

'In God We Trust' banner required by state law

Most students indifferent to new bill which requires national motto in schools

Morgan Daniels

When Boone students returned to school from summer break, one of the first changes they may have noticed was the addition of a blue banner in the library that reads "In God We Trust."

The banner is a direct result of House Bill 46. Sponsored by Rep. Brandon Reed of Hodgenville, the law requires the national motto to be displayed in a prominent location in all Kentucky schools.

The bill passed through the House with a vote of 72 to 25 on Feb. 27, and was instituted at the start of the 2019-20 school year.

Boone County legislators Adam Koenig, C. Ed Massey, Sal Santoro, and Diane St. Onge all voted for the installation of the national motto in Kentucky schools. Senator John Schickel voted against the bill when it reached the state senate.

Under the bill, the form of the motto is not limited to banners.

Boone principal Tim Schlotman said that it was ultimately the decision of the central office to purchase the banner and place it in the library.

Schlotman then declined to comment on any questions regarding his personal stance on the law.

The bill's sponsor sees a need for the motto in schools.

"In a time of rampant drug use, increasing school violence, and mounting cases of suicide among our youth, we need God in our schools now more than ever," Reed told the Lexington Herald-Leader in an interview.

Reed did not respond to any of The Rebellion's attempts to reach out for an interview regarding his opinions and reasons behind initiating the bill.

"In God We Trust" has been the country's national motto since 1956, and is featured on a variety of platforms nationwide.



The national motto, "In God We Trust," is displayed on a banner in the school library to comply with House Bill 46, which became a law last year with the support of every Boone County politician.

However the motto, and more specifically the banner, has brought forth some controversy.

Juniors Nathan Nguyen and Savannah Briedis said that the banner does not affect them personally, but that it could offend others.

"I feel that school and religion should be separate," Briedis said. "For someone who doesn't (believe in God, the bill) may be distracting or make them feel uncomfortable."

Nguyen believed that the concept of the bill was not a great idea for public schools and would instead make more sense in a private school, where more students have similar religious beliefs.

Senior Claudia Read said she strongly disliked the banner because the belief in God is "not a universal concept."

She did, however, appreciate that the motto was seemingly hidden away in the library, rather than in the lobby or commons.

History teacher Alison Sutton thought that it was a unique choice to put the banner in the library, and that it "makes (her) wonder if citizens know about it."

Sutton also said that she tries not to notice the banner, but that she does "wonder how students who don't worship a Christian god feel (about the motto being on display)."

"I think if (the bill) is what the peoples' legislature has passed, (then) that's (what is)

supposed to represent the peoples' opinion," Sutton said.

In the end, however, Sutton said that it is not her place to comment, but if people have a strong opinion on the issue, then they should contact the school board.

The vast majority of the students interviewed did not show strong feelings one way or the other about the banner. That was more or less how junior Binta Ba felt.

"I don't think (the banner) is offensive because it's on money, so people are used to seeing it," she said.

Ba is Muslim and said that she saw no issue or offense in the banner, nor had she paid much attention to it.

Threat management policy helps students feel safe

Students who threaten violence against schools charged with felonies

Bayleah Vogel

Boone County Schools works with local law enforcement to protect students from threats, reassuring students even as the threats receive widespread attention in the media and online.

Five students in the Boone County school district have been charged with felonies this year for threats against their schools. All of the students were not only removed from school, but were either taken into custody or lodged at a juvenile detention center.

Boone County High School's administrators have a policy for handling threats that they come across, however they have not received any this year.

Any threat against a Boone County School or student is taken very seriously, according to Boone County High School Resource Officer Bart White. Threats are counted as felonies, which used to be a ten

day suspension, but has changed to students being kept in jail.

The threat starts with the school principal, who issues the student a ten day suspension, and then reports it to the school resource officer.

After that, the threat goes through the school resource officer, who investigates the seriousness of the threat. He or she then makes a home visit to speak with the student who made the threat, and their parents or guardians.

After that it is then up to the principal and the rest of the school board to determine how, if, and when the student comes back to school. In some cases, students will have to attend an alternative school before coming back to their original school.

Students who make threats tend to be kept in jail longer than before. They tend to be jailed for seven days or more, depending on the case, White said.

Even as threats receive more attention in the media and online, the system of handling these threats has helped many students at Boone to feel as if they are safe at school.

Boone junior Baylee Gallenstein said that threats made against schools in Boone County are dealt with appropriately because of the fact that they are treated as a federal

offense. She doesn't worry much about them, as she feels as if they are often "empty threats" in the first place.

Junior Casey Collins, on the other hand, takes threats against her school very seriously.

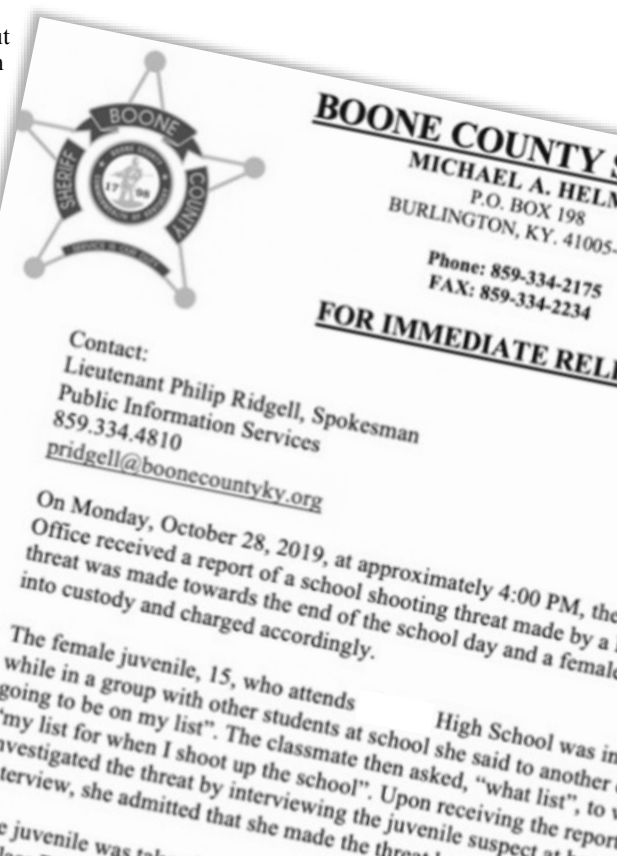
"A threat should be a severe punishment because that's threatening to murder someone," Collins said.

