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Trump Won: What's Next?

By Andrew Gambill and Mrs. McIntyre

We all know who won the election: Donald Trump, Republican. Some people didn't want him to win but more people wanted him to win.

After the elections, there were some people who protested and rioted in cities across the country.

Here are some of the things Donald Trump promised during his campaign, to finish when he became president.

He said he will take out Obamacare and replace it with something terrific. He promised voters that he will create a database for Syrian refugees. And he said that he will prosecute Hillary Clinton for her use of private email server while serving as secretary of state.

So as Americans move toward inauguration day, what can Americans expect of Trump—will he be able to follow through on his campaign promises to “Make America Great Again?”

- Will he prosecute Hillary Clinton?
- Will he build a wall between Mexico and the US and make Mexico pay for it?
- Will he repeal and replace “Obamacare?”
- Will he ban all Muslims entering the US?
- Will he deport all illegal immigrants from the US?
- Will he support climate change mandates or repeal them?
- Will he renegotiate trade agreements including NAFTA?

Hunter Sater, senior, says he is happy with the results and he was very surprised. Andrew

Gambill, sophomore and co-author of this article says, “I’m glad Trump became president because I think he will change some things but will keep other things the same and will make a lot of people see things different either in a good way or a bad way.”

Mrs. McIntyre, teacher and co-author of this article has reservations about Trump’s presidency. “I don’t think that much of what he’s proposed can be changed quickly, as the Trump camp has wanted, nor do I think most of what they want to do will be supported by members of the GOP. But, I was very surprised by the results of this election, so I’ll probably be surprised again!”

After in inauguration, and as Trump begins his tenure in the White House, Americans will be carefully watching to see what President Trump plans to do in the next four years.

Craziest Weather in Years: Snow Comes to Area and Stays

By Dylan Cain

In the past few years the Athena-Weston communities have not had a white Christmas. It sure is cold, but where's the snow at?

This question has roamed through both towns for years. Maybe there will be a few inches, but it always melts into a nasty black slush before Christmas even gets here.

This year though was kind of a surprise, with about six inches bearing down in a single night, while up on the mountain, there is more than two feet. This has been uncommon to the area for years, but now snow has a role to play in this winter.

According to Weatherdb.com, January of 2016 in Athena, Oregon, the average snowfall was 5.1 inches. Kim Thul, Secretary at Weston McEwen, says she loves winter, but hates the bad roads, and to prepare for the winter she gets new all-weather tires on her car to improve driving. When asked about flooding problems, Thul said, "There will definitely be flooding soon, I like the snow, but if our weather report is right, flooding will be a big problem in the next week. East Umatilla county did have a white Christmas this year which was great for those staying, but not for those that had to work."

Weston McEwen and other schools have cancelled 5-8 school days (depending upon location) due to inclement weather. Whether and how those days will be made up is still to be decided.

The average annual snowfall for Athena, Oregon is 16.7 inches of snow just under the national average of 22.4 inches. According to Weatherdb.com, February 4th, 1913, Athena had 16 inches of snowfall in one single day! 100 winters later, and Athena only has a few inches in a week! That's amazing!



Snow falls in Athena, Oregon. Photo by Dylan Cain

The monthly record of snowfall for Athena was 68.7 inches in December of 1917! That's an average of 2.2 inches of snow a day! Readers could be grateful for the amount of snow we get presently by seeing the silver lining—next summer should be awesome!

For more resources visit

<https://snowfall.weatherdb.com/l/1054/Athena-Oregon>.

What Makes a Person a Success?

By Bryce Thul

What is success? Is there really a true definition to success? Is it when a person turns 16 and gets their license? Is it when we get a family and make our own money? Can anyone give an answer to those questions?

There are so many different opinions about what "success" looks like, that there can't be one specific answer. Success is sought after by millions of people, but only achieved by few. There were always those dreams we all had as little kids about achieving success, like it was the easiest thing to do on this planet. However, we're no longer little kids and we've all realized that success is not always as easy to achieve.

Graduating from high school is the first step to reaching success. The main thing though, is what people decide to do with themselves after graduation.

It's expected of most people to go to college and pursue their future job. For our generation, we have been taught that if we don't follow the "standards" then we'll never reach the success meant for us. Financial success is a big key to following those standards. Having money to show for yourself can always make a person feel like they're doing okay. Of course having money

means having a good career, and that's the big show stopper. Finding the right job is what makes all the schooling worth it. So perhaps determining success is not just about the money but also how much one likes their job.

