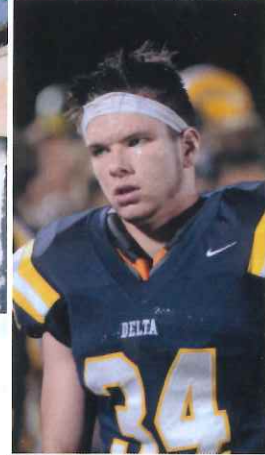
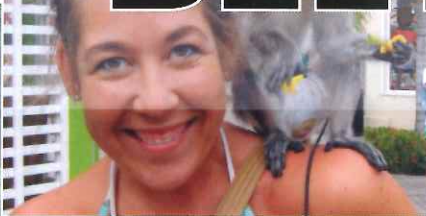
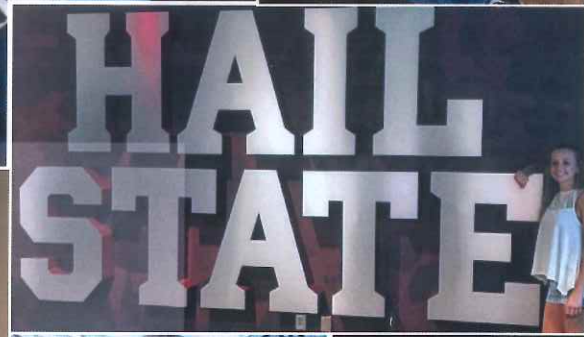
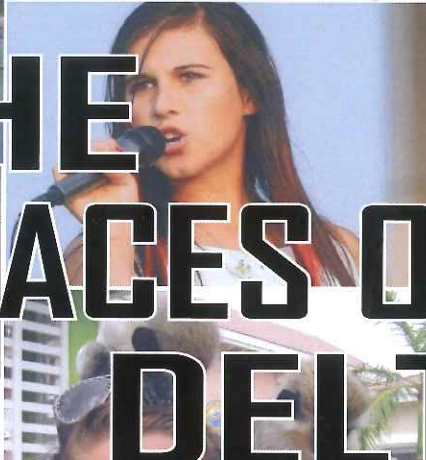
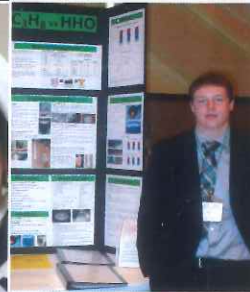


# EAGLE'S EYE MAGAZINE

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By Sydney May

Not only has he flown an airplane and landed it, he's jumped out of one...twice. Math teacher **Mr. Robert Summer** is full of adventurous stories, not just equations.

He's jumped out of an airplane in Belize and once in Australia. While in Australia he climbed the Sydney Harbor Bridge.

"They actually tether you in on that and you go to the top of it. It's pretty tall and cool."

Not just a bridge, but he's climbed mountains. He climbed Mount Stanley, a peak located in the Rwenzori range with an elevation of 5,109 meters. Summer was invited to do this with a group of people including his sister, Anna, who lives in Uganda. This adventure was not as memorable as the others he's had.

"Climbing the mountain with my sister was pretty miserable," he said. "You think of mountains as being cold and snow-covered, this one was just mud. I mean it was like climbing a bog."

Summer and others in the group got altitude sick, which is extreme nausea and vomiting.

Anna gave Summer some translating help on the trip. Though Summer states he's never been good with different languages, this was never a problem for him while traveling.

"I'm bad at languages. Most Americans are really bad at



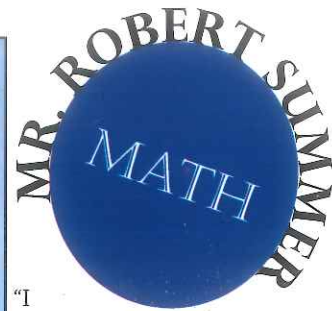
Math teacher Mr. Robert Summer (lower) has jumped out of airplanes twice. (Photo provided)

learning other languages. But traveling all over Europe, English speaking groups are everywhere."

A trip he took with his entire family was to Belize. He's been there several times, and he only looks back with fond memories.

"Do you know what it's like to go to Belize and sit on a beach on Christmas day? It's kind of amazing. I've never done that before. It's always cold and miserable here."

Summer has been going in and out of the country since he was seven years old. His first of many trips was to Kenya. His dad is a general surgeon in Lafayette so the Kenya trips were typically at a compound. But Summer and his family took a couple days and went on a safari.



"I saw lions eat a wildebeest and then saw cheetahs eat a wildebeest, too. Wildebeests just kind of get eaten all the time."

While the tourists sat and watched they could hear the ligaments snapping as all the lionesses tore the animal apart. The alpha male was over

to the side basking, already having his fill beforehand.

"The lion cubs were so cute. They had bloody faces, though. That was pretty gross."

Summer mostly travels with his family but sometimes it's just him. He did



Summer in Belize with a parrot. (Photo provided)

a month in Europe staying in Greece and Italy, and making his way to Corinth, Delphi, Thessaloniki, Athens, Mt. Olympus, Florence, Rome, and Vatican. He was studying abroad while at Taylor University.

"The United States as we know it is not even 300 years old whereas Athens has thousands of years of history along with Rome and so does Cairo. It's amazing that they are living in a historical place."

Summer has already visited two of the three places he's always wanted to see, Athens and Greece. The only place left on his list is Cairo.

"I've seen the top two, and it wouldn't devastate me if I couldn't do a whole lot more, but it'd be nice to."

## DIRECTING DELTA

By Cassy Gray

From living on the glamorous streets of London to holding up a caved-in roof at Delta, things in **Mrs. Dawn Raleigh's** life have changed, surprisingly for the better.

Raleigh has been a part of Delta for 14 years but was only recently given the role of the theatre teacher in 2011.

She has put on 11 shows in her time here. One show that stands out for her is *Grease*, which Delta Troupers put on in 2012. It was the first musical they had performed in

15 years.

Another show that stood out for Raleigh was *And Then There Were None*.



Although the set was beautiful it did have problems. During one of the scenes, the set's roof started to fall. Raleigh and senior Kelly DeLisle had to stand in place to keep it together.

And just like with the roof, Raleigh is a great leader of the Delta Troupers who keeps them together.

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# CRAW TRAVELS CONTINENT TO CONTINENT



By Rayah White

Freshman English teacher **Miss Amanda Crow** has been to four continents and 24 countries.

"Everyone was doing it. All my roommates studied abroad or went abroad for service trips."

During her senior year of college at DePauw University she studied abroad in England. After that she never stopped or considered decreasing

her traveling.

When packing for a trip, she likes to pack light. "I usually cram a lot of things into a short time." Before she packs she checks on weather, location, what she wants to do, and price comparisons. "I usually stay in hostels because it's very affordable and safe."

In 2012 Miss Crow experienced her favorite trip when she and one of

her friends traveled through Europe for 2.5 weeks. They started in London at the Summer Olympics. They went to Dublin, Ireland where they made new Texan friends who spoke French. After that they went to Paris, Berlin and Amsterdam.

"Experiencing excitement with people from all over the world was indescribable."

## Craw's Adventures

She has eaten octopus, raw fish, goat, snails. Honestly, I eat just about anything.

Left a lock on the Love Love Bridge in Paris

Steered horse-drawn carriages in the streets in Dublin

Cliff-jumping from 40 foot cliffs (If you've seen Game of Thrones, I was actually staying in the fictional King's Landing--you've seen these cliffs!)

Frolicked through castles, explored an ancient prison.

In Amsterdam, saw famous paintings at the Van Gogh Museum and saw where Anne Frank led her secret life.

Took a 4-hour bike tour to see Hitler's final resting place, Checkpoint Charlie, and remnants of the Berlin Wall.

Walked by the Moulin Rouge, picnicked at the foot of the Eiffel Tower, perused the Cathedral of Nortre Dame.

Witnessed the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace, and had Starbucks on the lawn of Hyde Park in London.

Danced and participated in yodeling competitions at festivals along the famous Alexanderplatz in East Berlin.

# Punny Professor

By Charlie May

For the students who have had him, they know all about English teacher Mr. Kip Omstead's jokes and puns and that he always enjoys a good book.

Mr. Omstead says that he steals jokes and puns from the Bob and Tom radio show, Prairie Home Companion, and other places that he hears one, or they just occur to him.



"I don't make fun of my students. I make fun of myself."

He says that he has been known to tell a student when the student is doing something silly.

When he is not trying to make his students

"I don't make fun of my students. I make fun of myself"

laugh, he is usually reading a good book. He likes mystery, science fiction, and realistic novels.

"Thanks to the Internet you go online and find good books. You can never read the old stuff fast enough to catch up."

# MIDDLE SCHOOL MASTER



By Gavin Wilson

Mr. Doug Hazelrigg has been teaching Language Arts at Delta Middle School for 20 years. Sixteen of those years have been spent teaching journalism, too.

However, at the end of this school year he will no longer be the DMS journalism advisor because the course will

now be an after-school club.

Hazelrigg said that money may have been a determining factor for the school board's decision.

"I feel like that after I devote energy throughout the day I should be able to go home instead of staying after school," Hazelrigg said,



Hazelrigg

referring to the new club that he will not be sponsoring.

The thing he will miss most about the class is seeing how creativity flows through the students. It also gave him a break in the language routine. He said he also will miss the fun of the class and being able to be a part of the yearbook.

## HISTORY BUFF

By Evan White

President William Howard Taft was so fat that he once got stuck in the White House bathtub. This is just one of the many little facts you will learn if you take a class taught by Mr. Brad Himes.



Himes

Mr. Himes has been a social studies teacher since 2002, and he is one of Delta's most popular teachers. "I understand that I am in the 'people business' and that students will invest more if

they like my class."

Mr. Himes always keeps a laid-back, light-hearted atmosphere in his room. This involves starting each day with an interesting fact and making corny jokes and puns. He hopes that this will keep his students' attention while he teaches Geography.

"I believe that if you can laugh at yourself, then you never run out of material. Life's challenges demand a sense of humor."

## Love of Francais

By Kenzie Scudder

There are multiple Spanish teachers at Delta, but one French teacher, Mr. Robert Stevens.

Stevens knew he wanted to teach since before he can remember, but the subject was unclear to him until late senior year, early summer. He had looked at English and Chemistry, but a family trip to France sealed the deal.

"It was love at first sight."

Stevens has traveled to France

another eight times, including last year's school trip to Europe. One of his favorite places to go is Saint-Malo, a small town that is "stunning behind walls."

Being the only French teacher has pros and cons. One pro is knowing what students have learned in past years; a con is not having any teachers to talk to about the subject.

Knowing French language and culture has given Stevens somewhere to feel at home.

"I have never looked back. I do not regret choosing this path."



Stevens

## Juggling Jobs

By Haleigh Smith

Ms. Alicia Fuller's life can be hectic at times, trying to raise her first child, Axl, and splitting her time between teaching art classes here at the high school in the morning and then at the middle school in the afternoon. Working at both schools has proved to be challenging at times between the different schedules and her expectations for the different age levels of kids she teaches.

Her kids at the middle school can be a lot different from her kids here.

"The high schoolers come to school more

drowsy while my middle schoolers come full of energy every day," she says.

Although it is hard to work at both schools she really enjoys working with both age levels and seeing her students grow up. More than anything she has struggled with making sure she gets enough rest to get her work done for her class, but also finding the time that she needs to spend time with her young son.



Fuller

# Groundball to Ground Stroke

By Sidney Barkdull

Being raised in an athletic family, with three older brothers in sports and a father that coached baseball, athletics is in tennis coach **Mr. Tim Cleland's** blood.

He began playing tennis during his sophomore year, only playing baseball until his school, Hauser High School, built tennis courts and he decided to try tennis. He loved the competitive, fast-paced nature

of tennis and that he was directly involved with each point earned.

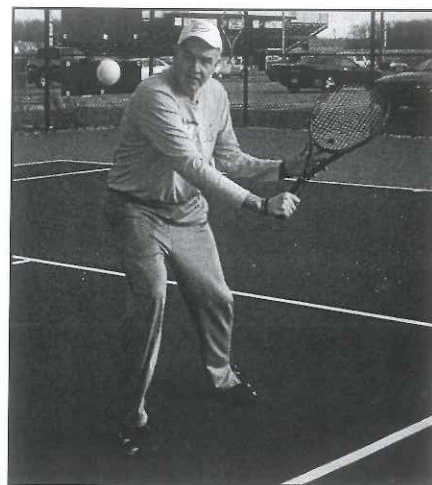
Working as a sports writer for **The (Muncie) Evening Press** led him to the 1988 boys' tennis sectional where he met freshman Kaus Christopher, who later would become the first All-State player in Delta's tennis program.



