

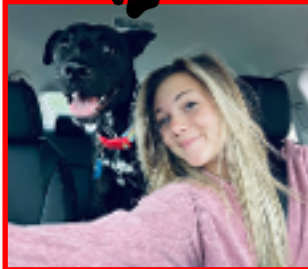


# The Smoke Signal

## Valentine's Day: Pet Edition



We asked students and teachers from Newton to show off their furry friends!



**Emma Szakal (12th)**

**Sookie (2 years old)**

**Breed: Mutt**

**Our favorite thing to do is go to Starbucks, she loves pup cups!**



**Nolyn Denlinger (11th)**

**Doc (9 months)**

**Breed: German Shorthaired Pointer**

**Our favorite thing to do is throw tennis balls!**

**Mrs. Ewing (Teacher)**

**Chester (4.5 years old)**

**Breed: Rabbit**

**Our favorite thing to do is play with cups, he loves to stack his colorful cups!**



**Nicole Devlin (12th)**

**Tito (19 years old)**

**Breed: Horse**

**Our favorite thing to do is go trail riding and to travel!**

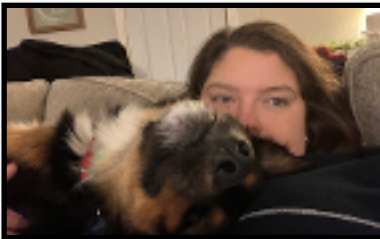


**Jayla Leland (8th)**

**Willow (4 years old)**

**Breed: Cockatiel**

**Our favorite thing to do is eat Cheetos together!**

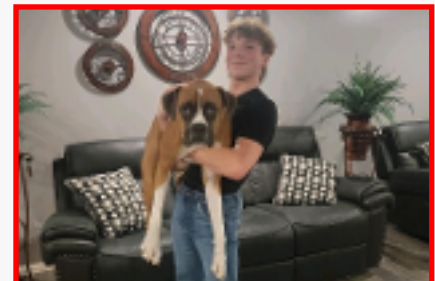


**Miss Nunemaker (Teacher)**

**Moose (3 years old)**

**Breed: Mutt**

**Our favorite thing to do is snuggle!**



**Brensen Skinner (9th)**

**Tytan (2 years old)**

**Breed: Boxer**

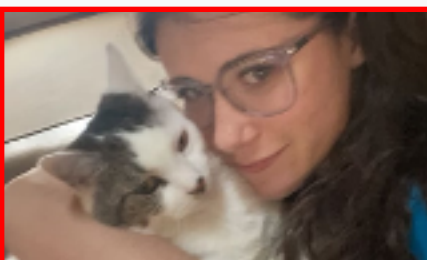
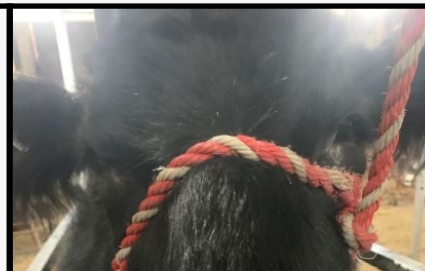
**Our favorite thing to do is play tug of war together!**

**Lee Morrow (8th)**

**Woody (1 year old)**

**Breed: Cow**

**Our favorite thing to do is bathe, he loves baths!**



**Jenna Robbins (12th)**

**Max (2 years old)**

**Breed: Cat**

**Our favorite thing to do is share my food (chicken)!**





## FFA Week



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>The FFA spent the first day of FFA week snow tubing at Valley's Edge. What a fun way to start FFA week.</p> <p>We bet you didn't know that the Newton FFA was started in 1930, and has been flourishing and growing ever since!</p>	<p>Spirit Day: Croc Nation</p> <p>Emblem hunt clue: The FFA Sentinel (look it up on google) Winner: <i>Bronson Van Culin</i></p> <p>The FFA's actual colors are national blue and corn gold, not navy and yellow. It's a common misconception.</p>	<p>Spirit Day: Zoom Day</p> <p>Emblem hunt clue: The Reporter (where are they stationed and how many are there) Winner: <i>Nicole Devlin</i></p> <p>The FFA is known for their traditional blue corduroy jackets adopted as official</p>	<p>Spirit Day: Thoughtful Thursday</p> <p>Emblem hunt clue: Student Advisor</p> <p>Winner: <i>Austin Tippie</i></p> <p>FFA no longer stands for future farmers of america, it became just FFA in 1988!</p>	<p>Spirit Day: FFA Day</p> <p>Emblem hunt clue: Each year our officer team spends countless hours together planning activities, practicing for contests &amp; traveling hundreds of miles. We are a team. We are a family.</p> <p>Winners: <i>Lexi West</i> <i>Makenna Kesling</i></p>



# February

## BLOOD DRIVE:

THE BLOOD DRIVE WAS HELD ON FEBRUARY 9TH IN THE FIELD HOUSE COMMUNITY ROOM.