There's always personal success as well. This might look like raising a family, and being stable enough to afford vacations, or having a job that pays well enough to own a house, finding the person you'll marry, and planning the wedding. All of those can be major successes in life. However, it's all just 'parts' so where's the whole?



The State 2A volleyball champions—they were very successful this year! Photo by Adie Thul

Is it when we're old and able to look back and say, "I'm happy with how my life turned out" or is it when we're able to watch our kids grow up and see them become the people we were when we were their age?

In the end each person has their own success story. To me personally, success is being satisfied what has been accomplished in my life. Getting a job, raising a family, having my own house is all important as well but the thing that tops it all is happiness.

Election Riots in American Cities Were Intense— Were They Necessary?

By Dylan Cain

On the day of November 8th, 2016, our newest president was elected. That would be Mr. Donald Trump.

Mr. Trump announced his presidency campaign Jan 16th, 2015. During Mr. Trump's campaign he has stated things that in today's world, cannot be accepted by some Americans. While some people disagree with what he has in store for the American people, others are good with his proposed policies. His plans deeply oppose those of our recent President, Barack Obama.

Many things Mr. Trump had said during the campaign were negative, affecting women, Hispanics, and people with special abilities.

These comments forced a wave of both violent and nonviolent protests in the days after the election.



There are the people that protest peacefully, holding up signs, and chanting anti-Trump slogans. If you are going to protest, so be it because it's your right. Protest your life away. Remember, though, that you represent your

political party. Remember that what you say and do represents what you stand for.

And while protesting may be our right, when Americans start riots, destroy property and intimidate or harm others, they are not protesting—they are committing a crime. Now look at what people think of what you stand for. It doesn't look pleasant to me, and it sure as hell doesn't look like you're proving a point.

Proving a point is trying to make a difference. Not playing with play-doh, and drawing in coloring books. Don't even get me started with the road/freeway/highway protests. This writer believes that most people don't care what rioters felt about the presidency because of the way the rioting happened: property was destroyed, people's lives were at times threatened and money that cities don't have was used to stop the riots.

If you're going to be a protester, please remember there are children who see you every day, remember there are people that are trying to get to job interviews, people that are trying to get their children to daycare, there are people trying to clock into their jobs.

These people are stopping their daily lives and responsibilities of people around and protests and certainly riots will disrupt others.

It is a freedom in the US to protest, but rioting is another matter completely.

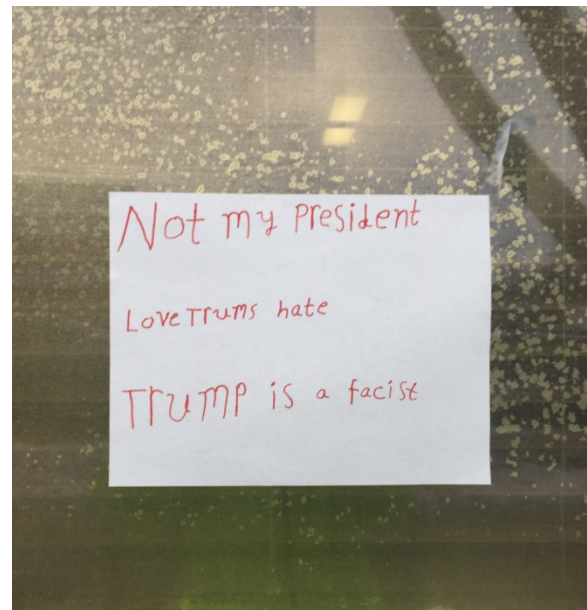
Protestors Step Out After Election

By Matthew Shafer

After the results of the 2016 election, many voters were so enraged that Mr. Trump won the election. The voters were so angry they participated in extreme protesting and rioting across the nation.

Gavin Smith, junior, believes people are protesting the election of Trump because "He is a racist and his threat to build a wall make people nervous." When asked if he would participate in an anti-Trump protest his answer was "No, there's no need for it and I don't want to be arrested."

Many large cities had to shut down public transportation because protesters flooded the streets in protest with signs and chants. Many students even walked out of classes across the country as a sign of protest, according to the New York Times. But why?



