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# Lunch Rules Likely to Change Next Year

By Aidan Hendershot  
Staff Writer

Photo By Olivia Brown

Next year lunch is likely to change. Many of the foods that are student favorites may be gone.

The United States Department of Agriculture, with the help of First Lady Michelle Obama, has proposed a few rules that may come into play next school year.

"I think the kids will have a hard time with all the changes in the beginning, but after a while they will get used to things," said Mrs. Dee Orick, food service director.

The proposed rules specify that all bread and crust must be whole grain, flavored milks such as strawberry and chocolate must be skim milk, and white milk cannot exceed one percent fat. We must have fresh fruits and vegetables and reduce starchy vegetables.

These new rules also state that there must be more variety and quantity when it comes to fruits and vegetables. This will change the point system that we use and may increase the prices of lunch over the next few years, Mrs. Orick said.

There is more. The normal veggies and fruits that we eat will be changed. Instead of the same choices all the time we will be eating foods many kids have never even tried. There will be orange and green veggies such as squash, spinach, sweet potatoes and many others most kids aren't used to.

Sophomore Adam Gordon said, "I would enjoy having fresh fruits and vegetables at lunch."

This talk of lunch changes probably has students worried about the somewhat sacred snack bar. "Due to the changes, I do think more kids will choose to go to the snack bar



Cafeteria workers Beth Monroe (left) and Sharon Shelton lay the bacon.

more often," said Mrs. Orick.

She said they aren't going to make any big changes to the snack bar. The most they might do is add in some granola bars to the things we can buy.

"There is a possibility of a salad bar next year," she said. "It will give the kids a choice to get a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables." Sophomores Grace Hatcher and Michaela Hahn both said they liked the idea of a salad bar.

The lunch crew will be serving us everything we need to start getting healthy. They want to get rid of the starchy veggies such

as corn, beans and potatoes, including French fries. Starch turns into sugar, which is bad juju.

"I don't want the fries to go!" said sophomore Ashley Goad.

Avery Haisley said, "It's my choice if I want to be fat."

It shows that Delta students have their opinions on the new rules, but no one will know their full opinion until the rules take effect next year.

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# A Buck for an Arm

## Seniors earn cash by donating plasma

By **Marissa Stotler**  
Staff Writer

Part-time jobs for high school seniors typically include fryers at fast-food restaurants, waiters at sit-in restaurants, baggers at grocery stores or ushers at the nearest movie theater. But for some Delta seniors, finding a unique way to make money without the traditional "after-school job" is as simple as lending an arm.

Giving plasma is how some students are making the quick buck. Chase McGunegill, Devon Nannie and Yozef Pichtel are seniors who have made plasma donations a weekly habit.

"I've gone twice every week for the past two weeks, and I haven't missed a day since I started. I have gone four times, and I have made \$125 so far!" McGunegill said in mid-March about his current plasma donations.

Plasma is a pale yellow portion of your blood and can be easily replaced by the body, which is why people can donate twice a week every week and have minimal to no side effects. It's made mostly of water and proteins which helps your body clot bleeding and fight infection.

"I do it because it saves a lot of people's lives, and it's some



Senior Devon Nannie lends a helping arm at Biolife Plasma Services.

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### **Biolife Plasma Services** **Hours:**

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**Friday- 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.**  
**Saturday- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

extra gas money in my wallet," Nannie said about the benefits he gets from giving plasma weekly.

Biolife Plasma Services pays donors for their long process along with "bonuses" to those who recruit other donors or come in multiple times a month. All of the money students receive for donating is placed on a Visa card that they can use as they please.

Plasma is collected through a process called "plasma-pheresis." When you donate a needle is placed in your vein, and your blood is pumped into a special spinning device that separates the plasma from

red and white blood cells and platelets. While the plasma is collected, the other blood components are filtered into a reservoir. Once the reservoir is full, your red and white blood cells and platelets are returned to your body. The system automatically alternates between collection and replacement until the predetermined amount of plasma, based on your weight, is obtained.

The first donation takes the longest time because you must get

registered and in the system and get to know the whole general process, but on average the donation takes about an hour. There is a timer on your machine that keeps track of the time you've spent donating, and some find it a challenge to beat their lowest time. The lowest time recorded at the Muncie plasma center was 30 minutes.

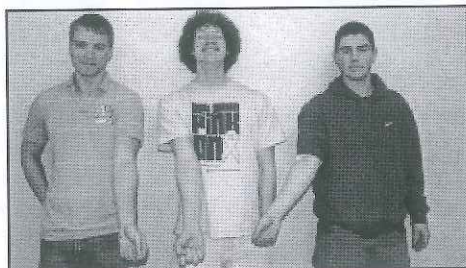
To some people, the thought of having a needle in their arm makes them nauseous.

"The needle wasn't bad, kind of like giving blood, you may get a little dizzy, but the liquid they put in me after was the only shocking part," Pichtel said. "It made me really cold, but overall it's not bad."

After the plasma is collected, clear liquid is pumped through your body for rehydration.

With any medical donation, there are certain guidelines you must meet in order to give. Donors must be at least 18 but under the age of 65 and must weigh at least 110 pounds. Donors must provide proof of residence and identification that includes a photo, signature, date of birth and Social Security number.

Biolife is located at 3401 N. Marleon Drive by Teppanyaki Grill. You can schedule appointments on their website at [www.biolifeplasma.com](http://www.biolifeplasma.com). When you schedule an appointment, make sure you show up on time. Like an actual job, you cannot be late. You will need to reschedule another appointment if you are even five minutes late.



(From left) Yozef Pichtel, Devon Nannie and Chase McGunegill.

# Bills Take Aim at Education

**By Christi Dalton  
Editor**

With more than 25 years of teaching experience, Mrs. Pat Ervin takes offense with some of the proposals for changing education in Indiana.

House Bill 1479 proposes that schools that do not show continued improvement could qualify as "takeover schools," meaning they could be taken over and operated by a private company.

If a company took over Delta, they would get everything for only \$1. Even if Delta improved and became one of the best schools in the state, the community might never be able to get it back.

"Sixty-five to seventy percent of (new) businesses fail," Mrs. Ervin said. "I do not think that is something we want to model. I think as a school we need to improve, but do we need a takeover? That's crazy."

If not taken over, a school that doesn't show improvement and annual progress could be forced to combine with another school that did show continued improvement in end-of-course testing for Biology 1, Algebra 1, and English 10.

These are two of the new education proposals. There are many more waiting to be decided on.

A proposal to strip teachers of their collective bargaining rights also concerns Ervin.

Currently, the teachers' unions bargain with administration for new contracts that cover pay and working conditions.

"We have always worked with them (administrators)," Mrs. Ervin said. "We have good pay. We've never had a strike - no hostages."

She pointed to Delta's 35 hours of dual-credit college courses as an example of the positive things going on here.

"Teachers are not holding up education at Delta High School," she said, noting that every

teacher who instructs a dual-credit class is a member of the teacher's union.

One of Ervin's biggest fears is that they are going to have the best teachers teach the classes that are going to be assessed. For example, teachers that are the best in Algebra 1 would teach those classes. So this can change on what teacher is assigned to what class.

