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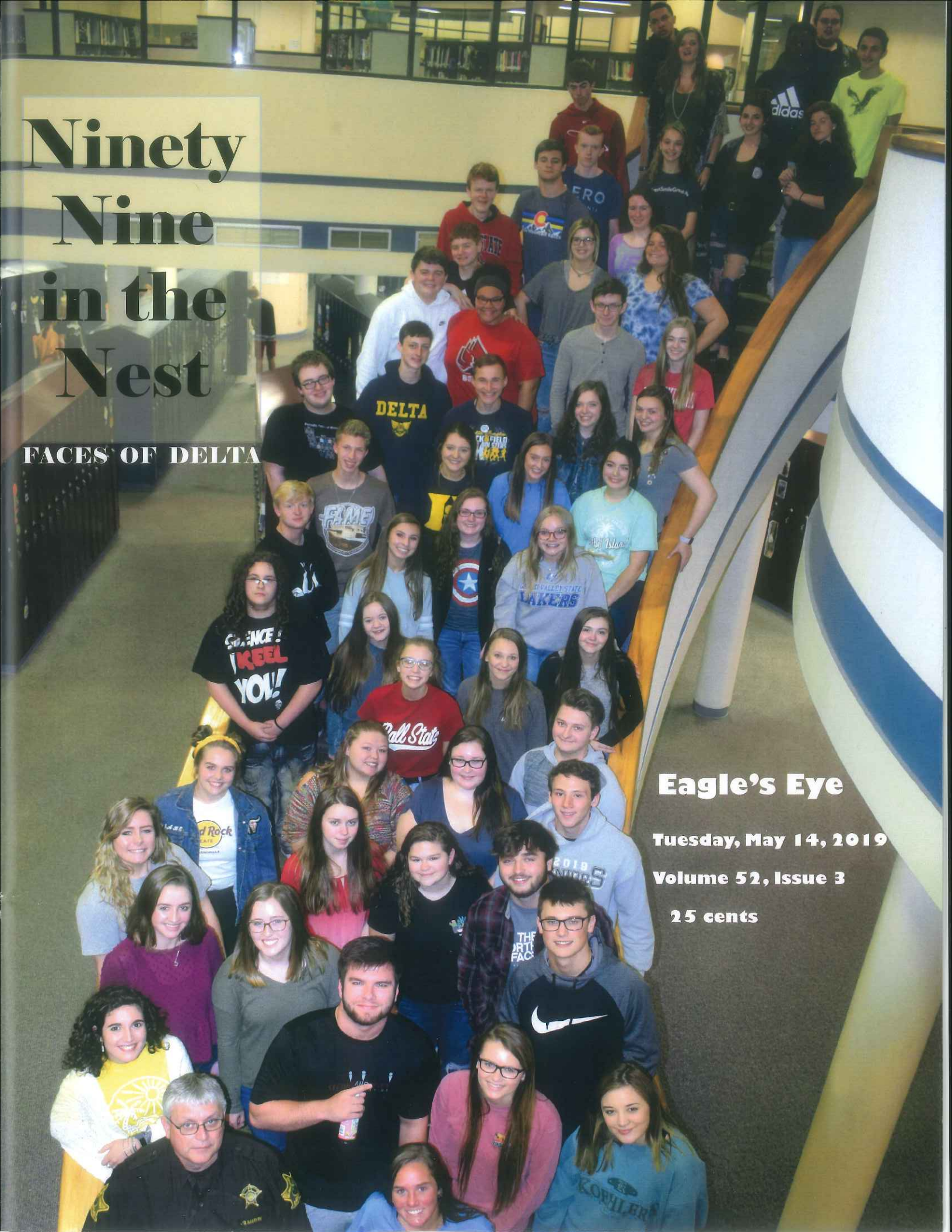
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The Zacek boys (from left) Luke, Michael, Owen, Dylan, and Josef.

Big Brother

Josef Zacek is the Oldest of Five Boys

By Adam Navarro

Having a younger sibling can be tough. Try having four.

That is reality for sophomore Josef Zacek, who has four brothers: Luke (13), Owen (8), Dylan (5), and Michael (1).

"It can be a hassle sometimes having to deal with them bothering me at the wrong time, but they are great fun a lot of the time," Josef said.

He said his best memories involving his brothers are when he went to Kings Island with Luke, rough housing with Dylan/Owen, and getting to hold Michael when he was born.

He said the best part about them is "the fun they bring."



Josef Zacek

A downside of four younger brothers is he can't work on homework in his room because he shares one with his brothers. They still bother him when he resorts to the kitchen, "making a huge racket."

Josef doesn't plan on having as many kids as his parents because "it can be pretty crazy. But you never know what woman I'll end up with and how many kids she will want."

The pros/cons of younger siblings are obvious, but he seems fine with it.

"I don't know what I'd do without them."



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To The Rescue!

By Hailey Beaty



Grace Hotmire

In movies, lifeguards save people in dramatic ways, but senior Grace Hotmire is a lifeguard at Tuhey Pool and says that her job can be “really boring” and not at all like the movies.

She also says that her job can be “really interesting,” but this is “because of the people I see at the pool.”

Grace became a lifeguard because she likes being in the sun and making money. She earns \$10.10 an hour during her 8-hour shifts at the pool.

Even though watching people swim may seem boring to some, Grace says that there are some fun and interesting parts.

“We guarded a private party for some firefighters and they gave us food,” Grace said.

She also remembers when there’s a good save like when senior Claire George “ran across the entire pool to save a kid.”

Grace says that despite the crazy people and the boredom, the fun times are worth it.

Stronger Together

By Jillianne Williams

The Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA), one of many clubs at this school, was started to help LGBT students feel comfortable with being themselves.

“I started the GSA because I know that we are in a conservative state and most kids don’t have a positive outlet and place to express themselves at home or school,” junior Lilly Richardson said. “Almost every school in Delaware County had a GSA besides Delta. And that’s why I thought



Lilly Richardson

we should start one.”

This gives all students a chance to express themselves and also helps the school with its overall acceptance and tolerance.

“Without direct names, I know that there is a solid amount of homophobia and transphobia around the school,” Lilly said. “... There are a lot of LGBT students and allies who want to be supportive, so I wanted to create a place where everyone would feel safe being themselves.”

Changing Babies and Handcuffs

By Kaydence McNabb

Training, bullets and getting shipped to different places could’ve been her

future. But now she wants to be with crying babies or be a police officer.

Senior Tori Kelso’s future is on the way and here is what she plans to do with it.



Tori Kelso

Tori wanted to join the military. She was going to go into

the National Guard. She wanted to join because her father said that it would help her with her future plans to be a police officer.

She ended up deciding she doesn’t want to go into the military anymore.

“I changed my mind because I don’t like being away from my family,” Tori said. “When I signed up I wasn’t told about everything until after I went to MEPS (Military Entrance Processing Station). Now I either want to start my own daycare or become a police officer.”

All’s Fair in Love & War

By Delaney Pence

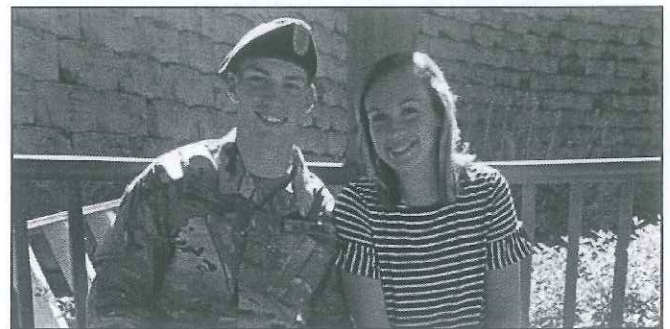
Senior Arei Pippin found her true love while in high school. Everything was great until he left for basic training last year.

Her boyfriend, Steven Prybylla, was stationed in Georgia for basic training for the Army. While in the four months of basic, Arei and Steven could have no contact by phone or any other means.

Luckily for Arei, the hard part of not talking to him forever is over and she can Facetime, text and call him now while he is stationed at Colorado.

Arei got to see him over spring break of this year and she won’t see him again till July. When she graduates she plans on following him and being with him while he’s deployed.

“You just have to keep him together,” Arei says. “It’s hard mentally and physically and he has to know that you support him. Even if you’re upset about something, he always comes first.”



Arei Pippin and her boyfriend, Steven Prybylla

Arei is counting down the days till the next time she sees him.

Little Girl, Big Duty

By Delaney Pence

Senior Brice Davis is not like most teenagers his age. He has a lot more responsibility.

Brice has an eight-month-old girl named Izabel waiting for him to come home every day.



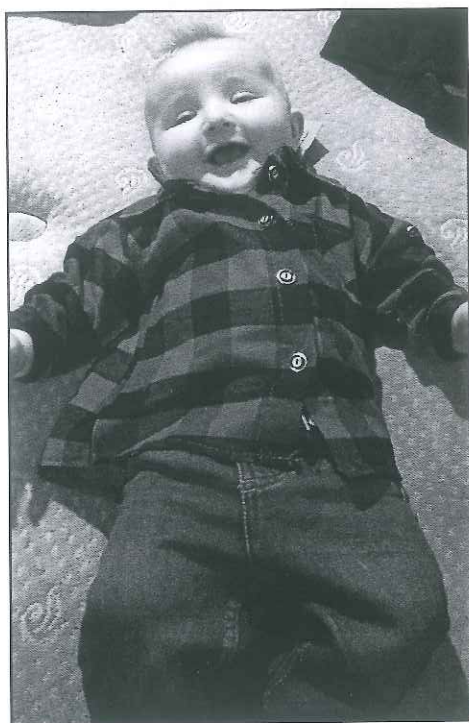
Brice Davis

"My favorite part of having a little girl is watching her grow up and being able to protect her like a father should," Brice says.

He always wanted to have a child, but he never thought it would be this early in his life when his dream came true.

His hardest part of being in school and having a child is "needing to be here and needing to be there at the same time. There's not enough hours in a day."

Rather than hanging out with his friends on weekends, Brice enjoys staying home with his little family and making up for the week when he was in school.



Brice Davis' daughter Izabel.

Plastic: Use the Bins

By Hailey Beaty



Mary Groover

Sophomore Mary Groover understands that you can't recycle every piece of plastic, but she doesn't understand why people throw away their plastic bottles when there are huge recycling bottles all around the school.

Mary joined Environmental Club because of her brother and sister, and she says that "hearing them talk about it at

home made me realize that it's an important issue with our world today."

This is her second year in Environmental Club. This year for Earth Week the club produced a series of videos about "different issues with the environment as well as some kind of solution on how to make the environment better."

The videos aren't the only thing Environmental Club is working on. They also made a banner to inform more people about recycling. People signed it on April 27, and it now is hanging in the commons.

Everyday Challenges

By Madyson Cox

Imagine walking into the bathroom and seeing that your brother had dumped all of the soap out into the bathtub. This is a normal occurrence for junior Cody Marling.



Cody Marling

Cody has a brother, Garrett, who has special needs.

Cody said, "It can be frustrating because he doesn't understand certain things that

others would understand, but he can also be really funny."

Cody also said that it is most frustrating when he throws fits.

For Garrett these fits can look like him stomping his feet, laying on the floor, and sometimes getting a little aggressive.

Cody helps with his brother by sitting with him and trying to help him use and understand words and just trying to help him communicate.

It would be difficult to have a sibling with special needs, but Cody helps him a lot and tries his best not to get too frustrated.

