Starting fall with STEM in the Park

By Stepha Poulin
Forum Editor

The University held the eighth annual STEM in the Park at the Perry Field House on a hot first weekend of fall. People of all ages could choose from countless STEM-based activities throughout the day, and one robotics team brought along their Star Trek namesake mascot: Tribble.

Each year, STEM in the Park provides space for organizations dealing with science, technology, engineering or mathematics to highlight what they do. One robotics team, Team Virus 3547, had members showcasing their robotic creations and the team’s mission.

Team Virus is based in Monroe, Michigan and is made up of 73 members spanning from elementary to college students. This age range makes Team Virus one of the most integrated teams present at STEM in the Park.

The team meets year-round at the Career Technology Center at Monroe County Community College. They also take part in multiple robotics competitions throughout the year - with the encouragement of their stuffed mascot, Tribble.

At this year’s STEM in the Park, the team came to encourage people in the Bowling Green community to pursue their own robotics clubs.

“I have a theory that students are scared out of STEM,” Jeff Demaray, team mentor, said. “It gets harder and more challenging before it gets fun.”

By introducing younger children to STEM, Team Virus allows members to get to the “fun” part of STEM with the help of friends. Antonia Gessner, an elementary member, expressed what she likes about the team after being a member for several months.

“My favorite part of the team is making new friends and trying our best to win competitions,” she said.

While STEM can often be robotics based, STEM in the Park has science-based activities spanning nearly all subjects. University of Toledo research assistant, Travis Jones, was providing cloud identification activities for children, some of which were courtesy of NASA.

“We basically create cloudscapes so children can learn different cloud names,” he said.

“Then there’s also the NASA observer app. Anyone can take photos of clouds and contribute to NASA’s database of cloud types that’s used by students and scientists.”

The app, GLOBE Observer, is free to download. Anyone of any age can contribute to the cloud database by simply taking a picture. The app allows NASA to compare satellite images to on-the-ground data, which can increase the accuracy of research.

Jones hopes apps like this can increase the number of citizen scientists. By taking photos of clouds, anyone can become a citizen scientist.

With over 100 stations, the educational opportunities presented by STEM in the Park were many. Those wanting to know more about other STEM activities at the event can view BG24’s video coverage of the event, which includes footage of the Toledo Zoo’s animal show.
In case you didn’t put it in your planners, the end of the world was scheduled for Sept. 23 at midnight. Research scientist David Meade, who has a master’s degree in statistics, used his training and biblical scripture to produce this date.

According to a Wikipedia list of end of the world predictions, I’ve lived through 41 possible apocalypses. The odds are in my favor. That being said, I have no problem criticizing self-proclaimed prophets.

Meade predicted that on Saturday, Sept. 23 “planet X/planet Nibiru” would collide with the earth. He cited recent earthquakes and storms as evidence for its arrival, and even wrote an entire book entitled “Planet X — The 2017 Arrival.”

Despite using the Bible for predictions, Meade managed to skip some crucial verses about the end times.

Mark 13:32
“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”

Matthew 24:42
“Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.”

There are other verses that may support some aspects of Meade’s theory, such as those about earthquakes and storms. However, these verses completely debunk any biblically based, world-ending prediction.

People like Meade, despite their “good” intentions, only prey on people’s fear. They fuel an industry which relies on fear: doomsday preparation.

Average people with actual good intentions, driven by manufactured fear, can spend thousands of dollars on survival gear. While the CDC recommends having an emergency bag, conspiracy theorists push unnecessary products on others.

Conspiracy theorist and InfoWars host, Alex Jones, has really taken advantage of this market. On his website, he sells survival kits of various sizes and prices. Obviously, people who are genuinely fearful of the end times will pay nearly $2,000 for an InfoWars approved portable solar panel (they even graciously marked it down from $2,995).

There are dozens of other products available on his website, and none of the products are cheap (unless you want some $20 anti-fluoride pills). When you consider the fact you’ll probably never use them, the items seem like an even bigger rip-off.