A anti-Trump sign. Photo by Matthew Shafer

There are many reasons why voters are protesting. According to CNN, voters disagree with some of President-Elect Trump's ideas and values, such as his idea of building a wall on the Mexican border. Voters are also protesting

President-Elect Trump's victory because some people are afraid he will deport families and rip them apart from each other. Others believe he is a racist and a sexist. Many people think that President-Elect Trump is unpresidential. For example, multiple women have claimed to have been sexually assaulted by President-Elect Trump.

Others are merely rioting just to riot. They don't care about the election results. The protests that turn into riots gives people an excuse to cause harm and damage to others.

Protesting is a right of Americans. Whatever the reasons for it, people have the right to let their voices be heard.

Society's Obsession with Looks

By Erykah Barahona

From a young age, we are taught to love ourselves, but that self-love may slowly diminish as we grow older. With the help of technology, magazines, and movies, people are hounded with pictures of the society's idea of "perfect."

Unblemished faces, a small waist, a pretty face and smooth airbrushed skin. Lovely! These photoshopped beauties, however, mess with fragile female minds. Many girls and women are indirectly told they are not beautiful enough when most pictures of "perfection" are what women especially see daily or even hourly. And just to be fair, this affects men and boys, but not with nearly as much significance as it does women and girls.

For some, the message, "All of the women in the pictures look like this, so why shouldn't you?" is reinforced when a certain look is what is promoted in advertising, in television, in movies, in magazines, and online.

Unfortunately, not many of us meet these false

high standards of so-called beauty. In fact, society has become a platform for the young girl's unhealthy obsession with the way they see themselves in the mirror.

The unrealistic looks take a toll on their self-esteem. Many try hard to look like touched-up models, and some develop eating disorders such as anorexia and bulimia.

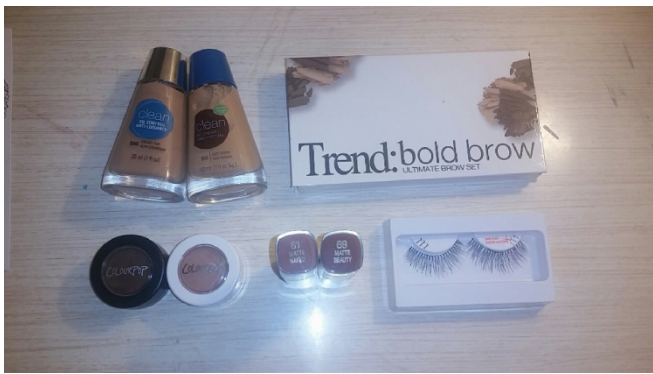
Some men and women even go out of their way to get permanent cosmetic surgery.

Others often do little things to change their appearance, like spending money on makeup to enhance their features, but sometimes, people buy large fitting clothes, or makeup to cover up perceived imperfections.

Plenty of people idolize what's portrayed on the media, but don't see their beauty. "A lot of people think how people judge them matters, but it doesn't," says Katelynn Redbird, junior.

Christina Swafford, junior, says, "Women are expected to look nice—so they wear makeup. But when they wear makeup, they're judged. Women are supposed to look put together in general, ready for an interview or a night out, all the time. I watched a video and the girl showed comments saying that when she wore makeup her face was "cakey" or she needed to remove the makeup because she was "lying" to people about her real looks. When she removed her makeup, more comments came in—she needed to add makeup and fix her skin. She couldn't win. These comments are coming from everywhere. The comments made me mad because those kinds of expectations shouldn't be put on people."

That is true. No one else's judgment matters except your own. No matter what size, no what you look like, you are beautiful.



Items such as makeup are used by people in an effort to make themselves appear more beautiful. Photo by Erykah Barahona

Basketball Season Heats Up

By Andrew Gambill and Mrs. McIntyre

The 2017 Weston McEwen basketball season had many non-league games so athletes could practice, but now, the league games have begun.

According to the OSAA site, the varsity boys basketball team is currently ranked number 13 in 2A state and they have won 7 games and only lost 5. Their first league game was on the 13th where they played against Heppner and the boys won. Brett Speed, junior, says, "I felt good about the game because I know they're a good team; we got down early but we fought back and ended up winning a close game." Since the league opener, they've played against Pilot Rock, where they won their second game. In the contest against Stanfield, however, they lost. Garrett Hungerford, senior, was upset with the loss. "They weren't playing their best and I feel we could have beat them," he says, with a grin of chagrin.

