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'They make me laugh'

Kids give salad bar worker a nice break from hectic life

By Sarena Clay

Mother of two, supporter of five, Feather Brosio balances her busy schedule by being the best caretaker she can be as well as being the smiling lunch lady we see every day.

Starting her line of occupations working at Clancy's Car Wash, Brosio knew that wasn't what she was meant to do.

After the birth of her son, Nathan (now a 15-year-old freshman), she decided to be a stay-at-home mom for 12 years. Then, her second child, MarKayla, now 9, was born.

Wanting to stay close to her children, she became a substitute for multiple elementary schools. Soon after that, she was hired full time at Royerton Elementary as a dishwasher.

Then, just last year, she was transferred to the high school. She is the lady who is always at the salad bar, eager to laugh and have conversations with the "not-so-elementary" kids.

"The high school is



Feather Brosio helps prepare a recent lunch with her co-workers in the cafeteria. She often can be found at the salad bar during lunch.

(Photo by Sarena Clay)

different from the elementary. The little kids like to watch me work and will stop and talk to me sometimes," Brosio said. "The bigger kids talk a lot more. They make me laugh. I just love kids so much and always wanted to be around them."

Not only does Brosio care for her two children, Nathan and MarKayla, she also tends to her husband Tony, her father, and her brother.

Her father, Mark, is on disability, and her brother, Daniel, can't live alone. Brosio took them in to help them out when the economy went bad.

Her brother manages a car wash while her husband is a plant

manager at Lift-A-Loft. Her husband is also a certified welding inspector while teaching welding classes at Ivy Tech.

Brosio's mother, Judy, was recently diagnosed with stage four COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease). This refers to a group of diseases that cause airflow blockage and breathing-related problems, commonly caused by smoking. She had stopped smoking 12 years ago.

At home, things are stressful and sometimes hard to deal with for Feather Brosio. But coming to Delta High School every day and seeing everyone's smiling face brings her real happiness.

"I love working the salad bar. I get to interact with the kids more. I just love kids of all ages."

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'Who We Are Is Who We Were'

History teacher in the middle of his own odyssey

By Anna Groover

Mr. Paul Orchard has hit rock bottom before—but not like you'd think. "I was a rock picker. Do you know how boring that is? We used to sing songs like we were cotton pickers back in slavery times," he said, recalling the summer he spent picking up rocks for a 36-hole golf course in Ohio.



Mr. Paul Orchard's 1990 Deltonian yearbook faculty picture.

That wasn't the only odd job he had before he began teaching at Delta 26 years ago. He's coached football at Ball State, worked as a police officer, and farmed a 2,000-acre field for eight years. Painting stripes down the middle of roads, working as a clerk at the Village Pantry, and painting wall trim have also made their way onto his long list of past occupations.

So how did he become the

history teacher who plays anything from Coldplay to tribal drumbeats on his stereo and covers his walls in posters?

He ended up at Delta after spending some time as a substitute teacher at Winchester, where his interest in teaching took off. For the next three years he lived in a garage while studying at Ball State to become a teacher, having received a degree in criminal justice there previously.

On his first day at Delta, he had no classroom, no materials, and a student edition textbook. In his first year, he prepped for four classes, coached football and baseball, and took night classes. "I'd be lucky to get four hours of sleep," he said.

Just like the evolution of his career, Mr. Orchard's seen Delta evolve, too. "We were known as a druggie school," he said, mentioning a former principal who did not approve of his

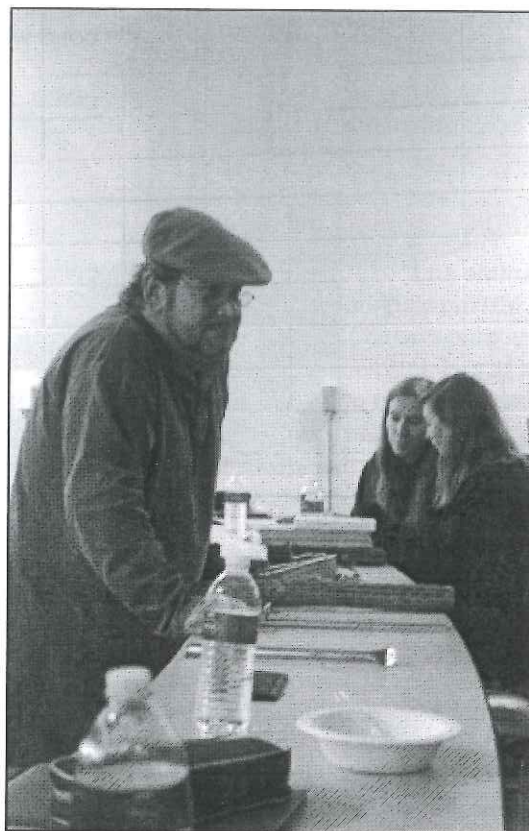
long hair, lava lamps, and incense-burning. "He came into my classroom and said that my room was conducive to the drug culture."

This year, he's begun teaching the social studies half of Block. It's proved to be an adjustment for him since the

class meets in Room 130, where there are "40 people in a confined area with bad acoustics."

Mr. Orchard coached the football team as an assistant for 23 years and retired only two years ago. Many coaches teach history because it's considered an easy subject, he said. He thinks it's something we shouldn't take lightly, however.

"The Romans valued history as one of the most important subjects," he said. "It's like John Quincy Adams said: 'Who we are is who we were.'"



Mr. Paul Orchard oversees a recent Block class project. The junior English/U.S. History students participated in a Depression-era soup line. (Photo by Kiera Helm)

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Clubs on the Rise

Many new clubs
lead to creation
of fresh friendships

By Kiera Helm

Anime and LARPing Club
President: Carrie Addington
(Mama Fox)
Sponsor: Mrs. Kikendall

The Anime and LARPing club became one of the trendsetters of the new club fad. Senior Carrie Addington wanted to find a new way to hang out with her friends after school through a common interest. She approached English teacher Mrs. Hanna Kikendall with the idea and asked her to sponsor the club. Kikendall believes the formation of this club has helped students.

"There are lots of kids that start who are shy, and Carrie Addington does a great job of welcoming them and bringing them out of their shell," Kikendall said.

Entering its second year, the club has members from all grades who meet to play games, talk, eat, and discuss new things in the anime world. The club has nearly doubled in size to 35 or 40 this year. Each member has a nickname, which is also used as his or her character during LARPing sessions.

LARPing, or Live Action Role Playing, is described by senior member Ali Mercer (Kagari) as "a bunch of nerds playing video

games, without the video games." They create a world where they participate in missions and create relationships with other characters.

Interested in anime from a young age, Mercer began enjoying Japanese graphic novels in middle school. She enjoys being able to bond with others in the club.

What is her favorite part of the club?

"Cosplay days. You get to

pick a character and become them for a day. You dress like them, talk like them, and act like them," Mercer explained.

Future plans for the club include a Christmas

party and taking members to a LARP event in Ohio during April.

Women Empowering Women (WEW)

Leaders: Madison Ashman, Rachel Marquell, and Maren Orchard

Sponsors: Mrs. Lewman and Ms. Gray

Women Empowering Women has the purpose of making a positive influence around the school and in the community. When seniors Maren Orchard and Rachel Marquell were having a bad day, they received an encouraging message from senior Madison Ashman that led to more than a rejuvenated spirit.

"Madison sent me a video of a woman doing standup poetry, and it was about what it means to be a woman who is

independent and strong. It made me realize that this isn't how women are portrayed, and we decided to create a club about what it means to be an independent woman and how to live positively," Orchard said.

The club is sponsored by media specialist Mrs. Amy Lewman and child development teacher Ms. Kortney Gray. They were approached by the senior leaders with the idea of the club and were eager to help. Both teachers already juggle busy schedules so sponsoring together makes it easier.

"Ms. Gray and I decided to do this together. The young ladies who run the club are such nice and positive role models, so how could I say no to them?" Lewman said. "I like the fact that girls can come in and know what they say will stay in the club and they have a forum to talk about issues and feel safe."

This positive influence is what drew about 30 members to join the club.

"I think girls can be really mean to each other, and I think there should be a place where they can get together and not be judged," junior Hannah George said.

Each meeting has a theme. Future themes include relationships both romantic and with friends and how you portray yourself on social media sites.

Meeting themes sometimes include a game or video in addition to the senior-led discussions.

There are multiple plans for the future of WEW from volunteer projects to mentoring programs. Orchard said they hope to be able to speak to girls not only in the high school but also reach out to girls in elementary and middle school.



Delta's new Anime and LARPing club have joined students together and created new friendships. (Photo by Mrs. Hanna Kikendall)



This video, "The Type" by Sarah Key, can be found on YouTube.

Sign Language Club

President: Victoria Wells
Vice President: Taylor Showalter
Secretary: Peyton Baker
Treasurer: Antonia Smith
Technical Specialist: Lexi Adams
Sponsor: Mrs. Case

When freshman Victoria Wells started high school, the school's lack of a Sign Language club came through loud and clear. This realization sparked an idea to help others around the school.

"I was partially deaf when I was younger, and I have deaf relatives. We also have some students in the next few years that are deaf," Wells said. "I wanted to help educate students on how to communicate with them."

Wells enjoyed having Spanish and physical education teacher Mrs. Linda Case, so she asked her to sponsor. She was unaware of Case's personal connection.

"My niece is deaf and I had to learn it, but since I only see her three times a year it gives me a chance to practice," Case said.

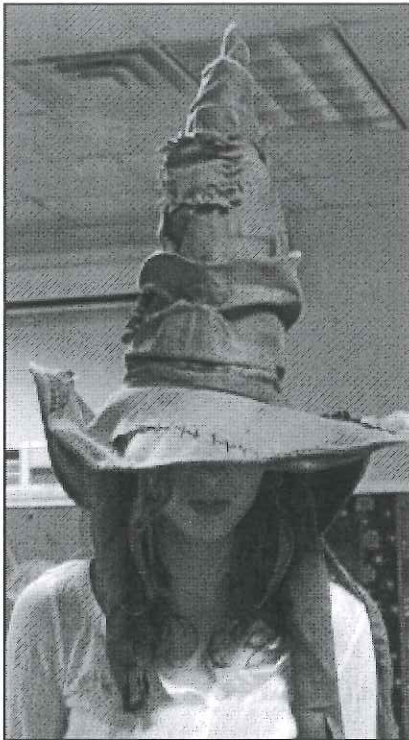
During meetings, members learn a new lesson. They have already learned how to greet someone, the Pledge of Allegiance, colors, names, and the alphabet. Members just work on whatever lesson they want to for that day, and they are

trying to take the lessons one step at a time. Case said she has practiced the pledge a lot and she can do it, but not at the speed of someone actually saying it.

