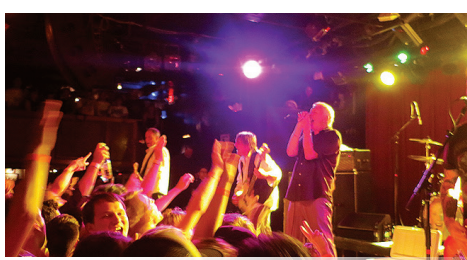




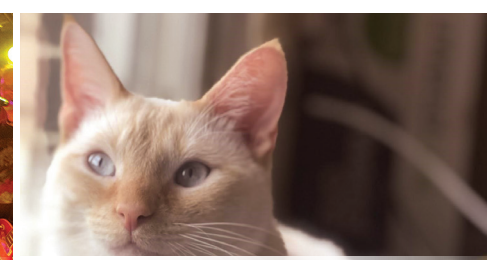
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# Brooke Skylar Richardson Found Not Guilty in Murder Trial

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On Sept. 12, Brooke Skylar Richardson, a 20-year-old from Carlisle, was found not guilty on charges of aggravated murder, involuntary manslaughter and child endangering of her newborn child, the birth taking place in May 2017.

Richardson was charged with gross abuse of a corpse after admitting to burying the baby in her backyard and sentenced to three years of probation. She faced serving life in prison if found guilty on the above charges.

Prosecutors believe Richardson killed the baby after birth and buried it in her backyard to save her image before she graduated from high school and started her college career, as they claim the baby was unwanted. The defense’s case was that the child was stillborn and died during childbirth, and in the confusion and terror Richardson panicked.

She didn’t learn of her pregnancy until April 27, 2017 during a visit to the gynecologist.

“Upon learning she was pregnant, Brooke burst into tears and told her doctor that she could not have this child and that she could not tell anyone about being pregnant,” Warren County Assistant Prosecutor Julie Kraft said, according to Fox 19’s video footage of the trial.

Kraft also showed the crowd text messages sent by Richardson to her mom.

Richardson did not tell anyone she was pregnant and didn’t show a baby bump due to a history of eating disorders causing her weight to fluctuate. When her doctors contacted her, wanting to schedule follow-up prenatal care visits, she did not respond.

Around the 38-40 week mark of her pregnancy, she gave birth in her bathroom and buried the child in the backyard.

Police started an investigation in July 2017, after receiving a call from a doctor’s office about a possible stillborn baby. The remains were dug up and Richardson was interrogated on July 14 and July 20.

The second interrogation occurred after a forensic pathologist told authorities of her belief that there was charring on the bones of the child, suggesting that the baby was burned.

In this interrogation, Richardson admitted to trying to “cremate the baby just a little” with a lighter. She also stated that she thought she might have heard the baby gargle and seen it move a little.

The pathologist later recanted her opinion and during the trial, there was no evidence of charring shown.

The validity of Richardson’s confessions during the second interrogation was questioned by the

defense, as there was no attorney present and Richardson has a history of submitting to authority attributed to a “personality disorder” obtained after she was sexually abused by a boy at the age of 12.

Also in question were the methods of interrogation by the officers. They told Richardson that she wasn’t in trouble, but they knew she wasn’t telling them everything.

They said that her child was being examined and withheld by doctors, knowing the family desired giving it a proper burial. They stated that she would not get her child back unless she told the truth.

Defense attorneys attest that the baby was pale and lifeless upon delivery. She wasn’t breathing and the umbilical cord was not attached to the placenta.

“We may never know the medical cause of the baby’s death,” said Warren County Prosecutor David Fornshell at a press conference after the indictment was announced in 2017, reported by Dayton Daily News. “Certainly it would be substantially easier if we could come in and say what the medical cause of death is, but that was made impossible or nearly impossible when she burned and buried the body.”

The jury ultimately reached a verdict of not guilty after four hours of deliberation,

citing an inability to determine the cause of death due to a lack of evidence.

“I just wanted to say how sorry I was,” Richardson said during her sentencing hearing on Sept. 13, as reported by the Washington Post. “I can sometimes be selfish, but I would like to think that I’ve become better in the knowledge that I’ve upset everyone and hurt so many people with what I’ve done. And I’m forever sorry.”

Warren County Common Pleas Judge Donald Oda II chastised her for showing “grotesque disregard for life.”

“I firmly believe — in fact I know, Miss Richardson, in my heart — that if you would have made different decisions in this case, Annabelle would be here today,” Oda said. “And I know that may be difficult for you to hear. Some people are inclined to think to themselves, ‘This is America; we kill unborn babies every day.’ But I don’t think of it that way.”

Fornshell and Lt. John Faine, the lead detective in the case, hold firm in their beliefs that the baby was killed after birth in a desperate attempt to save face.

Yet, Richardson will walk without facing jail time, and the family has already bought a funeral plot to give the baby a proper burial. The remains will be returned to the family, as ordered by Oda.



Richardson in court awaiting the verdict.

Source: Youtube/Time Magazine

# Teacher Accused of Gross Sexual Imposition



Clearcreek Elementary School in Springboro.

**Richard Foltz**  
*Executive Editor*

John Austin Hopkins, 25-year-old gym teacher at Clearcreek Elementary School, was accused of 36 counts of gross sexual imposition with 28 first-grade female students in a class he taught.

Hopkins is accused of inappropriate contact with potentially up to 88 girls during his time as a teacher at Clearcreek Elementary, which is in the Springboro school district. Though at this time he is only accused of 36 counts of third-degree felony with 28 young girls.

The parents of 22 Springboro students claim the school district failed to protect their children from Hopkins in a lawsuit filed Friday, Sept. 13.

The lawsuit alleged that Hopkins had installed an alarm on the classroom door, alerting him to when someone wanted access to the room. He also locked the door, as per the lawsuit.

