

NESTUCCA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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TEC Works on New CTE Programs

The Tillamook Education Consortium (TEC) consisting of Tillamook School District, Neah-Kah-Nie School District, Nestucca School District, Tillamook Bay Community College, and Northwest Regional Education Service District along with business and community partners is working to align and improve Career Technical Education (CTE) county wide.

This includes but is not limited to creating a county wide aligned CTE curriculum K-14, creating clear pathways to family wage jobs for students when they graduate from any of the county high schools, standing up a Skills Center for all student in the county, and breaking cycles of poverty through providing opportunities to our students.

In order to successfully complete this project it is vital we have input and participation from all parts of the county from education, business and community. To facilitate the participation and input we are creating workgroups to help with this work. These workgroups will ideally have wide representation of participants from business, education and community.

If you are interested in participating in this project or would like more information please contact Chad Holloway at chadh@nestucca.k12.or.us



Have a Student Driver?

The Oregon DMV now offers online knowledge testing for both Class C knowledge tests and motorcycle knowledge tests. Save yourself some time and check out testing online at DMV2U.oregon.gov.



¿Está su hijo adolescente listo para aprender a conducir? El DMV de Oregon ahora ofrece pruebas en línea para la prueba de conocimientos de Clase C y la prueba de conocimientos sobre motocicletas. Ahórrese algo de tiempo y consulte las pruebas en línea en DMV2U.oregon.gov.

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*Nestucca High School Theater
Department proudly presents:*

“The Curious Savage” by John Patrick

Date: Nov 17 and 18 at 7pm on the
Nelson-Pimentel Stage
Tickets are \$7.50 general admission and
\$5.00 for senior citizens and students.
Tickets are available online in advance on
the school website.



High School Fall Concert: Nov 7th @ 7 pm in the NHS Gym!

Ever heard of Lucky Chops?
The band will be performing one
of their fun pieces, as well as “The
Planets” (by Holst) performed to a short
planets movie created using Unity.

The choir hits the 80s and Halloween in
one shot with a performance of “Thriller”
and a hand dance with black lights
accompanied their performance of “Dark
and Stormy Night”— a piece that visits
several Edgar Allen Poe poems.

Don't miss this great concert by
Nestucca musicians!

Congrats to our Bobcat Speechies!

The Speech team competed at the Oktoberfest tournament this past Saturday. Manager Maria held the team together at base camp while coaches Serven and Carissa judged events during the 13 hour day.

We are especially proud that three of the five current team members made it to finals. The overall results included:

- * newbie Ana Wehrley taking **FIRST** in Novice Poetry,
- * Team Captain and veteran speechie Neri Tate taking 2nd place overall in Open Oratory,
- * and newbie Maddison Ehly taking 3rd place in Novice Poetry!

Second-year speechies Lilly Shippee and Carly Cook both did exceedingly well in their first round with excellent comments. Some environmental factors (it was freezing!) impacted their performances in the second and third rounds, but they'll be ready to combat that in the future! Way to go, Nestucca Speechies!



Bobcat Business

Ellie Vu
Editor in Chief

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send a letter to the editor, email us at
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Town hall	3	catching a little dark and stormy mood sounds like a
Blood drive	4	killer time, then there is an event for you! On Tuesday,
Trick-or-treat	5	November 7th, at 7 p.m., the Bobcat musicians from
Car thief	5	both the choir and band classes will be setting the vibe at
Halloween	6	the high school gym. Entrance is free, and there may be
Tech layoffs	6	some cool gift cards that will be raffled off at the
Student spotlights	7-8	performance. Come and groove with us!

Higdon & Rigg running into state; Rigg sets PR

By: Staff of Bobcat Business

Sophomore cross country runners Jonah Higdon and Micah Rigg are on their way to compete at the state championship meet on Saturday, November 4th at Lane Community College in Eugene. Each runner earned two medals at the district meet held at Valley Catholic on October 24th; Jonah finished 6th in both the NW League and the district, while Micah finished 7th in the district and 1st in the NW League. To qualify for state, the runners needed to place in the top seven of the district. Higdon crossed the finish line with a time of 18:10, while Rigg finished with a time of 20:10, breaking her previously set school record of 20:27. Higdon and Rigg described the course as, “muddy, slick, and narrow, yet fun and easy.” Rigg choose the right time to set her PR in the 5K race, as the girls’ event was rather competitive, competing against 1A, 2A, and 3A schools. Sophomore Aiden Durgan also set a

PR, with a time of 22:10, while sophomore Vince Lewis posted his second best time ever, clocking in at 20:48. Seniors Kerrin Higdon and Nicole Ziegler were unable to compete due to injuries.