Cleland

Cleland began playing off-season tennis with Kaus, who told him when Mrs. Pat Ervin, who coached tennis at the time, needed a replacement while on maternity leave. Cleland stepped in for a year, but still holds the position 26 years later.

"It's just who I am. I'm a coach."



Tim Cleland prepares to volley in practice.

# Keeping it Current

By Hailey McIntyre

Mrs. Holly Hopkins is always searching the Internet to keep her classes updated on the latest news, even if that news is about terrorism.

"Let's make things clear," Hopkins said. "I don't go to their (terrorist) websites, and I don't search on the Dark Net."

Hopkins says that almost every

two weeks she's looking something up on terrorism just to keep her stories in her classes updated.

Among all the terrorist groups out there Hopkins says that Hamas is the most interesting to her. "They have almost no money, but they always find ways into Israel." Hopkins said, "My students tend to (know) ISIS more because they're more violent and cruel."

Hopkins wants to make it clear, though, that she's not always looking up terrorists and that she's just doing her job.



Hopkins

# Every Student Counts

Kaitlyn Overla

**Ms. Joey Gossett**, assistant principal, seemingly knows everybody's name. In reality she only knows 90 percent. She said, "If I don't know their names then I know their faces."

She works hard on having good relationships with her students. That is why she printed and signed more than 500 of the first semester certificates for good attendance. She loves to have that



Gossett

interaction with her students.

She goes to different events at Delta to get more involvement with her students. She loves to see what they are into.

She believes that her position as the administrator in charge of discipline and the duties that she has to perform gives her a name that people fear. She doesn't believe that anyone is a bad person; instead, she just believes that they sometimes make poor choices.

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# LEADERS

## FRANKIE DARGO SENIOR

### DARGO'S DEDICATION

### Turn That Frown Up- side Down

By Sidney Barkdull

From his three-year long service as the president of French Club to his new-found passion for the theatre, a lot can be said of **senior Frankie Dargo's** involvement in the school, but perhaps more can be said of his dedication.

Dargo took over as the president of French Club his sophomore year after the previous president, Leah Williams, graduated. With the help of French teacher Mr. Robert Stevens, Frankie is almost completely fluent in French and plans to continue working toward fluency.



Dargo

"I want to spread my passion for the French language and help others fall in love with the language and the culture."

His love of the French language will take him to Ball State University after graduation where he will major in French education.

Dargo is not only heavily involved in French Club, he became involved with the Delta Troupers when they performed *The Crucible* in the fall, taking on his first role of Francis Nurse.

He says that being in the Troupers added stress to his life, but that he only regrets not joining sooner.

"I wouldn't trade it (joining) for the world. It has helped me form friendships with some of the greatest people I have ever met."

Dargo says that he knows that the experience will help him in the future.



Senior Frankie Dargo sits in the dressing room as his fake beard is applied. (Photo provided)

Another important component of Dargo's future is Frankie D's Flea Market.

Dargo, the namesake of the stores on Broadway Avenue and 12th Street in Muncie, is the primary beneficiary of the flea markets owned by his parents. He can be found behind the counter of one of his family's stores at least three days a week.

Dargo says that he is from a family of entrepreneurs and that opening the stores had been a goal of theirs for a long time.

On Feb. 1, 2015, the day the family announced they would be opening the second store, the original store on Hoyt Avenue burned down, ruled an electrical fire. Less than two months later the second store opened.

"It was a real time crunch. I remember there were days when I would be there working until 2 or 3 a.m., sleep on the floor of the store, then get up and go to school."

And that's Frankie D ... for dedication.

By Rayah White

People say **junior Abby Shafer** is the nicest person ever. She wouldn't say that. She always tries to be nice by making sure that people are okay. And if they aren't doing well Shafer does everything in her power to lift their spirits.



Shafer

"I just always try to go out of my way to do something for someone or try to make someone smile."

Sometimes that means helping someone who's dealing with school or family problems. She is leading the new Freshman Mentor program.

Family is important to her. Shafer's mom is one of her best friends and she tells her everything. Her mother has a good relationship with her brother and father, which is why Shafer has a similar relationship with her dad and her brother.

"We just have fun, mess around, and I can go to them for anything."



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Leaders

# Heart for Others

By Evan White

Senior Julia

East has a special place in her heart for kids with extra needs, and that passion



East

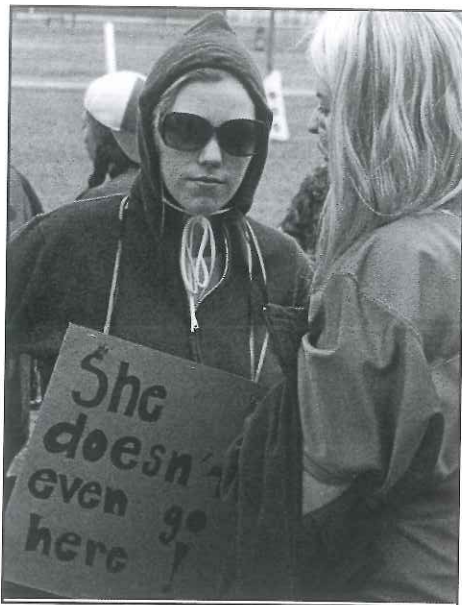
has led her to become the president of Best Buddies. Surprisingly,

she actually gets more than she gives.

"I just really have a heart for kids with special needs because my aunt has Down Syndrome, so I've just grown up with it," Julia said. "And I really like being around them because they are always so happy and positive."

It has also taught her to be more patient and understanding with kids with special needs, and she hopes other people will do the same.

"I definitely think it's a really good experience. If you're not in Best Buddies or you're not doing anything like it, you should, because these people are just so great to be around!"



Senior Julia East poses in her costume for the Best Buddies Halloween Party. (Photo provided)

# Keeping A Balance

By Charlie May

Managing time between athletics and academics can be challenging, from long bus rides to huge projects that are due tomorrow. However, **freshman Hannah Morey** is able to keep this balance.



Morey

Morey plays basketball and is also ranked sixth in her class. She says that academics are very important and that you have to have a balance between athletics and academics.

"You have to make sure after long game rides that you get your stuff done."

Morey said that girls on the team help each other with home-

work.

Morey was worried that handling basketball and school was going to be a lot more challenging. She believed basketball was going to be harder with all the hours you have to put in and that high school is different from middle school.



Freshman Hannah Morey (middle) plays basketball. (Photo provided)

# From Nursing to Nurse

By Cassy Gray

Even with the perceptions of teen moms being almost anything but good, **senior Raven Fultz** has made the best out of it and is smashing the stereotypes.

At age 14 Fultz



Fultz

got pregnant with her daughter Abree. Fultz had a set plan for her future and was scared when she got the news.

"Having Abree has taught me that even when things are hard you can't give up. You have to work harder."

Fultz is an exceptional student who works hard and has several advanced classes.

She is going to Ball State to get her certified nursing assistant license and then hopes to go on to be a registered nurse.

She said high school students should understand



Senior Raven Fultz poses with her daughter Abree. (Photo provided)

that having sex before marriage creates a risk of pregnancy and the end of much of your fun.

"You have very few friends because no one wants to hang out with a baby."



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# Missionary in Mexico

By Katelyn Milligan

Senior Joe Wegener spent a week in the Mexico sun but it wasn't for vacation. He travelled with the Westminster Presbyterian Church on a mission trip in February.

He spent his nights in a residence of a wealthy man. However, wealthy in the village of Xochempich doesn't mean the same as in America.



Wegener

During the day, Wegener taught gospel in Vacation Bible School and gave out coloring books. He built chairs and tables for local schools and spent time with the kids eating popcorn during a movie night in Chichen Itza.

"This year [I went] more for spiritual growth and also building relationships with the people there."

He still talks with his Mexican friend Jose who does his best to talk in English.

After seeing the poor conditions but happy faces of children in Mexico, Wegener is now striving to always give someone a fair chance.



Children playing in the streets of a village in Uganda. (Photo provided)

## Eye-Opening Experience

By Evan White



Haisley

Playing games and making crafts with kids in need in Uganda is not how most kids spend their free time in the fall, but that is exactly what sophomore

Selah Haisley decided to do.

Last November, Selah and her church group took a weeklong mission trip to Africa. They helped the mission-

aries that were there and spent a lot of time helping the less fortunate.

"My eyes were opened to people in need," Haisley said. "My favorite memory was being able to see what another part of the world is like."

She learned that people really sacrifice a lot, including the missionaries that had come to Africa. "They left the comfort of their Westernized homes, their families, and everyday conveniences."

The trip was impactful and demonstrated her strong sense of faith.

"My faith influences my decisions, and it's basically a lifestyle that you live by."



Sophomore Selah Haisley (bottom left) and her family in Uganda. (Photo provided)

# Helping Himself and Others

By Gavin Wilson

Staying busy and on top of his homework helped junior Nathan Brelage overcome his anxiety by relieving him of pressure.

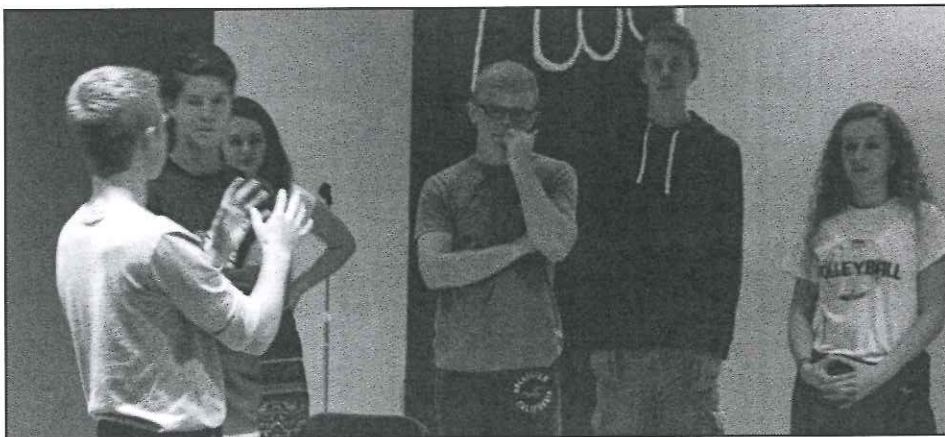


Brelage

"Being the best person I can be helps other people, but it helps me, too. I mean it helps improve myself."

In order for Brelage to manage all his activities and schoolwork he pays attention in class, manages time, relaxes every once in a while, and gets some sleep.

He usually gets six hours of sleep and sometimes eight hours, but if he gets eight hours then there is maybe



Junior Nathan Brelage (far left) gives a speech on how to dance for Mr. Eric Murphy's class. (Photo provided)

something wrong.

Brelage keeps up with everything by knowing that events occur at specific times each month or week. He is also told when the next meeting is or if it

is a group event his family goes to such as Brelage's dances.

"As long as you put in the work and do the homework and your best you'll be alright."



# BOILER-MAKER IN THE AIR

By Brooke Kemp

Most high school students yearn for the freedom of the open road, but senior Collin Hart seeks the freedom of the skies.



Hart

"Honestly, I think it's easier than driving .... You have a lot more open space and, if you know what you're doing, it feels a lot safer."

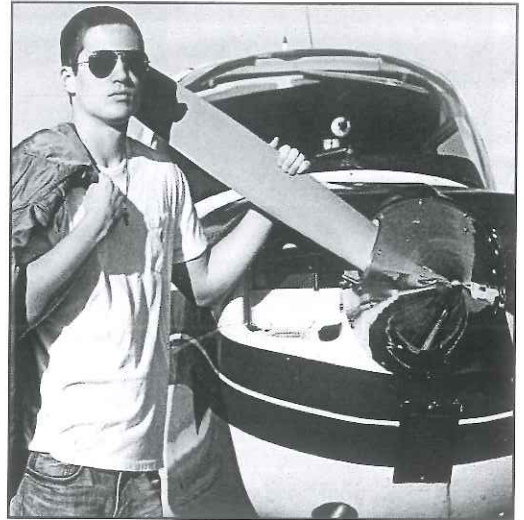
Collin's father worked on air-

crafts. His grandfather, an Air Force veteran, served in Vietnam. After his grandfather's death, Collin decided to become a pilot.