78 LIVES WERE SAVED FROM OUR DONORS:)

26 STUDENTS DONATED TODAY!

HERE ARE A LIST OF 7TH, 8TH, AND 9TH GRADERS THAT PLAN ON DONATING IN THE FUTURE.

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION WAS ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, AND 13 STUDENTS WERE INDUCTED.

### CURRENT MEMBERS OF NHS:

ARIANNA VANNUS  
DALTON TRUCKSIS  
TAYLOR POLSON  
AARON COLVIN  
KAYLEE DEETER  
BLAKE REISH  
RACHEL HIX  
REESE HESS  
KYLIE VELKOFF  
OLIVIA RAPP  
JENNA ROBBINS  
ELLA RAPP  
CHLOE SHELLENBERGER

### NEW MEMBERS OF NHS:

ANN SCHIELTZ  
ELAINE SCHIELTZ SARAH WILLOUGHBY  
BRADY DOWNING GRANT AVEY  
AVA RAPP  
EMMA HEMPHILL  
BELLA HALL  
SIENNA MONTGOMERY  
MADIE WALTERS  
ISAAC BEIDELMAN  
SHELBY VAN DEN BOSCH  
NATHAN HARJU

ALEC SHAURER  
ANDREW LONG  
CODY CRAIG  
KAELYN PETRY  
CLAIRE STULL  
MYA DENLINGER  
KELLANY MERRITT  
MATILLIE CASEY  
LILY SPARKS  
HARLEE ADAMS  
MEG YODER  
JAYLA LELAND  
KINSEY SHADE  
JUSTIN HALE  
ZAYDEN SANDERS

ADDISON LYONS  
ADISON BISHOP  
MATTHEW WALLER  
CADEN NELSON  
ESTIE RAPP  
CARSON RESIDES  
BRENSSEN SKINNER  
WILL BOWSER  
RHETT KOFFER  
BRILIE HINES  
CANDACE SHELLENBERGER  
JERALYN LELAND  
RILEE OWENS  
JOEY ROWLAND  
ZURICH BESS  
ELLIOT COOK

CASSIE FISHER  
KEAGEN MERRITT  
BELLA GARBER  
LINDSEY WILLOUGHBY  
BRENNALOCKER  
BRYNNASEN FIELY  
ELLA BAYER  
MEGHAN ADDISON  
MADDIE KARNS  
OLIVIA SPARKS  
ELISE STUCKI  
CLAIRE MARCHAL  
ADRIAN BENEDICT  
COLTON SHELLENBERGER  
PARKER CHRISTMAN  
ELI LEINGANG  
GAUGE GALLOW



# Teachers "How We Met"

Ms. Nunemaker: ENGAGED

When and where did you meet?-"September of 2021, and online."

How long have you been together?-"One year and six months."

What's your favorite memory with them?-"Going to the Newport Aquarium for the day."

What's your favorite thing about them?-"His personality and how well we mesh together."

Mr. Borchers: MARRIED

When and where did you meet?-"December of 2012, and online."

How long have you been together?-"10 years."

What's your favorite memory with them?-"Our wedding day and having our two kids."

What's your favorite thing about them?-"Her laid-back personality, her sense of humor (The Office), and she lets me watch baseball whenever I want."

Sr. Tacuri: MARRIED

When and where did you meet?-"December of 2019, at a Dayton Latin dance place."

How long have you been together?-"Around 3 years."

What's your favorite memory with them?-"When we had a successful water birth and I got to catch my son."

What's your favorite thing about them?-"She has several outstanding attributes. She is a kind and thoughtful person, and above all, a loving mother and friend."

Mrs. Stevens: MARRIED

When and where did you meet?-"In High School, in 2008."

How long have you been together?-"14 years."