In a real world-ending situation, I doubt you could get away with carting around a rolling suitcase-sized solar panel and the other supplies Jones recommends. He’s just making a killing on an unlikely scenario. The sad part is people’s fear is not fake, but made-up theories are.

After surviving my 41st apocalypse, I have found the end of the world is really losing its fear factor. There are vulnerable people who won’t ever see things in that light, but this could really turn into a “boy who cried wolf” situation.

I hope the world’s end doesn’t sneak up on us because of money-driven theorists. In the meantime, I’ll just focus on why “The Berenstein Bears” is spelled “Beranstein.”
Why was no one talking about National Suicide Prevention Week?

By Brionna Scebbi
Guest Columnist

Sept. 10 through Sept. 16 was National Suicide Prevention Week (NSPW), and unless you already have an explicit interest in the prevention of suicide, you might not have heard about it. Maybe missing out on important information during Suicide Prevention Week didn’t cause you to think twice. But when suicide is the second highest leading cause of death for young adults ages 15 to 24 in the Midwest according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, having a week dedicated to resources and prevention tips could be the difference between someone’s life or death.

I found out about National Suicide Prevention Week from LifeAct, a suicide prevention and education organization based in Northeast Ohio, and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), both of which have newsletters I subscribe to. Their newsletters send out tons of information about warning signs, prevention and resources for anyone who needs help. It is from these newsletters that I received pertinent information regarding NSPW, not from the University.

College age students, from undergraduates to graduates, fall within the age group most affected by suicide. So why was there no obvious promotion of information that could easily be relevant in our lives in light of this national awareness campaign? Where was the University while National Suicide Prevention Week was going on? What about all of the campus resources, mental health organizations or wellness groups?

Two weeks after NSPW took place, I still don’t know the answers to those questions, but I do know that the awareness and prevention that could have been spread during that week can still be brought to campus. I have compiled some of the resources from the massive campaigns that LifeAct, AFSP and other groups ran during NSPW and continue to run. Here are just some of many things you can do to help share a little hope:

1. Get educated. Go out and research how illnesses like depression affect the mind. Ask people who are comfortable with sharing what they’ve been through to tell you their story. Know the warning signs (talking about having no reason to live, isolating themselves from friends and family or loss of interest in activities that they used to enjoy). Know that suicide can affect anyone no matter their gender, race, background or anything else.

2. Show your support. Being knowledgeable about suicide is the first step, and taking action in a way that gives people a reason to be happy and have hope comes next. Little things can make a big impact: leaving someone an uplifting note, letting people know that you’re there to listen to them, offering to take friends who are struggling to the Counseling Center on campus, checking in with friends often to see how their mental health is doing and not being afraid to say “suicide” so it decreases stigma.

3. Register for an AFSP Out of the Darkness Walk. There are walks coming up in October in Toledo, Dayton, Cleveland, Cincinnati and more. Go on a road trip with friends to walk to raise money and awareness for suicide prevention or be the first to bring a walk to the University by contacting AFSP.

4. Use the power of social media. AFSP has some informational graphics on their website specifically for sharing on social media platforms. Download them and encourage everyone to repost. Increase awareness and decrease the stigma surrounding mental illness and suicide through a simple Twitter or Facebook post. #StopSuicide

5. Find help if you or a friend need it. Make use of all of the on-campus resources for everything from periodic stress to suicidal thoughts. If you need someone to talk to, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255.

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Two hurricanes striking the United States within a matter of weeks and has left millions of Americans struggling to recover and rebuild their lives.

We can each play a small part by participating in BG Cares: A Hurricane Relief Drive. Coordinated through BG Falcon Media, we are asking each student to take a small amount of time and a small amount of money to help citizens who are in need.

Each student can contribute a combination of food, cleaning or medical supplies equal to $5. We will be at a table in the Union Oval Monday, Sept. 25, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and in the Union table area Tuesday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Each day, the first 50 students contributing will receive a free pop socket for their phone. Over the four days, we will give away 200 pop sockets. Those not among the first 50 can enter a drawing to receive one of another 50 pop sockets given away at the end of the week.