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ALL SKILLS LEVELS WELCOME

BAAAAAAAAAAAA!

By Madyson Cox

He wakes up early in the morning to feed his animals, feeds them again late at night, bathes them, and has to make sure they are always healthy.

Junior Evan McClain has been caring for and showing sheep since he was in second grade.



Evan McClain

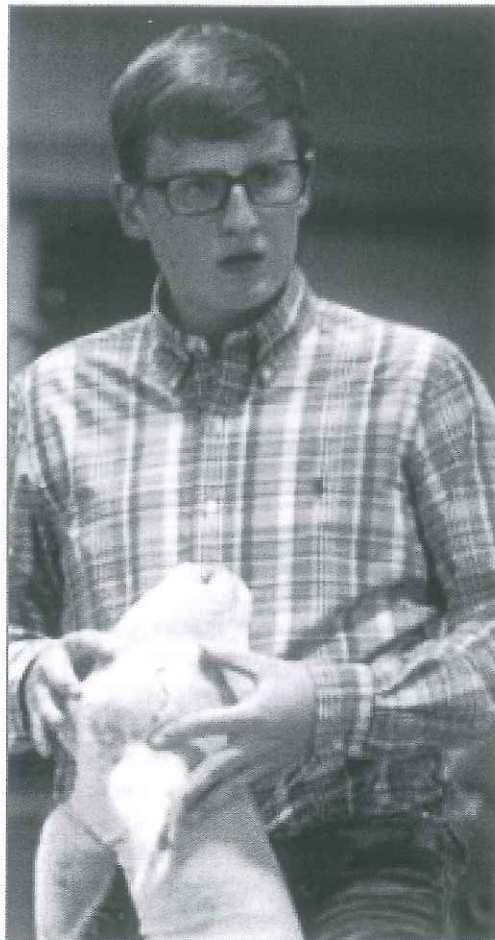
It's hard work, but he loves it because it "is a lot of fun and can help my future by giving opportunities in the real world."

Evan's dad showed sheep so he was born into it, but he said he loves doing it.

He recently got fifth overall at the Indiana State Fair and has also won many more awards.

He has seven sheep, although only three have names: Ralph, Fred, and Peg Leg.

His favorite part is getting to "meet all kinds of new people from all around the world that I still talk to on a daily basis."



Evan shows his sheep.

Fly Like an Eagle!

By Madyson Cox

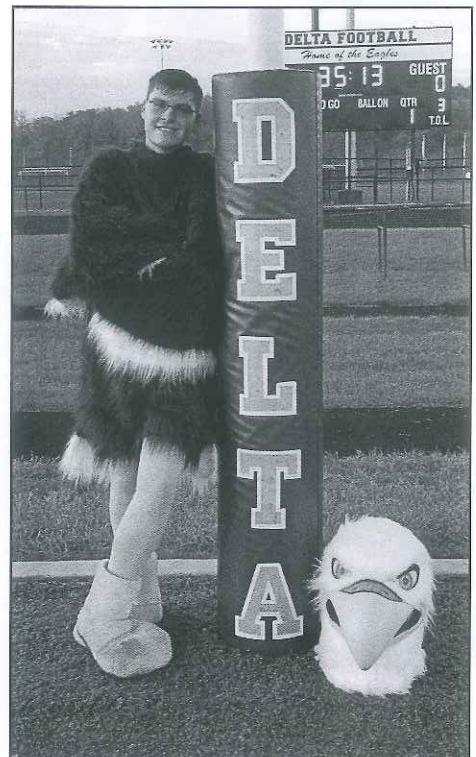
He's hot, he's sweaty, and he can't see or breathe well. This is what it is like for senior Payton Kemper at football and basketball games, where he serves as the Eagle mascot.

Payton has been the Eagle mascot for all four years. He says he sticks with it because he enjoys just "running around, hanging with fans, and making kids happy."

He loves being able to entertain the little kids at games, though he says he gets some mixed responses from children who see him. Some of them will high-five him and "be like, 'Yeah it's an eagle,'" while others are scared of him.

Payton says that he usually tries to take breaks because it's so hot in the suit, but when something big is happening he tries to stay energetic and "ignore the sweat."

He says that the job next year will go to whoever wants to inherit the mascot suit, but right now he's not sure who that will be.



Payton Kemper has been the Eagle mascot for the past four years.

This Sub is a Jack of All Trades

By Avery Harber



Ms. Whitehawk

Substitute teachers are a common sight here at school, but not many students know the story behind these substitutes.

One of these substitute teachers is Ms. Whitehawk, who has been subbing at Delta since around October, and has been subbing for 20 years overall. Whitehawk was a college professor, and had also taught at public schools. She taught art classes until she eventually quit teaching to stay close to her family because her husband had been diagnosed with terminal cancer, and she

also had grandchildren on the way.

She has had many other part time jobs, such as a Holistic health care practitioner, and has been subbing "off-and-on" but Whitehawk says she always comes back to subbing because she missed seeing students and having a "semi-teaching role."

"Mostly I like you guys," Whitehawk said.

Bird's Eye View

By Alexis Lee

Imagine looking around and noticing you are the tallest person in the room. This is the case for junior Molly Hunt, who has always been one of the tallest in her class. She is 6-foot-2 and loves it.

Molly looks at it as an advantage, especially in sports, where she has always dominated in volleyball. She has many accomplishments in volleyball.

Although her height helps, she also has some disadvantages.

"With her build it is more challenging for her to lift weights because she has to squat down further than most," weightlifting



Molly Hunt

teacher Mr. Chris Overholt said. "She is one of the most hard-working people in this class."

Molly pointed out another negative. "With being 6'2" it is finding clothes that fit."

Her family members are all tall but she is the tallest female.

"I think it's a good thing because everyone wishes they were tall," she said.



Addie Chester advances the ball up the field.

From Eagle to Nittany Lion

By Adam Navarro

Most high school athletes commit to a college as a senior. Not Addie Chester. She committed to Penn State University to play soccer ... as a freshman.



Addie Chester

"They have good coaches, facilities, and a great environment," Addie said on why she chose Penn State. She's only visited the school once.

She said she made her own decision after being influenced by her coaches. She also thinks her coaches

will contribute to her game by "continually encouraging me and helping me to get better."

She said her best soccer qualities are "I'm pretty fast and I'm a team player."

Addie said she's not concerned about changing her mind in the next three years, but also said it will "always be an option." Her current commitment is not binding on her or the university.

Addie even maintains that she feels less pressure by making this decision.

"I was worried about deciding where I was going to go, and now I'm not because I've figured it out."

Walking It Off

By Alexis Lee

Some would say he's determined, but he says he's stubborn.



Mr. Omstead

English teacher Mr. Kip Omstead has been on the road to a better lifestyle. He has lost 30 to 35 pounds with walking.

Omstead walks for an hour and a half most days, meaning he walks around four miles a day.

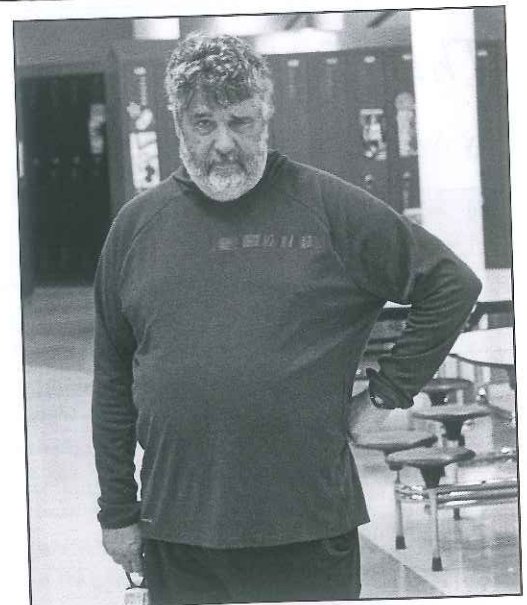
The hardest thing for Omstead is

eating healthy. He eats a modified keto diet with lots of protein and low carbohydrates and sugar.

Since losing weight Omstead has noticed his clothes fit better and he has more energy.

Omstead expressed that you should never trust somebody selling something on TV, in a magazine, or on the Internet because all they want is your money.

When asked what motivated him to start losing weight he said, "I didn't want to retire and fall over dead."



Kip Omstead walking

Cody Brelage with his family.



Winning Big

By Jacy Bradley

Picking any college in Indiana and only having to pay for the room and board for that college is a dream for some Hoosiers. Senior Cody Brelage is living this dream.

Cody won the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship this year, which means he can go to any college in Indiana and the tuition will be paid for. He has chosen Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute. He is going into optical engineering, which has to do with designing parts for lasers, lenses and lights.

Cody had to do a lot to get this big of a scholarship. And while being a part of around 40 clubs, sports, and other extra-curriculars, he had to also keep his grades up.

"It's really not something you can say you just did one thing for because it's about everything," Cody said. "It is being involved in a lot, putting effort in school, making sure I actually challenge myself, spending time on essays for applications and things like that."

He said he was shocked when he found out that he had won the scholarship. He was greeted by his whole family with flowers in the office.

Being a well-rounded scholar doesn't necessarily mean you are a shoo-in.

"You can't go into it without knowing there's a lot of good candidates, so it was shocking and really exciting."

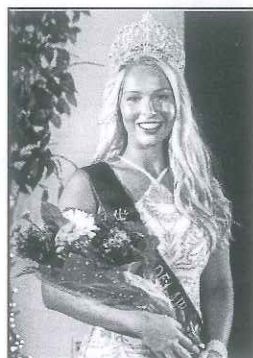


Cody Brelage

Fair Queen

By Lily Marcum

Senior Cora Conatser had a once-in-a-lifetime experience in 2018. She became Miss Delaware County in the 4-H fair queen contest.



Cora Conatser

This experience took her out of her comfort zone by allowing her to try many things she's never done.

One of the biggest challenges was having to speak in front of

many people not knowing what she needed to prepare for or what questions were going to be asked. She enjoyed spending time with the little girls at the fair.

She got to experience this in a completely different way than the average person who attends the fair.

"I felt like I was really able to express my leadership skills," she said, adding that these skills helped her in her competition at Miss Indiana State Fair.

Cora had many events throughout the year that required a lot of her time. Even though this made her schedule busy, she said she enjoyed the opportunity she was given and it will have an impact on her future.

BEST BEARD AT DELTA

By Lily Marcum

"I think he has the most eloquent beard at Delta," says Braxton Edwards.

Senior Brady Pease puts a lot of work into his beard. He has been growing it since he was a freshman.

"I thought I looked better with a beard than without one," Brady says.

Not everyone can pull off a beard as well as Brady.

He enjoys having a beard most of the time. It makes him "feel good" about himself. However, at times it's hard to maintain and it gets itchy, which can be

annoying.

Brady does not have any future plans

on shaving his beard. Since shaving is such a hassle he said, "I just got tired of shaving it."

