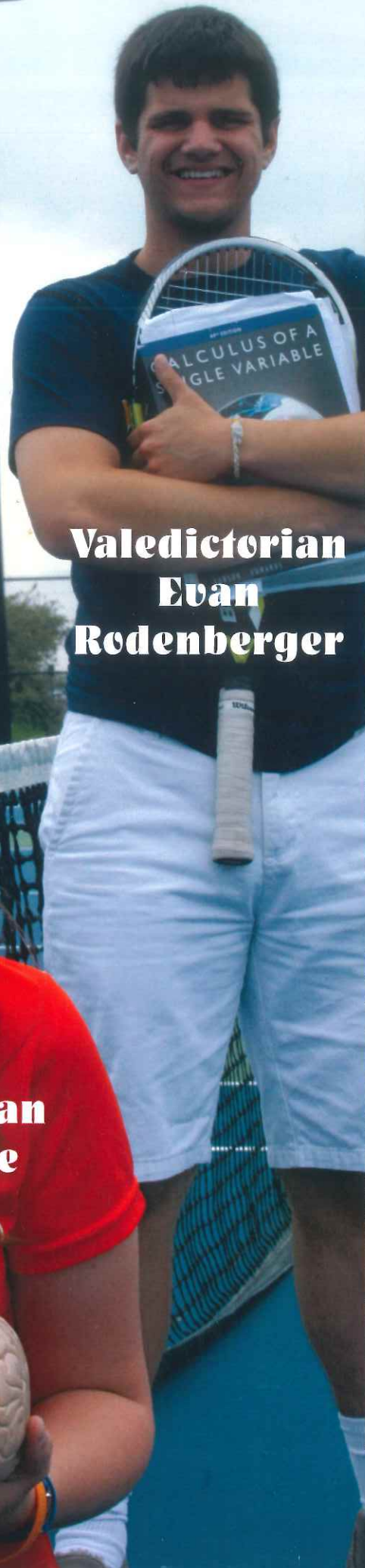


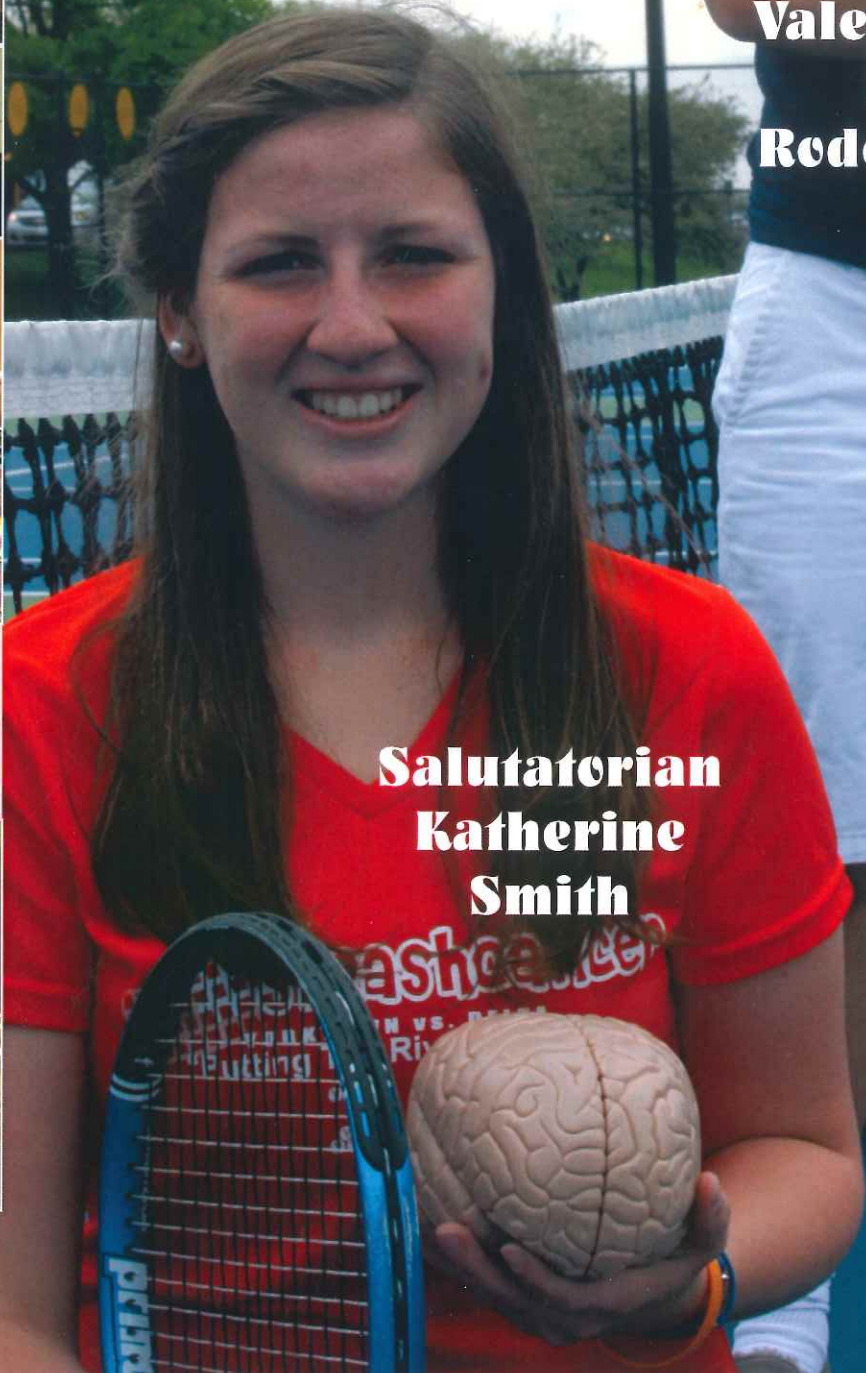


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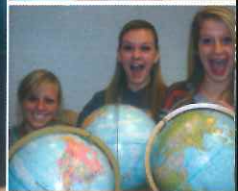
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# Pockets full of cash

## Senior class has a surplus of money at the end of the year

By Seth Neal

Raising money for an entire high school class may seem like a daunting task to many, but for this year's senior class and their officers, it wasn't all that challenging in the end.

Before paying for graduation and the senior section in the yearbook, the senior class held more than \$15,000 in its bank account. Clearly, that's much more than is expected to be raised by a class of 180 teenagers and four officers leading them.

The big question is, what are the seniors going to do with all of this money? The senior class officers, including President Brendan Gill, helped make those decisions.

"One of the options I explored was whether we could just divide

the money up equally among everybody in our class and just give a check to everybody," Gill joked. "But it turns out you can't do that."

With so much money in its account, the senior class can easily cover the cost of graduation and the yearbook's senior section (about \$5,000 combined) and also allow seniors to

go on a class trip to King's Island, an amusement park near Cincinnati, for only five dollars per student. The normal cost for a single ticket without parking and transportation is \$38.

In addition to that, the class will be donating another \$5,000 to the Delaware Community Schools Foundation to help fund the Tom Devine Scholarship. All of the

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### Money left in each class's account

12th - \$15,340.89  
 11th - \$15,213.42  
 10th - \$2,579.24  
 9th - \$1,015.84



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# Pointing In the Right Direction

## Brendan Gill uses his leadership skills to get appointment into West Point

By Nate Brown

Brendan Gill is not your average senior. Not many students can say that they are the National Honor Society President and the 2013 Class President. Even fewer can say they have been accepted into one of the most prestigious military academies in the world, the United States Military Academy at West Point, which was rated the best public college of 2012 by Forbes magazine.

"My dad knew I wanted to go to college to become an officer so he showed me the (West Point) website and I fell in love," Gill said.

Brendan's father, Mr. Richard Gill, introduced the idea of going to a military academy to him. Mr. Gill recalls when Brendan was in fifth or sixth grade and started showing interest in the military.

"I always believed he had a lot of potential and thought if he were to go into the military that he would make a fine officer," Richard Gill said.

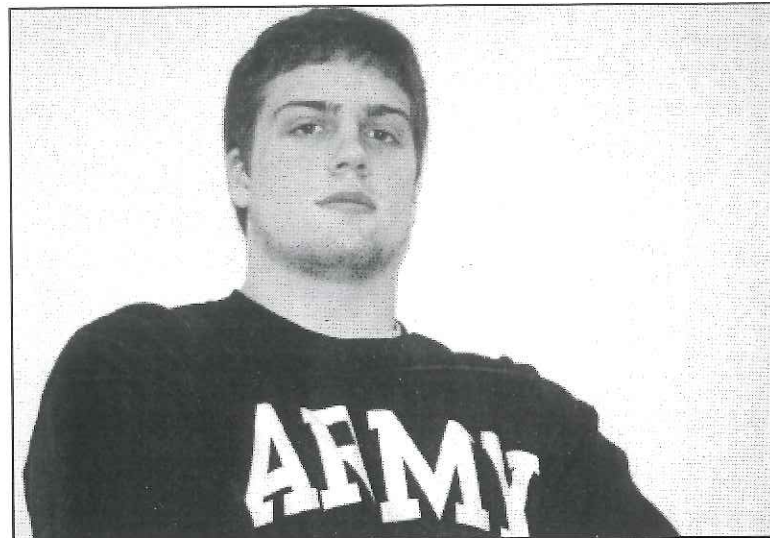
Brendan has been working for almost two years to try to get accepted into West Point. He found out that he was accepted in late February.

"I'm still filling out paperwork," he joked.

Being accepted into West Point is no easy task. There are four areas that one must pass to even be considered for admission. First, Gill had to turn in paperwork similar to a college application to cover his academic and leadership skills.

Gill gained leadership experience as the National Honor Society President. In that position, he had to write the schedule, keep everyone organized, and help run big events like a golf outing he was at for eight hours.

Gill is also the 2013 Class President. He has helped organize prom, the Homecoming floats, the



Brendan Gill (senior) poses in his Army sweatshirt. He will be attending the United States Military Academy at West Point. (Photo by Olivia Brown)

Senior Ball, and class fund raisers. He is also helping organize a senior class trip and graduation.

One who wants to attend West Point must also get a nomination from the Vice President or a Congressman. First, Gill had to apply and then interview. He was nominated by both Congressman Mike Pence, who is now Indiana's governor, and Senator Richard Lugar.

Another area that Gill had to pass was the Physical/Athletic portion. He had to do a number of physical activities like the basketball throw, pull-ups, the shuttle run, sit-ups, push-ups, and a one-mile run. It is a pass or fail grade, but there is a score to it so it is slightly competitive.

Gill is also active in Delta athletics. He had a major role on both the football and wrestling teams last season.

As the starting center, Gill had a leadership role on the varsity

football team last fall.

"We were a really young offense, so I had to keep everyone organized," Gill said about his job on the offensive line.

In wrestling, Gill served as captain during his sophomore, junior, and senior years. He was the County Champ, Conference Runner-up, Sectional Champ, and Semi-State qualifier this winter.

The last area that Brendan had to pass was the medical exam. The only flaw they found was that he may be partially colorblind, although he later went to an optometrist and tested fine. Other than that, he passed the medical portion with flying colors.

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Occasionally, Gill has thought he may not be able to make it into West Point.

"Summer camp was crazy. The first person I met was a Texas wrestling state champ. You can get kind of down on yourself because everyone else just seems so awesome," Gill said.

He said his biggest help has been his parents, Richard and Shanna.

"They keep me on track. They are always nagging me, saying, 'Did you get your West Point stuff done?'" Gill said about his parents.

The parents of the candidates are only there for support. They can only help the candidates stay organized and on track.

"The USMA is very keen to make the candidates earn it. Even the Senators and Representatives offices will only communicate with the candidates," said Richard Gill.

After Gill graduates West Point, he plans to do a five-year commission as either an infantry officer or a chemical engineer. After his five years, he wants to join the United States Army Space and Missile Defense Command or possibly work for NASA as an astronaut. After that, he wants to be a government research scientist.

"His mother and I are very proud of him," Richard Gill said. "I still can't imagine that my son is going to be part of the Long Gray Line."

Gill will join the likes of many famous West Point graduates such as military and political heroes Ulysses S. Grant, Robert E. Lee, George S. Patton and Dwight D. Eisenhower, and astronaut Buzz Aldrin.

Richard Gill said: "When I think of the names of the famous graduates of West Point, it's just incredible."



### meet the senior

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### destiny coleman

**Future career:** A veterinarian

**Backup career:** I'd still like to be a veterinarian or work someplace in the animal field

**College choice:** Ball State

**Dream job:** Race Car Driver

**If you could only pick one, would you rather have a \$500,000 annually paying job, or you would never have to pay taxes:** Never pay taxes

**Dream house location:** Tennessee

**If you could have any super power, what would it be:** to have all super powers

**Favorite food and food group:** fried chicken and waffles, and meat

**Favorite music genre, artist, and top 3 songs:** country, Pistol Annies, and I Cross My Heart, Hell on Heels, and Hank It

**Top 4 favorite actors:** Channing Tatum, Mathew McConaughey, Brad Pitt, Josh Duhamel

**If you could have unlimited of anything, what would it be and why:** Money. Then I could buy unlimited of anything.

**What would you never do for a job:** Trash woman

**What would you like for a pet:** Black leopard

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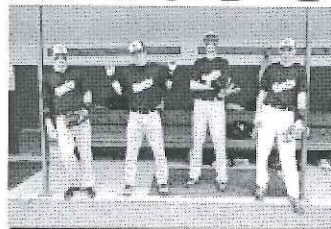


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# I Will...

**Joseph Adams:** I will SFF my terribly positioned locker and NO my out-of-the-way parking spot.

**Ellen Alcini:** I will KR my parking spot. I will RF dealing with the incoming freshman by our locker area. I will my locker that always gets stuck to the incoming freshman who gets it.

**Natalie Alexander:** TD and KG the best of luck at the iPod game. JA and JR my ability to bust a move and my Gangnam Style dance. All of the DHSGT juniors a great senior year, and MT and SR an awesome spring break next year without me.

**Tanner Anderson:** I will BB my suave style. I will my game to AF because Lord knows he needs it. I will my wrestling teammates all my heart and desire I had for the sport.

**Dylan Benbow:** I will my logger to JR, my swagger to AF, my attitude to RR, and my love to CB

**Ryan Bickford:** I will a great senior season and year to KF, JK, CC, AF, JR, and JF. I will KG and EP a great two more years. I will HB my announcing career at Delta, as long as he doesn't play the "Chicken Dance."

**Maggie Black:** I will GB my parking spot. I will SD and NB my best friend CO. I will CO to have a great senior year, just like I did.

**Cierra Blankenship:** I will HB and AC my lunch table. I will TP a good senior year.

**Nate Bolka:** I will my prom-proposal ability to NO. I will my manliness to SB because he needs it. I will my charm to DC. I will my incredible good looks to KO. I will my brilliance to Dr. LB. I will CD my pick-up lines.

**Olivia Brown:** I will AB the last of the Brown legacy. Have fun in high school, live without regrets, and don't do anything I wouldn't do. I will the only one who ever fought for my lunch seat, CH, take it and remember it's always my seat.

**Victoria Brown:** I will the cheer squad to win HHC next year! I will CT and CC to keep being as sweet as they are. I will HG to keep up the hard work in swimming! I will the boys and girls swim teams to win sectionals next year. I will never forget all the times I had cheering with KG and MT these past four years.

**Megan Bush:** I will KH the ability to sing "Get Low" (correctly).

**Mariah Christopher:** I will MW my all-star skills. I will TT my high-keyness. I will SW my smarts. I will JK my craziness.

**Katie Clark:** I will more elbow room to MB and AB. I will an amazing high school career to JW, CB, and MM.

**Maia Cochran:** I will NB the CD in my car, RS gets NB forever, KD gets my French name (Mademoiselle la Princesse), and MG my ability to pass math classes without really knowing what I'm doing.

**Desi Coleman:** I will my parking spot in the "truckline" to ES and short bus Friday to BH and NG.

**Austin Conway:** I will KF my football parking spot. I will AF my swag on the football field. I will JD my lady skills. I will BR my football number. I will RF the #1 pitching spot.

**Lauren Cross:** I will MS my ability to keep everyone smiling and laughing on the volleyball team.

**Christi Dalton:** I will Mr. Himes's 7<sup>th</sup> period the word "Like." I will JD my parking spot. I will any new journalism student my ability to cover stories others won't.

**Lauren Eldridge:** I will RM a front row spot for Blue

Crew at sporting events. I will MA the responsibility of making signs for football and basketball games. I will SB a hippie state of mind. I will BC a great high school experience.

**Ben Fitzwater:** I will JH, JH, CA, KM, and JB the swimming pool. I will T-F-C to HG. I will TW my parking spot. I will KS the application. I will AP my Pokémon skills. I will GW some IG likes.

**Brett Fullman:** I will GG to booty bump everyone!

**Stephanie Garringer:** I will TM my swim locker and annoy the crap out of CA. I will JP, SC, AG, JM, CT, SS, GD, MO, BT, and MC a great and successful cross country season next year. I will my friendship forever and always to SH, AN, and KF.

**Hunter Gates:** I will fully understand and comprehend the words "due date," instead of staying up the night before and developing a severe case of insomnia. Believe me: procrastination at its finest will kill you every time.

**Melissa Giammichele:** I will KC a new locker buddy, but not one that's better looking than me. I will CB the brain capacity to make it

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through calculus next year. I will RM, ST, and HM a great senior year at PDC.

**Kenna Gibson:** I will KMG a great two years of school without me (like that's possible). I will MA, ST, AS, KAG, and HL a great senior year and KD my stunt group and a new mini me. I will HH the diving team and TD the ability to keep being someone DD would be proud of. I will KW and MS my MVC title and KNG and KB a new sister.

**Brendan Gill:** I will LO and HH my lineman skills. I will AB my NHS presidency. I will BC my service academy prowess. I will MB my wrestling skills and anger management skills.

**Adam Gordon:** I will BH my wrestling ability. I will MC my heart! I will JM my short-shorts. I will RW my voice.

**Emily Grider:** I will NG my ability to wake up last minute, make it to school on time, and always have a positive outlook on life. I will AG, GD, and MO my ability to convince the coaches of anything and my patience in irritating situations.

**Michaela Hahn:** I would leave the underclassmen some essential "words of wisdom," so to say. Have excellent work ethic, for it is a great attribute to possess. Never be afraid to seek assistance; after all, teachers are always willing to help out. Finally, stay positive, because high school will fly by!

**Avery Haisley:** I will DS #27 on the football team. I will CC the strong side, and TR my senioritis.

**Grace Hatcher:** I will ST and HM the best senior year, reign of PDC, and a great last year at PDC. I will KD an awesome last two years of high school and the ability to not get lost on the beach. I will KD a great senior year full of awesome memories. I will JP a great senior year and the ability to rock a mini van.

**Jacob Hollars:** I will all of the trash in my locker.

**David Hoopingartner:** I will my destructive tendencies to JFen; JR the front seat; more hilarious jokes to KF; ZF my kingdom; JF and

CD the HKA; NW a curling iron; JB a great time at Delta; ASJ a PEKKA; DC a river; CM my experiences; a GAN to HC; and KC, RB, and DM you know.

**Tim Howe:** I will DC Taylor Davis's, Sean Neal's, and my engineering skill. I will NZ my great parking spot. I will MA my great gymnastic skills. I will my kingdom to Mr. Summer.