Photos by Tyler Bentley
Above: Micah Rigg
To Right: Jonah Higdon

Volleyball's 2023 season comes to an end

By: Vanessa Perez

Nestucca High School's girls volleyball team season came to an end on Saturday, October 21st at Vernonia High School. The Bobcats made it to the Northwest League playoffs this year, playing in the 3rd place game for a shot at going to state. The Bobcats played the Clatskanie Tigers, and unfortunately fell short. The Bobcats ended 4th in the league and ranked 19th overall in the state OSAA rankings for 2A. After the championship game, an awards ceremony presented all-league awards; three of our Bobcat athletes were honored. Senior Kyla Hurliman was awarded first team

all-league. Second team all-league was awarded to senior Hailee Knight and senior Chloe Love was awarded with honorable mention. Along with the Faith Bible Falcons, the Bobcats were also awarded the sportsmanship award.



News from the cheer squad

By: Ryan Mckillip

For the 2023-24 cheerleading season, senior cheer captains Isabelle Henry, AJ Johns, and Emily Bressler are going to be creating and performing a senior pep dance to leave their mark! They debuted their unique cheer dance at the last home volleyball game and during halftime at the senior night football game. We have been informed that it will most likely be a new yearly tradition! Other exciting news is that the cheer team is doing something different; cheering for wrestling. Junior Alyssa Manzonie stated, "Last year we all got together and made a few cheers for the wrestlers' senior night. We don't want them to go to waste, so we're all very excited to get to use them again for all home meets this season."



Soccer on the horizon

By: *Ellie Vu*

A segment of boys at Nestucca High School have decided that they want to start a soccer team. Junior Junior Toro stated, "It all started in first period, Schiewe's class." Since then, they have talked to Principal Richwine about adding a boys soccer team. Mr. Richwine talked to our superintendent, Misty Wharton, who said that we will be starting a club soccer team and work our way up from there. The goal is to provide an option for girls to play as well, though that might take the shape of a co-ed team. They are determined to start a team; they have ideas for fundraising and have been practicing soccer everyday at lunch and sometimes

at the K-8 after school. Toro has asked K-8 teacher Peter Deam if he would like to be their coach. Deam expressed interest in the idea and can't wait to start brainstorming. As of right now, there are 14 boys who are interested. Misty said, "We will make it happen."



"2024, we're coming" - Jr. Toro (11) and Eric Chavarin (10)

Town hall meetings

By: Logan Siler

The Nestucca Valley School District will be hosting two town hall meetings in the coming weeks. Each meeting will be held in the new CTE building at the high school. The first one is on Monday, October 30th at 6 p.m. and the last one will be on Wednesday, November 8th at 6 p.m. Superintendent Misty Wharton will be leading these town halls, with the goal being to answer questions and to engage in constructive communication in order to improve our practice at NVSD for our students.



They want your blood!

By:Vanessa Perez

Nestucca High School is hosting three blood drives this year. These events take place in the fall, winter, and spring terms, in the Nestucca High School gym. The first will take place on Tuesday, October 31st, 2023; how fitting for it to fall on Halloween! From 10-4 p.m., students, staff, parents, and anyone who is interested are encouraged to come out and donate blood. The American Red Cross Association and Tevin Gianella have been working together to bring this event back to the community three times a year for the last seven years. The American Red Cross Association is an organization that

does training and certification, provides life-saving blood services, disaster relief, international services, and supports military families. Donating blood helps save lives and it's the right thing to do to help people in need of treatments and more. The blood drive goes an hour past school hours to allow teachers the

opportunity to donate. When you donate, the blood goes to local places like Tillamook, Lincoln City, and to larger communities, such as OHSU. Gianella went on, "I think it's really cool when people learn to help other people out and find out their blood type after donating."

"I think it's really cool that one person can save three lives." - Teacher Dammes Hoogendijk

Fun fact:

Tevin Gianella has donated 26 times; that is almost equal to 3 gallons. He stated, "I encourage people to donate because it's helpful for those in need and it's kind of like community service."



Trick-or-Treat The Dory Fleet

By: Vanessa Perez

Halloween is right around the corner and what better way to celebrate than at the community's special Trick-or-Treat The Dory Fleet event! This event will take place at the Kiwanda Community Center in Pacific City, from 5-7 p.m, the weekend before Halloween, on October 28th, 2023. Our small community comes together every year to celebrate at this event, which features dory boats decorated uniquely to fit the occasion. This event is an open invitation to anyone who would like to come out and celebrate and includes: trick-or-treating, games and activities, live music, kids book giveaway,

and refreshments. Admission is entirely free, that way anyone and everyone can come have a great time. It is hosted by the Kiawanda Community Center and sponsored by the Pacific City Doryman's Association. The community proudly works together to put on this exciting event, so don't miss it!