According to the lawsuit: “With knowledge of Springboro administration, including Schroer and Corder, Hopkins kept the door to the gymnasium locked during classes, which prevented access by Springboro personnel.

With knowledge of Springboro administration, including Schroer and Corder, Hopkins installed a doorbell on the exterior of the gymnasium door to alert him when any Springboro personnel wanted to access the gymnasium.”

According to Scott Marshall, the district’s communications coordinator, the gymnasium door was never locked, according to an email reported by Dayton Daily News last week.

“The gymnasium did have a doorbell, however, it did not signal when people entered. Based on the investigation, and evaluation walk-throughs by administration, the gymnasium door was never locked during class time,” said Marshall.

The lawsuit further infers that the district, including former superintendent Daniel Schroer and the principal of Clearcreek Elementary Carrie Corder, knew of the locked door and holds them responsible as well.

The lawsuit also states that security cameras, installed and operated by the school caught Hopkins a total of 100 times making inappropriate contact with minors who were his students between Dec. 2018 and March 2019.

“The primary defendant is the school system, and then the former superintendent and then the principal. John Hopkins is mentioned last,” Hopkins’ criminal lawyer, David Chicarelli, said in a statement given to Dayton Daily last Tuesday.

“Other teachers’ classrooms had a doorbell (not all), as classroom doors (not the gymnasium) are typically closed and locked during class,” said Marshall in June.

Last Monday, lawyer Angela Wallace filed a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education, stating that the school district was violating the rights of parents of students by not turning over the video surveillance of Hopkins alleged crimes.

“We were able to identify 88 female first grade students who had some type of physical interaction with Mr. Hopkins,” said prosecutor David Fornshell, in a statement reported to WHIO. “His focus definitely was on the little girls.”

“We tried to reach a resolution informally with the school and were unable to do so,” said Wallace in a statement reported to Dayton Daily. The district didn’t make a statement as of last Monday, citing “pending litigation.”

The lawsuit is brought on behalf of only 22 students, though it is proposed for “all female students in the Springboro Community City School District that were enrolled in the first grade at

Clearcreek Elementary during the 2018-2019 school year and suffered sexual contact by John Austin Hopkins, and the

guardian(s) of those students. Source: Youtube

According to the lawsuit, the “proposed class” includes “parents and natural guardians of female first-grade students that attended Clearcreek Elementary during the 2018-2019 school year, referred to collectively as child victims and individually as Child Victim A through L.”

Hopkins resigned back in March after serving as a full-time teacher for the school and as a long-term substitute reaching as far back as 2017.

The lawsuit states that “due to Hopkins’ relationships with teachers and former administration of Springboro,” Schroer recommended Hopkins be hired “irrespective of his qualifications or background.”

The lawsuit also claims that “some child victims were subjected to sexual contact by Hopkins before December 2018. These instances of sexual contact are believed to have been recorded by security cameras, but no video proof of those instances remain as Springboro purports to have destroyed all security camera footage recorded before December 2018.”

Also, according to the lawsuit, the school district is violating federal law by not releasing the footage of the instances of misconduct.

The school’s superintendent, Schroer, was placed on paid administrative leave on Aug. 16, and later resigning after an investigation involving “financial allegations” were brought against him.

A spokesman for the district said that the resignation had nothing to do with the Hopkins case, at the time.

Hopkins remains free on house arrest for the time being, as evidence and its availability are sorted out.

## QUICK NEWS!!

### *Sinclair News:*

On Friday Sept. 20, Dayton activists participated in the global climate strike created by students from all over the world. The strike is partially supported by the Sustainability Student Leadership Counsel. Sinclair Peace Club. It will consist of two protests. One took place at the Kennedy Union Fountain at UD. The second started at Sinclair Community College and the protesters marched towards the Dayton Federal Building.

### *Local News:*

-At 6:45 a.m Sept. 20, a man was engulfed in flames, which resulted in the grass being set ablaze behind a Marathon gas station near N. James H. McGee Boulevard. According to a witness the fire was started when the man had pumped gasoline into a milk jug half an hour earlier. There is no word on his condition just yet.

-On Sept. 18, Dayton funk legends gathered together in the Rose Music Center of Huber Heights, Ohio. Their goal is to raise money for the Dayton foundation, which will go towards assisting victims affected by the Memorial Day tornadoes.

### *U.S. News:*

-Paddleboarder Joshua Hensley, who the community named Capt. Jack Sparrow, was discovered dead near the Gulf of Mexico Florida. Hensley was the owner of Big Foot Paddle Boards in Crystal River. He was last spotted in Hunter Springs Park in Citrus County. He was paddleboarding to Shell Island to watch the sunset before his mysterious death.

# Employees Acknowledged at Faculty Recognition

Samuel J. Claude  
*Managing Editor*

Employee recognition is considered one of the most efficient ways to improve productivity in this day and age, and Sinclair employees are among the hardest working employees in all of Dayton. So, every year, Sinclair Community College acknowledges these hard-working and creative men and women at the Faculty Recognition Reception.

On the 13th of September, professors, advisors and deans of all departments packed into Building 12, where food and drinks were served. Sinclair President Steve Johnson opened the ceremony with words of encouragement and congratulated everyone for their noble endeavors.

Interim provost Dr. Kathleen Cleary and associate provost Jennifer Kostic then requested all winners to rise for the crowd to see, as everyone in the room applauded respectfully.

Dr. Cleary and Kostic then commenced with the presentation of awards.

The awards covered four categories, including International and national, state honors, local and regional honors and Sinclair honors. Many awards were bestowed, including Faculty Member of the Year (Deborah Strehle), American Advertising Federation Dayton Mercury Award (Amanda Romero) and the Exemplary Leader Award (Kyle Jones).