Collins believes that any student who makes a threat against their school should serve jail time, and be tried as an adult.

Boone principal Tim Schlotman said that he is ultimately in charge of everyone's safety and students and staff are "one-hundred percent safe" at all times while on campus.

Schlotman said that the administration always encourages students to report any threat that they hear, even if they report it anonymously.

"If you see something, say something," he said.



'Global Emergency' declared as officials try to contain new strain of coronavirus



A cleaner walks through a deserted compound of a commercial office building in Beijing, Feb. 10, 2020. China reported a rise in new virus cases on Feb. 10, possibly denting optimism that its disease control measures like isolating major cities might be working, while Japan reported dozens of new cases aboard a quarantined cruise ship.

Dozens of countries now reporting outbreaks of the virus from China

Samuel Colmar

With an estimated tens of thousands infected and hundreds more dead, the "Coronavirus," has become a global concern.

Since its first documented case in Wuhan, China, the Coronavirus has been reported in dozens of countries across the globe, including places like the United States, England, France, Australia, and Germany.

Authorities claim the Coronavirus began in Wuhan's Huanan Seafood and Meat Market, where a multitude of different wild, unorthodox animals (such as snakes, bats, camels, cats, and others) were being sold for human consumption. Scientists believe that the bats being sold there are likely the origin of the virus.

A "Coronavirus" is a common virus often containing non-deadly strains that affect an animal's respiratory system, leading to nasal/sinus infections and nothing more.

What makes this particular Coronavirus so significant is its classification as "novel," meaning the strains in the virus have not been previously found in humans, and therefore require extensive research to find new treatments.

Li Wenliang, the Chinese doctor who first reported the virus and subsequently was arrested in late December, died on Feb. 7, shortly after contracting the Coronavirus himself. Wenliang, labeled a "hero" by Chinese nationals, had been criticized by China's government prior to his death.

The World Health Organization (WHO) declared a "Global Emergency" late in January as the epidemic continues to spread across the globe. Travelers have since been advised by the U.S. State Department to avoid trips to China "in an effort to contain the novel Coronavirus."

In mid-February, the WHO gave the Coronavirus its official name: "COVID-19," short for "Coronavirus Disease 2019."

Due to global efforts to prevent travel to and from China, the virus has mostly been contained to the Chinese Province of Hubei and its capital Wuhan, where over 50% of the cases have been reported. Over 99% of all confirmed cases have been in China thus far.

The Wuhan Coronavirus is most comparable to the "SARS" illness of the early 2000's, as the two share the same family of viruses, have identical symptoms, and both originated from China. Eliminating the threat of the SARS virus took scientists almost two years; scientists today hope to eradicate the Coronavirus in a much shorter span of time.

Despite calling the Coronavirus "a very serious public health threat" in a public statement early February, The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) claimed that the "immediate risk" of the virus was "believed to be low" for residents of the United States.

Additional information on the Coronavirus, including tips on how to stay safe yourself, can be found on the WHO website (who.int), as well as the CDC's website (cdc.gov).



Buckingham Palace has announced that Prince Harry and Duchess Meghan will no longer use "royal highness" titles and will not receive public money for their royal duties.

Prince Harry and Duchess Meghan exit royal family

Bayleah Vogel

Prince Harry and Duchess Meghan of Sussex England have made the decision to step down from the royal family.

"Our hope was to continue serving the Queen, the commonwealth, and my military associations, but without public funding," Harry said while presenting a speech at a Charity dinner on Jan. 19, "Unfortunately, that wasn't possible."

After months of discussions between the couple and Queen Elizabeth II, the decision for them to step down and give up their HRH (His Royal Highness and Her Royal Highness) titles was made.

In a statement released by the Sussexes, before officially stepping down, the two said that they planned to "work to become financially independent." But after they realized that it wouldn't have been possible in their then current royal status, they decided to step down.

The Queen said she is "pleased" that they were able to find a "constructive and supportive way forward" for Harry and Meghan.

Since the Sussexes stepped back, they will no longer have their royal duties of representing the Queen. Harry will also be free of his royal military appointments.

However, Harry will maintain his title as Prince and will stay as sixth in line for the throne.

Although they are no longer responsible for representing the Queen, they will keep their designations of being the Duke and Duchess of Sussex. They will also keep their brand name "SussexRoyal."

As for whether or not the two have plans to stay in England, it is currently unknown. They have said that they will still stay in their English home, the Frogmore Cottage.

However, the British media speculates that they will likely move away from England because of an Instagram post on the @sussexroyal account that said, "We've loved meeting so many of you from around the world and can't wait to meet many more of you next year."

It is also rumored that the two will either move to Los Angeles or Canada because Meghan grew up in Los Angeles, and the two spent Christmas and New Years on Vancouver's Island in Canada.