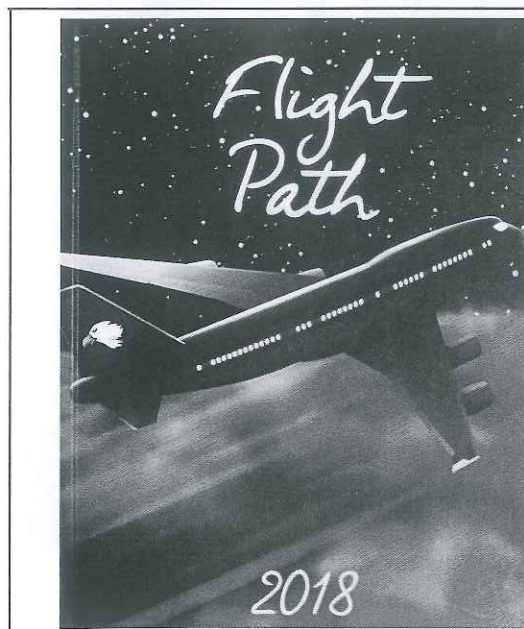
Without his beard he does not feel like



Brady Pease and his beard

himself.

"I feel like a middle schooler again."



2019 Yearbook School Picnic

Friday, May 17th

There are a limited number of books available for sale. They are \$48. See Mr. Cleland in Room 120.

For the first time, this year's book includes an augmented reality feature where some photos trigger videos.

Ready, Set, Bake

By Makayla Robles

One hundred people. One to two hours. A three layer cake. This red velvet cake was made by senior Rayah White for a Valentine's Day event.



Rayah White

This event was for parents that don't usually get to go out on holiday nights because of their children.

Rayah saw that this event needed a cake, so she decided to make one.

Before this entire event, Rayah had to bake the cake. She found this cake recipe online. After the searching, she set out all of the ingredients, and started baking.



Rayah White's cake

Was the baking hard?

Rayah said that "it wasn't really hard, just mainly the cocoa powder that had to be measured correctly or else it would make the cake somewhat dry."

Although this is the only event she has done, Rayah does bake more than just that one cake. She has baked sugar lemon cookies that everyone loves. She has also made a vanilla cake, but it is usually just the cookies she makes.



Senior Print Barger shows off his tattoo.

Alyssa #1 and Alyssa #2

By Zoe Ashcraft

Alyssa Thorpe is giving a presentation in language class all about herself. She mentions that one thing she wants to see is Alyssa Gregory in second place. All throughout the room, students gasp with surprise from the intense burn.

The roast was told in a joking manner. Both sophomores, the two Alyssas are actually close friends.

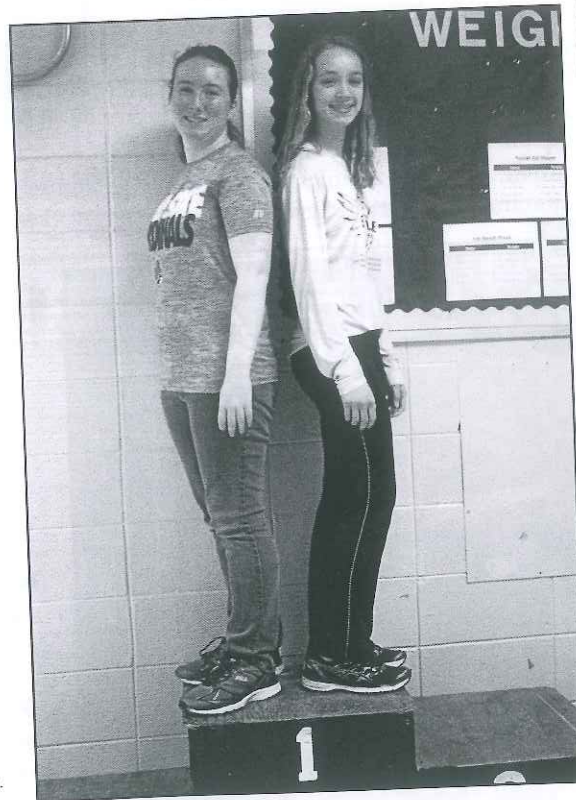
Gregory's class rank is number one. Thorpe's class rank is number two.

Both students work hard to remain top of the class.

"I don't let it [the competition] get in the way of our friendship," Thorpe said.

How did Gregory feel about the roast? She gave one comment.

"Let her roast me. It's not like she can actually beat me."



Alyssa Gregory (left) stands next to Alyssa Thorpe.

INK FOR A CAUSE

By Zach Freel

They last forever. Once one is on your body, it won't come off easily. People usually say that getting one is painful, but it's not always the same for everyone.

"It felt like running nails over your skin."

That's how senior Print Barger described getting his first tattoo. While the entire thing didn't hurt, Print said that the pain mostly came from when the outline of the tattoo was being done because "it's very slow and meticulous."

As of right now, he has three tattoos. One for each of his siblings. The first was for his sister, Emeri, and is located on his left shoulder. For his two brothers, Eli and English, they're located on his back.

After his second, Print said that he "took a nap" because of how calming it was.

However, he doesn't plan to stop there. According to Print, if he gets the chance, he plans to get another tattoo that's also "family oriented."



Zoe Ashcraft (right) and Jared Taylor (far left) work a game at Albany Elementary School.



Zoe blows her whistle.

Refs call the shots, ignore the boos

By Jacy Bradley

Calling the fouls, running up and down the court, cleaning up the trash. These are some of the things sophomore Zoe Ashcraft and freshman Jared Taylor do three times a week.

They referee games for the Albany Basketball League. They work with kids in first through fifth grades.

"I love teaching the kids the game of basketball," Taylor said. "I like working

with little kids, so it's fun."

The job has its ups and downs. For Ashcraft, she doesn't like it when coaches disagree with her calls.

"Once, I made a call that a coach completely did not agree with and he threw his clipboard down and started screaming at me," Ashcraft said.

Both of their parents are coaches for the league. It can be stressful for them to call plays against their parents.

"(My dad) just said, 'Don't act like I'm your dad. Act like I'm one of the coaches,'" Taylor said.

Even though Ashcraft and Taylor have to occasionally deal with an angry parent or coach, they both enjoy helping the little kids.

Ashcraft said, "Seeing the little kids' faces when they make a shot is the most rewarding thing."

The Longest Ride

By Kenzie Scudder

In the afternoons, she sits, people slowly trickling off the bus one by one. The only person who is on her bus longer after school than her is the bus driver.



Makayla Kowalski-Brock

Freshman Makayla Kowalski-Brock has been the last student off the bus all throughout school. She doesn't live miles and miles away. Instead, the opposite is reality.

"I actually live right across the street, but I'm not allowed to cross the highway."

Instead, she has a 35-45 minute bus ride. It gives Makayla time to do some homework when she has some. On days she doesn't, she talks to her friends longer, getting on her phone as they file off the bus.

If she drives herself in future years, it won't change how late she gets home at nights much, since she sometimes stays after school for extra-curriculars. However, the days of sitting in a big yellow bus with no one but the bus driver would change.



MORE THAN SECONDS

By Jared Hart

Students at lunch usually only get one or maybe two orders. How about you try getting six orders, that's right six whole orders.

Andrew Osborn says he "usually gets three to six orders of lunch almost every day" and on a bad day he would probably just get two orders.

He said he also eats breakfast and dinner. Wonder how many scoops of ice cream he gets?

He said he "has gotten denied

a bunch of times because I ordered too much."



Andrew Osborn

His favorite main dish to eat is, you can guess it, "nachos." He says sometimes he does get sick because he ate too much.

Osborn says that where he gets the money is "classified." He says the most he has ever gotten is 10 orders

of nachos.

He says he orders so much "because I'm always hungry."



Keirsten Bankson's beehive

What's All the Buzz About?

By Zach Freel

People fear them. They may be small individually, but large hordes of flying, stinging, buzzing bees terrify some. However, senior Keirsten Bankson cares for colonies of them.

Keirsten didn't start off as a bee person. According to Keirsten, she used to be scared of bees.



Keirsten Bankson

"My mom had me just jump into it...I was just in a tee shirt and shorts."

With going right into something like bee keeping, getting stung is an expected risk. But, for Keirsten, she's only really been stung once, seeing as she's usually careful.

"It was in the winter...We had to take out the mite strips and I got stung on the butt. I was wearing jeans, and no suit pants. We learned from that!"

She soon found that she loved getting to care for her colonies, not just because it was something she loved to do, but because she got to spend time with her mom.

"It's sort of our thing."

Nuts About Nutcrackers

By Braxton Edwards

Every year on Christmas, kids all around the world write out their Christmas lists. On some lists you'll find bikes, video games, dolls, puppies, whatever.

Sophomore Riley Woodin's Christmas list is a bit different however, as he receives a nutcracker every year.

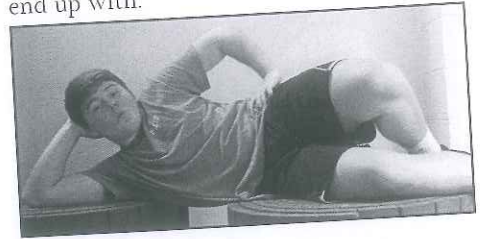
In 6th grade, his mom Stacey bought him his first one, and it's become a tradition ever since.

"It started in 6th grade, but some years I've gotten two of them," Riley says.

He stores them on his shelf, except for the one he received in 8th grade from his Aunt Penny, because it's "huge and won't fit on the shelf".

"I think the best part of this tradition is having something to look forward to with my mom, it has a lot of sentimental value to me," Riley says.

His collection has reached ninenutcrackers, and with no signs of slowing down, there's no telling how many he'll end up with.



Riley Woodin

Knives by the Dozen

By Jillian Williams

Postage stamps. Vintage lamps. Anything to do with cats. All of these are collections people around the world have.

But for freshman Nicholas Osborn,



Nick Osborn

his collection is a little different. He collects knives. He started his collection back when he was in elementary school.

Nicholas has many types of knives, which include butterfly, switchblades, and pocket knives. He even has ninja stars and cards that are knives.

Nicholas was asked whether he bought them with his own money. "Yes I do," he said, "but if I get them as a gift, then no."

Nicholas said he is still going to collect even though he has more than 60 knives. He is still collecting more and loves when he gets new ones.



Nick Osborn's knife collection

Turn Up The Music!

By Chloe Lowe

After track practice, she'll open her Chromebook, look up Pretty U by 17 and start dancing to the chorus.



Libby Crouch

Freshman Libby Crouch enjoys listening and dancing to K-pop. She started listening to K-pop in seventh grade.

Her friend, Lily Jones, influenced her love in K-pop.

Libby enjoys listening to K-pop because "BTS for example, they show you how to love yourself and say that

you should be the first person you love in the world."

Libby's favorite K-pop band is BTS. They taught her how to fight for herself.

Two of her favorite K-pop songs are Not Today Not Tomorrow by 15& and Don't Touch Me by Ailee.

Some of her favorite lyrics are "I'm the one I should love in this world," Epiphany by BTS, and "I do what I do, so you do you. You can't stop me lovin' myself" - Idol also by BTS.

Libby also enjoys listening to rap, not just English but also Korean.

Making the Beat

By Madyson Cox

Everyone deals with sadness and depression in their own ways. **Sophomore Keller White** deals with it by writing songs and putting them on SoundCloud.



Keller White

He writes his songs about sadness, heart-break and "being broke." He says he likes writing his own music because he can use it as an outlet for how he's feeling.

"You can express a lot of emotion through songs that you can't just talk about."

Keller says

he plans to make music in the future, because he can't ever see himself working a 9-to-5 job.

His biggest musical inspirations are Lil Uzi Vert and Playboi Carti. He describes his music as "lit and sad."

His SoundCloud name is Spyder if you're interested in hearing his music.

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By Malachi Salmon

"Roger Roger Roger what we gonna do, I'm gonna spit some fire just for you."

