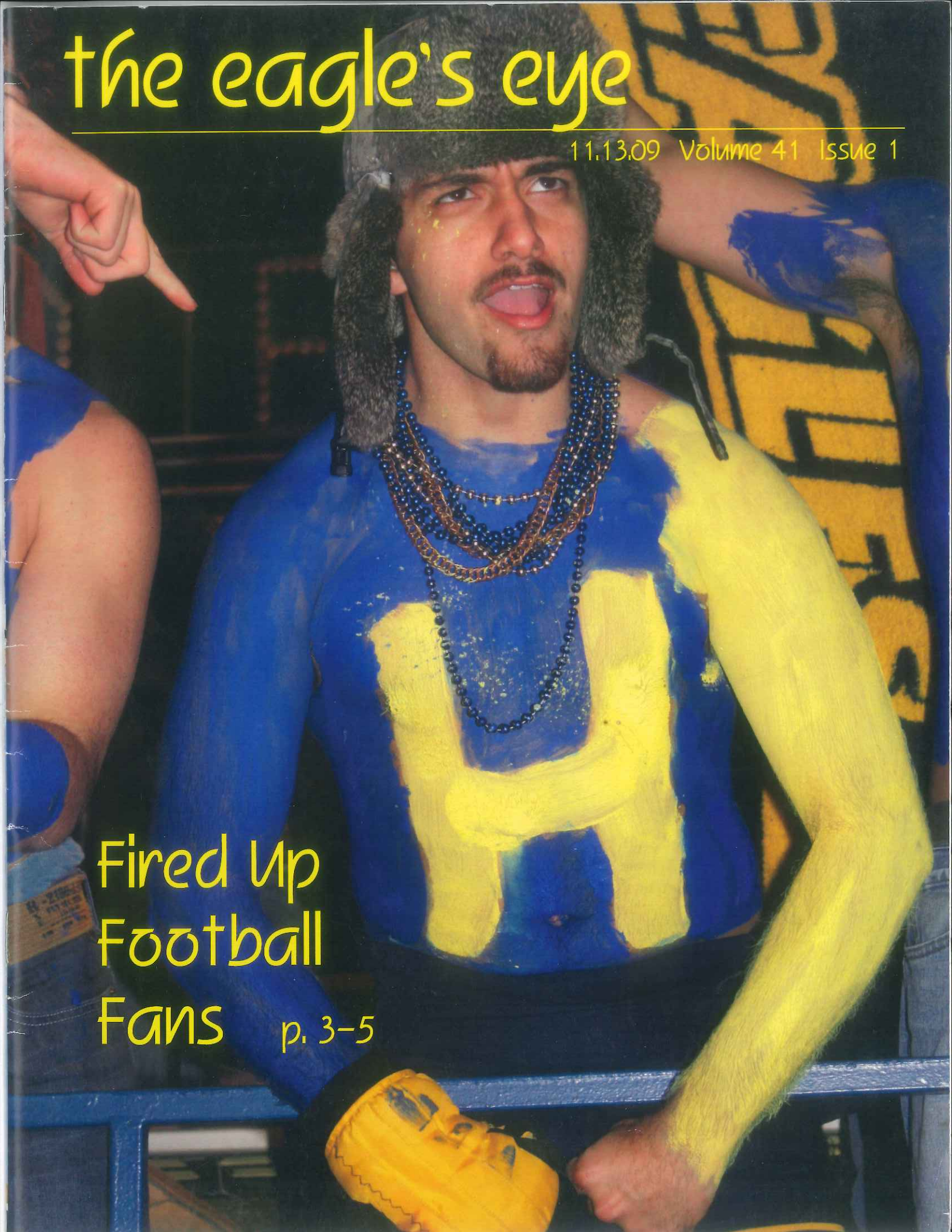


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# Fans of the Year

## Seniors go crazy with school spirit

**Seth Neal**  
Sports Editor

Every Friday night, dozens of high school students show up at the home football games, pumped and ready to watch the Eagles annihilate their enemies. Only a select few, though, show up with painted chests and shirts.

No matter the weather, the day or the personal situations, these extreme fans show up at every game. Five seniors stand up, leaning on the front of the bleachers, with their chests painted "D-E-L-T-A" lined up in order. The ladies of the group, like Tayler Stone, Morgan Whitehair, Amanda Wilhelm and Morgan Hahn, wear decorated shirts and cheer just as passionately as the guys.

Who are these seniors who paint themselves in chilly weather? Usually, the assembly has certain people for certain

letters.

Rob Bolka or Kepler Ridge is the "D." Ridge or Derrick Wright is the "E." Drew Murray or Tanner Wehlage is the "L." Wehlage or Alex McCormick is the "T." Wayne Russell is the "A." And, of course, no one can forget the young man waving the flag, Garrett Ray.

Talking about how the weather affects the fans, Bolka said, "It doesn't. We are just as spirited as at a warm weather game." But Ethan Eichhorn said, "It most definitely affects the rest of the student turnout. I think people are more afraid of getting sick this year than they ever have, especially with the big flu scare."

The weather doesn't affect one person a single bit, though: Ray. He says, "I'll always wear my signature wrestling singlet, even if it is below freezing." He is the one you see being the craziest of the crazies. He screams for every play and waves the flag with pride. "13

hours, 25 minutes," Ray spoke about the amount of time it takes to get ready. "Mental preparation is key. I start with a balanced breakfast of bacon, eggs and pancakes."

The new turf has piqued everyone's curiosity and it seems like even more people are coming to the games. "It has a bit of a bounce to it when you run on it," Ray said, adding, "Great for swift, puma-like reflexes." It has even inspired a new cheer. "We have turf, yes we do, we have turf, how 'bout you?!" Bolka said.

The group dominated by seniors traveled to the game versus Mount Vernon at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. Even though the undefeated Eagles were only up by a single point at halftime, the students still cheered on their team with a fire burning in their hearts.

Delta won the tight game by a mere eight-point margin, 24-16, with the help of their



**Cheering for a sectional championship are Kepler Ridge, Garrett Ray and Wayne Russell.**

incredible Eagle junkies. "It was exhilarating and such an awesome experience," Stone said. "The stadium was unreal, and we were really close to the players."

Eichhorn enjoyed seeing the team members on the Jumbotron scoreboard. "They looked like pros out there. The lights, the field, and the new stadium were breathtaking. It was all just surreal," Eichhorn said.

These students show up at 4:30, an hour and a half before the game, to get painted and ready for the big games. Some say they have to get "mentally prepared" the morning of the big game or even the Monday before.

Stone and Whitehair said they always have a ritual spot in the girls' bathroom where they meet at 5:30. They come out, pumped up for the game about 20 minutes later.

Unlike the rest of the students who said either the Yorktown game or the Mount Vernon game was their favorite, Whitehair chose the first game of the season against Jay County. She said, "It was my birthday and a lot of people were wearing party hats and had noisemakers. Tayler and I made it on thestarpress.com, and it was the game that started off the guys' amazing season."

Some of the students even said they would continue through college. Stone, a varsity volleyball player, said, "I will definitely carry this on to college. It's so fun, and going to school just wouldn't be

the same without it. I also plan on coming back to support Delta, especially our volleyball program."

Football isn't the only sport these extreme fans get fired up about in the fall season of sports. A couple of the football players like Logan Young and Jake Smedley are, of course, unavailable for cheering at the football

games. So they make up for it by rooting for the volleyball team.

Against Yorktown for senior night, the guys dressed up in suits and ties for their theme "We Mean Business." Smedley said, "We may have lost, but the girls played very well and the fans were great."

Ray also wants to bring more fans to sports that don't get too much attention like wrestling and baseball. Maybe these next couple seasons, there will be more and more loyal fans regularly attending the less popular sports.

Next year, unfortunately, all these fans of the year will be off to college supporting their new team. Ray still said he needed to make sure someone could handle his legacy, so look forward to seeing a brand new group of amazing fans for next year, and maybe even a new man suiting up in Ray's famous singlet.

# 12-0

## Eagles, Saints bring perfect records to regional

**Seth Neal**  
Sports Editor

With the long runs and passes the offensive stars make every other drive, it's difficult to notice how well the football team's defense is playing. Linebackers Jake Smedley and Jordan Anderson are sometimes overlooked and don't get as much credit. Referred to as "quarterbacks of the defense" by defensive backs coach Steve Wuthrich, these players are two of the most important assets.

"When the game's over, the reporters ask for Logan Young and Teddy Dawson," Wuthrich said.

Defensive players like Smedley, Anderson and nose guard Anthony Fuatavai rarely get any interviews or articles about them on the front page of The Star Press. The true lesson of this postseason is that defense wins championships.

Fifth-ranked Delta (12-0) plays second-ranked Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger (12-0) on Friday night in the IHSAA Regional. The game is at Fort Wayne's Zollner Stadium at Concordia High School.

If Delta can beat the Bishop Dwenger Saints in regionals, it won't just be a sweep of three Fort Wayne teams. It would also be an epic victory for the Eagles' defense and sweet revenge for last year's regional loss to Dwenger 49-20.

Dwenger has won its last

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**Seniors  
Kegan  
Morris (56)  
and Jordan  
Anderson  
(9) battle  
against  
Greenfield  
Central.**



six games by a combined score of 266-0.

They have scored 44 points per game and allowed 7.5 points per game compared to Delta's 35 points scored and 9.9 points allowed.

Dwenger has been a juggernaut of Indiana football in recent years, only losing to Cathedral 10-7 in last year's state championship. Delta and Dwenger are two of the 12 unbeaten in the state and the game should be an ultimate Friday night showdown.

"The linebackers really need to step it up," Fuatavai said. "If anyone gets past the line, it's up to them to stop him."

Smedley, Anderson and Fuatavai will be keys to pulling off a great defensive game.

All three senior defensive stars agreed that winning the turnover battle will be essential to winning the games.

"If they get two, we need to get three or more," Anderson said. "We've got to create some turnovers to get our offense the ball back."

"(We need) all of them," Fuatavai said. "The more we control the ball, the better chance we have of winning."