"Instead of teaching the best, maybe I would want to teach the medium student, which is fine," Ervin said.

Now that the Democrats are back from a five-week walkout in Illinois, the final votes will come to tally.

Starting in July 2012, Delta could be facing more than a few changes - for better or for worse.

## Education Proposals

**HB 1002:** Expands the number of authorizers of charter schools and removes limits imposed on current authorizers.

**SB 446:** Establishes process by which charter schools may lease unused, closed or unoccupied public school buildings

**SB 1:** Provides a performance-based pay. It establishes an annual staff performance evaluation that categorizes as highly effective, improvement necessary or ineffective.

**HB 1369:** Requires performance goals for improvement in testing, retention, graduation rates and fiscal performance.

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# Arriving to Prom in Style



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Last year, Eli Riggan and Nicole Martin drove to prom in a 1932 Ford Coupe.

**By Stacie Sanders  
Photographer**

Many students who go to prom go out of their way to get a fancy car to drive, but for junior Brittany Engle her story was different.

Two years ago, she was all dressed up and ready to go to prom with her boyfriend. Due to car troubles that night, they showed up at prom in a police car.

## The Price of Prom

**Marissa Elam  
Photographer**

How much do you think the average female spends for prom? How about the males? Females tend to spend around \$296, and males spend around \$213.

Senior Hannah Lancaster doesn't really have a budget this year because her mom is pulling the senior card. Just because Hannah doesn't have a budget doesn't mean she isn't taking steps to save money for prom.

Instead of getting the \$45 alterations for her dress done at the store, she is taking it somewhere else. For her hair she is going to the place she went last year, where the hairdresser is a close family friend. Since her dress is so long, she is just going to wear shoes from her house.

She will paint her nails herself, instead of getting them professionally done. She will get her flowers at a shop in Alexandria by her mom's work place. She will also be going to dinner with friends who have coupons.

"With the economy struggling, it is hard to find nice affordable dresses, and for one day out of the year you

Last year, Engle and her boyfriend rode in a limo to prom. She said it was fun, because everywhere they went people looked at the car. Her parents drove them around all night so they also didn't have to worry about walking to and from cars in parking lots.

"We might take the limo again this year because it is a family friend's. It all depends on whether or not I can convince my dad to drive us around all night again," she said.

Senior Hannah Lancaster has two options from where to choose. In the spring she put 20-inch rims on her Yukon XL. Her grandma has silver Cadillac that she would allow Lancaster and her date, Kegan Morris, to borrow. So she has a tough decision before prom arrives.

"So I could either look like a gangster rollin' in the 80's or an old couple in a very nice Cadillac, but we will be driving ourselves," Lancaster said.

Junior Eli Riggan's transportation is very unique. Last year, his date, senior Nicole Martin, got the chance to ride in a 1932 Ford Coupe that has won James Dean's Carfest Best in Class award three times.

This year, Riggan has another option. He could take his red 1972 Monte Carlo SS with a 454 engine.

spend too much," Hannah said.


"It is a lot of money when added all together, but you get to look really nice for one day and night."

Junior Eli Riggan has only a budget of \$120 for this year's prom. For Eli's tuxedo he has his own just in case of emergencies. He has his own shoes to wear to prom instead of buying brand new ones just for one night. He is good friends with the owner of Annie's Florist, so he will save money with his flower from there.

"You have to go all-out for dinner, so I really don't save much going to Vera Mae's," he said. "The memories made at prom will never leave me, and it's an expense I don't mind spending."


### Why wait? Start saving for next year's Prom

- 1) Sit down with your parents and your date to decide on a reasonable amount to spend.
- 2) Decide which prom activities you want to participate in.
- 3) Carpool with other couples and split the cost of the gas.
- 4) Borrow a dress, rent one from a formalwear store or buy from a consignment clothing shop.
- 5) Do your own hair and makeup or save money with an appointment at a local cosmetology school instead of an expensive salon.
- 6) Use accessories you already have or borrow some from a friend or relative.
- 7) Hold a backyard barbecue with friends instead of dining out.
- 8) Have a friend or family member take photos to capture the memory rather than paying for an expensive portrait.



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# Easy last-minute ideas for your hair!

By Lauren Poor  
Staff Writer

## Half-Up Half-Down

Materials you will need:

1. Ponytail holder the shade of your hair
2. Bobby pins the shade of your hair
3. A small-barreled curling iron (1/2 to 1-inch barrel)
4. Hairspray
5. A small-toothed comb
6. A flat iron

### Step #1



Separate the hair on the sides and the front of your head from the hair in the back. Take your small-

toothed comb and use the pointed end to separate the hair from ear to ear. Smooth out this hair with your comb and secure in the back of your head with the ponytail holder. Do not include your bangs.

### Step #2

Grab a small chunk of hair from

under the ponytail (use about 1 inch



wide of hair). Take the hair and wind it around the ponytail holder until you run out of hair. Secure the ends under the ponytail with your bobby pins. To make sure this stays secure, make sure that one bobby pin crosses another bobby pin.

### Step #3

Curl all of the hair that is down and in the ponytail in spiral curls

using your small-barreled curling iron. Be careful as you curl the hair in the ponytail; you do not want the bobby pins to pull away releasing the hair that is wrapped. When styling the bangs, use a flat iron to smooth and straighten them, using a half-inch iron.

### Step #4

When you are done curling, lightly spray all of your hair, and after the hairspray has dried, lightly finger comb through your hair.

## Hair Tie Up-Do

Materials you will need:

1. Bobby pins the shade of your hair
2. Hairspray

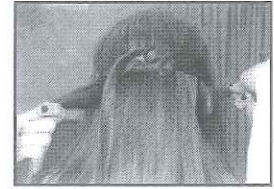
### Step #1

Take the hair that is on the sides of your head and pull it back. Cross one piece over the other (like you are tying your shoe) and pull tight. Bobby pin the loop that you pulled tight to the hair underneath.

### Step #2

You are going to pick up more hair on either side and add it to the ends of the hair that is hanging out of the loop. Take some hair from one side and join it to the ends of the hair that

are hanging out of the loop.



### Step #3

Cross these pieces over one another and bobby-pin in place (just like step #1)

### Step #4

Pick up hair on each side and add it to the ends of each side of the loop (just like step #2)

Cross one side over the other, pull tight and keep repeating the process until you run out of hair.

### Step #5

When you get to the bottom of your head, take the rest of the hair and roll it around your fingers like you are wrapping the hair around a roller. Take your fingers out of the middle of the roll and bobby-pin the roll in place so that all of the hair is tucked up and under.

### Step #6

Tuck in any stray hairs and hairspray in place.

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# Pets Underwater

By Kelsey Logan  
Staff Writer

On Monday, Feb. 28, everyone woke up to discover that the night's severe rainfall flooded the streets and yards. Some homes and local businesses were also severely flooded.

One of those flooded businesses was ARF, the Animal Rescue Fund, a local animal shelter that houses cats, dogs and one pot-bellied pig named Chet. ARF houses animals until they are adopted by people in the community.

