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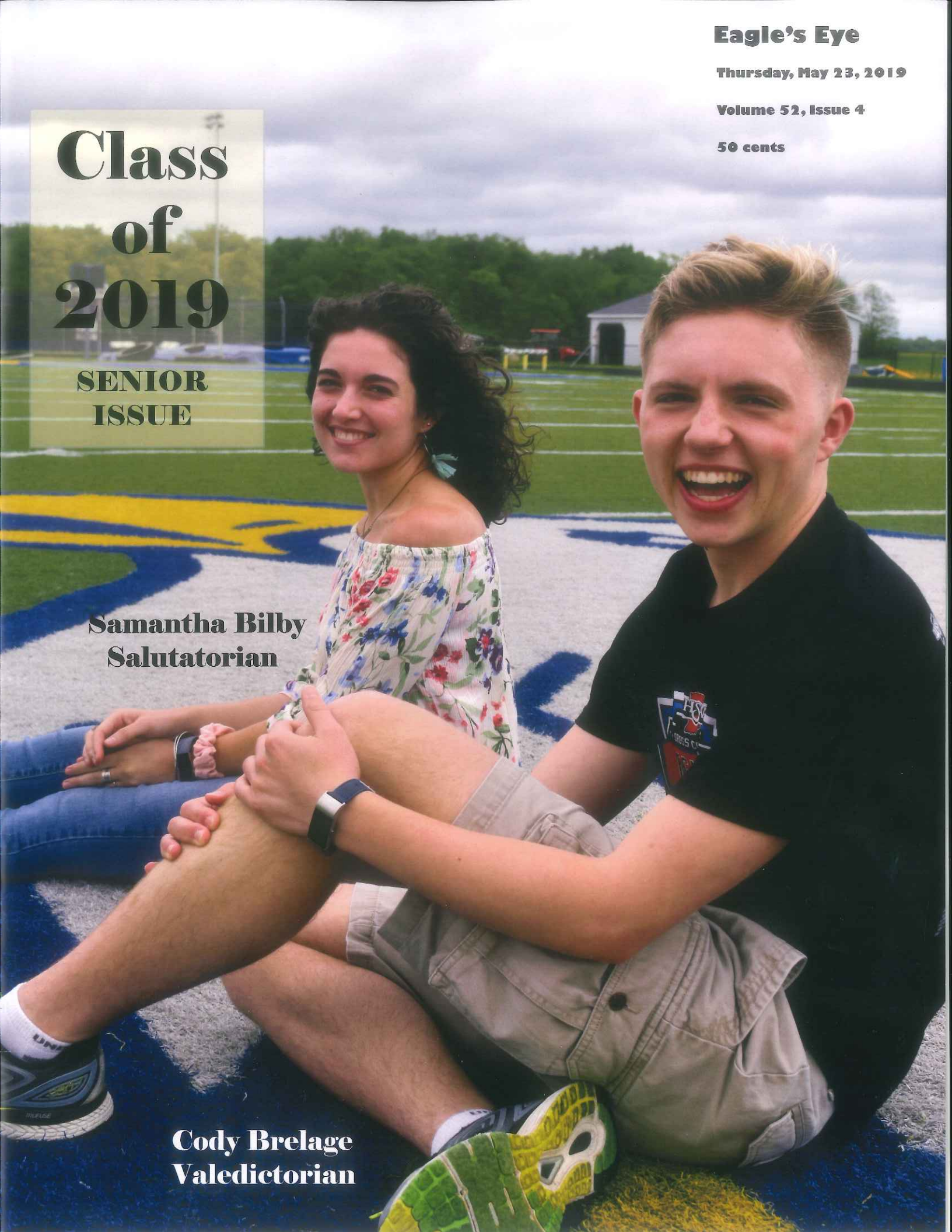
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**Samantha Bilby
Salutatorian**

**Cody Brelage
Valedictorian**





Truck Line Tradition

By Madyson Cox

They honk at each other and sometimes compete to see whose truck is the loudest. They climb on the snow piles during the winter. They even cook breakfast.