“I’m humbled and I want to thank Jesus and give him all the glory,” said Ohio Nurse Association - 100 Great Nurses in Ohio winner, Vivian Jackson.

Finally, the two professor emeritus were awarded. The recipients were Richard Jurus, professor of art and Lorraine Kapka, professor of engineering technology and design. When asked about her award, Kapka mentioned how many talented individuals were involved in the award and expressed how humbled

she felt being given such a prestigious title.

These are only a few of the multiple winners honored at the faculty recognition reception. The reception offered hard-working members of the Sinclair staff the recognition and admiration they deserved for their efforts.



Awards for the recognized employees  
Photo by Staff Photographer Brian Walker



Framed certificates for those recognized at the ceremony  
Photo by Staff Photographer Brian Walker

## Tartan Spotlight: Erica Carmack

David Jacobus  
*Staff Writer*

Erica Carmack is a former graduate from Sinclair Community College who is currently a Sociology professor here. However, the most fascinating aspect of Ericka is the way she manages to live her life in and out of Sinclair. Outside of school, she is a mom, wife, professor and even a student.

She is currently on pace to achieve her doctorate from Capella University in Advanced Studies of Human Behavior in the Winter 2021.

“I’ve actually moved my graduation date up to Winter 2021,” Erica stated. “Initially I wasn’t graduating until 2024.” She also teaches courses around the Dayton area at universities such as Wright State and Clark State.

During her time as a student, like many students, she struggled with adapting to the college lifestyle. However, upon looking back, she is thankful for Sinclair, where she learned how to become a successful student.

“I remember not knowing really how to do anything in an academic manner.

How to write, study, research, use formatting and searching databases were terrifying,” Erica said. “But, by the end of my program I wasn’t so afraid anymore. The rest of the journey has been hard, stressful, lots of tears and self doubt yet rewarding and feeling accomplished.” Carmack originally was never intrigued by Sociology. She at first wanted to find her way into working in law enforcement. However, now she will be considered an expert in Human Behavior and a doctor of Social Science.

Once she graduates, she plans on continuing to teach around the Dayton area including Sinclair.

“I really do love it. I have a lot to learn still,” Erica stated. “I don’t have all the answers...nor do I want all the answers.” She still wants to push her students to critically think about issues around the world, especially those that no one knows about.

Outside of school and her studies, she manages an abundance of priorities within her family that stack high each day. It’s an incredible balancing act. “Its chaos. My husband and myself are in school full time, he works a normal

week, my schedule is always sporadic,” Erica stated. “Between dropping kids and picking up kids, making dinner and getting to our designated places, I feel like we are winning the Powerball when we make it everywhere.”

As a mother and wife, she adds on the challenge of going to school not only to teach but to learn as well. She understands what life around her brings each day, but she is able to meet deadlines and communicate with her students on a regular basis when they need help. She accepts the challenges and pushes through to get to the next day to start it all over again. Professor Carmack is dedicated to helping students understand sociological perspectives.

She has persevered and has dedicated herself to learning the world and all of its many facets. She is now on the verge of accomplishing a monumental feat, achieving her doctorate in Advanced Studies of Human Behavior.

Until then, she will continue teaching and trying to tackle the challenges that come with being a professor, student, wife and mom.



# Working the Web: A Beginner’s Guide to Blogging

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Staff Writer

Regardless of what major you pursue or what you will soon be graduating with, you can put those report writing skills and English classes to good use and help define yourself as a professional in your industry by creating your own blog.

If you don’t know what a blog is, it is a kind of site that spotlights articles and written work, otherwise called blog entries. Bloggers frequently compose from an individual point of view that enables them to reach their audience.

Most websites offer a comments area where readers can leave their thoughts, ideas and questions allowing you a chance to interact and sell depending on what your business is.

### What’s in a Name

The initial step to finding a decent blog name is picking your topic which will usually accommodate your business. A decent blog name ought to be illustrative with the goal that potential readers and customers can in a split second determine what your blog is about just from the name.

If you are blogging to assert yourself as a professional for your business you will need to incorporate that somehow or another in your blog name.

If you are wanting to make an individual blog where you talk about an assortment of subjects then I suggest utilizing your name or some variety of it, since your blog is about you, your thoughts and opinions. These are less business-oriented. If you do not have your blog attached to your company website you will need a .com, .net or .org webpage. If the name is already taken you might have to get a little more creative.

### Caught in the Web

You cannot run a business nowadays without an online presence. To prepare your blog for action you need two things: blog facilitating and blogging programming. Fortunately, these ordinarily come bundled together. A blog host is an organization that stores most of the records for your blog and conveys them to the client when they type in your blog name.

There are numerous platforms out there with a variety of selling points and styles to fit individuals. If you already have a website you may need to reach out to your designer or find a way to add a blog to your page or completely start from scratch. Wix, Weebly and WordPress are all good starting points to work off from on your journey to find your perfect fit.

### All About Your Image

Everybody has a different thought of how they need their blog to look.

Depending on who you go with to facilitate your blog they will include various templates to work with that will provide you with freedom of total creation to generic pages you can use freely.

This is where the image of your business comes into play. What are you trying to sell? Are you feminine or masculine? Who is your audience? Are you elegant or more down-to-Earth? Are there certain colors associated with your business. This may take some playing around, but the end product can be amazing and uniquely you.

### Begin Writing

Since your blog is ready for action it’s a great opportunity to really do some blogging! As you learn your platform and service make your way to your posting section. Make sure you know your audience, which you should as they are the ones buying your product or service.

Make sure to include compelling headlines, subheadings, images and bullet points in each post. Think of blog posting similar to magazine articles as opposed to dense newspaper literature.