**Vår Maja Nyland Høyvik:** I will keep up the good work and work hard.

**Sammi Hunley:** I will BT pool memories. I will DC CD's and procrastinating. I will JH lunch table memories. I will MT football and basketball games.

**Garland Ivy:** I will my parking spot to MF who always took it anyway.

**Megan Jean:** I will my anti-conformist personality. Being like everyone else isn't as cool as being yourself.

**Drew Jeffers:** I will ASJ and CC the head Blue Crew positions for the basketball games next year and the magnificent 7. Get crazy!

**Tiffany Jones:** I will CG my locker and my bus seat. I will CS my attitude and my fearlessness. I will DC my maturity.

**Andrew Kirtz:** I will JU the right to have my locker. I also will JU my ability to brighten the day. I will AF to get the mailman. I will CP the right to remain a wallflower, and I will CH the right to remain silent. I also will SH to stay cute. I will TP to stay golden and I will Mrs. K to stay the best teacher.

**Darby Koger:** I will LB and EP the ability to not follow rule number 9.

**Maija Lewis:** I will EP my ability to dance during softball. I will LB my ability to drive underclassmen to the softball field.

**Jack Liggett:** I will my case to AT, so that your bari sax is in a safe place. I will my spontaneous comments to BC. I will my good looks to JM.

**Heather Link:** I will leave GG the ability to draw in yearbook. Don't let go of your ideas! MS and JJ create some shirts for yearbook next year!

**Ashley Loffer:** I will AF, KS, and JC all of JS attention and time at school. I will MA all of my best memories of high school, my Blue Crew spot, and the privilege of taking care and watching out for JR and JA.

**Kelsey Logan:** I will KD, LW, KC, and AK a great senior season. I will EP and LB the ability to wear the shorts uniform without complaining.

**Mitchell Lykins:** I will SP and BD my ability to always carry at least one gameboy during

the day and the ability to play it as often as possible.

**Elijah May:** I will my rad dancing abilities to DC. I will my not caring of what people think to JM. I will my ability to literally do no homework at home and still get everything done to NM. I will my new found love of cross country to JH. I will my great hugs to SM. I will my outward awkwardness to ED. I will my crazy blonde hair to JH.

**Kyndal McDonald:** I will HW and AB the best senior year and RM the ability to make the best of high school.

**Courtney McWhirt:** I will AM and BR an amazing high school experience. I will my locker to a cool incoming freshman.

**Marissa Morris:** I will MA, SR, and KA a great senior year of tennis. I will TD and KG the ability to try and find cooler people to sit with at lunch than NA and me.

**Jamie Moynihan:** I will SW hosting the soccer campout, KG the bird call, AN my ability to annoy SE during soccer season, JB my leader position in the swim team "book club," and KH & JH calling KG "Extendoarms."

**Seth Neal:** I will JR the ability to grow up. I will a chill golf team to ZF and the other ten freshmen. I will RB my dashing good looks and impeccable taste in music. I will TD my cash writing skills and streak of Superior Awards. I also will BW a lonely senior year (but you can come visit me).

**Bryce Needham:** I will AT my ability to not be a freshman.

**Bobby Nickel:** I will nothing.

**Tristan Noble:** I will my overtime matches and construction expertise to LM. I will my key to the back door to HL. I will my coping skills and patience to HL, she'll need them. I will my protectiveness and weights to CL and my Non-crashing ability to TM. I will my social skills to BM and RW. I will my dancing to HL, CL, and PL. I will my heart to HL.

**Allyson Oakman:** I will my band sarcasm to AS. I will the locker neighbor to LJ. I will my parking spot to DA. I will my pre-cal struggle to

SM. I will my hugs to BW.

**Lauren Ogle:** I will EP my ability to play every position in volleyball. I will RR, RR, and MR the R-O-W-D-I-E cheer! I will my good looks to SO.

**Brianna Parsons:** I will MK my spot in our family to walk the hallways of Delta High School.

**Justin Parsons:** I will BW leadership of the throwing team.

**Erin Plummer:** I will KD a great senior year and a fun lunch table (even though ours was the best.) I will JP a successful golf season and fun senior year. I will EE to take my spot as the only family member left at DHS.

**Blake Reynolds:** I will everyone the posters of me in past plays, and no I'm not conceited.

**Kylee Reynolds:** I will CG my parking spot and a wonderful senior year. I will CK my captain spot.

**Christian Robinson:** I will BR my amp and subs, CO my mad sweg, AM a great remaining time in high school, and BR my parking spot.

**Evan Rodenberger:** I will my sweg to JR, DC and JB my jokebook, JFen a carton of eggs, ASJ the muscles/touches, NW a straightener, MA bladder control, BB paint remover, KF my NBA Live skills, BW my Adam Lambert CD, HH my spot in the magnificent 7, NW a new right arm, and CM my "Oh God!"

**Austin Rodgers:** I will leave an old classic tradition of graduating high school with goals that will hopefully come into fruition. I also leave the underclassmen proof because if I can cross that stage then it's possible for anyone else to do the same thing.

**Becca Schooley:** I will MA, SR, and KA a fantastic last year of tennis. I will JP two more fun-filled years of high school. I will LH a memorable senior year and immunity to the senioritis that will likely start to kick in. I will MA, SR, BW, KA, CM, DC, and AS the strength to write Omstead's papers during tennis season. I will BW a wonderful time with LB in anatomy.

**Matt Shaw:** I honestly don't know, but if I had to choose it would be my goofiness.

**Tyler Sherwood:** I will BD my hidden knowledge of the math; DC the lights; JH my pool authority; JM my knowledge of PC, gaming, and Internet; JB the sacred art of Ninja Wizardry; CA the gift of silence; IB the second IMer; and DE the breaststroke.

**Breanna Sizelove:** I will LB and EP the choice to wear pants or shorts during softball season.

**Makayla Smart:** I will BT an awesome locker buddy. I will EB my Ivory. I will DC fairbanks bus 142. I will NZ the awkward backpack.

**Katherine Smith:** I will BW a new bus buddy and many trips to Ivanhoes. I will MT the ability to flush a toilet. I will SR the ability to do high knees. I will JH help with his early on-set senioritis. I will MA a new masseuse. I will AM a fun year with her freshman brother. I will JR a new pacifier for his baby needs. I will TD and KG another great tennis season rocking out to JB.

**Sarah Snider:** I will EP and LB the ability to sing "This is Indiana," and KR a great senior year.

**Jacob Sprong:** I will the baseball hangout house to TR, JT the position for sexiest baseball player, TB my dime parking spot, my baseball # to AC, and TR my jockstrap.

**Alec Taylor:** I will DS my superior catching ability. I will BT some height.

**Celeste Taylor:** I will BT my premiere parking spot.

**Christian Thomas:** I will ASJ my Blue Crew presidency and my speed, SW a new nose and the golden gloves, GD pancakes, NW a straightener, JR testosterone, CC independence, JFOTT toilet paper, and BB window paint.

**Samantha Thompson:** I will JM my stimulating conversation in the mornings and "life is hard." I will CG my wonderful ability to be a sweet and polite locker buddy, and DC my sense of personal space.

**MaKenzie Townsend:** I will my CD collections from my car to ST and KH. I will KW my spot next to "Mary" and my amazing dance moves. I will JP my "lucky" keychain.

**Khoa Trinh:** I will my awesome locker to KR, my "Asian Persuasion" to TA, my charm to JH, my minimum effort strategy to BC, my meat slicer to LA, my knowledge of cellular respiration to CD, and the front seat in class to MA.

**Raquel Vieira:** I will leave some girls the ability of putting their hair up without a hair tie.

**Wyatt Vincent:** I will bad fortune to every underclass couple tongue wrestling in the most inconvenient places or at all. Sick. Nasty. Bad.

**Madelaine Walker:** I will JP two more great years of high school. I will GW the ability to do well in school and a great next two years

of high school. I will all of the underclassmen on the girls' tennis team a great high school tennis career.

**Nick Walters:** I will BT my ability to deal with the next freshman at the lockers. I will my ability to be overly aggressive on the soccer field to BR and NO. I will my excessive laughter to AR. I will my ability to sing to CD. I will my ability to procrastinate to DC. I will my soccer jersey to the next great soccer player.

**Jenny Wegener:** I will MT, AV, and MH a "Hello, beautiful," every day. I will JA a fantastic, new locker buddy. I will HG the ability to control her laughter. I will DC all of my love. I will SS and JC all my knowledge of Spanish. I will TD a wonderfully awesome new doubles partner, who doesn't mind sweaty hands. I will KG a trip to Australia. I will JW my awesomeness.

**Leah Williams:** I will JH and KYS my perfection. I will SW a great high school career and shotgun. I will BW my place on family vacations. I will DC my V sweater. I will RB SW.

**Daniel Wills:** I will RW my voice, JM my muscular running legs, JH my wonderful storytelling ability, and LM my cousin.

**Christin Woitysak:** I would tell the freshmen that they should work hard. They should never give up and take every chance you get. When you have the opportunity to go to another country, Do It!

**Taylor Wright:** I will the ability to rock cowboy boots to ES. I will my volleyball abilities to ME and to carry on the traditions of Delta Volleyball. I will EP my twerking ability before games, during pregame dance parties. I will Delta Volleyball my work ethic and always keeping the traditions alive.

**Sam Zimmerman:** I will JM the belt and a smile; JH my kickboard, my legs, and my spikes; JH locker 21 and my breaststroke; DC my body and soul; CT some motivation; AB my team and my love; BC my shins; MO my truck and my heart.

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# FREE FALLING

By Jenna Parsons

It's graduation day. You're walking up the steps, concentrating on every foot placement. Suddenly, the misstep you were dreading occurs. Your face meets the ground. Jumping up quickly, you come eye to eye with thousands of people peering at you. The ceremony begins with the embarrassing fall in the back of everyone's mind.

Graduation day is an exciting but nerve wracking day. Many plan for this day, preparing their speeches, and some merely get up, put their cap and gown on and go.

Girls in heels practice their final walk before the stage while finding their seat.

The majority of people who

are afraid of falling are girls, since many girls wear heels. Some girls are taking precautions though. Many will be wearing flats.

Becca Schooley, senior, says that she hates heels and will be wearing flats. It will make it less likely that she will fall, too.

People fear the long walk across the stage in front of all of the parents and fellow classmates that make it a little harder if you get nervous easily.

"It is such a big stage and it is a long way across, especially in heels. My biggest fear is that I will fall in my heels and either hurt myself or embarrass myself in front of a ton of people," Stephanie Garringer says. "When I get nervous my legs get kind of wobbly, and wobbly legs and high heels don't mix."

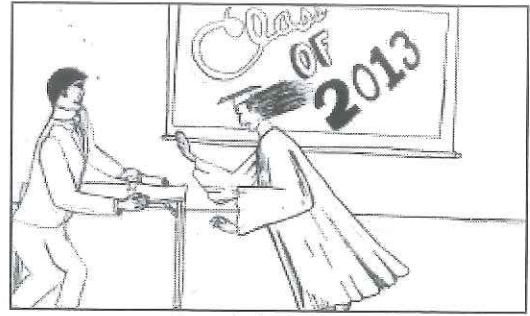
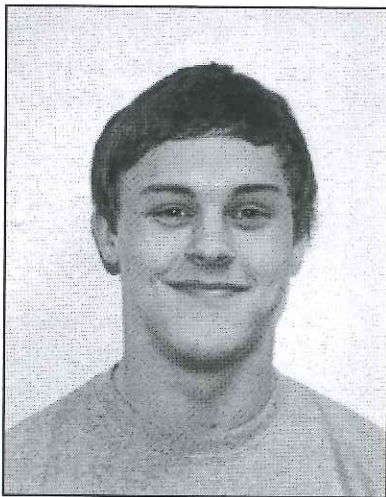


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If someone did fall many people would probably laugh and remember it for a long time. The major factor depends on how the person reacts to it. That will contribute to whether the crowd will remember it years from now or not.

"My face would turn really red and at first I would be super embarrassed, but then I would laugh about it later," Maddy Walker, senior, says about falling on the stage.

Many students have the fear of falling. Not many students actually fall, though. Some teachers say that they have attended many graduation ceremonies and haven't seen any students fall at all. Mr. Doug Wilder, counselor, has worked at Delta for 26 years and has been to every graduation for each of those years. "No fallers," he says.



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adam gordon

**What would you never do for a job:** Porta-potty cleaner

**What was your favorite moment in high school:** When we had the power outage last year

**Coolest moment:** When everybody rushed the gym floor at the picnic

**Funniest moment:** When I about

threw up Twinkies in the Twinkie-eating contest

**Scariest moment:** When me and Nathan Bolka were getting yelled at by Mr. Omstead

**Do you have a specific piece of advice to recommend to the incoming freshmen, or freshmen that are already here this year:** Don't catch senioritis too early and be sure to have fun

**Would you ever move away from the United States to a different country:** No

**What's your favorite animal:** Sugar glider

**What would you like for a pet:** A husky

**Would you rather go to Atlantis Resort or Disney World for a week:** Disney World

**What's your favorite football, baseball, or basketball teams:** I don't really watch that much of those

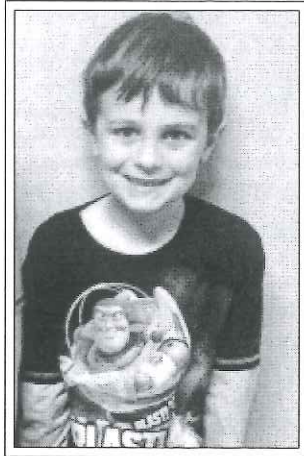
**Describe your favorite car:** a Mini-Cooper, yellow with black racing stripes, like a bumblebee, and it would be manual

By Gus Brown

# KIDS SAY THE DARNEDDEST THINGS

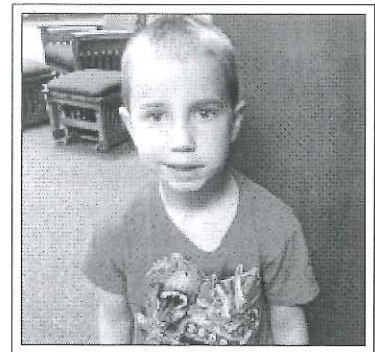
Stories and photos by Teaghan Dishman

When in kindergarten kids sometimes think they know everything. Some even think they know what their futures will hold when they are older, including several kids from Royerton Elementary.



Kindergartener Jason wants to become a paleontologist when he gets older.

The one that was most sure about his career path was a little boy named Jason. Not even two seconds after being asked what he wanted to be when he got older, he said with a serious look on his face, "a paleontologist." Jason then went on to say that he wanted to be this because, "I am really concerned with how dinosaurs lived." He immediately went into further detail saying that when he has a graduation party he would like to invite a paleontologist from the Indianapolis Children's Museum. Another little boy, Xavier, was also pretty sure about what his future would hold. He said, "I want to be a grave digger." Xavier then explained that he loves to dig things. He also said that when he is older, he would like to play T-ball.

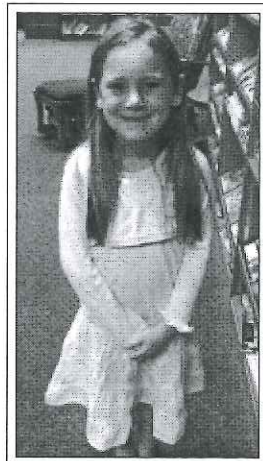


Xavier wants to be a grave digger when he gets older.

## Mariah

What would you like to be when you get older?

- A gymnast



Why do you want to be this?

- It is fun doing gymnastics.

- "My favorite part is bars!"

Who do you look up to?

- Olympic gymnasts

- "I want to go to the Olympics!"

What sports would you like to play when you get older?

- Volleyball. "I like volleyball as much as

gymnastics."

Who would you invite to your graduation party?

- Mrs. Huber (Kindergarten teacher)



## Kaylynn

What do you want to be when you get older?

- A cotton candy maker or maybe a dentist.

Why do you want to be this?

- "I love cotton candy, it makes me go kooky!"

Who do you look up to?

- "My sister who lives in Arizona. She likes the same things as me and

she plays dress-up with me!"

What sports would you like to play?

- None, I want to be a princess clothes maker.

Who would you invite to your graduation party?

- Mrs. Hopkins and all of the teachers

- Friends

# WHERE WILL YOU BE IN...?

Story and photos by  
Daniel Wills

## ...2033

Kayleigh Dibble

Home: Somewhere I can afford other than Muncie  
Car: 2000 Ford Focus. It's the same car I drive now. I love my car  
Family: I'm obviously going to marry Austin. Two kids  
Career: Hair stylist  
Hobbies: Watch game shows and play video games  
Keep in contact with: Friends and family  
Surprise millionaire: Justin Dilts  
Biggest change: Maybe I could get taller, but that's not going to happen

## ...2043

Samantha Zachary

Home: I like to think I'll live in France  
Car: '66 Fastback, it's the car of my dreams  
Family: My husband and I will have a bushel of children  
Career: I want to be performing in the theater or owning one  
Hobbies: I will become an avid traveler, cook all the time, and play piano  
Keep in contact with: Makayla Smart and I are going to go on adventures to find the lost city of El Dorado  
Surprise millionaire: Desi Coleman is going to invent something  
Biggest change: I'll be happier and less angry. I'll surround myself with people that I like.

Senior Kayleigh Dibble practices for her future career as a hair-stylist.

## ...2053

Makayla Smart

Home: Big house in the middle of nowhere  
Car: VW van painted like the Mystery Machine  
Family: Married to a tall, handsome, Irish man with a few kids  
Career: English teacher  
Hobbies: Baking and old lady stuff, like making lemonade for the neighborhood kids  
Keep in contact with: Nobody but Samantha Zachary  
Surprise millionaire: Nick Walters. He just has that kind of face.  
Biggest change: Calmer and more homely

Senior Samantha Zachary gets comfortable hanging out in the theatre. She hopes to own her own theatre some day.