They do it all in what students here call "The Truck Line."

Seniors Jamie Keesling, Caleb White, and Luke Dishroon, juniors Brock Minard, Carter Neal, Dylan Schuck, Austin Eldridge, and Evan McClain, and sophomore Riley Brand park out there, some every day, others just occasionally.

Minard says his favorite memory is watching Keesling run around in a gift box costume he had worn for a Homecoming dress-up day.

He also remembers doing donuts in the ice and climbing on the snow piles.

White says his favorite

memory is cooking a breakfast of bacon, sausage, fried potatoes, and toast out there about twice a year.

When asked what they would do if a car were to park in the truck line, Keesling jokingly said he would give them a swirly and an atomic wedgie after towing their car to the middle school parking lot.

According to Keesling, the truck line "started in the stone ages of Delta." It definitely won't be ending anytime soon.



Brock Minard (left) and Jamie Keesling (right) stand on their trucks in the truck line. (Photo by Madyson Cox)



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Senior Ready to Pursue His Pre-Med Dreams at IU

By Tanner Southerland

With being involved with the community, maintaining a 4.0 GPA, and playing a key role as the No. 2 singles player on a successful varsity tennis team, things can get hectic. Senior Ben Bamidele balances these things by managing his time wisely.

Bamidele's college plans involve attending Indiana University to take part in pre-med as well as engineering dealing with computer software.

One of Bamidele's main reasons for attending IU was that it is an in-state school, so the tuition is much less expensive than other schools outside of Indiana.

"When I went to IU it seemed like a good environment and a place I would want to live for the next four years," Bamidele said.

"I am doing pre-med and engineering.

Engineering is my plan B," Bamidele said. "I am hoping to go into medical school and become a sports medicine physician."

With all the struggles of being an Academic All State candidate, playing a varsity sport, and being a teenager, Bamidele has a lot on his plate. He has someone that he looks up to and helps him through some of his struggles. Mr. Tim Cleland, the tennis coach and journalism teacher at Delta, plays a big role in Bamidele's successes, in and out of the classroom.

"He takes care of his business and does things at a high level," Bamidele said.

Overall, Bamidele enjoyed his time in high school. He had the chance to make bonds and friendships that will last his entire life.

"It was a great opportunity for me to transition to an adult," Bamidele said.



Ben Bamidele will soon go off to Indiana University. (Photo by Tanner Southerland)

You've Got a Friend in Me

By Delaney Pence



Erika Baker(left) and Kailey White(right) as children. (Photo provided)

Friends come and go, but best friends are supposed to be there through everything. For these seniors this is a reality.

Senior Jordan Tucker has had a bestie since preschool. Her bestie would be senior Claire George.

These two seniors say they have never been in a fight since they became friends. With both of them going to different colleges, George going to Indiana University and Tucker going to Ball State, they believe that they will stay friends even though it will be tough.

"We've been friends for so long I don't see us stopping anytime soon," Tucker says.

The friends' best memory together is

when Tucker broke her arm at camp and George cried for her every day so she could go home.

Another pair of friends who have been going strong since kindergarten is senior Erika Baker and Kailey White.