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Teacher returns after successful cancer treatment

Miller said family was 'touched' by support from school

R Evan Miller

Boone history teacher Randy Miller has returned to teaching after more than two months away due to prostate cancer.

On Jan. 21, Miller had a blood test, and doctors said that he should be all clear of the cancer.

"They cleaned me up," he said while laughing.

He first started noticing something unusual in July.

"When I went pee, there was a little bit of blood, but I didn't think much of it," he said. A few weeks later, he noticed it again, so he made an appointment with his doctor.

Right away, the doctor knew something abnormal was happening, so Miller was sent to a cancer specialist.

"You name the body part, they scanned it, and I had about 4-5 tests including an MRI test, X-rays, just about everything," he said.

After a couple of weeks, the doctors got to work. On Oct. 23, Miller had surgery.

"I have had a long recovery, and it's still happening," he said. "I'm used to healing a lot faster than others, and doing it my way and on my own time, but that didn't happen in this case."

Family is very tight for Miller, and he said he got anything he



History teacher Randy Miller teaches a class on Feb. 6 after returning from a leave of absence to be treated for cancer. Miller said he received a great amount of support from students and staff and reports the treatment was a success.

needed.

"It was nice for me to have family, they were always there when I was sick," he said.

After Miller's departure, the students and staff at Boone began to give him cards and gifts.

"The students were pretty sad, but they sent me nice cards, which was cool," he said while smiling.

"(The response from the teachers) was the best part of all of it. They sent gift cards for dinner, so my wife didn't have to cook. She could just go get the food and bring it back to me since I couldn't move much," he said.

"My wife was really touched by the teachers doing that for us, and it was a big help for us."

It came to be Christmas time, and it was hard because Miller couldn't lift more than 10 pounds.

"My wife wouldn't let me hang the lights, but I did anyway when she wasn't looking," he said while laughing.

Though the cancer reached stage 4, the doctors were able to contain the disease.

"I had amazing doctors; they stopped the spreading," he said. Although the cancer is in remission, the battle is still ongoing.

Miller has been through many battles: he was in the military, and he has had 10 surgeries in his lifetime, but he called this one was the worst of all.

"This one I had to win or I would be done," he said while laughing.

Miller is back to teaching, something he says he loves, but something that is harder than it used to be.

"Having an hour and a half class is hard. As soon as class ends I run to the bathroom. Sometimes I can't even make it an hour," he said.

On Feb. 4, Miller had his final

exam, and he will find out if his cancer is in remission.

Cancer can be a big thing for people all around the world. For Miller, it was new to him, but he learned a lot as well.

"Be patient and let your body heal itself. It takes a long time to heal and get back to normal," he said. "Listen to your doctors, family, and good friend's advice, and ask for help when needed. Cancer isn't easy. One should have a support group of doctors, nurses, family, friends, work colleagues, and acquaintances that went through the same thing."

News of the Huh??? A monthly collection of strange stories from around the globe

R Bayleah Vogel

Honey, I kidnapped myself

A man, 55, from Pitalito, Colombia, found a way around telling his fiancée that he wanted to call off their wedding. He and his best friends decided to fake his kidnapping in order to get out of telling her.

The friends of the groom told police that they saw armed motorcyclists abduct their friend. Police responded in full force closing roads, sealing off the town, and initiating a search for him.

After the search started, the friends of the groom eventually broke and told police the truth. The three men may face up to six years in prison.

(Editors at Andrews McMeel Syndication)

There is snow fighting today

A campus-wide snowball fight that was due to take place on Jan. 15 was postponed due to snow in Columbia at the University of British Columbia, according to The Daily Hive.

The reason why was because the university thought that the traffic and class cancelations could make it hard for students to participate and put their safety at risk. Instead, the school rescheduled it for the following day.

(Eric Zimmer/ The Daily Hive)

We won!! Never mind...

Two men in Mississippi were accused of scamming the state lottery commissioners by gluing the winning numbers onto a losing lottery ticket. The two men, Russell Sparks, 48, and Odis Latham, 47, claimed to have won \$100,000 from a scratch-off lottery ticket.

After being presented with the ticket on Jan. 6, the Mississippi Lottery Corporation called the Flowood Police department. Latham and Sparks pleaded innocent.

(Janelle Griffith /NBC News)

Public temper tantrum

A New Jersey woman lost it at the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission on Jan. 7. When the woman, Shawna Joseph, 28, was asked to leave after getting mad about the length of the lines, she came back later that afternoon.

Upon arrival back to the Motor Vehicle Commission, Joseph began to smash the computers, assault the employees, and kick the officers who were called in to arrest her. Authorities arrested her, and she was held responsible for approximately \$23,000 in damages.

Upon arrest she was found with a marijuana cigarette laced with PCP and was charged with drug possession, criminal mischief, aggravated assault and hindering apprehension.

(Ron Zeitlinger /The Jersey Journal)

Urine the subway station

Everyday in Mexico City, an average of 22 out of all 467 escalators inside the Mexico City subway station break down, according to the Associated Press. Metro authorities released a statement containing the reasons for the break downs, which included "corrosion due to urine."

Many of the stations do not include public restrooms, which is believed to have been the cause for the amount of urine in the escalators.

"When we open up escalators for maintenance, there is always urine," Fermin Ramirez, the assistant manager of facilities and rails, said.

(Bradford Betz/Fox News)

Were you raised in a zoo?

An Italian man seeking Swiss citizenship was denied citizenship because he did not know that bears and wolves lived in the same enclosure at his local zoo. He passed other sections of his test like social and civic knowledge.

The questions on Swiss citizenship tests are typically catered to the life of the person taking it.