An ARF employee had arrived early Monday morning to a horrific sight. ARF had been completely flooded out by the overnight rainfall, and all of the food and supplies had been washed out.

When news got out of the flooding, people in the community chose to volunteer their time to help the people of ARF. They helped get all of the animals off of the property and to safe havens like Boyce Animal Hospital, Care Animal Hospital, Happy, Clean, and Smart and Wasson Nursery. Some of the volunteers even took home animals to care for them, which led to many of the animals later being adopted by their "foster parents."

Sophomore Mitchell Lykins was one of the community members who decided to help ARF during its time of need.

"I wanted to help out the animals and the people of

ARF. I have always had pets at my house, and I was sympathetic for everyone involved with ARF," Lykins said.

Although Lykins was too late to help clean up, he asked ARF how he could help get it running again. He posted the information he got on Facebook to share with all of his friends.

"You can donate animal food, a monetary donation and adoption of animals always helps. If you are 18 years of age or older, you can volunteer to work at ARF," he wrote, listing ways to contribute to the relief efforts for ARF.

Mitchell has helped aid ARF by being a foster parent to a

cat that he now names Javier. He also is planning to volunteer for ARF when he turns 18.

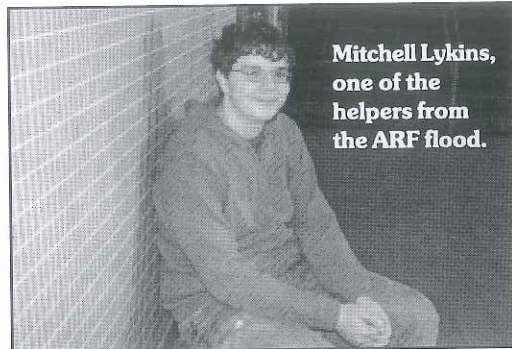
Since the flooding has

occurred, ARF has received help from the community. On March 29, about one month after the flood, ARF reopened its doors and resumed normal

business.

If you would like to help ARF and the animals, you can donate money online via their Give a Gift form; send a check to Animal Rescue Fund, 1209 W. Riggin Road, Muncie, IN 47303; donate specific items using their Wish List; or just volunteer your time.

Check out [www.munciearf.com](http://www.munciearf.com) for more information.



Mitchell Lykins, one of the helpers from the ARF flood.

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**M**any of our favorite superheroes have been retired from the big screen for years. Now numerous characters are flying out and showing what 3D and some special effects can really do.

When people think of Marvel or DC Comics, the first things they might imagine are superheroes, tights, action and a damsel in distress. Decades ago many of these scenes of combat and depictions of parallel universes were so far out there that directors couldn't even create anything close to an authentic story line.

The coming years could be different. In 2011 alone, Marvel is resurrecting three mega-hit comic story lines, *Captain America: The First Avenger*, *X-Men: First Class*, and *Thor*. DC Comics is also in this mash-up with the classic superhero *Green Lantern*.

Right after all these releases we have *The Avengers* and the reboot, *The Amazing Spider-Man*, to

look forward to 2012.

Junior Jason Wright is a big Marvel fan with a love for our friendly neighborhood Spider-Man. "I like that the stories are just as much about their lives as it is about the thick of

it," he said. Enthusiasm like that could possibly come from watching superheroes on television since you were a little kid, which Jason has. Although he'll have to wait a bit for Spidey, the additional releases could occupy him in the meantime.

For even more of those dedicated comic fans or for people who just love a good action movie, the fun begins May 6 when *Thor* is

released into theaters. *Thor* is a strong but arrogant warrior who is cast out from Asgard, a mythical realm from Norse mythology. He is banished to Earth where he becomes a protector and changes for the better when his world turns to danger.

June is also packed with *X-Men*:

Staff Writer  
First Class

which will hit multiplexes June 3. This *X-Men* movie will tell the story of Charles Xavier and Magneto before they were enemies and how the two groups of mutants were formed.

On July 17 *Green Lantern* will be released to kick off the summer. It follows the story of Hal Jordan, a test pilot, and how a simple green ring inducts him into an intergalactic team and changes his life forever.

Even in July yet another film is on its way. *Captain America: The First Avenger* will be released on July 22. This story follows Steve Rogers and his transformation into a super

soldier with

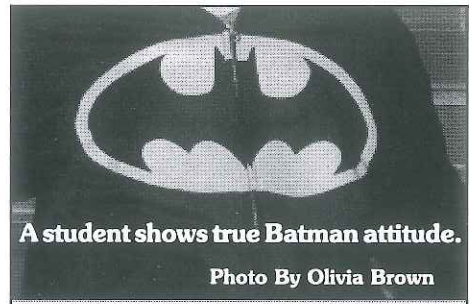
otherworldly powers whose dedication is to protect America. All of these films can be viewed in 3D.

Junior Alex Taylor has been reading comics since sixth grade, and she still reads them when she gets bored. "The movies they make have really good animation and effects," she said. Alex began with the comics *Lenore*, *Johnny the Homicidal Maniac* and *the Crow*.

For sophomore Caleb Scott his entry into the world of comics began when he found in his attic some old Marvel comics that his parents owned. Both Alex and Caleb agree on Iron Man as one of their favorite superheroes.

For the rest of those superhero fans you just might have to strap on your best costume and show up for the premieres. Or you could settle down with a bucket of popcorn and get ready for a little cinematic adventure when they hit DVD.

# MARVEL MOVIE MADNESS



A student shows true Batman attitude.

Photo By Olivia Brown

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# Aubrey Smith

## Miracle baby takes giant steps as senior

By Leah Williams  
Staff Writer

Aubrey Smith is even busier than the average senior. She edits the yearbook, is president of the local chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), participates in 4-H, plays tennis and is noticeably a leader. All this from a girl who wasn't even supposed to survive her birth.

Aubrey's mother, English teacher Mrs. Marcia Smith, was in the first trimester of her pregnancy when doctors discovered a lump in her abdomen. She had surgery to examine the growth and woke up to devastating news: cancer. A hard tumor surrounded her severely damaged appendix, and the cancer had spread to her lymph nodes and other organs.

Mrs. Smith remained calm. "It seemed at the time as if God was protecting me from those condemning words penetrating my heart," she said. Even so, her baby was in danger.

A sample of her tumor was sent to the pathologist to be tested. The pregnant Mrs. Smith was given a life expectancy of only five years.

The Smiths were given two choices: abort Aubrey and/or undergo radiation therapy, which is harmful to fetuses. They did neither.

"It would've killed me," Aubrey said. Added her mother, "We made the choice not to make a choice."

The Smiths' friends leapt to action. They began a nationwide prayer tree for Aubrey and her mother. "I had so many people praying over me," Aubrey said.

Mrs. Smith said, "Aubrey's father and I drew our strength from both our families, two very strong prayer groups and many spiritual friends who proved to be prayer warriors."

Only days later, her tumor was retested and identified as a different, rare type of cancer never before seen at Ball Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Smith was sent to Indiana University, where it had only been seen twice previously.

Inexplicably, the cancer had seemingly changed overnight, which

would allow the doctors to go in and remove it. A surgeon removed one third of her colon and scraped all of her organs. "He scraped and he scraped and he scraped," Mrs. Smith said. "Aubrey was undisturbed."