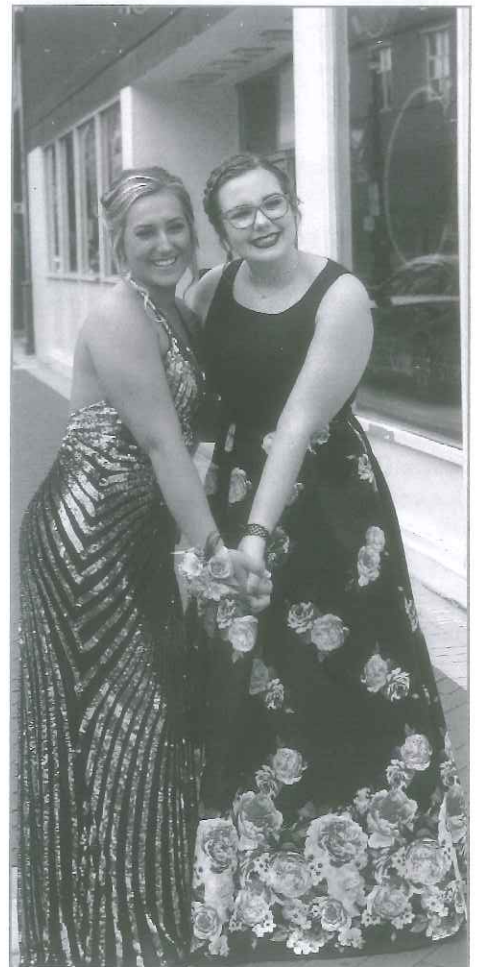
White explains that Baker was always the quiet one so she would sit there and just talk her head off and that's what made them great friends.

Having a best friend to share everything with is one of the best feelings anyone could have.

For these seniors they got lucky enough to have a best friend through elementary, middle school, and even high school.



Erika Baker (left) and Kailey White (right) have been friends since kindergarten. (Photo provided)



Claire George (left) and Jordan Tucker (right) dressed up for the 2018 prom. (Photo provided)

I Will ...

Darian Barnard

I will leave "Eagles on 3" to MH for DVB.

Hailey Beaty

I will AC my ability to do homework at the last minute.

Allison Bell

I will NB my shelf. I will ML running in soccer. I will AD goofy noises. I will JR locker disco parties.

Haley Bennett

I will MS and BW the mysterious strawberry poptart left on the lunch table.

Samantha Bilby

I will leave the underclassmen advice for the last two years of their high school experience... I would tell them to not be afraid to get involved as much as they can because they will make so many lasting friendships. High school flies by. I wish I would have gotten involved my freshman year instead of waiting until later on. I would tell them that by getting involved here at Delta they will make the most out of their high school experience.

Tyann Bland

I will PB my sense of humor.

Cody Brelage

I will AB my parking spot. I will CB my drive to constantly push myself. I will BS my leadership skills. I will KK my ability to avoid running into trees. I will CH my ability to care for all people.

Jessica Bryan

Since I am Ms. Gossett's bestie/favorite student, I will leave that spot open for an underclassmen, but just so you know, I'll always be her favorite.

Kiona Casarez

I will leave art club members with new ideas and new goals for next year.

Dalin Case

I will LM my parking spot; I will KO my baseball position; I will ZG my team speaker; and I will CL my senioritis.

Morgan Clanin

I will NP my parking spot... if she ever gets her license.

Abigail Cook

Don't wait until the last minute to do assignments. It only hurts you in the long run, even if it doesn't seem like it.

Ava Cooper

I will try and leave good impressions for those who look up to the upperclassmen.

Cora Conatser

I will leave Dance Marathon to the underclassmen. Continue the tradition and keep raising more and more money each year!

Kyle Conn

I will leave my locker because it would be a lot of work to take with me.

Melissa Crouch

I will AB the ability to continue the cross country shenanigans. I will BS my parking spot, because he takes it every day

anyway. I will MC the world to live.

Luke Dishroon

I will leave behind my procrastination.

Brady Edwards

I will DM the pre-game o-line speech. I will BE the Edwards last name. I will SF my locker, enjoy it bub.

Josh Fenwick

I will give JG my parking spot.

Chase Gardner

I will TS my curveball. I will CL my rep. I will HL the torch.

Tyler Gilland

I will CH my football number next year.

Alec Gowin

I will leave LR, MF, and JG hope for a better future and happy times ahead.

Jacob Haney

I will my aluminum foil ball to CL. I will my varsity spot on the golf team to BS. I will my clout goggles to MT. I will my Burger King to KO.

Kayla Hicks

I will SC my role as the "golf mom" on the girls' golf team.

Mason Hunt

I will bestow my wisdom to BE. He will greatly benefit from this.