The man has lived in Switzerland with his family for 30 years. Not until 2015 did they apply for citizenship.

The man's family was approved of citizenship in 2018, but he was not.

Switzerland's federal court ruled this unfair because the questions asked in his citizenship test were too specific, according to Swiss media outlet SWI.

(Stephen Sorace/Fox News)

The school library has 8,450 books

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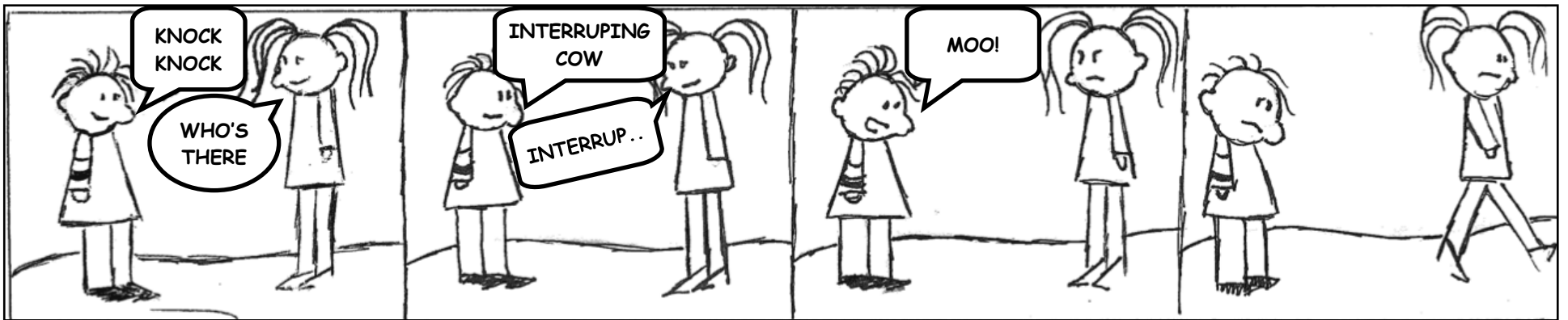
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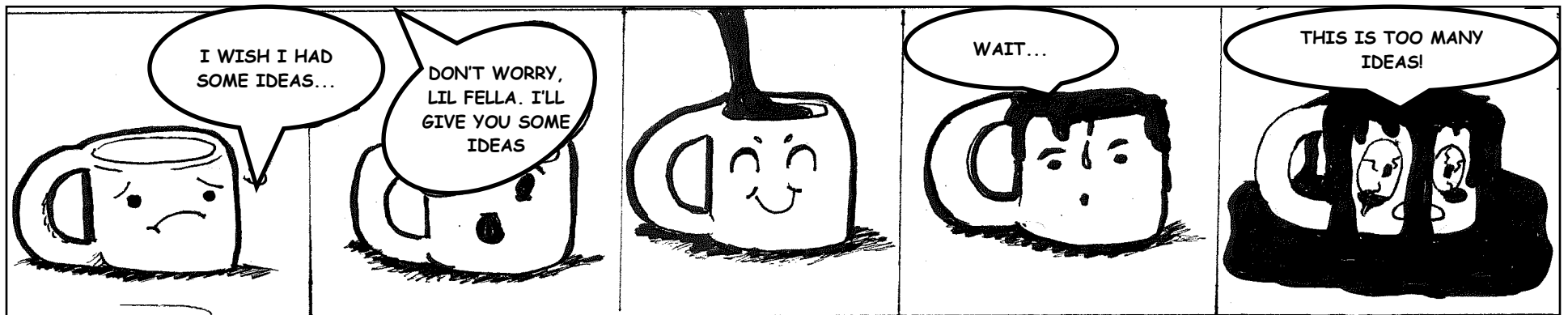
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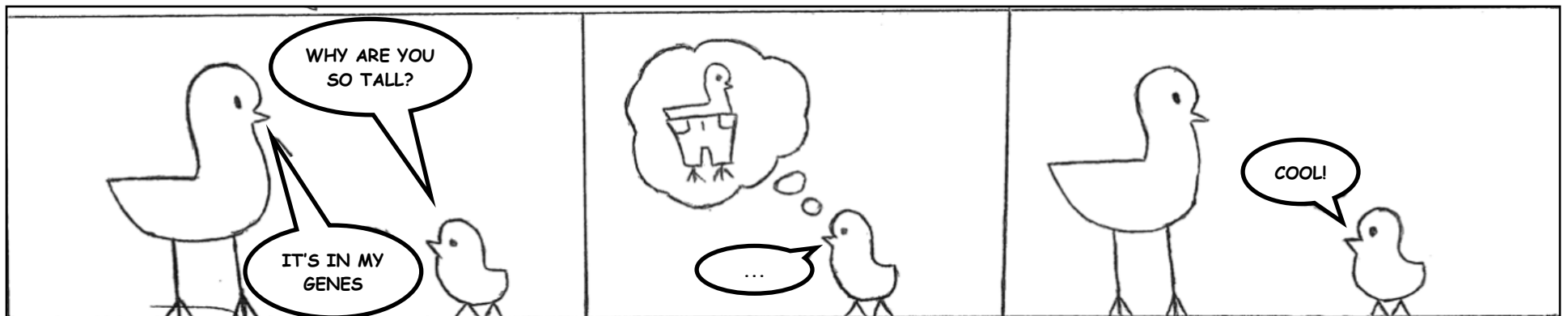
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Drawing up the Perfect Date

Dates are a big thing for high school students, especially those who have a significant other. Dinner dates can get boring, so sometimes you want to switch it up. Well, there are many attractions in greater Cincinnati. Here is your guide to five dates that would be perfect for you and your significant other.