Two weeks later, Mrs. Smith went back to IU and was declared cancer-free. "My doctor told me it was a miracle," she said.

Aubrey, due on Christmas, was the first baby born in 1993 in Muncie on Jan. 1. Mrs. Smith, oddly enough, had none of the traditional labor pains or pressure. "It was the strangest feeling," she recalled. Aubrey was born within minutes of arriving at the hospital. She was dubbed a "miracle baby" by *The Muncie Star*, with a front page story on the day after her birth.

After Aubrey was born, Mrs. Smith's surgeon came back and visited her. He told her that he never thought she could give birth to Aubrey. He had scraped an artery so thin that, had there been any of the usual pressure, the artery would've burst and caused damage to both mother and child.

Mrs. Smith rarely tells people the story of her cancer because for so many other cancer survivors, their ordeal represents pain and turmoil. For the Smiths, it represents the wonder of life. Her healing is even recorded at IU as a miracle healing. As Mrs. Smith said, "It's my own personal testimony that God is real."

After surviving her birth, Aubrey has continued to keep her ambitious and surviving nature.

"She's had drama since the time she was in my body. Fun drama," Mrs. Smith said of her accomplished daughter.

Aubrey is the editor of the *Deltonian* yearbook, which keeps her even busier than



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Aubrey Smith models her sewing project at 4-H.

usual. She designs spreads, checks for errors and organizes the staff. "I do a lot of graphic editing," she said.

Aubrey wants to go to Ball State University to double major in fashion merchandise and journalism. She wants a career editing a fashion magazine. Her hectic schedule appears to continue into her future.

As well as being instrumental in designing your yearbook, she makes many of her own clothes. Aubrey has been interested in composition since elementary school. In fourth grade, she started sewing in 4-H. "It spawned a love of sewing for me," Aubrey said. Not only does she design clothes and the yearbook, she designed the cover of this issue of the *Eagle's Eye!*

Heading the FCA, Aubrey's sport is tennis, which she has played since she was a freshman. Before that, she attended many of Coach Tim Cleland's summer camps. Aubrey is one of five seniors on the girls' tennis team this year, also keeping her busy.

Aubrey's exciting life began with a miracle in the womb and continues through high school, and hopefully to Ball State and then on to the rest of her life.

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# The Miracle of Faith

**By Olivia Brown  
Photographer**

Within one night, a senior can have a crushed dream to play sports after an injury. On Dec. 10, senior Ashley Rawls was playing in the girls' basketball game against rival Yorktown.

She went into the game early and was making her move down the court when "I heard a loud pop as my knee hit the ground. When I tried to stand back up, I put pressure on my right foot and felt my knee start to shake violently on its own inside my leg," Rawls explained.

Ashley's teammate, Sam Warpool, carried her off the court, and then the Delta and Yorktown athletic trainers, Misty Chastain and Kevin McNamara, examined her knee.

They thought it might be her anterior cruciate ligament (ACL), which meant no track this spring. But she needed to get an MRI to determine what happened to her meniscus. Dr. Jeremy Hunt then determined from the MRI that she then would need surgery because her ACL was torn, so she was a little nervous to have her knee reconstructed.

With many prayers, calls, texts and cards from friends and family, she was then ready for her surgery.

On the day of the surgery, Dr. Jay Machett was ready to repair her knee, and Ashley was anesthetized. Through the procedure, Dr. Machett had good visual of the ACL.

It was all stable. Early in his operation report, he said "On the right knee, she surprisingly had normal ligamentous exam... I was not sure what to think about this."

When Ashley woke, her parents told her that her ACL was completely healed without the

doctor's help. Her mom told her it was a God thing because it's impossible for it to be any other thing.

"I'm just so overwhelmed by God right now. He is so good. A lot of times, I'll pray for a miracle, but in my mind I don't have much faith because I am also a very realistically logical person," Rawls explained. But she said a miracle happened.



**Ashley Rawls (left) poses with her friend and teammate, Sam Warpool.**

The outcome changed other plans for this year and the years to come. She gets to run track this year because of her knee healing.

Her personal record for the 400 meters is one minute, three seconds, but her goal is to make a "minute flat". She wants to advance to regionals this year.

Next year, Ashley is attending Johnson Bible College in Knoxville, Tenn., where she will be playing basketball.

"It'll provide closure since I never got to finish my senior season," Rawls said.

She is excited to travel with her new basketball team and play against other colleges.

Warpool will miss many memories and traditions with Ashley when this year ends.

During girls' basketball sectionals during halftime, "the strap on my shoe broke," Warpool said. "I'm lucky we have the same size shoes. I had to borrow her shoes during the rest of the game."

Ashley's shoes had Bible verses and encouraging words to help her play. "One side said 'FAITH' and the other side had Bible verses with the numbers with black Sharpie," said Warpool.

Rawls will soon leave high school with the miracle that changed the rest of high school and will move on to "bigger and better things" like college basketball and wherever that will take her.

"God has done something BIG, and I'm so glad I got to be a part of it. I know God has bigger plans for me in my life," Rawls said.



In an instant all the cherished memories, prized possessions and the hallowed halls of a place you called home would be gone. A house fire burns down more than just a building, it burns down a home.

According to the United States Fire Administration (USFA), there were 356,200 house fires in 2009, with an estimated \$7.3 billion loss from the devastations. All these numbers do not really put in perspective the hardship that comes from watching your own home burn to the ground, but they make one think.

Pictures from vacations or special events cover my bedroom walls, knick-knacks and gifts from important people collect dust on my dresser and cherished jewelry is stowed in the numerous jewelry boxes I've been given over the years. How could I ever choose just some of these things to save?

Given that all my family members, including my pets, had made it out of the house safely, I would quickly stash my most memorable items to save from the



The stovetop where the 2009 fire began that destroyed the Gleeson family home.

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flames. One of these cherished items being a rock, my little rock named Sharky.

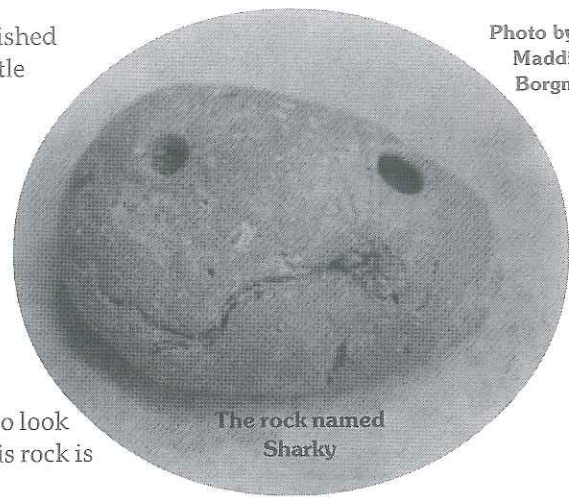
When I was younger, I would visit my grandparents in Florida every winter. My grandpa was quite the joker and always sparked my imagination. While walking on the beach one day, he found a rock and called me over to look saying, "Look Maddie, this rock is smiling at me."