Beau Jackson

I will try to leave on a good note. I will leave EP my spot in resource.

Amanda Kirby

My crappy water bottle and my Kirby coaster.

Christian Lee

I will leave my locker to my sister, since it's a great locker in a great place. I will also leave my ability to wear sweatpants and a hoodie every day and be completely comfortable.

Avery Lewman

I will LF my parking spot. I will GC my gym locker. I will MS my bus seat on rides to and from basketball games. I will KD, MD, AP, and OB my spot at the front of the line for basketball meals.

Rebecca Marquell

I will KA the theater Panda, and my senioritis. I will CM the brown towel that is under the makeup room couch. I will AH the comfy chair in the hair room. I will LM a piece of lead I found on the ground.

Kaleb Matchett

I leave my locker to whoever gets it next.

Sarah McDowell

I will the title of "Girls Golf's Superior Sarah" to SC.

Hannah Morey

I will my advice to the juniors to just enjoy senior year and make lasting memories.

Hanna Padgett

I will my parking spot to TH. I will my family legacy to GF. I will my spot at basketball/football games to AW. I will all the tea to IB.

Elizabeth Reichert

I will be freeing up a nice parking spot right in the front, perfect for running in late.

Matthew Schwer

I will leave BSU Calc 165 and BSU English behind for everyone.

Maddy Shockey

I leave LC the right to yell at people who cut in the lunch line and my parking spot.

Mia Showalter

I will MG my chair in TT's room.

Ellie Snider

I will KT the Yeti I left in my locker all of senior year. I will AG the Chain of Hope project. I will GC the aux on the way to IHOP after Midnight Madness. I will MK "noodles".

Cooper Sprague

To my underclassmen in theatre, I leave you a disastrous prop room that hasn't seen a broom in 35 years. To CM, I leave you my hard hat for construction and to EH I leave my paintbrush for props. I leave my gratitude to all my "youngins" in theatre for making these years everything I have ever wanted.

Dylan Stephenson

I will leave AO the ability to tease NO.

Kaitlin Stohler

I will leave my books to the underclassmen. My locker will be given to the new classmates. My parking spot will be available. The stairs will be open to them. Teacher tips can be shared by me to others. Equipments I used. The hallways will be all open to the new students. The doors I used. My assigned seat in the classroom will be available or given to the underclassmen. The notes that were given to me will be given to the underclassmen.

Claire Tinkle

I will leave KK my confidence going into senior year. You got this! And I will leave LE, AC, SM, SB, and KK the leadership to take your varsity squad to victory at state.

Jordan Tucker

I will leave my spot to begin the cheer before the swim meet to BM!

Zayne Turner

I will leave my presence because I'm that good.

Chloe Vincent

I will KA my bathroom. I will AH my left toenail that fell off. I will CM my love. I will CN the staple he saw me eat.

Gavin Wilson

I will DS my secret locker. I will AH full authority over DS when needed.

Zach Wolfe

I will leave my locker number for the next freshman class. I will leave my juice ambassador name for the next person who wants to keep my legacy alive on the football team.

Wesley Woodin

I will NC my swag.

Best and Worst Memories



Chase Gardner



Zayda Foster



Lainey Bonser



Tyler Wilburn



Zayne Turner

By Jazlan Montero

Throughout high school you have your best, worst, and most embarrassing times, and for these seniors they have some memorable ones.

Chase Gardner was thrilled to come into high school until he got the reputation as a cheater.

"I was taking algebra with Thomas Swoveland and got caught cheating," Gardner said.

People quickly forgot about it.

His best memory all throughout high school was when his good friend Camden Goss fainted in the lunch line. "It was so funny because we thought he was joking

until he hit the floor," Gardner said.

Zayda Foster was not involved in too many things during high school, so her favorite memory was going to a dance with Chloe Vincent her sophomore year. Zayda said, "I had a lot of fun at the football game before the dance."

For senior Lainey Bonser her favorite memory was a whole other topic.

"Winning county for basketball my senior year had to be the best because it has been a goal for our whole team since freshman year, so it was amazing to be able to accomplish that," she said.