Wyatt Vincent

Home: California, to pursue my dreams  
Car: A HUGE van that gets all the ladies  
Family: I don't want to be tied down  
Career: Owning a business  
Hobbies: Fishing for swordfish, using the swordfish I caught to forge a sword and swordfight the greatest sword fighting legends.  
Keep in contact with: Close friends and family  
Surprise millionaire: Jacob Carter  
Biggest change: I'll probably be three feet taller everywhere

Tristan Noble

Home: Somewhere near water, on a beach  
Car: Jeep Wrangler Rubicon  
Family: Married to a girl with blonde/brown hair, about 5-foot-6, around 150 pounds, with an 8/17 birthday. And 12 kids - a big family would be awesome.  
Career: With a federal agency, flying recon Drones  
Hobbies: Traveling everywhere  
Surprise millionaire: Elijah May because nobody thinks you can make it in dancing



Sam Zimmerman

Home: On a beach in South Carolina. It's warm, pleasant, and I'm going to be rich  
Car: 2052 GMC Sonoma  
Family: A wife with dark curly hair, athletic, and a couple years younger. Only two kids.  
Career: Nuclear electrician  
Hobbies: Biking, swimming, and running  
Keep in contact with: Joseph Adams, Dylan Christman, and Maren Orchard, because I like her dad.  
Surprise millionaire: Joseph Adams.  
Biggest change: My age and weight



meet the senior

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lauren eldridge

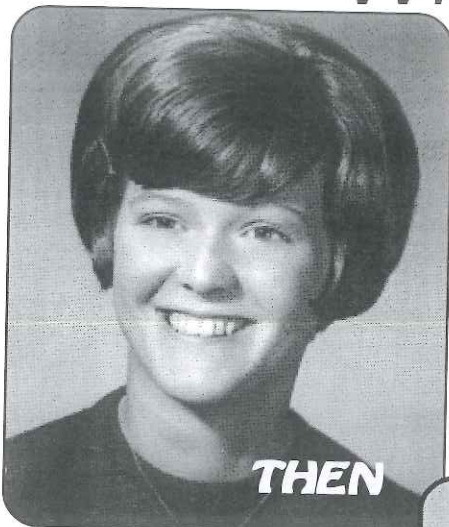
Future career: Medical profession  
Backup career: Veterinarian  
College Choice: Indiana University. They have a good med school  
Dream job: Someone who controls where money donations go  
If you could only pick one, would you rather have a \$500,000 annually paying job, or you would never have to pay taxes, which one: I'd rather have the job because I'd feel bad not paying taxes  
Dream house location: anywhere on a beach  
If you could have any super power, what would it be: Teleport in time  
Favorite food and food group: ice cream, mainly moose tracks, and my favorite group would be grains  
Favorite music genre, artist, and top 3 songs: indie, my favorite artist would probably be Lana Del Rey, and my favorites would be summertime sadness and blood bank, but they change like every hour  
Top 5 favorite actors: James Franco, James Dean, Dave Franco, Emma Stone, Jennifer Lawrence  
Top 5 favorite movies, or movies that are coming out: Hunger Games 2, Amelie, Tristan and Isolde, Pearl Harbor, and Rebel Without a Cause  
If you could have unlimited of anything, what would it be and why? Money, and I would give it away to people  
If you had to survive with a lighter, a flashlight, or a fire making set, which one would you choose? the lighter

Profile by Gus Brown

# "What Happens

## In Vegas Stays in Vegas"

By Olivia Brown



Mrs. Ridley back in 1968 as a senior at Delta High School.

For many of her students, Mrs. Cheri Ridley uses a teaching method in which she tries to build enthusiasm for school by relating her own life to their lives.

"I try to make me a real person instead of just a teacher," Ridley said.

To accomplish this, she tells many stories of her childhood and about her sisters to whom she was very close. Ridley wants her students to be able to relate to her, making her students easier to teach because they don't feel so distant.

After being a Delta teacher for 27 years, Mrs. Ridley, will retire from Delaware Community Schools after this year. She started working at Delta in 1986 after being at Daleville Community Schools for three years.

Senior Destiny Coleman had Mrs. Ridley her sophomore year for English 10 and said it was by far one of her favorite classes.

"I feel that many don't realize Mrs. Ridley's ways of teaching, but once you do she's actually really cool, funny, and nice," she said.

Destiny's favorite memory is back when all of her classes got to listen to oldies. Mrs. Ridley got her students to stand up and dance to "the Twist."

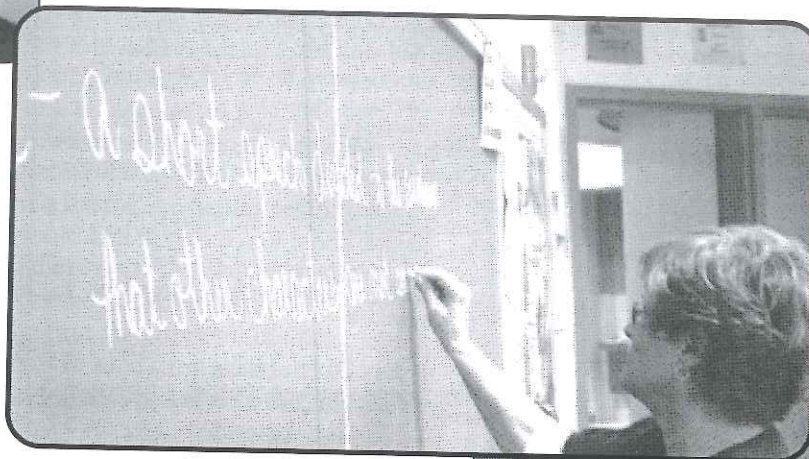
"I will really miss her cuteness the most," Destiny said.

One thing Mrs. Ridley said she will never forget when she leaves Delta occurred more than two decades ago when the school had rooms that were open concept. There

year and will miss being able to vent and tell stories. They have bonded over the last year, making Mrs. Ridley's retirement bittersweet.

"Layla (Kikendall's daughter) and I had lots of fun with Mrs. Ridley and her granddaughter Catie at Mrs. Howard's house along with Mrs. Creech and Mrs. Needham," said Kikendall about the time they've spent together over the summer.

Assistant principal Ms. Joey Gossett has worked with Mrs. Ridley for the past 14 years, including the years they were



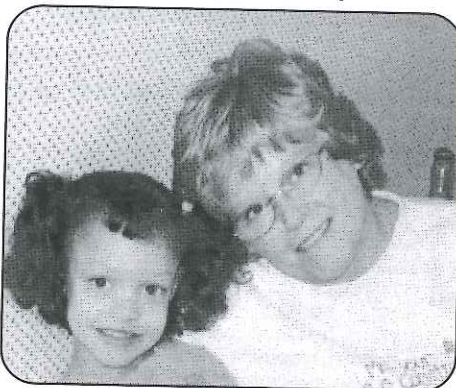
was a construction worker who had a good singing voice. He would sing oldies from the late '50s early '60s and all of the teachers liked hearing him sing during school.

With many memories from Delta, she has bonded a lot with teachers and made very close friends.

For the past five years since Mrs. Kikendall started working at Delta and joined the English department, she started getting to know Mrs. Ridley. They ate lunch together every day last year, helping them to get to know each other. She said she will miss Mrs. Ridley next



Mrs. Ridley is retiring after 27 years of teaching at Delta. She started in 1986.



Mrs. Ridley and her granddaughter, Catie, enjoy spending time together.

teaching together in the English department. The first time they met, it was on a teacher day during the summer before school resumed. They were in line for a catered lunch; Mrs. Ridley was saying how she had graduated from Delta High School in 1968. Gossett blurted out, "That's the year I was born!"

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# Delta Gamers

By Bobby Nickel  
&  
Nathan Bowers

The school is full of people who play videogames. Ever wonder who's the best? Maybe someone who you don't think would ever play videogames actually plays them for hours each night. We have all the answers right here!

Among the students who game is football player senior Ryan Bickford. Not only is Bickford a star out on the field, he is also a big sports gamer and started gaming when he got his first Playstation at age 5. His favorite system is the Playstation 3 because he likes the free online service. Bickford says that he enjoys the Playstation the most because it is the system that he grew up on.

"The games I usually play are Madden and MLB. Me and my friends hold tournaments. Last year I went undefeated against Avery Haisley and Christain Thomas," Bickford said.

Another videogame that Bickford plays is Super Mario World. "I would always have to play Luigi

since my sister would play Mario."

Bickford plays videogames for only four to five hours a week. "I try to keep it maintained" he says adding that he has to deal with homework and sports before playing videogames. "They can be distracting and sometime I play them instead of doing my homework," he adds.

Bickford is excited for the new Grand Theft Auto 5 game and adds that "it's going to change gaming."

Another gamer is senior Andrew Kirtz. He started to play videogames at a young age. The first game he played was Pong when he was little. He then got a Nintendo Gamecube as his first gaming system and enjoyed playing that.

Kirtz plays videogames for many hours a day and says that "It deteriorates my brain cells." He now mostly plays the Playstation 3 and Xbox 360.

His favorite videogames are Batman games because "Batman is a boss," he says. Other games he plays are Call of Duty and similar shooter games.

Kirtz said that he's a lone wolf when it comes to gaming and hates playing online. He occasionally plays games with his brother when he decides to play with other people.

## Mrs. Ridley

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That's been their joke ever since.

They've become best friends, acting as good influences on each other. "We just love to laugh," said Gossett. "She has helped me understand teaching with how Delta functions."

They've gone on vacations to Florida and Las Vegas together many times; Mrs. Blakely has gone with them a few times, also. Mrs. Blakely said she met Mrs. Ridley back in 1991, when they started getting together to go to movies, to eat out, to play Scrabble, and to bowl in a teacher's league at Village Bowl.

"Cookouts and bonfires at her house have been fun," Mrs. Blakely said. "So has our excursions to Las Vegas (and what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas!)."

Mrs. Blakely said she'll miss her lunch buddy and being able to discuss things with her. "She's a lot of fun to hang out with," Blakely said.

When Mrs. Ridley retires, she plans to spend a lot of time with her granddaughter, Catie, currently 13, and who Ridley said is the "sunshine of our lives." They spend time together cleaning the house and hanging out. She will be planting a flower garden and relaxing, reading a good book, like her favorite *To Kill a Mockingbird*, and just enjoying life once she leaves.

She's loved her time at Delta and has many memories of the students and staff to take with her on her new adventure with life.

## Girls Play Games, Too

Gaming isn't just for the guys. Among some of the girl gamers are, seniors Kayleigh Dibble and Darian McKinney, and junior Carrie Addington.

Addington, who is also the founder of the Anime Club, is quite an avid gamer, playing for long periods of time at once sometimes.

"In the winter time it can be from 6-10 hours a day and in summer time I'm sometimes a little bad at this but sometimes I'll play for up to 12 hours,"

She got her start when she was only five or six on the Nintendo 64 but started to game seriously in about the sixth grade.

Addington plays a lot of online games including World of Warcraft and others.

"I prefer online because you can role play and game with lots of other people," she said.

Dibble started gaming on her dad's old Nintendo playing Super Mario Brothers. "My favorite game is The Legend of Zelda: Majora's Mask," she said.

Dibble plays videogames for about five to six hours a day but said she plays them after she gets her homework done.

McKinney's family grew up playing video games so she played from a young age. She usually plays for a couple of hours each week.

McKinney's favorite video game is Super Mario 64.

"I played it when I was a kid and it reminds me of my childhood," she said.

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# How Did That Happen?

Remembering embarrassing

moments.

By Taylor Wrisley

Have you ever fallen down the stairs? Ripped your pants at the most inconvenient time possible? Been caught singing loudly in the hallway? Seniors remember some of their most embarrassing moments.

During his junior year, Tristan Noble was talking to his teammate at the time, Joe Schafer, and two girls on the team during a track workout in the weight room. As Noble was talking, Schafer tried to depants him and, in the process, got ahold of his boxers, causing him to flash the girls he was talking to. A very angry Noble had to leave the room to run it off. Luckily for him, only the three people he was talking to saw it happen and he was only teased about it once.

Brianna Parsons was sitting in Spanish class her sophomore year and remembered "I was squeezing my hands together and sitting at the edge of my desk chair. I had to fart so badly and I was trying so hard not to let it go." Just when she thought it was bad enough, a friend came up and poked her side, which scared Parsons so severely that she farted. Her friend jumped back quickly, laughing. She was mortified and tried to cover it up, but it was too late. "Worst day ever," she said about the occurrence.

Seth Neal was at Leah Williams' house watching Sherlock, a TV show, with

Katherine Smith, Williams, and Leah's friend, who happened to be a home-school student. While the friends were hanging out, Neal was talking about another person he knows who is also home-schooled.

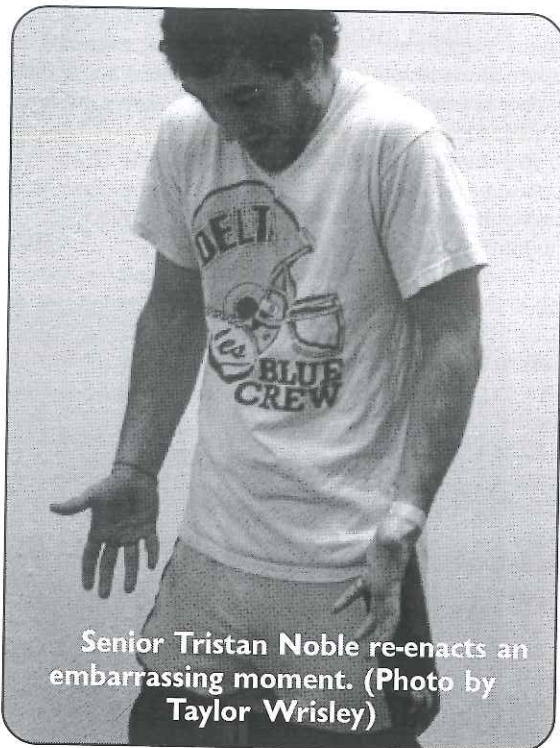
During the conversation, Neal said, "I think I figured out why he is so weird. He's home-schooled!" Unfortunately, Williams' friend was right next to him. Neal recalls he was "unbelievably embarrassed."

Stephanie Garringer was

at a cross-country meet her sophomore year and felt anxious because she wanted to do well. During her pre-race routine-her warm ups followed by going to the restroom before her

event- Garringer was having trouble going to the restroom and heard her teammates calling for her because the race was about to start. When she got outside, the race was starting and she sprinted to the line so fast she forgot her spikes. During the race, she still had not

gone to the bathroom and she ended up soiling her lucky underwear during the race. At first, Garringer was extremely embarrassed by it, but now she just laughs and jokes with her family and friends about it.



Senior Tristan Noble re-enacts an embarrassing moment. (Photo by Taylor Wrisley)

## Oops . . .

**Michael Ross:** Fell in a trash can while playing basketball with friends.

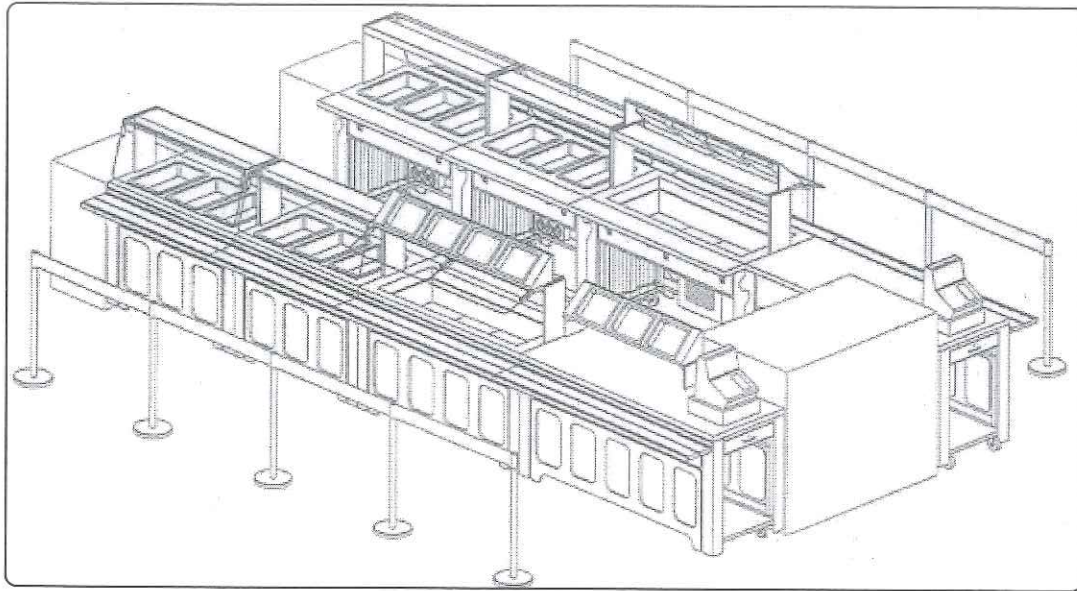
**Maja Nyland:** Was with Doerte Stephan, senior, and they screamed loudly at someone who they thought was Doerte's host sister and it turned out to be someone else.

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# A NEW WAY OF LINING UP

By Sydney May

The long lunch line the cafeteria has is so lengthy that it gets in the way of some people going to class and limits the time they have to get food and socialize with friends. Finally, there is a solution possibly coming along to this problem.

Going around the school is an idea started by Mrs. Dee Orick, the food service manager, that Delta High School could be getting a new lunch line in the cafeteria.

The idea has not gone to the school board yet. When it does, it is possible that our lunch line will be transformed into a quicker and more efficient way to get lunch.

A wall would be torn down in the middle where the double doors are, and a pull down gate like they have in a mall would replace it. In the lunch line area might be a salad bar with the toppings of their choosing. The lunch ladies will probably get new equipment because the current equipment they have is dated in the 1970's.

Some of the ideas to the possible lunch line are that one of the two lines would have the main dish of the lunch for the day plus the sides. The other line would just have the sides for people who wanted a small lunch or just don't like the main dish as well.

For the snack bar, they might consider adding hot items but nothing seriously would change about the snack bar until 2015. The cafeteria, depending on how much money it takes, could have the addition of three TV's that would show the lunch menu, Eagles Zone News, or even replays of Delta's many games of football or basketball.

Mr. Conley said that the cost of all of this would be at an estimated \$100,000 paid by food service funds that has been saved for several years. If the school board says yes, their goal is to get the lunch line finished in August.

## Extra cash

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leftover money after that will go toward other Delta classes.

The most exciting part about all this surplus cash for the seniors as a whole is the cost-effective trip to King's Island.

"We probably could have made it free," Gill said. "The problem is that we wouldn't be able to afford it if every single senior went for free. And we want all the seniors to have something invested into the trip. With the five-dollar subsidy, we can still afford it and

they have a little bit of skin in the game, so we won't get a no-show because they're tired that morning."

Miss Courtney Gray, the senior class sponsor, claimed that their secret to success was all of the concessions that they participated in during junior year.

"Sophomore year is when you really need

to start spending money," Gray said. "We started really slow, but then once junior year hit we made a lot of money."

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# Never Forgets...

**Joseph Adams:** I will never forget the countless days AJ, TH, ML, and I have spent playing Frisbee in the parking lot after school, and the club that grew from those days.

**Ellen Alcini:** I will never forget when SH tried jumping out my window. I will never forget SH and BT forcing me out of my house. I will never forget OB and my trip to Michigan. I will never forget SG trying to rub my tattoo off.

**Tanner Anderson:** I will never forget the time MC freaked out on MO. I will also never forget MF and our SRT because it was always such a great time in there. I will also never forget the time I won county by a close-to-last second takedown.

**Natalie Alexander:** I will never forget the time I dropped 3 lunch trays and one shattered. I will never forget going to state my sophomore year and all the bus rides home with the tennis team. I will never forget winning the Powderpuff tournament for Homecoming. I will never forget MM and I scaring everyone on the bus. I will never forget the time TC hit a half-court shot and I had to do 100 push-ups.

**Ryan Bickford:** I'll never forget all the football games with my senior teammates. I'll never forget meeting KS in weight lifting, and all my teachers like GZ, TT, PO, TC, and SF.

**Maggie Black:** I will never forget my senior Homecoming night, standing in the cold, rainy, weather with our clothes drenched. I will never forget my first day of freshman year being so scared and nervous.

**Cierra Blankenship:** I will never forget any memories I've shared with KW and KC throughout our friendship.

**Nate Bolka:** I will never forget spending all of BSU English playing Super Smash Bros with AG. I'll never forget asking GH to prom. I will never forget fighting JP and beating him up every day.