What's your favorite memory with them?-"When we were seniors in high school, we attempted to go to both of our proms that were on the same night. I had already bought two dresses so I had to make sure I wore them both."

What's your favorite thing about them?-"He can fix anything and is the best daddy to our girls."



# Newton's V-Day Opinions



With over half of the school loving Valentine's Day (67.5%), we decided it would be fun to see what our fellow students thought about some Valentine's Day topics. Here are the results.

Do you agree?

## Best Film Couple



The Best Film Couple is Peter and MJ from Spiderman with 39.7% of the school voting for them. The runner up for "Best Film Couple" was Rapunzel and Flynn from Tangled with 29.5% of people voting for them. Both of these couples relationships thrive off of danger and adventure and scenes that have you on the edge of your seat.

## The Best Film Couple That Never Was



Judy Hopps and Nick Wilde from the hit movie Zootopia got voted for the "Best Film Couple That Never Was" and the runner-up was JJ and Kiara from Outer Banks. Both these couples that "never were" come from completely different backgrounds. Judy is an herbivore and Nick is a carnivore while JJ doesn't have much money and Kiara comes from a family that is made of money.

## The Ideal Date Night



On our survey, 43.6% of people's "Ideal Date Night" happens to be the Drive-In movies. Tied for the runner-up is going to an amusement park or sporting event. In case you don't know, the Auto Vu Drive-In is only 28 min away and Kings Island is an hour away. Plan your date nights now!

## Best Valentine's Day Treat



The winner for the "Best Valentine's Day Treat" goes to chocolate covered strawberries with 38.5% of people saying it is their favorite. If you ask us, the best place these amazing snacks are from is Edible Arrangements! Coming in a very close second was a box of chocolates at 37.2%. If you want to get quality chocolate, order a box from Recchiuti Confections or Esther Price (originally opened in Dayton, Ohio in 1926).



# WINTER SPORT'S TOURNAMENTS

## **VARSITY BOY'S BASKETBALL:**

The boy's played Lehman Catholic in the first round of the Sectional Tournament on Friday, February 17th at Piqua High School. The boy's started off extremely strong taking an early 10-4 lead but had a cold spell going down 19-27 at half time. Unfortunately, they were unable to come back losing 49-34. The boy's ended the season with a 10 -13 record. The Junior Varsity team ended their season going 13-9.

## **VARSITY GIRL'S BASKETBALL:**

The girl's played Southeastern in the first round of the Sectional Tournament on Wednesday, February 15th at Versailles High School. They started the fight very even keeping it 11-11 after the first quarter but Southeastern had a strong run and the girl's were unable to gain back the lead after that losing 54-36. The girls ended their season with a 8-15 record. The Junior Varsity team ended 18-3.

## **JUNIOR HIGH BOY'S BASKETBALL:**

The 7th Grade boy's played Preble Shawnee for their first game of tournament on Saturday, February 4th and unfortunately lost their game 27-30. They finished their season with a record of 4-12. The 8th grade boy's beat Twin Valley South for their first tournament round on Saturday, February 4th. They went on to play Arcanum, losing 44-29. They ended their season with a record of 6-12.

## **JUNIOR HIGH GIRL'S BASKETBALL:**

The JH girl's played Ansonia in the first round of their conference tournament on Tuesday, January 31st. They played their hearts out and it was a close game the entire way. In the end, after a hard fought match-up, the girls ended up losing by just a margin of 2 points. They finished the season with a final record of 11-6.

## **VARSITY BOWLING:**

The Varsity Boy's bowling team had a record of 7-9 throughout the season. They placed 16th in sectionals with a pin count of 2545. Dalton Trucksis then went on to compete at Districts but unfortunately was unable to make it any further.

The Varsity Girl's Bowling team had a record of 8-7 to end the season positive. Unfortunately, the girls didn't have anybody make it to Districts.

## **VARSITY SWIMMING:**

The Swimming team had a good season with Quentin Reimer breaking several school records. Quentin did well and placed 19th in Sectionals but did not make it past Districts. This year the swimming team consisted of two juniors, Quentin Reimer and Princeton Bess as well as one senior, Noah Tullis.