"Whoever wins the turnover battle usually wins the game," Smedley said, "We just need more than the other team."

Unlike most Delta games, defense, not offense, could win or

lose the game against Dwenger. This season, quarterback Ozzie Mann has made frequent connections with Young and Dawson has broken long runs to help push the Eagles along to victory. For this game, turnovers and stopping Dwenger's offense will be crucial to the win.

Delta's last game against Fort Wayne Wayne was a win by a two-touchdown margin. Dwenger's last game, however, against Columbia City, turned out in a lopsided 56-0 win in Dwenger's favor.

"This week, instead of a 3-man front, it's going to be 4," Fuatavai said. The coaches are doing all they can to stop Dwenger's run game and maybe get behind the offensive line a few times to get some sacks.

Most of the players and students, though, are going into the regional game confident that their underdog, undefeated Eagles will defeat the higher-ranked, undefeated Saints.



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# Obama pushes for longer school year

Justin Sumner  
Staff Writer

Indiana might  
make summer  
vacation longer

Delta High School has a longer school day than all other schools in Delaware County, but President Barack Obama wants to make it longer.

President Obama has proposed a plan to the state legislatures to make the students' school day and year longer. How long the school day and year will be is up to the states that decide to accept and implement the plan into their schools.

"American kids spend too little time in school, which puts them at a competitive disadvantage with other students around the globe."

Obama said recently in announcing his education plan.

The law in Indiana right now requires schools to have 180 days. Each day must include at least five hours of classroom instruction for children in grades one through six and at least six hours for students in grades seven through 12.

Most Indiana public schools have a school year stretching from early August through late May or early June, imposed after 1987 state education reforms required a 180-day school year.

### School length

Delta	7:45 to 3:05
Daleville	7:55 to 2:55
Wapahani	8:00 to 2:58
Burris	8:00 to 3:00
Central	8:05 to 3:05
Southside	8:05 to 3:05
Cowan	8:10 to 3:00
Wes-Del	8:10 to 3:00
Yorktown	8:20 to 2:55

Along with

Delta there are eight other high schools in Delaware County. These schools are Cowan, Central, Southside, Burris, Yorktown, Daleville, Wapahani and Wes-Del high schools.

Among all of these schools, Delta has the longest day. Delta's hours run longer by at least 20 minutes from everyone else.

Principal Jim Koger thinks Obama's plan is overall good but with a couple flaws.

"Kids look forward to summer, and it's kind of bucking

traditions to take out summer, but I work year around anyway so it's a good plan to me," Koger said.

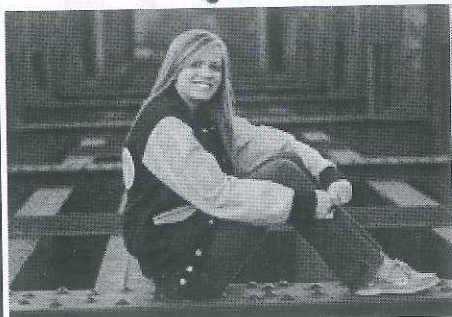
While Obama suggests a longer school year, the Indiana state legislature is debating about making the summer vacation longer. The debate has been pushed back to January when the General Assembly reconvenes in Indianapolis.

A legislative committee has pushed for further review and is having the nonpartisan Legislative Services Agency to do a study to see how much money schools would save in energy and transportation costs if they pushed the first day of school to late August or early September.

Opponents believe there is no way to start school after Labor Day, fit in the school breaks for holidays and teacher workdays, go the state-required 180 school days and still have school out in early June.

Some of the pros for the state would be that they could extend the state fair for two more weeks and the 4-H kids wouldn't miss the first few days of school exhibiting their animals.

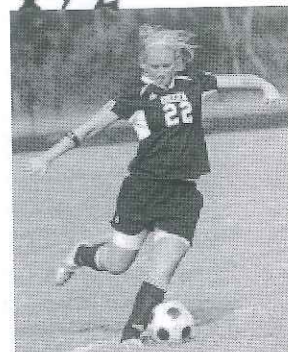
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# Don't Speak

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Editor-in-Chief



The ability to speak freely is a right that all Americans are guaranteed by the First Amendment to the Constitution, but it is not something that all Americans necessarily appreciate.

This is especially true in high school students. In 2007, Kenneth Dautrich and David Yalof from the University of Connecticut conducted a survey of high school students and teachers to test their knowledge of the First Amendment and hear their opinions on the freedoms it guarantees.

The results were astonishing.

Of the students surveyed, 32 percent agreed with the statement: *The First Amendment goes too far in the rights it guarantees.* When I read this, I was taken aback. What part of the freedom of speech, press, religious liberty, assembly or petition goes too far? Thomas Jefferson and James Madison would turn over in their graves to find how unappreciative Americans are of their work. Of those students surveyed, 38 percent admitted that they take the First Amendment for granted.

In addition, another 32 percent said they disagreed with the statement: *Newspapers should be allowed to publish freely without government approval of a story.* That means that almost a third of the people in the survey believe the very words I am writing might need to be inspected by a government official. Fortunately for me, that isn't going to happen.

The First Amendment states, "Congress shall make no law...prohibiting the free exercise

"I disapprove of what you say,  
but I will defend to the death  
your right to say it." - François  
-Marie Arouet (Voltaire)

thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press..." To abridge means "to reduce or lessen in duration, scope, authority, etc.; diminish; curtail." Allowing the government to previously approve stories is abridging the freedom of the press, which is exactly what the Constitution prohibits.

Though 54 percent believed that newspapers should be allowed to publish freely, 63 percent thought musicians should be allowed to sing songs with lyrics that others might find offensive. If we can sing about opinions that are

unpopular, why can't we write about them? Does music take preference over the news?

The framers of the Constitution dedicated their lives to ensuring the citizens of the United States are subject to freedom and justice. Can we not be grateful for the work of these men? When asked if they agree or disagree with the statement *Americans don't appreciate First Amendment freedoms the way they ought to*, 54 percent agreed. So we admit that we are ungrateful; now what do we intend to do about it?

Christina Hurst is a senior member of the *Eagle's Eye* staff. Her opinions do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the *Eagle's Eye* or Delta High School.

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# Student Resource Time: Love It or Hate It?

**Victoria Brown**  
Staff Photographer

There are different opinions on Student Resource Time. In January a survey will be handed out to get your opinions about SRT.

SRT was started by Principal Jim Koger. Mr. Koger came from Lowell High School which worked on starting an SRT for over a year; this was where he had got the idea.

He had many reasons for starting an SRT. One reason is for students who play sports and need more time to study and get homework done. "It not only gives students time for homework, but also creates positive connections between students and teachers," Mr. Koger said.

He has talked to many teachers about SRT and it is going very well. "We have not had many misbehaviors or complaints during SRT," Mr. Koger said. It has helped many students which Mr. Koger wanted to see.

Next year, Mr. Koger would like to add an extra SRT day each week, but it is not official yet. "If another SRT day is added we might have to do away with study halls," Mr. Koger said.

The January survey will help determine if SRT days will be extended. The survey will also show how many students actually enjoy SRT and use it wisely.

The students who enjoy having the advantage of SRT have many reasons as to why they appreciate it. One of the main reasons is they think it is a great way to get homework done and to catch up on missed assignments and quizzes. Many students said they like to also have time to go to a class and get help from teachers.


Students also said they like having SRT so they can get help during school instead of before or after. These students believe SRT has improved their grades.

There are also students who don't like having SRT. The students who don't like SRT think it is boring because sometimes they don't have work to be done during this time.

Students feel it can be improved. They think SRT can be changed to later in the day. They believe if it was later in the day they would have more homework and assignments to work on and get done during SRT.

Some other improvements that were mentioned were also extending the SRT time, or listening to music.

So SRT has positives and negatives, but the negatives can be changed. It has helped many students and the improvements will make SRT better.



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# Sign me up: Seniors joining military

**Tristan Noble**  
Photo Editor

Loud gunshots fill the surroundings, yet many seniors at Delta would like to pursue this life after high school.

Students who decide to join the military do it for various reasons, such as training, to pick up skills for jobs they would later like to pursue or for different family reasons.

For example, Chynna Hale would like to go into either the Army or the Marines for medical training.

Hale would like to become a respiratory therapist after she serves in the military for four to six years.

Two of Hale's main influences to join are her grandfather, (who served for six years in the Air Force) and her step-brother (who was in the Army infantry for four years and just recently got out.)

Hale said two major benefits of going into the military are job security and picking up skill traits that can help her pursue other careers later.

"Live for today, learn from yesterday, and hope for tomorrow," is a quote Hale says she lives by.

Drew Murray also plans on going into the military. Murray would like to join the National Guard for four to six years doing either infantry or artillery (which is what Murray's cousin, Lane Mattenly, did for around a year.)

Murray would like to join for the

money, the training and the free college. Murray plans to go to Ball State, but has not yet decided what he will major in.

"Only the strong survive," is a good motto Murray says to live by in the military.

Another person who plans to join the military is Jarrod Hillegass.

He would like to join the Navy for the experience, for free college and to learn to underwater weld, which he plans on doing after his time serving.

He would like to go to Brown Institute or Hobart College to learn underwater welding.

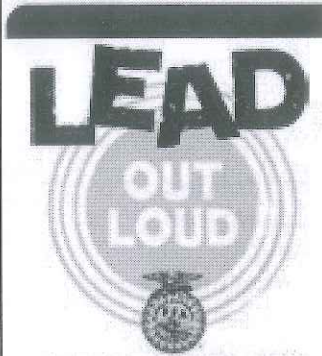
One more student

who plans to join the military is Garrett Ray. He plans to join the Air Force.

"I want to make a 20-year career out of it," Ray said.

He said he has always been interested in planes and flying. If he could pick one plane to travel with in his career he would pick an F-22 Raptor.


One of the main influences in his choice to go into the military was his neighbor, Ralph Harrell, who flew transport planes in Vietnam.