Starting his sophomore year, Collin logged hours to obtain his pilot's license. Today he can solo single-engine aircrafts cross country and is going to Purdue's Air Force branch of the Reserve Officer's Training Program (ROTC).

While Collin enjoys flying his family and friends, excitement isn't all he gets out of it.

"I'm making my grandfather proud by doing what I'm doing."



Senior Collin Hart takes his senior picture by a plane. (Photo provided)

# Service Leader

By Nate Osner

The National Honor Society at Delta High School requires a minimum of five hours of service for each semester.

**Junior Landon Morgan** has 22.5 hours.



Morgan

Every spring the honor society inducts new members from sophomores to seniors. Since his induction, he has hit the

ground running.

From working the sports con-



Junior Landon Morgan works on a service project. (Photo provided)

cessions to the two annual blood drives for the Red Cross, he has compiled a grade-leading amount of hours. What is most impressive, though, is that Morgan has only been able to do one hour outside of Delta, based on society rules.

This means that 21.5 hours of Morgan's life this year have been dedicated to helping the school.

He also spent seven weeks at a volunteer summer camp where he compiled a summer total of 280 hours.

When asked if he would be the leader in service hours next year, he facetiously said, "No one will come close."

# Comfort in the Country

By Kenzie Scudder

To sophomore Chaise

**Penrod** the meaning of being a country person doesn't lie in the style or living out in the country. It means to be a respectful and responsible person with values.

"Doing what's right is important. You work hard for what you have. If you've earned it, it's yours, and if you didn't earn it, it's not"

Although anyone who knows him or is friends with him knows he is country all the way, strangers wouldn't know it from just looking at him.

"You really can't tell. I wear boots and jeans every day, but a lot of people do and they aren't country."

Penrod loves the freedom involved living in the country, doing what he wants and when he wants to do it.

His favorite things to do with this freedom are fishing, hunting, farm work, and dirt-biking.



Penrod

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# Stitching For the Kids

By Madison Beard



Freshman Mallory Kemper works on a sewing project. (Photo provided)

**Freshman Mallory Kemper** has always had a heart for Riley Hospital. She has been a patient and is now giving back. She attends Together We Can and was excited to learn to sew.

Mallory and Mrs. Creech got the idea to sew puppy dogs for children at Riley. With the help of Mrs. Needham and Amber Hatfield, Mallory sewed 30 puppy dog pillows to donate.

Children will find the dogs on their bed when they wake up from a sur-



Kemper

gery.

"Mallory was very excited to do this project because she is a 'Riley Kid' herself," said Mrs. Creech.

This kind act will make a huge impact on the kids' lives. Hopefully the

dogs will be something they will cherish forever.

# The RedHeditor

By Haleigh Smith

Ever since **senior Sidney Barkdull** was little she's had something about getting the facts. She wants to know all about anything before she talks about it, and that's why she loves journalism.

Sidney has been editor of **Eagle's Eye** magazine for three years. She started journalism in eighth grade, but fell in love with it as a freshman and decided to pursue it as a career.



Barkdull

This fall she will study journalism at Ball State. She dreams to become a political reporter for the **Boston Globe**.

"It is not the most read newspaper in the country, but it's in the top 10." In her four years writing for **Eagle's Eye** her favorite story is her most recent, over head football coach Grant Zgunda's retirement. She wrote about the two decades of service the coach has given to the school.

"I like to write stories that impact people and make them happy."

# Publically Political

By Kaitlyn Overla

**Freshman Print Barger**, a passionately political young fellow, once gave a speech about Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels and how he was cutting school fundings. Now he passionately follows the 2016 presidential race closely, so much that even his friends say he is always talking about politics.



Barger

He praises Hillary Clinton all the time and believes that she is fit to run our country.

His friends say that he goes around and says "Hillary 2016." He doesn't believe that Donald Trump is qualified to run our country. He said that just because Mr. Trump is a businessman does not make him fit.

He said that Trump's companies have gone bankrupt and what is it to say that he won't do the same to the United States.

"If Donald Trump could sell us to China he would."



Senior Sidney Barkdull helps other staff members work on the Eagle's Eye magazine. (Photo by Haleigh Smith)

# Early Education Dedication

By Kenzie Scudder

Preschool years are some of the most impactful of a child's life. Not only does it give him or her an introduction in how to act in a school environment, it also builds character. **Senior Bryce Fore-**

**man** wants to be a teacher for these young kids.

Foreman knew he wanted to have this career a couple years ago when helping his friend babysit. He has also gained experience

babysitting his six younger sisters.

Working at Muncie Area Career Center with preschool students has shown him that children start to talk more about how their home life is and their likes and dislikes.

In recent years, men have been only 3 percent or less of preschool teach-



Senior Bryce Foreman works with pre-schoolers. (Photo provided)

ers nationwide, so having a male teacher may be a bit different for many children.

"The students can maybe get another aspect or style of teaching (having a male teacher rather than a female)."



Foreman

# Leader Undercover

By Maddy Shockey

Usually people think of leaders as outgoing, often speaking out as much as possible, but **senior Katelyn Milligan** likes to take a different approach. Milligan is more soft spoken when it comes to her leadership.

Between being both National Honor Society secretary and Student Council secretary, the senior has a lot on her plate while also finding time to partake in personal hobbies. Being a part of student council means planning a lot of major school events.

"Homecoming was prob-

ably the biggest thing to organize but that's okay because it's a fun event."

She helped organize dress up days, decorate, and run the Friday picnic activities.

Unlike the tasks she has in Student Council, as NHS secretary she takes attendance of the large group every meeting and spoke during both NHS inductions.

Milligan plans to use these quiet but effective leadership skills when she attends Purdue University in the fall.



Senior Katelyn Milligan (bottom left) with the NHS officers. (Photo provided)



Milligan

# Leader In Faith

By Raymond McQueary

**Senior Brayden Romine** felt the need to make a change for Delta's atmosphere. He did this by starting a Bible study through the school.

The Bible study now consist of 12 members where they hang out and just build their faith once a week. Brayden runs this and his main topic is how to overall become better people in life.

Brayden has been a Christian all his life. His biggest role models are his grandfathers who are both pastors.

Brayden is currently involved with two Bible study groups, worship team for his church two out of every four weeks where he plays the drums, and he helps run the Vacation Bible School with there being about 250 kids.



Romine

# Athletes

## Conquering Competitor

By Tannon Dishman

**Freshman Brady Edwards** plays three sports like many people, except he plays with a twist. Brady has cerebral palsy.



Edwards

Brady plays football, basketball, and baseball, where he throws and catches with the same hand. It is a unique process where he takes off the glove, grabs the ball and throws.

In basketball, he can only dribble with his left hand. Although he faces a challenge, he won't back down.

"My dad has helped me out the most because he never put up with my excuses." Dave Edwards, Brady's dad, has been his life-long motivator. Brady says that his dad has been his "best friend" through everything. Brady also has been helped by Mr. Rob Jones, the business teacher.

Brady said that Mr. Jones is there for him at all times whether it is on the football field or at school.

"I just know that if I have a problem with sports or school, I can always count on Mr. Jones to help me out."

Brady and Mr. Jones have known each other for a long time due to the fact that Brady's dad and Mr. Jones are both football

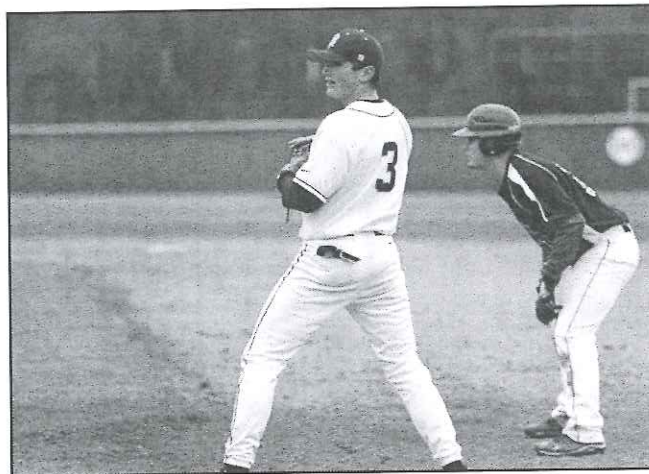
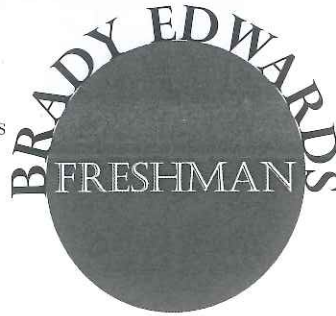
assistant coaches.

However, Brady's difficulties stretch beyond the sports area. He used to struggle with everyday things like brushing teeth and tying shoes. Brady has now mastered the art of brushing his teeth, but tying his shoes still eludes him.

"If there was one thing I could do, it would be tying my shoes because if you have ever tried to tie your shoes with one hand it is awful."

Some call it a disability, but he calls it a uniqueness.

"It sets me apart from other people in the school."



Freshman Brady Edwards looks toward the plate as the runner leads off at first base. (Photo provided)

## Golfing Galore

By Kaitlyn Overla

Senior Brett Carlson's interest in golf started at age five when his grandpa took him to Lake View Greens in Eaton to watch him play.

He started playing at age five and started tournaments in the seventh grade.

Carlson's lowest score of all time is a 74. (In golf, players want to have a low score because that means they have the best score.)

He plays in the spring, summer, and fall. Team golf for the school is in the spring, and he is a varsity starter for the Eagles.



Carlson



Senior Brett Carlson takes a swing at a ball during practice. (Photo provided)

He said that the thing he loves most about golfing is the competitive atmosphere and the meeting of new people.

The most difficult thing about golf is having a good mental attitude. You can't get ahead of yourself. You have 18 holes and you can't get too high or too low.

Brett says that his career in golf will be limited to competing in the summer and going on Junior Golf league amateur tours.

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# Fight to the Finish

By Raymond McQueary

The bell sounds, adrenaline is pumping. Staring down the opponent, **junior Jesse Digman** feels the "excitement of not knowing what's going to happen, and the determination needed to decide what's going to happen."



Digman

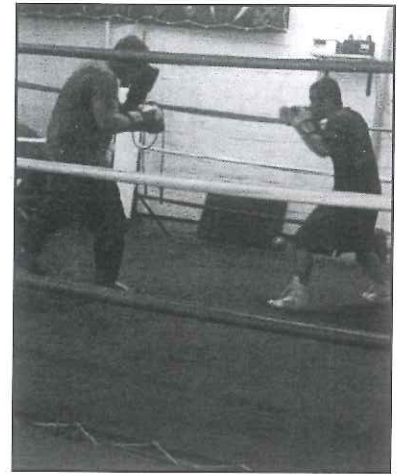
Jesse has been training for his first fight for two years now at the Warbound Gym in Muncie with his boxing trainer, Jeff Hinds.

Hinds has helped Jesse by making him a better person in everyday life and teaching him how to be humble.

"(Boxing) has kept me out of trouble and has given me an outlet to put my energy into."

Jesse plans to start amateur boxing soon. Next February, he plans to compete in the Indiana Golden Gloves, a straight elimination tournament every Thursday night in Indianapolis.

He will fight 132 lightweight division. Jesse will face his toughest opponents in Indiana.

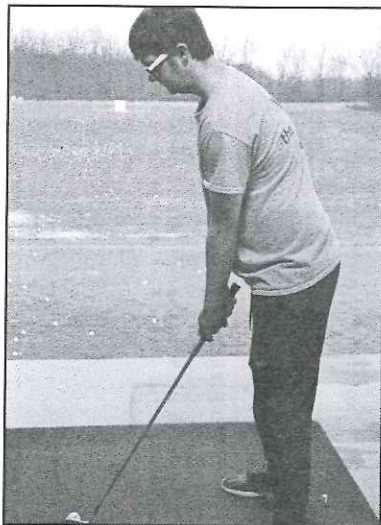


Junior Jesse Digman trains his boxing skills at the Warbound gym in Muncie. (Photo provided)

## Ambidextrous Athlete

By Tannon Dishman

Can you throw with your left hand as well as with your right hand? **Sophomore Blake Shanayda** can do it.



Sophomore Blake Shanayda prepares to swing in practice. (Photo provided)

Blake plays two sports, tennis and golf.

