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**Sophomore Noah Burford earns top award
from Alliance of Young Artists and Writers.
Other Delta artists take top spots as well.
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Artists' Corner

By Tiffany Flowers



Junior Jacob Hollars shows his artistic talents with his drawings. He credits his inspiration for his art to his dog Izzyboo.

Senior Bethany Miller's favorite area of art is Ceramics. Her inspiration is cats, which she showcased in her 3D logo "ROAR" in Sculpture.



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Catching the 'Twitter bug'

Students start to switch from Facebook to other sites

By Kiera Helm

First MySpace was left behind for Facebook. Now, Facebook is beginning to lose users to Twitter as teens start logging into a new type of social network.

The increased use of Twitter has been evident in the last few months.

Why now are students beginning to catch the "Twitter bug" when it has been up and active since July 2006? Students have multiple reasons.

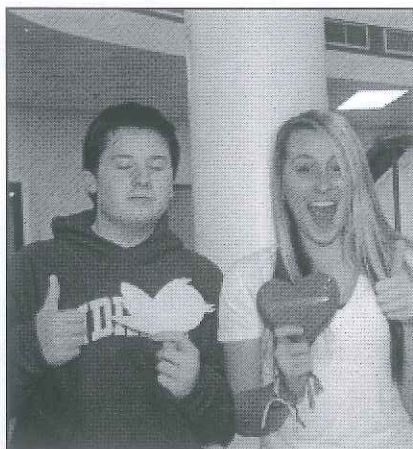
Junior Erin Plummer said, "I like Twitter better because you can say whatever you want and follow a bunch of famous people or all of your friends to see what's going on."

Other students feel that Facebook has been filled with drama recently. Rachael Rothhaar, sophomore, said this was a reason she preferred Twitter to Facebook.

It is crazy how much difference a year makes. In 2010 Twitter estimated 26 million users, but in 2011 the number of users more than quadrupled to between 100 and 150 million users.

Those who don't have a Twitter may want to know what makes it different than Facebook.

On Twitter users have 140 characters per tweet to say



Showing their love for Twitter are Grant Gibbs, who closed his eyes on purpose, and Rachael Rothhaar. (Photo by Gracie Hollars)

what they want. This tweet will show up on their followers' news feeds. Followers can re-tweet, quote the tweet, or favorite it for their followers to see if they wish.

You can also follow celebrities or TV shows to find out the latest information fast.

Companies use Twitter as a way to advertise, and if you follow them sometimes you get tweets about specials only for their followers.

Twitter is a great way to network with people, but just like Facebook replaced MySpace and Twitter is beginning to compete with

Facebook, there will be a new website or app that replaces it.

French teacher Madame Jennifer McNely uses Twitter.

"I like the fact that I can follow people who have a lot of great information and resources to share in order to make me a better teacher," Madame McNely said. "I'm always looking for new things to use in my classes to keep French current and

interesting. Twitter helps me do that."

Other websites beginning to make a take-off with users are Instagram, Pinterest, and StumbleUpon. These websites aren't your average social networks, but they can serve as a way for users to connect through pictures and similar interests.

Instagram is a photo-sharing app for the iPod and iPhone.

Members of Instagram can upload a picture, edit it, add a caption, and then place it on their profile. This app is a simple way to share what is going on with your friends through pictures rather than words.

Right now Instagram has around 5 million users and over a hundred million photos.

Pinterest is a website where users can search something they are interested in like sports. The page is then filled with "pins" that are related to that topic.

On your profile you can have a different board for all the different topics you have searched and save the "pins" you want for later.

Freshman Hannah George said, "Some days when I don't know what to do with my hair, I get an idea from there."

StumbleUpon is a website that you could easily lose yourself on for hours.

When you log in to StumbleUpon you can check all the things you are interested in and then pick one to search. This website will take something like humor, for example, and then take you to a website that is funny. You can continue to click the stumble button and go to other websites having to do with that certain topic.

The website's main purpose is to help the user find interesting websites that they wouldn't usually stumble across.

Follow Me

The five celebrities with the most followers on Twitter:

1. Lady Gaga (19.5 million)
2. Justin Bieber (17.7 million)
3. Katy Perry (15.4 million)
4. Shakira (14.2 million)
5. Rihanna (13.9 million)

Source: Twittercounter.com

When Tommy met Sally

Area residents
of nursing homes
share love advice
for today's teens

By Olivia Brown
and McKenzie Sulfridge

EDITOR'S NOTE: In the spirit of Valentine's Day, the Eagle's Eye magazine interviewed area nursing home residents recently to get their views on love advice for teenagers. In the story below, names have been changed (*) due to privacy laws, but the details are 100 percent true.

When looking for the right person to share a relationship, take some authentic advice from the experts. Those who have been married 50-plus years, still going strong.

Sitting in her wheelchair in the lounge of the Kindred Transitional Care & Rehabilitation Center in Muncie, 80-year-old *Diana Rigsby listened as a yellow canary chirped from its nearby cage. Mrs. Rigsby, wearing a purple nightgown with lily pads, said she and her husband, *Fred, sometimes listen together as the bird sings.

On this cold, icy January afternoon, Mrs. Rigsby's mind flipped back through the years of warm memories from her 60-year marriage.

For her, it was love at first sight. At 5 years old, she met the boy who would turn into the man with whom she would spend the rest of her life. After dating for just three weeks at age 20, they married. Now, they have family as far as great-grandchildren.

When looking for a relationship, "I saw the quality, not the quantity," she said.

Her thoughts were to look for a guy with good actions and emotions.

For Mrs. Rigsby, her relationship "just fell into place," making everything perfect. But not



February 10, 1949 picture of Mr. and Mrs. Rigsby from Eaton out on a cold, frosty day. Mrs. Rigsby now resides at the Kindred Transitional Care & Rehabilitation Center in Muncie, where she is visited often by her husband. They first met when they were 5 years old.

all relationships come so easily; they have hardships and loss of time if they don't work right away.

The smell of vanilla sugar from a bedside candle scented the air in the warm, cozy room at the Kindred Transitional Care & Rehabilitation Center in Muncie. A little, white-haired lady traveled back more than half a century to where the long-lasting memories of her

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relationship started.

After being told that "it would never last," *Donna Morrison married at 19. Sixty-eight years later come this May, she and her husband are still happily married.

For her, back then the word "love" meant more than it does today. She said "love" then was more valued because of its meaning, not the sexual pleasures that go along with a relationship.

In her day, Mrs. Morrison said women often got married at a younger age instead of going to college. Being a stay-at-home mother was the goal for many women of her generation.

But she said people now should wait and experience life instead of rushing into relationships by getting married too quickly.

Her relationship advice is to base everything with trust; people should never go to bed mad at their spouse.

"When you go to sleep mad, all of the anger builds up inside," she said.

And with relationships, she thinks teenagers need to "wait to have sex till you know what you're doing."

On the other hand, trust and honesty toward people make a good, strong bond that will last.

Giving it your all, with dedication and commitment, was the relationship formula for *Mr. & Mrs. Fred Masters. They have been married for the past 56 years after dating for 10 months. Now they are spending the rest of their lives giving everything they have for each other in their relationship.

Betty Masters is now visited by her dedicated husband every day at the Albany Health & Rehabilitation Center. He takes her to eat on dates and trips into Muncie, but Betty currently lives at the rehab center.

"We stick together no matter what happens," Fred said.

More than half a century ago, one of his friends set him up with a blind date. Reluctant at first, Fred finally agreed, and love at first sight seemed to be the result.


"She was wearing a little yellow dress, and I called her 'My little sunshine'," he said.

He believes that today's

relationships are selfish because of the new technology; our families seem distant and have a less strong bond. High school students go into relationships willing to receive, but rarely give anything into it, he said.

From Fred and Betty's generation, love and relationships have changed into more sexual and physical than emotional. This couple said they live their life each day with each other's heart in mind and make each day worthwhile.

"When living life, live each day to the fullest because you don't know when it will be your last," said Fred Masters.

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Interesting Interns

Stories by Ellen Alcini



Kyssha Cox

1. **What is your internship?**
— I intern at the attorney's office in downtown Muncie for McClellan & McClellan.
2. **What do you do at your internship?**
— Some of the things that I do at my intern are take mail to the post office, file and file-stamp cases, open up new cases, make copies of orders and motions.
3. **Why did you choose to intern where you do?**
— I chose to intern at McClellan & McClellan because I wanted to go to school to be a paralegal, but I have recently changed my mind to being a dental hygienist.
4. **Why/who influenced you to intern where you do?**
— The paralegal who I intern for influenced

me to intern to see if that's what I really wanted to do.

5. **What is something that you do at your internship that you didn't expect you would do there?**
— I didn't expect to get to go to the courthouse and go to the circuit courts. I also didn't think I could handle and file cases of people that I know.
6. **Would you recommend your internship to other people? Why?**
— I would recommend my internship to others because it's a great way to get a feeling of responsibility and what it's like to be in the law enforcement.
7. **What is a memory from your internship so far?**
— Best memory so far would be when I had to go to circuit courts and stamp motions, but I didn't look at the top of the papers where it said what courts it was and I stamped the wrong numbers on the motions and sent it to the court.
8. **How do you sign up for an internship?**
— Go to the counselor.
9. **What is it like being an intern?**
— I feel like I'm learning a lot of stuff.



Jim Schafer

3. **Why did you choose to intern where you do?**
— I chose to intern at the Albany Veterinary Clinic because my goal is to become a veterinarian. The Grassos are great people and great teachers.
4. **What is something that you do at your internship that you didn't expect you would do there?**
— I didn't expect to see that the way human medicine is practiced is very close to the way veterinary medicine is practiced.
5. **Would you recommend your internship to other people? Why?**
— I would recommend my internship to anyone who loves animals and wants to become a veterinarian. I have the greatest internship, not only because it's what I want to do when I get older, but because the staff at the Albany Vet Clinic is incredibly supportive and really fun to around. I'm learning something new every day.



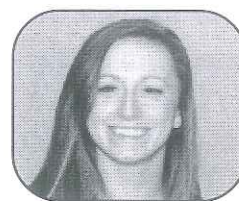
Brianna Roper

1. **What is your internship?**
— I intern at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital on pediatrics and women's services and in the mother-baby unit.
2. **What do you do at your internship?**
— I follow and shadow nurses to learn skills in patient care, medicine, infections, and diseases, charting, and just basic skills for a nurse such as first aid.
3. **Why did you choose to intern where you do?**
— I want to be a nurse some day and wanted to see what it's like on a normal day for a nurse.
4. **What is something that you do at your internship that you didn't expect to do there?**
— You always hear how nurses are on their feet so much, but I didn't think it would be this much. I walk 1-2 miles in an hour.
5. **Would you recommend your internship to other people? Why?**
— Yes, if you want to be a nurse you need more than just education about infections, diseases, procedural care (IV's), and things like that. You need to learn patient care, time management, and things like that. This experience gives you a feel for what it's really like.



Claudia Jackson

1. **What is your internship?**
— I intern with Michelle Lynn Jones (owner) at Premiere Dance Center.
2. **What do you do at your internship?**
— We have gone to the mall to go costume shopping, run to the bank and deposit payments for dance, restocked vending machines, helped pick out songs and costumes for dance, and have been working with Michelle on the London trip this summer.
3. **Why did you choose to intern where you do?**
— I wanted to intern here because I dance here every night so the studio is like a second home to me. Plus Michelle and I are really close. She calls me her Lil Sis and I call her my Big Sis; I also wanted to see what it's like to run a studio.
4. **What is something that you do at your internship that you didn't expect you would do there?**
— Sometimes we just have chill days and just hangout and talk and work on dances.
5. **Would you recommend your internship to other people? Why?**
— I guess, but you would really have to love dance and costume shopping and everything like that.



McKenzie Evans

1. **What is your internship?**
— I intern with the Ball State football Athletic Trainer
2. **What do you do at your internship?**
— I help with rehab and treatments for players.
3. **Why did you choose to intern where you do?**
— Because I want to go into athletic training.
4. **What is something that you do at your internship that you didn't expect you would do there?**
— Work on the field with the team.
5. **Would you recommend your internship to other people? Why?**
— Yes, it's a really good learning experience and it opens up a lot of doors.
6. **What is a memory from your internship so far?**
— Just getting to know the players and staff so well.
7. **How do you sign up for an internship?**
— You find out where you want to go and talk to them.
8. **How do you like your internship?**
— I LOVE IT.
9. **What is it like being an intern?**
Lots of fun.

Dancing to London

'I'm still shocked. I never thought I'd get a chance like it.'

**Photos and story
By Leah Williams**

Senior Claudia Jackson loves British accents and is finally getting to listen to them on location. "I told my mom that I'm going to speak in one the whole time we're there. I've been practicing," said Claudia Jackson, senior. Agrees senior Meliah Wray, "That's actually half the reason I'm going."

For Jackson, Wray and four other dancers at Delta, excitement is building. They will perform at the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

"I'm still shocked. I never thought I'd get a chance like it. It's exciting," said Shelby Richardson, sophomore.

Jackson, Richardson and Wray will be joined by sophomores Ashley Hansel, Sarah Tinkle and Hannah Myers.

All six dance at Premiere Dance Center, run by Michelle Jones. One day, she received a call from the head of another studio saying that they were going to the Olympics, but they needed a few more dancers.

They asked Jones if she could provide them. The producer later called Jones and said Premiere could have a spot of its own. Total, 17 dancers from Premiere are going to perform at the Olympics.

They will be dancing at the equestrian events and in a big performance at Warwick castle.

"We will be doing all types of dances," said Jackson.

The dancers have been practicing together every chance they get. "We have practice every Saturday for two hours and then we practice after classes," explained Myers. Added Tinkle,

"We practice for, like, five hours." They will also have summer practices.

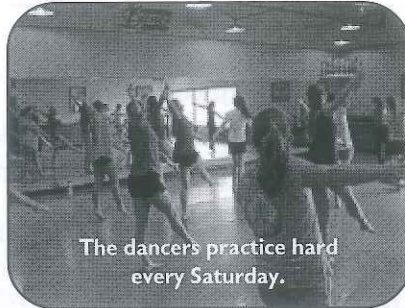
When they're not dancing, the dancers will get to tour London. Hansel is most excited to see different castles. "We might take a train to Paris to see the Eiffel Tower," she said.

The dancers also have the opportunity to attend Olympic events, but they are responsible to get their own tickets. Jackson plans to buy tickets there. Richardson, whose brother and parents are coming with her, already has tickets to tennis. It will be played at Wimbledon, and as a tennis player, Richardson is looking forward to her Centre Court seats.