Finally, in all your posts include a clear call-to-action. A call-to-action is a way of getting your audience to engage whether that is sharing their own ideas in the comments, liking your post or sharing it to others. Once you have written your

piece, revise, revise, revise.

### Marketing Your Blog and Website

Making a well-structured blog and composing extraordinary substance is only the beginning. To make your blog work in your favor you need to drive people to your site. One preferred approach to get customers and readers to my blog is to post links on my social media such as Facebook and Twitter.

As more followers come in, email advertising assumes a major job. By gathering the email locations of your guests, with their authorization, you would then be able to advise them when you post something new on your blog. This keeps individuals returning to your blog and hopefully buying your product.

Many people look at blogging as a quick money-making scheme but aside from blogs that teach people how to make money, most blogs do not bring in a living income on blogging alone.

It is advertisements, subscriptions and chargeable services and products offered via the blog that provides the writer with an income and that’s only if you can convince your readers that you know what you’re talking about. If you love



Person typing on a keyboard.

Source: Flickr

## Events of the Week!

### Wednesday, September 25

*Sinclair Talks: Communicating Globally: How Knowing a Second Language Can Benefit Your Career and Relationships*  
**11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Building 7, Library Loggia

*International Series: France*  
**12-1 p.m.** Building 8 stage

*Women’s Volleyball v. Columbus State CC*  
**6-8 p.m.** Building 8 gym

### Thursday, September 26

*Game Day in the Library*  
**12-1 p.m.** Building 7, Library Loggia

### Friday, September 27

*Oktoberfest Preview Party*  
**7-11 p.m.** Dayton Art Institute

### Saturday, September 28

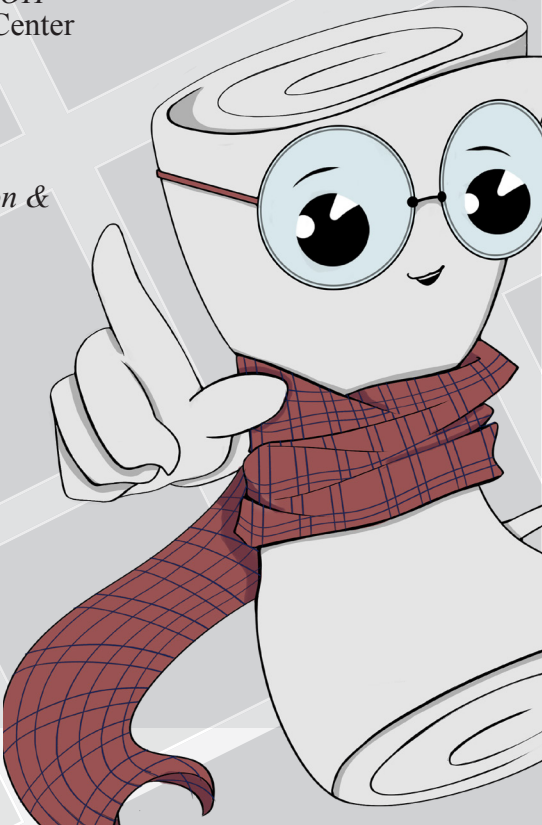
*Dayton Vegan Food and Drink Festival*  
*Courthouse Square 23 N Main St, Dayton, OH*  
**Starts at 12:30 p.m.** Sinclair Convention Center

### Sunday, September 29

*3rd Annual “Rock da Vote” Civic Education & Engagement Rally*  
**1 p.m. - 7 p.m.** 23 N Main St, Dayton, OH

### Monday, September 30

*Dayton Hispanic Festival*  
*RiverScape MetroPark*  
*237 E Monument Ave, Dayton, OH*



# Reverend Janglebones' Soap Box

## Food For Thought

**Brian Yoder**  
*Reporter*

How often do you wonder where your food comes from? Don't worry, this isn't going to be a piece on GMOs, or even health at all. No, friends, this is a piece on the character of your cuisine.

Throughout the course of the 20th century humans have industrialized, commercialized, migrated and globalized both our economy, and our eats. And as our cultures have intermingled and our trade routes turned into chain restaurants and Amazon boxes, the foods that we grew up with have become a source of identity and pride. Whether that be from your far-away native land, or a few blocks away.

Either way, the chances are, nobody makes it like your grandmother.

When you're out there in the world, and something you find tastes like home, well, there's nothing else like it. The intermingling of cultures means that our chances of running into familiar fare are greater these days than ever before. This

also means that we have the opportunity to try and share so much more between cultures. And with delivery services you don't even have to leave the park (or Netflix if we're being very, very honest).

The evolution of food items are also fascinating to follow in some cases. The ubiquitous Nacho, for instance, was actually created on the spot by a Mexican family who had already cleaned and closed their restaurant for the night when two U.S. soldiers demanded quarter. By tricking the intrusive American soldiers into enjoying a no-preparation plate of chips with stuff thrown on top, they had unknowingly created what would become one of the most beloved snack foods of all time.

The fortune cookie, the blessed poor man's prophecy, actually originated from a modification of the I Ching called the Ling Qi Xing which featured a form of divination that was outlawed in its region of origin. That's right, the fortune cookie was illegal. An outcast in its own home. But those semi-sweet, starchy pockets of fate became

immigrants as well, flourishing in their new land and into our strip malls from sea to shining sea.

There's always the fanatically documented yet widely misunderstood history of the evolutionary lineages and delineations of pizza, with no end in sight to the fiery debate on proper crust depth. Ask anybody who cares about pizza. They will all tell you something different and exactly why everyone else is an idiot.

It's beautiful.

And while we're at it, I have a particular love for the story of the lobster. Yes, that deliciously expensive high society snack that the British once referred to as the "cockroach of the sea."