He is one of the best golfers for the Eagles.

Blake plays tennis right handed, but he golfs lefty. Blake plays both with a hearing disorder.

"I was born with a hearing loss, and I got the hearing aids when I was about two or three."

Blake didn't like the hearing aids so he stopped wearing them until



Shanayda

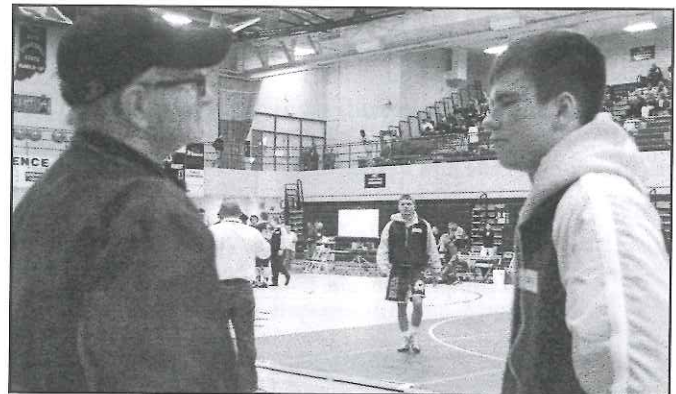
he was seven.

"When I turned seven, I got the hearing aids that I use today."

Not only is the hearing loss hard on him, but it is also difficult for the people around him.

Blake said that sometimes it is hard for others because they have to repeat themselves so he can hear.

*Athletes*



Brady Pease talks with former Delta wrestling coach Bud Palmer. (Photo provided)

## Immediate Impact

By Rayah White



Pease

Freshman year isn't always the greatest year of high school, but joining a sport makes being a freshmen even better. By making varsity for football and going to semi-state for wrestling, **freshman Brady Pease** is doing just that.

He began playing football in the Metro flag football program at age 6.

"When I was younger I played quarterback, but I got a little too big for that ... Now I play linebacker."

Being a freshman on any varsity sport is hard, but it's a big step from eighth grade football to playing varsity football.

"Eighth grade football was a lot slower, because obviously I'm playing with nearly grown men now," he said.

He started wrestling when he was about 4 or 5 years old and has wrestled every year since. Going to semi-state for wrestling is big for anyone but huge for a freshman. Even though Pease lost his first match, he has three more years to improve.

# Strike to State

By Katelyn Milligan

With his red and black 15-pound ball, **junior Andrew Shafer** steps up to the lane. In the last game of the night, he got a strike that advanced him to state, where he averaged 216.

Shafer has frequented Clancy's Village Bowl since he was four years old. He learned to bowl on league nights with a ramp and his dad's help. Shafer goes to Clancy's three times a week to bowl and work the counter.

"Bowling has been a part of my life all the time so it's stayed with me."

Shafer recently ended this year's high school bowling season. He averaged



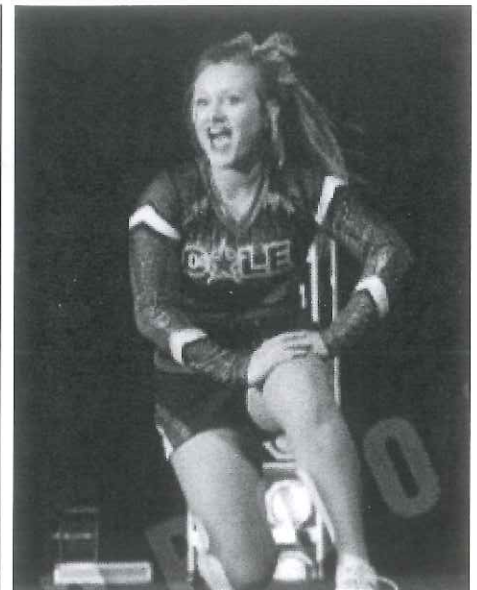
Shafer

league bowling.

202 and advanced to semi-state before a thumb injury sidelined him.

Outside of high school, he bowls in tournaments statewide.

Shafer is keeping his eye on Ball State University's bowling team as well as BSU's baseball team. When he's older, he plans to play



## Cheer Crazed

By Maddy Shockey

Being a cheerleader is a normal high school experience for some girls, but not all take it to the competitive level. At just the age of 3, **freshman Helena Heintzelman** started cheer at Cole Academy. She's been a part of the regional team and is currently on the national team.

"It was a girly sport I could do. It was a good way to make new friends and I could wear a lot of makeup and do my hair."

Practicing 10 hours total a week, she has ambitions of making this a professional career and joining the worlds team. Renting an entire floor of hotel rooms, exploring new cities, shopping, and going out to eat all take place at competitions, which is her favorite part. Competitions are prime time for team bonding.

"We all blast 5 Seconds of Summer and One Direction in the hotel rooms. It's pretty nice."

## The Ultimate Competitor

By Haleigh Smith

**Freshman Brooklyn Matheny** started playing sports when she was in second grade and hasn't stopped since.



Matheny

"I started playing because I am so competitive and I always want to be beating someone at something!"

She plays basketball and volleyball here at school. Along with the sports she plays at Delta she competes on a travel

basketball and volleyball team outside of the regular school seasons.

Along with sports she was also recently involved with the Riley Dance Marathon the school had to raise money

for Riley Children's Hospital. She was one of the people who helped teach the dance. She also helped set up and plan events.

This year will be the first year that Brooklyn will not be running track, but she still runs frequently to stay in shape. She tries her best to fit in time to run and work out with her busy schedule of school and sports.



Freshman Brooklyn Matheny participates in the dance marathon for Riley Children's Hospital. (Photo provided)

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# Celebrity by Association

By Madison Beard

**Junior Sommer Wallace** has stood next to a celebrity and didn't even know it, traveled to New York to go to Carnegie Hall, and accidentally won a national writing award.



Junior Sommer Wallace shows off her ball-control skills. (Photo Provided)

While on the streets of NYC, she stood next to actor Matthew Morrison, presidential candidate Hillary Clinton,

and Youtuber Jenn McAlister.

"It was really weird, just seeing famous people out on the streets." While there she won a silver award nationally for poetry. She said that she wasn't trying to win and she was only doing it because it was an English project.

Sommer also keeps busy with juggling school, softball, and travel soccer all at the same time. She focuses most of her time on soccer.

She started playing her freshman year and decided it was what she loved to do.

"I really liked it so I started playing travel and kind of switched gears to playing soccer rather than softball."

Sommer is on a travel team and hopes to play in college.



Wallace

# South Bound

By Sidney Barkdull

Growing up in an athletic family, **junior Gabby Zgunda** has been exposed to sports of all kinds. She began playing volleyball in the fourth grade and fell in love with the sport.

Her love of the sport is taking her to Mississippi State University to play on the Bulldogs' volleyball team.

She made a verbal commitment to the university in the spring of 2015. Her biggest worry is the distance from her family. However, Zgunda says that she bonds well with the team and coaches.

"The coaches aren't just coaches, they feel like family. Since I'm moving nine to 10 hours away, that was very important to me. Mississippi State just



Zgunda

felt like home, and secretly I think I've always been a southern girl at heart."

She expects the distance to be difficult at first, but she



Junior Gabby Zgunda with her family at a Mississippi State football game. (Photo provided)

thinks that it will be good for her to get away and be independent.

# Hitting on State

By Evan White

Many kids spend their summer days at the pool, but **junior Alec Robillard** spends his time hitting



Junior Alec Robillard during a match. (Photo provided)

serves on the tennis court.

Alec first started playing tennis at the age of 5, and since then he has completely fallen in love with the sport. "I'd say tennis is so fun and important to me because you're out there by yourself and have to problem solve and make split-second decisions."

After playing No. 3 varsity singles his sophomore year, Alec made the huge transition to No. 1 singles this fall. He posted a 20-7 record and was named to the All-State First Team.

Alec's goals for next season include another run to the IHSAA Team State Finals and possibly even a state championship in singles.

"I want to mainly just have fun because it'll be some of the last times I ever step on the tennis court with a Delta jersey on."



Robillard

# The Karate Kid

By Madison Beard

Sophomore **Quinton Rymer** has practiced karate for as long as he can remember.



Rymer

His dad has taught him since he was four years old, but it took him many years to achieve the qualifications for a black belt.

Although he is not old enough for a black belt, he still gets the privilege to wear a junior black belt.

Quinton competes in karate tournaments and has gotten first place in all but two tournaments during the past three years.

"The best feeling was when I com-



Sophomore **Quinton Rymer** hits a punching bag during practice. (Photo provided)

peted in the adult division for the first time and won."

His biggest accomplishment was when he got runner-up in state two years ago.

He hasn't competed in karate competitions this year because he is using his time for other sports such as baseball.

# Making a "Fresh" Start

By Hailey McIntire

Freshman **Josh Fenwick's** first day of high school was exciting, but he was still nervous for the challenges of high school.

Fenwick was excited to see his old friends that he didn't get a chance to see last year, but he knew that high school wasn't going to be as laid back as middle school.

"You have a lot more homework," Fenwick said. "You have to worry about your future."

Josh's easiest and most interesting class is the Project Lead the Way class. "I'm



Fenwick

really good with computers so that class is very easy for me." Fenwick said.

The way Fenwick gets away from all the chaos of high school is by playing on the tennis team with coach Tim Cleland.

"Josh is developing into a good tennis player," Cleland said. "The best



Freshman **Josh Fenwick** takes a practice serve. (Photo provided)

thing about Josh is that he has goals and he's working really hard to achieve them."

# A FAMILY GAME

By Cassy Gray

For many athletes their coaches can seem like second parents. For **sophomore Isaac Griffis** this is spot on.

Griffis has had his dad coaching and teaching him for most of his soccer

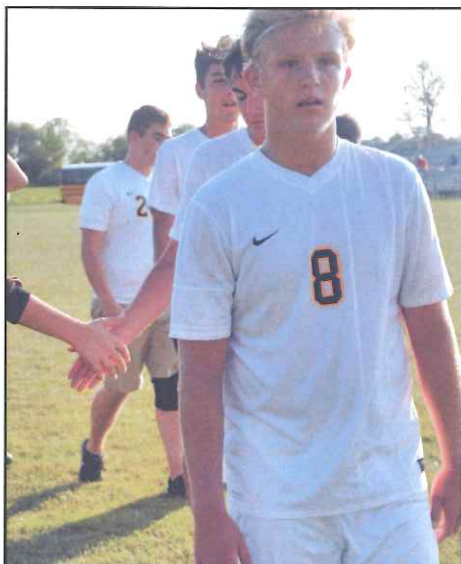
because we have known each other for so long."

They disagree sometimes as coach and player. Once, Isaac was benched the entire game after a dispute with his dad.

At the end of the game Isaac knows that he and his father both just want to see him be the best player he can be.




Griffis



Sophomore **Isaac Griffis** after a game. (Photo provided)

career. He made varsity his freshman year, the same year his dad, Kurt Griffis, decided to come back to Delta to coach. But Isaac assures there is no favoritism from his dad when it comes to playing.

"It's hard to have my dad as a coach, and it's probably hard to have me as a player, but I think it's for the better



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# Making Music With Her Feet

By Cassy Gray

Since she was an adoring four-year-old watching the “big kids” in dance, **senior Jordan Sutliff** has always had a passion for dancing.

Sutliff has now been in dance for 14 years, learning all different kinds of dance at the studio she attends, Cole Academy.



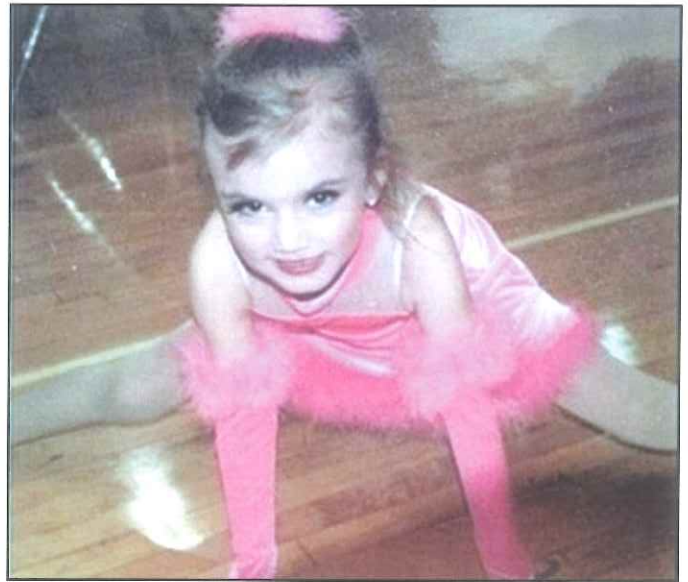
Sutliff

One of the most influential people in her life is her teacher Jordan Boles. She has helped Sutliff learn to master her favorite type of dance, tap.