**Olivia Brown:** I will never forget the night SH and EA were with me and we were trying to get into the back of my house. My brother GB was in there making an ice cream float and thought we were breaking in. He came and opened the door with an ice cream scoop in hand and SH scared him to death.

**Victoria Brown:** I will never forget my first cheer camp at IU with KG, LO, MC, AL, MT, our freshman year. I will never forget the cheer sleepovers with my cheer girls. I will never forget CC and CTI I will never forget the Delta football games! I will never forget Spring Break 2011 with ML. I will never forget my amazing coaches, AR, AH, WG, KZ, JW.

**Megan Bush:** I will never forget freezing my butt off to watch AH play football. I will never forget the Powderpuff football games. I will never forget all three

years of yearbook class with HL.

**Landon Carpenter:** I'll never forget the time when I made a joke in my mom's sophomore ICP class. She said this "Now guys I know that it's the final exam but it doesn't mean that when you have finished you can talk while everyone is still taking the test, and please don't make me go into 'Mother Mode.'" I said "Oh GOD!" That was my best memory.

**Mariah Christopher:** I will never forget spending my senior spring break with my best friend MW. Las Vegas and Arizona was a blast! I will never forget all star cheering my senior year with MW, MC, and JK.

**Katie Clark:** I'll never forget when BF tipped her desk backwards in Blakely's class. I will never forget when Mr. Keller's dry erase board fell on TW. I will never forget all of the bomb threats and power outages, and winning state in 2011. I will never forget all the friends I've made.

**Maia Cochran:** I will never forget all the late nights with MT. I will never forget the morning car rides with NB or the slushie dates with WM and ST. I couldn't forget all the "locker talk" (successful pick-up lines, random singing outburst, etc.) with ER. I will never, ever forget 4<sup>th</sup> period with NB and RS, KO's mini/jolly rancher treats after lunch, or all my adventures with ST, TA, and BBI.

**Austin Conway:** I will never forget all the baseball nights at JS's house.

**Lauren Cross:** I will never forget all the great times I have had dressing and painting up for the football and basketball games with my best friends LO, LA, AL, MM, NA, BF, MB, and ES.

**Christi Dalton:** I will never forget when KM whacked me in the face during badminton. I will never forget AR playing volleyball with a dog toy. I will never forget playing paper volleyball with KM and ME in newspaper class. I will never forget losing my lunch money at J-Day with KM.

**Lauren Eldridge:** I'll never forget painting up with all of my friends for football games. I'll never forget having Mr. Orchard as a teacher and how great of a teacher he is.

**Ben Fitzwater:** I will never forget girls sectional swim practice with JH, CA, GI, JH, KM, TS, and JB.

**Lesley French:** I will never forget when KW hit me in the eye with a pencil. I will never forget sophomore prom with KW, JG, RC, CP, and JP.

**Brett Fullman:** I will never forget when in History class, GH, MT, ES, and I were sitting in a line with our desks and I tried scooting backwards and flipped my desk. I got a big bump on my head and had to go to the ER.

**Jade Gardner:** I'll never forget when BP and I got lost freshman year looking for Mr. Cleland's room. I won't forget racing in the food relay with MT, AC, and BD. I won't forget breaking my foot trying out for the dance team with KW. I won't forget late car rides with MD and EA. I won't forget the power going out junior year with KW in Mrs. Kikendall's room. I won't forget when AO fell at after prom, and I will never forget Mr. Parker's study hall with AU sophomore year.

**Stephanie Garringer:** I'll never forget my sophomore year during my first swim meet when I almost jumped on SE and about paralyzed her. I will never forget leaving almost every swim practice bruised and red from starts. I will never forget the wonderful teammates and coaches I have had through high school who have always supported me. Most of all I will never ever forget the three most important people in my life, SH, AN, and KF.

**Hunter Gates:** I'll never forget the basketball game 8<sup>th</sup> grade year with my amazing, unstoppable stunt group, AA, AL, and LC. I will never forget head butting AL in the middle of the game and ending my night with a head full of stitches, black eyes, and a mild concussion, and AL still looking as beautiful as ever without even a scratch.

**Melissa Giammichele:** I'll never forget the Blue Crew section at football games, Powderpuff football, dancing with GH for years, senior prom with AC, and all of the friendships I've made with GH, EP, KG, KL, EG, AL, MT, and NA.

**Kenna Gibson:** I'll never forget the crazy times with MT, VB and the rest of the cheer squad. I won't forget LC and the times good and bad we have had in diving with our coaches and teammates. I'll never forget dances, games, and other times spent with GH, MC, EP, and KL.

**Brendan Gill:** I will never forget when JS, JK, AH, and I made an electric water bottle and had to hide it in the Eagle's Nest because the power was too immense.

**Emily Grider:** I will never forget when the bus hit a car on the way back from the Renaissance Fair. I will never forget when the cross country team pretended to be vicious raccoons outside of SG's tent...and she still doesn't know. I will never forget the hard work and team bonding between the seniors during our first Powderpuff game. I will never forget when TH and I won King and Queen for Homecoming and Prom.

**Adam Gordon:** I will never forget when JM and I made that video for Mrs. K's class. Two words: Supersmash Bros...with NB.

**Michaela Hahn:** I will never forget the time that my best friend AG and I went on a day trip to Indy. I will never forget the time when AG and I dumped off our trays for lunch; she bumped me into the water fountain closest to the lunch tray drop off. I will never forget English class first semester with HL. Finally, I'll never forget the amazing friends I've made through high school.

**Avery Haisley:** I will never forget any math class with CT. I will never forget Chicago with CT, RB, JP, and ZC. I will never forget the tricycle of doom.

**Grace Hatcher:** I will never forget Powderpuff football with all the senior girls and our great coaches. I will never forget the best senior year with MG, KL, KG, EP, MT, EG, NW, and NB. I will never forget senior year Blue Crew and going to all the football games. I will never forget planning and having the best junior prom with all my friends. I will always remember all the great years of dance with MG and all the memories we made growing up together.

**Jacob Hollars:** I will never forget the time when I cursed in a video I made for my 9<sup>th</sup> grade English class.

**David Hoopingarner:** I will never forget The Volga and The Iron Giant with ER and BG.

**Timothy Howe:** I will never forget the Alamo or Howecoming. I will never forget when LW ruined DH's surprise party.

**Vår Maja Nyland Hoyvik:** I'll never forget my year as a foreign exchange student in Delta High School. I've enjoyed every single day. I've met amazing people that I'm going to miss a lot when I go back.

**Sammi Hunley:** I will never forget the time me and AG



danced in the middle of the Taco Bell parking lot. I will never forget the time DC dropped his phone zip lining across a pond. I will never forget the time BT and I dragged EA out of her house to get food.

**Garland Ivy:** I will never forget my 13 second goal on senior night with Delta boys' soccer. I will never forget my perfect header set up by AG.

**Megan Jean:** I will never forget "sandwich faces" on the soccer bus with Shannon Ellery.

**Drew Jeffers:** I will never forget when RH got trampled at the GFC game.

**Tiffany Jones:** My favorite memory would be at my senior prom when me, AB, HW, KM, and all of our dates started a grinding line. Another favorite memory would be when my boyfriend and I went to Walmart and threw an empty pop bottle and it hit a woman in the back of the head on black Friday.

**Kameo Kirby:** I will never forget the day we got out of school early because of low water pressure. Ms. Smith (math teacher) began jumping around and it was all really funny and exciting.

**Andrew Kirtz:** I'll never forget the day when LM and I left school early because of the bomb threat. I'll also never forget senior night this year. It was the best football game ever. The last thing I will never forget is all of the people I met here at Delta.

**Erika Kischuk:** I will never forget how I moved back to Delta twice in a year.

**Darby Koger:** I'll never forget the night when BS, ML, KL, SS, and I gave each other fake tattoos. I'll never forget the night when SS, ML, KL, and I drove around Albany with masks on.

**Maija Lewis:** I will never forget all the nights camping in SS's backyard with KL, BS, SS, and DK. I will never forget my senior prom with DJ, DK, MT, and JK! I will never forget my 18<sup>th</sup> birthday with DK, SS, and KL when we went to the Water Bowl at eleven at night.

**Jack Liggett:** I will never forget when ME and Ms. Kunk hung out at the National Convention and kept going back for more chocolate covered snacks.

**Heather Link:** I will never forget 1<sup>st</sup> semester English with MH and the drawings we made for each other. I will never forget the fun times at prom and after prom with JG. I will never forget the funny talks MB and I had about people and how good of a friend she is. I will never forget the homecoming football game with MB. We were wet and cold from the harsh weather, but we stuck it through and had a good time.

**Ashley Loffer:** I will never forget decorating the football stadium with all my friends senior year. I'll always remember how great it was to intern all year and be with my kiddos. I'll never forget all the Taco Bell runs with friends after sporting events. I'll never forget all of my amazing tennis teammates and all the success we have reached over the years.

**Kelsey Logan:** I'll never forget the night BS and I were clothes-lined. SS and I will never forget "Krista! Over there!" I'll never forget the start of 2013 with SS, BS, and

DK.

**Mitchell Lykins:** I will never forget April Fools Day during my freshman year. Mr. Glaze told our IED class that our printer was upgraded and was now run by voice command. Ole and I fell for it. I couldn't believe I fell for that.

**Elijah May:** I'll never forget the night of November 3<sup>rd</sup> with ES, ER, SN, JA, DH, and AJ. I'll never forget the CEA field trip with JP, JA, JG, AJ, ML, SN, BB, JG, GH, and BG. I'll never forget going to three proms with AB, HE, and MM, respectively. I'll never forget the Global Scholars field trips. I'll never forget going sledding at DH's and SZ's. I'll never forget baking with MW, LW, ST, and JH.

**Kyndal McDonald:** I'll never forget the fun times I had with CD the day we went tanning and then laid outside and got super burnt. I will also never forget all the great times I had with my friends HW, AB, KM, and CD. I won't forget the day CD and I played paper volleyball all class period and went to J-Day together three years in a row.

**Darian McKinney:** I will never forget meeting MC and all of the great times we've ad together throughout high school. I'll never forget all of the great times I had with CC, KD, SC, and U at football and basketball games. I'll never forget when CC locked her keys and her reality baby in her car.

**Courtney McWhirt:** I'll never forget going bowling and Puerta Vallarta with BS, JW, and KS. I'll never forget being an office aide with ST. I'll never forget getting accepted to IUB. I will never forget the preschool. I will never forget all of the following with CR: Florida, boating, Cedar Point, every school dance, seeing Finding Nemo in 3D, "pig out Saturdays," bike rides on the Greenway, BR's basketball games, and every amazing weekend we spent together.

**Marissa Morris:** I'll never forget my senior spring break at Ft. Myers with AL, LC, LO, LE, NA. I'll never forget playing doubles with my best friend NA.

**Jamie Moynihan:** I will never forget the night when SW called out MK in front of the whole boys and girls soccer teams. I will never forget my "soccer players by day, corn shuckers by night" team. I will never forget when OB stepped on a mouse in my backyard.

**Seth Neal:** I will never forget obsessing over shows/movies/actors/actresses with LW. I will never forget being an honorary member of the tennis cult. I will never forget four semi-enjoyable years of golf with CW and MN. I will also never forget an awesome year with KS. And of course, I will never forget my BGF, EG.

**Bryce Needham:** I'll never forget the time AJ injured my leg while playing Frisbee.

**Bobby Nickel:** I'll never forget going to my senior prom with my awesome suit that I wore.

**Tristan Noble:** I will never forget her. I won't forget the many crazy experiences AW and I had, when JS and I fought "ghosts" at his house, all my teachers, and when AG, BG, and I went to the Big 10. I'll remember my wrestling family and times we shared. I won't forget the fun in theatre and block room. I will never forget when HL, JD, BM, and I went to Kings Island and all that followed.

**Allyson Oakman:** I'll never forget the first thing SZ ever said to me: "Do you even go here?" I'll also never forget the night SZ and I tried making cookies in the microwave and failed miserably. I'll never forget pre-intern chats with AT or the late night dairy dream runs with SZ. I'll never forget J-Day with BF, JG, and BP. And I will never

forget JL and his "twerking."

**Lauren Ogle:** I will never forget all of the great memories made during volleyball pre-games. I will never forget being front row in the Blue Crew.

**Brianna Parsons:** I will never forget the night when JG stayed at my house and we thought a burglar was trying to break in. We both had to use the bathroom but were too scared so we went together and took crutches for protection. While I was sitting in the bathtub JG pulled out air freshener and said if they come in here I'll just say, "Do you mind, I'm using the bathroom."

**Erin Plummer:** I will never forget when GH completely missed the chair at lunch and fell flat on the floor. I will never forget going to all of the football games with MG and GH. I will never forget when we went ice skating for KG's birthday and I fell and KG cut my finger with her ice skate. I will never forget all of the memories this year with GH, MG, KG, KL, MT, EG, and all of my other friends.

**Austin Reagan:** I'll never forget SRT with BN, KK, and MH.

**Blake Reynolds:** I'll never forget rehearsals and performances of plays. All of the memories and inside jokes will stay with me through life.

**Kylee Reynolds:** I'll never forget SH at JL's open house. I'll never forget DK stepping in poop and peeing her pants.

**Christian Robinson:** I will never forget weight lifting with RB, ZC, and AS. I'll never forget pigging out, all of the amazing dances, and being high school sweethearts with CM.

**Evan Rodenberger:** I will never forget when SW fell on CT knee, HTTM with JF and ASJ, the magnificent 7, white knight's buzzer-beater, all the tennis tournaments with NW, JR, CM, BW, ASJ, and JF, post dance nights at ES's house, Bib lit with ES, CT, KS, and ST, "the night" with CT, JF, BB, KF, JL, and ASJ, Chonds, and the HKA invasion.

**Austin Rogers:** I'll never forget my group that I hang out with in the morning. I will never forget the bus rides to and from school. Last thing I will never forget is my school dances.

**Becca Schooley:** I'll never forget the way ES asked me to be his girlfriend. I will never forget all of the dances with ES and the bonfires at his house. I will never forget TC and all of the lessons he has taught me. I will never forget my tennis girls and all of the fun we have had. I'll never forget my favorite foreigners, RM, DS, CW, and MH. I'll never forget when PO asked me about Salvador Dali's "problem" in World History.

**Matt Shaw:** I'll never forget the time AR made raps and tried to sell the whole school his CDs even though they weren't the best.

**Tyler Sherwood:** I will never forget the Alamo and all other swimming excursions. I will also remember the many plays I have had the privilege to be a part of.

**Breanna Sizelove:** I will never forget my 18<sup>th</sup> birthday with ML, DK, SS, KL, LW, DM, KD, EP, LB, and AS. I will never forget the night at the reservoir with KL.

**Makayla Smart:** I will never forget the people who have made an impact on my life and who have helped shape the person I am today.

**Katherine Smith:** I will never forget when LW ruined DH's surprise party. I will never forget when SN asked me out on Leap Day with sidewalk chalk. I will never forget the time LB tortured the Anatomy class at Purdue. I will never forget the reject room with MT and SR at Crawfordsville and all the amazing times with the tennis team. And most importantly, I'll never forget the time I called ES ugly and he never let me live it down.

**Evan Snider:** I'll never forget when KS called me ugly. I'll never forget everything that happened at Jeffersonville with the tennis team. I'll never forget "Black Belt" by DJ Chomp ft. Young Maui.

**Sarah Snider:** I will never forget the nights at BS's house with DK, KL, and ML. I will never forget "castle" and "chuck" with KL. I will never forget New Years with KL, BS, and DK. I will never forget the night in the tent with DK, KL, ML, and BS.

**Jacob Sprong:** I will never forget the Notre Dame game with MT. I will never forget making Vine videos with AC and SB. I will never forget when CS kicked AC's mess. I will never forget when AT quit the baseball team.

**Alec Taylor:** I will never forget when AC became "Wrongway Conway."

**Celeste Taylor:** I will never forget painting murals around the school with ST. I will never forget seeing Fun at Emens with LW. I will never forget our weekends at Pokagon with MW, LW, and ST. I will never forget AG and I's deep conversations in Calc.

**Christian Thomas:** I will never forget the tennis team, when SW fell on my knee, the CT vs CR Battle Royale, The HKA epidemic, the tricycle of doom, cat poop nachos, Robo time and the Velociraptors, and Chonds.

**Samantha Thompson:** I will never forget my closest friends LW, MW, CT, KS, EM, SN, ER, EK, and JM (The group). I'll never forget the slushie dates and "adventures" with MC. I'll never forget practicing our top 20 speeches in SRT with ER, MC, and DH. I will never forget my amazing promposal from ER. I'll never forget making Bib Lit videos at ES's house with ER, KS, SN, and CT. I'll never forget my marathon sleepovers with LW, MW, and CT.

**Khoa Trinh:** I will never forget conversations with LW and MW, DH's love and affection, adventures with NW, block class with everyone, biology with PF, being annoyed by KE with SN, KS, JH, DC, SS, KG, ER, CB, DH, JA, ETC, my alone time with SN, my sister I wish I never had EG, and after prom with Gene.

**MaKenzie Townsend:** I will never forget how JK asked me to prom. I will never forget VB's sleepover with MC and I. I will never forget any of my cheerleading memories with KH, ST, KW, KG, VB, KD, and the rest! I will never forget the Notre Dame football game with JS. I will never forget the lakes with ML. I will never forget GOMAD. MR had a "rash" from the orange stuff in our room.

**Raquel Viera:** I will never forget all the fun I had as an exchange student. I will miss all the friends I made, and the memories we made.

**Wyatt Vincent:** I will never forget the time SZ didn't punch me in the face after her verbal backlash and false promises. Nice try, kid. I will never forget the bad luck MR, BC, ZB, and I happen to have. I will never forget fight club.

**Nick Walters:** I'll never forget when I got speared during soccer conditioning. I'll never forget when I had people thinking for a day I was a surfer. I will never forget when my brother AW and I almost got into a fight during practice. I'll never forget when KT forgot his license at home and we went driving after school with the foreigners and he got pulled over because they were staring at the cops behind us.

**Jenny Wegener:** I'll never forget bowling with BS, KS, and CM. I'll never forget the trips to Mexico with ES. I'll never forget MA's face when we ran from the wall of rain. I'll never forget English class with ES, LW, KS, DH, and TH. I'll never forget running to lunch with CM.

**Leah Williams:** I'll never forget the Fun. concert with SZ, CT, BW, JH, JA, AM, and ML. I'll never forget numba one stunna ST with KT, SN, SK, TH, ER, BG, CT, ST, EM. I'll never forget cooking with JH and EM. I'll never forget PF and OK with MW and KT. I'll never forget Downtown Abbey with JW. I'll never forget Sherlock (and homeschool) with SN, KS, MW, and CT. I will never forget the prom I "settled" for King TH.

**Christin Woitysak:** I will never forget my whole high school year. I love being on the tennis team. I will miss not going to practice after school when I'm in Germany. I will never forget the first day at Delta. I am glad and really thankful to have gone to Delta.

**Taylor Wright:** I will never forget all the amazing times with my best friends DC and LO in Mrs. Kunk's room.

**Sam Zimmerman:** I will never forget pudding with JM, AB, DW, NZ, and JH. I will never forget bleach and cheeseburgers with GI, IB, TS, JH, JB, CA, and TB. I will never forget black light parties with JH, CT, and MO. I will never forget Senior Dances with MO, CT, and JG.