Walmart Parking Lot



7625 Doering Dr, Florence, Ky. 41042
Ticket price: FREE

Pros

- It's free
- You can drive around in circles
- Not only can you drive around, but you can go in and buy baked goods or drinks
- You can rent a Redbox movie to watch later if you want
- It's open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Cons

- It can get boring
- Not the most "romantic" setting
- It may be crowded
- You could get in trouble for loitering
- You have to have gas if you want to drive around.

Newport Aquarium



1 Levee Way, Newport, Ky. 41071
Ticket price: \$25.99

Pros

- Great, beautiful and interesting display of various aquatic life
- Part of the Newport of the Levy complex with shopping and dining
- Staffed by welcoming and helpful workers
- Buying a pass could bring benefits such as flexibility and discounts
- Riverfront area around the aquarium offers many options

Cons

- Closes at 6:00 pm, so it would be an early night
- Adults tickets are expensive (\$52 trip for a couple)
- Some features cost even more, such as the penguin experience (\$25), and the workers lecture most of the time
- There isn't much to do at the aquarium itself.
- A lot of walking so your feet could hurt at the end of the day

Cincinnati Zoo



3400 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45220
Ticket price: \$26.00

Pros

- You get to see a variety of animals from around the globe
- The zoo has a wide range of food vendors to choose from
- You can ride the train or carousel
- There are different animal shows included with the admission
- There's a petting zoo and zoo babies in the spring
- Remember your visit with a stop in the gift shop

Cons

- \$26 for tickets plus parking, meaning it can be expensive
- Having to pay for food, drinks, rides, etc. can add up fast
- The majority of the exhibits are outside and the weather is unpredictable
- If the weather is nice, expect it to be busy and crowded
- The zoo is big, but that also means a lot of walking and standing

Starlite Drive-In



2255 State Route Ohio-125, Amelia, Ohio 45102
Ticket price: \$9.00

Pros

- Great way to just sit back and relax with your significant other
- Not very expensive if you come just for the movie
- If you are not that social, it's a great way to be with someone and not talk much
- It gives you a chance to see what sense of humor they have
- Very simple date that doesn't take much time to plan

Cons

- If you are the social type, there will not be much talking involved
- There really isn't that much privacy when going to the movies, drive in or not
- No real chance to get to know each other if it's one of the first few dates
- Is closed during the winter and reopens late March or early April
- If your looking to get something to eat and drink, it could be expensive

Super Bowl



510 Commonwealth Ave, Erlanger, Ky. 41018
Ticket price: \$3-5 Shoe Rental: \$3.50

Pros

- Bowling is a great way to meet new people and socialize
- It's open late, sometimes until 2 a.m.!
- Lots of people can be included in one game
- Bowling is relatively cheap, especially if you have your own bowling shoes
- Food and drinks are available for purchase

Cons

- Bowling can be very loud
- Bowling can be expensive if you play many rounds
- Bowling food can be expensive
- Some people aren't very good at bowling, so hopefully they enjoy being recognized for effort or most gutter balls.
- Bowling shoes can be gross

★★ IS IT WRITTEN IN THE STARS? ★★

Zoe Collins

With zodiac signs gaining popularity with their predictions and personality analysis, many couples have turned to the stars to see how compatible they are together.

To find your compatibility, find your signs. If there's a heart, you're compatible. If there's an X, you are not. If there's an =, that means it's your sign!

Zodiac Signs & Celebs with that Sign

- Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
Harry Styles, Jennifer Aniston
- Pisces- (Feb. 19- Mar. 20)
Justin Bieber, Rihanna
- Aries- (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)
Paul Rudd, Lady Gaga
- Taurus- (Apr. 20-May.20)
Dwayne Johnson, Lizzo
- Gemini- (May.21-Jun. 20)
Kanye West, Lana Del Rey
- Cancer- (Jun. 21-Jul. 22)
Post Malone, Ariana Grande
- Leo- (Jul. 23- Aug. 22)
Cole Sprouse, Kylie Jenner
- Virgo- (Aug. 23- Sep. 22)
Nick Jonas, Blake Lively
- Libra- (Sep. 23- Oct. 22)
Ryan Reynolds, Kim Kardashian
- Scorpio- (Oct.23- Nov. 21)
Leo DiCaprio, Kendall Jenner
- Sagittarius- (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Jake Gyllenhaal, Taylor Swift
- Capricorn- (Dec. 22- Jan. 19)
Timothee Chalmet, Nina Dobrev

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Kim and Kanye

Kim is a Libra and Kanye is a Gemini. They have a great relationship based on intellectual interests. Since they are both air signs, they're very compatible. Libra loves art and beauty, and Kim always looks flawless from head to toe, while Gemini is a sign that appreciates beauty.



Ashton and Mila

Ashton is an Aquarius, and Mila is a Leo. Although they're opposing signs, they balance each other out. They're both strong and passionate, making them a power couple.



Compatible Celebrity Relationships



CAN TEENNS EXPERIENCE TRUE LOVE?

Zoe Collins

All of the cliché high school movies feature that one it couple, the ones who rule the school and seem so sickeningly in love it almost hurts. It makes you wonder, can you really be in love in high school?

Of course you can be in love in high school; there isn't an age limit on love.

Love is a thing that we all experience: you love your family, you love your friends, and sometimes someone comes into your life and you find yourself being in love with them as well.