The Car Destroyer

By: Ryan Mckillip

Over these last few weeks, tragedy has struck in Tillamook County. Wing Ridge Construction had an incident with Ryan Woods. Woods stole the company's forklift and decided to take it for a joyride. While under the influence of alcohol, he rammed the forklift into a company car and caused major damage to the company Kia. Using the forklift, he drug the car all around the parking lot, playing with it like a toddler with a barbie. Junior Alyssa Manzonie's aunt Bethany is the owner of Wing Ridge Construction and Bethany stated "We were incredibly shocked when we found out but grateful nobody was hurt during the rampage."

That same week, Taylor Hulburt and Ryan Woods also drove a car into the Tillamook County Air Museum, causing damage to the front of the building while also under the influence of alcohol. They both were detained and taken into custody.



History of Halloween

By: Logan Siler

Halloween, or Hallowe'en, is a celebration observed in many countries on October 31, the eve of the Western Christian feast of All Saints' Day. It begins the observance of Allhallowtide, the time in the year specifically dedicated to remembering the dead; including loved ones, saints, and martyrs. The tradition of Halloween started around 2,000 years ago when Celtic people in Europe celebrated the end of the harvest and the start of a new year. The Halloween holiday has its roots in the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain.

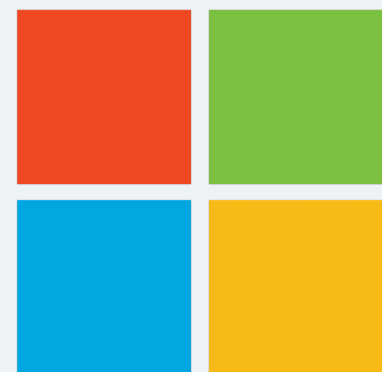
The Celtic people celebrated by lighting bonfires and wearing costumes to ward off the ghosts. How we celebrate Halloween today is not too different; we dress up in costumes, but now we celebrate with candy and enjoy the autumn season with friends and family.



Tech companies rolling out layoffs

By: Fabian Tovar

Tech companies are experiencing a wave of layoffs lately. Microsoft stated that they laid off 10,000 people, but the numbers only get worse from here. Google laid off 12,000 people; Meta, Alphabet, Microsoft, and Amazon cut a total of 50,000, and Elon Musk says he is going to fire half of X's employees, but why? In simple terms, most of the companies are implementing artificial intelligence (AI) into their business model. For example, Microsoft plans to invest 10 billion dollars into OpenAI, which is the inventor of ChatGPT. In addition to AI replacing jobs, revenue drops are another reason for the layoffs. One example of the revenue drops is X; Elon Musk, the new owner, stated the layoffs are because they were losing 4 million dollars a day, which Musk states is because brands have begun removing their advertisements. Some of the findings indicate that the layoffs could be because of the hiring spree that happened during Covid-19.



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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Isabelle (Izy) Henry- Sullivan

is a senior at NHS. She has been involved in cheer, choir, volleyball, basketball, FFA, dance, painting, prism, and National Honor Society.

After high school, she is looking forward to moving on from this town and being free, and also getting to decorate her own place.

Her favorite high school memories are all of those with the volleyball girls, who have made her feel comfortable and safe. Her advice to the incoming freshmen is, "Talk to everyone, but keep your close friends close. You become who you spend your time with, so choose wisely." If her personality was an animal, she said, "it would probably be a giraffe because I have always loved them." Similar to a giraffe, she feels she sticks out like a sore thumb, but will show you all her love and trust... unless you give her a reason not to.