We’ll also have a hurricane relief banner on which those who donate can sign their name, pen a message or even draw something in support of those who will receive our donations.

We are working with Impact With Hope in nearby Waterville, Ohio, an organization with more than 35 years of experience delivering food and aid to victims of natural disasters around the world.

Check out the list of acceptable donations at this url: https://goo.gl/qrjgty

Campus groups can also compete for the largest number of contributions in three categories of small (10-20 members), medium (20-50) and large (50 plus) group memberships. The groups with the largest number of contributions will receive a $100 donation to their favorite charity.
Nintendo Switch is finally worth a purchase

By Jacob Clary
Pulse Editor

The Nintendo Switch has been on the market for six months, and the system is finally worth a purchase. This is due to the system finally having enough worthwhile games and a good calendar of releases in the coming months. The variety and quality of games already on and still coming to the system shows Nintendo, third-party companies and indie developers are supporting it.

The Nintendo Switch is all about convenience. The main gimmick of the console is you can take it away from your home and play wherever you may want. This is a very inviting option. Being able to play something while waiting for a class to start or during a break between doing homework is convenient. I love handheld game systems, and having massive console games like “Doom” or “The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim” become portable is great.

The reason most people buy a Nintendo console is for their first-party titles, and they are on the top of their game for the Switch. “The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild” is one of the few games the system launched with, and it is also one of the highest-rated games ever. It is the reason I bought the system, and it justified my purchase by itself. The game works great portably; I am able to do a small shrine or exploring a small area in the little amount of time I may have available.

Since the system’s launch, “Mario Kart 8 Deluxe” and “Splatoon 2” have also released. “Mario Kart 8 Deluxe” has the most content of any Mario Kart game with 48 different places to race around and multiple different tracks for the battle mode. “Splatoon 2” has a new story mode but is otherwise very similar to the first game, which isn’t necessarily a bad thing. The first Splatoon game was an inventive and fun twist on the usual multiplayer shooter genre, and the second game continues that trend.

There are also games that have been announced but not yet released. “Super Mario Odyssey” and “Xenoblade Chronicles 2” are releasing before the year is over, and look to be spectacular entries in their franchises, especially “Super Mario Odyssey.” New entries in the Pokemon and Fire Emblem series, as well as “Metroid Prime 4,” have been announced for the future.

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The still-to-be-released games from third-party developers are no less exciting either. FIFA returns to a Nintendo console on Sept. 29 when “FIFA 18” comes to the Switch, and like “NBA 2K18,” will be fun to play anywhere. “Project Octopath Traveler” by Square Enix is a role-playing game by the developers of “Bravely Default” and looks to merge the old RPG mechanics with an HD style that looks gorgeous.

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“SteamWorld Dig 2” excels at all parts

By Jacob Clary
Pulse Editor

“SteamWorld Dig 2” is a spectacular game. I enjoyed all of the parts individually, and the combination of these parts help to make the game a great experience.

“SteamWorld Dig 2” was developed by Image & Form Games, the same developer as the first game. The game released on the Nintendo Switch and PC. It will also come to the PlayStation 4 and PlayStation Vita on Sept. 26.

The premise of the game is the main character of the first game, Rusty, has gone missing. Dorothy, the new main character and Rusty’s friend have gone searching for him. Dorothy has to dig all the way down the mines and find Rusty. I enjoyed the simple plot of the game and liked how it didn’t play too much of a part in the game.

The mechanics of the game are similar to the Metroid series. The player explores areas in the game and then needs to find new abilities to get past obstacles that are in their way. One example of this is there is a wall that can’t be broken using the pickaxe, so the player has to find the jack hammer ability to break the wall.

The first game was an enjoyable and addicting experience but was a little short, only around six hours. However, this game is longer by about two or three hours. I worried that this would make the game less enjoyable or make the game’s similar mechanics to the first game feel old by the end. But it was quite the opposite. It allowed the game to contain more abilities and variety in its areas.