“Tap is my favorite because it's fun! It's like I get to make music with my feet.”

Sutliff and her dance group have also played at Pacer and Ball State games, performing during halftimes.

Her favorite performance was on a cruise ship to the Bahamas. The team was taught a new dance by the cruise's dance instructor and then performed it for the ship's guests as the entertainment.



Senior Jordan Sutliff has been dancing at Cole Academy since she was four years old. (Photo Provided)

Junior Alivia Chriswell twirls alongside a band at a halftime performance. (Photo provided)



## Life's a Twirl

By Kenzie Scudder

Looking around Delta you'll see people who play many different sports. One you don't see too often, though, is a baton twirler like **junior Alivia Chriswell**.

Performing since she was six, the junior has been twirling for about 11 years. Her cousin took classes and her aunt got Chriswell started. Since there aren't many teachers, just her and about six young girls practiced in a garage.

Her favorite aspects of twirling are the uniqueness and the benefit to her personality.

“I think that it helped me grow as a person.”



Chriswell

But with the unique factor comes hardships, like finding places and people to practice. Right now Chriswell doesn't know for sure if she will continue in college since she doesn't have experience at Delta with marching bands, but no matter what, twirling has definitely changed her life for the better. She says that if she goes to Ball State she will most likely continue.

*Athletes*

## Inside the Eagle

By Katelyn Milligan

The buzzer sounds and the player sinks the shot. While fans whoop and cheerleaders wave pom poms, the Delta Eagle mascot jumps on the sidelines.

Inside the dark, cramped, and worn-out Eagle mascot suit is **freshman Payton Kemper**.

“I used to be very terrified of mascots, but then I saw a movie of people being mascots and it looked fun.”

When he was younger, Kemper used to run around his neighborhood wearing a mask and wanted to be a mascot at athletic events.

As the Delta eagle, he likes to cheer, tease people, and wander around during home football and basketball games.

Kemper's secret identity was spilled during his first game as the mascot. Someone took a picture of him while getting a drink and posted it on social media.

However, it doesn't bother him. He said the only change is he's sometimes referred to as “the eagle.”



Kemper



Freshman Payton Kemper with his predecessor. (Photo provided)

# Sophomore Sensation

By Tannon Dishman

Do you remember your first time going to a public school? For **sophomore Emma Snider**, her first time was freshman year, and she was also number one singles for the tennis team.



Snider

"The biggest difference is probably the homework," said Snider. "Being homeschooled you never really had homework."

With more rules to follow because she is in a public school, and with piles of homework, Emma has also had to balance her tennis activities.

"Being number one gave me a lot of stress, but thankfully I had a great team there to back me up and support me."

She finished 16-11 and her team



Sophomore Emma Snider chases the ball in a match. (Photo provided)

had a final record of 24-3, including sectional and regional champs.

Emma is playing tennis again this year and is 9-3 so far this spring. With more experience under her belt, she hopes to be a leader on and off the court.

# Can't Stop Me

By Charlie May

Challenges arise all through life. Some arise when people are older and some arise when you're a child.

**Junior Tara Haney** has had type 1 diabetes since she was five years old.



Haney

She has been playing softball with it since third grade.

"Riley (Hospital for Children) helped me a lot on how to manage it with my pump and how to check in before games in between innings and how to deal with it in the heat."

Type 1 diabetes is a chronic condition in which the pancreas produces little or no insulin. People with type 1 diabetes have to maintain their blood sugar to make sure it doesn't get too high or low.



Junior Tara Haney takes a swing. (Photo provided)

Haney says she is able to keep it under control pretty well during the games. Despite this Haney doesn't make excuses.

"It is just a part of it."



Freshman Josh Bryan looks to score during a game. (Photo provided)

# Formidable Freshman

By Tannon Dishman

For most freshman, going to class with upperclassman is scary, but **Josh Bryan** calls some of them his teammates.

Josh played varsity basketball this year, as a freshman. Josh was the only freshman on varsity, along with juniors and seniors. He started the year playing JV, but then Coach Vanskyock gave him the call up.

"I knew I would be playing varsity when Coach V told me after practice one day."

At the beginning of his varsity year, Josh didn't play as much, but he played a big role at the end of the season, coming off the bench as the sixth man.

"I was really helped out by the older players. They taught me a lot of things." Josh will assume a bigger role next year with five seniors graduating. Three of them were starters.



Bryan

# Writer's Unblock

By Brooke Kemp

## Junior Madeline

**Gullion** is an avid reader and a quiet writer. While her writing skills have been praised with honors such as Gold Keys, Gullion prefers to keep her writing to herself.

"My journals are pretty secret and I'm pretty secret about stuff I write too. I didn't show anyone what I'd written until I knew I had won something in Scholastic."



Gullion

Since Gullion could hold a pencil she has been writing, even if it is just in a private journal.

"I've always kept journals. In my house I have this whole drawer full of old journals and diaries that are filled up."

Currently Gullion prefers to write poetry. She is inspired by the work of poet e.e. cummings who "throws away the accepted rules of grammar and spelling and rejects capitalization."

In eighth grade, Gullion submitted poetry to the Scholastic Art and Writing Competition for the first time and received silver at the national level.

This year, Gullion submitted work to the same competition and received an Honorable Mention at the regional level for her poetry submission and a Gold Key at the regional level for her short story. Her Gold Key short story is a memoir about visiting her grandmother's deserted house.

Her story involves her family visiting the house in an

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attempt to keep it clean but still how her grandmother left it while her grandmother lives in a nursing home. Gullion describes the house in great detail as something from Lifetime's "Hoarders." The picture painting memoir full of emotion and detail went on to be judged at the national level and was awarded a Gold Medal. This medal is also



Junior Madeline Gullion (left) and senior Anna Groover (right) smile with their winning work. (Photo provided)

her ticket to New York City this June where she will receive her award in person.

When she writes short stories, Gullion tends to struggle with endings, so she prefers to write memoirs about personal experiences she has had.

"Writing is kind of like my outlet. People have different outlets like art and music, but writing is how I get my feelings out, how I deal with stuff."



Sophomore Cameron Clevenger (center) plays Don Pedro in "Much Ado About Nothing". (Photo provided)

## Aspiring Actor

By Hailey McIntire

**Sophomore Cameron Clevenger** is not a rookie when it comes to acting.

Clevenger began acting when he was 7 years old.

"I used to watch a lot of old Disney movies and they just sparked my interest in acting," he said.



Clevenger

He has been in nine plays, including "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," "Dear Edwina," "Aladdin," "Diary of Anne Frank," "Get Smart," "The Wizard of Oz," "The Crucible," and "Much Ado about Nothing."

His favorite play was "Diary of Anne Frank."

"The cast was close and it was fun to work with people one on one with character dialect."

In our latest play "Much Ado about Nothing" Clevenger played Don Pedro, an important nobleman from Aragon.

"I actually just came in about a week and three days before the play," Clevenger said. "I had to learn my lines fast and I did it."

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# DOUBLE

# THREAT

By Katelyn Milligan

**Sophomore Avery Langdon** is the double threat. She sings and acts.

Langdon grew up with a musical family and is in choir where she's received gold several times at ISSMA Solo and Ensemble.

She starred in three Delta Middle School musicals before joining the Delta Troupers, instantly liking the professional atmosphere.

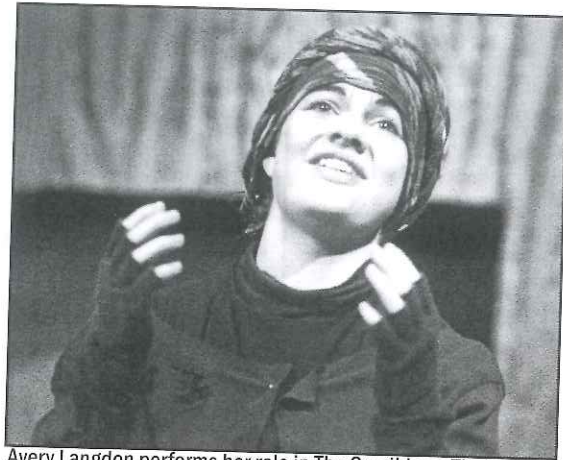
"Everyone's very expressive and open and there's no fear of being ridiculed."

She played Tituba in *The Crucible* and a Watchman in *Much Ado About Nothing*.

Langdon also starred in Muncie Civic Theater's *Guys and Dolls Jr.*

Every night she practices, learns lines, or does characterization. However, singing is her priority because she's been doing it longer. If she doesn't make it to Broadway, she hopes to perform musicals in Chicago or Rent.

"I would personally rather do musicals. I like doing regular plays and stuff, but I like musicals more because it combines singing and theater."



Avery Langdon performs her role in *The Crucible* as Tituba. (Photo provided)



Langdon

# A Hobby Worth 1,000 Words

By Maddy Shockey

People typically don't think twice about the pictures they take or why they're taking them. **Sophomore Hannah Caylor** does every time.

Two years ago, influenced by her grandma, she discovered her passion for photography.

Preferring to keep it a more personal hobby, she hasn't done anything big with her photos. She shares her photos amongst her family and on her Facebook.



Caylor

"It was just something for me to do, something that I enjoyed."

She likes to photograph items in nature, her favorite scenes being in front of her house and in Vermont. She doesn't need to plan picture-perfect moments but instead takes her camera around randomly. Even though many people aspire to turn their hobby into a career, Hannah doesn't.

"I wanted to, but it wouldn't make as much money as other jobs would so it would be more of a hobby or side job."

# A Sky Full of Stars

By Haleigh Smith

He paints a picture of a city at dusk. Right in the middle you see a red hot air balloon that sticks out in the night.

It's his favorite painting and he calls it "Sky Full of Stars"



Slavin

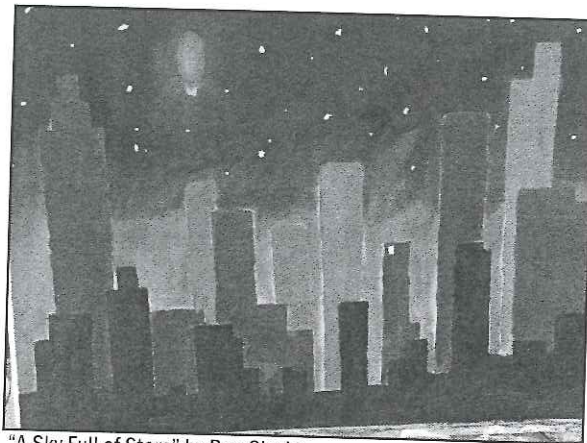
after the popular song by Coldplay, his favorite band. **Freshman Ben**

**Slavin** names all of his pieces after songs by the band.

When Ben was little his dad was an art-

ist and taught him about it. Recently he has begun painting. He watched several Bob Ross videos to help him.

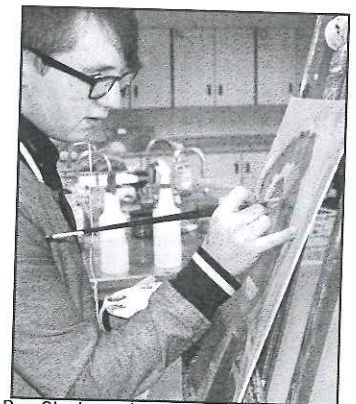
"My dad really inspired me. He told me all the things I could do with art



"A Sky Full of Stars" by Ben Slavin

and helped expand my imagination."

Painting is Ben's favorite area of art. In eighth grade he did a painting he called "Midnight" and it was entered in the Gallery 308. He won \$25 in the competition. "I'm pretty much a pro," he joked.



Ben Slavin works on his abstract self-portrait in Ms. Fuller's art class. (Photo by Gavin Wilson)

# A Classical Affair

By Raymond McQueary

## Sophomore Jonas Taylor

has a love for classical music. It started in music history class earlier this year with Ms. Rebekah Weaver and since then Jonas has been hooked.



Taylor

He has been in band since sixth grade. And so he transferred his playing abilities to where he can play some classical music on the piano and some flute.