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Every night Victoria Hindemith can see her family that lives in rural Germany face to face. How does she do this? It's simple. She uses Skype.

Hindemith is one of seven foreign exchange students. Being able to see her family helps with her homesickness.

"Seeing their faces helps me not forget what they look like." Hindemith humorously admitted.

Hindemith uses Skype, an Internet service that allows users to make voice calls. There are many aspects of Skype that are free. Talking to someone who owns a Skype is free. Chatting with a web cam to another person with a webcam is free. For calls to a landline from Skype, you have to pay a monthly fee.

"I believe the reason Skype is so popular is because it's free." Hindemith said.

Calling overseas can be expensive. With Skype, it costs two cents a minute to use it as a phone, and talking over a webcam is free.

Earlier this year, Pat Ervin, economics teacher, went on a teacher's trip to Germany. Making calls to her husband would have been \$1.69 per minute plus a connecting fee, but Ervin had a video chat with her husband every night for free.

"I went over there with seven dollars on my Skype account, and came back with a little less. Skype was a huge help," she said.

In Germany, Skype became popular around five years ago.

"Skype was huge. No one had seen anything like the video chat," Hindemith said. She

# Skype

started using Skype three years ago and has been using it ever since. She started by keeping in contact with relatives and branched out to chatting with friends who live all over the globe.

For 2009 Delta High School graduate Jared Bullock, a freshman at Washington University in St. Louis, Skype allows his conversations to be more personal.

"I don't like to text. When I have a conversation, I like to be able to see that person face-to-face. Skype let's me see who I am talking to," Bullock. He believes Skype is an easy to understand program.

"It's a lot like AOL instant messaging (AIM), but it looks better," Bullock said.

Many people don't just use Skype for its modern look.

Most use it to keep in touch

with friends and family while traveling or while at school. Ervin believes that Skype can be used as a way to get virtual office hours.

With the scare of H1N1 flu, the school is doing everything to keep the communication between teachers and students accessible.

"We are trying to make it so parents don't have to come to the school to pick up their son or daughter's homework, but all they have to do is go on-line to find out what they missed. If a teacher is absent, the students can still keep in touch by logging in online and asking their teacher," Ervin said.

Ervin believes that with the Internet, one can keep in touch with almost anyone and that the Internet is accessible almost anywhere.

"It's up to the teachers, but I feel as if we are trying to fight technology, when we need to work with it," Ervin said.

If you aren't a fan of Skype, there are other programs to consider. Ventrilo, a service that also allows you to make voice and video calls over the Internet, is also popular. With Ventrilo, the user can have a conversation with more than one

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## Skype

person at a time, an application that Skype is incapable of doing.

Another service like Ventrilo is TeamSpeak.

When choosing between Ventrilo, TeamSpeak and Skype the main components are your uses for the service and the sound and video quality. Ventrilo and TeamSpeak are popular with businesses and gamers who want to have multiple users in a chat, while Skype is used mostly for friends and family members who want to keep in touch.

If you have never witnessed or taken a part in a video chat, it's something you should try.

"It's the next big thing," Bullock said. So go ahead. And next time you want to talk to your friend, Skype it!



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# Foreign Exchange Students

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Some students find it hard to adjust to a new school year when they've been going there for years. Just imagine what it would be like to be a student from a whole other country.

There are seven foreign exchange students this school year. Their names are Vitor Iunes, Bekzat Kenesova, Sonya Sumskaya, Ole-Kristofer Bragnes, Victoria Hindemith, Dennis Hartl and Anna Schonneck.

## Vitor Iunes - Brazil

Vitor Iunes is a 16-year-old foreign exchange student from Brazil who will only be here for one semester. In Brazil, the school days last from 7:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with six classes per day. The classes offered in Brazil are mostly the same as the classes offered here. The sports that are offered consist of soccer, swimming, basketball and volleyball.

In his free time, Vitor likes to hang out at the mall and the movie theater. He also plays soccer.

## Becca Kenesova - Kazakhstan

Bekzat (Becca) Kenesova is a 16-year-old from Kazakhstan. School days in Kazakhstan last from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. The students have to wear uniforms consisting of a white blouse or shirt and a black skirt or pants. Students are allowed to go to the restroom without a pass. Also, there is no detention, no suspension and no Friday school. When students get in trouble, they just have to go

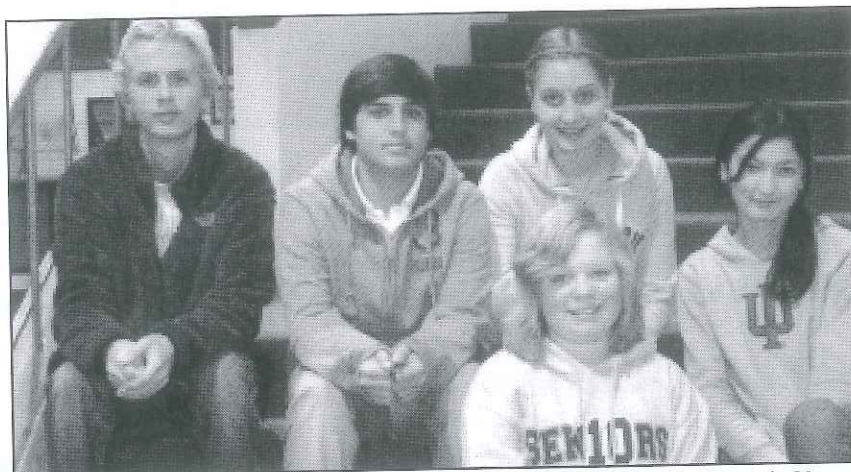


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Students (from left to right) Ole-Kristofer Bragnes, Vitor Iunes, Victoria Hindemith, Anna Schonneck and Becca Kenesova.



Sonya Sumskaya



Dennis Hartl

## Sonya Sumskaya - Russia

Sonya Sumskaya is a 16-year-old from Russia. School in Russia is much different from school here in America. One cannot choose his or her classes and there is school six days a week: Monday through Saturday. However, there are shorter periods on Saturday so you get let out earlier.

On normal school days, classes are held from 8:30 a.m. until either 2 or 3 p.m. The breaks between classes are usually 10 minutes long, with an exception of a 15-minute break in the middle of the day when one may eat.

In Russia, there is not time to work on assignments in class; it has to be done at home. There are also no lockers; students just carry their books with them.

One thing Sumskaya likes about America is that she has more freedom here. Back in Russia, teens can't go outside without their parents after 10 p.m.

In her free time here,

down to the office.

Back in Kazakhstan there is no homecoming, no Halloween and no Christmas. The celebrations here are much different from the ones in Kazakhstan.

It has been a little hard for Kenesova to adjust because it's lonely and she missed her own family and school.

"I miss my family a lot, but I don't think a lot about them because I have many things to do here," Kenesova said.

One thing Kenesova likes about America is that parents trust their kids. In Kazakhstan, parents are overprotective and one cannot drive until he or she is 18 years old.

In her free time, Kenesova likes to go shopping, hang out with friends and watch movies with her family.

Sumskaya enjoys hanging out with her family and friends, watching movies, going shopping and going to football games. There is no football in her country, so it's something different.

### **Ole-Kristofer Bragnes - Norway**

Ole-Kristofer Bragnes is a 17-year-old from Norway. In Norway, you have to go to school for 30 hours a week and the number of classes vary from day to day. There are usually somewhere between four and eight classes every day, though. There are no sports offered at school and there are more freedoms than there are here at Delta.

"You can wear whatever you want; no rules about it." Bragnes said.

### **Victoria Hindemith Anna Schonnebeck Dennis Hartl - Germany**

Victoria Hindemith, Anna Schonnebeck and Dennis Hartl are all from Germany. Hindemith is 17, Schonnebeck is 16 and Hartl is 15.

Hindemith decided at age 15 that she wanted to be a foreign exchange student and come to America. She came to the United States when she was 12 and really liked it, so she decided to come back. She is also only here for one semester.

There are no sports offered at schools in Germany, so to play a sport, one must join a club, which can be

expensive. Back home, Hindemith plays tennis and dances, Schonnebeck plays volleyball, and Hartl plays soccer.

In Germany, you have to take a religious education class. They also have Latin. Other than that, it's pretty much the same classes.

Schools in Germany are much less strict than schools here when it comes to the dress code. There are no rules about "no holes above the knees" or "no sagging." At Hindemith's school, students can eat or drink during most classes.

In their free time, Schonnebeck enjoys listening to music, reading, singing, dancing, and playing volleyball while Hartl enjoys hanging out with his friends and playing soccer and tennis. Hindemith spends her free time running cross-country and being with her family on the weekends.

One thing that was often mentioned as being hard to adjust to is the U.S. history class. It's difficult enough trying to

learn history. It would be even more difficult to learn another country's history in your second language.

Keeping in touch with their family is another challenge sometimes because of the time differences, but they found a way around that with the use of Facebook, Skype, e-mail and by just simply calling them.

Even though it was a little hard for some of the exchange students to get used to life in America at first, they seem to be doing just fine now. Generally, they all said that they like it here.

"I like it because it is different from my own country and it is a nice experience. It is an adventure," Schonnebeck said.

"It's interesting to see new people, have American friends and experience everyday American life. I like it because people are so friendly," Kenesova said.

"It's so much fun!" Hartl said.



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# Recession affects teens' job search

Victoria Hindemith

Ads Director

Many high school students want a part-time job but are having trouble finding one. The difficulty in finding jobs is due to the recession which is forcing companies to reduce their number of employees, making it harder for students to find a job.

"Job openings for adults have decreased, and employers look for more experienced workers when they hire," junior

Taylor Sorg said, confirming the difficulty in finding jobs. Sorg works for Lahody Meats in Muncie six hours every Saturday and four hours every Sunday. She works at the cash register, packages the meat and cleans up the store. Sorg was fortunate when the owner of Lahody Meats offered her a part-time job late in the summer after she was looking for one for the past year.



Sorg

High school senior

Andrea Karch also had good luck when she got a job because her brother is working in a leadership position at McDonalds. Karch is working three to four days a week from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the McDonalds in Albany.