These lyrics are from freshman **Johnathan Chimbanda's** song "Reviving Roger" on SoundCloud, with almost 16,000 plays. It's his very first song uploaded to SoundCloud.

Johnathan started rapping in seventh grade and has continued making songs and recently dropped an album. Johnathan plans to continue rapping throughout high school.



"It might take me somewhere," Johnathan said.

Johnathan Chimbanda His song that has the most meaning in it is actually "Reviving Roger." The reason the song has the most meaning is because "it was about my dead goldfish that I had for a year and a half," he said.

Johnathan uses his computer to put together a song/album cover and tries to put a twist on it.

"I just put something together from my computer, usually with Kim Kardashian in it because she be fine," Johnathan said.

Check out his SoundCloud at Johnny Boi.



Levi Shelley playing Super Smash Bros. with his friends at lunch

Challenge Me!

By Avery Harber

Lunch is a time for eating and socializing, but for **sophomore Levi Shelley**, it's also time for playing his favorite game.

Every day at lunch Levi brings out his Nintendo Switch to play Super Smash Bros. with his friends.



Levi Shelley

"Smash is a party game where you challenge your skills against the opponent, so constantly being able to challenge my friends is fun."

Levi says he started this habit in seventh grade when he would bring his 3DS to school to play with his friends. When he got into high school and the game was released on the Switch, he bought it and started bringing that console instead.

Levi says that anyone who wants to can "challenge" him to Super Smash Bros. at his table in the morning before school.

By Zoe Ashcraft

Little origami butterflies decorate classrooms all over the school. The creator of these butterflies, **junior Avery Harber**, leaves her creations behind in classrooms for other students to enjoy.

Avery started making these butterflies after watching a student give a demonstration speech over origami butterflies in her class during her sophomore year.



Avery Harber

While she enjoys mak-

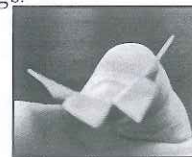
Crafting Hope

ing origami butterflies, she doesn't create a variety of different things.

"I can just do a butterfly or a dog or a heart, really simple things."

Butterflies are not only fun for Avery to create, they also signify something more meaningful for her.

"I've liked butterflies ever since I was young. I feel like they represent a lot of hope."



Origami butterfly

The Song of Faith

By Chloe Lowe

It's Sunday morning and people file into church. The band grabs their instruments and prepares the mics. The crowd quiets down, ready to worship.



Lucy East

Sophomore Lucy East and **senior Clare Tinkle** have been in a worship band at Union Chapel for about four years.

Lucy joined because she loves singing and her pastor asked her if she would be interested.

Clare also enjoys singing. She is involved in her church and "it felt like

a great way to use something I love and some of my talents to lead others in worship."



Clare Tinkle

Clare's favorite songs to sing are Build My Life and a song her worship pastor created called

Revive Me.

Lucy's favorite song to sing is Tremble because "the lyrics are really powerful."

They both agree that being a part of the band has helped their faith grow. For Clare a big part of her faith growing was being able to influence others.

Art Pens and Vocal Chords

By Jilliann Williams

Museums, galleries, pictures to hang on walls are all examples of things to draw for. However, junior Taylor Bertram draws her pictures for our school choir.



Taylor Bertram

Taylor started drawing a little over six years ago. She said, "I was inspired by different art you-tubers, like Drawing with Waffles and Ka-Golden."

Taylor mostly draws pictures for the songs the choir sings. She started draw-

ing for choir in her freshman year.

"Most of the drawings are inspired by lyrics and phrases I've heard or read," She said when asked what inspired her.

Taylor sometimes thinks of something for a good drawing as she sings and she draws it. Most end up on the choir board.

"Through the Eyes of the Moon," one of the peices she sang, was illustrated and hung on the board. A lady with scars representing the abused earth. A platinum haired girl representing the untouched moon.



Taylor Bertram's choir song drawings hanging on the choir board.

More than an 'Artist in Training'

By Avery Harber

Junior Katelyn Wade has been calling herself an artist since she was five. She liked to draw and paint, so her aunt got her a sign that said "Artist in Training," but she wouldn't accept it, saying "I'm already an artist."

When Katelyn was younger her favorite media were simple things like crayons and paint, but now she says she loves working with clay. Though she used to like it, she says now that working with paint is difficult and that she dislikes it.

Katelyn says that her favorite artist is Kate Macdowell. She found Macdowell when she was looking for inspiration for a clay project that mixed body parts with flowers.

Although those projects were a success, she says she thinks her best art piece is a clay teapot she made of a Native American woman drinking from a teacup. This project also won her a silver award for Scholastic Arts.



Katelyn Wade holding her clay teapot project of a Native American woman drinking from a teacup. (photo provided)

\$100 Red Guitar

By Zach Freel

Shoes, clothing, books, and countless other things can be bought with only \$100. Freshman Drew Auker spent his \$100 on a red bass guitar.



Drew Auker

It was early last year when Drew had gone to a local guitar shop and bought it. Seeing as a guitar usually would go for more

than double that price, he obviously got it right then and there. But he "really figured out why it was only 100 bucks." As it wasn't in great shape,

and needed new parts. So, Drew did the next best thing. He made a guitar "Frankenstein".

By putting in different guitar knobs, strings, and other parts he was able to "really make the guitar mine." And, by making it his own, it's made Drew motivated to play.

"There's so many different styles, slap-bass, blues...I just love playing it."

Guitar isn't the only thing that he wants to learn though. Drew also plans to learn how to play keyboard and drums. But, for now, he plans to continue to rock on with his current instruments.

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Unique Talents

By Tanner Southerland

A lot of high school students have weird, unique talents that not everybody can do and most don't know about. Sophomore Trevor Edgerton is one of these students.



Trevor Edgerton licking his elbow.

"Yes, it isn't every day that people find someone who can lick their own elbow," Trevor says.

Trevor has possessed the skill of licking his elbow for about

a year now. It still doesn't fail to amaze

people, although he has never used it as a party trick. He says that he doesn't know anyone else with this special talent.

Licking your elbow takes extraordinary flexibility. Trevor joked that he manages to accomplish it by "stretching every single day."

Licking your elbow doesn't seem too impressive to most of us, but in reality it requires real talent. As Trevor gets bigger and less flexible it gets even harder for him.

"It is a great skill to have."

Singing: The Best Medicine

By Evan Rogers

Choir, worship group, talent shows, state competition, school talent shows and musicals are all on the short list of how junior Morgan Gardner spends her seconds singing.

It all started at the age of four, when Morgan sang her first song "Beverly Hills" by rock band Weezer.

From there, she sang in front of an audience for the first time in third grade. This would eventually lead to her performing in nine talent shows, in which Morgan would win a solo award in all but one, as well as winning last school

year for a group performance.

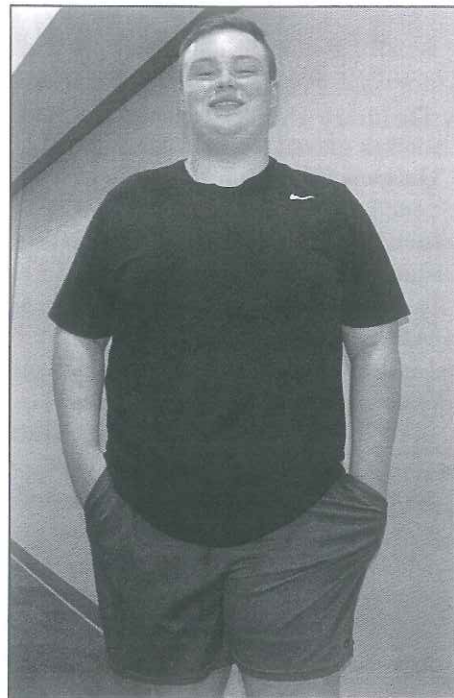
Along with these wins, she performs in Indiana All-State Choir. This requires invitation after submitting an audition.

She has taken choir throughout high school and plans on continuing in her senior year.



Morgan Gardner

"Singing is like medicine," Morgan said, "because everyone says that laughter is the best medicine, but it's singing."



Kadin Smith

No Long Pants? No Problem!

By Jared Hart

You all probably wear sweatpants or jeans when it's cold outside, but not for sophomore Kadin Smith. He wears shorts almost every day even when it's 40 degrees outside. He says shorts are more "comfy."

Kadin says he will never wear shorts if he is going to church or a wedding or some sort of dress-up occasion or if it's below freezing.

Kadin says he doesn't like wearing sweatpants or jeans because he gets hot easily. His favorite brand of shorts to wear is Nike. He says he does like the baggy sweat pants, just not the tight ones because he gets hot easy.

If there are people who don't like when he wears shorts in the cold that would be his parents. They usually get mad at him if he wears shorts on freezing days.

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Lily and her horse, Green River King.

Ride Like the Wind

By Zoe Ashcraft

Consistent sunshine, warmth all around, Texas heat. These three things surrounded sophomore Lily Klinger as she rode her horses down in Texas. Now, the Indiana weather has made riding horses year-round a little less enjoyable.



Lily Klinger

Lily has been riding horses since the fifth grade. Her favorite part is the fun experiences she has and the

people she meets.

Lily said she loves “the connections she can make.”

Lily couldn't do it all on her own. She needs help from her trusty steed, Molly. Lily's family bought Molly from an Amish family and got to train Molly themselves.

“She's our little project.”



Molly Moon, Lily's horse

iDon't have an iPhone

By Kenzie Scudder



Tait Longsworth

He's never heard the phrase, “Hand over your phone, young man!” In fact, he's never had one.

Junior Tait Longsworth has

an iPod, but no cell phone. His parents told him, “No phone

until you can pay for it yourself.” Rather than fighting back, Longsworth grew to enjoy and agree with it.

Longsworth likes not having a phone. His only disappointment is the inconvenience of only being able to FaceTime, instead of phone calls. He doesn't see this as a huge disadvantage, though, because he can still contact people and text.

He believes not having a phone gives him more time to do other things he enjoys doing, such as watching movies with his parents.

“With a phone you give more screen time, and I enjoy my downtime with my family.”

Whether or not he decides to buy a phone in the long run, for now he is happy with his iPod and movies with his family.

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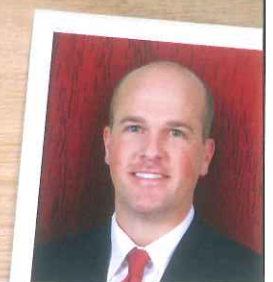
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Handing Over Jokes

By Zoe Ashcraft



Emily Himes

Universally, the apple is a symbol for a teacher, but what happens when a student hands a teacher a pineapple? For Miss Amanda Crow, this was a reality.

Sophomore Emily Himes had an ongoing joke with Crow. Throughout the second semester of last school year, she would randomly ask Crow to hold objects. She once asked Crow to hold a clock - the one from Crow's classroom.

"One time I got to class before [Crow] and took her clock down off the wall. When she came into class I asked her for



Miss Crow holding an item that Emily Himes gave her

the time," Emily said. "Her face during the moment of realization was pretty funny."

Stifling back laughter, Crow reached out and held the clock, already knowing the question that would be following.

While the clock was a funny moment,

Crow likes to reflect on what started it all - a stapler.

One day in class Crow was handed a stapler by Emily. Distracted by other students, Crow held it without question.

"Then it set in and I asked myself, 'Why am I holding this?'" Crow said.

A few other things Crow was asked to hold were: a recycling bin, a participation medal from the Albany Elementary talent show, and a pineapple.

