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This picture shows a selection of the type of clothing Simply Torn offers



Elida High School Girl's Tennis Team

Simply Torn Boutique

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Lima, Ohio, gained a new-small business to their extensive list of independently owned shops. Lauren Stepleton opened Simply Torn on 3035 Elida Road, Lima Ohio. Simply Torn originally started in 2013 as an online boutique and the store quickly became popular with local shoppers. Because of the popularity the store received online, a boutique was opened in 2014 in Ada, Ohio. The shop has been relocated to Lima, Ohio, where business is better than ever. "Business has grown double since last year," says Stepleton. She is eager for the future of the store and wants others to hear about it.

Simply Torn is great for high-school students because the style of clothing is very popular. The clothing is young-contemporary and bohemian.

Lauren says, "I've always wanted to open my own boutique, but I didn't have enough confidence in myself to own my own shop." She had the dream of becoming an independent business owner since she was in middle school. She was nineteen years old when she opened Simply Torn in Lima, Ohio. Lauren says, "Opening your own business straight out of high school is hard. It takes a lot of determination to go through with it." She is working towards her goal of being a business owner and, she manages to tackle the difficulties of being a successful-young entrepreneur.

A New Look at Elida Sports and Education

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Elida Local Schools has gone through many changes throughout the past year. For example: switching to online, going back early, and cancelling many activities for students to participate in, it is important to observe how these changes are affecting the students.

For those students who have chosen to go "in person" to classes, life looks different inside Elida. The new health policies include social distancing in classrooms, sanitizing, and the wearing of a face covering. Some are asking if these new changes impact education, and are students missing out on social events and activities?

Dane Harter, an Elida High School student thinks that the new restrictions do not infringe upon his ability to learn. Dane says, "I hate breathing the through the mask, and people can't see my smile." Dane is involved in Student Council and Band. The COVID requirements have dramatically changed these

extracurricular activities. Student council must make some tough decisions. Dane explains that, "We can't participate in homecoming, parades, talent shows, or Relay for Life." Dane also describes his involvement in band. He states, "We only get to play in three games." With this being his senior year, he states, "We're not doing a lot of the traditions that seniors used to do." Dane, and many other students are required to learn the "new normal" in the school's environment.

Since COVID is affecting our way of life inside school, we interviewed Elida junior tennis player, Mckenzie Savill, on how the virus is impacting school sports. Mckenzie stated, "At our [most recent] match at St. Mary's, we weren't even allowed to use the same balls." She explained how the girls aren't allowed to serve the same tennis balls as other girls, and they have specific balls assigned to them that they can serve.

Since tennis is a non-contact sport, Elida is not limiting the amount of people observing the match. There is a decline in audience members due to concern in health and inconscience of following restrictions. Mckenzie says, "I dont like playing under pressure, but I know the other girls would appreciate the support." She is looking forward to sectionals and eager for life to go back to some semblance of normalcy.

COMMUNITY

A Look at Nashville Crush

The beloved local country band

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Nashville Crush is a band made up of some of the most talented musicians in the region. They have a perfect blend of country and rock music that appeals to listeners of all ages. They have performed at many of the best clubs, festivals, and fairs and are a regional favorite.

Nashville Crush has found a way to stay strong throughout the Corona Virus limitations to their ability to play. Brad Wright. The lead singer of the band, says, “We have not been able to perform due to the stay at home order, but plan on returning back in the spring even better than before.”

Nashville Crush has given Brad many amazing opportunities to travel to many other countries and share the stage with many inspiring artists like Keith Urban and Charlie Daniels. Most of all Brad explains, “The band has provided for my family for years and I’m looking forward to returning after such a long break.” The fans are excited for Nashville Crush to return as well and hear the music the band has been working so hard on for so long.



Nashville Crush Band Members



Brad Wright: Lead Singer

FEEL GOOD NEWS

Elida Alumni's Family COVID Recovery

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With the COVID-19 virus spreading, it always becomes hard to stay safe. There is always a possible chance you could end up getting sick, whether it be from Corona or just the regular seasonal flu. For Elida's Alumni, Ira Collier Jr., the risk of getting sick could be detrimental, because his little brother has leukemia. Ira Collier Jr's father, Ira Collier Sr., was diagnosed with COVID-19 on August 21. He described having problems breathing and a fever for a few days prior to the diagnosis. “I felt scared on top of being alone, because I was away from my family and stuck in an isolated room by myself,” stated Ira Collier Jr.

As Ira Senior's symptoms worsened, he had to be put on a ventilator on the following Monday, August 24. On September 6, Ira Senior was able to go home. As of now, everyone in the Collier is doing well and healthy. Ira Jr. said that “This experience, brought us together, and it shows no matter what, we have each other; no matter the distance.” It is important to stay safe and think about families that are at a high-risk to the virus.