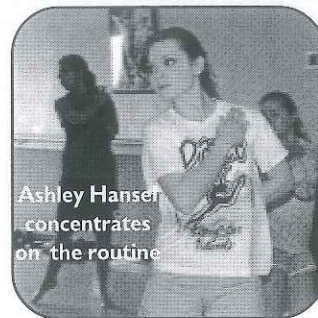
All the girls are very excited about their upcoming trip. "I never thought that we'd ever have an opportunity to go out of the country to perform through dance, and I think it's a great way to end

my senior year at Premiere," Jackson said. Said Tinkle, "I've always wanted to travel, and I really hope this starts me off traveling to different places."

Added Hansel, "I've always wanted to go to London....It'll be exciting to actually go to London and the Olympics and dance in front of tons of people."



The dancers practice hard every Saturday.



Ashley Hansel concentrates on the routine.

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Man Behind the Scenes

One Delta student has a busy schedule, but some may not even know about it

By Audrey Benbow

Some students show strong people skills. Some students solve problems well. Occasionally, a student combines both.

Zane Naylor, senior, always has something going on or a project he is working on. Zane is involved in more than 20 different activities and jobs, including commenting games for Web Sports Machine, working as a ticket-seller for the DHS athletic department, joining National Eagle Scout Association, and participating in Campus Life.

He stays busy keeping up on all of his activities as well as trying new things.

Zane broadcasted 10 out of 14 Delaware County tournament basketball games with Web Sports Machine. Web Sports Machine is a broadcasting and video of the games over the internet. Anyone can watch it while it is going on or even later.

He has been helping out with Boy Scouts for 12 years. He works at a summer camp with little kids. He is now in the process of joining National Eagle Scout Association.

He reorganized the high school TV studio over two years and helps produce Eagle Zone News.

Zane also helps people just to help. He assists teachers transfer old tapes to DVD's.

He transferred an old audiotape of janitor Bob Blevins' brother preaching that was very special to him onto DVD, and did a similar transfer of songs for Spanish teacher, Mrs. Lourdes Davis.

"He has a mind that is resourceful about solving

technological problems and ways to accomplish things," said Mr. Tim Cleland, journalism teacher who has taught Zane in TV news, yearbook, and newspaper.

Zane works very well with technology. He is always the go-to guy with computer questions.



Zane Naylor edits videos in the Eagle Zone News studio. (Photo by Stephanie Garringer)

"I wish I knew how to do the computer stuff he does," senior Kasin Spay said.

He does a lot

in the TV studio video making, editing, and interviewing. Zane also knows several editing computer programs such as I-Movie, Final Cut, Final Cut Pro, and Photoshop.

"Zane's a really funny guy," senior Seth Myers said. "He is a good role model."

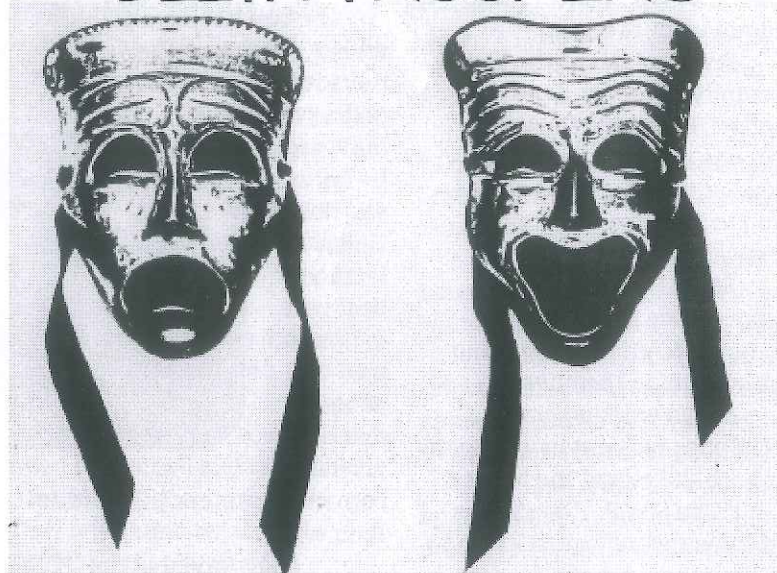
He gets along with a combination of adults and students both.

Zane helped Kevin Clements in making a 9/11 memorial video, the writing prompt instructions video, and Mr. Tom Devine's tribute video. "He'll help anyone out. He gets along with a lot of people," Spay said.

Zane said he doesn't have a lot of free time. His parents, Brian and Tonya, both work. His mother works at Morrison Woods Health Campus and his father works at Toyota. His brother, Zachery Naylor, is a junior at Taylor University, and recently returned from Africa after serving in a youth program.

Zane doesn't really know what he wants to do yet. He said he would probably go to college to do exploratory studies. Everyone asked said they thought Zane had a good future ahead of him.

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Mr. Brad Himes teaches his class with inspiration and enthusiasm. (Photo by Gracie Hollars)

Somebody Stop Me!

Mr. Himes earned respect in tough teaching situations

By Christi Dalton

Geography teacher Mr. Brad Himes has been in a spot where most teachers would not want to be.

As a teacher at the Youth Opportunity Center and the Muncie Reception Diagnostic Center, Himes was put in charge of teaching students, along with helping to keep the correctional centers safe.

MRDC was made for students whose next step was either going to prison, or getting things straight in their lives.

While working at the MRDC Himes was put in lockdown along with the rest of the facility.

"The S.W.A.T. team was called in; we were locked in for 18 hours. It was said that a student had a weapon, and that they had gotten it from a staff member," said Himes.

All had turned out ok, but it had been a scary day.

"I belonged in the classroom. If I could get people to get their education, then they would not get in trouble. They did not see a reason not to get in trouble."

Himes taught a classroom full of students that were convicted of crimes in some areas, while teaching others that

had just a first offense. As a guard there, and a child care specialist, Himes was put into the classroom.

Working in a place where you are on the protective side to keep from getting hurt can be nerve wracking. Himes learned to deal with gangs and the dangers that juvenile correction centers hold within their walls.

He worked at the YOC for one year. Then he worked for three years at the MRDC. Both centers were used for troubled students.

One of the facilities Himes worked at was run more like a military school. This school was for students who had been convicted repeatedly of crimes.

Working in lockdown was not the safest place to work. However, Himes made it his job to help troubled students change their lives.

"You had to worry about being attacked, gang wars occurring, contrabands, or people getting weapons. You could have 20 Bloods and 20 Crips together, so you were worried that you would get stabbed. I do not miss lockdown," said Himes.

Himes was not just a teacher there, but he would also be used to break up riots and fights.

However, Himes did change many students' lives. He got through their heads that if they did not get things right now, they would not be set free. They would go from lockdown to prison.

"Work smarter, not harder."

This saying by basketball coach John Wooden is one of Mr. Himes' favorite pieces of advice.

Some would get their lives straight. The ones that succeeded would be able to stay out of trouble.

"I have 104 letters just from lockdown students who have sent them to me. The ones that made it out got their GED's, and they are not getting in trouble. Some of the letters are as old as 12-13 years," said Himes.

Statistics show that once students get in trouble they are more likely to get in it again. Himes said that it is a feeling of great accomplishment when students beat those odds.

"When they would accomplish things there would be no regrets. You would feel great. One of the downs was that you had to be persuasive all the time," said Himes.

Hime's next job was at the Delta Learning Center, an alternative school where he taught for seven years.

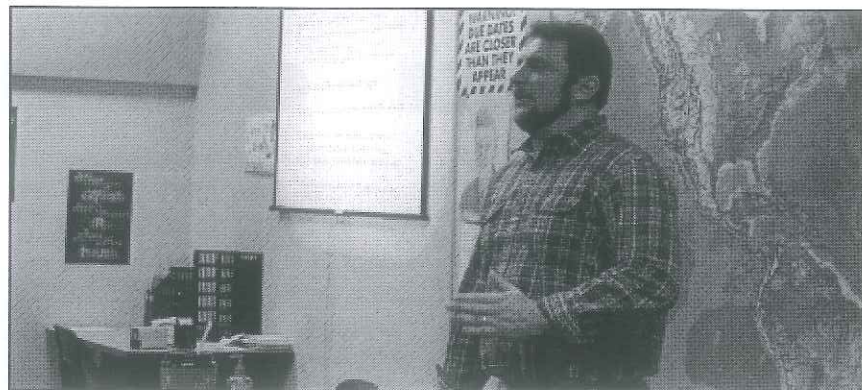
Transitioning from lockdown to the Delta Learning Center was a big challenge for Himes. For the first two years, Himes was afraid that when students would lift their pencil up more than two inches, they were about to stab somebody.

The Delta Learning Center was at first located in Albany, then as time went on, the DLC moved to near the Water Bowl.

Mr. Hime's daughter, senior Erica Himes, remembers her father working at the DLC. The DLC had a very low graduating number before Himes arrived.

"It was a really good job for him. When he first started there, the graduating class was 10 or under," Erica said, adding that her father's graduating classes were 30 or more.

Himes was the lead teacher at the Learning Center. After several years of lockdown teaching, he was finally able to



Mr. Himes explains to his Geography students how there is a water shortage in Arizona.
(Photo by Christi Dalton)

relax and let his guard down.

"It took me awhile. People probably thought I was crazy. Maybe they were right," he joked.

Being at the DLC and Lockdown, a teacher would have

to make the students understand the importance of getting an education. He would try to give the students something that they cared about every day that would be interesting. He now uses the same strategy at Delta.

He is in his third year at Delta as geography teacher.

"Not everybody loves geography. I try to give interesting facts and pull you into the lesson," said Himes.

Himes did not always want to be teacher; he wanted to be a coach. He

played basketball and ran track, at Delta.

"As time went on, I discovered that I had good communication skills. I had Ervin, so that stoked the fire," Himes said, referring to social studies

teacher Mrs. Pat Ervin.

His lessons are not like the typical teacher's. He opens every lesson with a daily quote, word of the day, and with interesting facts. Mrs. Michelle Buckmaster-Zvokel has been a substitute teacher for Himes on many occasions. BZ has also known Himes since they were in college.

"He makes it interesting, it is always interesting. Kids seem to respond well to the interesting facts," said Buckmaster-Zvokel.

Sophomore Sam Bales had Himes his freshman year. One of Himes' favorite sayings that he repeats often is "Somebody stop me." So Bales during first semester made a stop sign on the back of his folder.

"He is an unconventional teacher, but he traps you into learning," Bales said.

Throughout all of his years of teaching in various settings, Himes has so far not given up on a student.

"He is a teacher who really cares about his students. He makes them pass and learn," said Bales.

Junior Nathan Bolka is the only teacher aide for Himes for this semester. Bolka has learned many facts about sports while in his class.

"You learn a lot about sports, history, and how to handle certain situations in the real world after high school," said Bolka.

Himes has encouraged students to push themselves to get their education. Those 104 letters from students may one day double in size.

An example of one of the interesting facts taught by Mr. Himes is that two former Presidents, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, died within hours apart on the same day. They were both signers of the Declaration of Independence, along with being sworn political rivals. John Adams' last words were a bitter concession that "Thomas Jefferson still lives," not knowing that his rival had already died.

They both had wanted to outlive each other and both died on July 4th, 1826, on the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration.

A League of Their Own

By Adam Brown

After a long week at school, many students look forward to sleeping on the weekends, but some students by 6 a.m. on Saturday are up and ready to go. Many look forward to one thing, intramural basketball. One player Austin Lemna said, "Out of all the things I look forward to each week, intramurals is number one."

Some students don't quite understand how intramurals work. Intramurals is open for any student who is not involved in a winter sport. Each year math teacher Mr. Steve Scroggins puts out sign-up sheets where you can recruit and create your own team. You also get to come up with your own team name (school appropriate).

One thing about intramurals that students do not like is the start time which is every Saturday at 7 a.m. You play round robin during the regular season, and the tournament is seeded from there and is double elimination.

This year's league consists of eight teams. The eight teams are the Zone-6 Polar Bears, Team One, Mermaids, Monstars, Legits, The Beasts, Black Magic, and The Fire Breathing Rubber Duckies. Each team has its strengths and weaknesses, but the team that has stood out the most is the Polar Bears. They are led on the court by senior Brock Morgan. Morgan, and juniors Trey Wehlage and Dylan Benbow, which were all members of the high school team last season account for almost 80% of their team's points. Other teams that have put up winning records are the Monstars, Mermaids, and the Rubber Duckies. All three teams have come close to beating the Polar Bears, but only one has

come out on top. The Monstars jumped out to a 22-8 lead at halftime and held on during the second half and gave the Polar Bears their only loss on the season. Some of the Monstars players are Corey Seals, Drew Haggard, Skyler Brand, and Matt Mays.

Although some teams worked their hardest out on the court, it was the Polar Bears that triumphed over the Fire Breathing Rubber Duckies to win the championship. Some of teams that struggled were The Beasts, Team One, Black Magic and the Legits.

Team One has come close to beating some of the better teams but has not been able to finish out the game.

Team One member Andrew Evans more known for his on court comedy than his skill, still has the ability to knock down some deep shots.

The team struggling the most this season is the Legits. They ended the season without earning a win. One reason why they struggled so much is because they lost their key player due to a small fight that took place during a game.

One item that sometimes gets out of hand is the scuffles that go on during games. Often players will talk trash and try to get under another player's skin, which in some cases is all fun and games, but sometimes it can turn into more than an exchange between

words. Sometimes players will start throwing elbows and purposely causing hard fouls that go uncalled since there are no real officials.

Most of the time the players resolve the conflict themselves. Only a few times does Mr. Scroggins have to step in.

A major issue that many students do not understand is why

the players take these games so serious. Players will put forth all the energy they can just to win a game that actually means nothing. Cade Jones, a member of Team One, said, "One thing our

team is good at is playing with heart. We lack size and talent, but we make it up with energy and enthusiasm."

Playing for pride is motivation for many students. For some students this was their last year with a chance to win, and they didn't going to go down without a fight. "It's not so much about actually winning the tournament, it's more being able to brag about it for the whole next year," senior Sam Long stated, member of the Monstars.

There is lot more to intramurals than most students understand. Waking up at the crack of dawn and taking these games so seriously. For some of these players it's more than just a game. Jones said, "We aren't just building a team, we are building a dynasty."



Kade Zvokel tries a dunk as Drew Haggard takes cover. (Photo by Gracie Hollars)

Mrs. Dominick drops pounds with 'life change'

By Megan Baker

After walking up a flight of stairs this fall, Mrs. Cheryl Dominick, treasurer, realized she had a problem. It was then that she decided she needed a change of lifestyle.

"When I got to the top I felt winded and it kind of scared me," Dominick said. "I decided if I wanted to live old that I would have to change."