When the British inquired of the natives on the coast of Maine what possible function these hideous creatures could possibly have, the natives then kindly instructed the British on how to crush the lobsters into a fluid and fertilize their crops with them.

Everybody agreed. Lobsters weren't food Until the railroad stretched across our

nation and changed lives forever. I don't mean the pilgrims and all that, I mean canned goods!

That's right, before the settlers out west were, well, settled they needed protein to keep them going. Hunting and farming is a bit impractical when you're living in tents next to a steam engine running all hours of the day (with hammers swinging), so we did the only American thing: We canned and shipped them lobsters.

A few years later families were taking trips out East to try the famous sea-roach fresh from the sea, and the rest, as they say, is advertising.

If you find yourself remembering this article the next time you've got hand-to-mouth disease, stop. Take a second. Look at what you're eating, and do a quick internet search.

You just might find an adventure taking place inside your mouth.

Source: Pixabay.com

Background Photo: Bowl of Nachos



Aaron Paul plays Jesse Pinkman

Source: Youtube/Netflix

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A BREAKING BAD MOVIE



Jesse Pinkman in the final episode of "Breaking Bad." Source: Youtube/Netflix

**Henry Wolski**  
*Associate Editor*

The universe of Vince Gilligan's "Breaking Bad" continues the story of Jesse Pinkman, one of its main characters, in the Netflix film "El Camino," releasing on Oct. 11, 2019.

It takes place immediately following the finale of the series, "Felina," where Pinkman escapes captivity in the titular car, with his fate being left open to interpretation. Gilligan has always been filling in

the blanks of what happens next and wrote the screenplay in secret.

"I didn't really tell anybody about it, because I wasn't sure I would ever do anything with it," he said in an interview with The Hollywood Reporter. "But I started thinking to myself, 'What happened to Jesse?' You see him driving away. And to my mind, he went off to a happy ending. But as the years progressed, I thought, 'What did that ending — let's just call it an ending, neither happy, nor sad — what did it look like?'"

He revealed the script and concept

of the movie to the cast and crew in 2018 to commemorate the show's 10th anniversary.

Aaron Paul reprises his role as Pinkman and series veterans Matt Jones and Charles Baker are confirmed to return as Badger and Skinny Pete, respectively.

Gilligan confirmed more than 10 characters from the show will appear in the film and it will feature a massive cameo from an actor who had to use "a private jet to shuttle in and out of Albuquerque without notice," according to the Hollywood Reporter.

The film was shot in complete secrecy around Nov. 2018 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in 60 days.

Paul was approached in 2017 to join the project and shook off any trepidation to returning to the famous character.

"I'm like everybody else on the planet — I think Vince and the rest of the writers really nailed the landing with the ending of Breaking Bad, and why mess with that?" Paul said. "But it's Vince we're talking about. I would follow Vince into a fire. That's how much I trust the

man. I would do anything that he asked me to."

Gilligan warns that people who haven't watched the show will not enjoy it, as it serves as a "coda" to the series. It will be full of easter eggs and tiny details longtime fans of the series will be able to pick up.

The film was written, produced and directed by Gilligan and in addition to Netflix, it will also hit select theaters in 68 cities for three days starting on Oct. 11, and will premiere on AMC sometime in 2020.

Background: Title card of the film.

Source: Youtube/Netflix



Robert Pollard of Guided by Voices Source: Flickr

**Richard Foltz**  
*Executive Editor*

Dayton band and early '90s "lo-fi pioneers," Guided by Voices (known as GBV by fans) are set to release their newest album in October. "Sweating the Plague" the band's 29th album and third this year, will release Oct. 25.

Formed in the '80s by brothers and Northmont graduates Robert Pollard and Jim Pollard (who would later depart the band) the band played locally at pubs and music venues while the members of the band worked day jobs around the Dayton community.

Robert Pollard, himself a Wright State graduate, worked as an elementary school teacher throughout the early years of the bands existence, a thought that, if you knew the band's raucous on-stage personas, is surprising and somewhat hilarious.

The image of a middle-aged man doing The Who-inspired bursts of exaltation and performing high kicks also teaching kids about Paul Revere and contractions has always been a great, hilarious juxtaposition in my mind's eye.

Their early albums, often inspired by other indie bands like R.E.M. or by British Invasion bands like The Who or The Beatles were all recorded on DIY equipment, the band using a 4-track machine regularly to create a sound that seemed homemade and simultaneously had melodies that could sit alongside some of the best acts of their time.

Their breakthrough album, '92's "Propellor" saw them finally reaching success, just as they had planned to end their musical careers, the album recorded as a swan song that found them gaining airplay on college rock radio stations alongside bands like Sonic Youth, R.E.M. and fellow Daytonian-led band The Breeders.

Kim Deal, former bass player for '80s indie rock band The Pixies, a band that Nirvana credited as a major influence, fronted The Breeders as is a Dayton native and friend of GBV frontman Robert Pollard.

The band grew in popularity among the college radio scene with '94's "Bee Thousand," an album that many consider to be the band's best, if not one of their best.

"As with Big Star, the beauty of GBV's music cocoons — and so triumphs over — its own root sadness, like an oyster building a pearl around an irritating grain of sand," said Rolling Stone music

# Guided By Voices Releases New Album In October

reviewer, Michael Azerrad about "Bee Thousand" in his review in Aug. 1994. "In the jubilant climax of 'Echos Myron,' Pollard's voice radiates a downright heroic melancholy as he sings, 'And we're finally here/ And, s\*\*\*, yeah, it's cool,' and then can't help but add 'or something like that.'"

Shortly after another landmark (and personal favorite) album "Under the Bushes Under the Stars" was released in 1996 the band broke up, or rather, many of the original members were let go and replaced by members of glam rock band Cobra Verde a year later.