**Maddy Walker:** I will never forget the bus ride home from the Renaissance field trip, which was ridiculous. Also, I will never forget the moment when I cross the stage at graduation.

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# Senior To Sibling

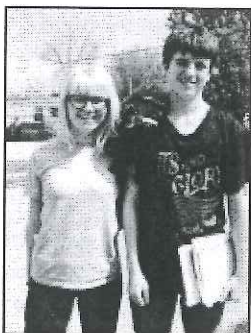
By Michale Kissick

**What is something you wish you did differently throughout your high school years?**

**Elijah May:** "I wish I would have gotten involved sooner with sports and clubs."

**Kameo Kirby:** "I wish I would have done my homework and cared more about school. Now as a senior I am paying for all my slack I made in my freshman year, and I still manage to have all A's."

**What do you think the hardest thing about high school is?**



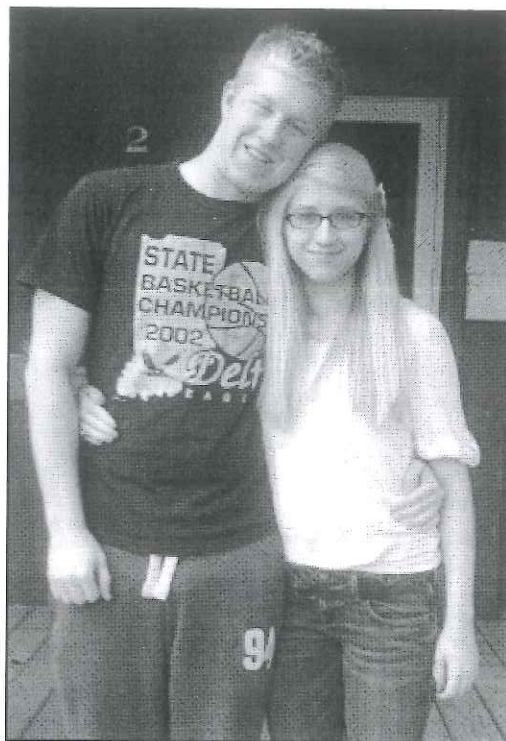
**Kameo Kirby:** "The hardest thing is going home and getting everything done and to study. You do not always get spoon fed in high school."

**Cierra Blankenship:** "Definitely the determination to keep everything else up and not to get distracted."

**What is something you got involved in that has helped you throughout high school?**

**Cierra Blankenship:** "The Delta Energy Dance Team helped me be motivated to do better."

**Andrew Kirtz:** "I mentor kids and help them with English. It helps me stay optimistic and makes me feel like a responsiblyoung lad."



Senior Elijah May suggests that his sister Sydney, a freshman, gets involved in school activities. (Photo Provided)

**If you could give any advice to your sibling, what would it be ?**

**Andrew Kirtz:** "To always stay optimistic no matter how hard it gets."

**Elijah May:** "To get involved and to put herself out there. Do not always be so shy!"



**What teacher do you wish your sibling would have and why?**

**Cierra Blankenship:** "Mr. Scroggins has always helped me keep my grades up."

**Kameo Kirby:** "Orchard, because I never was interested in history until I had him. He is very fun and helps you manage your time. He helps you learn how to study by yourself."

Senior Landon Carpenter lights his blow torch, preparing to cut some metal. Carpenter plans to work with refurbishing tools. (Photo by Nathan Bowers)



# Career Ready Seniors Get Going

By Nathan Bowers

While most of their friends are preparing to spend thousands of dollars on a college, some students are already heading into the workforce to get a start on their future – and their bank accounts.

Approximately 66 percent of high school graduates enroll in a college while the rest move out into the workforce, either in careers or temporary jobs. Of the students that don't go to college nearly 70 percent work or are seeking work as opposed to only about 40 percent of students that are currently enrolled in college.

While most graduates are stuck with a fast food or retail job, senior Landon Carpenter is planning to go into tool polishing. Tool polishing, like its name implies, is the process of shining and refurbishing old and dulled tools.

"I really didn't want to work in a fast food joint," he said. "It's different."

His dad has a connection with a friend in Yorktown and managed to land him a job after graduating at D1 Mold & Tool. Their families have been friends for years. An employee at D1, Tim, has taught Carpenter the basics of tooling and polishing and will teach him when he begins the job.

Carpenter says that he will probably go to college about a year

after high school to get a degree to further his career.

Senior Andrew Roberts wants to go into network management. It consists of the procedures used to maintain and operate an administrative system, such as the schools computer network.

"I'm just fascinated by the Internet," Roberts said.

You don't really need any formal training to learn to do the job, Roberts said, "Just the love of the Internet."

A further education will be helpful, though, and he plans to go to college for a degree in computers.

Another senior, Matt Shaw, plans to go into a simpler line of

work at a factory. This just requires is a high school education, but the jobs still pay quite well, he says.

Even though a college education isn't necessary, Shaw wants to go eventually to get a degree in mechanics so he can actually work on the machines in the factory.

"I want to start working right away because I want to make money and don't know what other career I would want," Shaw said.

College is not the thing for everyone, nor is it what has to be don't right out of high school. Many students choose to take a year or two break off of the education system before they continue on to a post high school education.

# Road Trip

## Deltonians depart Muncie for out-of-state colleges

Senior Heather Link will be in a new environment next fall as she will be going to Kalamazoo (Mich.) College. This was chosen as her destination for college because she wanted to be closer to her mother and stepfather who live in Michigan. "It's not anything I don't like, I am just wanting a change," said Link, referring to leaving Indiana. Kalamazoo College may be a long way from her family and friends here in Muncie, but she plans to commute back and see them. Link's peers were disappointed at the news of her leaving as well as her family, but new opportunities were taking her somewhere else.

Senior Samantha Zachary will be going out west to study international environmental policy. Zachary is excited to be leaving Muncie as she will be going to the University of Arizona. Arizona is more expensive to go to than an in-state college but being around new people is what she really wanted. "It's a completely different environment," Zachary said. Her parents weren't the most excited about her leaving, but Arizona has a great program and she said that she's always been the type of person to want to leave Indiana. Zachary will be 1,750 miles from home, but that's not stopping her from exploring a new part of the country.

By Nate Osner



College bowling has always been a dream for senior Kylee Reynolds, who will be taking her talents to University of Northwestern Ohio. "I wanted to see what life could bring me away from home," Reynolds said. She wanted to find somewhere where she could be close enough to home as to where she could go back but far enough to where her parents are not all over her. Reynolds wants to make a trip back to the campus as she has already visited in September. She said

she will miss her friends back in Indiana but is ready to take on an out-of-state college head on.

Military academies are the farm system to our U.S. military, and they can be difficult to get into with all the requirements that they ask of the applicants. Senior Brendan Gill is excited about the chance to go to the US Millitary Academy at West

Point in West Point, New York, but he didn't choose it because he disliked Indiana. "I will miss the flat land, good corn, family and friends," said Gill, who will be 720 miles from his hometown. Gill has taken many visits to the campus in the last few years. Gill is going to West Point Military Academy for free as the government will be paying for his education. Gill will be far from his family and friends, but the chance to go to a military academy is once in a lifetime.

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## Evan Rodenberger by the numbers

By Maggie Thompson

When senior Evan Rodenberger was in kindergarten, his sister, Hilary, was learning her multiplication tables in third grade. Evan decided he would learn them as well.

"I really wanted to be better than my sister at everything.... I was a very nerdy and annoying child," he said.

He will go to Ball State University to focus on math and statistics with a minor in history.

Rodenberger won the Lilly Scholarship, a full-tuition scholarship that will also pay for his book fees. He said you have to be elected by the school and go out to talk to the people on the Lilly Committee and from there they will decide who wins the scholarship.



Evan in his elementary days.

At first, when it came to achieving good grades, Rodenberger just got by in school with A's and B's. It wasn't until his eighth grade or freshman year that he realized he wanted to try harder for his inspiration, his mom.

"I wanted to prove to her that I made the best decision at working hard (in school) and everything," he said.

Rodenberger is the valedictorian of the class of 2013.

His dad, Johnny Rodenberger, said he thinks Evan is different from others because "Evan has always had an ability to remember things such as statistics and numbers. The biggest asset he has is his memory. He doesn't forget things. He also has a really big heart."

Aside from all of the school work, Rodenberger is also fascinated with history, tennis, ping pong, basketball, football, and hanging out with friends. His favorite subject in school is history. Since Rodenberger excels at math, here are things about him "by the numbers."

### 1914-1918, 1939-1945

These dates are when WWI and WWII occurred which are

Rodenberger's favorite periods of history. "I like it because so many people had changed. I like all of the advancements of the human race and the



Evan prepares to return a shot to his opponents.

accomplishments between both wars," he said.

**1995-2013** This is as long as Evan has been alive. He said he wouldn't want to be anyone else from history but himself. "I wouldn't want to live with another person's flaws." He added that he would maybe want to be "He-Man," which is a cartoon character that he really likes.

**6** These are the years J.J. Redick was a pro basketball player. Evan said that when he was younger he wanted to be just like Redick and be an NBA basketball player and make three-pointers all day. An all-star moment he had was when his elementary school basketball team was in a struggle against another team. They were behind one point with two seconds to go in the game when Evan got fouled and got to shoot some free throws. He made both free throws to win the game.

**52-6** His career record at No.1 doubles. Rodenberger might stay involved in tennis and may be an assistant coach to the team next year. Rodenberger's coach, Tim Cleland, sees him having a bright future.

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# Serving up an A

Katherine Smith serves the community while maintaining the No. 2 ranking in the senior class

By Shelby Richardson

Senior Katherine Smith rushes out of the kitchen with trays full of food. She hurries out to a table with 10 hungry kids ready to eat after a long day out in the sun at camp. She jokes with the other servers and swerves to avoid a collision in the hustle and bustle of the scene. Once she gets to the table and sets down the food, the excitement of the campers lights up the room.

"It's one of the hardest things I've ever done, but I love every minute of it," Smith said with a big grin growing across her face.

For the past two summers, Smith has flown all the way to the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina to serve as a volunteer assistant counselor at a summer church camp, Ridge Haven.

When it comes to work, Smith is always ready to try her hardest. With the number two ranking in her class, Smith is the Salutatorian of the senior class. She earned this spot while taking some of the hardest courses in the school, including Ball State Biology II, Ball State Anatomy, Calculus, and Block. She worked hard to make it through these classes with only one B in her entire high school career.

On top of her success in the classroom, Smith has also been involved in many other activities, such as Spanish Club, the tennis team, and Yearbook. She is currently the

yearbook editor and one of the senior leaders on the tennis team.

The tennis program has brought many more service opportunities to Smith. She has been involved in fundraising dinners for organizations such as Animal Rescue Fund, Blood 'N' Fire Ministries, the Muncie Mission, and Secret Families. Her favorite event is Smashcancer, which raises money for the American Cancer Society. She said that she has learned that doing small things in the background helps to create a bigger outcome.

Smith has been around service from the time she was very little. Her mother helps run the First Choice for Women program, and her father volunteers often with their church. She said that she has learned that volunteering some of her time will take her farther in life than spending it how she really wants to, with her friends. She left her friends and family behind for the summer to



Katherine Smith watches over kids who are swimming in the lake at Ridge Haven, the summer church camp she works at in North Carolina. Smith served as head lifeguard for much of last summer. (Photo provided)

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Judy Benken 

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"Whatever he chooses to do, I see him being very successful with it. He is able to adapt to whatever he needs to do to find success. He can think things through logically and figure out a solution."

Evan's mom, Christine Elliott, also said, "Tennis was a way he could be challenged because you are limitless on how far you can go in it."

**1 of 179** This is Evan's class rank. His mother pointed out someone who has been a number one supporter of him and has always been there to help him out. She said his sister "made sure where he needed to be. She was very supportive of Evan and always has been. She was a very good example for him."

**2** Rodenberger was two-time All-State in tennis and two-time team MVP. He has two photos in the athletic hallway. One photo is with Ethan Grove, and they were third in state in fall of 2011. His other picture is with Nick Wilson, his very last No.1 doubles partner.

**0** The number of words Evan has written for his vaedictorian speech so far. He admitted to not having thought about it yet, and said he has no idea what will be in it.



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# TOP 20 SENIORS

By Reed Borgmann

Photo by Grace Hollars

**3**




**EMILY GRIDER**

**Cross Country's impact on you?**  
The cross country team provided daily encouragement, healthier lifestyle, close bonds with the team, a goal to always strive for, and unforgettable memories.

**Favorite Teacher?**  
Miss Gray could easily relate to high school students and did mostly hands-on activities to give us a real experience while having fun.

**Memorable experience?**  
Crossing the finish line at the Water Bowl after breaking the school record and being surrounded by friends and family.

**4**




**LEAH WILLIAMS**

**College you'll be attending this fall?**  
DePaul

**What are you majoring in?**  
English

**What will you miss about HS?**  
I will miss my friends most about high school

**5**




**KHOA TRINH**

**What will you miss about HS?**  
The completely fair rules, the delicious lunch food, and the exciting busy work.

**Hardest year?**  
K/first grade was hard because I was trying to learn English. High school is a piece of cake compared to first grade.

**How much time do you spend on homework?**  
It varies a lot. Sometimes none, sometimes I don't sleep to finish something.

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**JOSEPH ADAMS**

**Hardest class?**  
I think that BSU physics was the hardest because we go into great depth on a lot of material in a short amount of time. Somehow though, it was also one of the most fun.

**Fav. Teacher?**  
Mrs. Ervin, she really changed the way that I approach school, and it has helped me a lot this year.

**Craziest experience?**  
The CEA field trip to Chicago Junior year.

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**SETH NEAL**


**College golf v. HS golf?**  
There is a lot more competition and pressure. I'll definitely need to step up my game.

**What are you majoring in?**  
Biology/ Pre-Med.

**What will you miss most about HS?**

I'll definitely miss all of the close friendships that I've made. Other than a handful of my super tight friends, I might not see them much after graduation. Even though I'll make more in college, all of my high school friend will be dearly missed.

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**TYLER SHERWOOD**

**Extra-curricular activities?**  
Swimming, theater, Frisbee club, guarding adult fitness.

**Favorite activity?**  
I really enjoyed theater for the three years I was involved in it. We put on many a great show and had some good times.

**Favorite teacher?**  
Mr. Himes was my favorite teacher. He inspired me to become a teacher by showing how interesting education can be.

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**REBECCA SCHOOLEY**

**Tennis team's impact on you?**  
It gave me more confidence and a sense of belonging.

**Hardest class?**  
All of my math classes have been a struggle for me, but BSU calculus has probably been the hardest.

**Craziest HS experience?**  
Watching my first delivery during my internship at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.

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**BRENDAN GILL**

**Most exciting thing about West Point?**  
Being around a lot of driven people.

**Advice for next year's seniors?**  
Stay organized.

**Memorable moment?**  
Filling a water bottle full of conductive liquid from the science department with some friends causing it to glow light blue and shock one of us.

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**KENNA GIBSON**

**Cheerleading and Diving's affect on school work?**  
The time and energy I would normally use to get my work done is used for practices, meets, and games.

**What are you majoring in?**  
Architecture

**Memorable HS experience?**  
When one of my best friends that lives in Myrtle Beach, surprised me and went to prom junior year with Elijah May.

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**ASHLEY  
GOAD**

**Plans for next fall?**  
I am planning on going to Ball State next year.

**Extra-curricular activities?**  
1 year of diving, 2 years of track, currently jazz and lyrical dance at Premiere.

**Hardest class?**  
Calculus, because the concepts are more difficult to fully understand.

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**GRACE  
HATCHER**

**Teachers who impacted your life?**  
Ms. Gray and first grade teacher Mrs. Addington . They both have made a big impact throughout the years and really helped me realize I want to work with kids.

**What will you miss about HS?**  
I will miss being involved in everything from student council to NHS and I will miss the people I have grown up with and made memories with.

**Advice for next year's seniors?**  
I would advise the seniors to not over commit yourself, have fun with your friends, bare through senioritis, and enjoy it while it lasts.

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**ELIJAH  
MAY**

**Next year's plans?**  
I am going to attend IU and go into pre-med to eventually become a Pediatrician.

**Activities outside of school?**  
Delaware County PRIDE Team, volunteered at Albany Elementary.

**What would you go back and change?**  
I would become more involved in the school right from the start.

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**CELESTE  
TAYLOR**

**Art skills importance for your future?**  
Well, I'm going to art school so I'd imagine they'd be kind of important.

**Memorable experience?**  
Painting murals around the school, it's nice to be leaving the school in better shape than when I came.

**Art awards?**  
I won best in show in the 308 gallery, two silver keys, one gold key, and an honorable mention from Scholastic.

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**SAMANTHA  
THOMPSON**

**Favorite Class?**  
World history with Mr. Orchard because he creates a comfortable atmosphere. He makes it easy for me to learn.

**How did you fight Senioritis?**  
I didn't. There is no escape. Save yourselves.

**Memorable experience?**  
Emceeding the talent show with Maia Cochran! It marked the beginning of a beautiful friendship.

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**MARIAH  
CHRISTOPHER**

**What will you miss about HS?**  
I will miss more than anything. I love getting dressed up and dancing all night.

**Time spent on homework each night?**

I honestly don't usually work on homework at home, but when I do it is usually about 20 minutes.

**College major?**  
Right now my major is chemistry, but I might end up switching to nursing.

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**MADDY  
WALKER**

**How hard was finishing you senior year strong?**  
It wasn't hard. I just kept doing what I always did.

**Which teacher will you miss the most?**  
I have no idea, I had so many great teachers throughout high school.

**Hardest year?**  
They were equally boring and uneventful.

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**MAIA  
COCHRAN**

**What would you go back and change?**  
There is not one thing I would change about my high school career. I've stayed out of trouble and had so much fun.

**Favorite Class?**  
I absolutely love Omstead's English class because I really enjoy writing that challenges my thoughts.

**Memorable experience?**  
When I went to Florida over spring break, I went to one of the natural springs down there really early in the morning. No one else was there, so the water was calm. When we jumped in the water it was freezing. It was such an amazing experience.

## Kat Smith

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volunteer her time at Ridge Haven.  
"I've just kind of grown up knowing that doing things for other people is better than doing things for yourself," Smith said.

Smith was introduced to the Ridge Haven program by her youth pastor. She started out as a camper there when she was in middle school, and finished up her years of being a camper the summer after her freshman year. When she was finally old enough, her youth pastor encouraged her to put her resumé in to be a volunteer at the camp.

"She has just the correct balance of being friendly and kind yet very responsible and strict when necessary," said Wallace Anderson, a supervisor at Ridge Haven.

Smith loves working at Ridge Haven, but it is not an easy task. Since she is just a volunteer, she does not get any pay whatsoever. Anderson points out that one of the things that stands out most about her is her willingness to do any job and do it with joy. She does background tasks that many people do not notice, such as serving in the kitchen, doing housekeeping, being the head lifeguard, and helping with the campers as an assistant counselor, so she rarely gets gratitude from the campers.

Smith has gotten a lot out of her experience at Ridge Haven other than just volunteering there.

