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Opioid Awareness Week

Northwestern students discuss the modern drug epidemic

Shelby Aulger

"In the past two weeks, I've had three people die in my arms from heroin." Officer Timpko's words were some of many heard by students during April 24-28's Opioid Awareness Week.

Students spent the week learning about the opioid epidemic sweeping our nation.

Many classes altered the week's curriculum to include opioid-related issues. The English Composition seniors wrote out probable solutions to the epidemic. English 9 students wrote poems, and science students watched informational films. The textiles classes also worked on premie-sized hospital blankets for babies born early to addicted mothers.

Senior English students also presented their papers to the school in the form of an introductory speech for the day's guest speaker. These students were, in order, Dylan Stoltz, Charles Walker, Katie Stull, Libby Hartman, Riley Rechnitzer, Ally Ruegg, Lindsey Gortner, and Shelby Aulger. A few solutions discussed include church rehab programs, mandatory rehab instead of jail sentences, education of students, and state medical law reforms.

The administration, along with HOSA member Dylan Stoltz, arranged guest speakers for the week to help educate the students. These speakers included Officer Timpko from the Wayne County Police Department, Ms. Gillian Marty, a mother closely affected by the opioid epidemic, rapper Antonio Lopez, past addict and MMA fighter Richie Webber, and coalition director Nonia Stalnaker from OneEighty.

Students learned about the wide effects an addiction can have, and the path that it can take you--whether that be the grave, or to somewhere like Webber, who now runs a rehab non-profit called Fight For Recovery. They were introduced to how widespread the problem is in their home county, and the resources they can go to for help.

This week educated students on a rarely-discussed topic and was able to reach out to many struggling with related issues themselves. As Lopez remarked, "Don't judge someone for what they're dealing with, because sometimes we don't even know what we are dealing with."



(Not pictured: Libby Hartman)

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Here Ye, Here Ye -NHS Prom Royalty Has Arrived-

Jay Evans

Prom was absolutely smashing this year! It took place on May 6th at The Pines Restaurant. Furthermore, the theme for prom this year was "Magic Carpet Ride". After prom was over, post-prom was held at the Gault and had tons of exciting activities, such as: a surfing simulator, blackjack tables, raffle prizes, and henna artists. Overall, all of the students that attended had a great time and thought Prom this year was a ton of fun.



Seniors Say Sayonara

Aaron Eicher

Weak leaders rely on authorities; strong leaders use influence. The senior band members have shown where they stand, they're going to be strong leaders.

At the 2017 Spring Band Concert, senior Shelby Aulger received recognition as Outstanding Leader of the Flag Line, senior Jesse McCullough received recognition as Outstanding Leader of the Drum Line, and Charles Walker took home the coveted award of Outstanding Senior.

When questioned on what it was like to be in band all four years, Aulger simply commented: "It was the most amazing experience of my life." That would appear to be a sentiment shared by the majority of the senior band members.

This senior class has proved to be highly significant in shaping the Northwestern High School band, and an enormous amount of talent will be lost when they graduate.

Freshman band member Jay Evans noted, "It's very sad that the seniors are leaving because they are so talented." Such is life though, and there is more than enough talent left to carry the band on, as exhibited by the Outstanding Freshman, Outstanding Sophomore, and Outstanding Junior awards, won by Claire Bond, Ben Pollizi, and Spencer Garrison, respectively.

Still, one can't help but mourn as these influential seniors move on to new heights. May they have the best success in their future endeavors.



Senior Spotlight

Erin Gordon

Soccer, Class President

Favourite teacher:

Mrs. Woodruff

Plans for the next year:

Otterbein University,
major in Athletic training,
minor in Nutrition

Favourite high school memory?

Giving Summer Nairn stitches & when Carley lost her tooth

Underclassmen, "Don't count down your days, graduation will come soon enough. Enjoy your high school days."



"Crocs will NEVER go out of style"

Introducing Royalty

This year's prom court members were Macie Buzzard, Savannah Pritt, Riley Rechnitzer, Kyle Burgan, Mia Tope, Amaya White, Chase Adkins, and Cody Tegtmer. Juniors Kelseigh Wright and Isaiah Peterson were crowned Prince & Princess, and Riley Carlson & Ryan Schwartz were crowned our reigning royalty.

Her Majesty,

Riley Carlson



The "LIT-est" song from the dance floor: Low, by T-pain

This year's prom ranks a Z

Her favourite post-prom activity was the ice cream

Riley is an enthusiastic and involved senior participating in volleyball and softball, as well as the National Honor Society.

For next year, Her Majesty suggests a bigger dance floor (and fans)!