Though many people consider this to be another high water mark for the band, as albums like "Universal Truths and Cycles," "Isolation Drills," "Earthquake Glue" and "Do the Collapse" (which was produced by former Cars frontman Ric Ocasek, who had previously produced albums by the likes of Weezer) were released during this period

The band ultimately broke up for real in 2004, with their final album (at the time) being "Half Smiles of the Decomposed."

But Pollard, ever the prolific writer, reformed the band with the "original line-up" in 2012, releasing seven albums between 2012 and 2016, three of which came out the first year of their reforming

During the break-up and during GBV's reforming Pollard continued writing solo music as well as forming and releasing music with several other bands, including Boston Spaceships, which was a "super-group" of sorts, featuring member John Moen of Portland-based indie rock band The Decemberists.

Boston Spaceships take their name from a colloquialism for Boston creme donuts created by Pollard himself.

The band's "original line-up" consisted of Centerville graduate, and long-time band member and co-songwriter Tobin Sprout, Greg Demos, Mitch Mitchell and Kevin Fennell.

Sprout himself, an accomplished songwriter and solo artist, has since moved to northern Michigan and creates art. Tim Allen, of "Toy Story" and TV's "Home Improvement" is a big fan.

Though the "original line-up" has since left the band, replaced again by several former members from Cobra Verde and a handful of others, the band continues to tour and release albums.

This October's release marks the current line-up's seventh release together, since 2016, as Pollard always has a bevy of songs ready to be recorded.

Last summer they headlined Yellow Springs' annual "Springfest" and earlier this year they played in downtown Dayton at "Headfest," raising \$20,000 for



Guided by Voices in concert Source: Flickr

# Sinclair Cares Counseling

Are you already feeling stressed out? Are you already having problems relaxing and focusing on your schoolwork? Follow these tips to manage the stress in your life better

- Have good time management. If you aren't using a calendar, start now. Using a calendar helps us plan everything out so we are making time for everything in our lives. Having a plan helps us to feel less stressed.
- Make a list of the things that are causing you stress. Some things will be out of your control. Make plans to address the things that you can control. Make action steps and deadlines to address these issues.
- Be aware of negative self-talk, thoughts, and feelings. Work on challenging those and replacing them with something more positive and productive. Writing these thoughts out can be helpful to identify the ones that are problematic.
- Have good boundaries! We think we are helping others by saying yes to everything but we really are not. Taking on more than you can handle does not help anyone. Learn how to say no when you are not able to take on anything else.
- Make time for yourself in your schedule! Everyone needs time to relax and have fun. Find things that help clear your mind and spend some time doing those things as well. To be successful we all need balance in our lives.

If you feel like you need more help in this area, please come see us! Counseling Services is located in 10-424 and our phone number is 937-512-3032.



Contributed by: Emily Hudson

# Ombuddy Corner

This week the Ombuddy wants you to know just how much Sinclair CARES!

Did you know that there are multiple offices here at Sinclair devoted specifically to assisting you with issues inside and outside of the classroom? From Accessibility Services to Veteran Services, Sinclair is here to provide you with help you may need and lots of activities that may interest you during your time here. Please be sure to visit our Sinclair CARES website at: <https://www.sinclair.edu/about/offices/student-affairs/>.

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# Your Voice

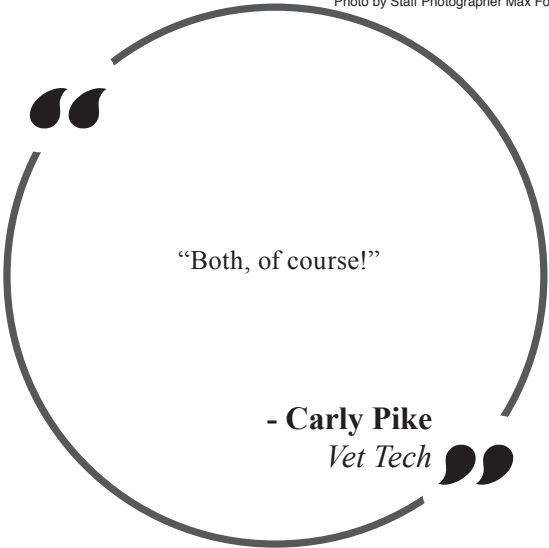
“Are you a cat or a dog person and why?”



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“Dogs because my roommates have dysfunctional cats.”

- Brian Walker  
Health Sciences



“Both, of course!”

- Carly Pike  
Vet Tech



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“Cats because they're more independent.”