Although not yet definite, some future plans the club has shown great interest in include signing the Pledge of Allegiance at a school board meeting and taking a field trip to the Indiana School for the Deaf in Indianapolis.

Harry Potter Club

House Heads: Mackenzie Meeks (Gryffindor), Libby Fox (Slytherin), Emma Taylor (Ravenclaw), and Kaitlyn Mesaros (Hufflepuff)
Sponsor: Mrs. Hopkins



Mackenzie Meeks finds her inner wizard with the new Harry Potter club. (Photo by Emma Taylor)

According to freshman Mackenzie Meeks, the school's new Harry Potter club began while she and her three friends were in gym class. "We were running on the track and Emma Taylor said, 'Wouldn't it be cool if we had a nerd sport?' From there we kept talking and got the idea for the club," Meeks said.

Freshman Libby Fox suggested asking new economics teacher Mrs. Holly Hopkins to be the sponsor after learning of her interest in the Harry Potter series.

"I was just looking for a way to become more involved and to get to know students that I don't have in class," Hopkins said.

"There are so many things I enjoy about the series, but the captivating story line is probably my favorite."

During their meetings, the club of nearly 20 members eats snacks and plays games. The club had a Halloween feast and began watching the Harry Potter movies during meetings. In the spring Meeks said they hope to begin playing quidditch, a wizard sport from the novels.

Table Top Games Club
Leaders: Brandon Smith and Griffin Wright
Sponsor: Ms. Smith (math)

After receiving approval from Principal Mr. Chris Conley, the Table Top Games club began. The club meets every Tuesday and Thursday in math teacher Ms. Shelli Smith's room. Members are able to relax and play board games with friends.

Usually there is no definite agenda in the meetings. Members choose whatever game they are in the mood to play that day and they play it.

"My favorite game is Monopoly. It's fun because it is so strategic," sophomore Griffin Wright said.

"I like Dungeons and Dragons (D&D). It is hilarious because we take nothing seriously when we play," sophomore Tanner Marsh said.

At this point, the club does not have any future plans. They are all about "going with the flow" according to co-leader Wright.

Art Club made its debut on Nov. 20 with a large interest from students. New art teachers Ms. Lesley Chan and Ms. Alicia Fuller formed the club. They meet every Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:30 in room 117.

ABOVE & BEYOND

Achieving top results requires high standards and making sacrifices

By Madison Savage

In a world where a grade can make or break your eligibility to play your sport, your athleticism can affect your playing time, and your social life can determine your weekend plans, life can be hard to balance. But there are a select few students around the school who don't crumble when it comes to maintaining excellence.

From the books to the courts, sophomore Jacob Brewer always has a busy schedule. His school work is his number one priority, but he is also a member of the boys' tennis and swim teams.

To Jacob, going above and beyond means setting expectations for himself and then surpassing them. Though



Sophomore Jacob Brewer shows off his skills on the court. (Photo Provided)

he is very conscientious of his schoolwork, he has also been influenced by his time spent on the tennis team.

"Mr. Cleland has been very influential in my life. He has taught me not only how to play tennis, but also how it relates

to life," Brewer said. "He always stresses about having good character even when you think nobody is watching. He has taught me to be the leader that I am today."

Going above and beyond requires discipline, little procrastination, and devotion to being your absolute best. A student with dedication through school, sports, and on the stage would be freshman Nathan Brelage.

Brelage has tapped and moved his way to the top of his class. He is not only number one in his class, but also one of Delta's most talented dancers.

Brelage has been dancing since he was six years old and started to dance competitively when he was seven. He does tap and hip hop at Premiere Dance Center in Muncie. Brelage spends about two hours practicing dance on Wednesdays and four hours practicing on Thursdays. He was featured on RTV6 on Nov. 26 for dancing with Soul to Sole Tap Company at the 51st annual Circle of Lights.

Sophomore Anna Grover is a three-sport athlete. When soccer ends, swimming starts. When swimming ends, tennis starts. For Groover, there is no such thing as an "off season" during the school year.

If it's not sports, it's schoolwork. Groover has worked hard to establish herself as an athlete, but also as a stellar student.

"You just have to work hard. You have to put in 100 percent if you want to go above and beyond in anything," Groover said.

She has adjusted to having a busy schedule. She has learned how to balance it all by understanding that when she gets home from practice, her first priority has to be her homework, even if she misses a TV show or turns down a chance to hang out with friends.

Senior Adam Bantz knows all about having a busy schedule. Not only does Bantz maintain almost perfect grades, but he also balances being skilled athletically and having a busy social life.

"I figure that college is pretty cut-throat, especially when you're trying to get into Pharmacy school, like I am," Bantz said. "I need to start getting ahead now."

Bantz is on the cross country team, swim team, and track team. Though he participates in only these three sports, he is also skilled in tennis and soccer. Bantz played soccer his first two years, but then switched to running cross country his junior year.


Bantz still finds time for hanging out with his friends and attending other sporting events on weekends.

He stresses that students can excel above and beyond others by pushing themselves to accomplish the highest standards they can.

"Set your expectations and then defy them."

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Cyber-Textbooks?

SCHOOL IS TAKING STEPS TO LOOK TOWARD THE FUTURE IN EDUCATION

By Nick Dall

The possibility of having digital textbooks is a big deal coming to schools.

Dr. Darin Gullion, assistant superintendent of Delaware Community Schools, said, "I am excited about the possibilities of digital textbooks. The idea that textbooks could always be current and students could explore any given topic more in-depth by simply clicking on a link makes me eager for the change."

Freshmen Breanna Arey and Jordan Baker both agree that we should have digital textbooks and iPads because we will not have to carry textbooks to every class and will have our classes on a device.

"I think we should have digital textbooks and iPads because it will be easier to look information up and go on the Internet and have apps to use," junior Nick Maloney said.

Baker believes it will be easier to remember to bring home homework if everything is digital. Maloney thinks it will be a lot easier to read and understand.

Although no final decisions have been made yet, Dr. Gullion leans toward digital textbooks rather than iPads.

There are many benefits of switching to digital textbooks. Students could access textbooks and curriculum from one device or from the Cloud and not have to carry home heavy textbooks.

"Cost is a big consideration when making any decision for devices and digital textbooks," Dr. Gullion said.

Digital textbooks haven't provided a cost savings; they are basically the same cost as a normal textbook. Parents will still need to pay the fees for digital textbooks.

Del-Com is currently in a bidding process to select a vendor to install a new wireless network across the corporation. The wireless network needs to be in place first before there can be a switch to digital textbooks. The corporation has a technology committee with teachers and administrators from each building who have been and will continue to discuss the use of digital textbooks and devices.

If Del-Com were ever to go to devices such as iPads for instruction, Dr. Gullion said students would be expected to avoid distractions during class time.

"Delaware Community Schools expects the best out of our students.

Whether you are online or in the classroom, using common sense, adhering to school rules and the law, and showing respect for others are always the expectations," Dr. Gullion said.

Teachers Rebekah Weaver and Dr. Lance Brand as well as the Spanish department teachers are among those already using some digital textbooks.

The Spanish classes go to digital textbooks at classzone.com. It is a website tutorial that accompanies our textbook. The students can access and use electronic flashcards, games, crosswords, and self-quizzes/practice quizzes.

Ms. Weaver, music, band, and choir teacher, uses a study space program that comes with music history textbooks. She said students can log on and take listening quizzes and explore other resources such as chapter outlines, activities, and flash cards. Dr. Brand, Biology and Anatomy teacher, said that he uses digital textbooks for Bio 111 and Anat 201, which are Ball State University dual-credit classes.



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REMEMBERING the Past

Many coaches starred in multiple sports throughout Indiana

By Emily Langguth

Many of Delta's coaches spent their time in high school playing multiple sports. They use this experience to help guide their players in the right direction.

Chemistry teacher and baseball coach Terry Summers excelled in basketball, football and baseball during his high school career.

"I like competing at all sports," Summers said. He also played football for Manchester College and gained an Academic All American title.

Cross country coach Steve Wray ran track and cross country and wrestled for his school.

"I like the atmosphere created by the team," Wray said. While coaching he won the cross country conference title in 2007.

Office secretary and volleyball coach Heidi Zickgraf played volleyball, basketball, softball and ran track in her childhood at Delta.

"I like the competitiveness of any sport," Zickgraf said.

She also played her favorite sport, volleyball, for the University of Illinois. She won two national club volleyball championships as a player and has won a state championship as a coach.

Journalism and history teacher and tennis coach Tim Cleland focused on baseball in his childhood. As a sophomore he started to play tennis, also.

"Tennis is a sport where you earn what you get. You are on your own (on the court)," Cleland said, explaining why he likes that sport.

Three years after he started playing tennis he focused on it successfully and became a part of the Indiana All State Singles team in 1980 while a student at Hauser High School in southern Indiana. As a coach his teams have reached the



Long before he became the head football coach at Delta, Grant Zgunda was a running back at Yorktown High School. Zgunda also played basketball and ran track for the Tigers. In this game from the 1980s, he gains yards against Winchester.

(Photo provided)

State Finals five times.

Boys' basketball coach Stan Daugherty played baseball, basketball and football at Alexandria High School.

"I like all three," he said. "I was All Conference in all three sports, but basketball was my favorite."

As a coach, he has won two sectional championships at Delta in 1985 and 1989. He also was coach of the year for their conference as men's basketball coach at Goshen College in 2005.

"I knew I would be a teacher and a coach when I was still in high school," Daugherty explained.

He appreciates athletes who play two or three sports in school.

"They will probably have a favorite that they spend more time on, but they can still help out on other teams," Daugherty said.

He advises every athlete to have a positive attitude and always to give a great effort.

"These two attributes will carry a high school athlete a long

way in any sport," Daugherty said.

Physical education teacher and football coach Grant Zgunda played football and basketball and ran track in his childhood. He already knew that he wanted to become a coach when he was a child. His favorite sport was football which he played at Yorktown High School.

"I enjoyed the brotherhood," Zgunda said.

As a player, his greatest victory was beating Delta his senior year. As a coach he enjoyed a semi-state victory and qualifying for the State Finals in 2001.

He advises every athlete to play as many sports as you can to learn more from different coaches, to stay fit and to make friendships.

"The more (sports you play), that makes you a better athlete," Zgunda said.

All these coaches show their love for sports every day. Players continually gain experience and a personal love for the game from the guidance and advice of dedicated coaches.

MOLDING the Future

Coaches have long-lasting impacts on high school athletes

By Teaghan Dishman

Many times the results of a coach's guidance are not seen for years and years, but the coaches in the lives of students play a key role in molding and shaping athletes into the adults they become.