Karch

The youth unemployment rate in the U.S. soared to 18.5 percent in July 2009. This is the highest rate measured among 14-16 year olds in that month since just after World War II, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics in the BusinessWeek article "The Lost Generation" on Oct. 8, 2009.

"It's hard to find a job, but not impossible," junior Monte Lynn said. While he was searching for a job, he didn't have any expectations. "I wanted to get any job I could find," Lynn said. Through an open interview he now enjoys working at Amazing Joe's restaurant three times a week.

Consumer behavior is not only changed in people's everyday life, but also students have recognized that their employers think twice about their own consumption.

"My boss has been very cautious lately not

to waste things," Sorg said.

Junior Elle

Reece's sport activity is over now and she was looking for a part-time job for the winter season. Without success. "Several companies told me they don't need more youth temporary workers,"



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she said.

It might seem strange at first that young people are the biggest victims of the current economic crisis. One could easily imagine that companies in a recession would prefer to hire young people and reduce older workers, who are more expensive. But according to the BusinessWeek article, a lot of employers try to take

as few risks as possible in an uncertain environment like hiring the more inexperienced youths. With no openings, they are refusing even to look at their résumés, preventing the teenagers from gaining more experiences in this area. Ironically, that work experience they cannot get is what employers value in potential hires.

## Should high school students work at all?

**Victoria Hindemith**  
Ads Director

Currently the economic crisis is decreasing the number of working students across the nation. Some contend that students should not be working anyway and should concentrate on studies which are taking up more and more free time.

The argument is that homework takes a time-consuming part of the teenager's free time and if they have a job they have to compromise.

"I have to choose: Go to work or do homework," senior Andrea Karch said.

"If I wouldn't have study hall, I would fail," senior Haylee Holland said. Holland works at Dairy Queen in Muncie four to five days a week.

But working while teenagers are still in school can also provide them a chance to learn something they may not get from formal schooling, like social experience.

"I used to be very shy, but now I'm more outgoing and I made a lot of friends at work," said Karch, who works at the McDonalds in Albany.

Still, some students seem to benefit from combining school and a moderate work load. A study at Penn State University found that students who work a moderate amount—no more than 10 to 15 hours a week during the school year—tend to earn higher grades than those who don't work at all.


"Since I have been working, I have become more responsible. If I have a lot of studying to do, I will bring my homework to work and do it on my break," Taylor Sorg said, showing that students are able to make compromises. Sorg works at Lahody Meats in Muncie.

In addition counselor Mrs. Connie Stinson said college admissions officers look for involvement in both the school and the community.

Stinson confirms that, as with most things in life, it is a question of balance. Her advice for students is, if they find a part-time job and are both well-rounded and mature enough to balance the time demands on their schedule, the students can benefit greatly and prepare themselves for their future.

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# Classes for the Masses

Zane Naylor  
Ads Director

It's 2:55 p.m. You're stuck in your seventh period class, only 10 minutes away from that seemingly distant world of freedom from classes.

Did you notice this? Or are you so involved with your favorite class that the time flies by almost too quickly?

Students have a lot to say about their class schedules. Some find their classes intriguing, fun and exciting. Others find theirs to be dull, mundane and boring.

Some of the most exciting classes are the electives. These classes stretch across the board in subject matter; however, they all seem to be favorites of students, because students get to choose what they want to study.

Only three high schools in Delaware County – Delta, Muncie Central and Muncie Southside – to offer Project Lead The Way courses. These are nationalized curriculum courses designed to enhance student learning opportunities in the field of engineering, while also earning college credit. Students from other schools can come here to learn in our facilities while taking PLTW courses.

Senior Sacha Gill of Wes-Del High School visits every day for first period to take the Principles of Engineering class. "I've been interested in architecture for a long time,"



Photos by Zane Naylor

**Students in Mr. Randy Glaze's Principles of Engineering class listen to Mr. Glaze as he describes electrical circuits.**

**(Inset Photo) One assignment in Mr. Glaze's class was to make a mousetrap-powered car.**

said Gill. "We didn't offer engineering classes at Wes-Del so I heard about PLTW and Delta was the closest school to take it from."

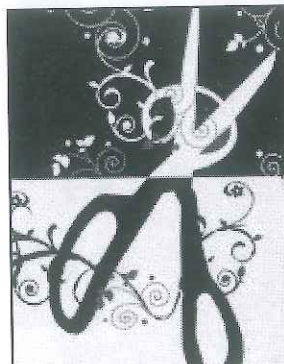
Delta is also unique in that it is the only school in the county to have an agriculture department. Randolph County and Jay County also have large Ag programs. "We probably have one of the biggest Ag departments around," said Mrs. Connie Stinson, DHS counselor. The agriculture program has classes in subjects such as Life Science, Horticulture, Animal Science, Landscaping and Natural Resources.

Students often cite foreign language, math and English classes as their least favorite. Junior Emilee Kirby said that her least favorite class was Spanish III because, "I'm not good at foreign languages."

Brianna Roper, sophomore, wrote in a survey that Algebra II was her least favorite class, saying, "Math is boring, and we have homework EVERY DAY."

Although some students may not enjoy an entire course, there are special projects that they find fun. Some of these projects include making special designs, creating home videos and building unusual objects. Junior Loren Padgett had to write a story from the point of view of a sperm cell going through fertilization and then becoming a fetus for Mr. Lance Brand's Anatomy and Physiology class. Adam Gordon, freshman, was instructed to draw his dream as a picture for Mr. Gary Huggler's Drawing I class.

Junior Joey Moynihan and sophomores Michael Smith and Kaitlin Clawson said they had to build a car that was propelled by a mousetrap for Mr. Randy Glaze's Principles of Engineering class. Although they completed the same



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project, they had varying opinions on the usefulness of the design. "It was unique because I have never gotten to play with a toy-like car as an assignment," Moynihan said.

It seems that with so many classes offered here, there must be one for everyone. But what if there is not?

Each year, students take part in what are called Independent Studies. An Independent Study is a semester-long class where you as a student work with a faculty advisor to plan a semester's worth of work for you to learn.

According to the DHS Guidance office there are currently 10-12 students working on an Independent Study. Students are encouraged to write their curriculum if there is no set plan for that study area here. Any student can take part in an Independent Study; all they need to do is meet with their guidance counselor to discuss setting one up.

Senior August Clevenger is currently taking part in an Independent Study with Mr. Brand. Clevenger chooses to study Genetics with the science teacher.

"I just wanted a chance to expand my knowledge in an outside of class setting," said Clevenger. "Mr. Brand approached me and asked me if I was interested in doing an Independent Study." Clevenger said that he is evaluated based on the results of his experiments.

It appears that even with a large number of students, there is still something for everyone here.

You have to keep an open mind and listen carefully to find that niche. Who knows, you might even learn something.

# Dance Improvements

**Maija Lewis**

Photographer

We are not in the 1970s or 1980s anymore. It's 2009 and many students are disappointed in the music selection for dances, as well as location and decorations.

Students think dances should feature more recent songs that we listen to. They say music can make or break the dance.

"If the music were to change then it wouldn't be so boring and maybe more students would dance or actually attend the dances," freshman MaKenzie Townsend said.

"Just overall the music selection needs to change," sophomore Kaitlin Clawson said.

Though the students would like to have a change in the music, the DJ is the one who picks the music. They know when coming into a school what is allowed to be played. Most likely the music will be radio appropriate music. No profanity is allowed in the music, and if the meaning in the song is bad it is not allowed.

Clawson thinks that the location of the dances should be changed along with the music. She says it should be held in the commons instead of the gym in her perspective. Mrs. Michelle Buckmaster-Zvokel, social studies teacher, also thinks that the students would prefer dances to be held somewhere else. Mrs. Buckmaster-Zvokel says they would like it better if it was more decorated like prom and they could dress up and it actually seems like an event.

Prom is one dance that students look forward to attending in their high school

## Upcoming Dates for Dances:

**Senior Ball:** January 9, 2010

**Sweethearts:** February 20, 2010 (it may change)

**Prom:** May 8, 2010

Students were asked what songs they would like to have played at the school dances. Listed below is a playlist of the top five songs.

Ryan Corbin, DJ for Muncie's AMS who worked the Sadies dance, said that he usually plays updated songs. "I pretty much play what's popular but edited," Corbin said.

An example of a song he said he wouldn't be able to play would be "I'm on a Boat" because of the foul language in it. He says he does the best he can on the selection of his songs to make the dance fun.

## PLAYLIST

1. "Down" by Jay Sean
2. "I Got a Feeling" by Black Eyed Peas
3. "Hot 'N' Cold" by Katy Perry
4. "Love Drunk" by Boys Like Girls
5. "Boom Boom Pow" by Black Eyed Peas

years because they get to dress up and go out to eat before, then attend after prom. This year it will be held at the Horizon Convention Center. The after-prom theme will be Hawaiian/Luau. The Prom costs \$50 for a couple and \$30 for a single.

For those who can't attend prom, many say Sweethearts is a similar dance. You get to dress up and go out to eat before the dance.

"Personally, I think Sweethearts is nice while still giving students something a bit fancier to look forward to when they are juniors and can attend prom," Mrs. Buckmaster-Zvokel said.

The class officers put a lot of time into decorating and putting the dance together. They pick the DJ, get refreshments, get decorations and pick a theme. Come to a dance and make it fun!

## Concessions, restrooms, shelterhouse all to add to athletic facilities

**Austin Lemna**  
Copy Editor

Larger bathrooms. Larger variety of food. Ability to drink cappuccinos and hot chocolate at football games. These are just some of the improvements that will result from the new concession building.

During those freezing cold night games next season, you will be able to warm up with hot chocolate.

The idea of building the new concession stand came from Mr. Steve Hall, superintendent for the Delaware Community School Corporation. He wanted the new concessions/bathrooms constructed because the football turf was new and he thought it just made sense, according to Mr. Stan Daugherty, athletic director.

