



Lundy shaves for the first time in years as his wife smiles from the sidelines.

Photo by Todd Day

Lundy stuns students when he shaves for success in the 2015 NHS can drive

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Most would consider fourth hour on a Tuesday uneventful. But on December first, if a student entered Phil Lundy's class, students and teachers would be seen crowding his desk to get a good view. Let's just say, not everyone needed a Salsarita's party to taste the victory of the fundraiser. The geology and physics teacher's reward for his students' success in the NHS can drive was something out of the ordinary, yet equally motivating to say the least. The white beard most identify Lundy with was removed.

In their 26 years of marriage, Lundy's wife, Roni had never seen her husband without a beard. She never imagined he would take a razor to it on a bet. Joining in on the big day was imperative, and she laughed at the result.

The act was instigated by seniors Joey Morris and Nick Marquis.

"It started as a joke, I thought there was no way he was going to do it," Marquis said.

The joke became a goal of 3,000 cans, which was greatly exceeded with 3,346. They've always been high in the numbers, but have never escalated to this amount before.

Although they didn't win, the class already had a reward. With newfound motivation for an old school fundraiser, Lundy's class celebrated each milestone of success with baked goods and snacks. Each week the class was climbing closer toward their goal.

Lundy's generosity for the cause is nothing out of the blue. He is always glad to support Gleaners, even if his hair would have to be sacrificed.

Gleaners community food bank has been around since April of 1977 when Gene Gonya co-founded one of the first food banks in the United States.

Brighton has been doing the can drive for as long as advisor, Kim Christiansen can remember. With Brighton High School's participation in the Mountain of Food competition with different schools throughout Michigan, NHS is excited to donate to Gleaners every year.

"I think it's good to serve the com-

munity and help people out," Christiansen said.

When Brighton High school sends in the money from the can drive to Gleaners, a number of volunteers collect and sort the food to be distributed to homes in Michigan. They then distribute the food to more than 510 partner soup kitchens, shelters and pantries across five southeast Michigan counties. Finally, partner agencies with Gleaners help feed the community by giving food to hungry homes.

As for Lundy, his new look will have to take some getting used to.

"It was weird, I don't recognize myself in the mirror," Lundy said. He's bewildered by it and his first reaction was being very cold. It even left his fellow science teachers astonished.

"Now I know what he looks like," chemistry teacher Joe Hudecek said.

Lundy hopes to continue surpassing their goal each year. His donation is one piece of the \$11,000 worth of cans collected this year. There's no doubt he will continue to encourage his students to give back to the community.

Hour of Code: Bulldogs' first step into a future in computer science

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December 7-13, 2015 was computer science education week all around the world and BHS was doing "Hour of Code" to show appreciation for computer science.

The Hour of Code was a way for students to learn more about what coding is and how it works. Coding is just taking what one thinks and making the computer do it. It is the basic idea behind every video game software and any computer program being used.

Coding opens new doors to students. BHS is one of few schools that still offer programming and web design classes.

"I want everyone to be comfortable with coding and know that anyone can do it," librarian Emily Hratchian said.

When talking with Hratchian, it was obvious that she really enjoyed helping students learning about coding. Hratchian believes learning how to code is something every student should have experience with before graduating high school.

Coding is also something that every student, teacher and staff member use throughout the day at BHS. Whether it be on the computer or showing a presentation, coding is used in everything throughout the school.

Learning how to code is pretty simple. It's typing what one wants

to draw and choosing coordinates for it to go on.

After getting the hang of it, it's not too hard to design new cool things.

During the Hour of Code, Khan Academy was used to show students the basics of coding, the program was easy to use and very helpful. It taught students how to draw and color a snowman using code on their own.

"It helped me learn more about coding. I recommend to all," senior Michael Magyari said.

The hour of code was a really big hit with the students that had the opportunity of going. When talking with some of the students it was exciting to see that a lot of them really enjoyed it.



Emily Hratchian explains coding to students.

Photo by Gabby Miller

Holiday season highlights Brighton Schools giving back to the community

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For many, Christmas time is the hardest time of year. The Brighton community and Brighton schools are included in the many organizations that pull together to raise money to help the people in need.

This year, Brighton Schools will be involved in Toys for Tots, making an angle tree, adopting students, and was involved in the NHS food drive.

The donations for Toys for Tots start December seventh and goes until Tuesday, December 15th and will be collected during sixth hour classes. The toys that are being brought in must be factory wrapped and can not be stuffed toys.

"The class that brings in the most toys will receive free cookies and milk from the paw during their 6th hour class," senior Donny Carruthers said.

Carruthers is in charge of the Toys for Tots in marketing class. He has organized and set up everything for the school. Carruthers wants over 500 toys to be donated for the kids in need. The toys will be donated to Livingston Toys for Tots and will be given to kids from 14 to 17 year olds.

Brighton High School isn't the only school raising money for the holidays. All the Hilton Elementary students are getting involved with this fundraiser is for the children of Brighton.

Carney's graphics students come down the chimney this year with Toys for Tots gifts



Sophomore Justin Klaus screen prints a shirt.

Photo by Alec Hannan

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Every boy and girl on the planet deserves to receive at least one gift during the holidays no matter what. Brighton High School is making that come true for many kids this year and the past couple years.

Sean Carney, teacher of Graphic Communications, is participating in Toys for Tots in a unique way. Every year, he has his students brainstorm designs for holiday shirts and sweatshirts that they can sell to raise money for buying toys for kids in Livingston County.

The shirts are screen printed by the students and delivered to the students that order them at the end of the day.

The deadline for ordering apparel is December 18th. There's usually only two designs to buy, but this year the graphics class made three because one of the designs is a lot cheaper to print than the rest. This allows them to raise money for the toys.

Over \$1,200 was raised last year and Carney feels that he can raise it even more this year.

"Ninety percent of the toys are donated to the Toys For Tots program

"When a Brighton teacher, Mrs. {Shelley} Compton died, a fund was established in her name to assist families with one or more children at the kindergarten through fourth grade level who many need assistant," Hilton Elementary teacher Mary Beane said.

This fund is available to anyone in the Brighton Area Schools.

Shelley Compton Squires' Fund has helped families with housing needs, counseling, food, clothing, learning materials, and medical care. Just as Compton hoped to make a lasting difference in young children's lives, Hilton Elementary strive to make her legacy live on through contributions from the Brighton Community.

Every December, each elementary student receives an angel in their Friday Folder. They are encouraged to decorate the angel and return it to school with a donation.

Each day, for two weeks, children are able to add glitter to the angel and hang it on a tree. Each elementary has a tree in a special place in the building.

Maltby is also involved with giving back to the community. They are making angle trees for the Clarenceville children and are adopting students from Clarenceville Middle School.

Brighton High loves donating to different organizations in hopes to make the holidays better for others.

and the other ten percent is donated to other charities for children," Carney said.

Before the holiday break, the students bust their butts making hundreds of T-shirts that people order so they can get them to the buyers before the holidays. Once all the shirts are made and all money is collected, students go with Carney to a store to pick out the toys to be donated.

"My favorite part about the Toys For Tots process is picking out the presents for the kids and knowing that we can have fun while also making people happy during the holidays," senior Cole Simonelli said.

Carney has all of his classes help with designing, printing, and selling the shirts and sweatshirts instead of just having his two-hour block class. Students sell the clothing to anyone and everyone that will buy one. Sales range from students, teachers and relatives to random people they see at stores.

The shirts are usually fun or funny designs that everyone likes, not just students of Brighton High School. Overall it is a great way to make all children happy during the holidays.