Coach Steve Wray has been the boys' and girls' cross country coach for the past 10 seasons.

"I enjoy the sport and working with members of the team," Wray said.

The time on and off the course is where he makes his impact on the runners.

Senior Collen Delaney said, "As cliché as this sounds, the biggest thing Coach Wray has taught me is that anything is possible. Anytime I questioned my ability to get the PR (personal record), he always told me I could do it by running my heart out. A lot of the times he was able to motivate me to get that PR."

Coach Wray has impacted many runners over the past 10 seasons as head coach for the cross country team and his runners have also impacted him.

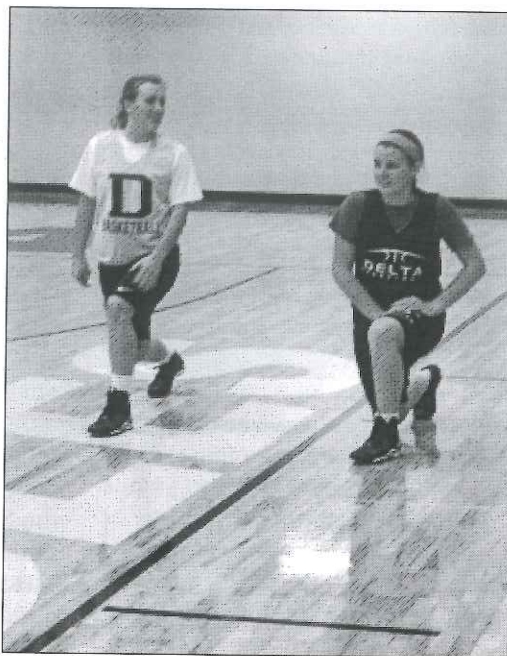
"They have been supportive and inspirational," Wray said.

Junior Sarena Clay said that Coach Wray has impacted her in the most positive ways possible.

"He has a personality that makes it easier to get along with him. Saying that, he knows when to put the hammer down and really focus on making the team as a whole better each day," Clay said.

Being a coach can be difficult and rewarding at the same time.

Wray said, "Dealing with

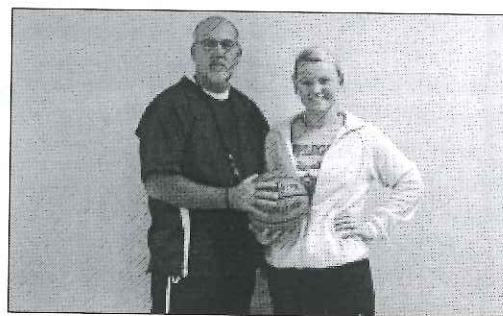


Juniors Kenzie Sulfridge and Ericka Pursley stretch while at basketball practice. (Photo by Nathan Beaty)

people who come out for the team and don't take it as seriously as me or the rest of the team is a challenge. The ones who don't care or don't want to improve."

Another coach that has been impacting his players is Coach Bruce Ruble. Coach Ruble is now in his second

season as the girls' varsity basketball head coach. This is his 36th season coaching basketball. He has coached



Coach Ruble poses with senior player Mackenzi Roe, who is recovering from an early season concussion. (Photo by Nathan Beaty)

girls and boys over his career.

"I am motivated to coach by the look on a player's face when they accomplish something I've taught them," Ruble said. "When I coached boys' basketball you didn't notice this as much because they acted like they knew everything already but with girls it is different."

Coach Ruble has seen this expression on faces throughout his career of coaching. Senior Kenzi Roe has played basketball for over 10 years and said, "Coach Ruble has impacted me in such a positive way and has given me hope that things will get better for our team. ... I've learned to not give up no matter how hard things get."

Confidence is key. Coach Ruble said the toughest part about coaching is getting his players to play with confidence. A player must have confidence in her team, her coaches, her play, but most importantly herself.

Junior Ericka Purlsey said, "Ruble is always there when you need him. He knows when to have fun with us, but also when we need to buckle down and get serious. He always knows how to cheer us up when we have a bad day."

Coaches have a lasting

impact on their players. This can be a negative influence or a positive one. The challenge for an athlete and his or her family is to surround them with examples of both and allow them to follow the adults

that have the students' best interest at heart.

Top 10 highlights from fall sports

By Charlie May

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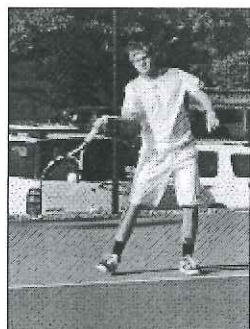
Girls' Golf advances to regionals:

Girls' golf had a successful year by going 10-3 in dual-matches and finishing second in sectionals. The girls only missed the team scoring record at sectionals by a few strokes, which advanced them to regionals. They competed well in regionals. So what was most memorable about the season? "Sectionals and regionals," said senior Emily Grant. "You have to stick around in sectionals and regionals. You can't just play and leave. You get to spend time with the team and make memories."

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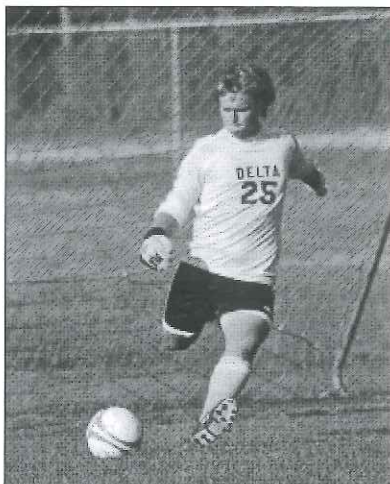
All-State/Academic All-State awards:

It is not every day that an individual is recognized for his or her hard work in athletics and academics. Many students did exactly that this fall.



Nick Wilson tries to return the ball back to his opponent during a match.

Several students went above and beyond by doing what they enjoy. Senior Bradley Wuthrich got Academic All-State in tennis. "I was very excited that my work in the classroom paid off," Bradley said. Juniors Nick Wilson and Jay Robillard earned Second Team All-



Senior Dylan Christman looks to pass the ball to his teammates with a free kick.

State Doubles in tennis. This is the second straight year Nick has been All-State Doubles. "It feels really good," Nick said. "This is a big honor." Senior Alec St. John received All-State Singles Second Team, also.

Senior Sarah Weisenberger earned Academic All-State for girls' soccer.

Junior Teaghan Dishman and seniors Madison Bergren and Marissa Elam received All-State for volleyball. Teaghan and Marissa received First Team and Madison got Second Team. This is also Teaghan's second year in a row getting All-State.



Senior Jalen Robinson looks to escape a Ft. Wayne North Side tackler after quarterback Cade Jones threw the ball to him.

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Boys' Soccer defeats Yorktown:

The boys' soccer team had not beaten Yorktown in about 10 years, but that all changed when they outscored the Tigers 4-2 on our home field during homecoming week. Logan Pyron scored three goals and Vemund Tonnessen scored the other. Delta trailed Yorktown 2-1 at half. "I thought we could come back. I thought we had enough drive," senior Dylan Christman said. Delta tied the score early in the second half and then pulled away, winning a very important game for the seniors.

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Girls' Soccer defeats state-ranked Blackford on Senior Night:

In any sporting event, Senior Night is a very important game. To the seniors on the girls' soccer team, this game would be special if they won because of who they were playing. Their opponent was state-ranked Blackford. "We were not very confident," said senior Shannon Ellery. "We had heard Blackford was good and that they were state-ranked." But, there was some extra inspiration to win. "There was a lot of motivation; we wore pink in support of breast cancer so it was special," Ellery said. When the game was over Delta had upset Blackford 2-0.

6

Football team beats Class 5A ranked Ft. Wayne North Side:

After defeating Jay County, the football team moved on to their next task, state-ranked class 5A Ft. Wayne North Side. So what was their mindset going into that home game? "To prove to people that we could beat a good football team, because they are a good football team," Coach Grant Zgunda said. It would take strong plays all night long in order to beat Ft. Wayne North Side. "We played well on offense, gave up a

lot of plays on defense and made just enough," Coach Zgunda said. When the game ended the final was Class 3A Delta 42, Class 5A Ft. Wayne North Side 40. Ft. Wayne North went on to finish the season 7-4 and lost by only four points to Class 4A state runner-up Ft. Wayne Dwenger.



The volleyball team huddles before a game.

5

Volleyball wins first sectional since 2008:

The volleyball team has had a lot of success in the state tournament over the years, but with a tough sectional it takes hard work to win. The girls came out on top this year with their first sectional title since 2008, which was the last time they won the state title. "We drew Wapahani ... and we wanted revenge from county," senior Madison Bergren said. "Once we got through Wapahani, there was no doubt that we were going to win." After beating Wapahani, the volleyball team went to the championship and swept Muncie Central 3-0 giving them their win.



4

Cheerleaders go to state for first time in school history:

When you hear that a sporting event is going on, you're first going to think of football, basketball, or baseball. You probably wouldn't think immediately about cheerleading. The varsity cheerleaders went to state for the first time in school history when they finished second in a qualifying competition. They finished eighth in their division at the state competition. "Our goal was to make it to state," senior Sarah Tinkle said. "It was amazing because it was the first time in school history."

3

Jenna Parsons breaks the Delaware County cross country record:

For a lot of people running is probably not one of the more popular things to do. But for some people, running becomes more fun when they are told that they have just done something amazing. "I thought I was running really slow. I didn't feel good," said Jenna Parsons, recalling the day this fall when she finished first at county and broke the Delaware County cross-country record. "The team and I were very excited," she said.

The boys' tennis team enjoys their experience at state with a team photo.



Teaghan Dishman receives her award from professional football Hall of Fame player Richard Dent.

2

Teaghan Dishman chosen finalist for national award:

It takes dedication and hard work to be recognized nationally for athletics and academics. In the first week of July after she had just finished tennis, Teaghan Dishman got news that she was one of 10 national finalists for the U.S. Army Pro Football Hall of Fame Award for Excellence. "I was shocked at first; we were supposed to get the email in the first week of June. I was surprised, but excited," Teaghan said. She will find out if she wins the national award in San Antonio at the All-American high school football game in the first week of January.

1

Boys' tennis team reaches state for third time in school history:

The boys' tennis team has had much success in the past with 21 straight sectional titles. They have won 18 of the last 19 regionals, but this year the team went a little farther by going to the State Finals. "It was a great experience that I will never forget," senior Alec St. John said. The team went 24-2 and was ranked in the Top 10 almost all season. Four out of seven players were seniors on the varsity. "That's a huge advantage," athletic director Mr. Shane Hill said. Also at state, Bradley Wuthrich earned the State Mental Attitude Award. You only earn this award if you reach state.