I was immediately in love with this little rock with two holes for eyes and a crooked crack that seemed to be smiling at me. Yet, my grandpa believed in "finder's keepers, loser's weepers" and taunted me that Sharky was his the whole time I was visiting.

It was time for my mom and me to head home, and on our way to the terminal my grandpa reached into his pocket and resting in his palm was Sharky. My grandpa handed him to me, and told me that he knew Sharky would be in good hands. Seeing the grin on my grandpa's face, I placed Sharky in my pocket and knew I'd never let him go.

My grandfather passed away four years ago. Yet there Sharky sits on my dresser, flashing me that crooked grin, letting me know my grandpa's always there.

There are so many things I couldn't imagine being able to leave behind if I was a victim to a house fire. I've tried to learn to hold the people I love close and make memories wherever I go. Memories



The rock named Sharky

Photo by Maddie Borgmann

are the things I'll always have, even when the material items seem to deteriorate away.

**Jalen Robinson**  
**Grade: Freshman**

**I would save** my shoes, my Xbox, and my money safe. I'd save my shoes because I love all my shoes. I'd save my Xbox because that's all I do. I'd save my money safe because I'm broke.

**Andy Vonderheide**  
**Grade: Sophomore**

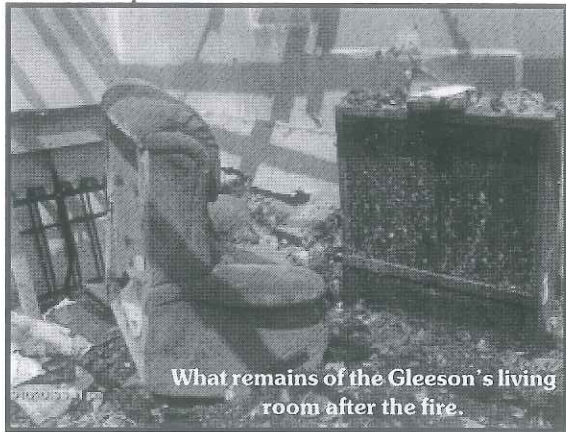
**I would save...** my laptop, my shoebox, and a little red necklace box with a heart painted on it. My laptop is quite possibly the nicest present I've ever gotten. My shoebox has pictures, letters, birthday cards, and other important memories. The little red box contains all the notes from my girlfriend of six months.

# What Would You Save?

By Maddie Borgmann  
Ads Director

You awake to find your house is up in flames. Your family and pets are safe outside, and you only have time to grab a few of your things. What would you save?

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What remains of the Gleeson's living room after the fire.

**Catricia Clark**  
Grade: Junior

**I would save...** my biggest photo album, my worshiped Guns-N-Roses Slash hat, and the wooden nameplate my grandpa made me when I was little.

I would save my photo album because it has many pictures of family members who are no longer living and it means a lot to me. My Slash hat is my prized possession, and I know it is just an object but it means a lot to me. My nameplate was the last thing my grandpa had ever given me, and he and I were very close. So it's special.

**Austin Cook**  
Grade: Senior

**I would save...** gold, silver, and myrrh. Jesus liked them so I gotta like them, too.

**Hannah Myers**  
Grade: Freshman

**I would save...** my jewelry box, pictures and my wallet. My jewelry box because it holds my entire great grandmother's Persian jewelry. My pictures because you can never replace them and they show precious memories. My wallet so we could still have some money after the rest is burnt.

**Tavis Rattray**  
Grade: Freshman

**I would save...** my laptop, my first dollar, and my first game ball. My laptop is very valuable. My first dollar is special to me because it was given to me when I was born by my grandfather who died three years ago. My first game ball is special because I got it when I was six on an eight-year-old team.

**Devon Nannie**  
Grade: Senior

**I would save...** my wallet, my pictures, and important documents such as my Social Security card, my Birth Certificate, and all that junk. I would save my wallet because it has items that I need. I would save my pictures because I couldn't lose them and they can't be replaced. I would save my documents because I wouldn't want to have to replace all of them because that would take a lot of time.

**Tyler Myers**  
Grade: Freshman

**I would save...** a suitcase full of clothes, my shoes, and my bed covers.

I guess because I think of all the poor people out there who don't have blankets or clothes are freezing or aren't happy and I don't want to freeze like them.

## Gleeson Family rebuilds after devastation

Heather Gleeson has had a senior prom unlike any other. How many can say they've had their house burn down and still attend prom later that night?

On May 9, 2009, Gleeson was getting ready for a night she would never forget – her senior prom. Little did she know that in her kitchen, a fire had begun.

Around four in the afternoon, Mrs. Sherri Gleeson had bumped into the knobs on the stove, and grease from the night before later went up in flames, engulfing the kitchen in its fury. Everyone made it safely out of the house, but most of the Gleesons' belongings had been destroyed, one of these being Heather's prom dress.

Neighborhood hospitality quickly came to the rescue. "Everyone went from house to house and gathered a dress for Heather and tux for her date, Jacob Thompson," said sophomore Trenton Gleeson, Heather's brother.

Although Heather's night had been saved, the family still faced many difficulties resulting from the unforeseen fire. The family had insurance on the house, but none of their furniture or other home appliances were covered. Not even the Wii that Trenton had just bought the night before the fire.

"Almost everything was damaged from either fire or water damage. I had just bought a Wii at Wal-Mart the night before, but they wouldn't take it back because of water damage and I didn't have the box," Trenton said.

Luckily, there was a firewall between the house and the garage,



Heather Gleeson and firefighter on the day of prom and the fire.

and the garage was not damaged. The family managed to grab some clothes, but many of their pictures were left hanging on the walls.

"I really wish we could have saved many of the pictures. My parents are now going through a divorce, and it would have been nice to save those memories," Trenton said.

Though the fire destroyed their home, it did not destroy their spirits. After some donations from friends, Trenton, his mom and his sister Heather are back living in the rebuilt place they call home.

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# 300 WORDS

By **Kyndal McDonald**  
Layout/Design Editor

"300 Words" is a new series in the *Eagle's Eye*. We'll introduce you to some memorable people in just 300 words.

## Kyrra Clevenger

One day you might see senior Kyrra Clevenger wearing her pink lacy tutu dress with hints of pink, pearls and flowers on it. Then you might see her in a tie-dye peasant skirt with a white top. Yet another day you might see her in her Bob Marley shirt. All these express the many views of Kyrra.

She wears many older items, including 1980s sunglasses and John Lennon shades. She has peasant skirts, similar to what you wear on the beach, that are hippie like and tie-dye.

Clevenger shops at Goodwill, TJ Maxx, Hot Topic and Charlotte Russe. She doesn't buy a full outfit at one time, but she buys separate pieces. She said she usually spends about \$10-\$20.

She makes and designs her own purses. "I try to do things that express who I am," she said. She is currently working on a purse that she is making out of a pair of pants. She also makes messenger bags that have long straps with big pouch bottoms.

She also has made purses out of her shirts and also from a rice bag.

Following with her style, Clevenger wants to be in the theatre business. She wants to design the clothing and be a

makeup artist for plays. She will be going to Bethel College in

Mishawaka in northern Indiana.