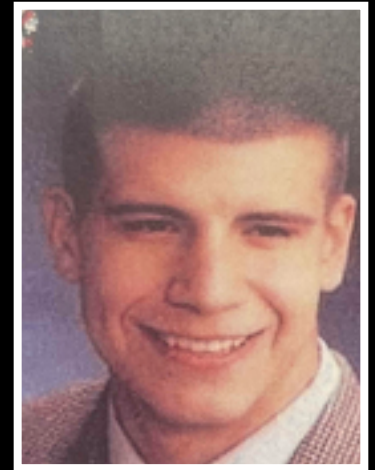
# NEWTON HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



**Madison Mollette**  
(Class of 2016)



**Brady McBride**  
(Class of 2016)



**Chris Bucio**  
(Class of 1997)

These three Newton Alumni were inducted into Newton's Hall of Fame the night of February 11, 2023. The Varsity boys played a hard fought game but came up just short of the win against Fort Recovery trailing 48-44. Harold scored 13 for the night, which tied him with Head Coach Gavin Spitler at 1,022 points. Since then has passed Mr. Spitler becoming the seventh all time scorer for Newton with 1,032. Also on this night, three senior bowlers were recognized before their Sectional Tournament the following week. One bowler, senior Dalton Trucksis was highlighted for his impressive pin record of over 22,500 pins.

**Ball**

**Date:  
2/11**

**Drop**

**Harold's  
Hotspot**

**February 10, 2022**

This shot allowed Harold Oburn to become the ninth player in Newton history to reach 1000 points! Congratulations to Harold and the Oburn Family on this amazing accomplishment!



**Winner:**



**Jenna Robbins**

**Prize:  
\$380**





# February Trivia

Welcome to February Trivia. All the answers are located under the questions. Don't be afraid to test your knowledge with some Valentine's trivia mixed with Newton trivia.

**Q: Which Monarch made Valentine's Day a holiday in 1537?**

A: Henry VIII

**Q: Who is Valentine's Day named after?**

A: Saint Valentine

**Q: What is the best selling music single of all time?**

A: White Christmas-52M Copies

**Q: Before X stood for kiss at the end of a letter what did it represent at the end of a letter**

A: the cross

**Q: What record was recently broken during the volleyball season this fall?**

A: Wins in a season

**Q: What was the year of the first graduating class at Newton?**

A: 1905

**Q: What is Cupid's name in Greek**

A: Eros

**Q: About how many roses are sent on Valentine's day a year**

A: 50 Million

**Q: What holiday is the second most busiest holiday for restaurants behind Mother's day?**

A: Valentine's day

**Q: Who has the most points scored in Newton basketball history?**

A: Kyler Booher

**Q: Who has the most pin falls in Newton bowling?**

A: Dalton Trucksis

**Q: What is Cupid the god of?**

A: Love







## PRO BOWL

The Pro Bowl game was played on February 5th. The winners of the 2023 Pro Bowl game was the NFC 35-33. The winning play of the game was a great pass by Kirk Cousins to George Kittle to win the game.

The game was played as two-hand tap to prevent any injuries for players who play in the Superbowl.

### Dodgeball Pro Bowl winners

**NFC**

## NBA All Star weekend



## SUPERBOWL

This month, the game that every football player has dreamed to be in was played, The Super Bowl. This year's Super Bowl was played between the Kansas City Chiefs and the Philadelphia Eagles.

This game was a shoot out with high scoring. Defense meant very little in this game because both teams offenses were the stars of the show. The Chiefs came out on top with Patrick Mahomes getting his second Super Bowl ring.



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SUPER BOWL

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### Halftime Show: Rhianna

**DUNK CONTEST**

**WINNER: MAC MCCLUNG**



**3PT CONTEST**

**WINNER: DAMIAN LILLARD**



**SKILLS CONTEST**

**WINNERS: TEAM UTAH**



**TEAM GIANNIS WON THE ALL STAR GAME 184 - 175 AGAINST TEAM LEBRON**

**TEAM DWYANE WON THE CELEBRITY GAME 81- 78 AGAINST TEAM RYAN**

# Valentine's Puzzle

**Directions:** Help the News team make the best Valentine's Day playlist. Search the name of the song or the artist that sings the song and fill in the missing letters. The letter that fits on the pink line can be moved up to the master line (as shown in the example). Return the paper filled out to Mrs. Kenworthy (room 207) with your name on it to enter a chance to win some Valentine's candy. The paper is due by **Friday, March 3rd**.



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Hint: Use Apple Music, Spotify, or Another Music App To Find These Songs