There are a couple reasons that the game didn’t get old, even though I was doing the same activities throughout. That’s because of the music and controls. The controls of the game are very tight and responsive. Moving Dorothy is easy and fun, which makes playing the game continually engaging. The music of the game is also great as well. Not many tracks are in the game, but the ones that are there make the game feel alive.

“I loved the game play loop in “SteamWorld Dig 2” and the longer game made me enjoy it even more.”

New Kingsman sequel is fool’s gold

By Claire Morrow
Pulse Reporter

Kingsman: The Golden Circle was expected to hold up to the high expectations of its predecessor. The first film, “Kingsman: The Secret Service,” provided the action genre with new and fresh form and a way to combine all of the things viewers love about spy movies without taking itself too seriously.

By using a younger, more relatable protagonist, Director Mathew Vaugh created a universe which viewers invested in and even related to. Because of this, a sequel was a given. However, The Golden Circle focuses on quantity rather than quality, and perhaps some of its lowest moments deserved to get the boot.

The film opens with the beloved protagonist Eggsy (Taron Egerton) continuing to dutifully assume his role as Agent Galahad which was granted to him after the death of his mentor, played by Colin Firth.

Eggsy appears to have grown in his role and even has a steady relationship with the princess he became, let’s say acquainted with, at the end of the first movie. For the duration of the opening scenes, the audience is following Eggsy’s life in what seems to be a normal, happy and friend-filled routine.

The action begins one night when after leaving the tailor shop, Eggsy is met by one of his former Kingsman recruits. This encounter leads to one of the most enthralling scenes and recalls the fast-paced charm of the Kingsman brand. Sadly, this harrowing beginning does not serve as an indicator for the two hours following.

In an attempt to regain the Kingsman glory, Vaugh simply packs too much too poorly into an already lengthy piece. Although the film did add big names in Channing Tatum, Halle Berry and even multiple cameos from Elton John, the story, action and humor seemed to be grasping at straws.

Amid several heavily saturated action sequences, the characters of the Golden Circle gave up their joviality in pursuit of a plot which was begging to crumble at every turn.

The first Kingsman production was ready and willing to poke fun at itself, while the newest addition was convinced that behavior was off the table.

Speaking of the story, while its forerunner balanced sophistication with middle-school bathroom humor, The Golden Circle tried to force feed viewers ample amounts of dirty humor while heaving a complicated and loosely woven plot line into the mix.

By nature, humor can be variably offensive but a bit of controversy never hurts. However, the blatantly inappropriate lines that served as “jokes” in this film left viewers feeling nothing less than scummy.

In short, this most recent Kingsman film was set up to be a smashing success by its beloved predecessor. Nevertheless, instead of remembering its heritage of playful sophistication, the newest installment bowed to shameless low-brow humor. A movie combining action, romance and comedy can sound like a recipe for success, but perhaps next time someone should inform Vaughn of more workable proportions.
Men’s soccer in rut, loses to Ohio State

By Jamison Terbrack
Sports Reporter

Starting off a season 5-0 is fantastic, but following that up with a 0-4 slide is less than ideal. The Bowling Green State University soccer team lost to the Ohio State Buckeyes 1-0 Friday night in Columbus.

The Falcons are now past the brutal part of their schedule where they faced three ranked opponents in four games, including games against the number one and number six teams in the nation. Those three games against ranked opponents were all also on the road.

Three minutes into this one, senior forward Keaton Reynolds put pressure on an Ohio State defender, forcing a bad pass halfway through the first quarter, along with Tennessee getting a touchdown on a short run.

Three minutes into the game, sophomore forward Chris Brennan rocketed a shot that was saved by a diving Buckeye netminder.

“I think we had two good defensive teams,” Falcons head coach Eric Nichols said. “Frankly I thought that game was destined for 0-0.”

At the 73 minute mark, the Falcons got their best chance of the game to go up as sophomore forward Chris Brennan rocketed a shot that sent the Ohio State goalkeeper leaping only to narrowly tip the ball past the goalpost.