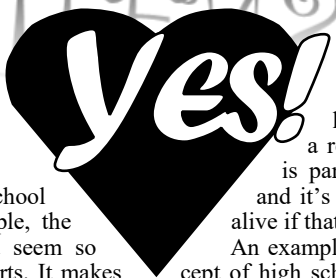
Teenagers get a bad reputation: adults expect teens to be mature and act like adults, but then other adults still treat teens as if they were children. People have this idea that teenagers aren't capable of having strong emotions toward one another, and teen emotions are often dismissed as "just a crush" or even just sexual desires.

Parents typically find a way to disregard teenagers' feelings and relationships, and act as if their emotions aren't valid. The blame usually goes to teenage hormones and the way the brain is still "a work in progress."

It's true that the brain doesn't fully develop until teens aren't still teens, but are in their mid 20's, but that doesn't mean teens can't feel and understand love.

The concept of love vs lust is something that is argued a lot. Many people find themselves trying to decipher if they're really in love or if they just feel a strong physical attraction towards their significant other.

But love and lust go together hand in



hand; they're both needed in a relationship. Sexual attraction is part of a romantic relationship and it's hard to keep the relationship alive if that attraction is missing.

An example of teenage love is the concept of high school sweethearts. Marrying a high school sweetheart is not unheard of, and the idea of transitioning from children into adults with another person is something many want to experience.

But it doesn't have to be for life to be love.

Teenagers have the potential for growth as they learn about themselves and other people, gain experience in how to manage these feelings and develop the skills of intimacy.

Falling in love takes some getting used to, no matter what age group you're in. All of the different emotions, mood swings, needs and desires are things that romantic relationships have to adapt to.

Love is something that takes a different amount of time for people, and there isn't really a set timeline to love. For some, it happens naturally and for others it may take more work.

During relationships, people can find themselves changing. Sometimes the change happens together and can bring people closer, and sometimes the change can push people apart.

Just because people are in a relationship doesn't mean they have to be in love forever. Love can change you in ways that will go further than your relationship.

Being a teenager in love is possible; just because teens are in high school doesn't mean they cannot handle relationships.

Bayleah Vogel

Although it may not be how it is often portrayed in the movies, high school it is a time for growing and making memories for most. Often among these memories are friendship, responsibility, stress, and love.

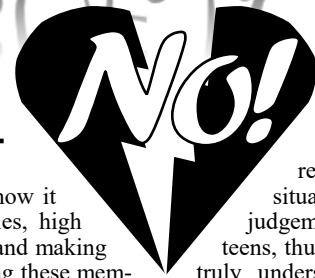
Well I say love, but what I mean is what people in high school consider to be love (a.k.a. very strong like). And yes, I may seem biased because in my entire 15 years of life so far, I've never had a romantic relationship (aside from Evan Miller claiming that we dated for three days in the sixth grade which definitely never happened.)

But the sole reason why I have never dated anyone is because of the fact that I believe that romantic love is not something that can actually occur between two people in high school.

Just to be clear, when I say love, I don't mean the type of love that people have for their parents, siblings, friends, etc. I mean the type of love where two people have a genuine, romantic attraction and connection with each other that is so strong that people want to spend the rest of their lives together.

With that in mind, there are various reasons why I believe that love is not a real thing in high school.

I don't believe high school students experience love because they have underdeveloped minds. According to the Health Encyclopedia written by the University of Rochester Medical School, "The rational part of a teen's brain isn't fully developed and won't be until age 25 or so."



This basically means that the part of the brain that is responsible for responding to situations with the best possible judgement is not fully developed for teens, thus making it difficult for teens to truly understand their feelings and their judgement.

Even if teens may be completely convinced that they are in love, it is likely that they are just confused about their feelings. They may think that what they're feeling is love, but in reality what they are feeling is a strong sense of admiration.

Not only are teenage brains not completely developed, but their hormone levels are increased significantly. According to an article in the July 2005 Harvard Mental Health Letter, "The adolescent brain pours out adrenal stress hormones, sex hormones, and growth hormone."

When hormones are high, teens often start experiencing changes: acne, growth spurts, increased puberty, and a strong desire for sex. That desire to partake in sexual activities can impair their minds in various ways.

These hormones can make teens act differently towards a person they are sexually attracted to, which could mean they are not acting like their true self.

In my opinion, it's not possible to fall in love with someone who isn't their true self around me.

When all of these pieces of information come together, it convinces me that love just can't be a real thing in high school. Teen minds lack the maturity to actually understand what love is.

Students use internships to explore passions, careers



Senior Brenden Hughes looks through a filing cabinet at his internship at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Edgewood. Many seniors, like Hughes, use internships to explore careers.

R Morgan Daniels

Many students leave high school unsure of what career they wish to pursue, while many others who claim to have a career in mind, discover very quickly that it is not what they anticipated.

Boone offers an easy (and inexpensive compared to college classes) way for students to experiment in various careers in the form of internships.

“(Internships offer a) good opportunity to explore a career (that students are) interested in before they leave high school,” business teacher Elyse Monahan said.

In order to be considered for an internship, students must apply their junior year, have previously taken at least two business classes, and complete an internship application that questions the students’ interests.

Monahan then asks past teachers of the applicants to see if the students applying meet all qualifications.

From there, she works to try and put each student into a career pathway that fits his or her interest.

“Internship has to be something that they want to do either after high school or what they’re going to go to college for,” Monahan said.

While many internships at Boone consist of going to elementary schools and insurance corporations, the following spotlights include a few individuals who are involved in some unconventional internships.

Intern does real work

Ben Morris’ internship is at Heritage Insurance, off of Houston Road in Florence, where he does real work for the company.

At his internship, Morris’ duties consist of taking lots of calls, seeing if anyone wants a quote, and verifying credit card information.

Compared to most, Morris said, his internship is much more relaxed because it isn’t a large

corporation.