"I believe the more we serve, the more we appreciate what we have.... In addition, using and sharing the gifts that the Lord gives us is just another way we not only continue to develop those gifts, but we receive much joy in participating in Kingdom work," Anderson said.

Ridge Haven has opened her eyes to what she really wants to do: help people who struggle. She wants to incorporate service with her career once she gets out of college. She plans to attend Taylor University to double major in English and Psychology. Once she graduates from Taylor, her main goal is to go to law school at the University of Notre Dame or Indiana University, then start a career as a lawyer.

"I really just want to help people who can't help themselves."



The Pepsi Coliseum(top) in the middle of a huge renovation. The Youth Arena(bottom) is finished with renovation and being prepared for this year's events.

# Just Showin' Off!

## Summer means showtime for 4-H students

By Grace Hollars

When school ends and summer is under way, the farm animals begin their countdown to July 15, which in 4-H terms is Show Day at the county fair.

For the past 160 years the Delaware County Fair has been an event the community looks forward to. Much goes on behind the scenes of the animal shows.

To show animals it takes six months in advance to get prepared. What needs to be done? Both the animal and the showman must be trained. Working with animals takes time, diet, exercise, and patience. It takes a different amount of time to work with each animal. Some only need 20 minutes of walking, while others need up to an hour of intense muscle-building workouts.

"I walk my cows a quarter of a mile each day," sophomore Darren Stultz said.

Most 4-H animals are on a special diet. Pigs, cows, horses, and sheep are on a high protein and fat diet to help build muscle with their exercise. Some owners have a high alpha hay therefore, since it is very fattening, the animals do not need to be fed a special feed to keep weight off or on.

After six months of

exercising and hard work, July 15 finally rolls its way in. Some 4-Hers' mornings start 6 a.m. to groom and work on their animals.

As soon as the 4-Her and his or her animal walk into the show pen or arena, they are being watched by a judge. The judge will pay close attention to the animal and the 4-Her to watch for the good and the bad; bad as in stumbling over a pig or the cow decides to kick another animal. Judges also examine the animals bone structure, muscle tone, grooming, and behavior.

"I show pigs and I've won my breed five years in a row," freshman Brock House said. "Last year I won state champ too."

Two weeks after county fair, 4-Hers start packing the trailers to make their way down to Indianapolis to be a part of the Indiana State Fair. 4-Hers have the privilege to show in the historic Pepsi Coliseum. Sadly, the coliseum is under a huge renovation which has been taking place since October 2012 and will not

be reopened until July 2014. This year's animal showing is going to be held in the new Youth Arena or known as "warm-up arena" amongst 4-Hers. The building is now 32,000 square feet and has a new arena on the inside. Glass windows were put in to light the building with natural light.

"4-H has taught my kids responsibility and I don't have to work anymore. They know what they are doing with the animals," biology teacher Mr. Brian Brewer said.

When the leaves start to change and 4-H season starts to end, open animal shows popularity goes up. These open shows can consist from toddlers to people in their 90's and they all meet up in one area to compete. Some shows offer money; others offer show titles and trophies.

There are only 58 more days until show time. It may seem so far away but in the eyes of a 4-Her the season is almost halfway over. County and State Fair will be here before they know it.

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# What if High School Didn't Have to End?

By Kayleigh Wright

Say you had the choice to stay in high school for another year with all your friends. You would get the opportunity to take any classes that you wanted to take, but never got the opportunity, the chance to hang out with people you've never really talked to, and the potential to make new memories. Would you take this opportunity, or would you do the unknown and leave all your friends and family behind and go to college?

Leah Williams, senior, chooses to leave. Williams said, "I'm ready to go. I like Delta, but I'm finished with high school and this time in my life."

But if Williams was offered the opportunity to stay at Delta another year, she said she would choose to take journalism because she didn't get to this year due to her schedule being too full. She would do Best Buddies again because she only did it this year and she really enjoyed it. Williams would take a science dual credit class if she were here another year, preferably Bio 2. However, she wouldn't do an internship.

Williams said, "I don't know what I want to do anyway. I would just take different electives."

If given the opportunity Ben Fitzwater, senior, would take theater for fun and lifeguarding because he likes Mr. Zgunda.

Fitzwater would play football if he were here another year because he thinks it would be fun. Fitzwater wouldn't take dual credit classes, but would do an internship somewhere at Ball State.

"I would go to college because of the new atmosphere, and I'm done with high school," he said.

Maggie Black, senior, also would chose to go to college if given the opportunity to stay another year. But if she did have another year of high school, she would take Bible Lit because she chose to intern this year

so she didn't get the chance to take a lot of classes. She dances outside of school so she didn't take part in many activities during the year. If she were to return next year she said she would want to do powder puff and Blue Crew.

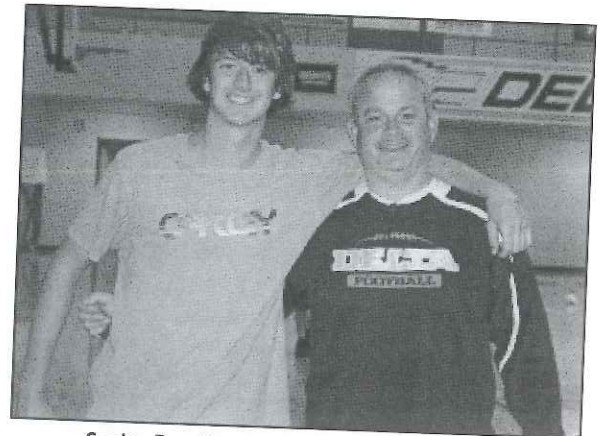
She did Blue Crew last year and said, "I had a great time with all my friends and since I dance it was a great way to get involved with the school." If Black were to return, she said, "My grades and GPA could always be better, but as long as I graduate I think I've accomplished my goal."

She would take BSU biology and try to wrap up as many dual-credit classes as she could.

"I'm ready to go to college. I don't want to wait. There are a few things I'll miss, but I think I'm ready," said Black.

David Hoopingarner, senior, also chose to go to college instead of staying. If he were to stay he would take World History with Mr. Orchard next year because he really likes history, but never got the

opportunity to take it because he



Senior Ben Fitzwater with football coach and lifeguard teacher Mr. Grant Zgunda. (Photo by Kayleigh Wright.)

was always taking engineering classes.

Hoopingarner said if he would return it would be to have more fun and do less school work.

He always wanted to do Best Buddies because it sounded like a cool opportunity, but he never did it for some reason. If he were to return next year that would definitely be a group he would make sure to be a part of.

Also Hoopingarner said, "I never went to a lot of the Blue Crew games, but if I had another year I think I'd try to go to all of them this time."

He would take some dual credit classes next year including: Ball State World History and BSU English again. He would take BSU English again because it was a fun class, but he didn't get the opportunity to focus on it this year.

"I'd rather go to college. High schools alright, but I'm ready for college," he said.



Senior Leah Williams enjoys time with her Best Buddy, Brenna South. (Photo by Kayleigh Wright.)



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# Keeping the Beat

By Sidney  
Barkdull

Senior musicians discuss  
what they plan to do after  
high school

With the school year coming to an end the seniors have to think seriously about their futures. They are choosing colleges and planning for their lives after high school. Senioritis isn't something that can be afforded while they are making all the big decisions they have to before graduation.

Some musically talented seniors have been playing for a long time and have decided to continue with music, while some others haven't.

Nate Bolka, senior, plays the bass, guitar, drums, piano, and harmonica. He plays the bass in the Jazz Band. Bolka started playing the piano when he was in the second grade and began playing other instruments from there.

"My parents made me start taking lessons. Eventually I'd blow off homework to play—they'd literally have to tell me to stop and go do homework," Bolka says.

He doesn't plan on doing anything with music professionally after high school. Actually he's going to be in the Marines, and he has auditioned for their band but hasn't gotten a callback yet. Bolka also says

he will continue to perform on the amateur level, playing in clubs and bars when he can.

"Music is an escape from all sorts of thing...It really helps to relieve stress," Bolka says.

Samantha Zachary, senior, plays the piano and loves to sing. She has been playing piano since she was 7 years old when she started taking lessons. Her grandfather is a triplet who sings barbershop music with his brothers, and she sang with them when she was young. Zachary says that her grandfather is her musical role model.

Zachary plans to go to college at the University of Arizona, and major or minor in music or music business.

"In an ideal world I could major in musical theatre, just singing and acting all together like Broadway, and then I could work either on Broadway or like Disney World or somewhere like that," Zachary said.

Zachary says while her parents are supportive of her loving music and acting, she doesn't know how they feel about it as a career, because it doesn't require a college degree. Although she doesn't know



Samantha Zachary has loved playing the piano and singing most of her life. (Photo provided.)

what her major will be in college she says she plans to continue to be in choir or music clubs when she is in college.

Irona Ramer, senior, has been playing the flute for eight years but wouldn't want a career in music. She is going to college at Ivy Tech with a general major, then transferring to Ball State for teaching mathematics.

Although she isn't going to continue with music in school, she says she'll be involved with music in church. She said music has helped her in high school because it has helped her concentrate on English.

The seniors have had a lot of difficult decisions to make this past year about their futures and colleges. Now it's almost time for them to leave Delta and pursue careers, whether it is college or the military.

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# Oh baby!!

By Logan Bland

Read the three clues and match each senior with their baby photo.  
(Answers at bottom of page)

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I went to Royerton Elementary.  
I have green eyes.  
I love to climb rockwalls.

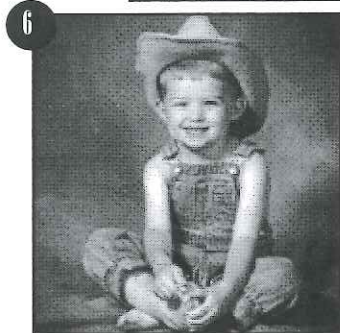
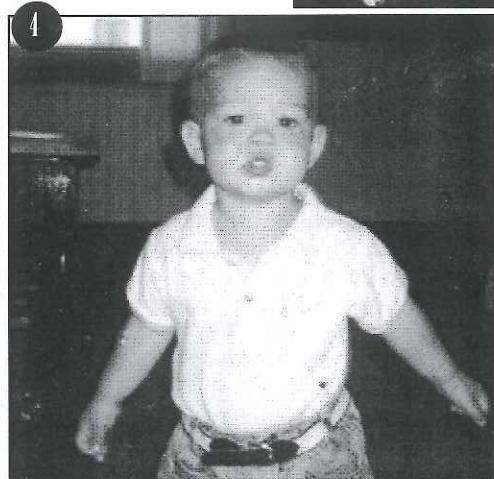
**1**  
I play softball.  
I am one of the nine people in Spanish IV.  
I drive a black Pontiac Vibe.

**2**  
I ran cross country and track.  
I am one of the shortest people in my grade.  
I want to be an Athletic Director when I grow up.

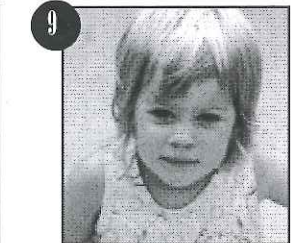
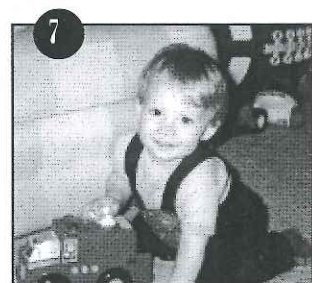
**4**  
I have a brother who is a freshmen.  
I ran cross country for one season.  
Ryan Bickford hates me.



**5**  
I am tall and goofy.  
I make fun of Alec Taylor a lot.  
I drive a rusty truck.



**6**  
I went to Eaton.  
I play baseball.  
My mom makes awesome biscuits and gravy.



**7**  
I moved back to Indiana this year.  
I am going to play baseball at Ball State.  
I went to Royerton Elementary.

**8**  
I went to DeSoto Elementary.  
I like to play basketball.  
My dad works at the school.

**9**  
My biggest fear is frogs.  
I am obsessed with sour Gummy Worms.  
Softball is my favorite sport.

Answers  
1. Kelsey Logan, 2. Natalie Thompson, 3. Darby Koger, 4. Christian Robinson, 5. Skyler Brand, 6. Jacob Sprong, 7. Alex Maloney, 8. Jensen Glaze, 9. Malia Lewis

# Making Memories Last

By Brianna Parsons

Once senior year hits, it is easy to look back and realize that time has flown by. All the friends you have made and bonds made with teachers throughout your high school career could easily be destroyed after graduation. Keeping in contact with these people may not always be easy, especially with nearly 200 seniors going their own way. Many seniors will also be leaving underclassmen friends that they have made.

"I'll miss my friends that aren't senior and aren't graduation, especially Hunter Holbrook," senior Drew Jeffers said.

Jeffers also said he will miss the Magnificent 7 that he was a part of. The Magnificent 7 consisted of Evan Rodenberger, Randy Hitchens, Drew Jeffers, Christian Thomas, Chase Carpenter, Tavis Rattray, and Alec St. John. These seven guys were the "Core Blue Crew," heart, at basketball games.

"I'll miss seeing my friends everyday and seeing Mrs. Fox and Mrs. Kikendall," senior Tiffany Jones said.

Jones said she will senior year because she moved to Delta and made a lot of friends.

Senior Jade Gardner says she will simply miss being at Delta.

"I've been here with everyone for so long, I think it'll be weird not being here every day for the week," she said.

Senior Shayna Furney moved to Delta during her junior year. Although she has not been at Delta for all four years, she says that she will miss seeing her friends and not having her parents buy her everything for her.

Not graduating with the people she grew up with, senior Allyson Oakman says she is happier graduating with her

classmates from Delta rather than from Terre Haute. When Oakman first moved to Delta she had no problem making new friends. Looking back on her high school career, Oakman says she will most remember that she was lucky to have met the people that she did and have the opportunities she had and that life could always be worse.

"I'll miss giving everyone a hard time and just joking and laughing with my friends," Oakman said.

Unlike Oakman, senior Blake Reynolds will be graduating with the classmates he grew up with.

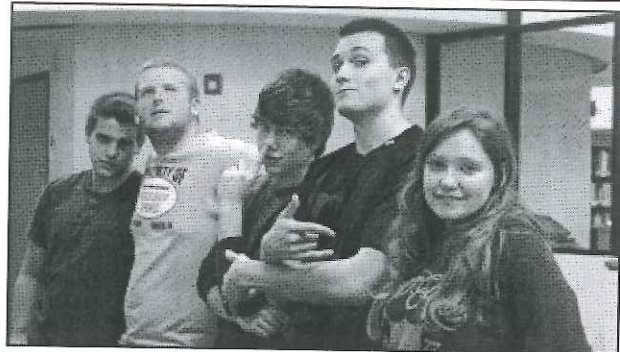
"I'll miss some of the teachers, some of the people, just kind of knowing the everyday schedule. It gets boring, but it makes life easier," says Reynolds

Drew Jeffers (second from left) hangs out with some of the Magnificent 7. (Photo by Bri Parsons)

"I will miss all of my friends and the comfort of knowing where I am going. I will miss the preschool here and seeing all of the kids smiling," says senior Christi Dalton.

*"I will miss the amount of positivity exerted from the students," says senior Jacob Hollars.*

"I will miss having all of my friends all in one place and being able to see them everyday," says senior Christian Robinson.



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# FUTURE PLANS

**Joseph Adams:** In the years after I graduate, I plan to attend IU where I will major in Physics. After college, I will work in Research Physics for a few years and then hopefully return to graduate school. After that, I will apply my knowledge to Architecture.

**Ellen Alcini:** My future plans are to attend Ivy Tech for one or two years and transfer to either University of Michigan or Indiana University to study nursing.

**Natalie Alexander:** My future plans are to attend Ball State where I will study Pre-Dental. I am then going to a school where I can graduate with a dental hygiene license. Once I graduate I will find my redneck Romeo and get married.

**Tanner Anderson:** My future plans are to attend Ball State University and maybe transfer to another college from there.

**Ryan Bickford:** I plan to attend Ball State/Manchester and earn a college degree in telecommunications. Get a broadcasting job, marry, have kids, and do the whole American Dream thing.

**Maggie Black:** I plan on going to college at Indiana University Bloomington for four years. Then, hopefully working at a dance studio, or dancing in a modern/contemporary dance company. After getting a job and being settled, I plan on getting married and having a family.

**Cierra Blankenship:** I plan on going to PJ's College of Cosmetology this summer, then within a couple of years my fiancé and I will be getting married and will start our lives together.

**Nate Bolka:** I will be moving to an undisclosed tropical island in the Pacific with AG, spending our nights staying up all night talking in our bunk beds and our days watching Inspector Spacetime. Don't worry, we will send you a postcard.

**Olivia Brown:** Go to Ivy Tech for one year, Ball State for one year and graduate with a degree in physical therapy. Then I will marry Prince Charming, have a lot of kids and have a happily ever after life.

**Victoria Brown:** Attending IPFW and majoring in Dental Hygiene. Start cheering for IPFW in the fall, graduate with an associate's degree in Dental Hygiene and start my career in the dental field. Start a happy family and live happily ever after.

**Megan Bush:** After high school I plan to go to Ivy Tech for two years to get my associate's degree in dental. After that, I hope to transfer to a bigger college and eventually work my way up to an orthodontist.

**Landon Carpenter:** I plan to work at D1 Mold & Tool for a couple of years and go to school at Ivy Tech for two years. Then I will transfer to Ball State for two years, and after that I will live the rest of my life to the fullest extent.

**Mariah Christopher:** I plan to go to college for four years and graduate with a good degree so I can start my big girl job. I will be able to support myself and my future family.

**Katie Clark:** I plan on working this summer/fall and then either going to BYU-Idaho in January or Ball State next spring. I will eventually marry the love of my life and travel the world with him.

**Maia Cochran:** In the fall I will be attending IU Bloomington and rooming with Samantha Thompson. I'll be studying either pre-dentistry or photojournalism with a minor in a foreign language to open study-abroad opportunities. I hope to get really involved in school activities and begin with a new, better chapter of my life.

**Austin Conway:** Attend Indiana State University, study criminal justice, and play baseball.

**Lauren Cross:** My future plans are to attend Ivy Tech for my first year for my general studies. Then I am going to transfer to Ball State to become a speech pathologist.

**Christi Dalton:** To go to Ivy Tech and get a degree in child care and social working, along with opening my own pre-school and dog grooming business. But most of all to go to Germany and see the Anne Frank home and concentration camps.

**Lauren Eldridge:** Attending IU and rooming with Maggie Black. I will major in biology and minor in a foreign language and then hopefully go to Med School. I hope to eventually travel and live all around the world while helping people.

**Ben Fitzwater:** I plan to go to Ball State University and study Telecommunications.

**Lesley French:** I plan to go to Ivy Tech and then transfer to Ball State to study Speech-Language Pathology.

**Brett Fullman:** My future plans are to go to Ivy Tech and get my nursing degree. Then marry the love of my life and have beautiful children.

**Jade Gardner:** I plan to attend Ivy Tech for two years then transfer to Ball State for another two years, majoring in Radiography to become an x-ray technician. I hope to get a job at a health clinic or a hospital. Hopefully I'll still be with AU, living life to the fullest and being happy.

**Stephanie Garringer:** I plan to attend Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College to major in Journalism, minor in Spanish and run cross country. After college I plan to write for a local paper somewhere warm and sunny. I plan to get married and have children but if that doesn't happen, cats will do just fine.