Her first play was Cinderella in fifth grade. She played "Lucifer the cat."

"I had to wear a suit and they stuffed me with pillows," Clevenger said.

Senior Ashley Buckner said, "I think she (Kyrra) is amazing in theatre. No matter her character, she can pull off anything that I've seen. She in my opinion is a really good

actress."

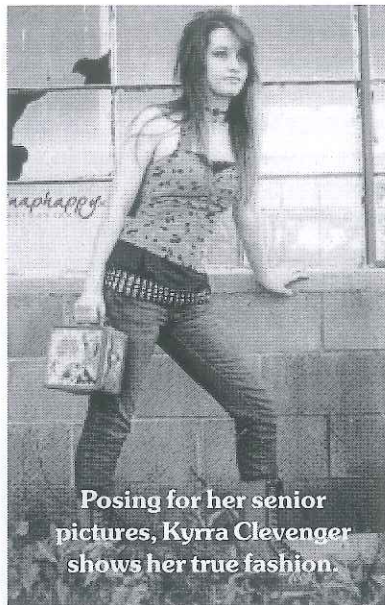
She has had some memorable times at rehearsal nights with the cast and director Mr. Richard Williams. "Jacob Henry's line was, 'She jumped,' but instead he said, 'She dumped,'" Clevenger said.

Theatre runs in her family. Her dad and her grandpa are in the acting business.

Kyrra's inspiration comes from Johnny Depp. "He always plays a different person and he is very creative. He can switch from being serious to funny," Clevenger said.

While expressing her style, Clevenger likes to be different.

"It's the idea of being able to play different personalities," Clevenger said.



Posing for her senior pictures, Kyrra Clevenger shows her true fashion.

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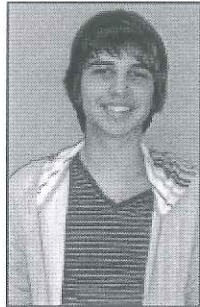
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# Two Best Friends Run for Auditions

By Katie Clark  
Photo Editor

"I only get to see the sun on weekends," Logan Rayl said.

Rayl is a three-sport athlete. He decided that running cross country in the fall, swimming in the winter and running track in the spring after two years was just too routine. It was his goal this year to become more involved with activities at school, so he joined Delta Troupers.



This is Logan's first year in Troupers, but watching him perform, you'd think it would be his 16<sup>th</sup>.

In his first play, *Stephanie Hero*, he played the main antagonist, Stephanie's little brother Zach. In his second play, *The Outsiders*, he was a supporting character named Johnny.

Some of us with school and one sport think it can be hard to find time for homework, relaxing and even hanging out with family and friends. Logan says, "I try to do as much homework as possible during school so I don't have to take any home. I have had to stay up late a few nights, though. During this busy schedule, your only friends tend to be the people you work with, such as sports and theater. I usually only hang out with my other friends and family during the weekends."

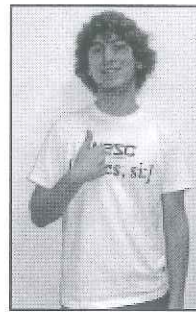
This is Logan's first year doing both Delta Troupers and his three sports. Logan says, "I don't really get stressed out. I tend to brace myself when performances are coming up. I make sure I use my time wisely and prioritize, and then there's no reason to be stressed out."

Logan's typical day while preparing for a play includes: school, sport practice, and then play practice until 9:30. Then whatever homework he has left.

For right now, he's uncertain about whether he'll do this next year, but he doesn't regret doing all of this. As of right now, he's thinking about branching out to other things.

"I'm a pretty mellow person by nature so it's not a huge deal to me," Travis Vannatta said.

Vannatta is a two-sport athlete. He runs cross country in the fall and track in the spring, works with his dad and he also joined the Troupers.



Travis started Troupers this year. In his first play, *Stephanie Hero*, he was the scarlet knight, but he was moved up to advanced theater for *The Outsiders*, where he was one of the main characters, Soda Pop.

His typical day during play practices includes: school, track or cross country practice till about 5, then play practice till anywhere from 9-10. He usually gets to bed around 11 or 12.

Why on earth would he put himself through this? He says, "It's a love-hate relationship, but I love all my teammates on the sport team and theater class so it's worth it. I love the reactions when someone sees the play and expected it to be bad."

Acting is something that Travis possibly may look into for college. But he knows he will absolutely do it next year.



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# The Art of Pitching

The pitcher stands on the mound like a statue, staring at the single finger that the catcher is signaling between his legs. The pitcher nods, gets into position, hikes up his leg and throws a two-seam fastball as hard as he can. It tails in toward the batter, just on the inside edge of the plate. Swing and a miss.

Many people may look at pitching as just throwing a baseball or softball to the catcher behind home plate. But those close to the game understand that pitching isn't just throwing a ball; it's an art.

Fastballs, changeups, curveballs, sliders, splitters, knuckleballs and even slurve (slider/curveball). There are almost too many pitches to count. To know how to throw several of them and at what time to use them is a special gift.

**Major League Baseball Pitching Records**  
Fastest pitch recorded  
**105 MPH: Aroldis Chapman (2010)**

Most strikeouts in a game  
**21: Tom Cheney (1962)**

Most innings pitched in a World Series game  
**14: Babe Ruth (1916)**

Oldest age to pitch a shutout in a World Series game  
**38 years, 1 month, 18 days: Randy Johnson (2002)**

**By Seth Neal  
Sports Editor**

The varsity baseball pitching rotation includes college-bound seniors Michael Fitzwater and Aaron Paschal. The varsity softball ace is senior Jordan Helfst, a future Taylor University pitcher.

Every great pitcher has a routine he or she goes through before each pitch. This includes these three Eagles.

"I usually get the ball back from the catcher, take a deep breath, refocus, step back on the rubber and get ready for the next pitch," Paschal said.

Helfst related, "First, I warm up overhand. Then I do wrist snaps. I also do the different spins for my different pitches at this distance, too. Next, I back up some and do windmills to get my arm motion going. Finally, I go to the full 43 feet and go through my full motion."

More important than routine is strategy. Pitchers have to pick the right pitch to throw, the right location to throw it and the right count to throw it in.

"I am very confident in my fastball on any count, and my slider

and changeup," Fitzwater said. "I feel pretty confident when I am ahead in the count."

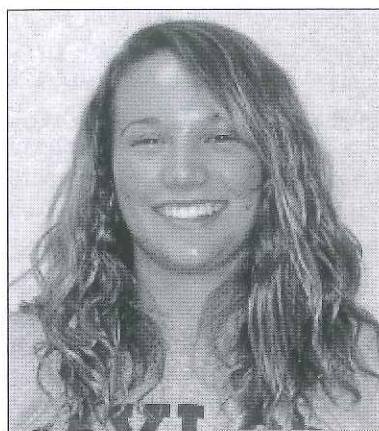
All pitches have different grips. A fastball can be thrown with the grip across two seams, four seams or even no seams. Generally, fastballs are straight. But many pitchers who throw two-seamers, such as Fitzwater and Paschal, have some break in the ball.