- Brandon DeAtley  
User Support



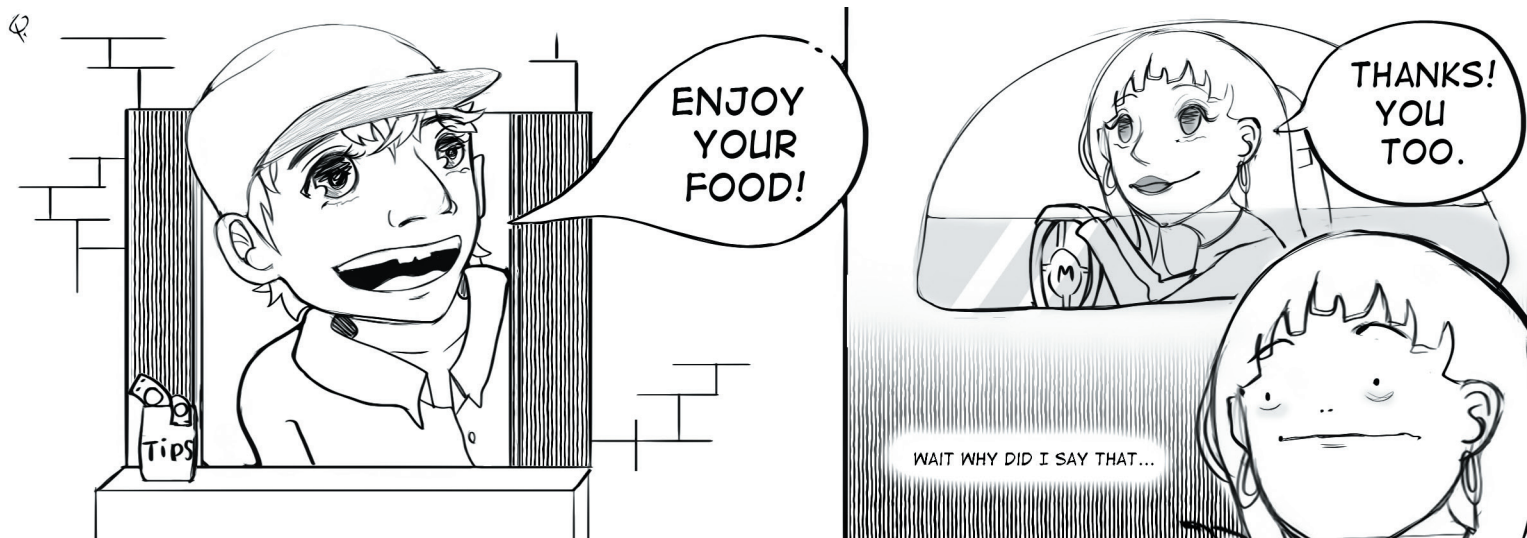
“Dog person, because I'm allergic to cats.”

Jillian Sacha  
Digital Marketing



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# Clarion Cartoons



**Awkward Conversations**

**A Continuing Story**

**Created by:  
Zoë Pirslin**

## ***My Voice:*** Why Everyone Should Get a Cat in Their Twenties



Bonzo, one of Nikki's cats.  
Nikki Neumann  
Reporter

Photo by Nikki Neumann

Cats are one of the most independent animals you can own yet still love and hold. Everyone should own at least one cat in their twenties. Cats are special animals that rely on you to only feed them and change their litter box.

They occasionally will show you attention by forcefully running their head into yours or wake you up from a deep sleep, just to remind you their half-empty food bowl needs to be filled to the rim.

Cats will jump to the highest heights and will perch in the weirdest locations. Once they come to the realization that the weird location they chose is way too high, your cat will meow loudly as you run to their beck and

call to help them down with just a few nails in your arms.

Nearly seven out of ten cats are euthanized in shelters due to the lack of space for them. Adopting a cat will not only fulfill your lonely needs but you will also be saving a life.

Getting a cat is fairly cheap and easy. Adopting a cat is also a great way to make a difference and a great conversation topic with other cat-loving friends. Cats are everywhere and are in need of homes.

Cats are the best animal to have in your twenties. You can go to class or do your irregular work schedule and they will probably still be asleep by the time you come home.

With your busy twenty-something-year-old lifestyle, there will always be ups and downs. Whether it is working too many hours at a minimum wage job, receiving a poor grade on a test, or another breakup, your cat will be there in support of your bad days and celebrate with you for the good ones.

Cats can add major excitement to someone's dull life. They inspire your random bursts of energy to clean your entire apartment in the middle of the night by just making a mess in their food bowl. They never argue with you and always agree to late-night ice cream.

After feeding them their decadent salmon puree, they will lay on the top of your chest giving you loud purrs, reminding you how thankful they are of you. After the short and quick thank you, they will go back to not needing your help until next feeding time.

Having a cat gives you a responsibility that's good for everybody. For example, it

gives you the push to get home at a decent time so your cat doesn't have to spend the night alone.

The cat reminds you to regularly clean your apartment when you notice a weird stench engulfing it, and forces you to care for someone other than yourself.

Adopt a cat and fulfill your twenty-something lifestyle to the fullest. Your cat will always be there to keep you company and give you just a little more responsibility in your day to day life.

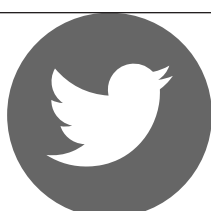


Another one of Nikki's cats.

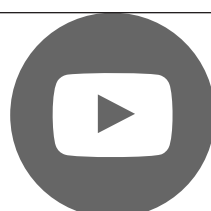
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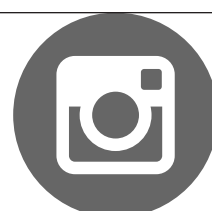
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Crossword Puzzle

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- Across**

1 Octopus octet

5 Read electronically

9 Stand in for

14 Painful joint inflammation

15 “What’ll ya \_\_\_?”

16 Legendary crooner Mel

17 Prefix meaning “all”

18 From the start

19 Utter nonsense

20 Seeking an Olympic victory

23 Beach toy for a windy day

24 Information technology giant

25 “Norwegian Dances” composer

28 Road curves

30 More than a few

31 Come into view

33 Hosp. diagnostic procedure

36 Hardly ever

39 Jamaican music

40 “Big Little Lies” actress Meryl

41 Frenzied way to run

42 Smelting waste

43 Like good pie crusts

44 Field & \_\_\_ Magazine

47 Beach toy

49 Zwieback, e.g.

55 Celebrate boisterously
- 56 Urge on

57 220-by-198-foot plot of land, e.g.