According to Morris, Heritage Insurance feels more like a family owned company than a traditional firm.

Morris’ internship allows him to do real work for the company, an opportunity that other interns don’t often have.

He said that the best part of interning at Heritage Insurance is being around people that love their job everyday.

Morris said that the major advantage of his internship is “(getting) onsite workplace readiness education ... and the ability to network and meet new people.”

Student interns in Ohio

On Jan. 27, Abby Johnson started her internship at Melodic Connections in Norwood, Ohio.

While most internships are at facilities within 10 miles of the school, Johnson’s is an exception.

She only attends her internship once a week, where she works with adults who have special needs.

For the first half of her internship, Johnson goes over vocal rehearsal with the adults, and the second half consists of piano practice.

Johnson helps them work on the same music every week in order to prepare them for their performance in April.

“A lot of our internships don’t necessarily work with a lot of people; most are business (related),” Johnson said. “(In) mine, you’re working with a lot of different people, and people who need extra help and assistance.”

Besides the fun experience, Johnson said internships offer a great opportunity for students to get real world experience with what they are planning on studying in college.

Senior interns at hospital

Brenden Hughes is involved in an internship at St. Elizabeth, where he gets to work in a different part of the hospital each day.

His duties consist of anything from shadowing a nurse, to tending to a patient, to helping dispose of

tissues and organs in the labs.

Hughes said that his favorite part of the internship is getting to see all the dissections and tests that the pathologists run to diagnose a patient.

He said that the most interesting part of interning at St. Elizabeth is getting to bond with nurses and assistants, as well as make connections that may help him in the future.

“I feel that a major advantage of my internship is getting to see what the medical field actually consists of,” Hughes said. “I know I’ve always wanted to go into the medical field, but now I actually have seen what it consists of and it has helped me narrow down what I want to do in the future.”

Intern follows passion

Hailey Hampton’s internship revolves around her passion for music and connection with church.

Hampton is interning at 7 Hills Church, where she gets “to do anything within the artistic outlet.”

From recording a new song, to moving stage props, Hampton’s duties change every day. She said the spontaneity is what keeps it fun and interesting.

Hampton said her future plans revolve around ministry, so her internship has “allowed (her) find out where (her) abilities (within the field) are able to be used best.”

The 7 Hills internship allows Hampton to get some experience under her belt in the field she wants to pursue, as well to “really see what it’s like day to day working in the (ministry) industry.”

Hampton appreciates that the internship allows her to see if ministry is the right spot

“(It’s) really cool to get to go (to 7 Hills) and see if I can do it everyday without getting worn out ... and (so far) I haven’t.”

Unlike most internships, working at 7 Hills is less strict and more fun.

Hampton said that the internship is more emotional than most because she gets to do what she loves every day and bring people closer to God.

Electives Worth Considering

R Catherine Johnson

With so many classes in the course handbook, it can be tempting to just take the recommended core classes and throw in some low effort electives. To make the process a little less overwhelming, here are some of the most interesting (and useful) classes that students tend to overlook.

AP Music Theory

AP Music Theory introduces students to the basics of reading, writing, and analyzing music.

The class starts at the very beginning with pitch names and rhythms, but quickly moves on to more complicated concepts.

As students develop a better understanding of music, they develop an appreciation for all types of music.

Thomas More Environmental Science

Environmental Science is a Thomas More Dual Enrollment class taught at Boone’s campus by Lenny Beck.

The class meets three times a week. Students will perform weekly labs designed to better understand life on Earth and how humans affect it.

The class also includes four field trips that allow students to observe and learn in a wider setting than what is available on campus.

Knowledge gained in this class will help students understand the impact of human development on wildlife, as well as what they can do to limit it.

Project Lead the Way

Project Lead the Way is a company that has designed science programs for schools across the country to implement.

The Biomedical Science program that is offered at Boone consists of four classes, each building upon the last.

These classes are designed to introduce students to the field of biomedical science through hands-on learning.

Students can expect to design and perform a number of experiments as they learn about the human body and the marvels of engineering developed to help it.

3D Design

Taught by Mike Hughes, 3D Design introduces students to the software and techniques involved in 3D printing.

Students learn to use the difficult software to create their own designs, and they can print them using one of the five 3D printers in Hughes’ classroom.

This class is part of the game design pathway.

Due to the complexity of the software, Hughes recommends this class to strong math or engineering students, as well as anyone with a passion for design.

Project Based Programming (App Design)

A new addition to Boone’s course book, App Design exposes students to the growing field of mobile app development.

Students work in groups to plan, design, and program their own apps.

In a world where “there’s an app for everything,” this class is a useful introduction to a potential career field.

French III Honors /AP French

Most students take two semesters of a foreign language before they graduate from Boone, but the upper level French classes allow for an especially immersive look into the culture, language and literature of French-speaking countries.

These classes are taught almost entirely in French.

According to teacher Nikki Sinclair, students keep up on current events, listen to French music and even read one or two authentic French novels.

AP U.S. Government and Politics

With five to choose from, the social studies department boasts the highest number of AP classes available at Boone.

AP Gov is one of the less popular ones. A mixture of history and current events, AP Gov teaches students how the United States government operates.

Alison Sutton, who teaches the class, says that it’s important for students to know what’s going on in their government.

“We all need to be more worldly aware,” Sutton said.

BUILDING a HOME on the RANGE



Junior Rosemary Bryant shoots alongside junior Angel Delaney at the archery tournament at Boone County High School on Jan. 11. Bryant has been the team's top archery for five tournaments already this season.

Boone's new archery team coming together, improving scores in debut season

Matthew Brazier

Archery has made its way to Boone, and the team's first season is underway after the announcement of the team was made last school year. Not only have the competitions started, but the team has been performing better each competition.