She decided to lose 60 pounds. Dominick started her life change in October. "I don't consider myself on a diet this time. It's a lifestyle change to get healthy," she said.

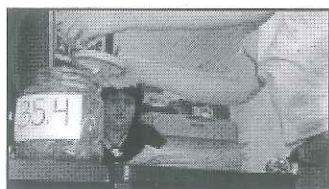
Dominick is not only doing this to live longer and be healthier, she is doing it to lose weight for her son's wedding. Logan Dominick will

be married in June.

Her motivation is a candy jar in her office. She says, "I have a piece of paper taped to the front of the jar with the number of pounds

that I have lost so far. This is a motivation to stay out of the jar and keep going."

She keeps the candy for others, but does not eat



Mrs. Dominick resists the candy while others enjoy their sweet treat. (Photo by Matt Hinds)

any of it herself.

As of late February, she had lost 40.4 pounds.

Besides feeling better, she also draws motivation from her co-workers and from going to Weight Watchers every week.

Instead of drinking Diet

Coke she drinks water. The foods Dominick avoids are the usual fats, sugars, and sweets. "It's all about the crunch," Dominick says to her co-worker Mrs. Melanie Marshall.

Instead of eating chips, eat pickles. They are salty and crunchy but have zero calories.

"She is doing great with her goal to lose weight," said senior Kaitlin Clawson, who played soccer, basketball and ran track with Dominick's daughter, Brittany. "Every time I walk into her office there is a new index card with an increased number of weight lost."

Dominick's favorite saying is, "The first bite tastes like the last bite," so she says, "you don't need the ones between."

Clawson is sure Dominick will succeed.

"I have no doubt that she will continue on her life change," she said.

Senior hopes to help others afford supplies

By Clayton Grubbs

There is a chance that a school supply shop will be opening next school year thanks to senior Haven Wegesin and media specialist Mrs. Amy Lewman's efforts to get it started.

Haven came to Mrs. Lewman with her idea before winter break.

"Awesome, I was on board the second she suggested it," Mrs. Lewman said.

This school supply shop will be mainly for students that have free or reduced lunch and can't afford everything they need for school. The shop will have supplies stocking the shelves in the back room of the library.

Pencils erasers, rulers and similar supplies will be available for students to borrow or to buy them for low prices. Students can get supplies for free if they can't afford them. There also might be a

color printer to help with students or staff members who need color printouts.

Out of our 820 students, 33.7 percent or 276 are on free or reduced lunch this year.

Mrs. Lewman is writing a small grant for \$500 to fund the shop when it is started. She said there is a good chance of the grant coming through.

The Class of 2003 left behind money to the library. Mrs. Lewman has used the money to buy supplies for students previously, but having a designated room for students to get the things they need would be easier for the students.

They're going to try to set up a computer system similar to the one in the library for books to



Senior Haven Wegesin hopes to help students get school supplies next fall. (Photo by Christi Dalton)

track who takes what.

Mrs. Lewman hopes this gives a sense of relief to students that forget something they need for a class or if they need something for the rest of the year.

Haven said she can relate to students who don't always have enough money for supplies.

Mrs. Lewman said, "I appreciate Haven caring for everybody."

Hitting The Books

Some Parents Going Back To College

By Bailey Hood

Some evenings, Marissa Elam sits down with her mother, Deb, to work on math and English homework. Not Marissa's homework, but her mom's college homework.

"I help mom with her math and English, like the other day she asked me how to do prime factorization!" Marissa said.

Marissa is one of several students with parents going back and attending college, either in person or online. Deb Elam attends class every Tuesday and Thursday, then the rest of the week she is doing online classes to fulfill her dream of becoming a dental assistant.

Mrs. Pat Ervin, a high school social studies teacher, has been around education a lot through her work career. Ervin teaches online classes at IVY Tech for History 101. She has learned over the years that older non-traditional students tend to perform better and be more focused on their school work, as they come to realization that time is almost up.

"I have a number of non-traditional students in my classes," said Ervin. "They are going back to pick up degrees – many are unemployed through plant closures or layoffs."

Ervin said younger college students sometimes have different motivation.

"My younger students are sometimes in school because their parents want them to go to school, but they are undecided about what they want to do with their lives," she said. "The older students realize that they need a degree to get a job and they are running out of time. They are motivated to do well by their children – they want to provide for them and be an example."

Parents and their children sometimes both have to make some sacrifices.

"Mom is never around, and I have to wait every day after school to be picked up," Marissa said.

Although Marissa doesn't get much time with her mom, she is proud of her and still encourages her every chance she gets, knowing that what her mom is doing is what is best for the family. The Elam family will appreciate the money coming in after she is finished with school and moved on to her dream.

"Push through it, just keep your head up, I know you can do it!" Marissa added to let her mom know that she is proud.

Her mother is one of many parents at Delta who are going back to school. Freshman Jillian

Renbarger's mother, Lisa Renbarger, is also attending college again, not just for herself, but for her family. Renbarger's mother decided to go back to school to get a higher degree and a higher position at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.

Jillian said her mother enjoys putting herself back through school, although going back to school is just one more stress in her life. Mrs. Renbarger counts on her family's help.

"I help my mom around the house and to get things done so she can come home and relax so she doesn't have to do as much," Jillian said, adding that she helps her 8-year-old brother do his homework and fix his dinner.

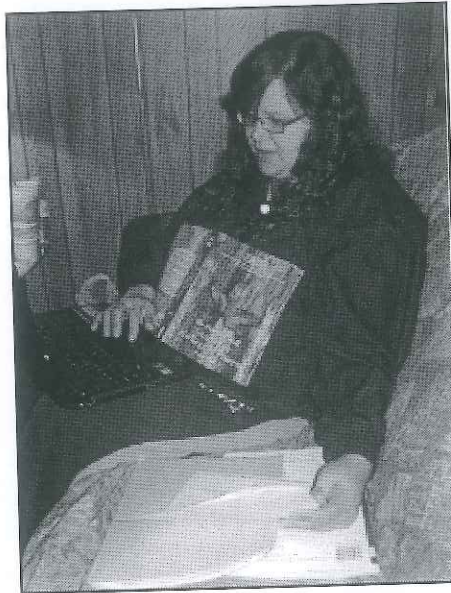
Jillian helps her mom with the most that she possibly can, but one thing that she doesn't help her mom with is school work. Jillian and her mother have similar algebra homework, but algebra is not Jillian's best subject.

"We don't help each other because we yell at each other way too much. We annoy each other with algebra," Jillian said.

Jillian is not the only one at home helping. Jillian's dad helps out by leaving her mom time to get school work done. He is also busy building dialers for Ontario Systems.

"I'm proud of my mom because she actually did it. She didn't procrastinate," Jillian said.

Many other adults that are enrolled in college have children. Even with children, these parents are



Deb Elam is at school on her laptop.

very well organized and even work ahead in Mrs. Ervin's college classes.

"Students with children don't miss class often. They seem more focused and determined," Ervin said "They usually have child care set up and arrangements made. If they do miss class, they are responsible for making up work with me."

Freshman Trey Bland's mother, Denise Bland, has also returned to college to become a physical therapy assistant so she can get a better job that pays more money.

Trey says his mom's school work is harder than his and she has a lot more work.

"My mom's anatomy is much harder than mine," Trey said.

Trey thinks his mom is making a wise choice for herself and the family.

Trey says his mom has been to college before, but she did not get to finish because it was too much money and she wasn't sure what she wanted to do yet. Now that Mrs. Bland is back in school, Trey says she wishes she would have gone to college sooner.

Mrs. Bland encourages Trey to do well in school and to make good grades and to attend college as soon as he gets out of high school.

Mrs. Bland is not the only one to advise students to go to college after high school, either. Junior Bryce Dishman's dad encourages his son, also.

"Dad tells me to study, it will be worth it," Bryce says.

His dad is going back to school to become an elementary teacher. Bryce hopes to see his dad have a steady job five years from now.

Bryce's father never went to college as soon as he got out of high school. His father choose to enter the Army instead. Dishman's father wishes he would have worked harder in school and done it right the first time.

Bryce is proud of his father.

"He's doing a good thing for the family. He is working hard, and I appreciate what he is doing," Dishman said.

Ervin's Advice

Mrs. Pat Ervin, high school social studies teacher, believes some students should think more about their future.



Jillian points out something on her mother's homework. (Photo provided)

"If you are spending more time planning Spring Break (one week) than you are researching college (four years of your life) you should probably rethink your priorities," Ervin suggests.

Several adults would give you advice from their own experience. Ervin has the opportunity to see many college students who have already been to school, and are now going back.

"Many non-traditional students work 40 hours per week and then do classes. Some have children and it is hard to balances a marriage, children, and school," Ervin said.

She suggests that you are sure of what you want to do before you just go to school to get an education.

"Going to college because you don't know what you want to do could be your worst choice. The number one reason students drop out of school is that they don't know what they want to do," Ervin said.

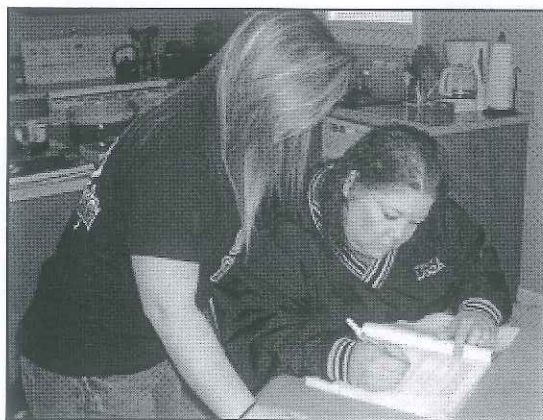
She also suggests that students don't go into school and come out in major debt.

"Dropping out with \$17,000 in debt is not a good plan. Taking a career aptitude test can pay off in the long run. They run about \$250 but taking classes over can cost over \$600 for one class," Ervin said

"Select a school you can afford. Too many people come out of college in debt and it is a lot of pressure. Ivy Tech is a great option for the first two years."

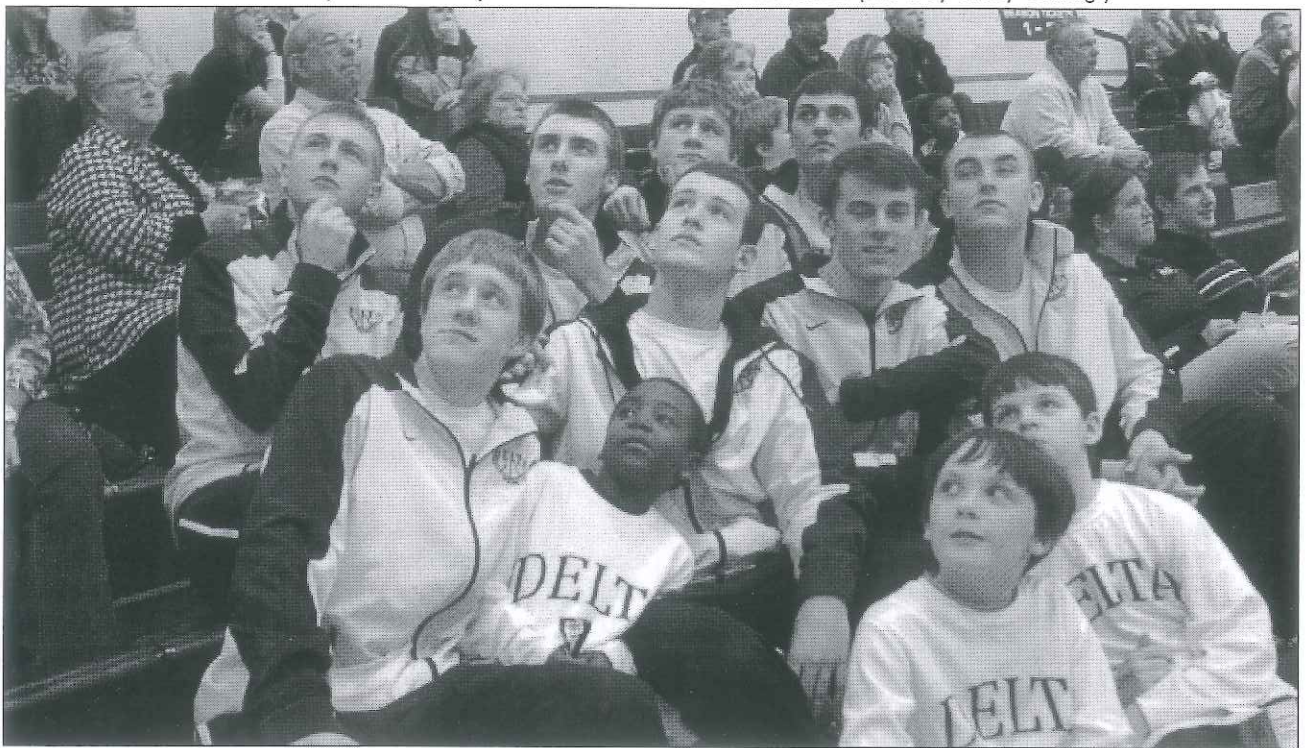
Delta has many opportunities for students to take some college courses senior year.

"I would encourage Delta students to take 15-20 hours here at Delta. They could then do the summer, whole school year, and second summer at Ivy Tech and transfer to Ball State, IU, or Purdue after one year and be a junior at the four-year school," Ervin said.



Jillian Renbarger looks over her mother, hard at work.

The Ullom boys and the varsity basketball team have fun in the stands. (Photo by Shelby Cummings)



All in the Family

JV basketball coach adopts four sons

By Reed Borgmann

During the varsity basketball pre-games, you may have noticed two young children behind the Delta bench with the name "Ullom" on the back of their pullovers. They are junior varsity coach Justin Ullom's two sons.

At first glance it might not make sense because one of them is a young African-American boy and one is a young Caucasian boy. Although they may not both look like an Ullom on the outside, they both completely are on the inside.

Coach Justin Ullom has five sons, four of whom are adopted from Indianapolis. Justin and his wife had their first son in 2003, adopted their first son in 2005, adopted twins in 2006, and adopted once more in 2008.

One common struggle for parents who adopt children is



Joey (left) and Jackson (right) Ullom watch the team warm up before a game.

when or whether you ever tell them. "All four of our boys know they're adopted and know what it means," said Ullom. "We are their mom and dad, and their biological parents are their birth mom and birth dad."

Now for most parents

having one child under the age of 10 is a challenge, but the Ulloms are raising five boys under 10, that's colossal.

"They all get along pretty well. It's five boys pretty close together, so they have their moments, but they get along," Ullom added.

At the games and practices for the JV team Joey and Jackson have had a positive effect toward the young players. "It makes us conscious of how we act really," said sophomore Rob Fox. "It's a good one because they learn from us and they make practices fun."