“I thought for sure there was twice where I thought Chris was going to put them in,” Nichols said.

Finally, at the 80 minute mark, one team pushed through, but it wasn’t the Falcons. Ohio State was awarded a penalty kick and sent the ball home in the lower left corner. At the 89 minute mark Macomber got the final shot of the game for the Falcons, but it was saved by the Buckeye goalkeeper.

“We were missing just that extra degree that I thought it was gonna take in this one.”

Eric Nichols
Falcons Head Coach

Football falls in final nonconference game

By Zane Miller
Sports Editor

The Falcons football team fell to the Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders 24-13 Saturday night, the team’s final non-conference opponent before heading into Mid-American Conference play next week.

“I thought (Middle Tennessee) ran the ball well in the first half,” Falcons head coach Mike Jinks said. “That allowed their quarterback to settle down and make some throws. … We needed to put pressure on him in the second half, and that worked.”

The game started with Middle Tennessee getting a touchdown on a short run halfway through the first quarter, along with an extra point to go up 7-0 early. However, the Falcons were able to respond about two minutes later in the game, as freshman quarterback Jarret Doege connected with junior wide receiver Scott Miller on a 60 yard touchdown pass, tying the game up.

In the second, it was Middle Tennessee recovering to regain the lead 14-7 on a short passing touchdown. Again the Falcons came back with another score on their next drive, this time with a field goal from junior kicker Jake Suder to make it a 14-10 game. However, Middle Tennessee returned the favor not long after, as a 64 yard touchdown pass gave them a two possession advantage to go into halftime.

The offense slowed down significantly in the third quarter for both teams, as the only score in the third was another Suder field goal, bringing the Middle Tennessee lead back down to just one possession. The Falcons would be unable to make a comeback as Middle Tennessee put up another field goal in the fourth to eventually take the 24-13 win.

The team feels they were able to turn their game around significantly in the second half versus the first half and that playing more consistently throughout games going forward will be important against MAC opponents.

“I didn’t think they played very well in the first half at all,” Jinks said. “They came in at halftime and made some adjustments, and they played better in the second half.”

The team also struggled with the rushing game throughout the night, as they were only able to get a total of one rushing yard on 29 carries, or .03 yards per carry, to Middle Tennessee’s 243 total yards rushing.

“It’s extremely worrisome,” Jinks said. “If we don’t start running the ball better, it’s going to be a long season.”

The team will next play Saturday night to open up their MAC schedule at home against the Akron Zips.
Volleyball claws its way to victory, wins 3-2

By Zane Miller
Sports Editor

The Falcons volleyball team fell to the Miami RedHawks 3-1 in their first Mid-American Conference match of the season Thursday night, before taking their first MAC victory of the season against the Northern Illinois Huskies Saturday night 3-2.

Thursday’s match featured a promising start for the Falcons, as they took the first set 25-19. However, Miami was able to quickly turn things around in the second set, pulling away from a 22-22 tie to win a close one 25-23. This tied the match as the teams headed into the locker room.

When the teams returned for the third set, Miami was able to maintain their momentum from the second as they pulled ahead to win 29-27. Needing a win to stay alive, the Falcons were able to make the fourth set another close one, but a five point rally from Miami gave them a 25-23 win and the 3-1 victory in the match.

“This was a disappointing loss,” Falcons head coach Danijela Tomic said. “We did so many things so well. We fought, the difference was a few points at the end of the sets. It’s just kind of the same story of figuring out how to close matches.”

The team traveled back home for Saturday night’s match, but unlike Thursday’s match, it was Northern Illinois with the win in the first set, taking it 25-20. The second set was similar to the first one, as Northern Illinois also took it 25-20, putting the Falcons into a hole going into the intermission.

“We talked in the locker room over the 10 minute break about competing,” Tomic said. “There was just no energy on the court and we talked about a warrior spirit. That’s something that our team is embracing. We talked about what warriors do and I didn’t think that we showed that behavior.”