The best thing about it all? The joke continues even though Emily no longer has Crow as a teacher. Crow took the role of the prankster and now asks freshman Kenton Coleman to hold random objects.

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The Boy Behind the Lights

By Jacy Bradley



Jaigen Glaze

Hundreds of strands of lights decorates the home of junior Jaigen Glaze each year for Christmas. Tons of blow-up Christmas decorations fill his yard. Dozens of decorative candy canes adorn his back fence, but the catch is, he does this all himself.

"My dad usually works, so I just do it myself," he said.

Jaigen also decorates three other houses that each take a full day to finish.



Jaigen's house decorated for Christmas.

He spends three days hanging up the lights, setting up the Santa and his reindeer, and putting out all of the other decorative items.

"I hang lights around my pine trees in the yard, and wrap tinsel around our front poles in our driveway too," he said.

Jaigen loves seeing the cars drive by at night. He says his favorite part of the whole experience is seeing the faces of people light up as they see it. "Seeing other people's reactions makes the work worth it."



Jaigen's yard with lights put up.

Cutting out Meats

By Tanner Southerland

Freshman Gwen Clark finds a balanced diet in a different way than most other students. Gwen has managed without any consumption of meat for three years now, except for one circumstance at a restaurant.

"Because of peer pressure from my friends I was forced to eat a piece of chicken," Gwen joked. Other than the small piece of chicken, Gwen hasn't eaten any other meat.

To maintain a balanced diet Gwen eats other foods that contain protein. She gets the majority of her protein from eggs, nuts, and beans.

Gwen decided to become fully vegetarian three years ago because her dad is a vegetarian, and "I decided to follow in his footsteps."

"There are a lot of carcinogens, or cancer causing elements, in meat that I would like to avoid."

She believes that making the switch to becoming a vegetarian will help in the long run.



Gwendolyn Clark enjoys her healthy lunch.

Favorite Foods vs. Healthy Lifestyle

By Ginny Goul

Instead of bacon, eggs, and a glass of milk for breakfast, junior Taylor Osman eats a different meal than what we may be used to.

A year and a half ago, Taylor made a drastic switch from meats and other animal products to having the vegan lifestyle.

"My family has multiple health problems," Taylor said. The long list of health issues her family deals with made Taylor decide to eat healthier to stay away from the risk of following in her family's footsteps.

The typical stereotype that surrounds vegan food, "rabbit food," is far from what Taylor eats.

Taylor still enjoys the food we eat, but in a different way. She eats different things such as vegan meat and vegan cheese, along with non-animal products such as fruits and vegetables.

Although Taylor sometimes misses her favorite foods, such as chicken and eggs, she wouldn't change her vegan diet for anything.

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Ice Cream Business Has Its Ups and Downs

By Delaney Pence

If you live in Delaware County you've most likely been to the famous ice cream shop Dairy Dream in Albany. For junior Spencer St. John, it's a business that goes back four generations in his family.



Spencer St. John

Spencer has had his ups and downs with his dad owning Dairy Dream.

"Some people just use me to get the free ice cream and it gets really annoying," Spencer says.

Many people would love to get free ice cream, but Spencer says he would rather pay than get treated different for it.

"Sometimes the workers look at me weird because I don't have to pay and I'm getting all this food for free," he says. "If they're new (employee), it's really awkward."

Although his great-grandfather, grandfather and father have owned Dairy Dream, Spencer doesn't plan on taking over the business. He thinks there's other things out there for him.

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Unique Unicycler

By Jazlan Montero

As the normal kid goes and gets their bike, sophomore Tanner Southerland goes and gets his unicycle. While



Tanner riding his unicycle

Tanner's older brother, Nate, learned to ride a unicycle it influenced him to learn. In fifth grade he put down his bike and picked up the unicycle.

"When I first got the hang of it, it felt good," Tanner says, "but I learned I need a lot of balance when riding it or I'd fall."

When he gets going he can ride for as long as he wants and as far as he wants.

"When I first learned to ride the unicycle I wanted to do it all the time."

Now as he gets older he doesn't want to ride it as much because he doesn't have as much time.

"It is really cool being able to ride one because a lot of people cannot."



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INTO THE MEDICAL FIELD

By Tanner Southerland

Going into the medical field requires loads of dedication and hard work. For senior Joel Ashman, this is exactly what he is training for. He is currently taking Biology 2, a college class to give him a head start on his major of biochemistry.

"There is so much innovation going on in the field of medicine. I just don't want

to miss out."

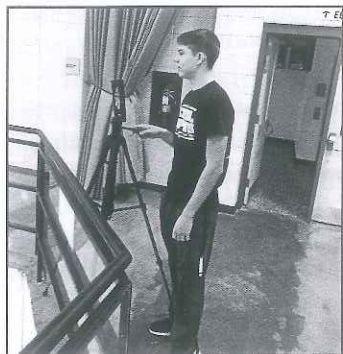
Joel will attend Indiana University in his future years to achieve his dream of becoming a chemical engineer. If this doesn't work out, Joel plans to become an optometrist, or eye doctor, just like both of his parents.



Joel Ashman

Joel wants to go to IU because of IU's outstanding medical field, and both of his parents, and his sister all attended Indiana University and loved it. After he graduates from IU Joel's plan is to move out west.

"It's just really exciting."



Justin Burcham stands filming the basketball game.

The Eye Behind the Camera

By Tanner Southerland

There is a different perspective than playing the game of basketball or watching basketball from the stands. **sophomore Justin Burcham**, boys' basketball manager, films every basketball game, home and away.

Burcham is in his second year managing the boys.

"I got cut freshman year, but still wanted to be a part of the team," Burcham said. "So I decided to manage."

He has the important job of making sure all the players are ready to play before every game. He supplies them with water and whatever else they need.

"Instead of practicing, I help set up practices and make sure they have everything they need to play," Burcham said.

He usually is good about filming the games, but sometimes he messes up.

"I forgot to move the camera to the other end of the court, and I missed Brady Hunt dunking," Burcham said. "I got a lot of crap from everyone for it."

Arranging the Announcements

By Malachi Salmon

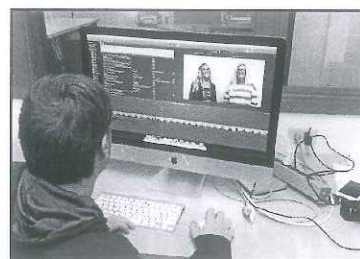
One of the biggest upsides of being editor of Eagles Zone News is being able to see it before anyone else.

Junior Darnell Scherrer edits every video of EZN.

What goes on in the back studio is a few minutes of messing around until the crew get the news, weather and sports scripts done for the anchors to read off. Then students record the anchors as well as two interviews outside of the studio.

"They bring the cameras back to me and I put them onto iMovie," Scherrer said.

EZN is filmed in first period every day. As for the rest of the first hour, Scherrer begins to edit it and finishes later during third period. Finally, he shares the



Darnell Scherrer works on the Eagle Zone News broadcast.

five-minute file to all teachers before the end of third period.

One struggle for Scherrer is when students mess up and have to record multiple takes to get it right. Then, it gets complicated.

"I do enjoy it, but at the beginning I wasn't really that great at it and wasn't really into it," Scherrer said. "Then the more I started doing it the better I got it and the more into it I got."



Darnell Scherrer

Drawing from the Heart

By Jillian Williams

From contemporary to abstract and cartoon to pop. All different styles of art. But **senior Lizzie King** draws anime. Yeah, it's the stuff you watch on TV.

She began drawing in fourth grade. She said that her drawing style back then was like the Powerpuff Girls. They did not influence her style she drew her characters like them.

"No, not really...I created my own with

how I draw," She replied when she was asked about her drawing style now while she is a senior.

Lizzie is currently in two art classes and Ceramics 2 is one of them. Lizzie mainly draws people but has been practicing drawing other things.

Lizzie says the one thing she really wants to learn to draw is flowers. She says she is going to continue drawing for now.



Lizzie King showing off her artwork.

The Brady Blue Crew

Senior Brady Edwards Leaves Mark as Leader of the Basketball Blue Crew

By Adam Navarro

From hyping up the Delta Basketball Blue Crew section, to influencing what the students wear to the games, that has been the main role of senior Brady Edwards. He has been the "leader" of the Blue Crew for the basketball season this year. And he's had fun doing it.

"It's a fun experience," he said. "It's special being able to lead it my senior year."

His favorite memory from his Blue Crew time was the Friday and Saturday sectional games at New Castle Field House this year.

"It was a packed house and the guys



Brady celebrates a score at the basketball game.

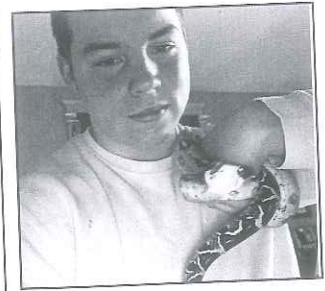
put on a show for us."

He also influences the dress-up themes for the games. For example, there were neon, country, blue and gold, and Hawaiian dress themes.

"I try to make them fun and different."

Leading the Blue Crew has meant a lot to Edwards, and he knows that.

"I hope I left my mark!"



Kamerin Ritter with his Boa Constrictor named Mystery.

He Bought a Zoo!

By Braxton Edwards

It's not unusual for one to form a pretty tight bond with their household pet. It is, however, unusual for one to form a pretty tight bond with around 50 pets. This is the reality for junior Kamerin Ritter.

"I love animals, I love them a lot. The best part is just creating a bond with all of them, I don't have names for them all but I hold them all a lot."

In this diverse group of pets you'll find 30 snakes, 20 lizards, four cats and three dogs. Out of his whole assortment of cherished friends, he says his favorite is his Boa Constrictor, Mystery.

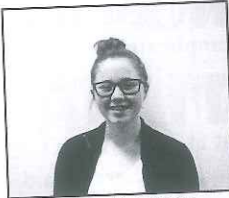
"He and I just have the most special bond. He's about 5 feet long now, but he'll grow to be about 10 feet, and I don't know what I'll do with him when he gets that big."

Kamerin says his parents support these animals because he "doesn't make them clean the smelly animals."

Although it may be hectic at times, Kamerin suggests that, "Everyone should try to create a bond with at least one animal."

Germany, France, Japan... Oh My!

By Chloe Lowe



Lainey Hardman

While visiting Tokyo, Japan, freshman Lainey Hardman and her family were going to ride the subway.

"We walked down there, saw the people crowding on it and walked back up," she said, explaining that the subway is so crowded that workers actually push people into the subway "so that way they were packed in."

Lainey was in Japan for a week. She went there mostly because she wanted to but also because of her father's career. Her dad works for a company that trains people with camera systems.

In Japan, Lainey and her family stayed in Tokyo and went to Okinawa to see a military base. Lainey saw the Skytree, the world's tallest observation tower which lights up at night. She also did a lot of window shopping.

Lainey has gone on many adventures and plans to go on more in the future.

Adapting to Differences

By Chloe Lowe

Senior Foss Williams has been in and out of schools from different states -- and even a different country.

Foss spent most of his middle school years in Germany when his father was in the Army. His dad is now in the Air Force.

He has moved to Florida, New Mexico, Alabama, Germany, Virginia,



Foss Williams

and now Muncie.

Foss moved to Germany in 2012 and returned to the U.S. in 2016. In Germany he didn't live on a military base. However, he was born and raised on Fort Hood military base in Texas.