AN END TO BULLYING?

By Brooke Hicks

New state law gives schools more power

You may be aware that in the past schools haven't been capable of doing anything about bullying that takes place off of school property or on the Internet. Things have changed. For the first time, schools in Indiana are responsible for bullying incidents that occur on and off school property.

On May 11, 2013 Gov. Mike Pence signed a law stating that bullying, and cyberbullying, can now be dealt with in the school. If a case of bullying is continuous and it can be proven that a student is being harmed, harassed, humiliated, or put in a hostile environment in school, there will be punishment, and it will be enforced. "Anything we can do to protect our students is well-worth the effort," Principal Mr. Chris Conley said.

Conley hopes this law would change the way kids act in and outside of school, but he states, "There are laws against a lot of things that many people break." Conley also believes that in the beginning, there will be more cases reported, but as the "spotlight on the law dims down, we will see less of it." He then added, "Our goal as a school is to develop an environment where it just doesn't happen."

Not many students seem to be aware of this new law. Only one out of four Delta students knew about it when asked. Three of the four students asked said they believe the law is necessary.

"Anything we can do to protect our students is well-worth the effort," Principal Mr. Chris Conley said.

"I think it will be good for Delta," said sophomore Abby Bailey. Sophomore Frankie Dargo added, "It will make people think before they act."

According to bullying statistics from the National Center for Education Statistics, Indiana was ranked third for bullying incidents.

One out of four students said they had been bullied in the last 30 days, and one out of 20 students had missed school due to bullying. An estimated 48 percent of students have been bullied in the hallways, and 24 percent of students had been bullied

hands-on outside of school. 71 percent of students reported bullying as an on-going problem. "People don't deserve to feel bad and insecure," said sophomore Josh Underwood. The point of this law is to try to prevent this from happening.



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The Stars of their Eyes

Students make memories with celebrities

By Candace Gray

In the United States, people love to put celebrities on a pedestal and treat them like royalty. Whether it be a famous singer, athlete, or author, people love to meet and interact with them. So whenever "ordinary" people meet a celebrity, it's a big deal.

A few students from Delta have had the opportunity of meeting some "royals" and getting their autograph or a picture with them.

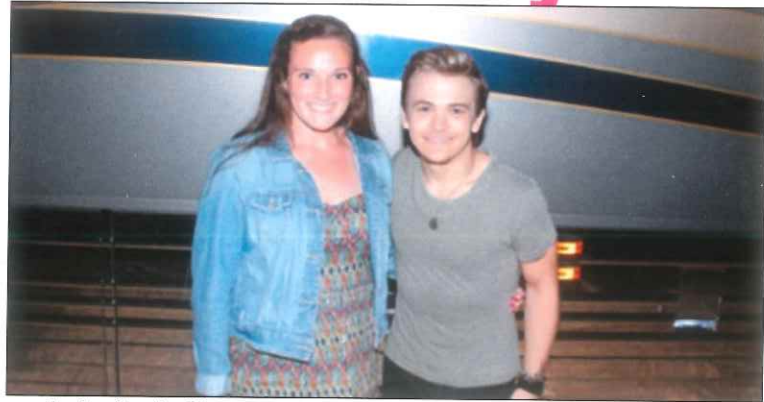
Junior Kiera Helm had the opportunity of doing what most teenage girls dream about doing at some point. She met the Jonas Brothers at the Indiana State Fair during her fifth-grade year.

Helm got to meet them because the boy band of brothers was having a meet-and-greet after a concert. In order to meet them, fans had to have a CD for them to sign. But along with the feeling of joy Helm felt when she was about to meet them, a feeling of guilt also followed.

"I was so excited because I was a huge fan, but I felt bad because my sister and I had to share the CD, so only one of us could meet them, and I got to," Helm said.

One of the things that Helm noticed about the boys, besides their good looks, was their personalities.

"They were really nice. They didn't talk much because there were so many people there, but their mom told us that my cousin looked like Nick (Jonas) when he was younger," Helm said.



Junior Kaylin Gibson stands next to her celebrity crush, country singer Hunter Hayes, at the Jay County Fair. (Photo Provided)

Freshman Emma Taylor has also had the opportunity of meeting a celebrity. The celebrity that she has met was the British singer Ed Sheeran. She met him last year at a meet-and-greet after waiting in line for over two hours.

While waiting in line and watching Sheeran's every move, Taylor saw something humbling about the singer that most celebrities lack.

"I noticed that instead of being freaked out by the crowd of fans, he seemed to love being around them," Taylor said. "The media gives Ed Sheeran off as a quieter, reserved person, but he is actually very friendly."

Upon meeting him, the closer Taylor got to the singer, the more her nerves began to get the best of her, which called for a mental pep-talk.

"I kept telling myself, 'Don't embarrass yourself, don't scream, keep calm,'" Taylor said.

While on a North Carolina beach, relaxing on a hot July day, junior McKensie Polk met Beau Mitchell, who plays Matty McKibben, a main character on the MTV show, *Awkward*.

The encounter with the teen heartthrob almost did not happen. Polk accidentally ran into him and then apologized. Mitchell shrugged it off and told her that it was okay. At the time, Polk didn't recognize him, so she did not think anything about it.

Then she heard three girls scream and run toward him, asking for a picture and autograph. That is when she realized who she just shoulder-checked. A little while later, Polk went back and found him at dinner and asked for a picture with him.

Polk recalls the celebrity was nice and told her that he remembered her because when they initially met, she didn't freak out and treated him like a real person.

Right now, the country singer Hunter Hayes is hot on the charts and hot on teenage girls' minds. Many girls would do almost anything to get a picture with the singer, whose velvety pipes could make any cowgirl's heart swoon. Junior Kaylin Gibson has lived that dream when she met Hayes at the Jay County Fair last July 10.

Gibson got the opportunity because her aunt and uncle are on the fair board and gave her two backstage passes.

When Gibson met Hayes, she recalls that he was extremely sweaty, but had really pretty eyes. When those "pretty eyes" looked at Kaylin, she felt a rush of emotions.

"I was starstruck. He hugged me and we took a picture. Then he said, 'Thanks for coming, it means a lot!' So basically, we are getting married," Gibson said, with a laugh.

CREATIVITY *at its Finest*

By Lindsey Reagon

*W*ith the stroke of her brush, the snap of his camera, and that high note she just learned to hit, creativity runs rampant throughout the school.

Creativity is the ability to transcend traditional ideas, rules, patterns, or relationships and to create someone's own interpretation. It's about originality and your imagination. Letting your mind roam and go "outside of the box" gets you one step closer to being original.

Ceramics student Chelsie Taylor, junior, takes art more seriously than others. She is passionate about every piece she creates. She says her hands tell the story.

"I throw and work with clay because it relaxes me and lets me express my emotions through my hands," Taylor says.

Taylor throws pieces at The Artist Within in



Senior Scott McConnell expresses his one true passion of playing his saxophone. (Photo by Grace Hollars)



Junior Chelsie Taylor trims her pottery. Ceramics is a way that Taylor expresses her feelings. (Photo by Lindsey Reagon)

downtown Muncie and does an independent study at school with art teacher Miss Lesley Chan. She caught her love of ceramics and the arts from her grandmother.

"She was an artist and an art teacher. She took me to a pottery studio when I was little. Ever since then I have loved pottery!" Taylor explains.

Chan's influence extends to other students besides Taylor. When she moved to Muncie she volunteered with an organization called Art Ability. This program used art to work with individuals who had a disability.

"I enjoy working with my hands. I also love the alchemic feeling of transforming the materials I work with," Chan explains.

Music is another form of creativity. Freshman Cheyanne Cook has a passion for singing. She has grown up around it and is trying to go far with it. Her dad used to hold his band practices at their house, and he always found a way to make her a part of it.

"I'm inspired by my passion toward music and my yearning to share my story with the world someday," Cook says.

She spreads her story through her music. Social media helps her share it with the world. She has an Instagram page for her music and a YouTube channel, where she sings her heart out. She plans to audition for "The Voice" in January and hopes that will take her music farther.

"I sing because it's my release in life. Not only does it help me express myself, but it also relieves stress

and gives me something to work at and be proud of," Cook says.

Senior Scott McConnell also was influenced by his dad. He says that his dad had played music long before he was born and that there were always instruments around.

"Creativity is being able to express feelings. Whether it's painting a piece of art or performing on a stage, it's doing something that you want, the way you want to, and putting your own twist on it," McConnell says.

Miss Rebekah Weaver, band and choir teacher, is also a creative music soul. She wanted to follow in the footsteps of her older brother, so she started piano lessons at the age of four.

Outside of her job, Weaver gives private lessons and performs regularly on the handbell in the High Street United Methodist Church choir. She has performed with the Muncie Symphony Orchestra for about 13 years and plays in many other area orchestras and bands when she is needed.

Music and fine arts are not the only ways students show their creativity.

Senior Grant Gibbs engages in photography and already has started his business in photography.

"Creativity means being your own person and doing things that embrace who you really are. It means that you aren't afraid to be different, and you are always coming up with new things," Gibbs says.

Junior Reagan Allen also dabbles in the fine arts. She does more photography than drawing and painting, but she says both hobbies relax and interest her.

"Anyone can have a camera or paint a picture, but you have to create something more and give it meaning. Make it something others have to think about," Allen says.



