

BARRACUDA NEWS REPORT

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LOCAL NEWS

Mayoral Election

By Nina Zhuo

The mayoral election is coming soon! Although most of us cannot vote in this election, we can still be involved with urging others to vote or staying informed. Let's look at the candidates!

Hank Guess has served Hickory for over 30 years through law enforcement and the Hickory City Council. With his slogan, "just like you," he claims to be a man of the people. Guess wants Hickory's jobs, tax base, and population to grow. He envisions a more family-oriented, "market ready" and communicative city.

Lou Wetmore has lived in Hickory for 44 years, worked as Omni Star's financial advisor, and served on the NC Board for Transportation. He intends to recruit businesses. He advocates "Hickory needs a salesman" who will give the younger generation a chance "to have a good career...raise their families here, and also continue to choose our city for retirement."

Will Locke has been a resident of Hickory for 22 years. He aims to "leverage bond projects to create public-private partnerships to grow population, create jobs, and increase our tax base." He strives to reduce business regulation and make Hickory a cultural and economic model for North Carolina.

T. Hamilton Ward has worked as Engineered Handling's senior sales representative and served on the Hickory City Council and the Hickory Regional Planning Commission. His goals include creating jobs, supporting new and existing businesses, and promoting Hickory's "numerous natural resources while listening to all of the smart people in Hickory to bring industry our way."



Ad: Check out this local event at LR for more info!

U.S. NEWS

Dreamers: What is Your Future?

By Sarah Hartsell

The 1.5 million young immigrants working and studying in the U.S. may face major life changes in light of a recent decision made by **President Trump**. On September 5th, Trump called for an end to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (**DACA**). Established under Obama's administration, DACA protects immigrants who are under 31 years old who were illegally brought to the U.S. as children from deportation as well as provides them with work permits.

If no new initial DACA applications will be considered, the program will gradually phase out. By March, these changes would leave 800,000 DACA recipients vulnerable to deportation. **Rodrigo Pimentel**, a DACA recipient, speaks out about the potential impacts: "I have been able to openly and lawfully work, study, and contribute to my community ever since I was granted deferred status under DACA... However, I now risk being forced back into [sic] undocumented status." (AlJazeera.com)

Yet, these immigrants still have hope. Congress and Trump are currently working on a compromise to protect these young immigrants with the requirement of "massive border security." **Lindsay Walters**, the White House spokeswoman, reported that this deal "could include legal citizenship over a period of time." For immigrants, the outcome of these congressional negotiations will be monumental.



Protest at Trump Tower following the president's DACA decision.

Student Spotlight

By Catherine C. and Suha S.

You know him. Everyone knows him. He can be spotted near any malfunctioning printers, TV screens, Youtube videos, or projectors. **Ean Swink** is our person of interest this week. In addition to devoting over 70 hours of his summer to wiring our new school, Ean still comes in early when the school's server crashes and is always willing to help anyone with a myriad of technological issues. This year, he is a senior who envisions majoring in computer science and pursuing cyber security. In his free time, he studies for his Cisco Certified Network Associate certification, reads, and plays video games. Thank you, Ean, for being everyone's personal tech support and such an incredible person.



Pictured: Spotlight student **Ean Swink** hanging out in the Commons.

Have a friend you'd like to suggest for student spotlight?

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See you next week on student spotlight!

No Mercy for Atlantic: Four Hurricanes in One Week

By Lauren Cazell

Forming as a slow-moving storm in the Gulf of Mexico, Hurricane Harvey landed as a Category 4 hurricane in Rockport, Texas on August 25th. Harvey was the country's first major hurricane since Wilma hit Florida in 2005 and the first major hurricane to strike southern Texas since Celia in 1970. Breaking another historical record, Harvey caused the most flooding ever recorded in the U.S. Costing \$180 billion, Harvey is the costliest natural disaster in U.S. history besides Katrina.

Amidst Harvey's destruction, the category five hurricane Irma was brewing. Leaving behind incredible damage, Irma killed 38 in the Caribbean, 10 in Cuba, and 23 in America. More than 6.2 million homes lost power, and almost 160,000 people seek refuge in shelters across Florida. Officials from 31 Florida agencies report expenditures of \$250 million for recovery efforts, coupled with damage in the mid-atlantic.

Still, two other hurricanes follow. Katia devastated Mexico after a deadly earthquake and killed at least two. Jose has weakened to a Category 1 storm, but it could strengthen as it heads toward the Bahamas and East Coast.