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Ullom is balancing a full-time job, a part-time coaching job, and raising five boys. His schedule is booming and raises a question: Does all this work make it hard to spend time with your children?

"Coach Daugherty is totally cool with me bringing Jackson and Joey to practice and sometimes bringing my younger boys, too," said Ullom.

At the games Ullom gets help from Rob Fox, Jalen Robinson, Jordan Fenwick, Cody Witt, and Kameron Slaven. "We sit by them so they don't get bored," said Jalen.

"I'm the one who takes them to the concession stand at halftime of the varsity game," said Fox.

Adoption is often a difficult decision for a couple to make, and often is not even thought about. Even if a couple is willing to adopt the process is often long and many don't know where to adopt. "My brother has one adopted daughter, and when Sandy and I first married, we saw there was a need for adoption of African-American children in Indianapolis," said Coach Ullom.

"In lots of good ways having four sons that are black has helped Sandy and I understand one culture and two

ances," Ullom said.

"We've experienced as much positive benefit from it as

our boys are going to," Ullom added.

Aside from the adoptions, Coach Justin Ullom is starting a "Boys' Ranch" which would be a safe place for children in a tough situation at home, or for children that are going

through the foster home system. The boys' ranch is completely

separate from his five sons. The Ulloms are not acting as foster parents; they are their parents.

The Ulloms took the kids home with them directly from the hospital. They were in the

hospital the day that each of their four adopted children were born. They did not adopt after the children had grown to be a year or two old, they have had the children from day one.

"The children are really well behaved and very much loved," said Stan

Daugherty, head coach. "They are a joy to be around."

The fact that Coach Ullom and his wife love all their kids and treat none of them differently is very apparent. Their children are as much of an "Ullom" as anyone in their family.

Ullom said adoption is often stereotyped against in the media. Many people see it in the wrong way, almost as if they are foster children, like they are not a "true piece of the family" because they are not blood related. But what makes a person part of a family is not so much in their blood as it is in who they are in their heart.

"I think Joey works hard towards what he does which resembles his dad," Fox said. To

anyone who has been around Coach Ullom's children, the similarities to their mother and father are very transparent.

Being that Coach Ullom himself was a Delta basketball player, the effect he is having on the program makes it hopeful that one day we may see five

Ullom boys on the court carrying on what may become a legacy.

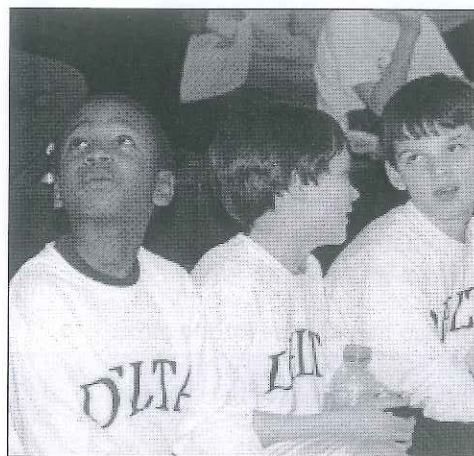
Five of a Kind

Jackson - born 2003 only biological son

Josiah (Joey) - born 2005 first adopted son

Jeremiah and Justice - born 2006 twins, adopted

Julius - born 2008, last adopted son



Joey (left), Jackson (middle) and friend Josh Greenberg (right) talk among each other in the stands during a game.

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Part-time jobs lead to sacrifices for students

By Chloe Crump

Having a job in your high school years isn't as easy as you may think. For some it isn't a problem, but for others they have to make sacrifices.

Junior Tanner Anderson works at Amazing Joe's. Anderson is a host. He has to give up a lot of his free time to work. Tanner said he can never go to Friday night games like basketball because he has to work.

"One thing I learned from working is just how to be a people person and good manners," he said. Tanner likes to work, just not the dirty work.

Freshman Cullen Taflinger works at Kacy J's. He is a host.

"Sometimes I can't go to social gatherings on Friday or Saturday nights because I have to work," Cullen said.

He does have to work Friday nights so he has to miss a lot of varsity games.

Senior Lauryn Winningham works at Crabtree Photography. She takes and organizes envelopes and helps set up and take down sets. Lauryn had to work the day of her family Christmas.

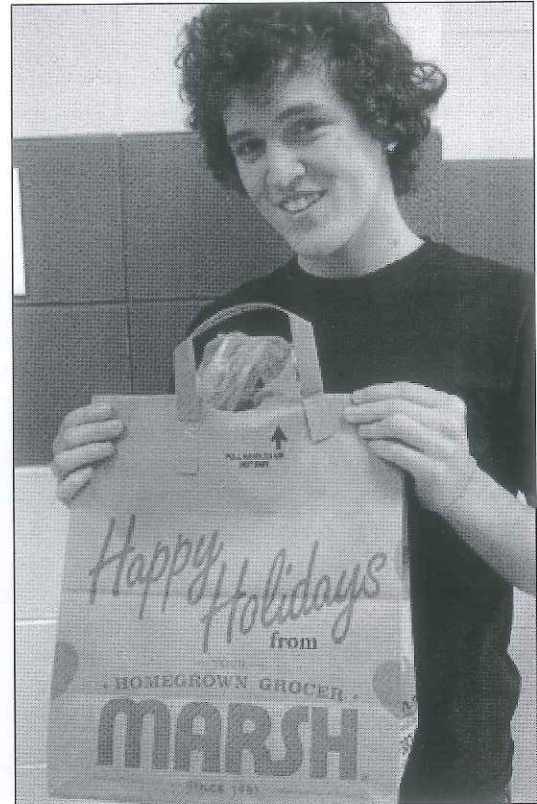
"I have to get up at like 5 o'clock in the morning sometimes to go take picture. Shifts are crazy!" she said.

Winningham also has to miss Friday night games.

Randy Hitchens works at Marsh. He bags groceries.

"When all my friends hang out on the weekends, I can't. It sucks." Randy said. He had to miss his family Thanksgiving dinner because of his shift.

Junior Zach Anderson works at Dairy Queen. He is a cashier. "I hardly ever hang out with



Junior Randy Hitchens works at Marsh on McGalliard Road. He had to miss his family's Thanksgiving due to his work schedule. (Photo by Gracie Hollars)

my friends on the weekends because I have to work," Zach said.

Since basketball started Zach has only made it to one game. Working takes up a lot of his free time.

"I like working because I get money."

Having a job, especially as a high-schooler, can be difficult. You have to work everything around your job. It may be stressful at times, but in the end, they all say it's worth it for the fun times and memories.

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TOMS

By Kinsee Collins

TOMS are not just a cute pair of shoes that many of our peers enjoy. They have a whole meaning behind them.

The TOMS company has a program where when you buy a pair of TOMS an underprivileged child somewhere else gets one. The program is called One for One.

"I didn't get them because I thought they were cute or anything, I got them because of the actual cause. I thought it was a cool thing that they do with the One for One thing," senior Shelby Starkey said.

Many children in developing countries can't attend school because their school requires a uniform and shoes are part of that uniform, so if they don't

have shoes they cannot attend school. That is when the One for One program comes in. When someone buys a pair of TOMS a less fortunate kid gets a pair.

Starkey has a unique pair of TOMS.

"They are duct-taped. I just keep re-duct taping them because they are expensive," Starkey said.

Most students that have TOMS know about the cause.

"I think they are popular because everyone wants to help others, and getting a cute pair of shoes is an easy way to do that," said senior Rachel Gill, who has two pairs of TOMS.

TOMS aren't just popular because of the cause behind them. They are also popular because they are comfortable and stylish.

"I think TOMS is a shoe that will last for awhile

because they are very fashionable and they go with everything," senior Kasin Spay said.

Will TOMS last or are they just a fad?

"With some people I think that it is a fad, but people who know about the cause of the shoes, it will be a lasting thing," Starkey said.

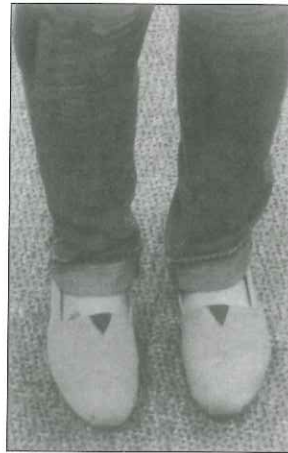
Another reason why students

like TOMS is because of the different styles and designs.

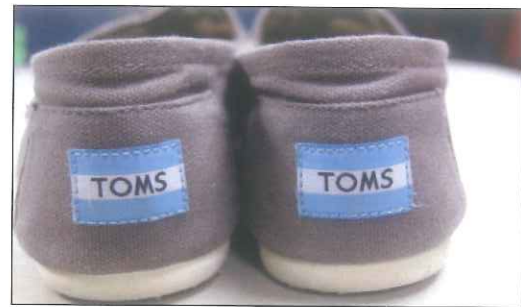
"They are in style and I like the style and designs.

They are so comfy!" freshman Chloe Turner said.

"They are comfortable to wear," freshman Jay Robillard added.



(Photos by Lukas Jetmore)



So not only do students like TOMS because they are comfortable and fashionable, but also because they are for a very good cause.



Delta Athletics

**Congratulations to Winter Athletes!
Good Luck to Spring Sports!**

THE HEAT

The **HEATED** rivalry between **DELTA** and **YORKTOWN** still lives on after 45 years

By Seth Neal

Eagles and Tigers normally exist in completely different ecosystems, which perhaps explains why they can't seem to get along in Delaware County.

The rivalry between Delta and Yorktown has been ever-present since the establishment of Delta in 1967, and it doesn't show any signs of stopping soon.

In the past couple years, Yorktown, normally a step below Delta in most sports, has gained an advantage over the Eagles. So far this school year, Yorktown has won at least one game over Delta in football, volleyball, boys' and girls' soccer, girls' cross country, girls' golf, boys' basketball, wrestling and both boys' and girls' swimming. The only sports in which Delta owns all the wins are boys' tennis, boys' cross country and girls' basketball.

One of two things could be happening: Delta is getting worse, or Yorktown is getting better. Whichever one it is, Delta's fans aren't too crazy about it.

"It goes back and forth," Delta science teacher Brian Brewer said. "If you look through the years, you can see that Delta's had its teams where they've been really successful, and Yorktown's also had its time too."

Brewer teaches Biology I and Earth/Space Science. He graduated as an Eagle in 1985, playing a total of five sports, two with varsity letters. He achieved an honorable mention as Academic All-State in football and lettered in baseball. He also ran track, played basketball and wrestled.

"We had quite a rivalry going," he said. "... It seemed like it was always Yorktown and Delta as the final two teams in most of the county competitions.... Whenever Delta plays Yorktown, you're always there."

Head volleyball coach Heidi Zickgraf is a 1994 Delta graduate. A volleyball and basketball player while in high school, she has her own way of describing the feelings she had, and still has, for Yorktown.

"I don't want to say hatred," Zickgraf said about the rivalry, "but that's really one of the first words to come to mind.... (My feelings) haven't changed. The only thing different is that I'm friends with Coach Keller's daughter (Yorktown's head volleyball coach), and I coached her at Ball State. There's some

Photos provided by Deltonian Yearbook



Delta's Ethan Grove and Yorktown's Tyler Brumley tip off the ball to start the regular season game

friendship there, but the rivalry and hatred is still there for Yorktown."

Hatred. The itch to beat one another in every single event, game or match in which the two schools go head-to-head. It's the way it's always been, even when Delta was first established. It's been prevalent in the '70s, '80s, '90s and even now.

With his long history in basketball, especially with games between Yorktown and Delta, former head basketball coach Paul Keller has seen a lot of sights displaying the hate that these two schools share.

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Delta's Ozzie Mann punches the ball into the endzone for a touchdown against the Tigers



DELTA EAGLES VS. YORKTOWN TIGERS

Can we catch Tigers by their tail?

By Jillian Renbarger

It's a Friday night basketball game against Yorktown. With 15 seconds left in the fourth quarter, Delta leads 40-39.

Eagles vs. Tigers

A look at the head-to-head winners in each varsity sport this school year: (Yorktown leads 18-7)

Football	YHS (1)
Volleyball	YHS (3)
Boys Cross	DHS (2)
Girls Cross	DHS (1) YHS (1)
Boys Soccer	YHS (2)
Girls Soccer	DHS (1) YHS (1)
Boys Tennis	DHS (2)
Girls Golf	YHS (2)
Boys Basketball	YHS (1)
Girls Basketball	DHS (1)
Boys Swimming	YHS (2)
Girls Swimming	YHS (2)
Wrestling	YHS (3)
Baseball	
Softball	
Boys Track	
Girls Track	
Boys Golf	
Girls Tennis	

Source: DHS Athletic Department Credit: Jillian Renbarger

You have that biting-your-fingernails feeling because you know that if the boys let Yorktown score and win, it'll ruin the night.

That feeling one gets when Delta plays against Yorktown in almost any sport is completely different than the feeling one gets when Delta plays against any other school besides Yorktown. It's called a rivalry. Every school has at least one huge rivalry with another school.

"The rivalry is like a brother-sister rivalry. It becomes heated up," said Mr. Chris Conley, athletic director. Freshman football player Cade Jones added, "We are almost equal in school size, so the games are usually close."

Yorktown has a total of 793 students enrolled this year. Delta has 820 students enrolled. Just because Delta has more students this

year doesn't mean anything to Yorktown.

The rivalry between these two schools has been going on since Delta was formed in 1967.

Every time Delta and Yorktown meet up in a game or match, the rivalry is tense. The games are more heated than Delta against Cowan or Daleville.

"They (Cowan and Daleville) also don't have all the sports we have so not every sport could get into the rivalry," junior volleyball player Lauren Ogle said.

Delta and Yorktown are more alike than they are different, Mr. Conley said. Quite a few people that go to Delta have friends at Yorktown through sports or family. Both teams are considered "powerhouse" teams in Delaware County whether it's volleyball, basketball, football, softball, or baseball.

"They (games against Yorktown) are a lot more intense because there is more pressure to win," freshman volleyball and basketball player Ericka Pursley said.

Jones added, "The games are very intense because you have one goal, to get a 'W'."

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Blue Crew:

How much is too much?

not just on the court but in the Blue Crew.

The Blue Crew means a lot to the students, players and administration. Senior Matt Fisher said, "It means everything. Allow me to summarize: Blue Crew, religion, family. In that order."

The students see the Blue Crew as a way to support their school team by cheering them on and having fun doing it. Some of the students

think that the Blue Crew cheering actually helps the team play well.

Senior Joel Keller said, "I strongly believe it pumps our team up. It also helps our team out when we get in the opponents' heads."



Players think of the Blue Crew as a cheer section that chants their names and makes them want to play their hardest knowing the school is counting on them.