58 Farsi speaker

59 To be, in Tours

60 Not that

61 Animal skins

62 Auctioneer’s cry after the starts of 20-, 36- and 49-Across

63 Enjoy some tub time
- Down**
- 1 Visibly awed
- 2 CBS Sports NFL analyst Tony
- 3 Tax-free govt. bond
- 4 Disapproving look
- 5 Elevator passage
- 6 Kayak-like boat
- 7 State unequivocally
- 8 Former House leader Gingrich
- 9 Conference-goer
- 10 Welsh herding dogs
- 11 Small music ensembles
- 12 In a plentiful way
- 13 Plants-to-be
- 21 Booking on a band’s tour
- 22 Stuck (on)
- 25 Scientifically engineered crops, e.g., briefly
- 26 \_\_\_ and file
- 27 Ancient Cuzco dweller
- 28 Spanish newborns
- 29 Author \_\_\_ Stanley Gardner
- 31 Bury
- 32 “Veronica \_\_\_”: teen drama starring Kristen Bell
- 33 NYC cultural center
- 34 Chess piece involved in castling
- 35 Like many a stained shirt pocket
- 37 Tel Aviv residents
- 38 Ones habitually hanging out in retail complexes
- 42 A step above “meh”
- 43 White lie
- 44 Remove paint from
- 45 Shakespearean contraction
- 46 Primary competitor
- 47 Oyster gem
- 48 Tacked on
- 50 Brings to maturity
- 51 Zither-like Japanese instrument
- 52 Canyon feedback
- 53 Opera song for one
- 54 Newsroom station

Poetry Pick

The Beetle

The beetle with the broken wings  
Silently sits and thinks of things  
Of basking in the balmy rays  
Of eating well on warmer days  
Of the first time he’d flown  
Of watching his children grow  
He sees the sun once more and sighs  
Then softly slips away and dies

Raska

Sudoku Puzzle

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Last Edition’s Solution

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Last Edition’s Solution

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Aramark Weekly Menu					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Guest	Marketplace closed Labor Day	Lee's Famous Recipe Chicken	Panda Express	Gyro Palace	
Soup	Vegetable Orzo Soup/ Chicken & Pinto Bean Chili	Chicken & Pinto Bean Chili	Vegetarian Chili/ Chicken & Pinto Bean Chili	Hearty Chicken Gumbo/Chicken & Pinto Bean Chili	New England Clam Chowder/ Minestrone Soup
Grillzone	All-American Garden- burger/Chimichurri Salmon Burger	Cajun Cheese Burger/ Chimichurri Salmon Burger	Pork Tacos/ Chimichurri Salmon Burger	Cajun Crispy Chicken Sandwich/Chimichurri Salmon Burger	Sante Fe style Cod fish/Tortilla Crusted Pollock
Pizzazone	Meat Lover's Pizza	Angry Pepperoni Pizza	Hawaiian Pizza	Carne Asada Pizza	Bbq Chicken Pizza
Deli	Oktoberfest Pretzel Panini/Power Wrap	Oktoberfest Pretzel Panini/Power Wrap	Oktoberfest Pretzel Panini/Power Wrap	Oktoberfest Pretzel Panini/Power Wrap	Oktoberfest Pretzel Panini/Power Wrap
Flatbreads	Buffalo Chicken Panini/ Spinach Pesto Melt	Buffalo Chicken Panini/ Spinach Pesto Melt	Buffalo Chicken Panini/ Spinach Pesto Melt	Buffalo Chicken Panini/ Spinach Pesto Melt	Buffalo Chicken Panini/ Spinach Pesto Melt

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**This Edition's Riddle:**

A fathers child, a mothers child, yet I am no ones son. Who am I?

**Last Edition's Answer:**

A Stamp.

**Horoscopes**

**Libra: Sept. 23 – Oct. 23**

Get together to resolve a test or challenge. Develop your team strategy. Friends offer advice, resources and support. Come up with a winning plan together.

**Scorpio: Oct. 24 – Nov. 21**

Career matters take a twist. Stay alert and nimble. An opportunity merits exploration. Polish your pitch, and include specific measures. Make a valuable connection.

**Sagittarius: Nov. 22 – Dec. 21**

Investigate an enticing opportunity to discover new terrain. Pack light, and get out on the trail. Experience amazing vistas with a good travel partner.

**Capricorn: Dec. 22 – Jan.19**

Review financial statements. Generate income for a shared venture. Solve a puzzle with sales and marketing. Steadily advance through coordinated cooperation. A lucrative opportunity arises.

**Aquarius: Jan. 20 – Feb. 18**

Support your partner as you weather a challenge. It's not a good time to gamble. Contribute your share. The action is behind the scenes.

**Pisces: Feb. 19 – March 20**

Slow for an unexpected turn of events. Take extra care around sharp objects. Maintain your work, health and exercise practices, despite a twist in plans.

**Aries: March 21 – April 19**

Things may not go as planned. Take advantage of a lucky break. Partner with someone gracious. Stay in communication to navigate changes. Discover love

**Taurus: April 20 – May 20**

Family comes first today and tomorrow. An irritant at home demands attention. Communicate about recent changes. Increase levels of peace, beauty and comfort food.

**Gemini: May 21 – June 21**

Secrets could get revealed. Don't react blindly to surprising news. Stand for your commitments. Listen respectfully. Exchange views with others for growing insight.

**Cancer: June 22 – July 22**

Bargain, and make deals. Revise your budget to adapt to recent news. Make estimates, purchase orders and invoices. Generate silver flowing into your coffers.

**Leo: July 23 – Aug. 22**

Take care of yourself as you navigate a change. Investigate interesting suggestions. Consider insights from others. Forgiveness allows freedom. To your own self be true.

**Virgo: Aug. 23 – Sept. 22**

Look back for insight on the road ahead. Enjoy seasonal traditions and changes. Make plans to realize an interesting possibility. Clean and organize.

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The Clarion at a job fair, we're at many campus events!



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A blood drive held by Phi Theta Kappa

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To be eligible, students must meet one or more of these criteria:

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- Have a legal dependent other than a spouse
- An emancipated minor
- Homeless or at risk of becoming homeless
- A first-generation college student

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