Despite needing three straight wins, the Falcons were able to claw their way back into the match with a 25-23 win in the third set with two key late kills from sophomore outside hitter Jessi Holly. In the fourth set, the Falcons were again able to pull away and win 25-21, taking advantage of Northern Illinois errors late to force a fifth set. With the teams tied at 11 in the fifth, a kill from senior outside hitter Nicole Slimko as well as a Northern Illinois attack error gave the Falcons a two-point lead. Northern Illinois got a kill to cut the lead in half, but the Falcons restored the lead on the ensuing service error. The teams went back and forth until a Slimko kill gave the team the 15-13 set win and the 3-2 comeback victory.

“Once we adjusted, our defense again kept us in the match, creating some opportunities,” Tomic said. “We just started doing the little things better and the accumulation of all of those things helped us win that third set, then with the momentum you get a little bit more comfortable and start playing a little bit more loose, you get some lucky breaks and that’s what happened.”

The team will next play on Friday and Saturday night, with two road matches, first against the Kent State Golden Flashes and then the Ohio Bobcats.

Former BG football star passes away at 79

By Zane Miller
Sports Editor

Former Falcons football player and later actor Bernie Casey passed away last Tuesday at the age of 78 from complications of a stroke.

“Bernie Casey was a true Renaissance man, and a role model for our students today,” President Mary Ellen Mazey said. “Bowling Green State University allowed him to develop his talents in and out of the classroom, from the artist’s studio to the football field, and his life was one of great achievement and service.”

Casey was born on June 8, 1939, in the small town of Wyco, West Virginia. At a young age he moved to Columbus, Ohio, and discovered his talents for athletics, playing football and competing in track and field to eventually earn a scholarship to come to the University.

While at the University, Casey set Mid-American Conference best time records for the 110-meter high-hurdles for three consecutive years, from 1958 to 1960. Casey was also a part of the football team’s 1959 MAC championship-winning season, which is also the only season the team has gone undefeated (their best record being 7-6-1) Los Angeles made the playoffs in the 1967 season with an 11-1-2 record, winning the Coastal Division. Casey also earned a Pro Bowl berth in that season as well. While they were eventually defeated in the Western Conference championship game, the team followed up the strong effort with another good season, going 10-3-1, but the team missed the playoffs in what was to be Casey’s final year in the NFL.

After wrapping up his football career, Casey transitioned into the film industry, starring in movies such as “Revenge of the Nerds,” “Brian’s Song” and “I’m Gonna Git You Sucka.” He was also a noted painter as well. In 1997, he wrote and directed his own film called “The Dinner.”

We deliver!
Band Bash showcases local musicians

By Brionna Scebbi
Reporter

WBGU-FM hosted Band Bash at Howard’s Club H Friday night. The concert featured three local bands: Modern Hollows, Hello Luna and Pleased 2 Meet U.

This year marks the 70th anniversary of WBGU-FM, and Band Bash is the first of several opportunities to hear some of what the station has been backing for seven decades.

“WBGU is heavily devoted to the promotion and cultivation of local music,” Codey Albers, vocalist and keyboardist for Pleased 2 Meet U and WBGU-FM DJ, said. “We think it’s a valuable art form and produces positive effects on the community; it has the capacity to bring people together.”

Modern Hollows
Where did they get their start? Modern Hollows is no stranger to the University, as the members met in a club on campus and were the runners-up in last year’s WBGU-FM Battle of the Bands.

What’s their sound? They describe their music as indie folk with a bit of rock and pop. They have all of the core instruments found in most modern bands, plus a violin and cello.

Their Band Bash Performance? As the first band of the night, Modern Hollows had a smaller crowd to play to, but that did not lessen their energy. Drum, guitar and violin solos accentuated their EP “Strange Days” and covers of “Pumped Up Kicks” by Foster the People and “Superstition” by Stevie Wonder.

Hello Luna
Where did they get their start? Hello Luna is a collection of artists from Columbus, Ohio, who came together in 2016 after spending time on individual music projects.

What’s their sound? They describe their music as alternative pop rock. A female-fronted band, they balance melodic vocals characteristic of pop music with guitar, drum and bass sounds found in rock music.