Taylor's favorite classical era is the romantic era (1800-1850) which includes his favorite composer, Johann Brahms.

He loves the romantic era and classical music in general because of how much emotion the music conveys and how it's put together beautifully, he said. He plans on attending Ball State to study classical music.

## A Poet's Life

By Kenzie Scudder

When junior Erin Strahle was in the summer before her freshman year, she was content with her life.

While some writers need chaos to draw from, the calmness helped Strahle with her writing. She loves writing poetry, and says it is a little more difficult than longer works since you need to get your point across sooner, but it is also a little more fun for her to write.

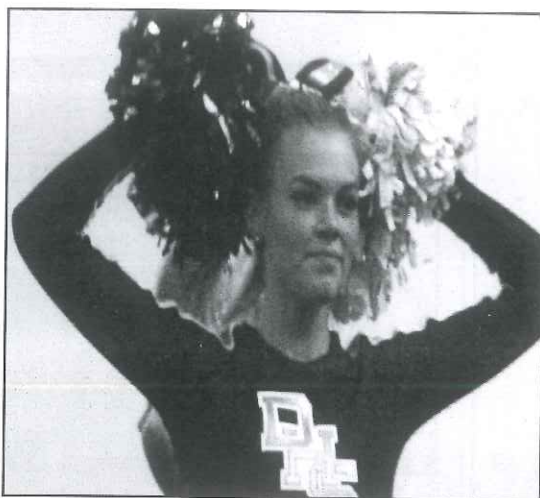


Strahle

Strahle said the best way to write is to draw from your own experiences. This makes it easier and more meaningful.

For times when writers may get writer's block, she suggests reading and/or looking for inspiration for what you are writing.

Strahle is unsure on what she wants to do past college, but she wants to go to Ball State to major in Creative Writing.



By Rayah White

**Junior Cheyanne Cook** is a singer and dancer. Cook, who has been singing ever since she could talk, joined the Delta Energy dance team for the first time this year.

"I'm really, really busy and stressed out a lot so singing is my outlet. I'm a very emotional person so singing is a way of getting my feelings out."

She likes dancing and being on the dance team with one of her best

# VOICE BODY SOUL

friends, Sydney Dunn, who was on the dance team the year before. Cook sometimes works 4 to 8 hours a day at



Cook

Rue21 so she said being on the dance team is the only thing that makes her feel like a normal teenager.

Cook tried out for America's Got Talent her freshman year. She auditioned with the song "Sugarland" and made it

through the first round.

"It looks exactly like it does on TV."

## A Heavenly Voice

By Raymond McQueary

Singing all started at her fifth grade talent show for **sophomore Heaven Cansler**. Seeing the reaction the crowd gave at the talent show blew her away and she was hooked instantly.



Cansler

Heaven's favorite thing about singing is interacting with the crowd. Last summer she sang in front of 1,000 people at the Indiana State Fair where she came in first place. She also got a song written and produced for her by Sam Cook

Heaven also has done multiple covers on youtube like *Counting Stars* by One Republic and *What if I* by Meghan Trainor.

Heaven isn't just a good voice either. She loves writing her own songs.

She has written six songs now but doesn't plan on stopping soon.



Heaven Cansler sings a cover to one of her favorite songs. (Photo Provided)



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# The Little Drummer Boy

By Maddy Shockey

After you stop playing one instrument it's not common to immediately want to learn a new one, but **freshman Cooper Sprague** did after quitting the guitar.

"I just got tired of it and my youth pastor played the drums so that's how I got into them."

Cooper started having weekly lessons with his youth pastor, Brian Ramsey, two years ago. After the first month he learned to play his first song, Back in

Black by ACDC, by learning the rhythm then matching it to the song.



Sprague

Once he gets tired of a song he listens to the radio, picking a new one and repeating the process. Cooper hasn't given up his drums yet and still plays an hour a day.

"I've got more of a feel for it. You can get more aggressive so I like that. It's a good way to get your anger out."



Junior Emma Hawkins concentrates on one of her current pieces of art in Miss Fuller's class. (Photo provided)

## A Drawing Dream

By Gavin Wilson

For **junior Emma Hawkins** it all started with a drawing and a dream to one day draw like that.



Hawkins

Hawkins is in Art Club and likes to make things interesting for everyone. In Art Club she is currently working five projects.

According to Hawkins, her most challenging class was Drawing II because she had to use charcoal. Charcoal is not her favorite material to use

because it's so messy.

By the end of her junior year she will have taken five art classes. Those courses include Introduction to Two-Dimensional Art, Drawing I and II, and Painting I and II.

"Emma is an exceptional student! She excels on every project and puts her best foot forward. She is extremely mature for her age and is an all-around pleasure to have in class and in Art Club," art teacher Ms. Alicia Fuller said.

# 16 AND FAMOUS

By Madison Beard

**Junior Lexi Adams** is pretty famous on social media. She started a YouTube channel in January 2014. Her first video was of her at the Muncie Mall.



Adams

"It's really bad and I regret uploading it," Adams said.

She stuck with it, though. "At first I thought this is really weird, but then I started to get a lot of positive feedback.

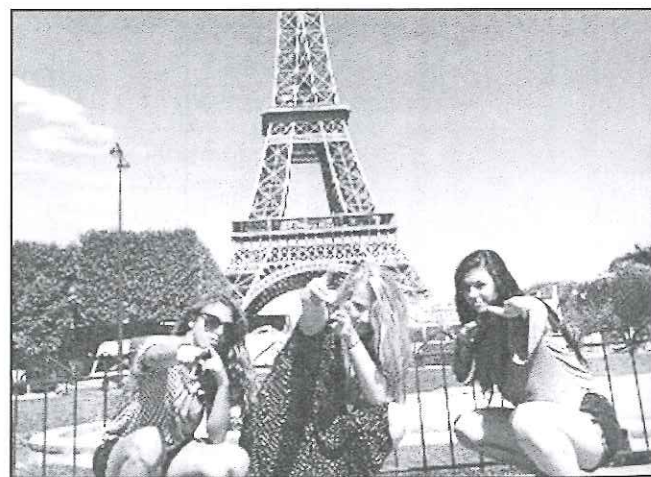
"People from all over the world were telling me they love what I do in my videos so that's why I keep making

them."

YouTube has helped her gain followers on social media, but a lot come from a Vine she made that got 300,000 views.

Adams often gets direct messages from her fans telling her they enjoy her videos. She has also met fans at the mall, movies, and other popular places

"I've had random people come up to me and want a picture."



Junior Lexi Adams (center) poses by the Eiffel Tower with her two friends. (Photo provided)

# Acting the Part

By Kenzie Scudder

There are many activities for teens to indulge in, and **junior Aubree Speicher** takes on three time-consuming activities.

Doing choir, dance, and theatre may sound draining, but to Speicher, it's great. She's loved singing and dancing her entire life.

Speicher says that she started lessons at a young age.



Speicher

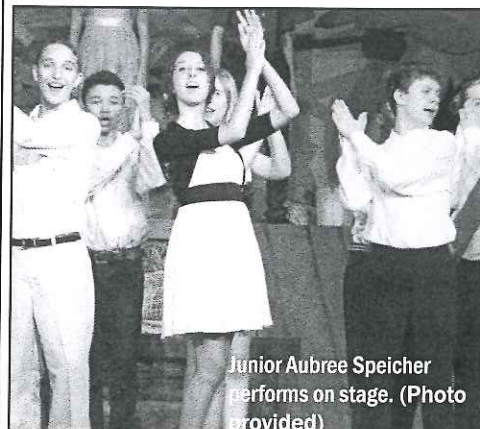
For her, the best aspects of performing lie in the relationships made and sense of accomplishment.

She has also learned valuable skills like time management from performing.

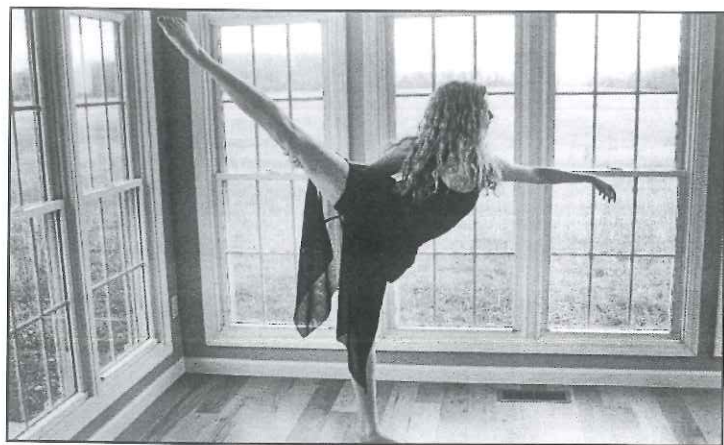
"The feeling you have after a performance is amazing."

Although she has chosen to go into a career in archeology, she'll never forget the thrill of performing and wishes she would've started even sooner.

"If you want to try any activity, don't wait. Even if you feel like you wouldn't be good at it, go and try out. You never know if you never try."



Junior Aubree Speicher performs on stage. (Photo provided)



Lexie Carlson gracefully practices her moves. (Photo provided)

## The Dancing Queen

By Nate Osner

At 3 years old most people don't even remember what their favorite TV show was, let alone what they liked to do in their spare time. For **sophomore Lexie Carlson**, dancing stole her heart from the beginning.



Carlson

"I just fell in love with it instantly," she said. Lexie attends Enliven Dance Conservatory, where she spends on average

four to six days a week practicing either ballet, contemporary, or pointe styles.

"You constantly have to be training and must constantly be in shape."

Although it consumes most of her time she wouldn't have it any other way.

"I do it year round and I never have a break, which I'm fine with because it's like my life."

Lexie performed in the spring talent show and placed first in the dance division.

## Capture the Moment

By Nate Osner

Elementary school is a season of life filled with learning new skills and discovery. This is also when **senior Maycee Holland** found her love for photography.

Since then, Maycee has done a wide range of shoots from senior pictures to family photo sessions. She enjoys capturing families the most because she likes seeing them interact with each other and the dynamic that they have with each other.

Photography is a way for

Maycee to be able to capture people and the moments that they produce.

Though it is just a hobby for her she hopes to continue to take pictures during her time in college and beyond, even though her major will not include photography.



Holland

# Friends Across the Map

By Katelyn Milligan



## Senior Olivia

Shoemaker's only problem with having a friend halfway around the world is she rarely sees her. Shoemaker worked at Amazing Joe's and babysat for two years to raise money to fly to Germany.

The point of the trip was to see her 2013 foreign exchange student Dörte Stephan again but it was conve-

nient because she'd always wanted to see European culture. "You just have this relationship on the other side of the world and it's crazy how you can still keep in touch."

Shoemaker stayed in Stephan's family townhouse in Hamburg, Germany for three and a half weeks in June 2015.

Hamburg is located on the Elbe river and is separated into boroughs like New York. Shoemaker toured many of the city's boroughs and took boat rides on the river.

Shoemaker and Stephan stayed in a Paris flat for three days to see the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame and then hopped on a train to see the remnants of the Berlin Wall where parts of it is decorated with murals.

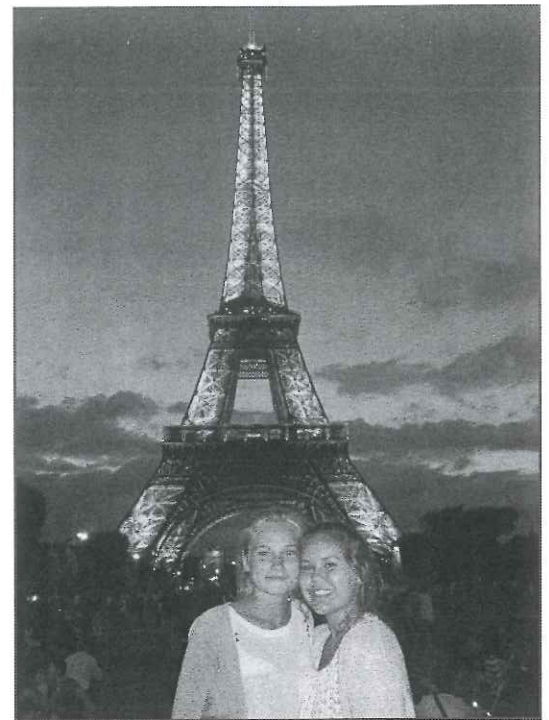
On the last few days of the trip, another 2013 foreign exchange student

from Norway, Maya, flew in to meet up with them.