On the military base there was a bowling alley, restaurants, gyms, the YMCA,

a daycare, and shops.

"It was kind of like a little town." While in Germany, Foss had to learn to adapt to differences. The restaurants in Germany don't give free refills. He said that it's considered rude to not stay while at the restaurant.

Foss considered following his father's footsteps, but he has decided that the military isn't for him.

Creating Connections Forming Friendships

By Makayla Robles

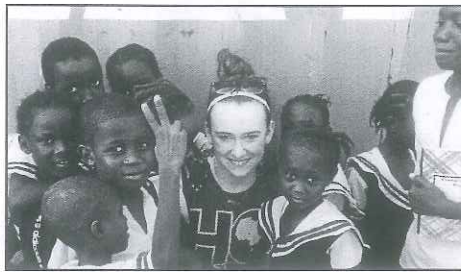
From the Bahamas in Mexico to Liberia in Africa, to Alaska and California in the United States, freshman Bailey Wood has traveled to these places plus more.

"I enjoy traveling a lot because I like seeing many places and their cultures," Bailey said.

These aren't just trips for sightseeing, but they are for a great cause. Vacations like these are for mission trips.

In addition, she uses these trips to create connections and friendships with people in each place. This is important to Bailey because she wants to engage in every one of the cultures and she desires to learn new things. Furthermore, she has made countless friendships.

Not only does Bailey have connections for the rest of her life, but she also



Bailey Wood with the people from her mission trip. has memories and collections from most places.

"I have carvings and stuff the locals have made," she said. "I have elephants and giraffes from Africa, Russian nesting dolls from Alaska, and turtles from Mexico."

Besides the sightseeing Bailey has done, these trips have affected her life in multiple ways.

"It has given me a passion, and it is something I want to continue doing."



Caleb Landis pole vaulting

First Time Tracker

By Tanner Southerland

Pole vault isn't as easy as it looks on TV. It takes constant repetition day in and day out. First-year track athlete Caleb Landis is trying to master the art of pole vaulting for the first time.

Running track and field for Caleb, a junior, hadn't been on his mind until this year when his friends convinced him to join.

"I had some friends that were enjoying it so I decided to give it a try," Caleb said.

Caleb didn't do track before because he thought that he might not have much success.

"I never really got around to it until now, and I thought that I wouldn't be good at it."

Caleb also runs the 1600 relay, which means that four people each run a 400-meter lap, but his main event is pole vault. To reach his goal of 10 feet by the end of the season in pole vault, Caleb will need endless repetition.

"That's what pole vault is."

HEAVY LIFTING

By Jared Hart



Landon Hines

Weight lifting is a hard workout and takes a lot of toughness, but that doesn't bother sophomore Landon Hines. He loves weight lifting

so much that he and his dad own their own weightlifting place and Landon says it can get real intense.

His heaviest bench is a whopping 275 pounds, his heaviest squat is 335 pounds and his heaviest deadlift is 375 pounds.

Landon says he started to lift when he was in seventh grade "cause I was getting really fat."

The person he looks up to the most is his dad because his dad wanted to quit drinking and Landon thought it would be helpful to lift with him.

Landon says he has been in five competitions.

He was planning to leave the state in December to go lift but a back injury and an illness prevented him from going. He was upset, but this just proves he loves lifting.

Home is Where the Heart is

By Malachi Salmon

"People here are nicer," junior foreign exchange student Carolina Vidal said.

Carolina, who is from Spain, knew English coming over because she started learning it in seventh grade.

She misses her friends and hanging out with them.

A big difference for her about America is that Delta has much bigger sports than



Carolina Vidal

her high school in Spain.

A particular favorite for her in America is the Delta teachers.

"I love all the teachers," Carolina said.

One of her favorite experiences in America has been participating in girls' tennis. She is playing singles for the junior varsity team and also played this winter at the Muncie YMCA.

"It's really fun and getting to know (the girls)," Carolina said.

"People here are closer. People in Spain don't care."



Nick Watters re-enacts his heroic act of using a shirt to put out a fire under the hood.

Fireman, On Duty

By Evan Rogers

It was March 4, 2019, a Monday, when senior Skylar Bramlett's 1998 Dodge Ram caught on fire inside of the Meineke Car Care Center.

Luckily for Skylar, a hero was at the site.

Senior Nick Watters, an employee of Meineke, was pushing a drainage basin when he heard a coworker curse at the flames. Nick pushed away the oil basin from him and the fire and then thought

quickly.

"My first instinct was to rip my shirt off and put it out," Nick said.

After his heroics, Nick discovered the blaze was caused by brake cleaner, which he said is extremely flammable.

This wasn't the first time Nick has saved the Meineke shop from a fire.

"One day a trash can caught on fire," Nick said. "I pushed it outside and sprayed it down with the garden hose."

RUN, FORREST (SAM), RUN

By Ginny Goul

Sophomore Forrest Arnold might sound like a new student to you. Sam Arnold, though, might ring a bell.

No, Sam's name isn't from the famous movie Forrest Gump, although people tend to think that.



Sam Arnold

He was actually named after his great-great-grandfather.

"I've always known myself as Sam," he says. "I don't remember a time I actually went by Forrest."

Sam's name comes off as a surprise to many, especially during roll call in the classroom.

"When a sub calls my name, some people who didn't know my name laugh and quote the movie Forrest Gump."

The name Forrest never has bothered Sam. "I've learned to embrace it rather than shame it."

Sam said the reactions he used to get from others were different, but, "Life was like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get."



Avrianha Wilson balancing a textbook on her head.

Queen of Balance

By Avery Harber

Freshman Avrianha Wilson is known by many students at High School as "the girl who balances things on her head."

Though an odd reputation to have, Wilson says it doesn't bother her and she doesn't pay attention to people saying it's "weird."

Her habit started in third grade in her school library when her arms were full, so she put some of her books she needed to carry on her head. She says it was much easier than people would expect.

Wilson has had things drop before, but luckily nothing has broken. She says one bad thing was that she got in trouble for balancing her Chromebook on her head.

Wilson says that it's hardest to balance when "people put pencil bags on my head and put a book over it."

She Always Has a Smile!

By Kaydence McNabb

You have probably seen her in the hallway and she seems to always have a smile on her face. This is senior Ellie Snider.

"I really love people and all of my friends and family," she says.

She says that when she is having a bad day, with her being a Christian, that she prays about it, which just takes away much of the stress.



Ellie Snider

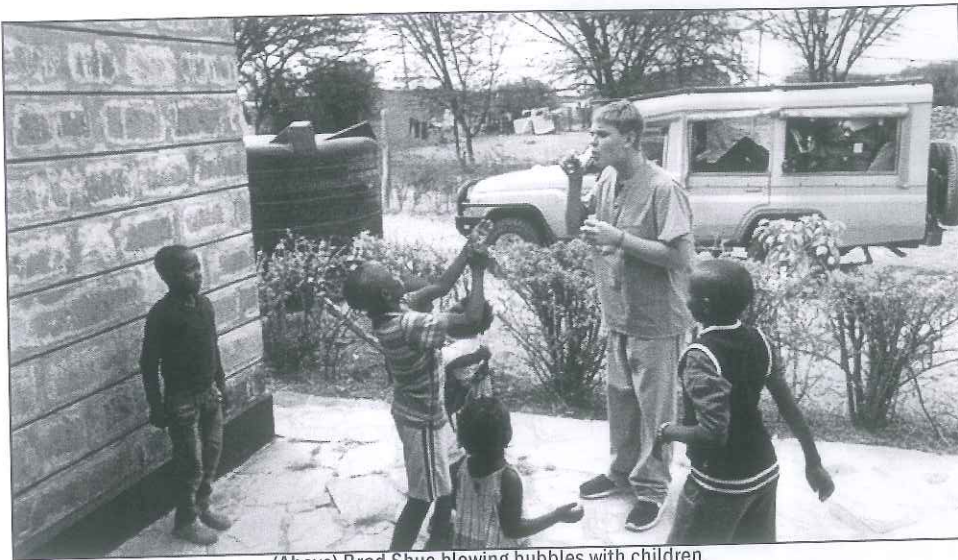
Ellie's mother, Lorie Snider, says that her daughter has always been cheerful and is a good

friend.

"I love her tender heart," Mrs. Snider says. "She has this sense that when I have had a bad day she just knows and is always there to give me a hug."

Ellie says that some of the things that keep her positive include remembering what she is thankful for and focusing on things going well.

"I think people get drawn in by her personality and once they get to know her they really see how much of a good friend she is," Mrs. Snider said.



(Above) Brad Shue blowing bubbles with children.

(Below) The group helping with the mission trip.



Boy On a Mission

By Malachi Salmon

Seeing 13 people living in a small house and staying happy might come as a shock, but freshman Brad Shue says those are the conditions he witnessed last summer when he took a trip to Kenya.

"The spot I went to was rough," he said. "The children were playing and the conditions were bad."

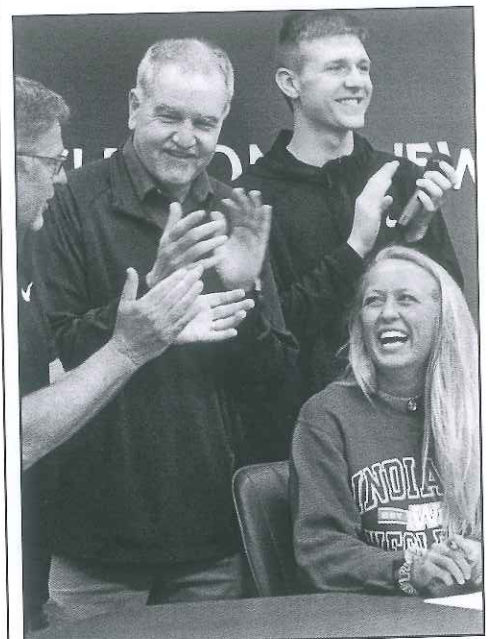
Shue, whose father is a doctor, went along on a medical mission trip to Kenya.

"The other people on the mission trip

were there to treat people in the hospital, and I was there to count lots and lots of pills," Shue said.

The people with him were members of the IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital staff.

"The fact that all these people were living in these bad conditions, they were still a lot nicer than people here in Muncie, Indiana."



Ellie Snider is all smiles at her signing ceremony for Indiana Wesleyan University women's tennis.



Wade Schauer hangs out with Phoenix, his tarantula.

His Best Friend Spins Webs!

By Zach Freel

"I've always liked things that other people don't like." One of those things that freshman Wade Schauer likes are tarantulas.

Schauer's tarantula, Phoenix, is an Arizona blonde. According to Schauer, caring for a tarantula isn't too hard. But, he said that you have to be careful when tending to one as it needs perfect humidity.

Besides loving to take care of Phoenix, Schauer also loves the reactions he sometimes gets. While people such as his mom "aren't fazed at all," he said he gets some great reactions. Especially from family.

"Whenever I show my grandma pictures of my spider on my face, she sort of freaks out."

Schauer also doesn't plan to just let Phoenix be his only strange friend. While he has miniature cows, he also soon plans to get snakes to add to his group of exotic friends.

Off The Grid

By Madyson Cox



Chase Myers

Most students in high school have a smartphone. Freshman Chase Myers just has a flip phone.

His parents just don't trust him enough to get him a smartphone and he thinks it is because they think he will lose it. However, he thinks they might be changing their mind and might get him a smartphone for Christmas.

He has learned how to deal with a flip phone even though he does want a smartphone but it no longer bothers him that everyone else has a smartphone and he doesn't.