The administration sees the Blue Crew as a way of showing school spirit and supporting the school in a positive way.

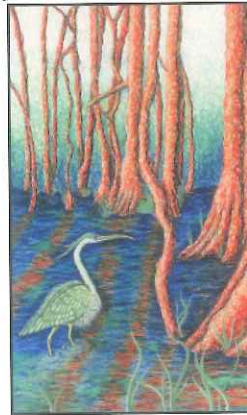
But it's not always that simple between the students and administration. It gets heated when the topic comes up about what

By Jordan Keppler

Nothing beats the atmosphere of standing in the Blue Crew on a Friday night watching your team play and hearing your peers yell players' names and scream chants. Those last minutes of a game can get intense,

Winning Artwork

Sophomore Rachel Marquell won honorable mention for the piece below.



Senior Elise Mauer earned honorable mention for the piece to the left, as did sophomore Liberty Richardson for the piece below.



Junior Samantha Thompson earned a Silver Key for the above piece and honorable mention for the piece to the right.



Mauer won a second honorable mention for the above painting, while sophomore Noah Burford won honorable mention for the piece to the left.

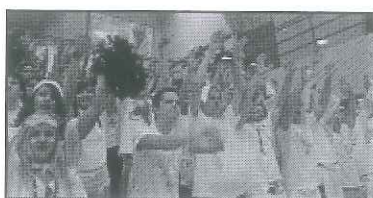
students can and cannot do.

Many of the students don't mess around when it comes to the Blue Crew. They may get loud and crazy at games, but they take this very seriously. The seniors mainly rule the Blue Crew, but if they didn't who would? The Blue Crew has rules to follow, but not all students think they are fair and some don't want to follow them.

Mr. Chris Conley, athletic director, said, "Cheer in a positive productive manner." To him this means get up, be loud and cheer on your team, but don't take it any further. He doesn't want negative things to be said or done. He believes the Blue Crew is about showing Delta's spirit.

However, that is not how some students look at it. They want to yell and scream what they want because winning means everything. Senior Kade Zvokel said, "Blue Crew

is responsible for 100 percent of the team's wins. Wes-Del does not have a Blue Crew and look at their record."



Ashley Loffer, Lauren Cross, Emma Sanders, Logan Rayl, and Joel Keller lead cheers. (Photo by Gracie Hollars)

Students don't think it is fair that they can't say negative things to the other team or that they can't stand on the floor during basketball

games. "I think everything pretty much goes in Blue Crew," Zvokel said. "The point is to emotionally damage the opponent."

The administration wants the students to be well behaved and to set a good example for Delta so we don't get a bad reputation. Ms. Joey Gossett, assistant principal, said student conduct is the most important rule. She doesn't want negative remarks being said about the other team that are not



Senior Joey Longo screams in support of the Eagles. (Photo by Gracie Hollars)

appropriate.

Of course, some students feel otherwise. "I disagree with not being allowed to yell in a negative manner. I feel this way because I am immature," Fisher said.

Other students think that the rules hold them back from helping the team out by yelling

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Delta Artists Take Top Honors

By Sarena Clay

Some students focus mainly on their certain sport, but there are some who devote all their time and energy into preparing for the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers Contest.

Scholastic's Art and Writing has been around since 1923, helping future writers and artists achieve their dreams. Students in grades 7-12 can submit a piece of work to any of 28 different categories.

This year, art teacher Miss Tara Harshbarger sent in 11 pieces to the contest. Eight of them received an award: one Gold Key, one Silver Key, and six honorable mentions.

Noah Burford submitted his own piece of work in the contest this year. He submitted a watercolor interior design of a room on the inside from an

individual's perspective (see cover of this magazine).

A Gold Key was presented to Noah for his achievements.

"I was really aiming toward winning the Gold Key. I put a lot of time into it," Noah says. "Receiving it was really nice to hear."

Gold Key winners get to have their artwork displayed at Clowes Hall in Indianapolis, and then it goes on to be judged nationally.

"Watercolor is a very competitive category, so I was pleased that we won awards in that category," Harshbarger said.

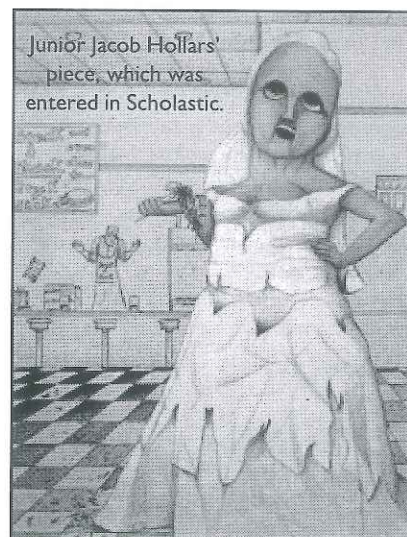
Noah said many hours went into the preparation in creating and submitting his watercolor interior design, including "days and days of work after school and on the weekends."

Two years ago, Noah

received a Silver Key for a color pencil artwork. After winning a Silver Key, his new goal was to achieve the Gold Key in the future years.

When reviewing the works of art, the judges look for

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ART AWARDS

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originality, technical skill, and the artist's personal voice.

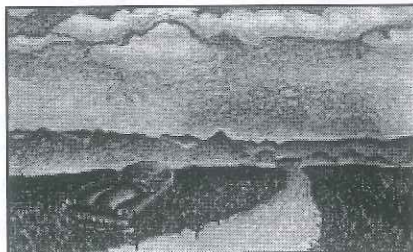
Noah's artwork won a Gold Key in the county regional level. Now, the art piece is going to the national level for the state of Indiana. Along with Noah's work, over 100 other youths' work across Indiana will head to the national level to represent their areas.

Thirteen million pieces of artwork are sent in each year. Around nine million are awarded some type of recognition, whether it is a Gold or Silver key or an honorable mention.

Once the artwork is submitted, the certain ones that stand out move on to the regional level.

In this level, there is a celebration at local ceremonies.

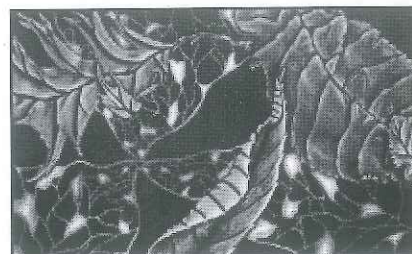
National medalists then



Noah Burford

get to celebrate their victories at the prestigious Carnegie Hall in New York City. The work is then showcased in galleries in New York City.

At the national level, the awards are very similar to the regional medals. The Gold Key, though, would represent the highest honor you could achieve. The Silver Key is awarded to the second group of artists and writers at this



Elise Mauer

national level. Then, you have the American visions and voices medal which is awarded to the best five American visions and voices nominees from each category and region. These certain individuals get a national recognition for their

achievement.

Scholar-ships are one of the hot topics when it comes to the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers contest. This program presents over \$250,000 annually in awards and scholarships for

students and teachers. The different types of artwork you do have different requirements and expectations for the scholarship you may achieve.

The last scholarship winner from Delta was David Freeman. He is now finishing his Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) degree in Indianapolis at Herron School of Art in Furniture Design.

So if your interest piques when a story comes to your mind, or you have a passion for artwork and want your talent to be distributed, possibly, nationwide, then the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers might be your next move.

DHS-YHS RIVALRY

With this year Yorktown has fifteen wins against Delta's seven. Yorktown has proven that Delta doesn't always win. It's always back and forth between both schools. Yorktown has beat Delta in almost every sport this year at least once.

Beating Yorktown to most people gives them a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction. Beating Yorktown makes you feel like you did something good, said Pursley.

"There is always extra pressure," Maren Orchard sophomore cross country runner said. "People keep track during the year of who beats who in what sports, so you don't want to be the team that loses. It's a great feeling when you win, though, because it's always a great goal to reach."

Ogle added, "It's a great

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accomplishment, and it's a nice ha-ha-in-your-face kind of win."

Delta against Yorktown for any sport increases ticket sales and crowd size. During football season, the game that sold the most tickets was Homecoming, which was against Yorktown.

"Way more people go to the Yorktown versus Delta games than any others which just creates a more enthusiastic atmosphere that intensifies the games," Orchard said.

The administration is more on guard during the rivalry because the games are greatly intensified. The administration wants to make sure that rules are being followed by the Blue Crew, fans, and the other school's fans.

The regular season basketball game against Yorktown was interesting. The third quarter had just started and there was a foul against Yorktown. A Delta player was getting

ready to shoot a free throw when a boy ran across the gym in nothing but his underwear and a Halloween mask. The administration was stern and took hold of the situation. It has not happened again.

Whenever Delta plays Yorktown there is always smack talk about who is going to win and by how much. Smack is talked even between people who aren't playing in that particular game or sport.

"A lot of smack goes on before a big game. Like on Twitter or Facebook," Orchard said.

Both teams try to "bring it" whenever they face off.

"Sports are a big deal in our community, and people want bragging rights," Pursley said.

Even in the small sports everyone pays attention to who wins, Orchard said. It is more of a big deal if Delta wins or loses because no team wants to be the one who lost to Yorktown.

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"One year in the county tournament, (Delta) beat them on a last-second shot," Keller remembered. "Some of (Yorktown's) adults threw plastic bottles on the floor. They didn't like us, and we didn't like them. There were things being yelled from the stands.... That's what a rivalry is."

Keller is a 1974 Yorktown graduate, and his daughter is currently the head volleyball coach (and recently a state champion) there. He said that in three straight years in which he was the head coach for Delta, his team and Yorktown met three times every year: regular season, county tournament and sectionals.

"When you have that kind of familiarity, it really gets intense," Keller said, "because you're looking for some little edge that's going to put you over the top."

Basketball is one sport that is generally back and forth between the two schools. There have only been a few years in the rivalry's history in which the basketball games haven't been close. Delta still owns the all-time advantage over Yorktown in the series 40-37, but it's a smaller gap than what Delta basketball fans may like to hear.

Football is a different story. Although Yorktown won this past season at Delta's homecoming game, Delta normally dominates the football field. In the 2009 and 2010 seasons, Delta powered past Yorktown with combined scores of 105-20.

Banner Seasons			
Sectional Titles			
Boys-87 Girls-60	DHS 147	YHS 112	Boys-74 Girls-38
Regional Titles			
Boys-42 Girls-26	DHS 68	YHS 20	Boys-13 Girls-7
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Source: IHSAA records

Credit: Seth Neal

Head football coach Grant Zgunda, like Keller, is a Yorktown grad. He graduated in '86 and played football, basketball and ran track for the Tigers. He admitted to having similar feelings for Delta when he was in high school as he does now for Yorktown.

"That's the way it should be," Zgunda said. "That's what makes it fun.... Chances are, you're gonna go on and be friends with a lot of those people over there after you graduate, and you're gonna understand that they're just like us.... We want to be competitive,

teams," Brewer said about the changing enrollments. He pointed out that Yorktown's population is growing because of the shift from Anderson Highland and the construction of new homes in the area.

To Zgunda, it wouldn't matter what the schools' sizes were.

"In my mind, that would just be an excuse," Zgunda said. "I don't care if they were twice our size. It's a rivalry. Our kids expect to beat Yorktown in any sport."

And so the rivalry lives on, and Eagles and Tigers still have no desire to coexist.

that's what makes it fun. Everyone should have a rival like that where there's a lot at stake. Bragging rights."

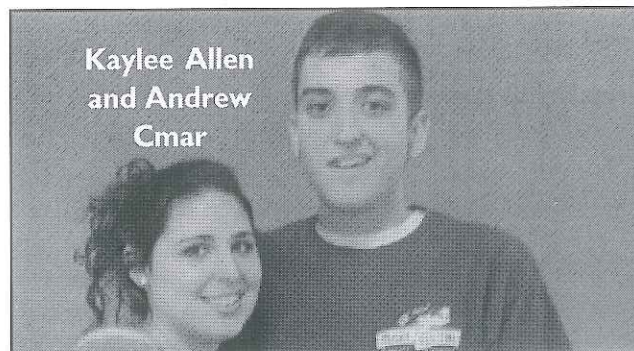
One of the possible reasons of Yorktown's recent rise is the enrollments of the schools. Yorktown's population is rising, while Delta's has been dropping each year.

"When you have a larger recruiting base, you're going to get better

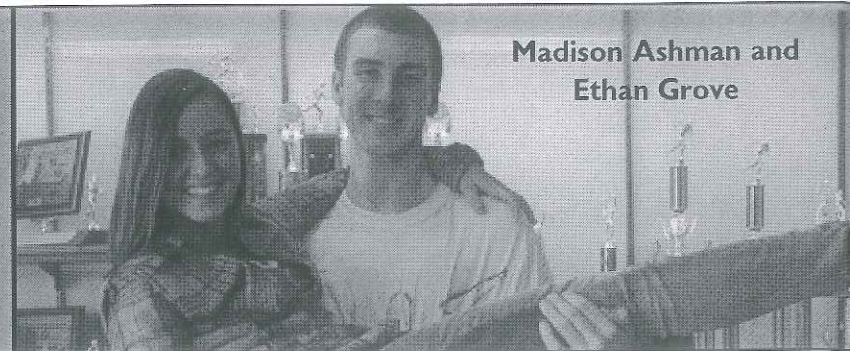


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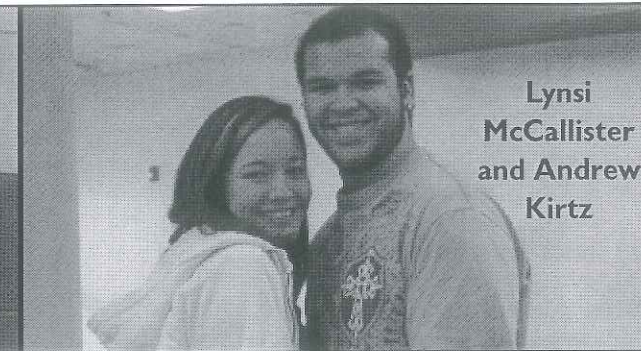
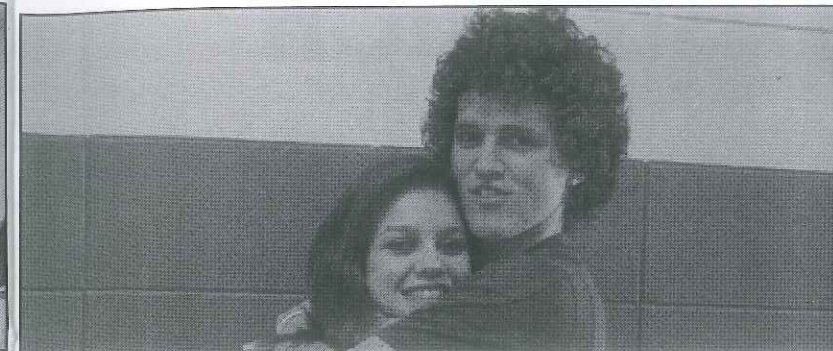
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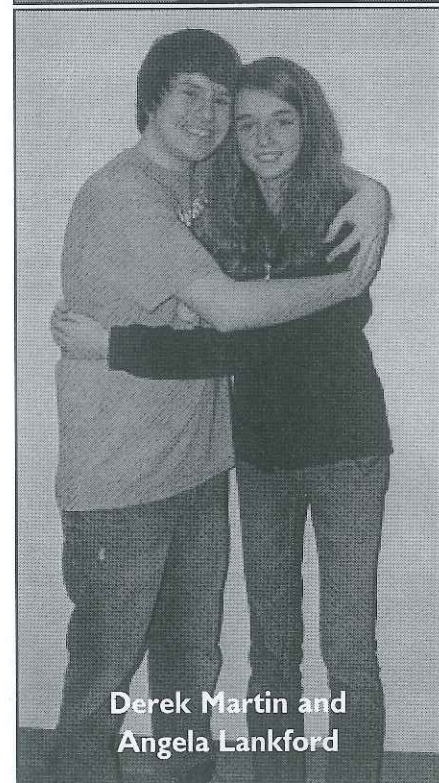
Stories by Stacie Sanders