Even though these tragedies are devastating, they are great opportunities for people to collaborate to help those in need. As students of UCHS, you can make a difference. **You can give money online or bring needed items to Newton Hall.** You can also contribute to The Center for Disaster Philanthropy, SBP, GoFundMe, and other organizations. Take a moment of your life to help rebuild someone else's.



Pictured above: Relief efforts after Hurricane Harvey

BARRACUDA CULTURE

Your Source for UCHS Sports and Entertainment

SPORTS

Fall 2017 at a Glance

By Alex Morrow

With the highest winning record in UCHS history, this fall's season is bound to be one to watch.

Volleyball: Despite a loss at the Wayne County Day Tournament, our Lady Barracudas are showing much promise early in the season. With an overall record of 9-5-0 and a conference record of 2-2-0 the volleyball squad is sure to enjoy many more victories this season. This past week at Victory Christian Center, University Christian swept behind 8 kills, 2 aces and 2 blocks by **Anna McNeely**. **Peri Wall** had 5 kills and two aces, while **Kellen Morin** recorded 4 kills and 1 ace. The Lady Barracudas next host at Saint Stephen's Lutheran on Thursday, September 21.

Soccer: Kicking their way through this season with an overall record of 6-2-0 and a conference record of 3-1-0 our Barracudas are off to a terrific start. This past week we defeated Victory Christian 9-0. **Brycen Burns** scored two goals along with an assist from his younger brother **Garrett**. **Hayden Patel** also scored two goals and assisted on another. **Tate Eckard** scored 1 goal, **Andrew Jones** and **Coleman Kleeberger** each scored 1 goal with 1 assist. **Caleb Stamper** had 2 assists and **Trey Warlick** had the shutout in goal. We host Statesville Christian on Thursday, September 21st at 5:30 pm at St. Stephens Lutheran.

Boy's Cross Country: The Barracuda Men's team sprinted into the season on August 28 with a first-place finish at the Statesville SPAA meet. **Tommy Little** was the overall winner, **Abe Levin** following in third, **Zack Johnson** in 10th, **Brandon Sturgill** in 16th, and **Grayson Whitt** in 19th. The next meet will be the Catawba County Championship on Tuesday the 19th at 5 pm.

Girl's Cross Country: We began this season with a win, seniors **Sarah Roseman**, **Caroline Walker**, and **Sally Roseman** finished 1, 2, 4 to lead the team to a dominant victory in the first SPAA meet of 2017. At the Murray's mill open, led by all-state senior Roseman, **Caroline Walker** and freshman **Rachel Little** ran personal best times while S. Roseman, **Ellie Chiles**, and **Anna Catherine Pritchard** all had season bests. Out of public and private scholastic competition, UCHS finished 6th.

ENTERTAINMENT

Tired of not having anything to do in Hickory? Then check out these...

Upcoming Events

- **Sails Original Music Series feat. Mile Twelve.** New Chambergrass darlings. Sails on the Square [Sep 22 @6:30PM]
- **Jazz on Tap with Rick Cline.** (New Musicians Every Week). Olde Hickory Tap Room [Sunday nights at 7]
- **Gross Labs Nano-Germ Zone.** Catawba Science Center [Sep 16-May 31]
- **Downtown Art Crawl.** (Features collections from local artists). Downtown Hickory [Sep 21 @ 5PM]

Music Radar

By Carter Pennell

If you are into soft and alternative rock, **Jack Johnson** has released an album titled "All The Light Above It Too." For country fans, there are numerous new singles from artists such as **Blake Shelton** and **Florida Georgia Line** on the **Hailee Steinfeld** single "Let Me Go." For fans of hip-hop and rap, there have been many new projects such as the new single "Rockstar" by **Post Malone** and "Luv Is Rage 2" by **Lil Uzi Vert**. For Christian music, **Matthew West** just released a new single entitled "Amen".

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Women's Tennis: This year's ladies' tennis team is on the ball with a record of 4-0-1. They will play their first conference game on September 19 against Hickory Christian Academy. UCHS is feeling the momentum after a sweep at the Alex Cobb 1A Classic. In day two of that tournament, UCHS defeated host Greenfield School 9-0. Winning singles matches by (#1) **Vitoria Ferrara**, (#2) **Elizabeth Allport**, (#3) **Hannah Ferrara**, (#4) **Gracie Myers**, and (#5) **Catherine Crooks**. Doubles wins from V. Ferrara/Allport, H. Ferrara/Myers, and Crooks/Huffman. The first conference game will be at 4:00 on September 19 at Catawba Country Club.