Photographer Grant Gibbs captured Rachael Rothhaar as she emerged from water for her senior pictures. (Photo by Grant Gibbs)



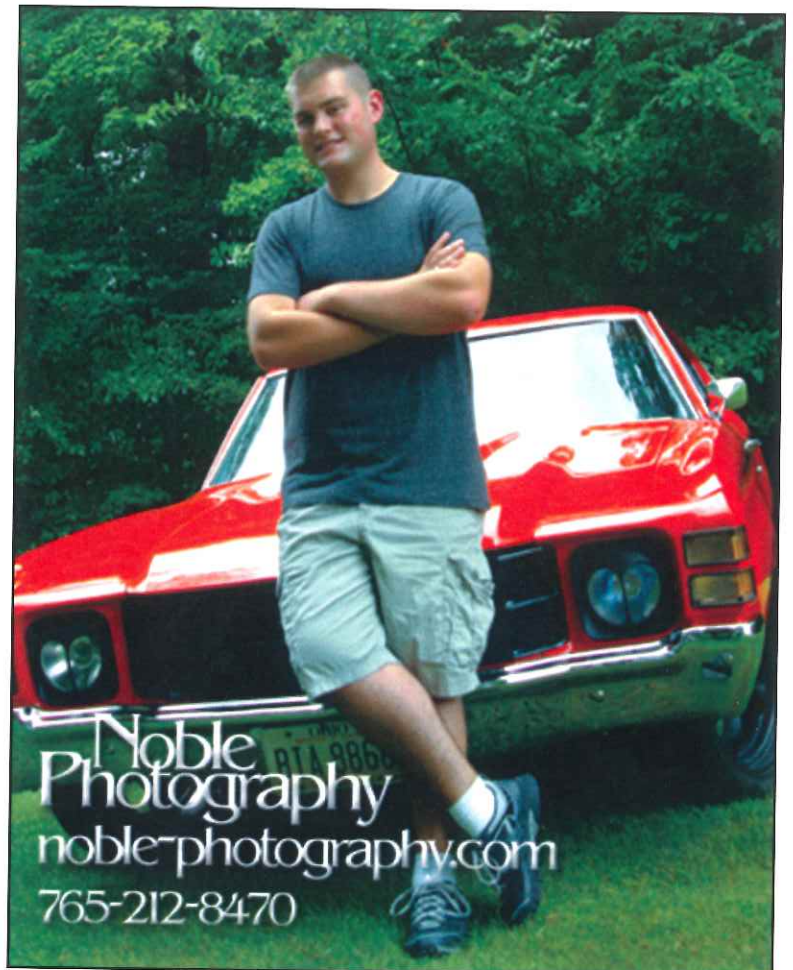
Reagan Allen gets creative with her photography skills by taking a picture of her sister. (Photo by Reagan Allen)

To Allen, creativity is more about using your mind to make something different than just snapping pictures or slapping paint on a canvas.

Miss Alicia Fuller practices her art outside of school; she always tries to keep her skills up to date.

"Art is my passion. I like doing art because it is calming, but also because it establishes critical thinking and motor skills which help me in other parts of my life," Fuller explains.

Whether it is shown through our students or through our teachers, creativity illuminates our school. Creativity is about being yourself and making your ideas and imaginations come to life.



Never Stop Chasing Dreams

Junior Rebekah Box travels across the world to compete

By Grant Gibbs

This past summer, junior Rebekah Box received a surreal opportunity to travel across the globe to compete amongst different athletes from around the world.

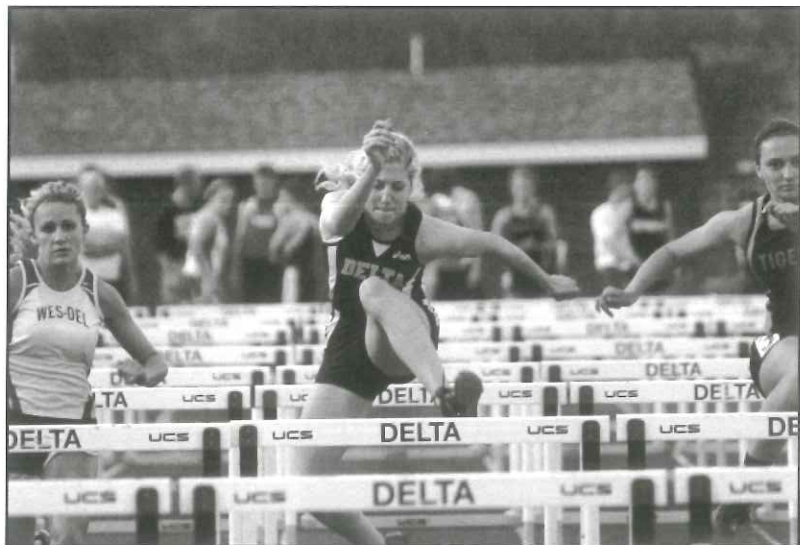
In the course of her track career, Box has trained and participated in track since middle school and has been a key component in high school track. She runs in events such as 100 and 300 meter hurdles, and other various relays.

Box has an excellent support system from her friends and family, and they were very proud to hear about this opportunity to compete in Australia.

"My first reaction was that this is a once-in-a-life opportunity, and it is something that we can definitely make happen," Box's mom, Robin, said.

When plans were set in stone, Box enrolled herself into a training program at the local YMCA with a personal sport performance coach. She participated in various training exercises throughout the summer to prepare herself for her upcoming trip.

"The Australia trip really fast-tracked some training Rebekah and I had planned." Coach Thompson said. "We met twice a week over the summer, preparing her for the competition and getting her comfortable with her steps, block starts, and overall fitness level."



Junior Rebekah Box soars over a hurdle during a tight race last spring in the Delaware County meet. (Photo by Grace Hollars)

After months of training, it was finally time for Box and her family to take off across the globe. Although Box was nervous, she was determined and prepared to try her hardest and do the absolute best she could.

Box and her family spent five days total in Australia as well as three days in Hawaii afterward. They did many things over the course of their trip aside from competing, such as surfing, shopping, touring, and many other activities.

Box competed three out of the five days she was in Australia.

"The highlight of my trip was placing second in the 300-meter hurdles," Box said. "I went on this trip to compete and do my best, and that's exactly what I did."

This trip gave Rebekah a lot of great experience and not only impacted her, but also many others close to her.

"I think being able to travel internationally and compete with athletes from other countries was an experience that Rebekah will remember for the rest of her life." Box's father, Jim, said.

"The endless amount of love and support from my friends and

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family is what made this trip possible and is what keeps me going," Box said.

"For me, Rebekah has been an absolute pleasure to be around, and I am extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to train her," Coach Thompson said. "Having been a track athlete myself, I cherish those athletes competing in the same sport. Rebekah, I'm sure, has been a role model for her track team

and a true reflection of what hard work and dedication truly are."

This trip left a huge impact on Box, and is a milestone leading up to the things that her future has in store for her. She worked as hard as she could and in the end every drop of sweat was worth it.

"Rebekah is my rock," junior Gracie Hollars said. "It has been a privilege to watch her excel in track over the past years; I expect her to

dominate this year and go all the way to state. She can do whatever she puts her mind to, and I think everyone underestimates the strength and will that she has."

Now that she is back in Indiana, Box plans to take everything she has learned over the summer and put it all into her upcoming seasons to improve in the future.

"Ten years from now, I see Rebekah as having accomplished many goals. God brought her into this world early at 1 pound 13 ounces and has shown that she has the strength and determination to persevere and follow her dreams," her mother said.

Rebekah is a prime example of how anything is possible if you follow your heart. She started as just a small town girl from Muncie, Indiana and ended up across the globe competing with people from all over the world simply by putting her heart into her goals.

"Never stop chasing your dreams," Box said. "They can't run forever"

Teachers' Kids

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Rob and Seth say that she always knows what's going on since she works at the school. After the day is over at school she can work on papers, and when they are done with their sports they can just ride home together.

Mr. Paul Orchard, father of Maren, teaches history. Similar to Brooke Kemp, Maren has always been a teacher's kid. She knows no different.

"It's kind of like my second home. I used to do cartwheels out in the hallway in his class area," says Maren with a smile.

Mr. Orchard says that they don't act any different at home than they do at school around each other.

Since Mr. Orchard always has leftover food in his drawer, Maren is always taking some stale cookies and gum for herself.

"I can always go to his classroom if I need some Ibuprofen for a headache or some chocolate to pick me up a little," says Maren.

Mr. Grant Zgunda, PE teacher, is the father of

freshman Gabby. Gabby and Mr. Zgunda are a bit different than the other students and teachers. When apart it's just like any other school day, but when together, they just embarrass each other.

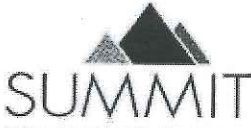
"I know him better than everyone else so it's really easy to talk to him and mess with him," Gabby says

She's more prepared than other students because she knows the teachers better. Though she would still act on her best behavior if she knew them or not.

Gabby can always go to her dad if she needs something, and Mr. Zgunda

says he can always get some lunch money off her when he's running low.

It wouldn't be normal for us to have a parent here but for all of these students, it's all they know.



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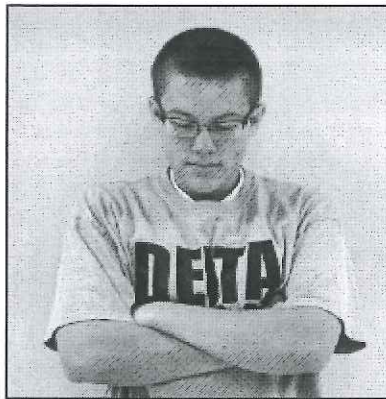
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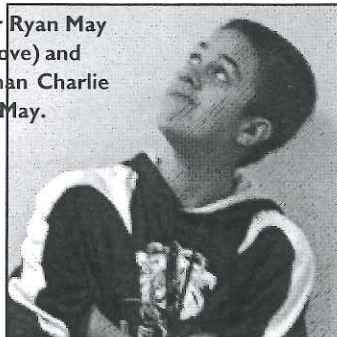
SIBLING STANDPOINT

By Emma Taylor

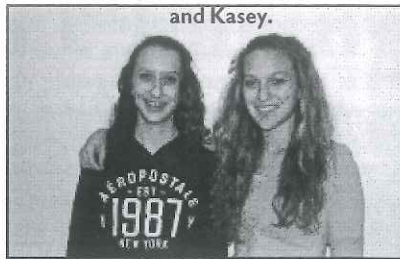
Seniors, freshmen have always gone head-to-head, especially when they're related



Senior Ryan May (above) and freshman Charlie May.



The Speicher sisters: Audree and Kasey.



Between taking your sister's favorite shirt

and your brother eating the last ice cream bar in the freezer, having a teenage sibling can be difficult—to say the least.

In the high school, there are many siblings scattered among grades, varying between ages, but out of the 200 seniors this year, 22 have a younger brother or sister who is a freshman. Amidst the four-year age difference, many freshman and senior siblings go head-to-head on their opinions of high school, especially when it comes to the social side.

While freshman Conner Davis is spending his year trying new things and meeting new people, his brother, senior Chandler Davis, is sticking with his main group of friends.

"I've already made 12 new friends this year and I hope to keep making more," Conner said.

Even though the two siblings have a different outlook, it doesn't always mean they will hold it against each other.

"Watching Conner start high school has made me realize I was probably a lot like that when I was a freshman, whether or not I want to admit it," Chandler said.

But Chandler isn't the only one who has seen a different view; Conner has already noticed a difference in himself. More relaxed than his middle school years, Conner has

made sure to have fun while making good grades.

For many teens, adults are constantly telling them that deep down they love their sibling, even if they won't admit it. But is loving your sibling an obligation or something that just comes naturally? For freshman Audree Speicher, it's something that comes naturally.

