



Anna Haberstro

Swift's albums all come off as taking revenge on someone, karma, or about boys. This one continues to show her evolution from country princess to pop icon, as it features electro-pop, saxophone riffs, and even piano accompaniment.

Swift also continues to successfully reach her teenaged fan base even though she is now 29. Using references about prom dresses and homecoming queens in this album, she knows who is writing her paychecks.

I have never really liked Taylor Swift's newest efforts, but this album does

show a positive change in her music. The two singles from this album called "You Need To Calm Down" and "ME! (feat. Brendon Urie)" are definitely the most known.

My impressions on those two singles are that they're good but they're over played a lot on the radio. My thoughts overall on the album is, it's good but it wouldn't be an album that I would constantly listen to on repeat. It's too poppy and upbeat.

My favorite tune on the album is "London Boy" What's your favorite tune on the album? Also, what's the song that's going to be the biggest hit? We'll just have to wait and see.

Jordan set to come to ALHS and ALPL

From *Mudbound* on page 10

The seniors in AP Lit did various projects that are on display at the library, and the AP Lang juniors did “biobodies”, which are on display in the English hallway.

Overall, this author visit took over one year to plan, and it all builds up to October 3rd. Everyone is encouraged to get their tickets

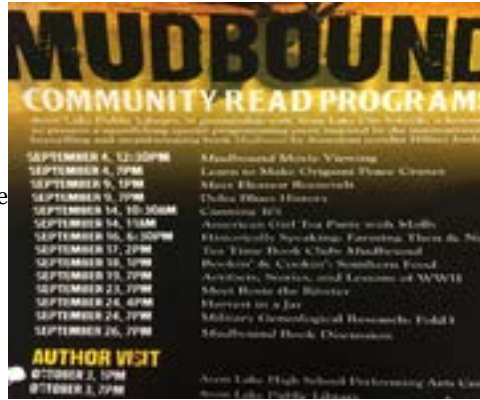


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The schedule of events being held at the Avon Lake Public Library to celebrate *Mudbound*

as soon as possible so they can attend this one-time event to hear the exciting things Hillary Jordan has to say about her book, *Mudbound*. It might be the only chance you get to hear an author speak live, so don't miss out!

Any ideas for fun stuff you want to see in *The Spectrum*? Let us know! (Meme Quiz part 2?)

The Spectrum Fall Word Search

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- PRINCIPAL
- SEMESTER
- TENNIS
- DANCE
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- HOMECOMING
- PUMPKINS
- SHOREMEN
- TOUCHDOWN

ALHS welcomes new teacher to the math department

By Neve Masterson

The Spectrum Staff Writer

Ms. Glassburn is a new teacher to ALHS this year. She teaches every type of math offered, and her students mostly range from tenth to twelfth grade. She previously taught in Hanover County, Virginia, where she worked for eleven years.

Though living out of state for quite some time, Ms. Glassburn is originally from Ohio. She was born in Mentor, and went to high school in North Olmsted. Ms. Glassburn has taught math all twelve years of her teaching career.

When asked whether she thought the methods in which math is taught today are more complicated than in they were in the past, she replied, "... I don't know, I hope that we're trying to teach it better... I think in the past it had often been taught as a list of rules to memorize, and that's really not what math is.

It's supposed to make sense and I think that it might be, at times, more challenging when we're teaching it in a way that forces you to think about what you're doing, and not just memorize a list of rules. But I think longer term it actually makes more sense."

What with teaching teenagers equations five days a week, and the countless hours she puts in beyond that, Ms. Glassburn must like to relax with a few of her favorite things.

Taking walks with her adorable dog gypsy, seeing theatre productions on the weekends, curling up with her favorite book *Evvie Drake Starts Over* by Linda Holmes, and munching on a treat of dark chocolate while watching her most beloved movie *Bull Durham* are all ways Ms. Glassburn likes to unwind. So, the next time you're in the Math Hallway, be sure to stop in to see ALHS's newest math teacher!



The Spectrum Presents *The Kaleidoscope*



The Changes in Fate

By: Samantha Sanders

The sky is falling,
The world ever halting.
The moon is shaking,
And the sun is raging.
People run, fall, trip,
The terror is too much.
It is not a matter of what they are running from, but why.
They have no reason to fall into the clutches of this fear,
No reason to allow it to make them reckless,
And yet...
The stores are burning,
The streets littered in glass.
Houses abandoned,
As though living was too much stress.
Schools closed and banks robbed.
The world is showered in tears.
It is not a matter of what, but why.
The fires burn to embers,
The glass mere bits of dust,
The houses, structured before, blocks of rubble,
Schools serve as shelter

For those with only sweaters.
Survival is no longer a lesson,
more of a hope.
The tears have dried and the prowlers continue,
They understand now the why,
The reason to break their own,
To get rid of civilization and defame education.
They couldn't handle the demands,
Didn't want college to be the only way,
They wanted to hold the cards,
To choose their fate.
Every loophole has a downfall,
Every cheat comes with a wager.
Every life comes with a death,
And every mistake has lessons in its wake.
Some mistakes, however, cannot be fixed,
Even when the lesson has not been missed.
Some wagers are too great,
especially when dealing in fate.
The cards held true, and they still fell,
No more moving forward when you're already in hell.
It is not the what but the why,
And it is no longer life, it is all death.

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