This project is funded by the school corporation from a building fund. Some of the labor has been volunteered, also. The fund cost of the project is unknown at this time.

There are going to be seven different stalls or facilities in each restroom, increasing the previous amount of stalls in the old restroom area.

And the storage for the concessions is going to be much larger and have office areas in them, too.

As for the older ones, the school will be using the old concessions for storage and the

old restrooms will be shut off from use.

Delta is hoping the new concessions and bathrooms will be open for use by the end of November

after the football season is over. The building will be open for baseball and tennis events in the spring.

There will also be another building opened for sporting events next spring. It will be a shelterhouse adjacent to the tennis courts.

The shelterhouse will be in use for many sporting and family events. It will open by April 1 for the girls' tennis season, and it will seat around 100 people.

It will be open to all public events from tennis camps, family events and possibly a place to study



for classes outside.

The design of the shelterhouse was made by 2009 graduate Jared Bullock, who is a freshman at Washington University in St. Louis.

The shelterhouse will cost at least \$15,000. The tennis teams are getting much of the money from private donations, according to Mr. Tim Cleland, tennis coach.

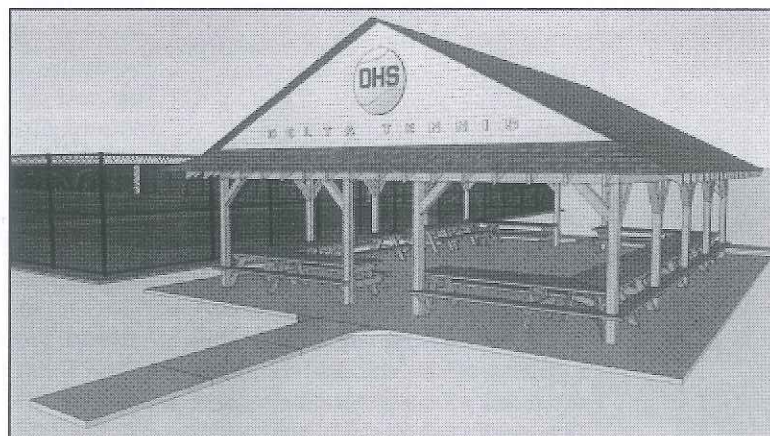
The tennis team raised \$4,000 from cleaning up after the Brickyard 400, a NASCAR race, during this past summer. They are also hoping to get a \$5,000 grant from

Lowe's if the store selects the project.

The school is supplying the water and electricity, which cuts down on some of the money that would have been needed from the private donations.

"The shelterhouse will be available to anyone in the community, as long as they clean up after themselves," Mr. Cleland said.

Hopefully these new buildings will make Delta an even better place to enjoy school and sporting events.



## New Buildings on the Block

# Hidden Secrets of DHS

Claudia Jackson  
Staff Writer

A secret place. A secret room. A secret that no one ever knew...until today. Behind the doors of Delta High School lies more than just an ordinary school. Secrets are yet to be revealed.

Walking up or down the stairs in front of the office, it is easy to spot a large rectangular shaped spot on the carpet right in front of the windows of the Child Development class that lacks color. This is due to a senior prank that was done in 2004. These seniors broke into the high school at night and bleached "Class of 04" on the carpet. The vandalism caused several thousand dollars in damage and resulted in some of the students working at DHS during their summer vacation. With so many kids passing through our hallways it is not so visible.

In the second level of



This ladder leads to the catwalk above the auditorium.

## How Well Do You Know the Teachers?

___ Mrs. McNely	A. First boyfriend is now a state representative
___ Mr. Devine	B. Wanted to be a world-class gymnast
___ Mrs. Carpenter	C. Likes to read and play chess
___ Mr. Moulton	D. Used to be a kick-boxing instructor
___ Mr. Seidner	E. Went to an all-girls boarding school
___ Mrs. Davis	F. Was in the Delta Select Tones swing choir
___ Mrs. Goodman	G. Was in a commercial in college
___ Mrs. Ridley	H. Was in the Delta Beagle Barking Band (teacher marching band)

**ANSWERS BELOW**

the main gym there is a door by the water fountains that reads, "This door is to remain locked at all times." Behind this door is a small storage room with a metal ladder at the end. Up the ladder is another storage room.... but if you go even further, there is an opening that leads to the roof of the high school.

Above the stage in the auditorium is the "catwalk." There is no access except through a grey door on the right side of the auditorium that has a ladder that takes you to the "catwalk." In this space is where all the lights are controlled and there is a metal bar that goes

across for the Delta Troupers to hang sceneries for a play.

There is also a secret room that has no access to it except for "up and over," said Mr. Richard Williams, the director of the drama club. This space is located between the restrooms of the theater and the wall. You have to go up the ladder and over the catwalk to enter.

Underneath our school is a tunnel that connects the boiler room and the maintenance room. The boiler room is not attached to the school. It is located in the back. This room controls all our heating and cooling system.

## Answers to Matching Quiz

- Mrs. McNely was a kickboxing instructor
- Mr. Devine was in the Delta Beagle Barking Band.
- Mrs. Carpenter was in a commercial in college.
- Mr. Moulton likes to read and play chess.
- Mr. Seidner was in the Delta Select Tones.
- Mrs. Davis went to an all-girls boarding school.
- Mrs. Goodman wanted to be a world-class gymnast.
- Mrs. Ridley's first boyfriend is now a state representative.

# Any Questions?

Cierra Blankenship  
Layout & Design Assistant

Page 13 in the Delta High School student handbook explains the expectations for the day to day student appearance. Many students have questions about some of the rules and expectations. We put those questions to Mr. Tom Johns, assistant principal.

## Top five!

**Eagle's Eye:** Why can we wear shorts, but we can't have any holes above the knee?

**Mr. Johns:** Because there is too much confusion between what is acceptable and what is not. Too many students would take advantage of it.

**It is much easier to keep it as it is.**

**Eagle's Eye:** Why can cheerleaders wear short skirts but any other student would be asked to change if their skirt was that short?

**Mr. Johns:** Because the cheerleaders are part of a DHS sponsored team. If you want to wear short skirts join the cheerleading squad.

**Eagle's Eye:** Why can girls wear tank tops, but guys can't wear cut-offs?

**Mr. Johns:** They can as long as there is something like a "wife-beater" underneath.

**Eagle's Eye:** How do you keep track of warnings?

**Mr. Johns:** Whoever made the

decision that the clothing is unacceptable will write a referral and it will be on file. First is a warning, second is ISS, and then up to five days OSS.

**Eagle's Eye:** Are the students allowed to wear tights or

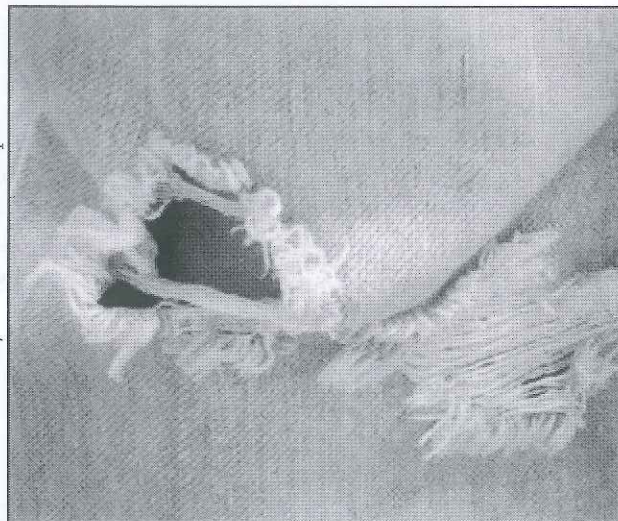


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leggings under holes in jeans?

**Mr. Johns:** Yes, students can cover any hole with tights and leggings, as long as no inappropriate skin is showing.

## What do you think?

**Freshman**

**Trenton Gleeson:**

"People should be able to wear anything they want to wear."

**Sophomore**

**Greg Underwood:**

"I don't like not being able to have holes above your knee."

**Junior Ryan**

**Crisamore:** "I feel that it's not too strict. As long as we don't have to wear a suit and tie,

I'm ok with it."

**Senior Taylor**

**Cardini:** "My attire doesn't consist of holey jeans, so I don't really have a problem with the dress code."

## Any opinions?

Physical Education teacher Mr. Tom Devine says, "This is a public setting. People need to dress more conservatively. We are trying to create a learning atmosphere, and some students' attire can cause a problem."

# Officer Berry: 'I try to be everyone's friend'

Kyndal McDonald  
Photographer

Officer Berry was adopted at a young age, five.

Berry was born in Richmond, Ind., on Jan. 20, 1951. Before he was born, his family lived in Kentucky and then moved up to Indiana. His adoptive parents brought him to Muncie and raised him on a farm. His real name is Woodrow Wilson Reese. When he was adopted, his adoptive parents picked out the name Mark A. Berry.

Berry graduated from Delta High School when it was still in Royerton. He was a four-year varsity letterman in track and cross country. The school changed its name to Delta when he was a sophomore in high school.

After high school Berry went into law enforcement in 1974. He worked at the Muncie Police Department in traffic patrol and excelled at community policing, which means he ran a community Cop shop in which neighborhood residents could hang out in a safe environment. Altogether he has had 30 years experience in law enforcement.

Berry retired from the Muncie Police Department and went to DHS four years ago after the school called him and asked if he wanted to be a security guard.

When he was on the Muncie Police force, he had to wear his blue

uniform, but at Delta they had him change to brown, which is the county uniform.

"I've always enjoyed responding to the kids," Berry said. His biggest issue is overseeing everyone in the school as he tries to make it a safe environment. "I try to be a good role model. That's important," Berry said. He said he tries to be a people's person.