"No matter how angry you get with one another, you'll always be there for each other, especially when times get rough," Audree said.

This year in particular, Audree and her senior sister, Kasey, have leaned on each other for support. After years of battling cancer, their mother, Lisa Speicher, passed away a few months ago.

"We have bonded this year just through what happened with our mom," Kasey said. "We have done a lot more together and have been more open with each other."

Even though the girls have bonded this year, it's still common

Senior-Freshmen

Taylor Adams	Alexis Adams
Payton Campbell	Camryn Campbell
Makayla Cox	Makenzie Cox
Chandler Davis	Conner Davis
Collen Delaney	Kyndall Pursley
Kaitlin Furry	Natalie Furry
Jon Kern	Jacob Kern
Levi Kirby	Sierra Kirby
Jessica Knight	Jadelyn Knight
Ryan May	Charlie May
Clay Mesaros	Kaitlyn Mesaros
Makinsey Musick	Seleste Musick
Kaitlyn Rawls	Joshua Rawls
April Redmon	Matthew Redmon
Mackenzi Roe	Kelsee Roe
Devin Royal	Mckayle Royal
Kasey Speicher	Audree Speicher
Steven Stapleton	Shanon Stapleton
Sarah Strahle	Erin Strahle
Candace Torres	Andrew Torres
Miranda Whitmer	Morgan Whitmer
Bradley Wuthrich	Brice Wuthrich

to have the predictable teenage drama.

"We argue so much because we have two completely different personalities," said Kasey. While Audree has a more reserved personality, her sister Kasey is outgoing and carefree.

"A part of that could be that Kasey has been in high school longer," Audree said. "I think I annoy her way more than I used to."

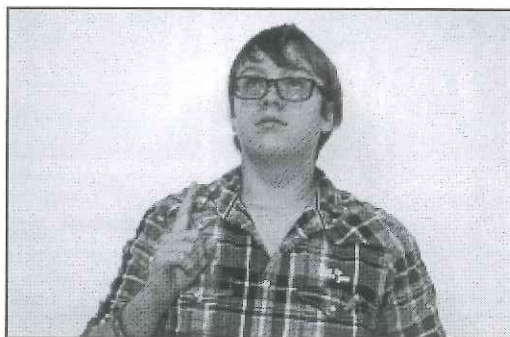
Although some teens may be annoyed by being in the same school as their sibling, some disagree. Senior Ryan May and his younger brother, freshman Charlie May, played soccer together this year.

"It's been a great experience for both of us," Ryan said.

But between siblings, high school can be more difficult for one than it is for the other. Ryan's first year at Delta was in



Senior Chandler Davis (above) and freshman Conner Davis.



sixth grade, while Charlie stayed at St. Mary's for two more years. Although Charlie knew more kids from the county than his brother,

he still believes Ryan excelled.

"I think he's done really well," Charlie said. "I'm not sure I could've handled my freshman year without him."

For some teens, having a sibling is the most annoying thing a

kid can deal with. It's a bond that is complicated but special.

Families face obstacles every day but for these six teens and others like them, it's not just a family but a friendship.

Fad Fabulous

By Michelle Wilson

There are all kinds of music, apps, movies, TV shows, and fashions trending every day. Here lately, scarves have been looping people in.

"Scarves are pretty hip. It's a good look if you can pull it off, and if not, it might not be for you," senior Alec St. John said. "I occasionally wear them depending on the day and the weather."

Instagram is a social network that people are free to post pictures of themselves, sporting the "duckface" and throwing up peace signs. Or maybe people feel like what they were eating for dinner looks so delicious that they need to share it, so they post it to Instagram. Many Delta students use Instagram to post pictures of their daily life.

Overall, 40 million photos are uploaded every day. Over 8,000

people like a photo every second.

Movies and TV shows are a big part in today's "hot" culture. *Catching Fire* is a movie that has risen up on the movie charts and is making people rave.

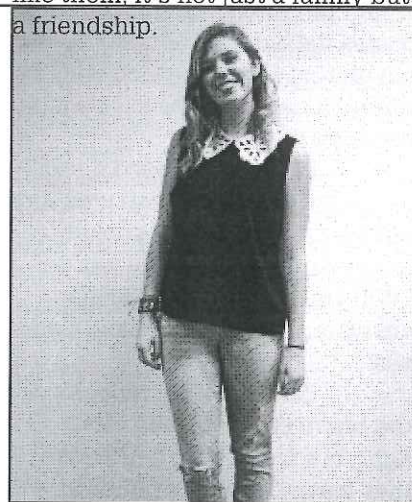
"I want to see *Catching Fire* because I read the book," sophomore Morgan Sizemore said.

The Walking Dead is a TV show that many students have been watching and loving.

"I watch *The Walking Dead* because when the second season started, I picked up on it and it's probably my favorite TV show by far," senior Aaron Brogan said.

Although things are trending now, they might change within the coming weeks.

So catch up on the latest fashion before it's too late, especially you trend followers. For you trendsetters, keep making those trends.



Julia East shows off her unique style. East is known as a "trendsetter." (Photo by Michelle Wilson)

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MILITARY FOR LIFE

By Tiffany Flowers

A little over a month ago, senior Hope Lehman and Delta graduate Tristan Noble were sitting on a beach in Virginia waiting to catch that perfect sunrise. Close to the water several rocks jutted above the surface, and as Lehman sat down Noble took off her shoes. Lehman said that normally she would have stared at the sunrise, but she could not take her eyes off him.

Dressed in complete Army uniform, Noble asked her to take off his beret. He urged her to remove it and said it would be worth it, so he placed the old, worn-out hat on that Hope knew so well from last summer. She turned it backward as a little personal joke they had between themselves.

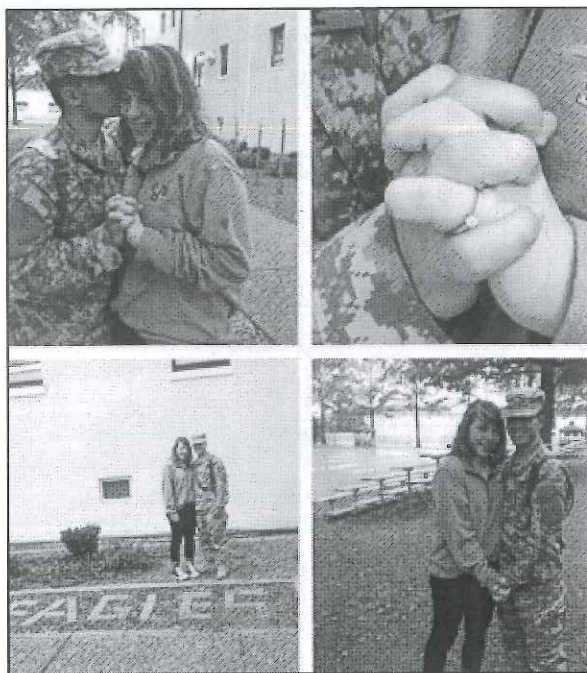
When he stooped down to pick up her shoes, he stayed down. Lehman was confused until Noble pulled a ring out of his pocket. Noble stumbled over the words, "Will you marry me?" Lehman answered, "Yes, a thousand times yes!"

Society often recognizes the brave men we send off to fight, but we forget about those they leave behind. Seniors Hope Lehman, Tamara Modglin, Kayla Sapp and Maren Orchard are all counting down the days until they can see their soldiers, as are thousands of women around the world.

In any relationship distance can be an obstacle, but for military girlfriends everywhere distance is a daily thing.

Lehman's soldier is also her fiancé. Like so many other military couples, they had already built a strong connection.

While a soldier is away the most any girlfriend can do is miss him. There's also letters and



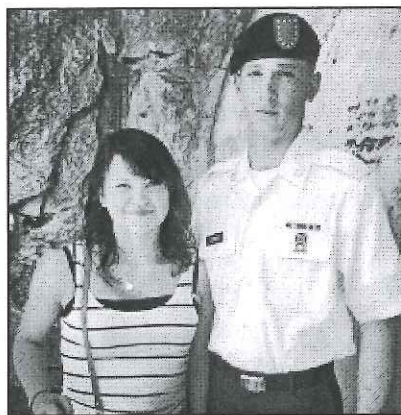
Hope Lehman and Tristan Noble enjoy some photos together after the proposal.

late night phone calls that keep Lehman going. Noble is now in AIT (Advanced Individualized Training) to be an 88 Hotel cargo specialist and has his phone available, but before that letters fueled their conversations. "I'm constantly reminding him that I'm proud of him. He's my hero," Lehman said.

Dating a soldier affects almost every aspect of your life. It changes how you look at things and what you pay attention to. "I have definitely become much more patriotic," Lehman said. Since the military dictates much of a soldier's life Lehman knows that where she lives and how long she can see Noble

will be up to the Army.

Next July 12, Lehman and Noble will take the next step in their relationship and get married. She plans to go to college near Fort Eustis in Virginia where Noble is stationed.



Tamara Modglin and Dustin Jones.

Tamara Modglin also has a special someone in the military. Her two-year relationship with Dustin Jones is surviving the military. Jones is stationed in Colorado in cavalry. She has not seen him since the beginning of this school year, but goodnight phone calls happen almost nightly. Just being able to see him is what Modglin misses. "You have to remember that it's worth it in the end and the distance doesn't last forever," she said.

For military couples, the distance can be the worst part.

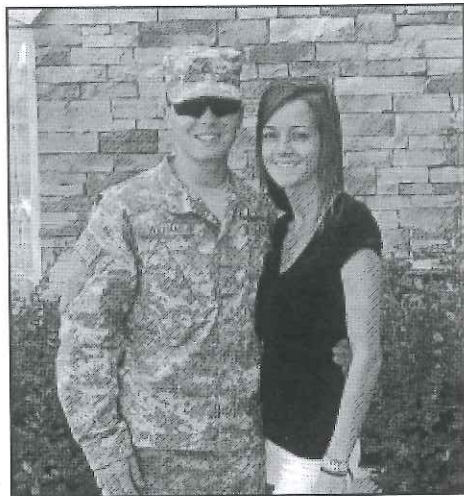
Modglin said that it causes doubt, but they have to work through things and communicate. Dating Jones has caused her to work harder to get what she wants such as an education.

With Christmas coming up Modglin plans to put a care package together for Jones. She is making him a blanket because he always tells her how cold it

is in Colorado, but unfortunately she won't get to see him for the holidays.

Kayla Sapp's soldier, T.J. Williams, is stationed at Fort Riley in Kansas. After one year and five months together Sapp says she misses literally everything about him while he's away.