ISABELLE HENRY- SULLIVAN

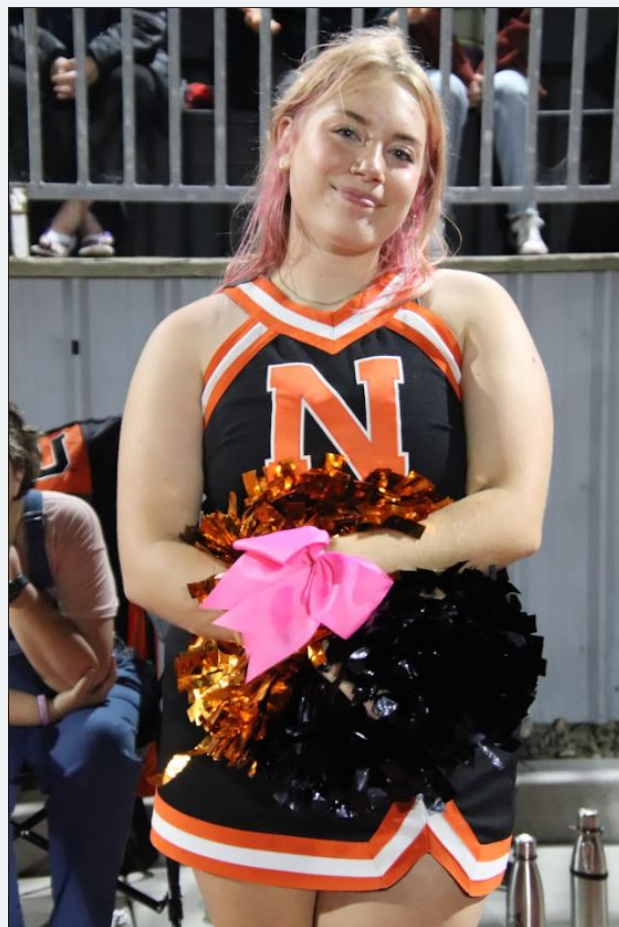


Photo by Stefany Moreno

GRAYSON SPATH



Grayson Spath

is a graduating senior at NHS. In his four years here, he has been involved in FFA and Nestucca trap shooting.

In his free time, he enjoys hunting and riding dirtbikes. Grayson has been volunteering at the Nestucca Rural Fire Protection District since 2022, and was awarded Rookie Volunteer of the Year.

Grayson's favorite high school memory was helping lead a fire drill at the school.

After high school, Grayson looks forward to joining the Coast Guard. His advice for incoming freshman is "Stay on top of your grades." Grayson thinks if he was a animal he would be a sloth because he "is slow."

SPOOKY SEASON

What's our favorite Halloween tradition?



Halloween Traditions

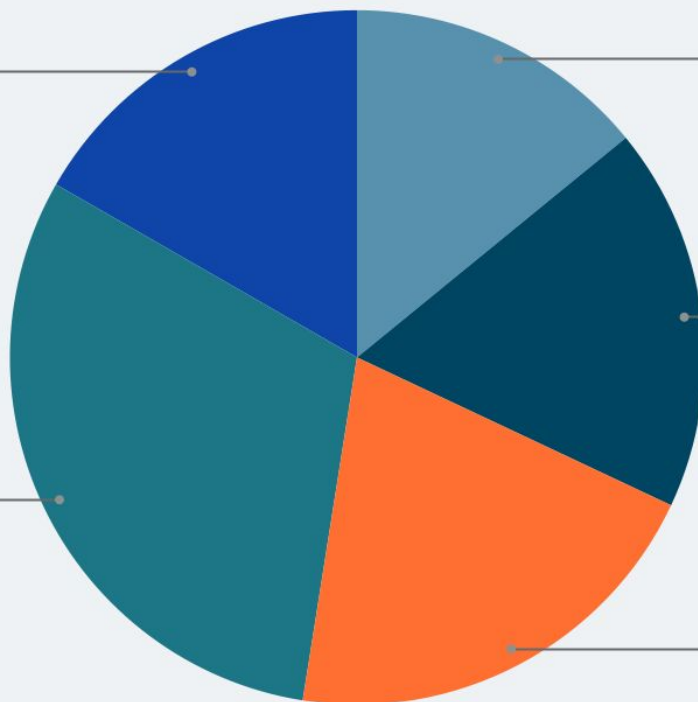
Haunted houses
16.7%

Trick-or-treating
14.1%

Pumpkin patches
17.9%

Scary movies
30.8%

Costumes
20.5%



Scorpion from Mortal Kombat cause it's the only one I can remember
-Ian Boden, freshman



Favorite favorite Halloween costume as a kid?

Batman because I have to roam Cloverdale at night so I relate to Batman.
-Sarge Samek, sophomore

My favorite costume as a kid was dressing up as Superman and Clark Kent, the reason why is because I liked Superman.
-Gage Corcoran, sophomore

Vampire, you get to be captivating, magical, and powerful.
-Naomi Hazeldine, freshman

My favorite Halloween costume is Iridessa because I used to dress up like her and she was my favorite fairy from tinkerbell.
-Jade Gomez, senior

Draculaura from Monsters High. She was my favorite and I begged my mom to get me the costume, and she ended up getting it for me as a surprise and it was so much fun to put on and it was just a really good Halloween costume.
-Arianna Benedict, freshman

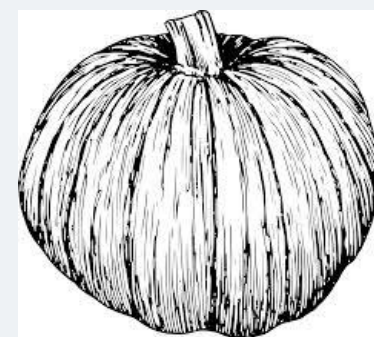
Which candy is best?