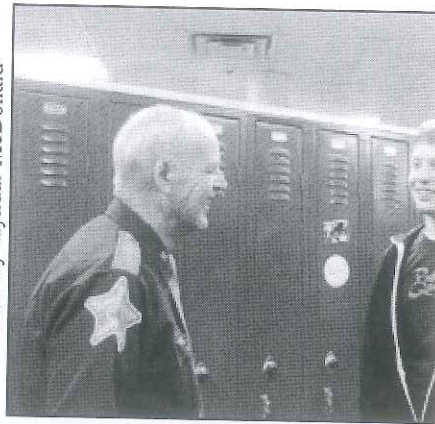
Officer Berry patrols the parking lot when students are coming to school and leaving school. During the day he patrols the inside of the school and makes it a safe environment. "I've tried to minimize the amount of misbehavior on the students," Berry said. "I am very

pleased with how students have been behaving this year." When a fight happens it depends whether it is big enough for someone to get arrested, but if it is minor the administrators take care of it. "I'm not very happy when fights occur," Berry said.

When people lie to him, it would be a lot easier for the person if they didn't. It adds more charges to them. "I try to be everyone's friend," Berry said.

Berry is married and he has two sons, Mark Allen Berry and Todd Landon Berry. Berry got his name Mark from the Bible because his adoptive parents were very religious people.

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Officer Mark Berry enjoys chatting with students.

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# IT'S A MATCH!

## Best Buddies program starts off to a great year with its annual matching party

**Ross Reagan**  
News & Features Editor

Pop! Balloons exploded everywhere as students raced to find their designated number. Finally, a match was made.

The balloons flying and bursting signified great success. This year for the annual Best Buddies matching party, the officers thought it would be fun for the students to play a "balloon bashing" game. The game required each student to find a balloon with his/her corresponding number and pop it. Then students raced to find their number on a nearby envelope containing the name of their new Buddy.

Matching students with similar interests is just the beginning of a lasting friendship in the Best Buddies organization. Its main goal is to seek dedicated and caring leaders to volunteer their time to form friendships with students who have intellectual or developmental disabilities.

In other words, their vision is to simply put Best Buddies "out of business." Encouraging friendships is their goal.

That goal was reached when more than 50 students and parents attended Delta's annual matching party in September.

One successful match came with senior Sarahanne Pelkey and sophomore Denae Grubb.

"I guess I was nervous that my Buddy wouldn't like me," Pelkey admitted.

But the two befriended each other from the very start. Their first get-together turned out to be quite comical. What was supposed to be just a normal movie night with pizza turned into what Pelkey confessed to be a "really goofy" karaoke night.

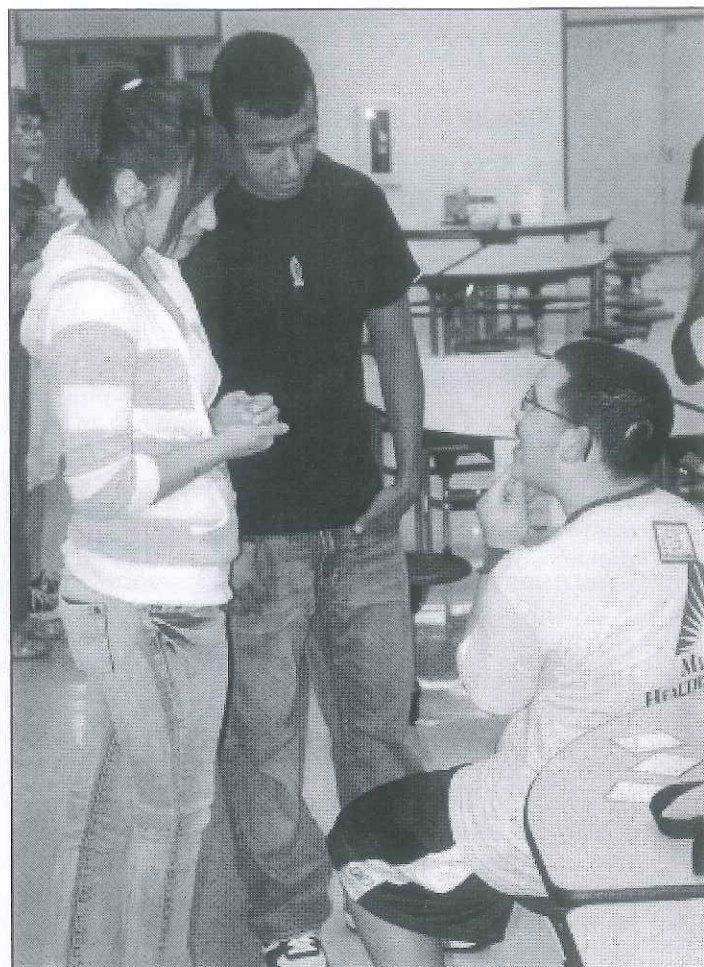
"Really goofy" karaoke nights are just one of the many one-on-one activities the Buddies partake in. Others include Monday night bowling, shopping at the mall or just an evening with movies and popcorn.

For Pelkey, the friendship she's providing for Grubb is also making a difference in her life.

"It's helping me," she said. "I think it's good for all those kids to get involved."

These enthusiastic groups of students couldn't have made Mrs. Marilee Waugh, the organization's head advisor, more excited.

"General education



**Jhon Gimenez (far right) tries to guess the name on his back as his sister Melanie, junior, and her boyfriend Marcus give him hints during a "guess who" game.**

students here are willing to give time," she said. "They cheer each other on. They don't need me now because they have their peer buddies. That's how I see it's making a difference."

As the Buddy advisor and administrator of Delta's Together We Can group, Mrs. Waugh has been involved in special education for more than 20 years. Receiving her master's degree in learning disabilities at Ball State University, she has dedicated her career to assisting students with special needs.

But just three years ago, she was presented with an

opportunity to promote an organization she was hoping for: Best Buddies.

The organization contacted the principal and counselors of Delta High School at the time. One of them simply walked into Waugh's classroom, handed her the information and stated frankly, "This is for you."

From then on, she aimed to recruit students to join the program. Students with good qualities in character and enthusiasm were considered and asked to join the program.

"General education students have always been supportive," Waugh said.

The program held over 50 students from the initial year and has generated a high student interest ever since.

This year's program president, junior Kasey Needham, has good expectations for the upcoming year.

"I think we have some good members that are committed," she said cheerfully.

As the Buddies' overseer, she delegates the activities, plans monthly chapter events and keeps in contact with every buddy and how they are getting along.

Along with her duties as president, she still has a special friendship with her buddy, Amber Hatfield, a former Delta High School student.



From left: Juniors Tina Crum and Sarah Wilson, sophomore Denae Grubb and freshman Austin Proffitt enjoy the party.

"I hope to give people the true idea of friendship," she said.

Along with Needham, officers of the program seek to find exciting activities for the Buddies to partake in throughout the year.

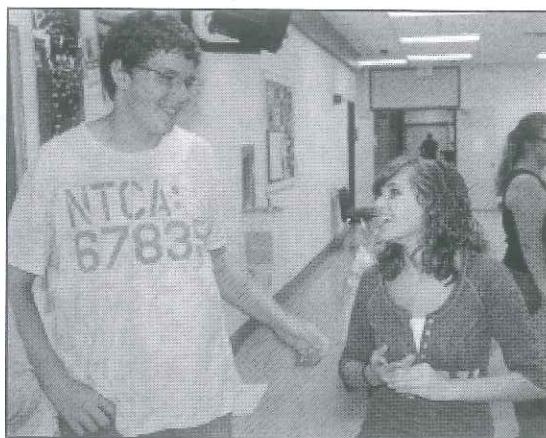
Mrs. Waugh also acknowledged she wants the program to be student run.

"I like [them] to create new ideas," she said.

But she later added with humor, "Honestly, some of the ideas get a little wacky."

Events in the past few years have included Special Olympics bowling, a Thanksgiving dinner, caroling and bell ringing at Christmastime plus an end-of-the-year theatrical production.

Many are excited for the events this year as well.



Freshmen Mitchell Lykins and Mariah Christopher talk during the Matching Party.

President Needham's mom, Mrs. Lisa Needham, who is also an adult organizer in the program, explained, "Every year we've had Buddies, it has gotten better."

The most recent chapter event that everyone participated in was a fall celebration at instructional assistant Mrs. Linda Moore's six-acre property. She was delighted at the amount of students that attended the festivity.

"I was pleasantly surprised that that many braved the cold," she said.

The afternoon was filled with chilly winds, but that didn't stop everyone from having a warm get-together.

The evening included a pumpkin decorating contest, s'more and hot dog roasting plus a hayride

#### **It's a Match: Peer Buddies, Buddies, and POD Buddies**

##### Peer Buddies

\*Peer Buddies form one-on-one friendships with their Buddies, making them feel more self-confident and socially accepted.

- \*Kasey Needham -Amber Hatfield
- \*Kaleigh Lancaster -Austin Proffitt
- \*Ross Reagan -Buzzy Wilson
- \*SarahAnne Pelkey- Denae Grubb
- \*Logan Young -Jacob Reynolds
- \*Melanie Gimenez -Justin Rodriguez
- \*Steven Price - Alex Smith
- \*Anthony Youngdale- Jacob Lancaster
- \*Austin Bilby -Jhon Gimenez
- \*Mitchell Lykins -Josh Tank
- \*Jordan Anderson -Andrew Youngdale
- \*Cierra Blankenship -Tina Crum

##### POD Buddies

\*POD Buddies are associate members in the organization. They are mentored from the Peer Buddies on how to be leaders and form valuable friendships with the Buddies.

- \*Nichole Elise
- \*Megan Buckner
- \*Emily Rahmlow
- \*Ashley Bering
- \*Brittany Young
- \*Mariah Christopher



Logan Young, senior, talks with some buddies during the Matching Party.

with a minor impediment. Within a few minutes, the tractor was submerged in mud, but after some group effort, the hayride continued with everyone laughing at the unfortunate but memorable event.

One Buddy, freshman Jacob Reynolds, enjoyed "everybody getting all muddy."

Reynolds is looking forward to the Buddy's upcoming events this year along with hanging out with his Peer Buddy, senior Logan Young.

Mrs. Needham recognized the impact each student makes on the Buddy as the year goes on. She pointed out that any simple effort makes an immense difference in the students' lives.