He has made her want to do better in life, but



T.J. Williams and Kayla Sapp.

the hardest part for Sapp is all the unknown with Williams's job. "The military is a waiting and unknowing game. My biggest worry is losing him at war. I think about it every

day," Sapp said.

In the future marriage might not be too far away for this couple, but it would be after he gets back from his deployment or maybe before she graduates. Either way Sapp said she continues to support Williams by staying loyal to him and standing behind every decision he makes with his career.

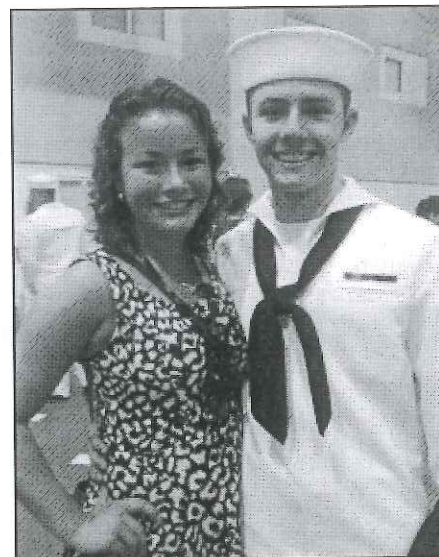
For the holidays Sapp and her family will be going to Williams's base in Kansas to spend time with him. Until then Sapp keeps herself positive by knowing that she will see him again and that every day, whether it is good or bad, is another day closer to seeing each other.

If you asked any military girlfriend what the hardest part of their relationship is the main answer would be distance. Sometimes overcoming it is the real issue. Resilient young women like Hope Lehman, Tamara Modglin, Kayla Sapp and Maren Orchard are all making it work for themselves and for their brave soldiers.

Maren Orchard is also accustomed to distance in her relationship. After almost a year and a half of dating Delta graduate Sam Zimmerman, Orchard is keeping morale high with phone calls, texts and Skype. Zimmerman is stationed in Goose Creek, South Carolina with the Navy. He's currently studying the operation and maintenance of surface ships and submarines in the U.S. nuclear navy.

With Zimmerman's difficult curriculum, Orchard tries to make sure that he stays emotionally strong and has fun. "I try to stay more positive for him. I think it's kind of made me more mature. I rely on myself more," Orchard said.

When things get tough Orchard tries to stay busy in school.



Maren Orchard and Sam Zimmerman.

When that does not work, her friends and ice cream are always there to brighten her day. "He's really like my best friend. I miss having that person there to talk to and cheer me up," she said. They have talked

about marriage, but that would be a long time from now. With any job in the military, the future of a relationship can be uncertain because you never know what could happen.

**"You have to remember that it's worth it in the end and the distance doesn't last forever."
-Tamara Modglin**

Sack lunch

Students recall best, worst field trips from their past

By Carrie Addington

Field trips are one of the many things every student loves to hear. A field trip means no sitting in a classroom, no homework, being with friends, and having fun. Not all field trips end up being a good time, however.

Sophomore Wyatt Schauer said, "The worst field trip I have been on was the field trip to Minnetrista because of the bees." This was a field trip back in elementary. "I also remember the apple cider, because it was sour but good."

Other students shared their worst field trip that they have been on. Senior Michael McKean says his worst trip was to the Ohio

Renaissance Fair. During the trip there was a bus crash and also a bus broke down too. "It was a field trip for honor English I took freshmen year."

Senior Jalen Robinson said, "My worst field trip I went on was to Eli Lilly." This was a fifth grader field trip. Robinson said, "you learn

things that no fifth grader should have to learn in fifth grade."

There have been some bad field trips, but there also have been really good ones, too.

Sophomore Dalton Barnard said his favorite field trip was to Chicago, because he got to go out of state for the day. It was his seventh grade class field trip. They got to take charter buses that left

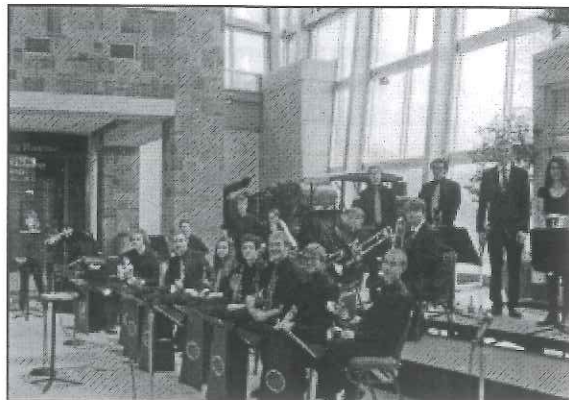
at 6 in the morning and got back around 6 at night. They went to the aquarium and the science museum.

Robinson said another of his favorite field trips was to Michigan was because

he got to go out of state for the day too. He also mentioned a sixth grade class field trip to the Henry Ford museum.

Students also voiced where they would go if they could make their own field trips.

McKean said he would



The Jazz Band recently took a field trip to perform at the Indiana Historical Museum in Indianapolis. (Photo Provided)

make a field to Kings Island, because it has great roller coasters. Senior Austyn Brown said he would make his field trip to his former school, Lawrence Central High School in Indianapolis.

"Because I want to show my friends what a school is like without all the corn and more traffic," Brown said.

Robinson would go to Washington, D.C., so that we can learn about the nation's capital.

Every student loves field trips. But why do we love field trips?

Barnard said, "Anything to get me out of school for a while."

Senior Kaylee Allen said, "Get out of school and do fun stuff with friends."

Right now we have 14 field trips signed up for this year. To organize a field trip a teacher needs to fill out a form. Field trips, whether good or bad, always leave lasting memories.



FFA members Kacie Sloniker (left) and Natalie Grider hang with a goat at the National Convention in Louisville, Ky. (Photo provided)

Field Trips Approved So Far This Year

9/6 Lifeskills class to Matthews Covered Bridge Festival to sell products
9/13 Global Scholars to Bracken Library/BSU for research
9/17 FFA District Kickoff at Northeastern High School
9/21 Best Buddies Leadership Conference at Bankers Live Fieldhouse

9/24 FFA at Delaware County Fairgrounds for soil judging
9/30-12/5 Lifeskills class Special Olympics Bowling at Village Bowl
10/1 11 & 12 English and Theater classes to Indiana Repertory Theater for The Crucible
10/4 Global Schoars to Bracken Library
10/22 Engineering & Technology Classes to BSU for Problem Solving Contest

10/24 Lifeskills class to Merks for miniature golf
10/30 FFA to Kentucky Exposition Center for National Convention
12/6 English 12 & Global Scholars to Indiana Repertory Theatre for A Christmas Carol
3/11 11th and 12th science classes to IU Riley North Hospital for Medical Explorer Day
5/2 11th and 12th science classes to Ft. Wayne Zoo for Ethnology Research Inquiry Project

Day by Day

Children of cops wait for safe return

By Camryn Campbell

Not everyone can have the privilege to say "my parent saved a life today." But for some students, they can. Sophomore Shelby Robbins and freshman Nathan Beaty are two of the many students who have police officers as one of their parents.

Nathan's stepdad is a member of the SWAT team and Drug Task Force. While he's away in Kokomo most of the time, the family sits at home waiting for him to call and let them know he's all right.

"The whole not knowing if he's going to come home or not can really take a toll on the family," Beaty says. Although his stepdad is in law enforcement, Nathan doesn't see a change in his attitude or feel an influence on him because of it.

When Beaty's stepfather does make it home at a decent hour the family makes the most of their time together. "Only on a rare occasion does everyone get to see each other for a long period of time because when he does get home he's likely to be sleeping," Beaty says.

When they are together that's when all the crazy cop stories are told, like the time the stepfather went on a major drug bust and got shot at. "A normal everyday thing for him," Beaty jokes.

It's times like those that no child would want to take for granted even though their parent's life may be in danger.

The fact they're still alive and joking around about what could've been a life-changing or life-ending experience means that they won't have to be so worried because their parent was the one getting shot at and they're the one joking about it. "Not all of the time is it so stressful around the house," Nathan says. "Especially when he brings home the SWAT truck, which is a old military Humvee that was given to the department."

For boys, having a parent in law enforcement may be easier to cope with than it would be for a girl. Sophomore Shelby Robbins begs to differ. "It wasn't a big deal when I became old enough to realize what his actual job was because he had been employed as a police officer since before I was born," she says.

Robbins knows her dad, Larry, is great at what he does, but she never seems to forget to tell him she loves him every morning as he walks out the door along with the meaningful "be safe Dad."

In January 1997, the Robbins family had their first ultimate scare. While Shelby's mom was out shopping, her dad called her before an intense case. In this moment she was freaking out because he's not one to call on the job unless he's on his way home. He simply said, "I

love you. We're about to go into something I don't know if I'll come out of. Be safe." And just like that he hung up. Sitting at home, Robbins' mother waited anxiously for a call or for him to walk through the door.

Luckily he lived through the crazed lady who chased him with a meat cleaver and a butcher knife while intoxicated and high on multiple drugs. This was the first case Officer Robbins had to use his weapon.

Although Shelby doesn't have to worry all too much about him, the occasional "what if..." will cross her mind every once in awhile. Her dad also frets about not knowing if today, tomorrow or the next day could be his last. That's why he is sure to remind her to call him every day after school just for small talk.

Knowing any day could be her last seeing him, Shelby doesn't let anyone talk bad about our men in blue risking their lives to keep our community safe.

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P.A.S.S. THE CLASS

Mrs. Ervin helps a student with his homework. (Photo by Nathan Beaty)

By Nathan Beaty

Anything from assault to narcotic charges have sent students to the Youth Opportunity Center, or YOC. Students at Delta now have a new option, the P.A.S.S. Program. Developed by Mr. Steve Hall, Mr. Tom Johns, and Mr. Chris Conley and aided by Mrs. Pat Ervin, the P.A.S.S. program strives to correct students' behavioral problems without sending them outside of the



Mrs. Ervin thinks that the P.A.S.S. program will be more effective for the students. (Photo by Nathan Beaty)

school. P.A.S.S. strives for a seamless educational experience, positive behavior, and better alternative to the YOC.

"I haven't been here super long, but at the YOC, people seemed to disappear," Mr. Robert Summer said.

One advantage to the P.A.S.S. program is that the students are at the school, which gives the teachers a chance to interact with them at any time they so please. He explained that students became a "black hole" as teachers lost all communication with them. Teachers around the school have been excited that with the P.A.S.S. program, the students have been able to take tests and quizzes, which they previously had not been able to do at the YOC, and has had a huge impact on their grades.