Shoemaker was amazed by the freedom 18 year olds have in Europe.

"Their sense of adventure and freedom is a lot different than the common path that's kind of instilled in us to take."

Her trip solidified her decision to major in international relations when



Olivia and Dörte at the Eiffel Tower. (Photo provided).

she attends Indiana University in the fall.

"It really opens your mind just to see all those cultural differences and that you don't have to follow the path that is supposedly laid out for you," said Shoemaker about traveling.

The trip showed Shoemaker "there's so much more than cornfields" and she can have a big impact on the world.



Olivia eating bread in Paris (Photo provided).

## Crazed for Cars

By Brooke Kemp

### Senior

Anthony Miller has been a car aficionado since he was two.

"Supposedly that was the only way to get me to calm down when I was a kid, to take me on a car ride."

He dreams about owning Teslas

and designing Formula 1 cars, but for now he travels to school in his 2009 Scion XB.

Next year, Anthony will study motorsports engineering at Purdue School of Engineering and Technology at Indiana University-Purdue University.

"As it turns out, IUPUI is the only school in North America to have a bachelor of science in motorsports engineering."



Miller

At IUPUI, Anthony will learn German and eventually study abroad in Germany.

He later plans to live in Germany and work at an automotive firm where he hopes to design high performance cars.

"My biggest dream would be to design Formula 1 cars. Designing a Formula 1 car would be just the greatest honor.



# TAKING THE CHECKERED FLAG

By Madison Beard

**Freshman Davis Klinger** developed his passion for the Indy 500 in fifth grade when he moved to Indiana. His dad started telling him about it and he instantly became interested. He began learning everything about the drivers and race cars.

Davis goes to the Indy 500 every year. "I love to videotape them when they go by." His favorite driver is Scott Dixon, number 9.

In 2014 he watched the drivers

qualify and he got to meet Will Power, number 12, and Hélio Castroneves, number 3.

"Hélio told me he would be thinking about me during the race."

Davis has started an Indy 500 club here at Delta.

"It took a few months to find a teacher to sponsor it, but Mrs. (Kim) Bennett was nice and did it."

He wants to educate students on the race and encourages everyone to join the club.

## A to Z

By Kaitlyn Overla

Growing up, **junior Samantha Zylka** was the last person in the alphabet. She grew up being the last person in everything.

"I am used to it now, but when I was in elementary school I hated it because I was always moving around to new schools and when I was last in line I really didn't get the chance to talk to people and make friends."

She said there are pros and cons of having her name. A downside is that she is always last. When they had to line

up alphabetically, she normally got things last and sometimes they ran out. One benefit is always knowing where she was supposed to be when they had to line up.



Zylka

"Teachers are always watching the front of the line and the students are normally facing forward. Therefore you can normally do anything you want in the back of the line."

## Country Girl

By Kaitlyn Overla

**Sophomore Kayleigh**

**Barnes** moved here from Kentucky a year ago. She was originally born here in Indiana.

"I consider Kentucky to be my home; it is the place where I grew up."

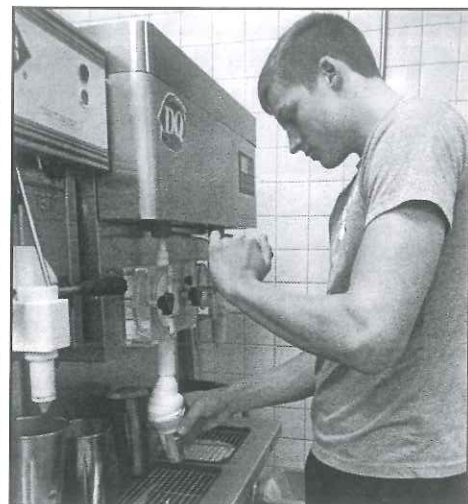
In the summer Barnes goes down to Kentucky. She said that while she is there she hangs out with her best friend and plays with farm animals, especially cows. But, her favorite thing to do is to go

fishing.

She said that when she fishes her mood varies.

"If nothing is biting, I get aggravated, but if everything is going good then I am in my own little happy world."

She remembers a time when she went fishing and caught six fish in one day. Her favorite place to go here in Indiana is to Pine Lake fishing and camping resort in Noblesville.



Carter makes an ice cream cone (Photo provided).

## Dairy King

By Gavin Wilson

The Dairy Queen is just around the corner for almost everyone. However for **junior Carter Anderson**, his family runs three DQ's all in the Delaware County area.

At work Anderson is treated the same as a regular employee, but he has different expectations since his family owns it.

"It's cool to help out with the family business. It's easier because I was introduced at a young age."

Anderson's grandpa started everything for his family when he owned a business himself.

"My family loved it so much that they started their own DQ in Muncie."

Anderson works at the DQ on Bethel. A typical employee discount contains the worker getting 50 percent off before and after their shift. Anderson, however gets 50 percent off all the time because his family owns the business.

Anderson is expected to be a good worker. In the end, however, he enjoys it, even though it's his job.



Anderson

# SCIENCE GUY

By Gavin Wilson

The last eight years **sophomore Jackson Boyle** has competed in science fairs. Each year he has won at the school level.

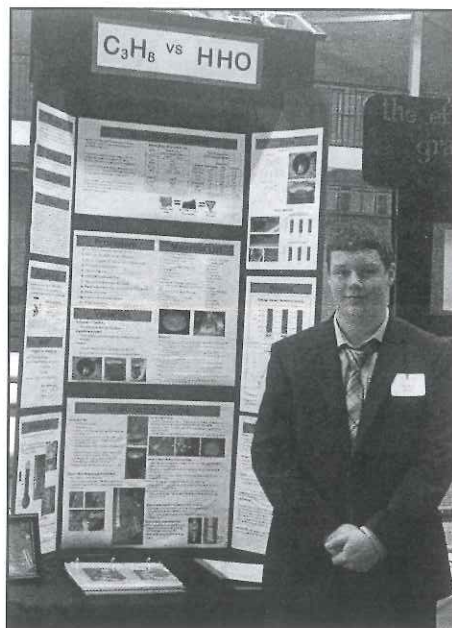
"In first grade I made an air cannon (which) was a lot of fun. But blowing things up makes it a lot more fun."

Boyle said that he enjoyed science and always has looked forward to the science fair since kindergarten.



Boyle

However this year Boyle has had great success with his project, which involves rabbit manure. His project consists of using different kinds of gases to determine which fuels burn rabbit manure the fastest.



Jackson Boyle poses with his science project which won at the state level. (Photo Provided)

Boyle has won first in his category, Environmental Engineering, three speciality awards, and placed in the top 10 to go to state.

Boyle placed first in the chemistry division at the Indiana State Science Fair, and was selected to go to Phoenix, Arizona to attend the International Science and Engineering Fair.

# Lea Daugherty

(Lee Dohr-tee)

By Sydney May

"People usually think I'm a girl when they see my name."

**Sophomore Lea Daugherty** has a tough name for people to pronounce, but he's used to it and if anything thinks it's humorous.

Substitute teachers mispronounce his name most, calling him Leah.

"There's probably never been a sub that's gotten it right. It's kind of funny that they always get it wrong."



Daugherty

Sometimes Daugherty is tired of correcting the substitutes and he goes by Leah the rest of the period.

His closer friends intentionally mess up his name to joke around with Daugherty, but when people first meet him, they sometimes mispronounce his name for a while before they get it right.

It doesn't offend him, but makes him laugh. They learn it soon enough.

Daugherty is named after his grandpa including his middle name, which simple enough, is Al.

# The Adventurous Explorer

By Sidney Barkdull

He's hiked this canyon, climbed this mountain, and kayaked this river. But not all of **senior Tyler Brand's** ad-



Tyler Brand climbs a rusted rollercoaster. (Photo provided)

ventures are something seen in National Geographic.

He began going on hiking trips with his parents, Dr. Lance and Lisa Brand, as a baby, safely strapped to their backs in what he calls a "baby backpack." Now he goes with senior Ian Bretz.

He also visits abandoned amusement parks. Brand researches a place before going, making sure that it is abandoned



Brand

and they aren't trespassing. Once, he wasn't as thorough.

"We were just walking around after we hopped the fence and we saw a truck parked over at some storage building. Then we were getting ready to leave, and (the owner) cut us off before we could leave and called the cops."

The police took down their names and information before sending them on their way. They were never called back in.

# Down Under

By Charlie May

They call it the land down under, but part of **senior Drew Ellery** calls it home. Ellery's father and half of his family is Australian.

Ellery has visited Australia five or six times, the first time being before he was in kindergarten and the last time he went was last summer.

"The weather is so much nicer there. What they think is cold is not cold."

From the times that he has been there, he has noticed there are differences in lifestyle between Australians and

Americans. He says that the people in Australia are a lot more friendly than here.

Ellery is looking at two universities in Australia that he might attend after he graduates from high school, Murdoch and Curtin universities. He says that if he had to choose between living in Australia and USA, he would choose Australia.



Ellery

## Freshman Jitters as a Senior

By Rayah White

**Senior Valeria Ulloa**

**Mosquera** is an exchange student from Colombia. She is living with James and Robin Box who are the parents of Delta grad Rebekah Box.

"I wanted to improve my English because I love traveling and knowing different cultures."



Ulloa Mosquera

She wanted to take her senior year to think about what she wanted to do in the future. The future

career that she wants is to study medicine to be a cardiologist.

On her first day here at Delta Valeria was scared because she didn't know anyone. "I had a lot of expectations and fears, but everyone was really nice so it was good."

One of her favorite memories is when she went to a haunted cave with some of her friends "I was really scared, but it was fun."

Being a new student can be hard, but joining a sport or club makes it easier. Which is what senior exchange student Valeria is doing by playing soccer, tennis, and being the manager on the swim team.

## Reliving the Magic

By Madison Beard

**Junior Conner Davis** has been to Disney World 11 times.

"It's something my whole family loves. Being part of the family means you love Disney."

His favorite memory is when Conner and his brothers, Taylor and Chandler, took a double shot of espresso from the world coffee shop. They were hyper and decided to go to the arcade to play a mini basketball game.

"We broke every record on that machine. We were up until 3 a.m. and

wasted about \$40." They also love to ride Expedition Everest.

He also remembers when he and his two-month-old niece, Addison, went to see the characters from Alice in Wonderland and while Alice was holding her the Mad Hatter came over and took the baby from Alice.



Davis

The next family Disney trip is already planned for October 2017.

# LOOKING IN THE MIRROR

By Gavin Wilson

Teachers and even friends, have mixed up identical **freshman twins Audrey and Ryley Bilbrey**. After years of them getting switched around, they have gotten used to it.

"After awhile you learn not to mind it, and you get used to it, especially since it has happened a lot," said Ryley in reference to being mistaken for each other.

One time in the fourth grade the girls performed a "twin switch" where they switched classes for most of the day up until lunch. Their teachers never noticed until lunch.

Ryley has started playing tennis this spring. Audrey's main interest is watching horror movies because she likes the suspense.

They have had the same class once and said that it was fun and that they were always a partner with each other, for a project or just there for one another.

Audrey (top) and Ryley (bottom)



# Freedom for Foster

By Hailey McIntire

Freshman Zayda Foster is just a normal teenager. She's on the track team and listens to a variety of music, everything except country.



Foster

Coming to high school Foster wasn't nervous at all. If anything she was excited to come to the high school and finally get out of the middle school.

"There's a lot more freedom with the classes you choose," Foster said. "And more people to talk to, so I have

more chances to make new friends besides the people in my grade."

The only thing that scared Foster about high school was what the teachers were going to be like. "I was just nervous about how they treated their students," Foster said.

Outside of school Foster is active.

"I love the outdoors," she said. "I like to run and walk while, listening to music. I listen to rock, rap, pop, anything really, but I don't like country."

# Biscuits

By Evan White

Sophomore Tyler Courtney,

a tennis player, has a unique nickname. Everyone calls him Biscuits!

"I went to a hotel in Jeffersonville, Indiana and I ate seven unbuttered biscuits," Tyler said. "I'm really in love with biscuits, so they decided to call me Biscuits."

Biscuits is also known for his unique style and awesome sense of humor. Known for being able to dress to impress, Biscuits is never afraid to express himself with his pink hair and spunky personality.