Their Band Bash Performance? As more people came in, vocalist Kenzie Coyne asked everyone to move toward the stage, creating a more intimate show. They played every song on their EP “Ghost of You” along with a cover of “Say It Ain’t So” by Weezer. “Bowling Green, oh my goodness,” Coyne said from the stage. “Where have you been all my life? You guys are fantastic!”

Pleased 2 Meet U
Where did they get their start? Pleased 2 Meet U formed at the end of 2016 and has been an active participant in the Bowling Green music scene ever since. They have written music and played shows at Howard’s and several events at the University, such as WBGU-FM’s Back to School Tie Dye Bash.

What is their sound? Pleased 2 Meet U’s music is along the lines of indie pop-rock. A few members of the band are multi-instrumentalists and are known for trading their instruments throughout a set.

Their Band Bash Performance? They interacted with the crowd the most. During a cover of “All These Things That I’ve Done” by The Killers, Albers stepped out from behind the keyboard and brought the microphone down into the crowd, urging audience members to sing a few lines of the song. From knock-knock jokes to banter between the band and the audience, Pleased 2 Meet U kept the fun going until the very end of the show.
BG News

By Emily Gielink

Hurricane survivors are returning to their homes to find gutted, unsanitary conditions. Despite the storm being over, the Bowling Green community is collecting donations for hurricane survivors to rebuild their lives.

At the University, students have been taking matters into their own hands. Fundraisers have been popping up across the town, including Walking Taco Night, organized by the Zeta-Lambda chapter of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity; clothing donation tables set up by BGSU Fadwatch; and Paws and Pints, a fundraiser set up by senior supply chain management student Bradford Elliot.

BG Falcon Media is hosting a donation drive from Sept. 25 through Sept. 28. Student groups can compete for the largest number of $5 donations, and the winning organizations earn a $100 donation for their charity of choice.

The American Red Cross is also actively looking for blood donors for blood drives choosing for Harvey survivors. The blood could save more than 269 lives, according to Brandon Alt, senior and president of the American Red Cross Club on campus.

“We are also considering donating our club funds to the disaster relief for Irma and Harvey,” Alt said.

These funds and donation drives will help victims of the hurricane, like Sheri Erickson, a Texas resident from the Woodlands.

Erickson and her family were able to evacuate their home before Harvey made landfall. After a week in Austin, her family of five could return home. The drive back to her house was a sight Erickson said she will never forget.

“It was depressing. I have had a hard time sleeping several nights, and (the destruction) is so widespread,” Erickson said.

She is a volunteer at her local church, where they have set up a store for survivors to take whatever they need – everything being free of charge. Erickson is also helping with house clean-up, as some surrounding neighborhoods endured more damage.

“Our neighborhood was fine,” Erickson said, “but within a half mile of us, there was significant flooding and ruined homes.”

Erickson’s home was just one of thousands impacted by the storms that ripped through southern states. Hurricane Maria missed most of the mainland United States but caused significant damage to Puerto Rico. With some small islands wiped out and the widespread devastation in Texas and Florida, the destruction throughout the lower United States could take years to rebuild.

Other efforts to help out hurricane victims are being coordinated by the Bowling Green City School District. They are raising money to send to hurricane victims. Every school in the district is selling t-shirts for $10. The shirts match the theme for the high school football game against Perrysburg.

“The shirts will be on sale until they run out, and any extras will be sold at the game on Sept. 29,” Corey Sexton, Bowling Green High School library media specialist, said.

At the game, schools will also collect non-perishable items and conduct a 50/50 raffle, in which one-third of the proceeds will go toward hurricane relief. Any monetary donations can be dropped off at the high school’s main office, Monday through Friday, until Sept. 29. The total donation will be presented to the Red Cross the week following the event.

With such widespread devastation across many southern states and islands, the fundraising efforts of the Bowling Green community may not be able to replace the items lost by these victims, but will go toward rebuilding their lives and homes, one dollar at a time.
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