Taylor Wright and Matt Mays like to be goofy and joke around with each other. They trust each other and talk about anything with one another. They started dating March 8 of last year and hardly ever fight. They have disagreements but they aren't major. Getting serious in a relationship is "too serious" for Taylor. She thinks that the couples who say "I love you" within two weeks are ridiculous. She says there is nothing wrong with getting too serious as long as you are willing to accept it might not work out after high school. Since Matt and Taylor have been dating they try to keep things "fresh". "I mean there's nothing specific we do. If things don't stay "fresh"

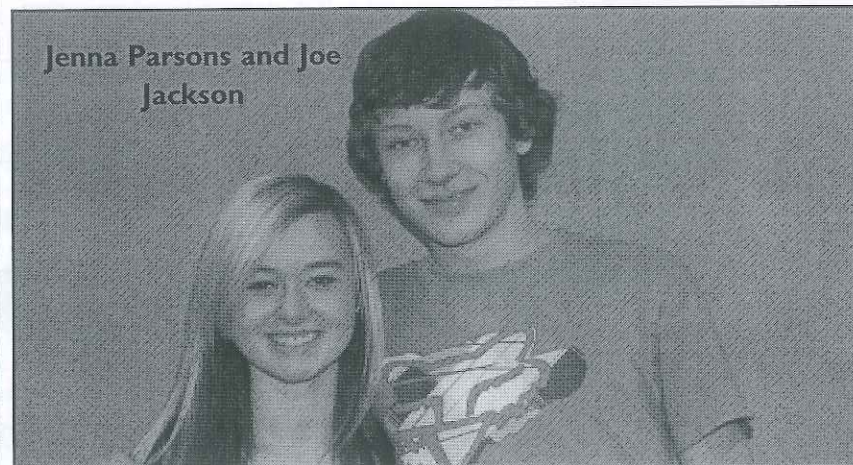
then there's something wrong. That's what 50-year-olds worry about in their relationship. We're teenagers, there's always something to do," Taylor said.

Claire Beach and Adam Brown started dating Oct. 22, 2010 when they went to Dollar General to get dog food. When they went back home they were in Claire's driveway and Adam asked her out. "I asked her mom if I could date her first," Adam said. Since Adam can't text, they talk on the phone. "We hang out literally almost every day," Claire said. They both agree that some relationships get "too serious" and they both said you can't avoid it. "Women think everything is theirs," Adam joked.

Matt Mays and Taylor
Wright



Derek Martin and
Angela Lankford



Jenna Parsons and Joe
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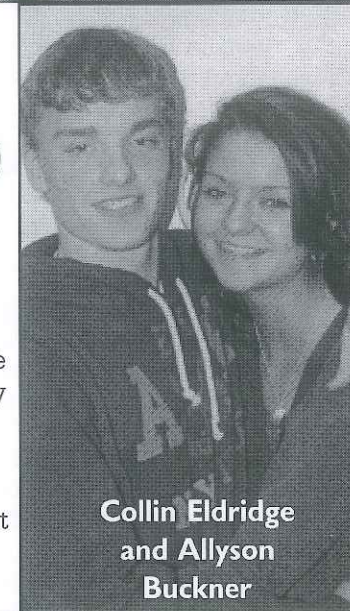
Sweethearts

Kaylee Allen and Andrew Cmar hang out mostly every weekend. They laugh all the time and are there for one another. "If I am having a bad day he's always there to make me laugh," Kaylee said. They started dating Oct. 9 of last year when they were leaning against Andrew's car after a bonfire and he asked her to be his girlfriend. Their first date was at the movies to see Contagion. They both still make time for friends and try not to leave them all the time.

Alicia Farmer and Austin Conway have been dating for seven months. Alicia says they hardly ever argue but when they do they are "little arguments and then they're over in time limits." They try not to revolve everything around each other and make time for friends. They keep their relationship balanced.

I was at his locker and he asked me to look in his math book for his assignment and on a piece of paper it said, 'Allyson will you go out with me?'" Collin Eldridge and Allyson Buckner have been dating for four months and are very open with each other. They talk about everything and are completely themselves around each other. They argue occasionally over stupid things, but it's never longer than a couple hours. They both make time for friends.

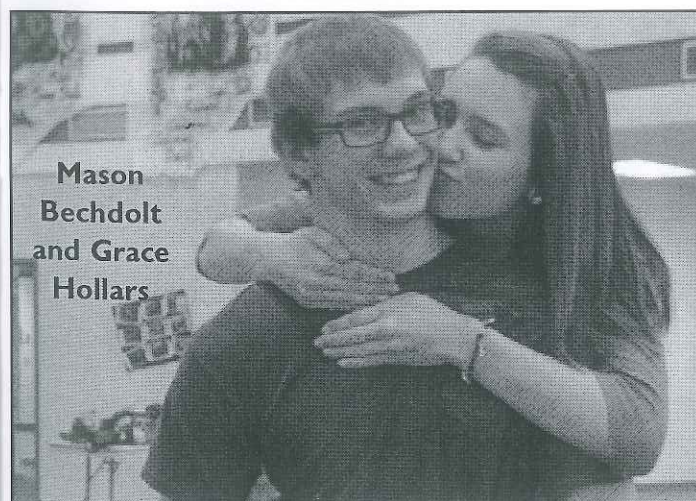
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Danger of Distraction

'Put your phone away; texting can wait.'

By Cayla Torres

Senior Brooke Watson loves to text her friends, but the number one time she never texts is when she's behind the wheel.

Watson is strongly against texting and driving.

"It's hard to pay attention to the road and the people around you," she said.

Texting and driving is an increasing problem in the United States. 2,600 traffic deaths are caused each year by drivers using cell phones, according to commonsensemedia.org.

Even though texting and driving is known to cause crashes many students do it. Senior Matt Hinds admitted that he texts and drives.

"Some people are good at it," he said.

A lot of students feel that way. They think that it won't happen to them, and they underestimate the dangers.

According to handsfreeinfo.com Indiana is the 32nd state to ban texting and driving. The law went into effect July 1, 2011. The fine for texting and driving is \$500. Police have had a hard time enforcing this law.

They can't prove that you've been texting. They don't have the right to look at your phone to check if you have been texting.

Many drivers lie and say that they were dialing a number or checking time and they can just get away with it. Many people think that there should be a law banning cell phone use while driving. A number of people are for this idea, but there are still those who oppose it.

"When you text you have to use your hands, but when you make phone calls you put it on speaker or put it on your shoulder," junior Randy Hitchens said, explaining why he doesn't support that idea.

Law is tough to enforce

By Mckensie Polk

"Beep, beep, beep." You look down and see your screen light up: "New Text Message" Even though there is a law against texting and driving, and you are well-informed about the dangers and consequences, you figure it's just one text. No big deal. You respond and nothing happens. No accident, no ticket, nothing. This time.

In Indiana, drivers can be fined up to \$500 for texting and driving. Younger new drivers can be placed on probationary driving restrictions, meaning they may only drive for certain amounts of time and under certain conditions. All this for answering a text of, "Hey, what's up?"

School security officer Bill Polk, a Delaware County Sheriff's Department officer, said, "The law is so vague. It was a quick, Band-Aid approach. It needed more thought process."

He explained that the law

prohibits texting while driving, but it does not say anything about texting at stops, talking on the phone, or anything other than texting. Officers are not actually allowed to look at your messages to see when the last one was sent.

So a big issue is that it is difficult for police to enforce the law as it is currently written.

"It's a \$500 fine," Polk said. "You don't want to accuse someone and make them pay that if they were just dialing a number. So we don't write many tickets for it."

Some have argued that there should be a law against cell phones being used at all while driving.

Officer Gary Marvin, another school security officer, said it is alright to pull over into a safe area and answer a phone call or text in certain situations that are very important.

"It is much safer to call (than to text)," Marvin said. "It is not a good scene to text and drive. Why text when the other person is by the phone (and could answer a call)?"

Like texting, talking on the phone can be dangerous.

"I don't think it's on the same danger level, but there is definitely some threat included," junior Zach Anderson said.

A lot of students think that talking on the phone while driving isn't as dangerous as texting because you can still have your eyes on the road. However, it can be just as dangerous. It's still a distraction because you're not focused on the road. Your attention is on the conversation.

People know the risks of texting and driving, but anything that can distract you while you are behind the wheel is dangerous and can potentially cause car crashes.

"The safest way to drive is to have no distractions. So put your phone away, texting can wait," Brooke Watson said.

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Veggie Tales

By Candace Gray

As a little child pushes away his plate of broccoli at dinner, there are some high school students who are willing to help the child finish off the vegetables.

When freshman Hallie Dietz sits down for dinner, she has her grains, fruits, vegetables, and proteins. But instead of a hunk of meat lying on her plate, she has beans or eggs to get her protein. Dietz is a vegetarian; therefore she does not eat meat.

In America, vegetarians make up about 3.2 percent of the population, or 7.3 million people. But not all vegetarians are alike, there are many different types.

For example, ovo vegetarians eat eggs, but not dairy products. Lacto-vegetarians eat dairy products, but not eggs.

Another form of vegetarianism is veganism. Like vegetarians, vegans don't eat meat, but vegans also don't eat any animal products. They don't eat cheese, eggs, honey, or anything else that is made with any animal substance.

Also, vegans normally will not use any animal products for clothing, toiletries, or any other reason. They also avoid using products that were tested on animals.

Vegans make up only about 0.3 percent of the population, or 1 million people, in the United States.

Dietz has been a vegetarian for two years. Her diet started when her older sister, who is also a vegetarian, made a bet with her.

Dietz is an ovo-lacto vegetarian, which means she eats both eggs and dairy products. "I have thought about becoming a vegan before, but my mom won't let me," Dietz said.



Freshman Hallie Dietz, who has been a vegetarian for the past two years, eats dairy products and eggs but does not eat meat. (Photo by Gracie Hollars)

One of her favorite vegetarian dishes is tofu salad. What is tofu exactly? Well, Dietz didn't know either. Tofu is bean curd, or curdled soy bean milk.

Some of Dietz's least favorite vegetables are radishes and brussels sprouts.

Because of the lack of meat, Dietz gets enough protein by eating peanut butter and beans. She also takes an iron pill daily.

But Dietz isn't the only vegetarian at DHS. Junior Bobby Nickel has been a vegetarian his whole life. His entire family is as well.

Nickel said, "The hardest part about being a vegetarian is being around people who aren't. Or if I go out to a restaurant, and my friends don't know that I am a vegetarian, it can get kind of hard."

Like Dietz, Nickel eats a lot of peanut butter to get enough protein.

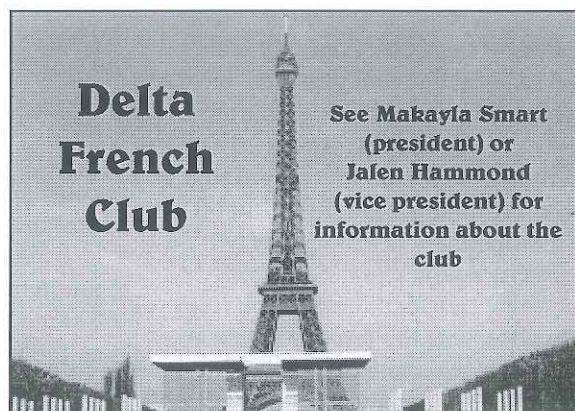
Since a lot of the choices at school for lunch aren't really "vegetarian-friendly", Dietz and Nickel bring their lunches. Dietz usually brings peanut butter and jelly, and Nickel usually brings crackers, chips or Chex-mix.

Another student who experimented with vegetarianism is junior Maddy Walker, who was a vegetarian for almost a year before stopping in mid-February. She was influenced by junior Samantha Zachary, who was a vegetarian herself for awhile, and convinced Maddy to become a vegetarian as well. Zachary, like Walker, is no longer a vegetarian.

Walker said, "One of the hardest parts about being a vegetarian is getting enough nutrients." She said that she got her protein from supplements and meals that are high in protein.

Walker's lunch usually consisted of salads, pastas, and fruit.

Walker found becoming a vegetarian quite simple. She said, "Going vegetarian was easy. You just kind of stop. But if I had to pick one food item that was the hardest to stop eating, I would pick steak."



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A Heart For A Heart

Senior gets chance of lifetime to watch open-heart surgeries

By Teaghan Dishman

Jenni Edmonds got the surprise of her life as she walked through the doors of the Cleveland Clinic four months ago.

A few weeks before, she emailed the director at the Cleveland, Ohio medical facility to come take a look at their hospital. Later in the week, he emailed her back and invited her to visit.

Edmonds thought she was going to talk to the director, but instead they had her immediately change into scrubs and report to the operating room right when she got there.

As Edmonds walked through the doors of the operating room there was a stench that took over her senses. The smell of burning flesh made her feel really light headed.

"The tool he used to cut open the heart would burn the flesh on the heart," she explained.

After getting the smell of burning flesh off of her mind, she knew exactly what she was observing: an open heart surgery.

Jenni said, "I was so amazed! It seemed so unreal that I was watching a famous surgeon fix someone's heart so they can be healthy again."

Dr. Gosta Pettersson from Sweden was the famous surgeon that she was able to observe.

"Being able to stand right

next to the surgeon and see up close a real beating heart was the coolest thing about the surgeries," she said.