The team is looking forward to playing Culver on Friday. Speed says that the team is trying to run the floor and get easy, fast-break layups. And the games have been fast, indeed. Jacob Speed, junior, says about the pacing of the

games, "We play fast! Some of the benefits of a fast-paced game include that we're more conditioned than other teams and it's fun! When we play fast, we play together."

The Speed boys, cousins, have been playing basketball since they were in 1st grade. It's easy to see they have a great camaraderie. "Everyone from that undefeated middle school group plays well together," says Jacob, the younger cousin. Brett says that there is a close bond with Jacob, not only because they're cousins but because they've been playing together for such a long time. However, blood is thicker than water, and the close relationship has to count for part of the success of the team.

OSAA rankings place the varsity girls' basketball team is as number 18 2A state. They have won 8 games and lost 4 and their first league game they won against Heppner. They lost against Pilot Rock but they regained their rhythm with a resounding win against Stanfield.

"During the Pilot Rock game, we let them get in our heads," says Sara von Borstel, senior. "Once we finished playing them, when we matched up with Stanfield, we were able to get back to what we do well and control the game as we know how."

Sarah Finifrock, senior, is sad that this is her last year but she's excited to move on from high school and see what else she's interested in. A life-long sports enthusiast, she's participated in volleyball, basketball, track, soccer and softball over the years. In college, she may continue her volleyball career. She may also decide to try intermural sports.

Finifrock says that Coach Erik Jensen's coaching philosophy includes positivity. "He tells us to stay positive and confident in ourselves."

For von Borstel, this signals her last sports' season in high school. "It's getting a bit surreal, because we only have a few weeks left. It's quickly coming to an end." Von Borstel plans to go to college but she isn't looking at playing at the college level.

"Athletics have been such a big part of my life," von Borstel says, "that they'll find their way back into my life later."

Concerning the upcoming games against Culver, Max Webster, varsity boys' manager, is looking confidently at the boys winning. "Our team has a lot of talent this year," Webster says.



A picture of the JV Basketball team. Photo by Kristin Albro

Giving Isn't Just For Christmas: It's For Every Day of the Year

By Destiny Warkentin

Christmas: it's a day when you can give, and love with everyone else. People give all the time during Christmas but some people can't which could be because they can't afford it or maybe because they have no one special to give to.

"Crushed" or "lonely" may be how they feel when they are unable to give during holidays that celebrate people that they don't have.

Christmas is a day when you can give to anyone and everyone, wrapping warmth around people who have been through nothing but cold. This is why giving, and caring about something bigger than yourself is so important, and giving doesn't have to just be centered around Christmas—this can happen every day. We just need to make it happen.

The more we who can give and accept the less people there are to be left, or abandoned, or even unloved. No matter who you are or what you've done, "Everyone" deserves a second chance whether it be a second chance at life, love, or hope.

According to Christal Fisher, sophomore, she says, "I believe that the importance of giving is that it could help someone who really needs it or at least put a smile on

their face. I have actually given extra cloths to the warming shelter, and I'm glad I get to give back to the people who can't."

I believe this is a beautiful opinion and I totally agree with her: giving back helps a lot of people and one day we could find ourselves in a place where we can't keep our balance, and we may need someone to save us from falling. Hopefully, there's someone there to pick you up, or save you before you fall.



Photo from the Internet

Calendar, 2017

Wednesday, February 8: National Kite Flying Day

Monday, March 6:

National Frozen Foods Day—eat a popsicle!

Saturday, April 22:

National Jelly Bean Day

Monday, May 8: No Socks Day

National Honor Society Hosts Sweetheart's Dance

By Destiny Warnekin

The National Honor Society is sponsoring a Sweetheart's Dance fundraiser for Weston McEwen High School students; the dance is on Saturday, February 4th and it will be held in the school commons from 9:00 to 12:00 pm. Tickets are sold at \$4.00 per person and \$6.00 for couples.

NHS also hosted an "Invitation" opportunity—students were able to purchase roses as invitations, or just to show that they care for their friends. The roses were \$1 each and will be delivered next week.

Bring a date or your friends and come have a great time at the Sweetheart's Dance!