He watches YouTube on his tablet instead of his phone because his phone "does absolutely nothing."

Chase says that the flip phone does what it should as a phone but nothing extra.

He has learned how to find it funny by calling it "the fossil phone".

Disney Is Her Happy Place

By Jazlan Montero

Walking in the gate five different times getting the same feeling as the last time. "I just feel happy," says freshman Eden Richey. The first time Ed went to Disney World in Florida she was 12 years old.



Eden Richey

"My least favorite thing about going is how hot it is and waiting in the lines especially if it's super busy," she said.

Waiting in line all worth it, though because Eden's favorite thing about go

is riding all the rides as much as she can. When she gets older she plans on going to Disney World frequently because she wants to keep experiencing that and spending time with my friends as well."

Her worst memory is when she lost her magic band, the key to her hotel room. "I was freaking out, but my parents had one, so it was fine in the end."

Multi-Musician

By Zoe Ashcraft



Xander Metzger

Everyone remembers sitting Indian-style on the floor in elementary music class learning to play “Hot Cross Buns” on the recorder. Trying to master the simple song bored some, but it lit a spark in others.

It did even more than light a spark in sophomore Xander Metzger. He plays three different instruments: the piano, the drums, and the clarinet.

“All of my instruments have their own individual roles and all have fun times and boring times,” Xander said.

Playing a musical instrument is hard to do. Some may wonder why Xander would continue playing three instruments for five years.

“Music is my passion. Why would I quit playing?”

Music clearly means a lot to Xander. It plays a major role in his life.

“I would give up almost everything else in my life if it meant that I could keep music.”



Micheal Garrett's car is easy to find in the parking lot.

The Tempermental ‘Tinman’

By Evan Rogers

He's an old car, a white 1984 Pontiac Fiero. Upon purchase, this small body car wouldn't start, couldn't brake, and his tires were dry rotted.



Micheal Garrett

These issues and several others were the reason he cost only \$300 back in 2015. Others might see scrap metal. Senior Micheal Garrett sees the “Tinman.”

“Since I couldn't drive yet, we did the repairs kinda slowly.... We didn't end up changing the brakes until the end of the year (2015),”

Garrett said. “We didn't get new tires until I started driving (2017).”

These repairs, which were done by Garrett and his father, and cosmetics such as paint and leather seats cost him about \$2,500.

“My dad named it Tinman because when we got it, we had to oil everything.”

Garrett recalls a time he and his friend Brandon had to push Tinman out of Jacob's Family Orchard when he refused to start.

“It took us about 30 minutes because we had to push him up a hill.”

Despite Tinman being “very temperamental,” Garrett views him as his “dream car.”

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Scooter Mishap Sends Him to the Hospital

By Ginny Goul

A normal summer day for sophomore **Trey Thornburg** turned into something he can't quite remember well anymore.

Thornburg, who was 10 years old at the time, was riding his electric scooter when he hit a bump and blacked out. A few moments later, he woke up to his frantic mother packing him into the car.



Trey Thornburg

"I don't really remember anything other than that it hurt."

Thornburg's scooter mishap resulted in a skull fracture and three brain bleeds.



Trey, 10, in the hospital after his scooter accident.

He was transported to Riley Children's Hospital in a helicopter and remained there for two nights.

"It was really boring there and I missed my home."

Friends and relatives visited Thornburg, helping him cope with the fact he's missing out on playing basketball outside with his friends and enjoying the nice weather like everyone else.

Thankfully Thornburg, now a sophomore, is happy and healthy today, playing with Delta's junior varsity basketball team, doing what he loves.

SNAP, BREAK, SHATTER

By Kenzie Scudder

Imagine you and your dad, renovating the garage, you're standing on top of dad's truck. When you jump off you land on your heel and fall, unable to stand without falling again.

This broken heel describes one of four breaks **senior Connor King** experienced.

King describes his most painful break as when his GoKart flipped on uneven ground and pinned his arm on the concrete, breaking it vertically, unlike normal breaks.

At three, King and his friends were riding in his Gator vehicle. He was riding in back when the latch came open, he fell back onto concrete. More than 24 hours later, his mom realized the fall was worse than she thought. His skull was broken.

"The back of my head felt like a mushy ice pack."



King said the key to recovery is knowing it's better to do it right the first time than to do it incorrectly and risk breaking more bones.

She Gets Some Bad Reactions

By Hailey Beaty

When taking in one of the 25 things she's allergic to, **senior Katherine Brand** says that her most common reaction is a scratchy throat, blisters on her lip, and difficulty breathing.

She can react to trees, nuts, and multiple fruits and vegetables. Her worst reaction was potentially fatal, but she successfully treated it.

These reactions may be nothing serious to other people, but Katherine constantly thinks about them. "Finding stuff to order in restaurants is difficult and if something was made



Katherine Brand

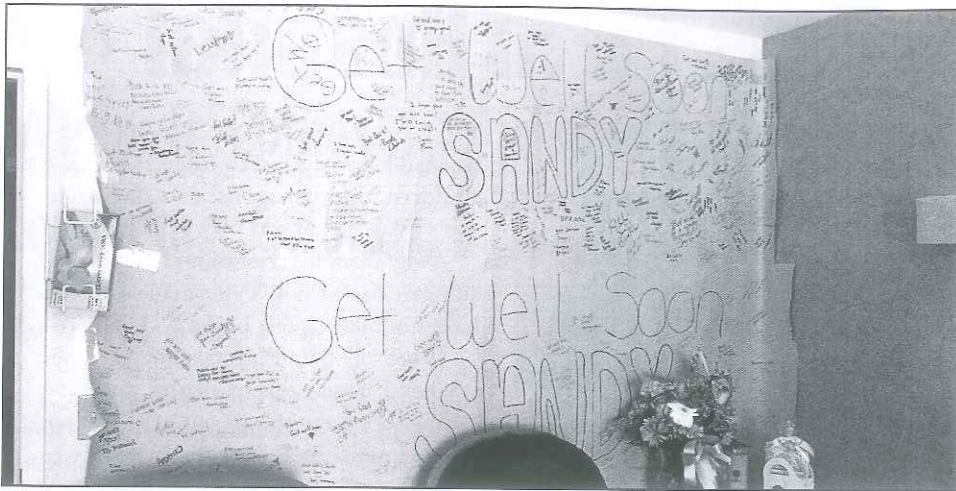
in the same factory as something I'm allergic to, I'm technically not supposed to eat it."

She could even have reactions from someone burning wood.

It started in fifth grade with a reaction to walnuts. She got tested and found she was allergic to tree nuts.

As she's grown, she's had more reactions and more tests done. Now, she takes two different allergy medicines, one helping with asthma and another balancing daily seasonal allergies.

She also started receiving four different allergy shots six months ago to build up immunity.



The Get Well Soon posters signed by students help cheer up Mrs. Penrod.

She Broke Her Hip but Not Her Spirit

By Alexis Lee

"Thank you, have a nice day" is what lunch lady Mrs. Sandy Penrod says to hundreds of students a day.

Mrs. Penrod started working with students as a substitute at Eaton Elementary School years ago after her husband of 51 years passed away. Since then, those greetings have been the highlight of her days.

Unfortunately, Mrs. Penrod fell earlier this semester and broke her hip and has been in rehabilitation.

"I'm a person that is busy all the time

and this has slowed me down."

Mrs. Penrod explained that the healing process has felt like it's taken too long.

"I miss the kids. I love the kids," Mrs. Penrod said.

She expressed how thankful she was for all the kids who wished and signed banners for her to have a great recovery.

She doesn't know when she will be able to return to school, but looks forward to being back and better.

"I look forward to seeing the students every day," she said. "Their smile makes me happy."



Mrs. Penrod

Tearing it Up

Sophomore Grant Williams Recovers from Torn ACL

By Adam Navarro

For sophomore Grant Williams, last football season was supposed to be his opportunity to tear up opponents on the gridiron. Instead, he ended up tearing his ACL.

"We were doing one on one drills where we blocked each other until coach blew the whistle. Right before he blew the whistle, my partner stepped on my foot and I fell back and somehow he fell too, landing on the side of my knee where it

basically hit the ground then popped back into place," Grant said.

Surprisingly, he was able to finish practice after limping for a minute or two. He said it was the first surgery he'd ever had. He said that the cost was about \$7,500, but that insurance covered most of it. He also just got fully cleared about a month ago.

Grant said he's looking forward to getting back on the field, and is determined not to let this injury get in his way.



Grant Williams

Crash Leads to Drip, Drip, Drip for Shaw

By Kenzie Scudder

Crash! His head swings forward and he feels his nose collide with the car. Crack!

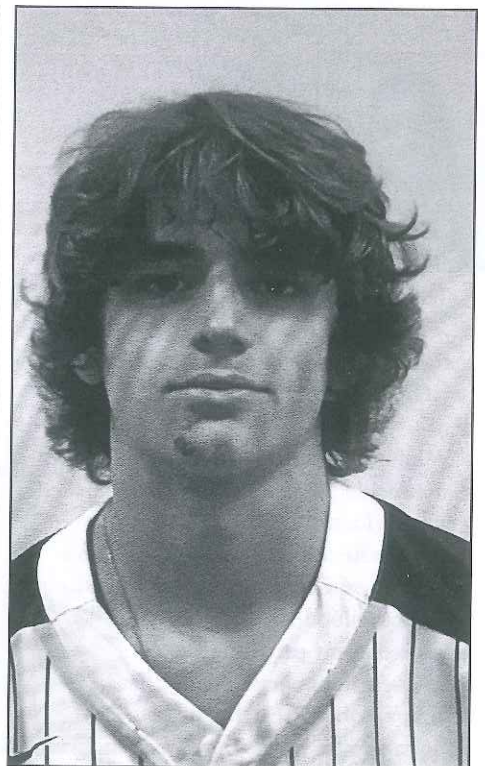
Junior Tyson Shaw's car wreck in sophomore year left him with a broken nose and a tendency to have nosebleeds.

"Sometimes, they just don't stop, so I'm in the bathroom for 15 to 20 minutes and it's bad."

Some people go years with no nosebleeds, while some have chronic nosebleeds. At Delta, Tyson is among those who have the most.

He isn't shocked when a drop of blood drips onto his desk. He just sticks the piece of toilet paper in his nose to catch his blood until it finally stops.

Sometimes he tries to pinch his nose, sometimes not. At least no nosebleed will be as bad as the one he got that day he was in a car crash and broke his nose.



Tyson Shaw

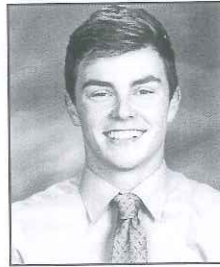
Birthday Party Ends Up in Hospital

By Ginny Goul

What does a fair animal and a Slip 'n' Slide have in common? They both gave the deadly disease, E. coli, to seniors Wesley Woodin and Tyler Wilburn.

The 8-year-old boys were at their friend Brady Edwards' birthday party, having fun and enjoying the summer just like any other kid would. Wesley had silently given Tyler E.coli on the Slip 'n' Slide.

Tyler started to feel sick, feeling nauseous and having frequent restroom visits. His parents decided to take him to the home of a neighbor, who was a nurse,



Wesley Woodin



Tyler Wilburn

to get him checked out. After hearing the assumption from their neighbor that he had contracted E. coli, Tyler's parents took him to Ball Memorial Hospital. He

was later transferred to Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis after the neighbor's assumption was confirmed.