Another one of her favorite things about the surgeries was being able to joke around with the surgeons. She said they jokingly told her that if she were to pass out, then to fall backwards.

Edmonds said that Dr. Pettersson would repeatedly ask her if she was bored yet.

Surprisingly, Edmonds was asked to stand in on three open heart surgeries in one day. She said the hearts were "the size of an open hand, red with some black areas, and lots of calcium (white clumps)

built up which is what the surgeon removed."

Edmonds expressed that all three surgeries went well. She did say that in the third operation the surgeon found something unexpected and had to do an extra incision, but he fixed it.

Edmonds said her mom encouraged her to take this opportunity.

"My mom helps people through her job, and I want to do the same. I am really interested in how the body works, and I think I would enjoy working with patients because there is always

something new," Edmonds said.

The trip to the Cleveland Clinic was an opportunity of a lifetime, and many high school students would love to have an opportunity like this.

Dr. Lance Brand, Anatomy teacher, said, "As a result from this experience it has probably helped her to stay motivated through the tough times."

Dr. Brand teaches Biology I and II, Ball State Biology, and Anatomy at Delta. Jenni is one of his Anatomy students and was even a teacher's aide for him last semester, so they have spent quite a lot of time together.

"She really seems to know what she wants to do and she's taking advantage of every opportunity that comes her way," Dr. Brand said.

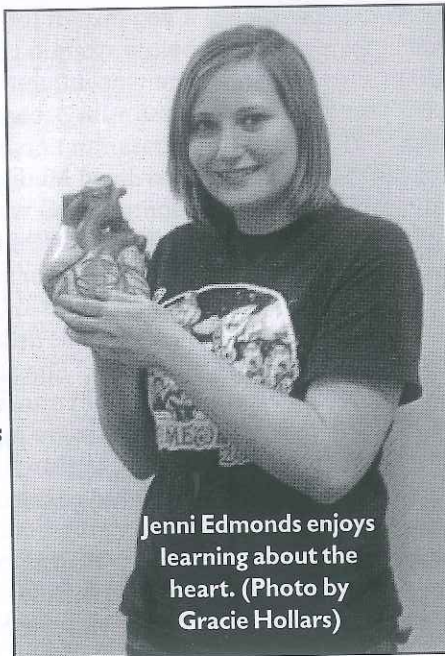
Edmonds has had her future planned out since last year. First, she wanted to be a perfusionist, a member of the surgical team that performs open-heart and other cardiac surgeries.

They set up and monitor the heart-lung machine that keeps the patient alive during open heart surgeries. As the year has gone on and she has had this amazing opportunity to watch these surgeries, she has thought more about what she might like to become.

Edmonds has also thought about becoming a surgeon now, too. Her main goal is to just have a job were she can help people.

"While this experience won't get her into med school, it never hurts to know people who can help you along your journey," Dr. Brand said.

Walking through the doors of the Cleveland Clinic, Edmonds never thought that she would get an opportunity like that. Observing three heart surgeries in one day, watching a famous surgeon save three lives, and being able to have an idea of just exactly what she wants to do in life. Now that's one busy day thanks to the Cleveland Clinic.



Jenni Edmonds enjoys learning about the heart. (Photo by Gracie Hollars)

Inside the Tanning Bed

By Kyndal McDonald

Tanning is becoming increasingly popular among teenagers today. This is a dangerous trend that many of us can avoid.

When you tan, UVA rays penetrate the lower part of your skin called the epidermis, where the rays trigger melanocytes to produce melanin. In turn, this is what makes you darker.

"Your skin tans for a very simple reason; it's being injured by the light and it produces melanin pigment in an attempt to protect itself," said Dr. Michael Crider, dermatologist in Muncie.

The concentration of UVA rays from tanning is greater than the rays from the sun. In the end, this results in more damage to your skin.

Some states have restricted tanning in the past recent years. California, New York, and Texas have completely banned tanning for youths under the age of 16. Only one state,

California, completely bans tanning for people under the age of 18.

Dr. Crider said tanning seems to be very popular among teens and peer pressure to tan can be hard to resist.

Marina Kreps, senior, has a tanning bed at her house.

"I use it because I'm naturally really pale and it makes me look sickly. If I tan, then I think I look healthier," she said.

All tanning involves injury to the skin and repetitive injury from tanning can eventually cause skin cancer. This also ages your skin.

"If skin cancer is not cured, it continues to invade locally or can spread to other parts of your body (metastasis) and eventually cause death," said Dr. Crider

INTERESTING FACTS: CANCER AND TANNING

- One in 55 people will be diagnosed with melanoma during their lifetime
- An average day, more than one million Americans use tanning salons
- Ten minutes in a tanning bed matches the cancer-causing effects of 10 minutes in the Mediterranean summer sun
- Ninety percent of pediatric melanoma cases occur in girls ages 10-19

BLUE CREW

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negative things at the other team. "I don't agree with any of the 'rules' of Blue Crew. Yelling at the opposing teams helps our team most. If you can manage to get in the other team's head they play terrible," Keller said.

Students may have good reasons to back up their thoughts on what isn't fair, but that doesn't mean they will get their way. The administration takes its job of keeping the Blue Crew under control at games in a serious manner.

Administrators can't stress to the students enough to wear their Blue Crew shirts!

They want the Blue Crew to look unified.

But what makes our Blue Crew different from other schools? "We always have a big section. Everyone is cheering and standing up," says freshman Hannah George.

Our Blue Crew is always packed with students ready to cheer on the Eagles. Students don't see losing as an option. Junior Darby Koger said, "We get into the games and we are really energetic." Yes the team loses sometimes, but that doesn't stop the Blue Crew from showing Eagle pride.

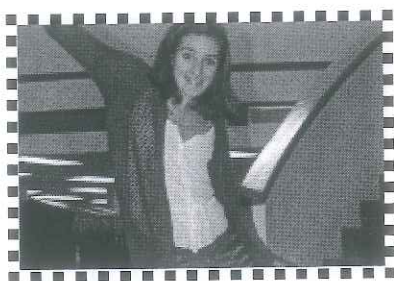
"Whether you're a winning team or a losing team it's a way to

express school spirit," said Ms. Joey Gossett, assistant principal.

The seniors have a big role in the Blue Crew. They are the ones front and center getting everyone else involved. They are the ones screaming the chants for others to follow. They show the rest of the students what school spirit is all about. They get the Blue Crew fired up and ready to have fun.

Keller said, "Normally when people are not cheering in Blue Crew, I yell at them to start cheering or get out and go home."

Even though there are some discrepancies about Blue Crew rules, it sure doesn't stop the Blue Crew from being loud.



Moments with Maggie

E. L. E.

By Maggie Thompson

Everybody has problems, everyone deals with them differently, everybody needs sympathy, so everybody love everybody.

E.L.E. is a video on YouTube that has struck the hearts of people everywhere. It is about a guy named Jacob Schemmel, 21 years old, who tells us his story about his life so far. He goes on to describe how he always has a big smile and even though he acted happy, he was far from that.

2010 was one of the worst years of his life. The year started off with him losing his grandpa. Then it all went downhill. He lost a tenth-grade friend to a horrible accident, moved out of the house he had always lived in, lost an eighth-grade friend to suicide, and lost one of his best friends to another horrible accident. This best friend lived by three simple words: E.L.E or everybody love everybody.

Schemmel had a very difficult time after all of this and actually went into depression. Thanks to having a good family and friends he came out of it and kicked it right out the door. During hard times like these you always have to remember, "Tough times don't last, but tough people do," said Mr. Brad Himes, geography teacher.

We all have problems at some point or another and cope with them differently. No one likes to be mistreated so why doesn't everyone try to help one another? This is something that could possibly never have an

answer.

E.L.E. briefly had an impact on Facebook by the end of November. How long did it last?

Junior Christian Robinson said, "I think it lasted a solid 48 hours!"

Even though it didn't last long, it made people stop to think about their own lives and whether they should treat everyone around them differently.

So what does E.L.E. really mean? It means that no matter who you are, what you have been through, what you look like, or how you act that no one should judge you because they have no idea what you are really going through. There are other ideas on what everybody love everybody really means.

Ashton Bennett said, "I think it means that no matter where someone came from, how much money they have, or if they're ugly or pretty, it shouldn't matter. You should accept people for who they are."

No one is better than the other and whether we like it or not we are all connected in some way. At some point something bad could happen to you, and if you treat people right you will always have someone there for you helping you through whatever it is. So don't forget to let the people around you know that you care about them and love them because you never know when they won't be there anymore. Schemmel tells us several times how he never got to tell all of

these friends that died how much they meant to him and how he regrets that.

Sometimes we can get wrapped up in our own lives and not think about others around us.

Guidance counselor Mrs. Connie Stinson said, "Stop and appreciate what you have instead of what you don't."

We need to learn to live in the now, learn from our past, and plan for the future. Now is where we are and if we work on it we can make it a better place for us and everyone else.

So if you are ever having trouble just think of this: "No matter how hard life gets, keep your head up and keep on smiling. It WILL get better... I promise you," says Jacob Schemmel, even after everything he has been through.

Just don't forget to love everybody because maybe one day you could impact their life or maybe they could impact yours and make it better. So E.L.E. because you never know who you might touch.

Freshman Maggie Thompson writes "Moments With Maggie." Her opinion does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Eagle's Eye magazine or Delta High School.

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Senior Austin Hammel volunteers as firefighter with Albany Department

By Gracie Hollars

Senior Austin Hammel is a busy guy. Not ladies kind of busy but homework, jobs, family, and let's not forget fighting fires.

Hammel, 18, juggles homework, family, friends, a job at a grocery store, and firefighting. You'd think things would get chaotic but Austin takes it all with a smile.

"It's hard to manage everything and keeping everyone happy is the difficult part. I've made a lot of people mad," Hammel said.

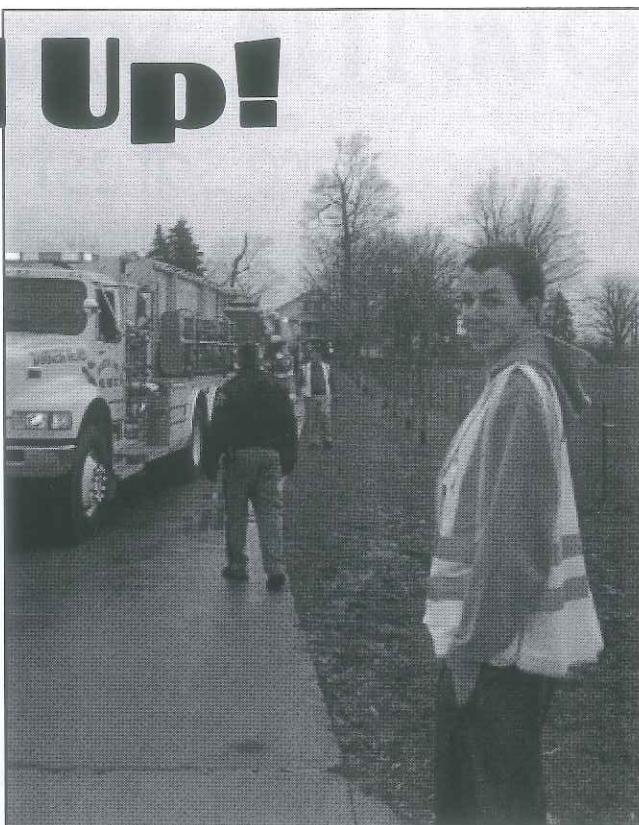
He's gone through 40 hours of basic training and has been involved with the Albany Fire Department for over six months now. He still has to go through more training till he is 21 before he can become an official firefighter.

Hammel doesn't just stand on the sidelines, he actually gets into fires and helps put them out. So far he has been in many fires, including three major ones around Muncie. He even helped with the fire across the street from the high school in November during school hours.

"The life-threatening stuff, the only protection you have is the hose and the man behind your back," he said.

Austin's most memorable fire was near Christmas when a refrigerator caught on fire and the family's Christmas presents were right around the corner, so they had to save the presents.

Hammel has been inspired



Austin Hammel works at a fire scene across from Delta High School last November. The fire occurred in the afternoon, and Hammel responded to the fire as he was going to his internship. The fire rekindled overnight, resulting in major structural damage. (Photo by Gracie Hollars)

by many people and experiences to make this his career. Working along with others who have been at this for so long is one of the things that keep him going.

"Austin shows a lot of interest and potential. He keeps up and keeps following," said Derek Mays, the Albany Fire Chief.

Austin committed to this before he turned 18. When he went to the Muncie Area Career Center he already knew he wanted to become a firefighter.

Career Center instructors Rick Compton and Brad Goldman influenced him and pushed him to get better.

"It's great to see a former student at the fire scenes.

He is one of 32 students, since 2004, who are volunteers in the four counties," said Compton from the Muncie Area Career Center.

Recently, Hammel helped put out the Botkin's Trophy shop fire in Selma. Using three canisters of oxygen, Austin and his department finally helped put out the fire. He got home late that night but still didn't miss school the next day.

Firefighting doesn't get enough recognition. Maybe the real awards should go to the people who risk their lives to fight the fires, especially the younger ones.



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County vs. City:

Which schools are safest for students?

By Sarah Unroe

City schools and county schools are like apples and oranges. Almost everything is different, from the students' choice of fashion, the way they talk, and the way they act. The schools themselves are different, too. But the biggest difference in county schools opposed to city schools is the security system in place to keep the school safe.

In Muncie Community Schools, there are four or five active city police officers in Northside Middle School, Wilson Middle School, Muncie Central High School, and Muncie Southside High School at all times. That is 16-20 police officers on duty at all times. The police officers arrive at 7:30 a.m. and do not leave the school until 5:00 p.m.

Head of security for Muncie schools, Brian Lipscomb, reported that after last year's events at Central, safety at school is extremely important to employees. He also said that security cameras

are installed in both of the middle schools, high schools, and the Muncie Area Career Center.

"I haven't been to Delta in a long time, but if I remember correctly, there is no door close to the office. Anyone could come in at anytime and no one would know," Lipscomb said.

Lipscomb is a retired police officer for Delaware County. He reported Muncie schools have a higher number of fights. But when active, he

county school.

Miss Kathy Smith, shift supervisor at the Youth Opportunity Center (YOC), has worked with juveniles for 11 ½ years. Smith works in Priority School. This school is for students who have been suspended and instead of going home for the assigned days, they come there. They sit in assigned seats and do homework all day. Talking during the day is prohibited. Students get a half hour for lunch and might be able to talk quietly to the person sitting next to them.

There is also a branch off of Priority School for kids who have been expelled. Students attend every day and have classes like normal. The classes are smaller, but still have the same structure of a regular class.