One who can relate is junior Kaleigh Lancaster, whose brother has learning difficulties.

She explained how critical it is for people to accept students such as her brother, so they can lead an encouraging life.

"I'm extremely protective," she confessed. "I'd like to see them branch out more."

She regrets sometimes not seeing the Buddies socially accepted and recognized by everyone.

Also serving in the vice-president's chair, Lancaster hopes the peer buddies will be caring and that the Buddies will be self-confident this year. But even more importantly, she hopes they will be socially accepted later in life.

"Social skills are important," Mrs. Needham later stated.

Although the program at Delta is still in its early years, it seems to be growing in its outreach.

Lives could benefit from the inspiration these leaders seek to provide. One good match could lead to a multitude of memories.

# Halloween Havoc

**Brianna Parsons**

Staff Writer

Regardless of age, Halloween is often one of the holidays everyone seems to enjoy.

Three teachers at DHS who go trick-or-treating with their children are Mrs. Erica Pluimer, Mrs. Hanna Kikendall and Mr. Brian Brewer. Mr. Brewer and Mrs. Pluimer both live in the country, so they have never really had trick-or-treaters. In their younger days, they all did some pretty crazy stuff to enjoy Halloween.

Mrs. Kikendall said she took plastic forks and covered her neighbor's yard. But when it came to her costume, her mom always made it. She has gone as Superman, Frankenstein and a hobo.

"I can never remember being anything cool," Kikendall said.

Mr. Brewer said his favorite part about Halloween as a kid was staying up late and going out, but as an adult, he likes watching his kids go out and have fun.

"Halloween has changed a lot. When I was a kid you knew everybody. You'd take your mask off, say hi, and get your candy," Brewer said.

Mrs. Pluimer has four children that she takes

trick-or-treating. She too lives in the country, and all of her neighbors are at least 50 years old. Mrs. Pluimer said her favorite part about Halloween is when it's over. Mrs. Pluimer's favorite Halloween memory is soaping her teacher's house with her classmates. They used soap to write chemical formulas all over the windows.

Freshmen Lesley French and Chelsie Myers, sophomore Cody Dyke and junior Travis Strouse, all have their crazy stories also.

French's craziest thing she's gotten in her bag was Chapstick. Her favorite costume was when she was going to be a glow-in-the-dark-trash bag with her cousin. The craziest thing French has done was she ate a trash bag full of candy.

"Halloween is creepy and it's fun. I trick-or-treat until the day is done," French said.

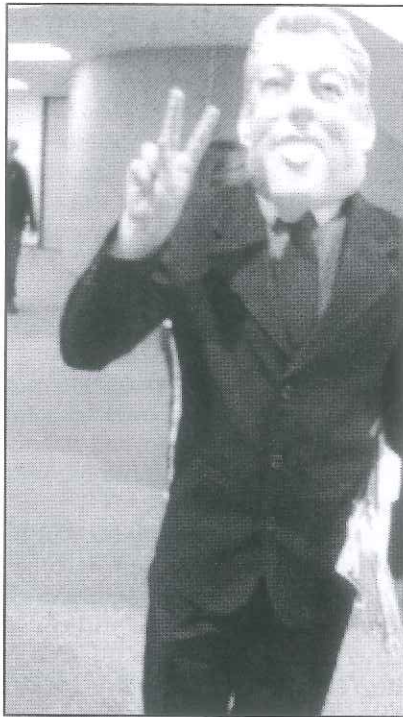
Myers' favorite memory is when she was little, she dressed up as a hobo and got more candy than her brothers. She said the craziest thing she's gotten in her bag was a toothbrush.

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**Freshman Justin Dilts dressed up in a John McCain outfit on the dress-up day for the canned food drive.**

"When I was one I was a cat. I don't know why, but my mom made the outfit," she said explaining her favorite costume.

Dyke's favorite memory is when he watched his brother toilet paper a house, and the craziest thing he's gotten in his bag was a big bag of popcorn. Dyke's favorite costume is when he wore a hard-hat. The craziest thing Dyke has done on Halloween is when he shot people with an air-soft gun.

Strouse's favorite memory is hanging out with friends and having a great time, and the craziest thing he has gotten in his Halloween bag was a Jesus saying. Strouse's favorite costume was when he dressed up as Michael Myers. His favorite part about Halloween is the haunted houses.

Sophomore Josh Niccum said that for Halloween 2009, he took a five-year-old trick-or-treating that he didn't know.

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## Some students offended when they hear others curse

**Jade Gardner**

Staff Writer

As you're walking down the hallways, or just simply in class, a word or two flies out of someone's mouth. The words that just happen to come out are words that could get them in trouble. Some people are not bothered by cursing, and for some others, it troubles them.

Blake Reynolds, a freshman, doesn't like to hear the cursing. When he hears it, he just ignores it.

"People try to sound cool by cussing, when they don't," Reynolds said.

Jade Davis, a senior, feels the same way about cursing.

"It is offensive most of the time when people use it in regular conversation," Davis said.

When Davis hears it she just ignores it. Even though some of her friends curse, she chooses not to.

"People grow out of it usually. They grow up and just don't do it anymore," Davis said.

On the other hand Ryan Crisamore, a junior, and Brennen Hess, a freshman, feel differently about cursing. They don't mind to curse.

"I do it cause I want to," Hess said.

Crisamore said he cusses just to get his point

across.

They both feel that cursing is just words and it shouldn't be offensive. "It shouldn't be a big deal," Crisamore said.

Neither Crisamore nor Hess has gotten in trouble for cursing, but many students have.

Mr. Tom Johns, assistant principal, deals with the discipline. This year there have been about 20 referrals for profanity by students so far. Last year there were 58 total referrals.

"Students get caught up in their conversations and teachers overhear it and get caught," Mr. Johns said

The first time students get caught using profanity, they get Friday Night School. The second offense students get three days ISS, and finally if students get caught the third time they will be suspended for 10 days out of school.

Mr. Tim Brannock, counselor, believes there are two reasons why people curse. The first reason is because society has grown more accepting to cursing. It's become part of every day speech. The second reason Brannock believes people curse is to release anger or frustration.

"Many students have told me they heard it from their parents," Brannock said.

# More Than a Disability

## ADHD and Its Effects on Students

Christi Dalton  
Staff Writer

When I'm not on my meds I think about random things like pop tarts and unicorns. I drive myself crazy," said junior Hannah Lee.

ADHD or ADD. Do most of students know what this disorder is? Not very many do.

ADHD (attention-deficit hyperactive disorder) and ADD (attention-deficit disorder) are learning disabilities. The signs are inattention, impulsivity, hyperactivity and short-term memory loss. Students tend to be unorganized, lose items and get sidetracked easily. About 8 to 10 percent of teens are affected, according to the webmd website.

The difference between them is that with ADHD you are more hyper. You can't really sit still. And with ADD you don't have the hyperactivity.

Mrs. Cathy Giammichele, the school nurse, said she doesn't know how many students at Delta have this disability, but she does know that some possess the disorder.

"Most kids take their medications at home," Giammichele said.

Some of the medications for ADHD include pills and patches. The pills tend to stay in the students' system longer, but they have more side effects than what the patches would. The patches' effects only last up to 9-12 hours, while the pills last up to 24 hours. Some of the medications are Daytrana, Adderall XR and Concerta.



Students with ADHD or ADD sometimes struggle to stay organized.

These medications can become addictive. The body can grow immune to the effects. People can become dependent on the medications. ADD and ADHD medications are stimulants.

All of these medications can have severe side effects on the body. They can cause tics, sleep loss, loss of appetite, high blood pressure, anxiety, headaches, dizziness, stomach pain, hallucinations, and for girls menstrual cycle changes or mood swings.

Senior Jake Bauer has been diagnosed with ADHD since he was five years old. He said, "I'm very surprised that I've made it this far." Many kids get overwhelmed with all of the stress and work in high school. Without being on his medication, he said he's more hyper and has a

difficulty focusing on his daily task.

When asked if he can tell the difference when he doesn't take his medicine he said, "Yes, I'm definitely crazier, and I tend to bounce off the walls, and I tend to do my own thing and don't really care."

Senior Andrew Youngdale and his brother Anthony both have ADHD. But Andrew might be one of the lucky cases. He said he no longer needs any medication for it. It no longer affects his schoolwork or his life.

As for Anthony he still has it. He doesn't remember what he takes, nor does he know how long he has it. He still can't focus as well as others do. But the Youngdale brothers are still doing their best in school.

Freshman Chelsea Roy has been on medication for around two years now. Being on her medication has helped her improve her grades. She's making A's and B's now that she is on her medication. "Without my meds I even drive myself crazy," she said.

Sophomore Gabby Clark said, "Without my medication, I can't really focus, and even with my meds I tend to tune out and not pay attention in what I am doing,"

ADHD and ADD can be helped by medication. In some cases, students grow out of it during puberty. In other cases, it does not go away. "I'm very crazy even without my medication, but with it I'm not that bad, but I tend to jump off walls," Hannah Lee said.

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## Students With Busy Lives

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What happens when you don't have enough time? You become stressed and nervous. You want to have more time or be in two places at once.

For people who don't have free time, all of their life is busy. Some people need more than 24 hours in day.

He wakes up at 6 a.m. and goes to school. For senior Cody Freeman, all day is busy.

"I usually go to school earlier, because I like to talk with people," he said.

After school Freeman drives friends home, and then he runs errands. It depends on the night as to what he is doing. Some days he may sell athletic tickets or go to plays.

"I'm really interested in theatre," he said.

Cody wants to go to bed by 9:30, but does not make it.

"I start doing my homework and I go to bed around

1:30," he said.

Sammantha (Sammi) Logsdon is part of the cheerleading team. Her day can be really crazy. Cheerleading practice in the morning, school, work in Anderson and homework. Sammi says she needs more time for sleep.



"I'm normally tired all the day,

basically," she said.

But Sammi likes her life, and she doesn't regret that she doesn't have free time to hang out with friends, because they understand her and help her.