A changeup is basically a slower-than-normal fastball thrown

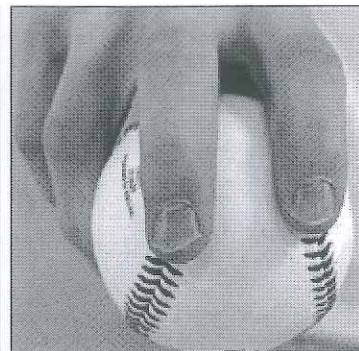
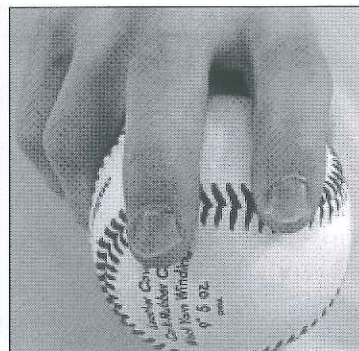
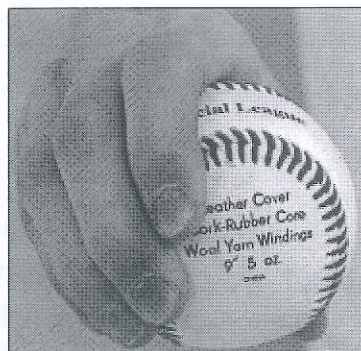
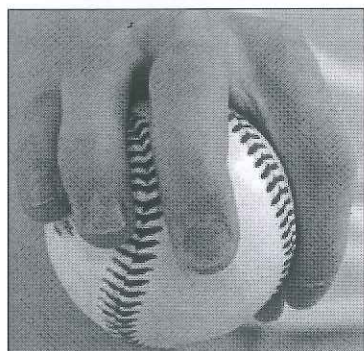
to keep batters off balance. But there are also different grips for them, like fastballs. A circle change is thrown by holding the ball with the pinky, ring finger and middle finger on the ball, then making a circle with the thumb and index finger. Circle

changes usually look like a fastball as they approach, but drop at the plate.

A slider is Fitzwater's favorite pitch to throw. "It looks like a fastball then breaks away from the batter, or in on a left-handed batter," he said. A slider is one of the fastest pitches in baseball, behind only the four-seam and two-seam fastballs. A slider is gripped like a two-seam

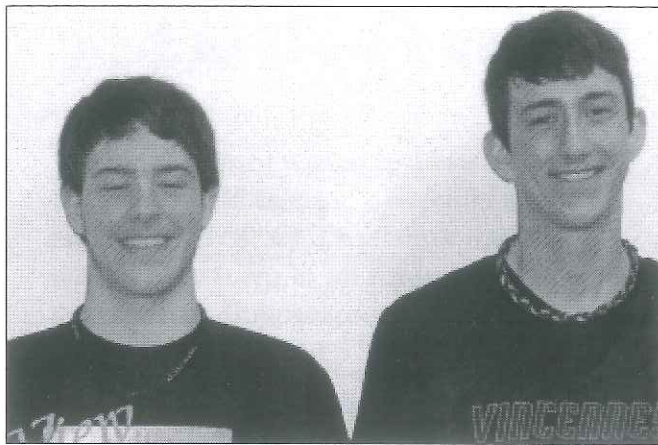


Jordan Helfst



Pitch grips held by Aaron Paschal (from left to right): Circle Changeup, Three Finger Changeup, Four-Seam Fastball, Two-Seam Fastball





Aaron Paschal (left) and Michael Fitzwater (right)

fastball but slightly off-centered.

"My favorite pitch would probably have to be my curveball. When I throw it correctly, it makes people look dumb," Paschal said. A curveball moves similarly to a slider, but breaks more downward.

Softball is different.

In softball, pitches are underhand. Different, and possibly even more difficult.

"Many people think that it is easier to hit off of fastpitch softball pitching than baseball pitching," Helfst explained. "This is not true. In fact, they are about equal. Because we pitch from 43 feet away, a 60 mph fastball is equivalent to that of a 100 mph fastball at baseball's 60 feet. We may not throw as hard, but because it is closer, we bring the same heat."

Pitching does not only include the pitcher. It requires the catcher and a coach to call the pitches, too.

"I rely on my catcher a lot because he sees the whole field and knows what is happening," Paschal said. "The catcher

said. "My catcher, Shelby Cox, and I have a good relationship off the field. I feel like this helps us immensely on the field. When she calls my pitches, she knows what ones are working and what ones aren't."

Helfst's coach, Paul Grove, agrees. "The catcher has to be able to set up pitches at their various locations, as well as blocking any pitches in the dirt," he said. "They have to be aware of the opposing team's lineup and identify hitters' strengths and weaknesses."

In some games, one pitcher may pitch the entire game. The

and I have good communication so we can do what needs to be done."

The top two catchers for the baseball team are Yozef Pichtel and Taran Temple.

"A pitcher and catcher must be in sync," Helfst

very few, very special games called "no-hitters" only involve one pitcher throughout the entire game who allows no hits by the opponents.

"You have to have a lot of endurance and be able to repeat the motions in order to pitch well," Fitzwater said. One of the things that many baseball fans may not know is that pitching is very strenuous. Especially after seven or eight innings of about 20 pitches each.

Very scarcely does a single baseball pitcher play the whole game, but it does happen occasionally. After so many innings, a pitcher's arm gets tired, and it becomes more difficult to throw quality pitches. But they have to be able to do it.

Strategy, stamina, accuracy, speed, confidence and a strong mentality. Qualities all pitchers need. These three Eagles continue to develop them.



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# Have you ever been Fooled?

By Jasmine Davis  
Staff Writer

April Fool's Day gives jokesters the opportunity to make fools out of gullible people we know for fun.

Many individuals have done April Fool's Day jokes and pranks. However pranks always seem to get the most laughter.

When junior Kevin Clements was 7 years old, his father worked at Marsh in the deli where meats are cut. When his dad returned home, his hand was bloody and he told Kevin about how it got cut at work. Soon Kevin's dad told him that it was a prank and the blood was actually raw meat.

Students, however, are not the only ones who take part in April Fool's jokes. Even teacher Mr. Tim Cleland was in on some harmless jokes to fool students here at Delta.

Mr. Cleland's website design class two and three years ago

decided to play some pranks on students.

In 2008, the class's responsibility was to maintain our school website. The staff soon decided to use a program called Photoshop to edit a photograph of a unicorn as our school's new mascot. It looked so real that some viewers believed it before reading it was April Fool's Day.

In 2009, students in the class looked back at the previous year's prank and decided to come up with a new one. The students used pictures of students in formal clothing and posted them on the school website home page. They wrote a piece telling students what they could wear for the upcoming school year, saying school uniforms had been approved by the school board. Again, some people fell for the prank.

Adults may seem wiser and more knowledgeable, but in reality they can be just as gullible as anyone else.

Forgetting for a single moment that it is April Fool's Day could be their downfall, because they could easily

become the victim of a joke or prank.

For freshman Marissa Elam, it was pretty easy to fool her grandpa. "He is pretty gullible," she said. "I think I was about four or five, and I thought it'd be funny to see my grandpa get wet."