Since the team's second competition at the Ryle Haven Games on Dec. 6 and 7, the team score has risen each competition with the most recent score being a 3078 at the "Ready for Region" shootout at Ryle High school on Feb. 1.

Even with this being a new team, junior archer Luke Smalley, says that they have become closer as the competitions go by.

"It is a small team of many different people but it just feels like we are all equal," Smalley said. "We have definitely gotten closer over the past couple of weeks."

Freshman archer Amisha Sharp, also said that the team is positive and uplifting towards one another.

"I would say that everyone on the team is very encouraging," Sharp said. "Everyone on the team is very supportive of everyone else."

Archery coach Nora Cody has seen an improvement of another type from her archers as the season has progressed.

"Our biggest adversity has been the unfamiliarity of archery technique," Cody said. "Archery requires form that is not natural and may even feel uncomfortable, and our archers have had to overcome preconceptions of what they think archery feels like and looks like. Now, they know the 'why' of the shot process steps and each archer has established 'their' shot."

Smalley commented on how going to the first few practices and competitions with his new team made him a bit nervous.



Junior Luke Smalley shoots a bow and arrow at the archery tournament at Boone County High School on Jan. 11.

"It was kind of scary joining a team that is brand new," Smalley said. "I didn't really know anyone but as practice and tournaments went on, we got a lot closer and it has gotten less and less scary to just hang out with all of them."

Sharp commented on the new team and how it made her feel knowing that she could shoot archery for the school.

"I was in archery from sixth to eighth grade and I was bummed knowing that there was not an archery team at Boone," Sharp said. "But I was very excited when I was informed that Boone was starting an archery team."

Sharp also commented on how it was comfortable and familiar to be shooting archery again.

"As for the first few practices and tournaments, it had given me a nostalgic feeling to be holding a bow and shooting an arrow," Sharp said.

With the team being brand new to the school, they needed to get new equipment that they could use for the upcoming season. Athletic Director Lance Melching said that the equipment for the team ended being worth about \$4,000.

The school did not have to pay for it all though, as the team received grants from different programs to help fund the supplies. Quails Unlimited donated \$1,000 to the team and the National Archery in the Schools Program also donated \$1,000 to help fund archery equipment.

Other schools near Boone also donated supplies to the program. Both Gray and Camp Ernst Middle School donated supplies for the inaugural season.

The team is always looking for new members to join the team. Both Smalley and Sharp commented on what new archers could look forward to when joining the archery program.

"I would say that if you are looking for something to join and you do not want to feel left out, then you should join archery because, like I said, it feels like we are all equal since it is a brand new team," Smalley said.

"I would say that the team has very good camaraderie and teamwork," Sharp said. "When someone would have a bad round, practice, or tournament, we (the team) would bring each other up, instead of down."

Madness here early for college basketball



REBEL RAMBLINGS

Matthew Brazier

March Madness—one of the craziest annual events in sports.

It not only generates tons of publicity, but also attracts even those who don't watch college basketball.

Millions of people, basketball fans or not, try to get that perfect bracket.

By this point in the season, there are always a few teams that pull away from the rest and look like real championship contenders, but this year has been quite different, and there are no real front runners so far.

Since the beginning of the season when Michigan State started as No. 1, there have already been seven teams to claim that No. 1 spot.

That is already a record for different number of No. 1 ranked teams in one season, and there is still about a month to go before the big dance.

It is not just the No. 1 team who isn't safe though.

Through Jan. 24, 14 AP Top 5 teams have lost to unranked opponents, setting a record for the most through January in the common AP polls era.

Not only are there major shake ups in the poll almost every week, but there have been some unexpected things that have happened so far.

Duke had previously won 150 straight home non-conference games before suffering a stunning defeat against Stephen F. Austin.

Kentucky had a 50 game non-conference win streak at home before also being taken down by unranked Evansville.

And yes, both Duke and Kentucky were No. 1 when they were upset.

Another team who had championship expectations has had quite the unexpected year: North Carolina.

The Tar heels have had their first losing record in January in 18 years.

This North Carolina team also made history by losing to Clemson at home because before that game, Clemson was 0-59 at Chapel Hill.

A team that has had a bit of an unexpected start is San Diego State who stands as the only team to be undefeated this season and has been quietly rising up the ranks, earning a No. 4 ranking as of press time.

The Aztecs look to become only the eighth Division I school to have an undefeated regular season since the beginning of the tournament in 1939.

Rutgers also shook up the basketball world after finding themselves in the top 25 rankings for the first time in 41 years.

Another team that has made a return to the polls after a long hiatus is Penn State, who had not been ranked in 23 years.

This season has been quite the outlier already, and with the rest of the regular season still to go, plus conference tournaments and the National tournament itself, there will most likely be more to come.

Previous Schedule	Team Score	Highest Individual Scorer
Scott High School "Thanksgiving Shootout"	2958 Points	Connor Hessdoerfer - 265 Points
The Ryle Haven Games	2844 Points	Rosie Bryant - 266 Points
Twenhofel Winter Tournament	2965 Points	Amisha Sharp - 277 Points
2nd Annual Villa Madonna Academy New Years Nock-Out	3011 Points	Amisha Sharp - 276 Points
Boone County High School Tournament	3033 Points	Rosie Bryant - 278 Points
Scott High School "Let 'Em Fly" Invitational	3074 Points	Rosie Bryant - 276 Points
2nd Annual Shamrock Shootout	3066 Points	Rosie Bryant - 277 Points
Ryle "Ready for Region" Shootout	3078 Points	Rosie Bryant - 279 Points