Nerds
-Mason Vu, freshman

Skittles
-RipperKai Wright, junior

Kit Kats because they are really good
-Trystin Rose, sophomore

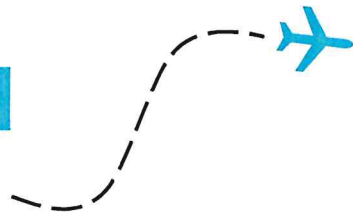
King size Reeses because it's a big reeses
-Noe Lopez, sophomore





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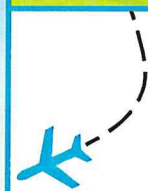
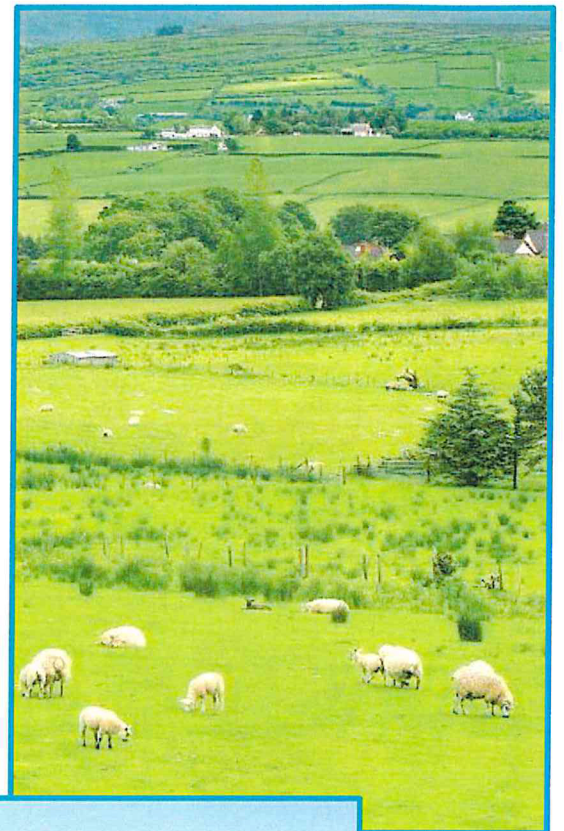
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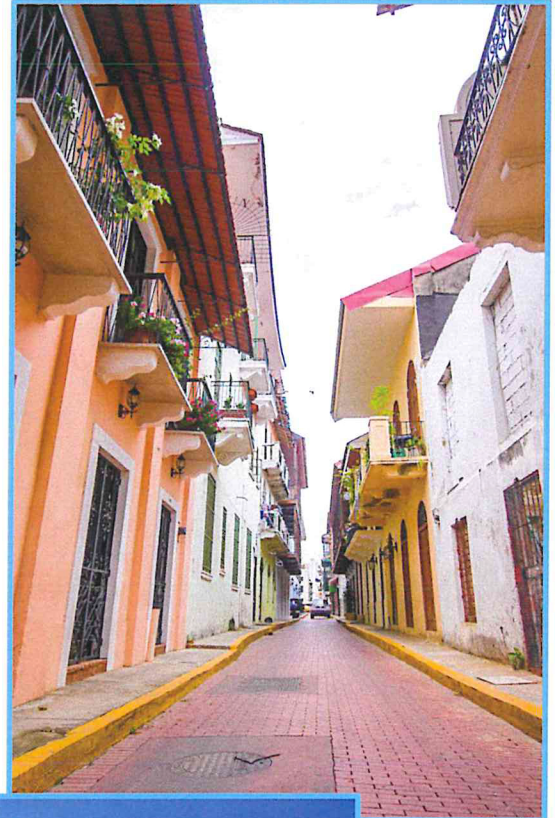
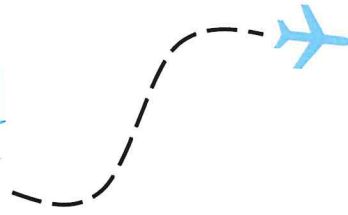
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