Treasured adventures

Infinite laughs

Billions of smiles

In each photograph

Passing around

Our love, hope, and dreams

Jovial memories

Bountiful memes

-Big Daddy Meme Lord



Teachers' Words of Wisdom

Believe in karma and therefore disregard hedonism and embrace altruism (see dictionary for aforementioned terms) -Mr. W. Martin

Be bold. Take risks. Don't be afraid of failure and be less afraid of learning from it. If someone lends you a hand, take it. Above all else, don't forget to proof-read before you text, post, or submit. -Mrs. Hudson

Time flies. You're 18 today, 2 blinks later you'll be 30. Don't waste your time saying "one day, I'm going to..." Take time to decide what's important and make plans to actually do what you want to do. -Thut

"My 'advice' is not so much advice but a wish, a wish for each of you. These are words I try my best to live by and some days I fail, but some days I don't . . . My hope is that as you go into the world you might use this Warriors poem to guide you in your battles:

'So live your life that the fear of death can never enter your heart. Trouble no one about their religion; respect others in their view, and demand that they respect yours. Love your life, perfect your life, beautify all things in your life. Seek to make your life long and its purpose in the service of your people. Prepare a noble death song for the day when you go over the great divide.

Always give a word or sign of salute when meeting or passing a friend, even a stranger, when in a lonely place. Show respect to all people and grovel to none.

When you arise in the morning give thanks for the food and for the joy of living. If you see no reason for giving thanks, the fault lies only in yourself. Abuse no one and no thing, for abuse turns the wise ones to fools and robs the spirit of its vision.

When it comes your time to die, be not like those whose hearts are filled with the fear of death, so that when their time comes they weep and pray for a little more time to live their lives over again in a different way. Sing your death song and die like a hero going home.'

I think you all are a very special group of individuals; now go do your best so that it is better for everyone who lives Good luck, I love you all." -Mr. Rininger

Life is short. . .enjoy every moment! -Mrs. Kline

Learning isn't over once you leave school. Ask questions, be curious, seek advice from people you respect and see as successful. Continue to be a life-long learner and know that whatever you set your mind to do, you can accomplish that task. - T.R.

To paraphrase Vince Lombardi... "Chase perfection relentlessly, knowing all the while you can never attain it. But along the way, you shall catch excellence. -JZ

Remember WHO you are and WHOSE you are. Please do not drink & drive! Please do not text & drive! Be humble and kind! Always look up! -Mrs. Hannah

"Invest in your future today - your happiness depends upon it. Also, there will always be smarter and more talented people in your world; however, you will always be able to out - work them, which will make you just as

Senior Spotlight

Billy Smith Football

Favourite teacher:
Mr. Rininger

Plans for the next year:
CCU, major in Education

Favourite high school memory?
Karri's going away party & fighting Keaton

Underclassmen, "Whatever the seniors say, just do it!"

"Go everytime so others may every time"



Greenhouse Dedication

Jay Evans

Are you interested in recycling and the use of renewable energy sources? Do you enjoy gardening in your free time, or now maybe even at school?

If so, great, because after [NUMBER] months of lying in wait while the Northwestern district's greenhouse was being constructed, it has, at long last, been completed.

To celebrate the greenhouse's opening, there was an event hosted on April 27th, which officially opened the greenhouse. To make it even better, a representative of U.S. Congressman Jim Renacci and Ohio State Representative Scott Wiggam visited the opening. With this, our school was also sent a letter from the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Ohio.

Now that the greenhouse has been officially opened, students and faculty can begin improving it and getting it prepared for students and classes. This will allow those studying agriculture and environmental sciences to be able to use the greenhouse to help them along their way with their studies, as it will give them a place to grow a variety of plants.

Overall, with the greenhouse being released after long last, both students and faculty can continue benefiting our districts and "Sowing the Seeds for Tomorrow's Future".



My name is Opioid and I'm a Drug,
My plan is to consume you and make you smug,
Thinking that you are cool getting high,
But later you realize what you have done and
you cry.

My name is Opioid and I'm on a roll,
I'm on my way to dig you a hole,
Straight down to your cold, dark grave,
Throughout your life you are my slave.

My name is Opioid and your life is over,
You can try to resist but you will only go lower,
You think you can stop when you want to,
But you know you actually don't want too.

My name is Opioid and this is the end,
Your last few days are right around this bend,
Get ready to say goodbye,
And prepare yourself to die.

-Zach Smith, Freshman



Senior Spotlight

Dylan Stoltz

HOSA, Class VP



Favourite teacher:
All of them!

Plans for the next year:
OSU, majoring in Medical Engineering

Favourite high school memory?
Shultz!!

Underclassmen, "Always start good speeches with 'My fellow Americans'."

"I intend to live forever, or die trying!"

Why Puns Are Great

Puns can be fun.
But when you start to run, the fun is done.
So you start to walk
And face the clock
By the way, why was the chef's meal so good.
He had plenty of thyme
Back on track, these rhymes are whack
Puns are as fun as the sun in May
Puns are as fun as when your boss gives you pay
Puns can be used to cheer people up
Puns are the coffee in a teacher's cup
Puns can make people shout HA!
Or punch you in the jaw
And if you really get a good one
You can get a chuckle from the sun
But everyone can agree
Perforated puns are tearable
As the Chef says:
I'm out of thyme
Along with rhymes
Just did that
Like the cat in the hat
But sadly I'm done
Along with the fun
All out of puns that rhyme
I've done my time
But committed no crime
When in doubt turn to queen
You'll laugh so hard
You hurt your spleen
These lines are useless
Much like the spleen
So I must bid farewell
So I ring the final bell
Although this was swell
The puns stopped awhile ago
This is all pointless
Much like a broken pencil
I'm just going to stop now
So I take my bow

-Austin Beegle

Collegiate Price Tags

Shelby Aulger

We all know that college is expensive. In the past 25 years, tuitions have risen 440% (four times faster than the inflation rate). Modern day students are paying over \$100,000 for a Bachelor's degree. The real question is, why?