Ethan Eichhorn's schedule has three Ball State classes: calculus, English and physics. After school Ethan works out at the YMCA until 5 p.m. After dinner he goes to work at 6:30 p.m. He works until 10:30 then he comes home and goes to bed. For homework he tries to find time between his workout and his job. Also Ethan plays on the Delta baseball team.

Katie Tomlin is a junior who has a very difficult day. She goes to school. In first period she

helps with homework then swimming practice. What happens next it depends on the day. Her days can be quiet, but can not. Her evening she spends doing her homework. Time for friends is weekends.



Karissa Furtah, junior, babysits after school, then goes to work, then goes home, and goes to bed about 11:30 p.m. She needs more time for sleep. Time for friends is after football games and on weekends.

Now who do you think is the busiest person in Delta High School? Of course, Mr. Koger!

His day can change every minute.

"If you talk to any principal, he will tell you that you can't really lay out, "This is exactly my day," Mr. Koger said.

During fall break, students spend time with friends and family and travel, but not our principal. He doesn't have fall break. During this time he works as hard as any other time.

His cell phone helps him to answer email. "Technology saves a lot time," he said.

## DHS Lockers: The Right Combination?

**Jazmine Rose**  
Staff Writer

Lockers: how are they assigned?

Assistant principal Mr. Matt Moulton said that the lockers are arranged in alphabetical order. They are not arranged by class because when the original Delta High School was built, all the students were assigned to a locker alphabetically. The outgoing seniors vacate their lockers, and then the incoming freshmen are assigned to those vacated lockers alphabetically.

Moulton says there are lockers upstairs because past enrollments at Delta had to utilize these lockers. Enrollment at Delta

is now about 875 but used to be more than 1,100. Lockers upstairs are no longer needed, although there are a few that are currently used next to the teacher copy room.

The decision on the size of the lockers was likely based on the issue of space available with the configuration of our building and the number of students we have.

Cody Bales, sophomore, doesn't like Delta's lockers. Bales said there needs to be more room for storage. He says he does not like anything about the lockers because they are too small, and it is hard to put in the combination. He would like to change the

colors and size of the lockers.

Jake Bauer, senior, says the lockers are too small, but now he is used to them. He likes having the same locker each year because you stick with the same combination. He says in the middle school it's hard to find your locker the first few days and to memorize a new combination.

Drew Owen, junior, says that the lockers are too cramped, not enough space and there are not enough shelves. He said, "It would be cool if we were able to punch in numbers instead of using a dial." Owen likes keeping the same locker because he is not in an area that is crowded and it's a familiar place.

# Teens choose between safe, risky fun

**Sarah Unroe**  
Staff Writer

Fun is something that provides mirth or amusement. Different teens have different definitions of fun. Some young adults' ideas of fun are going to the mall and hanging out with friends, catching the newest movie at Showplace 12... or maybe getting a group together and smashing mailboxes with a bat while driving down the road. That last idea may sound crazy to most teens, but to others, it sounds like a good time. So what do Delta High School teens prefer... legal or illegal fun?

Junior Sarah Hitchens says, "I don't understand why anyone would enjoy illegal fun.... You're just going to get into trouble."

Sarah said one harmless thing she likes to do is hang out with friends.

Sophomore Kate Sexton disagrees. "I love risky fun because of the rush. I don't have any influences; I choose to do it myself." Her advice to people

who like only safe fun is "don't deny it till you try it."

Sam Petty is a junior. His influences to have safe fun are his mom and sister. Sam says "I want to make them proud."

Austin Crouch, a junior, said he prefers risks. He said, "What makes it fun is getting away with it."

Austin, who said friends influence him, thinks teens enjoy risk-taking because it's the "cool" thing to do... but not really. "We are all pretty stupid sometimes," he said.

Why do some teens enjoy the risk? A lot of people's first response is that they are immature. According to the National Institutes of Health, an adolescent just being flat out immature is not always the case. University of Minnesota Psychiatry professor Ken Winters, Ph.D., Chairman of the Science Advisory Board at the Partnership for a Drug-Free America, posted a quote on [behavioralhealthcenter.com](http://behavioralhealthcenter.com).

"There are two main issues regarding the teen brain. One of them is that the teen

brain is still a young brain, and it's still something that, as we like to say [in the field] is 'under construction,'" Winters quoted on the website.

He added: "The way the teen brain develops would tend to encourage teenagers to not think through, not pause and reflect and consider all kinds of consequences of their behavior when they're in situations that are fun, exciting, and most likely with their friends when there's a temptation to take a risk."

The website also posts studies that have shown that due to the underdeveloped brain functions, teens don't respond well to delayed gratification, and are more likely to act spontaneously without regard to consequences or the future impact their actions may have.

Regardless of what you enjoy to do, just remember risky fun is enjoyable at the time... but often leads to a bad ending. It can definitely get you into trouble. Some teens will continue to take the risk. As the old saying goes, "It's only illegal if you get caught."

## Awkward: First-date embarrassments

**Megan Bush**  
Staff Writer

Have you fallen down the stairs, spilled something on you, had a drink come out of your nose? Have you ever let a word slip, belched on accident, or tripped over nothing?

Something that is even more embarrassing out of all these is doing one of them while on a first date.

Hannah Gibson, junior, went out to eat dinner at Texas Roadhouse before the Sadie's Dance her sophomore year. Her date was Ryan Crisamore. But, he was not the only person who

tagged along.

Gibson's brothers had to go with them. "If that wasn't bad enough," she says, "my brothers told my most embarrassing stories to Ryan, and he kept checking out the waitresses right in front of me. He and my brothers would rate which were the hottest."

There was no second date. However, Gibson and Crisamore are still good friends.

Another junior with a dating embarrassment is Olivia Garringer. She went to King's Island over the past summer with her soon to be boyfriend, Matt Walker. They had known

each other for years. The two of them were sharing a tube while going down the water slide.

"I lost my top!" Garringer says.

Her boyfriend tried to act casual to not let her get anymore embarrassed than she already obviously was.

"This made it even more awkward," Garringer, said.

There was a second date, but they are not currently seeing each other. Walker attends a different school. They did "laugh about it later," though.

Still nervous about your first date?

# An Autumn Lullaby

By Ross Reagan



Let the memories again reside  
Told by our autumn lullaby.

Don't discourage the season's  
turns  
For all she does is gives and  
years  
Take notice now on windy nights  
When weather sends her fretful  
frights.  
Instead this day,  
cherish her trees  
Notice her life  
and  
thanksgivings

Twilight in the sky-  
Has summer passed us by?  
What change is made in bitter  
weeks  
Compensates with blushing  
cheeks.  
Harvest time for stalks  
and rye,  
Remember such a  
lullaby.

Warmest fires await the  
homes.  
Inside lays their books  
and poems.  
Absent intellect taught  
our young  
That this changing  
season began among.  
Among the apathy for  
dreary hearts,  
That all things dearly  
must depart.

Shades of amber, red,  
and gold  
Tells a story once  
behold:  
Changing happens way  
too quickly  
Looking out so far  
completely.

Remember now,  
save yours and  
mine  
Bless our lovely  
lullaby.

*\*Dear readers:* Make sure to take time this season to notice its beauty — not just in appreciation, but in humbleness. Don't take the season for granted. The blustery season passes by and sweeps our memories with it. Cherish all of the bright colors and warm greetings. Most of all, though, treasure the family and friends you possess today, for we do not know what tomorrow holds. Be blessed not to grow apart with those you hold dear and make the most of what your memories hold — right now! For when the season turns and comes in future years, you will have your own autumn lullaby....

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# Sunshine of our school

Contagious people are to be avoided unless, of course, you are speaking about an infectious, sunny disposition. Jessica Hatcher is such a person whose upbeat personality spreads sunshine to those who cross her path.

Jessica, known as JHatch in school, has a get-up-on-the-right-side-of-bed personality.

She is a senior who is involved in many activities like playing soccer, softball and going to Campus-Life. Jessica loves going to football and basketball games. It is not surprising because she is the Eagle mascot.

"I love being the Eagle. I love making kids happy. I like to be goofy and no one knows who it is," Jessica said.

Hanging out with some of her best friends,

## Jessica Hatcher

**"I trust that God has everything worked out. If you surround yourself with people who will build up and encourage and support you, and who will just love you no matter what, everything will be OK."**



Hatcher's.

All of Jessica's friends are funny, and they joke back and forth. She thinks that they match each other in their character.

"Shelbie calls me 'nuts' every day at least 10 times," JHatch said laughing.

However, like most of us our Eagle has her "bad" days. "You can ask my family - they know it," she said.

Jessica has two sisters, Allison and Grace. Allison graduated from Delta in 2006,

Cody Freeman, Aaron Fry and Shelbie Sanders, makes her happier and sunnier.

"Through her happiness she inspires others to share in her beliefs and live with a great attitude," said Freeman, who lives with the

and Grace is a freshman.

Grace looks up to her older sister, JHatch. "She is crazy. Always there for people and always caring she doesn't care what people think of her or how crazy she looks, and I love that most about her,"



**Natalie Knauss**

***“Do not take everything seriously. Surround yourself with happy people. Don’t worry, be happy. Have fun! You only live life once.”***



**Cody Freeman**

***“Do not focus on the issue, focus on the solution. Imagine being dropped in the middle of Africa. Now try to deal with the same issues and problems that you have been complaining about.”***

Grace said.

Jessica thinks that being joyful and smiley makes life easier and helps her to forget about all bad things.

JHatch enjoys funny people and believes that it is good to surround yourself with positive people. She always tries to look on the bright side of the things.

“I trust that God has everything worked out. If you surround yourself with people who will build up and encourage and support you, and who will just love you no matter what, everything will be OK,” Jessica said.

Nevertheless the happiest girl of our school has very serious plans after graduating. Jessica wants to go to a Christian college,

preferably to Anderson University, and become a school counselor.

Hopefully, Jessica

Hatcher won’t change and will stay as funny and encouraging as now.

“When you are in a good mood, you

can easily put other people in a good mood,” she confidently said.

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