Courtney

Tyler was a valued member of the tennis team this past season. His outgoing personality was infectious, and he could always have the whole team laughing. He even wore a cowboy hat during one of the matches last season. "Aye, I have that hat, so I'm gonna wear it!"

# Youtuber Obsessed

By Hailey McIntire

Sara White has been obsessed with YouTubers Dan and Phil since November 2014.

White says the obsession started with her little sister Laura making her look up one of their videos.

"I didn't want to at first because it seemed stupid," White said, "but I did and it all went downhill from there."

When it comes to which boy is her favorite she has a hard time deciding.

"I can relate to Dan more,"

White said, "but I love Phil's personality because he's so sweet and he would never hurt anybody."

White loves watching their videos because she feels they help her a lot. "Their videos are just really funny and they make you happy just by listening to them," White said.

She plans to continue obsessing over Dan and Phil until they make their last video.

By Maddy Shockey

After hearing her sister Haley tell her about Panic! at the Disco about four years ago, sophomore Taylor



Galbraith

Galbraith decided to take a listen and has been a fan ever since.

"I like other bands with the same genre, but they're my favorite. I like the music."

The

band was originally started in 2004 with four members, but over the years gained and lost. The only current member in the band is Brendon Urie, who's been in the band since the start and happens to be Taylor's favorite member because

she likes his personality and "nice voice."

"But It's Better If You Do" is her favorite song right now, off of their debut album "A Fever You Can't Sweat Out" released in 2005. She's finally going to see them for the first time in concert this July with Hailey McIntire, her cousin, and aunt at Klipsch Music Center in Noblesville.

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# Hog Heist

By Nate Osner

A 10-11 is police code for an animal case and a 10-15 is burglary, but what do you get when you combine the two? On Jan. 27

this is exactly what happened to **junior Logan Clawson's** pig, Zeus.

The hog escaped when a hole in the fence of his enclosure was exposed after their dog kennel was moved. On the loose, Zeus found the



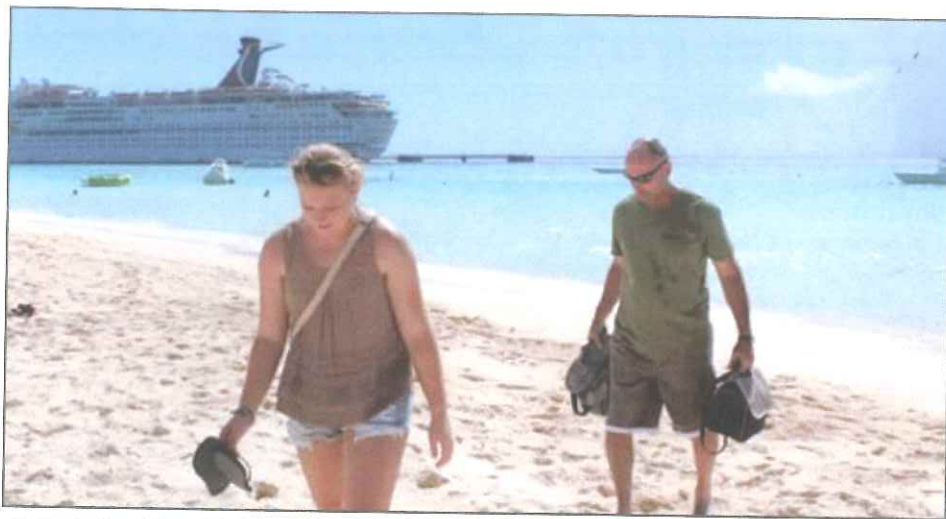
Clawson

automatic doors of the Dollar General in Eaton. Clawson's uncle heard about his runaway pig through a police scanner.

"The workers and the police had to chase [Zeus] around a little bit" as the hog trotted through the store.

Cops ended up taking the pig into custody and storing him in the back office of the general store until Clawson was able to pick him up later that evening.

The swine hasn't escaped since the incident, and the police have decided not to press charges.



Bailey Butler at Grand Turk Island with the Carnival cruise ship docked in the background. (Photo provided).

## The Expert Cruiser

By Tannon Dishman

Can you explore a 1,092 foot cruise ship in one trip? What about two or three? **Sophomore Bailey Butler** can because she has travelled on nine Carnival cruise ships since she was in elementary school.

"If I had to give a piece of advice for someone going on a cruise the first time, I would probably say visit as many things at the places you stop as much as you can."

Bailey has visited many places including Mexico, Puerto Rico, and the Bahamas. She has the second highest reward member card which is Platinum.

Even after going on so many cruises, she is still surprised by the new ships and places.

"It's amazing how much food the ships have on board."

Bailey also enjoys all of the people on board.

"It's fun to see the inebriated people coming home back to their cabin."

She hopes to continue to go on cruises and have a fun time at sea.

Miscellaneous



By Sydney May

When something humorous happens, he can't keep a straight face. He has too many jokes per day to count. **Freshman Ashton Jones** can't get enough laughs.

Jones is amused by the dark morbid humor of freshman Cole Martin.

"He even cracks me up sometimes. Just sometimes," Jones said.

Jones's humor is random.

"I don't think he's ever said anything that wasn't just right off the top of his head," Martin said.

For instance, Melvin, a giraffe finger puppet, lasted a week on Jones's finger. He made it talk, and carried it around all day.



Jones

"Pretty sure the whole school knew about it," said Jones's closest friend, freshman Ethan Dunnick.

Dunnick loves that Jones can make a joke just about anything, and that he can always cheer someone up on a bad day.

"Kevin Hart ain't got nothin on me," Jones said. "I could take his spot."

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# PECULIAR PET

By Nate Osner

Raccoons come in all shapes and sizes. Whether it be roadkill or dinner is up to how fast you're driving. They also can be the pest you simply can't get rid of. **Junior Kaylynn Upchurch** has chosen to have one as a pet.

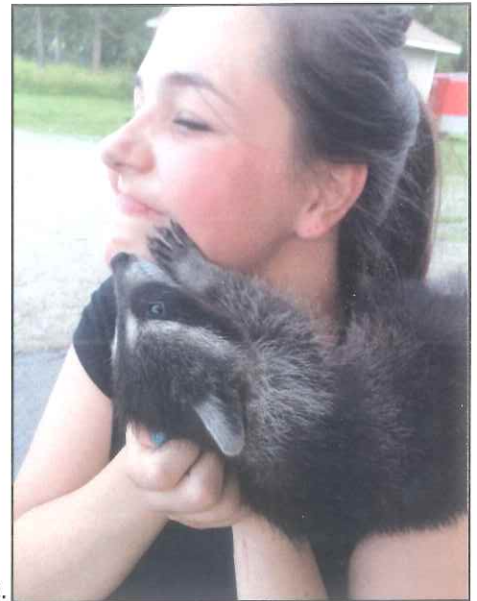
Eleven months ago, Upchurch heard of an incident where a tree was being cut down and the mother of three, week-old raccoons had died from falling out of the timber. This made her take action.

All three of the coons were blind and very young so they needed a great amount of attention. Raider, now nearly a year old, was the only survivor. He now lives in the closet of Kaylynn's bedroom.

"He gets into absolutely everything. I have to constantly be watching him."

Although animal control may think this one is wild, this coon is family to Kaylynn.

Kaylynn with Raider, the raccoon. (Photo provided).



## Old Fashioned

By Sidney Barkdull

Today's world is dominated by technology, especially for teenagers. However, **junior Brett Gibson** is among the few not interested in following the fads.

"I just like to live a simple life with no distractions."

In keeping with the simple life, Gibson wants to pursue a career in agriculture. He has been an active member of the FFA since his freshman year. Gibson became interested when his older brother, Brock, joined.



Gibson

As practice for his future in farming, Gibson keeps a garden in his backyard, a hobby he began with his grandfather, Harold. Gibson prefers to use a man-powered tiller, saying that he values the hard work being put in.

Gibson, who likes to light his room using oil lamps, says that what helps him hold on to these values is his faith and his family. He knows his beliefs and wants to remain strong in them.

## Love for Lunchables

By Tannon Dishman

What do pizza Lunchables and Thanksgiving have in common? For **sophomore Cade Beckley**, they are his dinner every November during the holiday.

Cade would eat pizza Lunchables for Thanksgiving until third grade.

Cade has some unusual eating habits. For example, he has never tried steak or ham before.

"It just has never looked good to me before. I have never wanted to try it."

When Cade goes out to eat with his family, he sticks to his normal meals and doesn't order anything that he has never had before. When he is at a friend's house, he normally eats whatever, as long as it isn't too bad.

"I try to tough it out and eat whatever they make me."

Although Cade likes a lot of food, he still hasn't had many of the delicious wonders out there like steak.



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The Brannon family (Photo provided).



# Full House

By Brooke Kemp

Getting ready with just two bathrooms is only half the battle for the Brannon family. **Sophomore Stashia Brannon** is the fourth child of 10.

"The bathroom is really crazy! It's like when one person's in, the next person's out. And nobody's out of there until we all go to school."

Her siblings range from her 25-year-old brother to her 1½-year-old twin sisters.

While the siblings often fight over stolen toys and clothes, Stashia enjoys having such a big family.

"You can play better games, chores are easier, and you get to bond better."

Stashia is closest with her brothers Lukus, 17, and Fulton, 8. She enjoys taking care of Fulton and finds it easier to talk to Lucas because they are only a year apart.

Having so many siblings can make it hard for the Brannon children to get involved in extracurricular activities, but luckily for Stashia she would rather support her family.

## Pastor's Daughter

By Sydney May

"Look at how much you've grown! How are you?"

With a dad as a pastor, this is something **junior Hayley Greiner** hears all the time.

"I know a lot of people. Actually a lot of people know me that I don't know."

But if her dad, Glenn Greiner, wasn't a pastor, then she thinks she wouldn't be as outgoing and as strong in her faith as she is today.

"He's a really good caring person. He really cares about the individual person. He sets a good example on how to

treat others well and how to be respectful, but also not being consumed and being on a ride that you can't have fun on"

Because Hayley is involved with her church, Union Chapel, it adds to her classes and activities.

She works in the youth program

and youth ministry at church, while playing golf and doing theatre at school and at Muncie Civic. She dances, too, and balances it all with her schoolwork.



Greiner



Hayley riding a horse with her dad. (Photo provided).

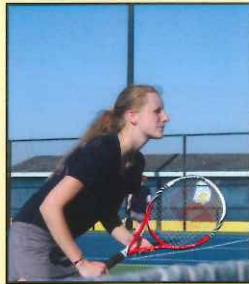
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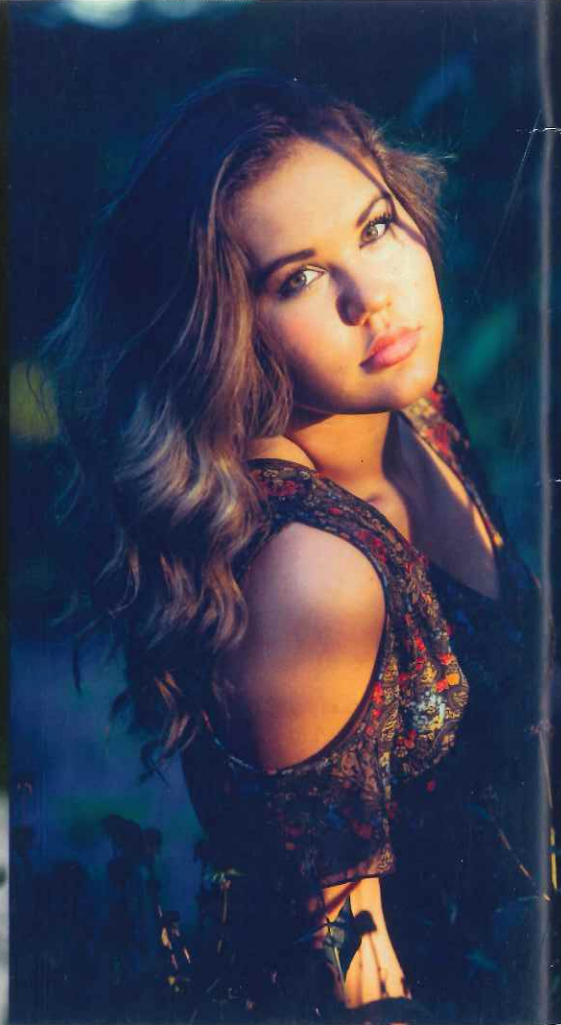
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