Many students believe that college is expensive because of campus amenities, or the number of staff they keep. These things do add to costs, however, another cost proves even more out of control (and wasteful).

It's important to remember that the university's expenses must be paid for with their highest source of income— student tuition. The costs for the year are divided amongst those attending, and with over 4,000 schools in the U.S., class sizes are kept fairly small.

Modern day campuses are always meticulously landscaped and come with luxurious recreational centers. Simply landscaping the average 2,000 acre campus would cost over \$80 billion for the original job, plus basic upkeep expenses.

Updated rec centers come at a similar cost. In addition to building expenses and basic exercise equipment, the centers



often offer rock climbing, indoor tracks, whirlpools, saunas, golf simulators, martial arts studios, and more. All of these things add significant sums to the university's expenses, and they must be paid for.

In addition to these things, colleges spend millions on advertising. They advertise through mailers, emails, phone calls, billboards, television ads, and more. Students recognize that daily they receive stacks of collegiate propaganda, and these items add up quickly. Mailers cost \$1 apiece, billboards average \$3,000, and TV ads can add over \$100,000 in expenses.

The amount of advertising never slows, and shows the university's interest in competing like businesses. With so many universities, and a desire for profit, they attempt to out-advertise each other to win over incoming students in the available pool of graduates.

The ironic quality is that it is just junk. Students simply toss mailers into the trash and hang up the phone as soon as they hear "...and I'm from ____ University."

Intensely competitive advertising is seen as necessary to attract new students, but to what extent does its effectiveness reach if it is just ignored and thrown away?



Students really had a magical night at our "Magic Carpet Ride" prom on May 6!



A Spring Soliloquy

By: Emily Bouffard

I heard a lonely spring soliloquy,

A tale far from winter's hostility.

Songbirds sang their tunes merrily,

And the wildlife filled space with their endless chatter.

Drinking the sugary-sweet elixir, I

took seat upon stone in the mixture

And observe Nature, Her nobility,

In her moment of clear, peaceful clatter.

She sang of a lonely winter night, cold and bitter,

When the warmest fires shatter,

And sang of a new spring morn,

When the cold and bitter death of night did not matter.



The Dash

Linda Ellis

I read of a man that stood to speak
At the funeral of a friend
He referred to the dates on her tombstone
From the beginning to the end

He noted that first came the date of her birth
And spoke the following date with tears,
But he said what mattered most of all
Was **the dash** between those years

For that dash represents all the time
That she spent alive on earth
And now only those who loved her
Know what the little line is worth

For it matters not how much we own,
The cars...the house...the cash.
What matters is how we live and love
And how we spend **our dash**.

So, think about this long and hard
The things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left
That can still be rearranged.

If you could just slow down enough
To consider what's true and real
And always try to understand
The way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger
And show appreciation more
And love the people in our lives
Like we never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect
And more often wear a smile,
Remembering that this special **dash**
May only last a little while.

End of Year Schedule

- May 15 7:30
Underclassmen Awards
- May 18 & 19
Senior Exams, Seniors' Last Day
- May 18
Band's Cedar Point Trip
- May 22 7pm
Senior Awards
- May 25 & 26 9am
Graduation Practice
- May 28 2pm
Commencement
- May 29 10am
West Salem Memorial Day Parade
- May 26, 30, & 31
Underclassmen Exams
- May 31
Underclassmen's Last Day

Senior Spotlight

Riley Carlson

Softball, Volleyball

Favourite teacher:

Mrs. Kline

Plans for the next year:

Studying fashion merchandising
at Kent State

Favourite high school memory?

Dances & sporting events, especially when Kourtney fell
during softball games

Underclassmen, "Try everything and get involved, don't be
afraid to get out of your comfort zone!"

"I think my problem is that I have really fantastic bad ideas."

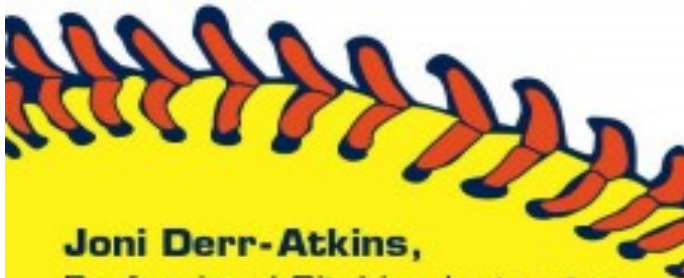


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