**Hunter Gates:** My future plans are to attend Ball State and study in their Pre-Vet program for four years, get my bachelor's in biological science, and then transfer to Purdue to be in the four-year Vet program, graduate and be able to help/save animals under the name of Dr. Gates.

**Melissa Giammichele:** My future plans are to attend Ball State, to major in nursing and also be on the Code Red Dance Team.

**Kenna Gibson:** I plan to attend Ball State University to major in Architecture. I am also going to cheer for the Cardinals while at Ball State.

**Brendan Gill:** I plan on attending the United States Military Academy, receiving a commission as an Army officer, and eventually becoming a government research scientist.

**Adam Gordon:** I will be moving to an undisclosed tropical island in the Pacific with NB, spending our nights staying up all night talking in our bunk beds and our days watching Inspector Spacetime. Don't worry, we will send you a post card.

**Emily Grider:** I will attend IUPUI this fall to study Exercise Science in hopes of becoming an Occupational Therapist; I intend to work in either a Rehabilitation Center or within a school system to work with children with special needs. After finding a job I hope to get married, travel, and start my own family.

**Michaela Hahn:** My future plans after high school are to attend Ball State. At this point, I am seriously considering majoring in geographic design and minoring in photography. After college I would love to study abroad and then settle down and start a family. I am very excited to become a BSU Cardinal. Chirp, Chirp!

**Grace Hatcher:** I'm going to Anderson University and majoring in Elementary Education. I can't wait for all the changes that are coming, but I will always stay close with and remember my great friends from high school!

**Jacob Hollars:** I plan to get a job, go to military branch, go to college, get a career, get a house, wife, kids, grand kids, great grand kids, die.

**David Hoopingartner:** U.O.E.N.O

**Tim Howe:** I plan on going to Purdue to study mechanical engineering. After that I will see about becoming king of the world since it worked out so well here.

**Vår Maja Nyland Høyvik:** In my future I wish to be in a health career, either a midwife or a nurse.

**Sammi Hunley:** I plan to attend college and join a sorority, to travel around the world, marry an Australian man, have cute Australian babies, then to get a job as a physical therapist and settle down in a quiet beach town.

**Garland Ivy:** Navy Aviation Rescue Swimmer program.

**Megan Jean:** Go to University of Southern Indiana and major in Health Administration with an emphasis on occupational therapy. I hope to complete my master's in OT and bachelor's in health administration in four years, then conquer the world.

**Drew Jeffers:** I plan to major in sports marketing at Ball State and get a job.

**Tiffany Jones:** My future plans are to go to college, get a degree in nursing, imaging sciences, and echocardiograms. I also want to move out, get a job, and make something out of myself.

**Kameo Kirby:** In the fall, I plan on going to Ball State. I will be working towards a master's degree. After college, I am not sure what I will be doing. I just want to live a happy life that is full of adventure.

**Andrew Kirtz:** I plan on moving to Florida and living the dream, get away from Indiana weather and see my girlfriend. I also plan on joining the Navy to be a cop!



nurse. Then I plan on just staying around, moving from place to place until I finally move to France and stay there until death.

**Ericka Kischuk:** I plan to attend DePauw University in the fall with a major in psychology. I also plan to attend a graduate school program and become a professor and research psychologist.

**Darby Koger:** My future plans are to attend Ball State, then graduate from there and move out of Muncie.

**Maija Lewis:** My future plans are to attend Ball State University. I am going to major in accounting and minor in forensics accounting. Then from there I plan on going wherever my life takes me.

**Heather Link:** I really want to pursue a career in either architecture or construction management because I love drawing up blueprints and houses. I have been around construction work my entire life so it only seems obvious for me to get into that sort of profession. I hope to work in a big city where there is a lot of high demand for new and unique architecture. Also one day I hope to build a big house for myself.

**Ashley Loffer:** My future plans include attending Ball State University to earn my bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. I will hopefully then get my first job right out of college and then settle down.

**Kelsey Logan:** I plan on going to Ball State and majoring in medical technology. Hopefully after I graduate from college, I will move to the Northeast and start a life there.

**Mitchell Lykins:** I plan to go to Ball State and major in Psychology or Education. I also will play tuba for Ball State's band and play with their pep band as well. I would also like to play with several orchestras around the area.

**Elijah May:** I plan to attend Indiana University and go into Pre-Med. I then plan to get into medical school to become a pediatrician and complete my residency. Before that I plan to work two jobs in the summer. I plan to go to Cedar Point with friends and run around in Brown County with friends.

**Kyndal McDonald:** I plan on taking the summer off and going to culinary school to become a pastry chef. I want to get married, have wonderful kids and a great life. I

am planning to move out of Indiana to someplace warmer and to a place I will never get tired of.

**Darian McKinney:** My future plans are to go to Ball State to major in Computer Science. After college, I want to get married to MC and get a job in web design.

**Courtney McWhirt:** I plan to major in biology or biochemistry at Indiana University Bloomington, and then apply to IU Med School. I hope to become a pediatrician and work at Riley Hospital. I plan to get married and have a large family. Once I retire, I plan to travel the world, both for pleasure and for helping others.

**Marissa Morris:** My future plans are to attend Ivy Tech and get an associate's degree in general studies then transfer to Ball State to study.

**Seth Neal:** I plan on going to Taylor University, majoring in Pre-Med, and eventually becoming a pediatrician, orthopedic surgeon, or missionary doctor. But what I really want to do is play golf for the rest of my life and chill out of a beach while watching my shows and college basketball on a 200-inch 3-D TV.

**Bryce Needham:** I plan on becoming a librarian one day.

**Bobby Nickel:** Going to Amber's Beauty School then moving to California to work on music.

**Tristan Noble:** June 18<sup>th</sup> I leave for basic training, then come back, and leave again in August for ATI. When I finish training, I will fulfill my vows with HL in May. The following five-year contract, I will be flying drones for the military. Afterward, I'll work for an agency doing the same and start my family; all the while, traveling the world with my partner and best friend, and die happy.

**Allyson Oakman:** I plan on going to the University of Indianapolis to study communications with an emphasis on Electronic Media. I want to get an internship in California during college. Eventually, I want to work for a station in a big city.

**Lauren Ogle:** Attend Ball State University

**Brianna Parsons:** After high school I will ship out August 5 for basic training. I will finish training around December and come back home. I will begin college in January and begin studying nursing. Throughout the next six years I plan on being deployed with my unit at least once.

**Justin Parsons:** I plan to go to Ball State and study History and Natural Resources / Forestry. I hope to either work with the National Park Service or to be a wildfire-fighter. Other than that I don't have much of a plan; I'm just going to see what happens.

**Erin Plummer:** After high school, I plan to attend Ball State and major in telecommunications, with a focus on broadcasting. I hope to stay in touch with all of my friends, as well as make new friends in college. I am excited to start this new chapter of my life.

**Austin Reagan:** My future plans are to move to Tennessee or Italy.

**Blake Reynolds:** I am going to Ivy Tech for a year to get my general studies done. I am then transferring to Ball State where I plan to study law or political science.

**Kylee Reynolds:** I am going to attend the University of Northwestern Ohio on a bowling scholarship, studying accounting. I want to live in a semi big city working for the government, catching people who do fraud and identity theft.

**Andrew Roberts:** I plan to get a job after I graduate and then start going to college for network management.

**Christian Robinson:** I plan on taking a vow of silence on my 19<sup>th</sup> birthday and then the summer of 2014 I will join a Tibetan Monastery. I will come out in 2020 with the full ability of telekinesis, and then I will become a superhero that can read thought and blow stuff up with my mind.

**Austin Rodgers:** My future plans are simply this, to graduate college and have a healthy family of my own. Also have a job that I can always be happy to go to.

**Becca Schooley:** I plan to attend Ball State University and study hospitality. It is my goal to someday be an event planner-coordinator at a five-star hotel or country club. I also plan to marry the man of my dreams \*ahem\* Evan Snider. I hope to travel the world together and make a lot of good memories. Maybe someday we can even start a business together.

**Matt Shaw:** I really don't know what I'm doing after high school.

**Tyler Sherwood:** To study education, to become a teacher, to find a Sasquatch, and to catch them all.

**Breanna Sizelove:** After I graduate I plan on attending Ball State while taking classes at Ivy Tech to get my CAN license. I want to major in Marine Biology, and minor in Forensic Psychology. I plan to move out of Indiana to some place with water.

**Katherine Smith:** I plan on attending Taylor University in the fall to double-major in English and Psychology. After graduation, I plan on attending law school and becoming a lawyer. I hope to get married, have a large family, and bring my kids back to the Tim Cleland Tennis Camp each summer.

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## FUTURE PLANS

**Evan Snider:** I plan to study Business Management at Purdue or IU, and then marry the girl I'm with. I plan to travel the world with that girl.

**Sarah Snider:** Get my two-year associate's degree from Purdue University. Eventually become a Veterinarian and move out of Muncie.

**Jacob Sprong:** I plan on becoming a basketball player in college, getting drafted and becoming the next Bryce Harper.

**Alec Taylor:** I plan to get SCUBA-certified. Move to California. Buy a small house. Open a SCUBA shop. Have a pit-bull and a parrot. And live on the beach.

**Celeste Taylor:** I plan on getting a BFA in Painting from MICA in Baltimore and eventually a master's degree from another school. After that I will hope to become a practicing artist wherever I end up.

**Christian Thomas:** CT AJ ER BW RTT MMF

**Samantha Thompson:** Hopefully I will have an amazing summer before I head off to IU Bloomington with M.C. in the fall. I plan to major in art history, but other than that I'm not sure what to expect from my future. I just want to travel, paint as much as I can, fall madly in love, and live life with as few "what ifs" as possible.

**Makenzie Townsend:** My future plan is to be the next Disney Princess and find my Prince Charming.

**Khoa Trinh:** Major in biology and minor in computer science and business management. Enter the work force and start a business. Travel the world. Join the Red Cross. Hopefully make billions. My goal is to do this before the age of 30.

**Wyatt Vincent:** Going to start lifting every day, bro. Then move to Portland, the place where young people go to retire.

**Maddy Walker:** My future plans are to go to college, be successful in college, and then be hired for a great job.

**Nick Walters:** I plan on going to Manchester College and becoming a veterinarian and have a happy life with my family.

**Jenny Wegener:** I plan on going to Ball State to study Spanish. However, after college I am going to live in Mexico and teach English. I will also fall hopelessly in love with a foreigner and have cute babies.

**Leah Williams:** I plan on majoring in English at Depauw University, graduate, get a cool job, and travel. Also I want to work on the Ellen Show.

**Taylor Wright:** Going to Ivy Tech first year, then going to Ball State and trying to get in to the nursing program. After graduating, I plan to find a job and live happily ever after with my husband.

**Sam Zimmerman:** Go to Brown County with JM, JH, AB, EM. Run with JM forever. Take MO and run.



Senior Sam Zimmerman (right) runs against an opponent during last fall's cross country season.

## A Lifetime of Sports

### Zimmerman qualifies for free admission to DHS sports

By Mckenzie Sulfridge

While you are in high school, paying to enter sporting events is something most students do. Even though the student section at games seems to be the majority of the crowd, there are plenty of parents, grandparents, and Delta alumni that pay to come watch the teams play their sports. For some people, coming back to watch Delta students play once they've graduated will be free of charge.

Very few Delta athletes can say they have a lifetime pass. This is not something that is achieved very often because it requires accumulating 1,000 points. (Junior Varsity-50, Varsity-100.)

Senior Sam Zimmerman is the only senior this year to receive a life time pass this year. He ended his high school career with 1050 points, 400 points for cross country and swimming and 250 for track. To be able to make varsity for all 4 years of

swimming and cross country he had to train year-round.

"I've worked really hard to condition myself. I've trained a lot during the summer to make sure I'm always in shape and ready to compete." Zimmerman said.

Even though this year Zimmerman was the only one to receive a lifetime pass, in the sophomore class there are two athletes who by their senior year may have over 1,000 points. Teaghan Dishman and Ericka Pursley both have 600 points as of the end of the spring season. Pursley and Dishman have both made varsity in volleyball and basketball for the 2011 and 2012 seasons. Dishman also made varsity both years for tennis, and Pursley did the same for softball.

"Sometimes I'm so physically drained and I just don't want to do my homework. When I have practices and games all the time it makes it harder to have a social life," Pursley said.

# STAYING MOTIVATED

By Justin Oakley

Many seniors have stayed motivated, in some way. For some it was their parents while others just wanted to improve their own skills. In a way all of these people have buckled down and done what was necessary to get through the trial of life known as high school.

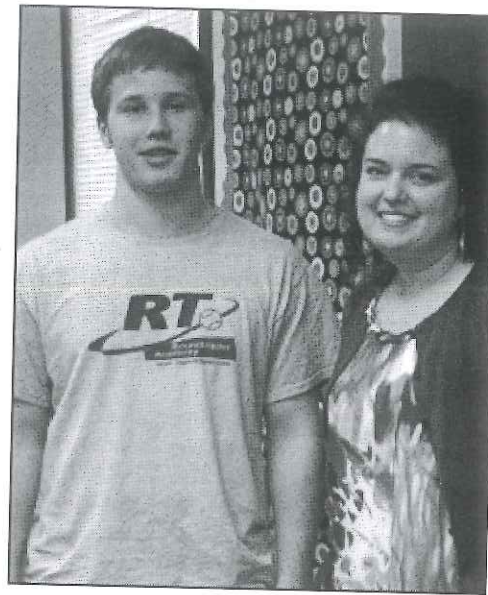
For Darby Koger it was to get into good colleges. Her parents were what kept her on track and constantly checked on her. Koger said her mother was mainly on her about keeping her grades up.

She said she struggled with Spanish, while most other subjects were better. Koger had a few tips for underclassmen: Don't procrastinate, get your work done and keep focused.

Alec Taylor also wanted to impress colleges as well, but he mainly wanted to just get through high school. Mrs. Angie Decker, an eighth-grade English teacher, was his motivator. When he would intern over at the middle school, Decker would often ask about his work ethic and such.

Taylor said, "Math classes were not difficult, the constant work was just overwhelming". He said his parents would get on his case for certain subjects.

Cierra Blankenship was



Senior Alec Taylor said he has enjoyed interning with middle school English teacher Mrs. Decker.

motivated to be successful and get into college. She enjoyed the full high school experience. If she got off track her parents would ground her and help her get those matters together.

Math was difficult for her as well. Blankenship said, "Don't procrastinate and let your work pile up, because you will get behind and things will become more difficult." Blankenship suggested students should appreciate the little things and have fun while they can.

Jacob Hollars' motivation was his desire to get out of here. Hollars said Gracie, his sister, kept him on track. He said Film Lit was where he struggled most.

Hollars said, "Be yourself and forget what

everyone else says. Be who you are." Hollars was sure to not date people from his school and to stay positive no matter what goes on.

Everyone has their ups and downs, but these seniors have turned it all around. Now they are off to impact the world and innovate and create new things that will change the world in many ways. These people are now off to face the world.

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# MOVING ON TO THE

# NEXT LEVEL

By Jay Robillard

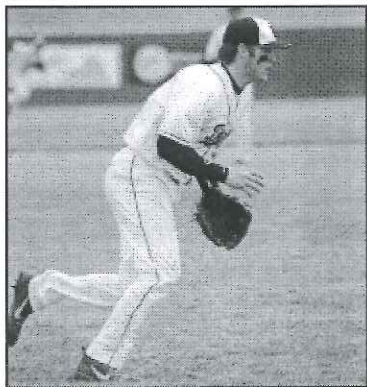
## Victoria Brown

**School:** IPFW

**Major:** Dental Hygiene

**Sport:** Cheerleading

Brown tried out and made the cheer squad back in April. Brown didn't decide that she wanted to cheer in college until she was contacted by the IPFW coach in this last fall.



## Austin Conway

**School:** Indiana State

**Major:** Criminal Justice

**Sport:** Baseball

Conway was first contacted by Indiana State in July going into his senior year. "The biggest difference between high school and college sports is that you can be the best player on your high school team, but go and be average on your college team."

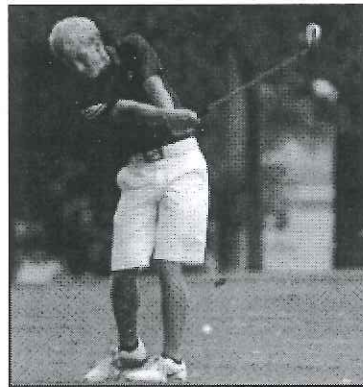
## Kenna Gibson

**School:** Ball State

**Major:** Arcitecture

**Sport:** Cheerleading

Gibson decided that she wanted to cheer in college sophomore year, "At that time, one of my coaches currently cheered at BSU and the other had cheered there also and was a coach, so they got me interested."



## Seth Neal

**School:** Taylor University

**Major:** Pre med/Biology

**Sport:** Golf

Seth first decided that he wanted to play college golf his freshman year of high school, but he didn't think he was good enough to until his junior year. Seth verbally committed to Taylor in June, he signed in September. "It's not really about the golf, it's about where I want to be, and that's Taylor," he said.

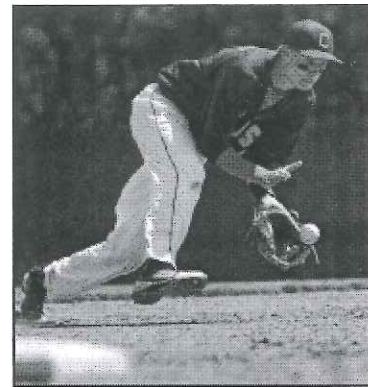
## Alex Maloney

**School:** Ball State

**Major:** Political Science

**Sport:** Baseball

Alex Maloney expects to help rebuild the Ball State baseball program while playing under his dad, Rich. Maloney says that work ethic is the most important thing in playing college sports. "You have to be a student first, so balancing sports and school will be tough."



## Stephanie Garringer

**School:** Saint Mary-Of-The-Woods

**Major:** Journalism  
Communications

**Sport:** Cross Country

Garringer expects to be down in the 18 minute range in the 5000 meter distance by her senior year. She said she chose Saint Mary-Of-The-Woods because she liked all of the people on the team, and the college in general just fit her very well.

# Hangin' Up the Cleats

By Kaylin Gibson

Senior athletes reflect upon the past four years

## Avery Haisley

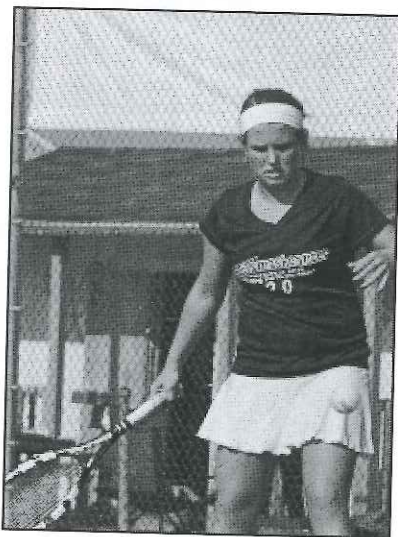
For football player Avery Haisley, the "thrill of competition" and the friends that he has made will be what he will miss most about graduating.

"It's really sad knowing I won't play again because I love the competition and the adrenaline rush from Friday nights," said Haisley.