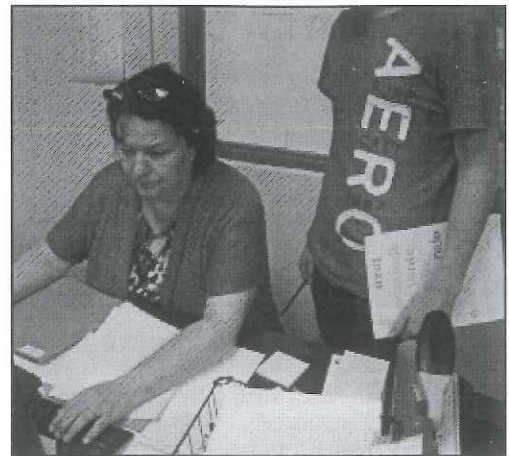
The P.A.S.S. program offers its students a variety of ways to help develop character and focus skills. The room is filled with artwork and puzzles that creates a peaceful, good hearted environment. The students participate in group talk sessions

where they can talk about their problems and help each other with them. Along with the puzzles and group sessions, the students are required to do community service, such as helping with mail, cleaning the lunch room, or picking up trash around the school. There are also essays used to relieve stress and

vent.

"They know what's right and wrong, so no additional punishment will help," Ervin said referring to the fact that there is no yelling for misbehavior, "this isn't boot camp."

The P.A.S.S. program is focused on people skills and character, not discipline. The program is cheaper than the YOC. Multiple teachers have seen improvements in the students, but some have not. The effectiveness of the program




may take years to see, but Ervin and Conley are striving to make a positive impact. In the years to come, we will see if the program is a success or not, but until then, we will just have to deal with the problems plaguing the "troubled" youth of today.



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BLACK FRIDAY

By Claire Beach

As most of America settles into bed after a long day of eating, a select group of determined shoppers head out for the night. Black Friday is an annual discounted shopping day the day after Thanksgiving. Stores previously would open at their regular times in the morning but over the past few years have been opening around midnight and even earlier on the day of Thanksgiving. Millions of shoppers grab their hot cocoa for the long night of Christmas shopping ahead.



Shoppers at Best Buy search for bargains on Black Friday. (Photo by Claire Beach)

Kaitlin Furry

"Our strategy this year was to divide and conquer!" senior Kaitin Furry said. This was Kaitlin's second year Black Friday shopping and this year they're going about it a little differently. Kaitlin and her family learned last Black Friday that they were a little in over their heads. "We were only in line for two hours and I was so cold I thought I was going to die." Kaitlin's family was one of the last in line for Target's opening at midnight on Black Friday 2012.

Kiersten Delaney

This was senior Kiersten Delaney's third year experiencing Black Friday shopping. So far she hasn't seen any fights between shoppers but she has had some interesting events happen. Delaney said that two years ago when she was all finished shopping and they were unloading their cart, they found a pair of Batman underwear that someone had placed in their cart while shopping. "All we could do was laugh about it," Delaney said. Despite having a couple of not so great moments she goes because, "I enjoy going to see people from all over the community fight over items at two o'clock in the morning."

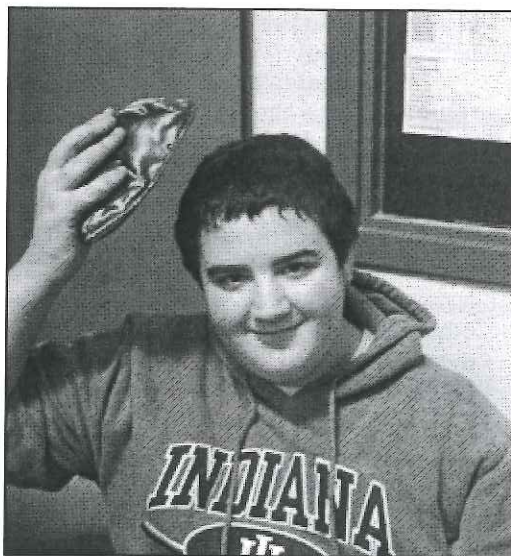
Put on Your Yamaka, It's Time for Hannukah!

By Cassy Gray

Most students in December are caught up in Christmas cheer, but for sophomore William Ramsey, December is a time to look forward to Hanukkah, an eight-day celebration for the Jewish community.

Like Christmas, Hanukkah is a time of year for people to come together and celebrate. During Hanukkah he normally spends two hours at his temple. Also a lot of family comes to celebrate, there's a lot of food, games, and great company.

"One of my favorite things to do is play dreidel with my cousins. Once we played for five hours!" Ramsey recalled laughing. Ramsey explains that dreidel is a guessing game played



William Ramsey wears a yamaka to his temple for prayer. (Photo by Cassy Gray)

with a small four-sided spinning top.

During Hanukkah a gift is given each day of this celebration,

Ramsey says that as the days go on the gifts get bigger.

Christmas is a big part of the season at school; we have a tree, some teachers play Christmas music, and we even have time off from school. Ramsey understands that there isn't a large knowledge of the Jewish community at school since he is the only one. "I don't really mind, but it would be nice if there were some Hanukkah decorations," Ramsey said.

Ramsey knows that Christmas, like Hanukkah is a big part in people's lives. He does not mind the spirit in Christmas but this year if you see Ramey just say happy Hanukkah. After all, kindness is the best thing during the holidays, no matter which one it is.

Rising to the Challenge

"Less is more" couldn't be more correct for the advanced women's choir that made a comeback this year. Only having 15 members in the choir hasn't slowed them down at all. Actually, it's made them closer. The girls are loving the harder music and embracing the challenges the new choir gives them.

There was a women's choir previously but the class wasn't offered here for the past couple years. The auditions were held spring of last year, when the girls had to sing a part of a prepared piece and do sight-singing. The choir has 15 girls, five altos and 10 sopranos.

"Having less people isn't harder. The choir is really close. The altos try to make everything blend together. In class we give 150 percent every day and learn our pieces as quickly as we can," Hallie Dietz, junior, says.

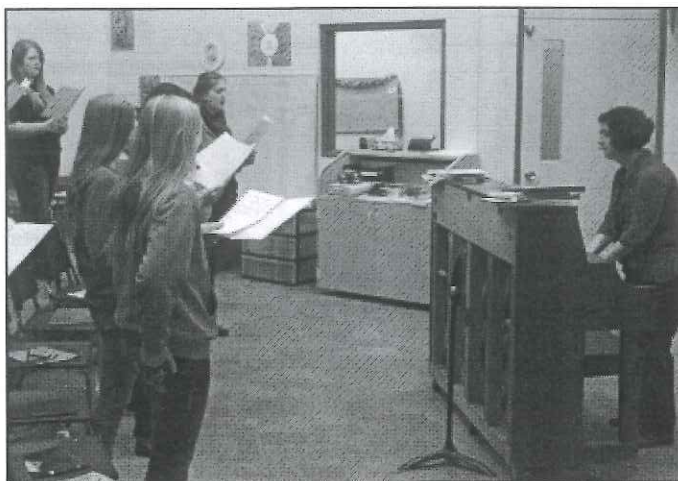
Ms. Rebekah Weaver, choir and band teacher, came up with the idea of splitting the choirs to give a challenge to some of the more the advanced students.

"I knew the choir would be growing when I saw the enrollment, so I went and asked the principal, Mr. (Chris) Conley, if it was possible to split the choirs and make an auditioned choir," Weaver said.

Keegan Garland, sophomore, is a soprano in the choir. Garland has been in choir

By Sidney Barkdull

since the fourth grade and loves singing and music. She decided to join the choir because she wanted



The choir has been preparing for their Christmas shows at Emens Auditorium and at An Albany Christmas. (Photo by Sidney Barkdull)

more of a challenge than she had in previous years in mixed choir. Garland not only loves singing but is interested in the guitar and bass.

"I wouldn't change a thing about the choir. We sound amazing," Garland says.

The choir sings a capella, singing without instruments, which can be more difficult. As well as songs with piano accompaniment and sometimes other instruments. They recently did a song called "Bring a Little Water Sylvie" where they had to do body percussion, which is

clapping and stomping in rhythm.

Hallie Dietz, junior, joined the choir because she knew that she wasn't being challenged enough in the mixed choir. She

says she wanted to be with people more serious about choir.

The choir has quickly learned their pieces and Ms. Weaver has to keep giving them

harder music to learn. There are higher expectations for the girls to work hard and be serious about music because they are more in a more advanced class.

The choir has already had one performance and is on its way to learning music for its Christmas performances. Only the women's choir will perform at a church in downtown Albany for An Albany Christmas.

"The choir has been really great so far. I love the pieces we've done, and I'm really excited to learn more and keep getting better," Garland says.

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BEHIND THE DESK

By Sydney May

They know all the teachers, stay extra hours before and after school, and almost everyone knows them as “that teacher’s kid.” These are your fellow 17 students who have parents who work in the same building they are in all day.

Some students don’t even know what it’s like to be at school without their parents there. Mr. Tom Kemp, special services teacher and father of sophomore

sure she has good friends, gets to have the same breaks as her, and looks forward to that car ride to and from school every day.

“Ever since she was little and in kindergarten I get that car ride,” Mr. Kemp says.

The Kemps have one class together, Algebra 2, since Mr. Kemp needs to brush up on some subjects so he is able to help his special education students.

“I wonder sometimes that she’s taking the same class as me and is getting a better grade,” Mr. Kemp says with a chuckle.

She knows almost all of the teachers and is always on her best behavior because she knows if

she gets in trouble it will affect her more than it would for others.

Mrs. Fox loves seeing her kids in the halls at school. (Photo by Sidney Barkdull)



Mrs. Suzy Fox teaches English and has two boys in the school, Rob and Seth. Being in the same building as them and being in their environment just makes her happy. She thinks that being present at the school helps them stay out of trouble and think twice about their actions.

“I love to embarrass my children. Give them hugs in front of their friends.... It’s a perk of parenting,” Mrs. Fox says.

Though sometimes she might not like what she hears about them or what she sees them do, it’s still worth it. Both

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Mr. Orchard keeps food in his desk for Maren to come eat during the day.
(Photo by Nathan Beaty)

Brooke Kemp, has been teaching here since she was two.

“Sometimes I wonder what it’s like for everyone else. I’ve never experienced it,” Brooke says.

Mr. Kemp loves working at the school and being able to see his daughter. Knowing where she is makes his day much easier because it’s one less worry. He gets to check up on her schoolwork, make



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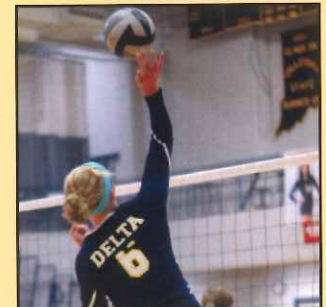
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