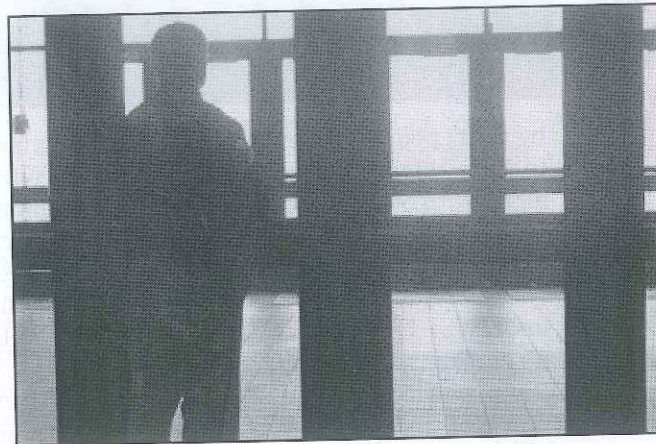
Smith reported there are more county students at Priority School than city school students. The general reason for being put out there is

drugs.

"Just because there are so many different doors at Delta (where students can come in and go out), it's easier for kids to deal drugs," Smith said. "By the time it gets to the administration, they already passed it off to someone else."

In the first semester at both middle schools and high schools in Muncie, there were a total of 23 fights that resulted in arrest. (Delta High School had two fights.)

Ms. Joey Gossett, assistant principal at Delta, noted that there are about 35 cameras



Officer Gary Marvin watches out for the school. (Photo by Sarah Unroe)

noticed a "significantly higher number" of arrests involving drugs at county schools oppose to city. "It wasn't so much cigarettes or pot... It's prescription medication: Vicodin, Oxycodone, morphine... drugs."

He also pointed out that county schools handle situations differently. So what you might get arrested and prosecuted for at a city school, you might just get suspended at a

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throughout the school and looking out into the parking lot. The cameras are live and can also go back a few days.

Gossett taught at Central 14 years ago. "The difference in the students is the main thing I saw," she said. "We have students with different backgrounds."

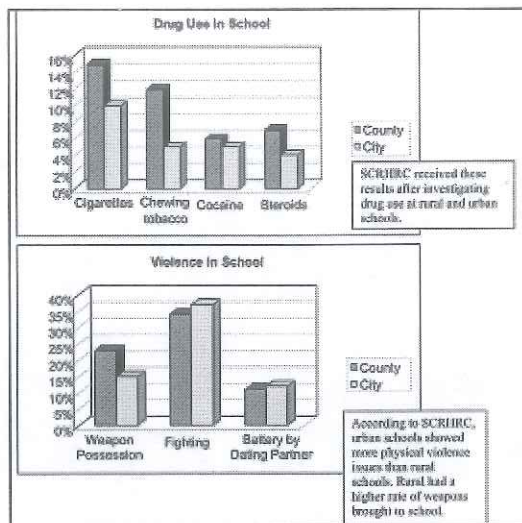
In response to Lipscomb's comment about county schools handling disciplinary issues differently, Gossett said, "I think it's the opposite. If it is a violation that calls for an arrest, we will arrest."

Former Muncie Central student, sophomore Kaleb Coleman, thinks city schools have more security issues than county schools based on the experience he has had with both. The only thing Coleman thought could be changed about Delta's security is the security guards. He said, "Muncie Central has more security guards. They're on patrol more than they are at Delta."

At Delta, there are two police officers: Bill Polk and Gary Marvin. Marvin is a reserve and Polk is an active police officer. Marvin has been a county police officer for 22 years and has never worked for the city department.

He thinks Delta is doing a good job with the way they are handling the school's security now. "I don't think Delta is at risk," he says, "At least we have one person here." Marvin doesn't get involved with discipline issues until it is a criminal matter. He

reported that there have been about seven incidents so far at Delta that resulted in him having to intervene.



Nationwide survey conducted by South Carolina Rural Health Research Center in 2005.

According to South Carolina Rural Health Research Center (SCRHRC), in 2005, rural teens were more likely than urban teens to bring some form of weapon to school in the last 30 days.

It received 13,482 responses across the United States. Of the

respondants, 1,293 were rural students, 7,096 suburban students, and 5,067 urban students.

SCRHRC also reported that rural schools are less likely to have counselors on duty during school hours oppose to urban schools.

This is extremely hazardous because if a student were to know something that might cause risk to their peers but there wasn't a counselor at school, they might not tell anyone.

County or city school is not the issue. The issue is making sure students are safe while at school. Both city and county schools in the area showed that they make a great effort to keep the school safe for students and staff.

If you or a friend knows about something that happens or is going to happen at school that is a risk for students or staff, you can report it to a teacher, counselor, principal, or a security guard. Students have a responsibility just like teachers and staff to make sure the school is safe.



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Energy dancers regroup

By Lukas Jetmore

Rebuilding the beat, the Delta Energy dance team is back and ready to start a new season.

Near the end of the first semester, the dance team fell apart and was discontinued for two weeks. The team had existed for 12 years, but had to start again with tryouts last month.

Although the team had to start out with new members and new coaches, the name of the team will not change.

Jac Wheat, sophomore dance team member, said, "Regardless of the new coaches or members, we will always have the energy."

The team has gone through six coaches in the past two years.

"People quit because of lack of support," said Hunter Gates, junior. "Therefore we were constantly having to change to fill in the holes. We have been through a lot, but it has only made us stronger."

Wheat said the coaching changeover led to problems.

"With a team of teenage girls drama just got the best of everybody," Wheat said. "We were suspended for a month without a team or a coach."



Energy Dance Team: Front: Kierra Woody, Jac Wheat, Hunter Gates, Misty Meacham. Back: Erica Hlmes, Casey Brock, McKensie Polk, Brooke Watson, and Shelby Parsons.

The team now has 10 dancers and is coached by Cayla Clark, head coach, and Kayla Wilson, assistant.

The team practices on weekdays until 7 p.m. or later.

"The new members are under a lot of pressure learning our competition dance and are working very hard to strive for our goal," said Misty Meacham, freshman. "I wouldn't say I like

one team better than the other, but we're very focused on competition now than other activities."

Senior

Brooke Watson is the captain. "We are going to try to keep the drama away from the team, and make sure we aren't 'downing' on the girls when we make observations," Watson said. "We are just going to try to keep our dance

family together."

Gates added, "We are only as strong as our weakest dancer." Meacham said this team will be different because they plan to put more time and focus into the dance routines.

"We need to work on our level of

seriousness understanding we're competing this month and next month," she said.

Watson also added that there are some technical improvements still to make.

"The team needs to work on making their moves bigger and tighter," she said "Because this is hip-hop, the team needs to work on making different facial expressions."

Every year varies on the schedule. But during the team's season this year, they will travel to three school competitions, along with regionals and state.

Through all the drama and hard work of the Delta Energy dance team, the girls are ready to make the crowd go WOW!



The team performs a routine at a basketball game.

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Turn Your Computer into a Web Sports Machine

Local web casting groups make it possible for fans to watch games at home

By Kameron Slaven

It's cold and snowy during basketball season in the state of Indiana and you don't feel like going outside. How about watching the game online? You can with Web Sports Machine even up to 60 days after the game has been played.

These online games are produced by Mike Beach and are sponsored by Beach Media. Seniors Zane Naylor and Adam Brown commentate the games. They have good graphics, experience, and the most important thing is it's all local.

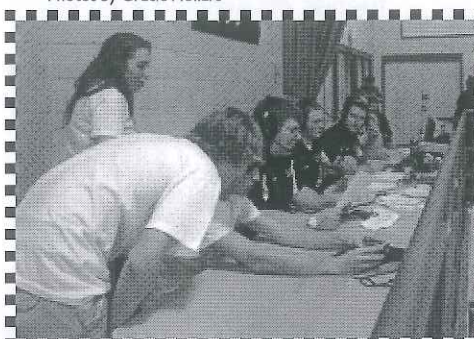
These online videos have been running for a few months, but Delta Online Videos has been around for three years. They are both different branches owned by Beach Media. It started out slow, but it is gradually getting more and more views per game.

If you don't have time to watch it live the night it plays, then you can watch it up to 60 days after it has aired. Each game is averaging in the hundreds. The Delta vs. Muncie Central game got over 400 views in just three days. They hope to see it getting used more and more in the future as people learn more about it, but still keep a good number of people in

the stands.

"It's a fun job and you get to do work at the same time,"

Photos by Gracie Hollars



The Web Sports Machine cast in the booth above Delta's court (above) and senior Zane Naylor commentates (right)



Naylor said.

You can watch these games off a couple different places. You can go to Websportsmachine.com or on Facebook you can search Web Sports Machine.

Delaware County Voice also does these sports events in a separate group with commentators and video cameras. They do Delta,

Yorktown, and some Muncie Central games. To watch these just go to

DelawareCountyVoice.com.

Both broadcasting businesses have shown they haven't hurt the attendance at the games. The games still get the normal amount of fans, according to athletic director Mr. Chris Conley.

Conley said he sees these businesses getting better in the future.

He said, "It's great that they do these games because people from out of state or even the players can watch it when they are done."

Delaware County Voice also does all of the away games so it is also good for the people that like to watch the games but can't drive all that way.

So on that snowy or cold day when you don't want to get out, remember there's always Web Sports Machine and Delaware County Voice.

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**Tori Havens
Kenna Gibson**

Three swimmers/divers face difficulty of cheering in same season

By Shannon Ellery

Participating in one sport is plenty for most people. Practice every day, getting home later, and not having as much homework time would keep anyone busy. But what if it wasn't just one sport you had to deal with? What if it was two?

Kenna Gibson, Victoria Brown, and Tori Havens are all members of both the swim/dive team and cheerleading squad. Gibson dives, Brown swims, and Havens does both.

"I think it shows a great amount of determination and time to participate in what is basically two sports at the same time, and have to budget their time between sports and academics," Athletic Director Chris Conley said, "because they are all good students."

"I decided to do two sports because I had done cheerleading and I really wanted to try swimming to see if I was any good at it," said Havens, a senior.

Havens is also involved in Best Buddies, Student Council, and Baking Club, but her most important obligation is school.

"If I have practice or a meet the day before semester finals," she said, "I tend to worry if I will get in enough study time to make the grades I want."

Gibson, a junior, also worries about her grades.

"I try to use my time wisely," she said, "but I have to make choices."

Gibson explained how she might have to stay up later or get up earlier to do homework, and how she has to sacrifice time spent with her friends or sleeping.

Like most sports, swimming is time consuming with practices Monday through Friday from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. If there is a swim meet it will generally be on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

Since cheerleading is a year-round sport, they only have practices once a week, but the girls still have to miss part of swim practice once or twice a week so they can cheer at a basketball game.

Brown, a junior, says that swimming helps her cheer.

"Swimming really works the muscles in your arms and this does help with cheerleading, and swimming gives me endurance for competitions," she said, "Doing both really keeps me in shape."

Gibson and Havens agree that cheerleading and diving go well together. "Both cheerleading and diving come from a gymnastics background," Gibson said, "so in many aspects, they're both very

similar."

Doing two sports can be demanding physically, mentally, and emotionally, especially when the basketball games fall on the same day as swimming conference or sectionals. When this happens, the girls will go straight from spending all day at a pool to cheering at a basketball game. The game is sometimes over an hour away, which means the girls may have to get ready in the car.

Basketball games, which are what the girls cheer at during swim season, and swimming competitions aren't usually on the same day, but sometimes the girls have to miss some of swim practice so they can make it to the game, or vice versa.

Though it can be challenging at times, their hard work has paid off. Gibson and Havens placed first and eighth, respectively, in the IHSAA swimming and diving sectional and sixth and 12th, respectively, in the Hoosier Heritage Conference.

Brown placed seventh at the HHC, and was also 13th in breaststroke at sectionals and swam the breaststroke portion of the 200 medley relay, which placed fifth.

Doing two sports takes a lot of time and commitment, but these athletes are determined to succeed.

Leaping for Joy!

By Zane Naylor

Leap Year Provides More Than Just 'Sweet 16' for Two Students

Rap artist Ja Rule, soccer player Taylor Twellman, sophomore Collen Delaney and freshman Sarah Craft.

All these people join in a holiday celebration every four years for something near and dear to them ... their birthday.

Leap Day babies, born on Feb. 29, only have actual birthdays every four years.

For Craft and Delaney, their sweet sixteen celebrations take on a form they've met before, but may not completely remember. For these two students, this will actually be their fourth birthday.

Craft and Delaney were both born on Feb. 29, 1996.

"I normally celebrate [my birthday] on February 28," said Delaney.

While Delaney opts for a pre-emptive celebration, Craft prefers to celebrate hers on March 1.

This year, both students will be celebrating their 16th birthday, one that is memorable on its own for many students, but especially for these two. Large celebrations are planned for a normal sweet sixteen, so their family and friends go all out when it is an event this special.

"My birthday celebration is usually a few days so I will be doing a lot," Delaney said. "There will probably be a party and I'll go out to eat a couple of times."

Craft has two cakes during her birthday celebration on leap years. One represents her annual celebration and the other

represents the number of birthdays she's had.

"I put my leap year amount of candles on one cake and my actual are on my main cake," said Craft.

Those born on a leap day often feel a special connection to the others in the same situation. Some people might forget to celebrate a day if it's not on the calendar, but those with leap year birthdays are quick to remind them. Delaney's family never forgets to celebrate his special day, but they celebrate more on a leap year.

Those who hold a leap year birthday hold more than just a day that only comes around every four years, they also get bragging rights.

"One thing I love about being born on leap year is when people say, 'Act your age!' I can say, 'I am because I'm only three going on four!'" Craft said.

Delaney sums up the extent to which he and his fellow leap year



The Eagle's Eye would like to wish a very happy birthday to freshman Sarah Craft and sophomore Collen Delaney, shown here playing leap frog. (Photo by Gracie Hollars)

birthdays get to brag about. "We are the smartest four-year-olds in the world!"

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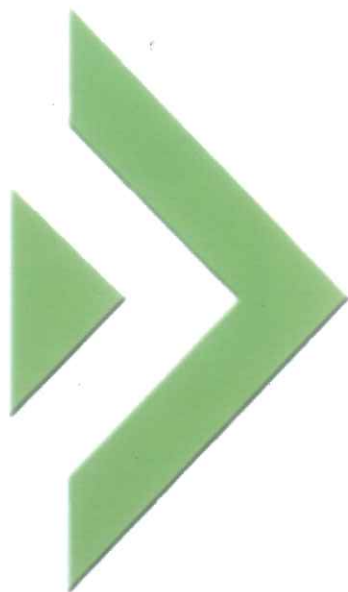
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