She got up early and filled one of her horse's water buckets. With help she got a ladder and climbed up to place the bucket above the door.

"Then I decided to begin screaming that there was a spider on the door," she said. Her grandpa fell for it and got up to see.

"When he pushed the door open, the bucket fell and water covered him," Elam said.

Senior Devon Nannie fooled his dad by telling him that the live basketball game he was watching on TV was a re-run of an old game.

April Fool's Day is all about playing pranks and trying to convince someone that something is true when you know it isn't. The true goal is to be happy and laugh.

## Chapter 4: Truth be Found

By Christi Dalton  
Editor

Why, why did you do it? I was so young. The man that had ended my life was walking around like nothing had ever happened.

My mother had gone to stay somewhere else; she could not stand to be around our house. It made her too upset to be there.

But my father did not really let it bother him. In fact he was more than determined to find out who did it.

He had many clues of who killed me. But he was heading toward the wrong way.

"Give me a clue, a sign or something," my father said aloud to me, "so that I know you are alright."

Oh, how I wanted my father to know who the killer was. That it was somebody my own age.

His name was at the tip of my tongue. As soon as it came to mind he was there at my grave.

"I am so sorry for what I did to you. It was a mistake; I was angry with you," he said, a tear running

down his cheek.

I could not remember what happened that had made him so angry at me that he wanted to kill me. The anger I felt the night of my death was like no other.

Then it hit me. It was Jack Arthur. He had been a family friend for only a few years, though. When our eyes first met I knew that there was something wrong.

One time when he was really upset, I noticed that he had this crazy look in his eyes. You would never know that he was a killer though, just maybe a person with some anger problems.

If only I had known that he would be the one who would do it. As time went on, more clues were being discovered. A new suspect was being questioned.


The day was getting

This fictional short story began in Issue 1 and will conclude in our Senior Issue next month.

closer to when people would be able to find out what truly happened to me. My murder investigation was coming to an end.

Jack was beginning to get worried that they would find out that he was the one who did it. But his eyes said something else.

That something would one day come out. But there was something that even I didn't know. That something was about to erupt.



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# Spring Fever

There are eight words hidden in the puzzle. This word search is a zig-zag search, which means that words may form in all directions, such as the sample word "SPRING."

- FLOWERS
- APRIL
- RAIN
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## Dance the Night Away

Match the prom memory with the right teacher

Want to win \$10? Match the letter with the correct number. Turn in to Mr. Cleland in Room 120 before the end of the day on Monday, April 11. All correct answers will be entered in a drawing for \$10.

- A. Mr. Parker
- B. Mrs. Nunley
- C. Mr. Lacey
- D. Mr. Wuthrich
- E. Mr. DeNeal

1. My prom was at a local country club. We drove an hour after prom to Chicago to dine out on State Street. We got home about 3 a.m. with no sleep, then left for an all-day party at Indiana Dunes State Park on Sunday. Then I had to drag in to school on Monday.

2. Senior year, I knew it was my last dance of my high school career, so I decided to dance like I knew I could, but had never shown to anyone. A circle of people formed to watch because it was that impressive -- or that terrible. I don't know which one it was.

3. My junior year I was dating a senior that went to another school. I was so shy and nervous about not knowing anyone that I spent the whole prom sitting at a table afraid to move! What a disappointing date I turned out to be!

4. A few friends and I were going to camp out in the woods after prom. We went out the day before to clear out an area to put the tents and we got poison ivy all over us. Prom was a little itchy in tuxes.

5. I drove to the prom my sophomore year and did not have my driver's license yet. I got pulled over after the prom and issued a ticket for driving without a license. My date's dad was a police officer and he got me out of the ticket. He knew I didn't have a license when I picked up his daughter.

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# New Look on Gym Class

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Every year some students wish they would have enough time during their high school years to take more elective classes. Some students playing a school sport also wonder about the need to take phys ed when they are already doing an activity to exercise.

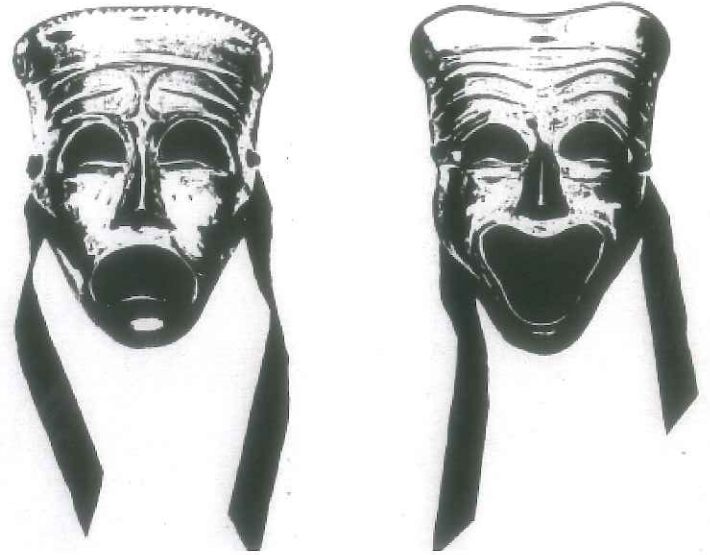
Delta is considering a new rule where students who participate in school sports could receive two credits for phys ed without actually taking the classes.

Phys Ed department chairman Mr. Chuck DeNeal issued this statement about the possible PE Waiver: "Delta High School has started discussion concerning the development of credit flexibility for Physical Education. The Administration, Athletics, and the Physical Education Department are exploring ways of using credit flexibility in Physical Education through participation in school-sanctioned extracurricular activities. The discussion is on-going and is still in its early stages. The (Indiana) Department of Education has given permission for schools to use credit flexibility in all content areas including Physical Education. There have been few guidelines established by the State Board but (the board has) given each individual school the responsibility to establish its own criteria. However, the State Board is clear that the State Standards (for Phys Ed) must be met."

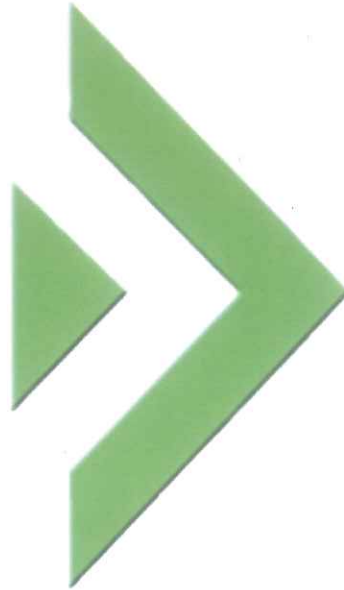
Principal Jim Koger explained how a possible phys ed waiver might work. He said students could be given an option to fill out a form before they go into high school. If they request the waiver, they must participate in the sport or sports that they say they are going to be in. If the student doesn't participate and complete the season in the high school sports, then that student must take PE I and PE II to get the two full credits. Students are not required to be at a varsity level.

"I think that this would be beneficial to students taking technical honors and that it would open more opportunities for more students to take classes they want," Mr. Koger said.

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