Going into his last season, Haisley said he was excited because he loves football and was anxious to see how well the team was going to be and what they would be able to accomplish.

A memory that Haisley will always remember happened on his senior night when he got an interception and a runback, "pick six," for a touchdown.

"That was my only touchdown during high school and it's awesome that it happened on my senior night."



Natalie Alexander warms up during the SmashCancer match at Yorktown High School. (Photo by Gracie Hollars)

## Jamie Moynihan

For four-year soccer player and swimmer Jamie Moynihan, moving on from high school is exciting but is also sad knowing all the things she is leaving behind.

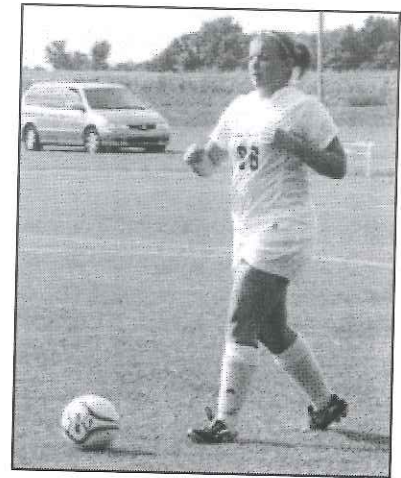
"It's a bittersweet feeling knowing I won't play a high school sport again. It was a lot of fun while it lasted," Moynihan said.

After graduation, Moynihan plans to swim summer club and play soccer in the fall for an adult team. She also plans on coming back to attend sporting events to cheer on past teammates.

Even though graduating high school is an exciting time, Moynihan is somewhat sad to think of the things that she will leave behind.

Moynihan said she will miss the team unity and representing Delta on and off the field.

"I'll miss the soccer campouts and the Secret Santa's. I'll miss my coaches yelling at the freshman, too."



Jamie Moynihan warms up before a game. (Photo provided)

## Natalie Alexander

For four-year tennis team member Natalie Alexander, leaving behind all the exciting memories she has made will be that hardest part about moving on from high school.

Alexander's most memorable moment from tennis was going to state her sophomore year.

"As a sophomore, going to state was a huge honor. I will never forget that experience."

Alexander will also miss the exciting bus rides with her teammates and having the opportunity to play for coach Cleland.

## Maija Lewis

Maija Lewis was a three-year swim team member and a four-year softball team member and credits playing sports for bettering her high school experience.

"Playing sports made my high school experience a lot better," said Lewis, who met many of her best friends through sports.

After graduation, Lewis plans on trying to walk on to Ball State's softball team. If that plan doesn't work out, she will play club sports or co-ed softball.

Although Lewis is excited to begin the next chapter in her life, she can't help but be sad about the things she is leaving behind.

"The thought about never playing a high school sport again makes me sad, especially softball."

# KICKIN' IT INTO 3A

## Delta moves to smaller class for 2013, 2014

By Chloe Crump

For more than 20 years Delta Football has been in the 4A class except between 1997-1998. Now the Eagles are back in the 3A class.

When people hear that they may think that means the team is going to go far because it will be easier competition. That is not necessarily true. The players will have to work just as hard as any other year to go far.

"Their misconception is that it is going to be a lot easier. That's not necessarily the case," said Mr. Grant Zgunda, head football coach.

Although moving down to 3A doesn't automatically mean they will go far, Coach Zgunda, along with many of the players, thinks the team will be successful this fall. Being one of the biggest 3A teams will help them.

In 4A parochial schools such as Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger often are state championship contenders. In 3A, Fort Wayne Bishop Luers is often just as strong as Bishop Dwenger, so there still will be difficult competition.

Just like in any sport the seniors are going to have to step up



2012 football players listen to head coach Grant Zgunda in the huddle during the New Palestine game in Lucas Oil Stadium.

and lead the team.

"It's definitely going to be different. I'll have to step into more of a leadership role and just be more vocal and be more involved," said junior Klay Fullenkamp.

Throughout the regular season the Eagles will be playing mostly the same teams as they have been for the past few years.

One thing that will dramatically change this year will be the sectional. The teams Delta will be playing in the new sectional are Blackford, Eastbrook, Mississinewa, Northwestern, West Lafayette, Western, and rival Yorktown.

Coach Zgunda said it will be a very tough sectional but not easier or harder than last year. These teams are all very good and have good tradition in football.

West Lafayette, for example, went 15-0 and won the state title four years ago.

Moving down to 3A definitely does have its advantages. The Eagles will still have to work out and condition to get better just like every other year.

But many players believe they will be state-bound this year! With a lot of hard work and dedication, it could happen.

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# NEW YEAR CHANGES

By Candace Gray

The school year of 2013-2014 brings many new changes that everyone is expecting: new set of freshmen, new seniors to dominate the school, and new foreign exchange students experiencing many new things in America. But what makes the beginning of the next school year different from others will be, a new track for students to get some laps in and some new rules for students to follow.

As of May 7, the new rules for Delta High School have been made. One of the new rules is students will be able to have their cell phones on them, but the phones cannot be on. Assistant Principal Ms. Joey Gossett said that this rule is to help with the consistency of cell phones being on a student and since some students already keep phones on them, it will be easier to keep the

student out of trouble, as long as the phone is off.

Another new rule is if a student is absent, then that student's parent or guardian may write a note explaining the absence and have the student turn it into the office. Then the absence may be counted as excused as long as the absence was for a legitimate reason. This new rule will help those students whose families cannot afford to go to a doctor or don't regularly go to a doctor, said Ms. Gossett. The staff recognizes that this rule could easily be abused, but the administration will

call the parent or guardians to verify the note.

The final new major rule has to do with tights and leggings. It states that a long shirt, short skirt, or other clothing item must cover at least the student's hips or the mid-thigh when the student wearing tights or leggings. The reason for this rule is simply because students are showing too many curves.

"Leggings and tights are not pants. They are meant to be worn under something," Ms. Gossett said.

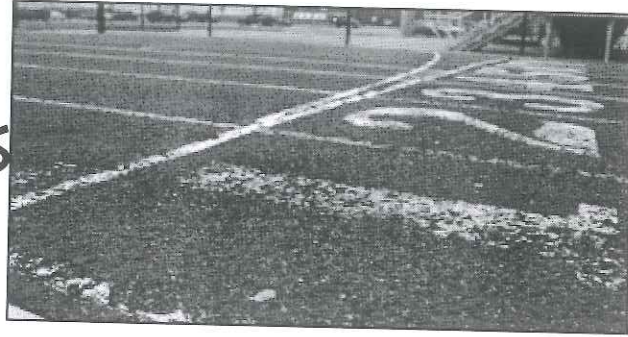
Along with new rules to follow, Delta also is getting a new track at the football stadium. The funds from the new track are from the Capital Project Fund, which is a fund that each school maintains to improve facilities.

Sophomore, Rebekah Box is looking forward to the new track.

"I am excited about it. It will be fun," Box said.

The track will cost around \$300,000 or less, and should be put in during the summer and be done by the opening game of the football season in the fall.

The reason for such a high price is that it will not be made of concrete, but with a special running surface, similar to the middle school track, that will make it one of the best tracks in this area, said Principal Mr. Chris Conley.



The worn-out track out by the football field is getting redone this summer. (Photo by Jenna Parsons)

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# Gearing Up For College

By Sarena Clay

Senioritis set in long ago. Stresses continue to build. Classes grind to an end. Summer plans are made. Sign up for college classes begins. Dorm roommates are sought.

Almost every senior is going through the same experiences. Everything is piling up all at once.

There could be a list miles and miles long and could take what seems like forever to accomplish. Unfortunately, the seniors only have a couple months to complete the list. Seniors try their best to be productive and get done what needs to be done. From walking across the stage to planning a college schedule, every senior's stresses are at different levels.

Adapting to college life is a stressful factor to senior Elijah May's schedule.

"I'm not sure how the little things are going to set in. Like if I get sick, where I would go; do I just stay home?" May said.

Senior Jade Gardner, planning on majoring in radiography, is more stressed about the difference in atmosphere in high school and in college.

"They really don't care what you do. You have to be responsible and make sure you go to your own classes and figure out where those classes are," Gardner said.

On the opposite end, senior Drew Jeffers is most excited about the different atmosphere that a college campus has to offer.

"I just feel like it is going to be way more relaxed than high school," Jeffers said.

Finding a place to live can be just as high up on the priority list as everything else. For seniors like Gardner and who are going to multiple colleges, finding places to live can be a struggle.

"I'm going to Ivy Tech for two years, and then I'm transferring to Ball State," Gardner said.

She is planning to live at home for the two years at Ivy Tech and then a dorm her first year at Ball State. After that she plans to try to find an apartment.

Gardner also had academic standards to meet, as well as personal ones, to be ready for the college life.

She has to complete the 'Accuplacer' for Ivy Tech. This refresher test will let her know the



Illustration by Lindsey Reagon

specific classes she has to take and if she needs to take another refresher course.

May explains how the overall experience of college will definitely be the most exciting part of college life.

"I have several friends who are going there so I have people to lean on, but I'm excited for a totally new experience on my own," May said.

As stressful as these next few months may be for some seniors, all the hard work they have put in throughout the years and especially this last year will pay off when they get to become more and more independent.

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## April showers bring May flowers

By Jamie Moynihan

After a long, cold winter and a rain-filled spring, summer is right around the corner. Last summer, according to weather spark, Muncie's hottest day was June 28 with a staggering temperature of 105 degrees.

This summer vacation, we look ahead to possible temperatures reaching from the mid 70's to the low 80's as we close out the month of May, as seen on the Weather Channel website.

As compared to recent years, the Weather Channel is showing that our temperatures having dropped anywhere from 10-20 degrees this year.

There are many factors such as altitude, latitude or wind that come into play when it comes to temperature.

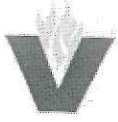
When meteorologists predict the weather, they tend to look at the movement of wind, the formation of clouds, and the rise or fall of temperatures.

According to UCAR, mitigation is a technique that reduces the emissions of the green house gases which is resulting in a climate change.

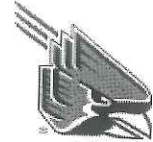
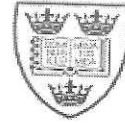
When it comes to tips for the blazing summer heat, the weather channel has a few tips to offer.

Try to avoid the heat as much as possible, dress for the heat, drink lots of water and juices, eat small portions of food and educate yourself on the signs and symptoms of heat disorders.





# Stressing Over School?



By Michael Coleman

Don't let yourself feel unprepared or overwhelmed. The best years of your life are approaching and there's still time to prepare!

Be realistic; don't shoot for Ivy League schools if you've skated through high school with a C average. Also consider your finances. Paying for college is probably the most important thing to consider.

Be aware of deadlines! There are deadlines for everything when dealing with college, so stay up to date on them. Don't risk missing something important because you forgot what day it was due.

Don't judge a university by its cover. Their websites and brochures usually hide the "real" university behind an ideal one. Get out and visit a college to see if the

campus is actually enjoyable and to your liking. Ball State campus

resident and Delta graduate Eric Williamson advises one to stay the night near campus or talk with someone who lives there.

Get a job! Try to get a job at

a business that is also in the location of the university you plan to attend. This will provide experience and you will know what to expect from working there before.

### Not-So-Obvious Things To Bring

- Small Toolkit
- Can Opener
- First Aid Kit
- Air Freshener
- Laundry Basket/Hamper
- Shower Robe
- Clothes Hangers
- Fan
- Power Strip
- Extension Cord
- Shower Caddy (for carrying shampoo, soap razor, etc.)
- Quarters (in high-demand around campuses)

Last, but not least, pack. Not necessarily belongings either.

Mr. Jacob Bacon, the new Ag teacher fresh out of college, advises you to bring "good work ethic" over anything else.

"In order to do well, you've got to be able to do the work," Bacon said.

Science teacher Dr. Lance

### Things NOT to Bring

- Candles (Rarely Allowed)
- Mini-Fridges & Microwaves (That exceed power limits of dorm)
- Hot Plate/George Foreman Grill (Rarely Allowed)
- Large furniture (Dorms are small)
- Non-Essential Expensive Equipment (May be cool to have, but creates a target for theft)

Brand's advice is to simply, "hang on!"

"Have confidence in yourself and realize it's sometimes just about pushing through the hard times," Brand said.

# The Final Step of Senior Year

Some open house themes are unique

By Emily Thompson

Senior Kameo Kirby is showing off how unique open houses can be. She's going with an unusual idea of a horror theme. Not only is she getting a cake, but she is getting a print of herself as a zombie on it.

"We are trying to get Nightmare on Elm Street, Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>, and Texas Chainsaw Massacre items to try to go along with a slasher theme," Kirby said.

Other than having a zombie cake, Kirby is planning on having many other types of unique ideas for

her horror theme. She is plans to have cupcakes that have shards of glass (melted sugar) in them with blood (food coloring) everywhere. The main dish is pulled pork since it is her favorite. She is also having vegetarian food for people who don't eat meat.

Aside from all the horror, Maddy Walker, along with Leah Williams, Samantha Thompson, and Celeste Taylor are planning on having a more upbeat bouncy theme. They are all sharing an open house at Williams' house.

"We are planning on having a bouncy house," Walker said. "It's going to be awesome."



Kameo Kirby shows a sneak peak of her unique open house. (Photo Provided)

They will also have other activities for the guests to do who aren't interested in that. They will have videos, cornhole, and food. The food they are planning on having is mostly deserts and bite size stuff for the guests.

"You don't need super fancy or dress up stuff," Walker said. "It is very casual."

# Going far away to help

By Doerte Stephan

Aaron Jackson does not know yet when or where he will exactly end up after his graduation, but what he knows is that he is going out of state for two years.

Being far away from home for a very long time, he is only allowed to call his parents two times a year, on Christmas and on Mothers Day.

Senior Jackson is one of a few students doing mission trips after this school year ends.

Doing that two-year trip is for Aaron something he wants to do, but also something that is expected from his religion and family. "My family and I are Mormons; all my three brothers went to this trip, too," he said. His mission on that trip is trying to convert people and helping out in the community in that area. People who are doing these trips do not know where they are going until they get a letter one to two months before the mission is starting.



Aaron Jackson prepares for his two-year mission trip. (Photo by Doerte Stephan)

"You can end up anywhere in the world. But I think Norway, Mexico or Germany would be my favorites," Jackson said.

Every morning he goes to church at 6 a.m. with 15 other people in his age to get prepared for that long and adventurous time. "I am looking forward to finding a bunch of food I am not used to, learning a new language, getting new experiences and meeting really cool people out there!" Jackson said.

Senior David Hoopingarner is going to Liberia this July for 10 days with an organization called

Hope2Liberia. "It has just always been something I wanted to do," David said.

In Liberia he is going to distribute and teach the inhabitants how to use a water purification system. "I think it will be an amazing experience for me and I will learn a lot," he said.

Freshman Olivia Shoemaker is going to Ensenada, Mexico for four days this summer. She is going with the YMAM organization through church. For Olivia it is her third mission trip where she is going to build houses for homeless people.

"The people lived in a shack with walls made out of trap and roofs made out of cardboards. They do not have water or any electricity", she explained. Shoemaker got inspired by her dad: "My dad went a year before me and because of his stories and experiences, I wanted to go

Olivia Shoemaker builds houses in Mexico. (Photo provided)




through the process of changing someone's life myself." She really enjoys being together with the native people. "Even though we do not speak the same language we are connecting through the journey of working," she said.

The best moments for Olivia are when she sees the family's reaction the first time they enter a home of their own. Her expectations are every time the same. She wants to give people a home, and more importantly, give them hope.




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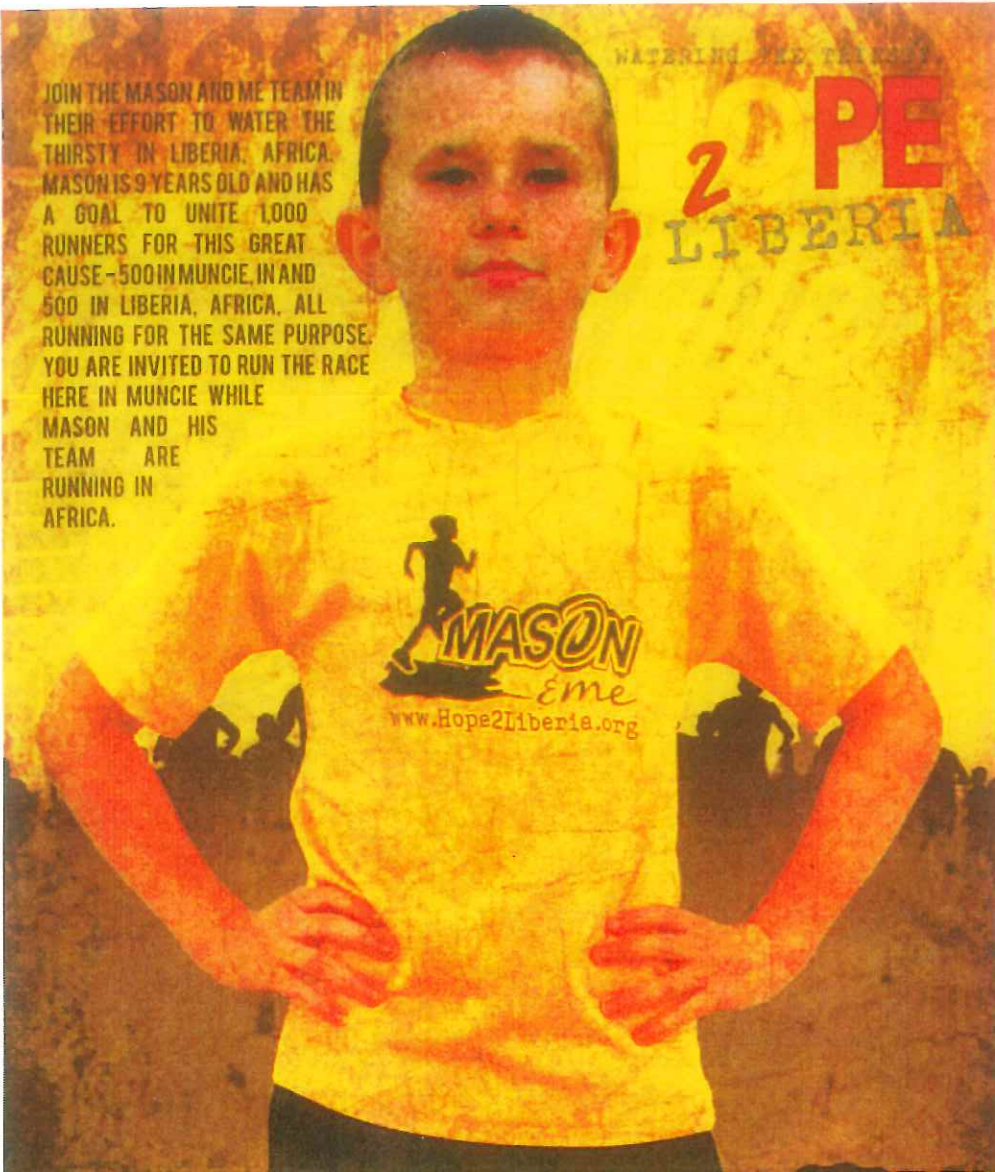
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