Away from his friends and playing summer basketball, Tyler made a way to have fun once he felt better.

"I had my own Playstation and played it when I wasn't asleep," Tyler said.

Visitors came in and out of Tyler and Wesley room, including the two boys visiting each other.

Ten years later, the two boys are seniors in high school, and luckily nothing could've separated them.

'Does This Have Gluten in It?'

By Makayla Robles

My family has special snacks for me and I have different meals [than them] sometimes," senior **Melissa Crouch** said.

Melissa was diagnosed with an autoimmune disease called Hashimoto's thyroiditis in October 2017. This means that she has a malfunction in her immune system,

which causes her to not be able to eat as many foods as others.

She may not be able to eat as much food as she wants to eat, but she does have some foods that numerous others enjoy.



Melissa Crouch

"I eat a lot of chicken and fruits and veggies. I can't eat gluten, dairy, nuts, whole corn, and artificial sugars," Melissa said.

While eating out with her friends, she has to decide if she can eat or be exposed to certain foods.

When she tells people that she can't eat as many foods, people react by telling her that the food she eats is gross and that she doesn't eat enough.

So overall, how could this affect Melissa?

"It can cause more damage to my body."



Skyann Cansler's unusual belly button.

Not-So-Belly Button

By Makayla Robles

Quarters and Skittles seem like they are different, but they share something in common: these items can fit inside **junior Skyann Cansler's not-so-belly button.**



Skyann Cansler

Skyann was born with gastroschisis, which is where her small intestine was on the outside of her body. This required surgery.

Is this an advantage or a disadvantage?

"It is both because I have to make sure I eat a lot more food, especially since I am an athlete," she said. "I also can tell people a fun fact about

me."

People won't always believe her about her story.

"When I tell them, they usually don't believe me so I have to show them," Skyann said.

Besides the fun fact, Skyann is affected because she must consume more nutrients than others do.

"If I don't get enough to eat, especially during physical activity, I get lightheaded really easily because I don't have enough energy and fuel to burn."

She may have no normal belly button but Skyann does have some interesting talents with her stomach. Especially with the quarters and the Skittles.

She's 1 in 200 When It Comes to Seeing Colors

By Avery Harber

Reaching into a bag of Skittles, sophomore Jamie Stephenson pulls out what she thinks to be an orange Skittle. She pops it in her mouth, only to discover in disgust that the color was actually green.

Jamie has a form of red-green color blindness, which makes it difficult for her to differentiate between some colors. She has trouble telling the difference between some colors. Red, orange, and yellow are sometimes confused. Purple, blue, and brown creates difficulties, as does green and orange.

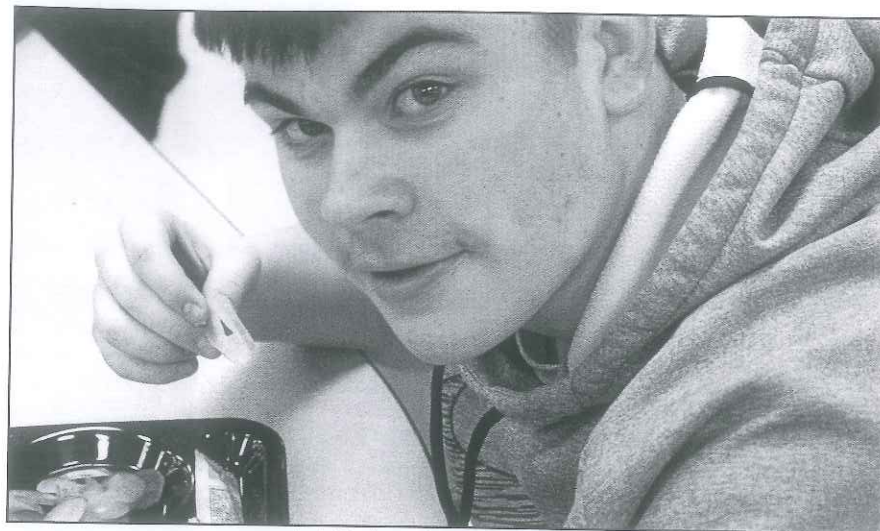


Jamie Stephenson

Although rare in women, it is possible for them to be colorblind. Only 0.5 percent of women are red-green colorblind compared to 6 percent of men.

Jamie gets her affliction from her dad's side of the family, with her dad, uncle, and grandmother all being colorblind.

Though it is hereditary, she is the only one of her siblings who is colorblind.



Jack Shafer eating pickles at lunch.

He's in a Pickle

By Braxton Edwards

It's not unusual for a student to eat three or four pickles on their sandwich during lunchtime. Sophomore Jack Shafer ate 100.

"It just kind of happened. We had pork fritters for lunch, and they serve you pickles, and I love pickles. I grabbed a few, ate those, then asked the table if they were going to eat their pickles," Jack says. "Next thing I knew the whole lunch table was piling pickles on my lunch tray. Then my friends started counting and we just went up from there."

He could only finish 87 pickles before time expired and he had to leave lunch,

but he came back for the 100th pickle in 6th period spanish class.

He adds he was worried about his increasing fatigue once he was around his 70th pickle.

Jack says in his head, he motivated himself by thinking, "Never give up, you got to succeed, just never give up."

In his 4th period weightlifting class he started to feel sick, he feared he would throw up, "I felt like I was turning green, that I was turning into a pickle."

Shafer also wants the world to know, he's thought about 200 pickles as his senior year goal, and to "not be surprised" if, or when, it happens.

Freshman's Hobby Has Its Ups & Downs

By Ginny Goul

Freshman Nic Lane turned a dollar store yoyo he bought for fun into an interesting talent of his.

"I bought the yoyo and looked up videos on YouTube."

These videos taught Nic how to amaze people with a simple yoyo.

"I was bored and needed something to do."

Nic can do many different tricks but his favorite, which

is one of the hardest, is the trick named the "Boingy-boing." This is a trick where he extends the strings of the yoyo and bounces the yoyo between them.

Nic said the reactions from people are priceless, and he loves to impress people with something that is fairly easy to him.

Next time you're bored, make a trip to your local dollar store and buy a yoyo, and with a little practice, you can maybe become a yoyo expert like Nic.



Nic Lane

A Shaved Man

By Braxton Edwards

Whether in school or on the football field, it's likely every student knows Mr. Chris Overholt and his signature red beard. This all changed the week before Spring Break, when Overholt shocked his students and shaved his beard.

"I miss my face, man," he says. "I mean having a beard is fun, but there's certain things it gets in the way of. Like eating soup, brushing your teeth, eating wings."

He hadn't shaved his beard since the fall of 2015, so only the current seniors could have caught a glimpse of this rare sighting. He claims his lack of shaving is due to the fact that he is "pro-beard."



Mr. Overholt
BEFORE



Mr. Overholt
AFTER

"I like having the beard. My face isn't cold. It makes me look older, more distinguished."

His wife, Allison, a teacher at Eaton Elementary, told Overholt that his baby face makes him look younger, "in a bad way."

"Oh yeah, my wife hates it," Overholt says.

It only takes about three weeks for the beard to come back, so don't get used to it. We know his wife won't.

What Are You Doing at My Wedding?

By Madysen Cox

Many brides want to wear a long, beautiful, white dress at their wedding. Spanish teacher Mrs. Linda Case wanted a Shrek wedding.

At this wedding her guests dressed up in any costume they wanted to.

Case wanted this wedding because she loves Shrek.

"I feel like he and the movie represent accepting people as they are," she said.

Both Case and her husband have had traditional weddings before so they decided to do a crazy, fun wedding this time.

They got legally married at the courthouse the night before the wedding, then after the wedding they had a cookout at Morrow's Meadow in Yorktown.

Her sister even officiated her wedding in a pumpkin costume.



Mrs. Case dressed as Fiona with her husband as Shrek

Who Let the Dogs Out?

By Braxton Edwards

If you're ever walking through the halls of DHS and you hear a dog barking, it's probably not a dog. It's just senior Dawson West.

"I do it for entertainment and to scare people. And to make Ms. Gossett mad," West says.

The senior will bark in the halls, at basketball games, at football practices, or just about anywhere else he sees fit.

He once even got into a barking match with agriculture teacher Mrs. Nancy Kunk's dogs when she brought them into the school.

West says the skill was "passed down" to him from another student who used to



Dawson West

bark as well.

"My freshman year, Sage Coy was a senior, and he would bark, so when he graduated that year he passed the greatness down to me," West says.

Now that it's his trademark, he tries to bark as frequently as possible.

"I'd say I bark up to five times a week," West says. "It brings me a lot of joy."

Assistant principal Ms. Joey Gossett isn't a huge fan of his antics.

"Just about every time I do it, Ms. Gossett will yell at me," West says.

This hasn't slowed him down, however, as he's now notorious for it.

As this school year ends, the question has to be asked: Will Dawson pass down his barking greatness?

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From Chile to America

By Kaydence McNabb

Her mom and sister are 5,325 miles away, but she is here with her dad.

Sophomore Valentina Barria is here in Indiana for her father's work. But she goes back to her home country of Chile on June 8.



Valentina Barria

"I love it so much in Indiana," Barria said. "I'm going to miss all of the snow when I go back to Chile."

She said she will mostly miss "all of my friends, the teachers, all of the lockers, the gym, and like everything."

Her favorite week at Delta so far has been Homecoming week, which she described as the best week ever.

Her favorite teacher is English teacher Mr. James Lodl. She said he is the nicest teacher and she enjoys him so much.

She is excited to go back to Chile because she misses her friends and her mom and sister. She said she even kind of misses her school uniform.

30 Curtain Calls

By Lily Marcum

Junior Lucy East has been on a busy journey since she was seven years old. Over these many years Lucy has been in more than 30 shows between Muncie Civic Theatre and the Delta Troupers' plays at school.



Lucy East

When she was seven her mom signed her up for her first show, Aladdin.

"I was nervous, especially for the audition, but I was also excited to be able to be a part of this experience."

Some of the roles are harder to play than others. Lucy was in the play, The Miracle Worker. She had to play a blind school girl.

"This is one of the hardest plays I have done. I couldn't look at everyone talking to me and I had to just look at walls."

Lucy has played the main role in many shows.

"My favorite main roles would have to be in either Ti Mouné or Once on This Island."

Lucy does not plan on stopping her journey here. She wants to hopefully be a part of a few more plays next year.

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DELTA EAGLES ATHLETICS

Congratulations Spring Sports student-athletes!

- **Girls' Tennis** (Top 10 State Ranking; Conference Champions; SmashCancer \$8.000)
- **Boys' Track** (County Champs; New School Records for Zac Stanley and Wesley Stitt)
 - **Girls' Track** (New School Record for Makayla Robles)
 - **Softball** (County Champs; Good Luck in Sectionals)
 - **Boys' Golf** (Good Luck in Sectionals)
 - **Baseball** (Good Luck in Sectionals)
- All teams ... good sportsmanship and effort all season long!

Congratulations on a great year, Eagles!

2018-19 HHC Titles

Boys Tennis
Boys Basketball
Girls Tennis

2018-19 County Titles

Boys Basketball Softball
Girls Basketball Wrestling
Boys Track

2018-19 Sectional Titles

Boys Tennis Girls Cross Country
Boys Basketball Wrestling
Boys Swimming

2018-19 Regional Title

Boys Tennis

2018-19 State

Cheer (2nd)



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