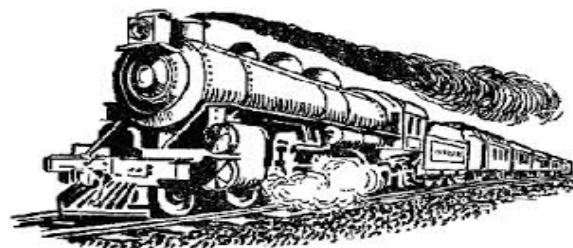


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Senior Spotlight: Austy Miller

By: Sarah Beckstedt



The senior spotlight this month is Austy Miller. Austy likes to spend her time playing sports such as softball and basketball, and she also enjoys working out. Outside of sports, she enjoys playing

with her puppies, taking walks in the woods, as well as reading on occasion and spending time with her friends. After graduating, Austy plans to attend Ohio University on an athletic scholarship to play softball. She plans on majoring in Arts and Science in hopes of using that as a “stepping stone” into any medical career path.

She explained that her greatest accomplishments in high school were winning the state title for softball and scoring her thousandth point in basketball during the same season that the team was sectional champions. When asked of a memory that she will always remember from high school she said that it would have to be seeing her friends every day, whether that be in class or simply saying hi in the hallways.

Some advice she’d give to freshmen coming into high school is to “go all out” and to “be the person everyone looks up to.” She also included that they should be a part of as many sports, clubs or groups as possible, and to try to be very involved in anything and everything the school has to offer. She explained that she made some of her best memories playing sports, and that “they create bonds and ties with people you never expected to be close with.”

Freshman Spotlight: Treyl Manuel

By: Alexis Barhorst

For the February Freshman Spotlight, we are doing Treyl Manuel. I asked Treyl how high school was treating him so far and he said it is going very well. He said that is nowhere near as hard as people make it out to be. In high school, Treyl is involved in golf, basketball, and the Student Leadership Council. Going into his sophomore year, he will do the same activities and be a part of the council again next year.



He said a big difference that he has noticed from junior high to high school is that it is more enjoyable. In high school, you can take classes that are more fun, and even the classes you take seem a lot easier.

I asked Treyll if he had a favorite memory for this year and he said it is the little funny moments that happen every day with Steven and Owen and the rest of my friends in class. He said he also has some favorite memories with his basketball teammates. Good luck in all of your sports for the rest of your high school life and everything else you want to accomplish!!

Spanish Club
By: Dalton Reck

The Spanish Club has been working hard with fundraisers and spreading the halls with love. They did a candy and soda fundraiser where students and staff could buy a king sized candy bar of their choosing along with a pop or water to give to someone with a little note. Spanish Club has 7 members, Ramse Smith, Rylee Canan, Sarah Beckstedt, Isabella Hamilton, Cheyenne Buchanan, MyKynna Kennedy, and Dalton Reck. Ramse Smith says, "We made quite a bit of money for it being only selling candy and pop, which definitely did us good." Right now they are working on decorating the halls with laminated colorful hearts with Spanish love quotes and negative Spanish love quotes all for Valentine's Day. Their meetings include discussing Spanish traditions, working on fundraisers, eating food, and on special holidays, Easter egg hunting and decorating cookies.



Valentine Word Search

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*Let us welcome February
 and take every chance
 to show love to all we meet.*

Tax Time Information

By: Alexis Barhorst

**This was written by our School Treasurer,
Carla Surber**

The coronavirus didn't just impact us here at Bradford. It threw several "monkey wrenches" into current tax life, including giving all of us procrastinators an extra month to file! But the 2022 tax season will be back to business as usual . . . well, sort of. Got kids? You probably noticed a nice little surprise from the IRS in July: free money! The American Rescue Plan, which was passed in March 2021, bumped the Child Tax Credit from \$2,000 to \$3,600 for each child under age 6 and to \$3,000 for each child 6–17. Rather than waiting until tax time for families to claim this credit, the IRS began sending out money through advance monthly payments (\$300 per month for each child under 6 and \$250 for each child 6 to 17). The Child Tax Credit is gradually phased out for people with incomes over \$150,000 if married filing jointly or \$112,500 if filing as head of household. 12 checks in the mail are nice, but remember that taking advance Child Tax Credit payments now will reduce the amount you get at tax time. Payments are based on your 2020 taxes, so if your income went up enough in 2021 to start closing in on the phase-out limit for the credit, you will not see as much of a refund. Here are some details you need to know for the 2022 tax

season: The big tax deadline for all federal tax returns and payments is April 18, 2022, and you get a standard deduction for 2021 increased to \$12,550 for single filers and \$25,100 for married couples filing jointly. In 2020 two charitable giving changes enacted by the recent acts of congress allow you to deduct up to 100% of your adjusted gross income. This won't impact many people in our area. However, what if you're taking the standard deduction? Well, non-itemizers may claim an above-the-line deduction of up to \$300 single, \$600 married filing jointly, for charitable contributions made in cash. After the pandemic stalled a large part of the economy, many Americans found themselves out of work and turned to unemployment insurance for help. Though the first \$10,200 of unemployment benefits were made tax-free in 2020, that is not the case in 2021. So if you were unemployed in 2021 and did not have tax withheld from your benefits, plan now to pay taxes on those benefits. There are plenty of other deductions and credits that might be available depending on your situation. Just remember what Benjamin Franklin said... "In this world, nothing can be certain except death and taxes." Have a happy and taxing winter season!