Another sports-related memory from all of high school was losing regionals for senior Tyler Wilburn and his varsity bas-

ketball team, which was 27-0 at the time.

"It still gets brought up all the time, but I was glad we had made it so far," Wilburn said.

Zayne Turner enjoyed a lot of his high school year, but his favorite memory out of all four years was winning gold at ISSMA with the choir. Zayne said, "It meant a lot more to me because it was my last year of high school and it was a great accomplishment."

He flashes back on this day a lot mainly because it was so fun and they made their teacher so proud.

As time goes on and they move on in their lives, everyone likely will make both better and worse memories.

Seniors Pass on Advice to Underclassmen

By Ginny Goul

When it comes to the words "high school," younger students might have a panic attack.

High school can be the worst and best time of a student's life, but everyone wants those four years to be a breeze. That's why these three graduating seniors are leaving behind some of their best advice.

Rebecca Pearson has tips for upping your grades in a different way.

"Take classes that challenge you, but work hard at them," she said.

Pearson says taking harder classes can catch the attention of colleges and can bring up your grade-point average if you work hard at them.

"They always pay off in the end," she said.

You never know, the risk you take in trying a challenging class could spark a new interest within yourself.

Sometimes high school doesn't teach us enough lessons.



(From left) Rebecca Pearson, Noah Rains and Ben Bamidele.

Senior Ben Bamidele has advice for dealing with money.

"Getting a job and making money in high school is more important than you think," he said.

Making money in high school doesn't only allow you to go out to eat with friends and have fun, but it teaches you responsibility and other lessons.

"Getting a job also allowed me to get experience in the workforce, along with meeting new people and making new friends," he said.

School helps us get ready for the future, which is college, but planning for the future also needs self preparation.

Bamidele says he prepared himself for the future by setting goals to help him focus on what he needs to get done. This helped him to avoid distractions in school.

Support throughout high school can be crucial at times. When you're stressed, or going through a rough patch in your life, especially during high school, the only thing you might want is support and comfort.

That's why Noah Rains wants to tell the classmates he's leaving behind that it is important to lift each other up, rather than tear each other down.

After joining football his senior year, Noah said his teammates became more like his brothers and provided him with endless support.

"When students don't have any support throughout school, they tend to fail and give up on themselves and their classes."

After reading this, these seniors hope you can take this advice and run with it. Because after all, it helped them in the end.

Long Way From Home

By Jillian Williams

Most seniors stay in state for college. But here are some of the seniors going out of state.

Kayla Bailey has decided to go to University of Northwestern Ohio (UNOH) in Lima, Ohio.

"I picked UNOH because the campus is a decent size (about 4,000 students) and it seems like a good environment," she said.

She is starting in the fall and plans

to live in the dorms, which are apartment style.

Bailey is going to school for Legal Assisting and Business. She said that if she had to choose another major it would be in the medical field, perhaps nursing.

Another Delta student is going to UNOH in the fall as well. Chase Gardner received a scholarship for baseball and they also have the major he wants.

Gardner says that the campus is closer to his home while all of the other offers he received were five or more hours away.

He plans to be a seed salesman.



Kayla Bailey

Chase Gardner

Darian Barnard

"My whole life I have been in agriculture," Gardner said, "and there is a lot of money in it."

Darian Barnard is going to Wabash Valley College in Mt. Carmel, Ill. She wants to play volleyball and have her college paid for. Her major is business and sales.

Barnard plans on living in an apartment with a few roommates

Some Seniors Eager to Serve Their Country

By Avery Harber

There are many different options students take when graduating high school. Some choose college, some try trade school, and some students even decide to start work straight out of high school. Another option that many students take is enlisting in the military.

Senior Trenntin Stiner is going into the Navy once he graduates. Stiner says that the main reason he wants to enlist is the college benefits and the work experience. He also sees it as an opportunity for travel.

Stiner hopes to be a submarine electronics and computer engineer. With his ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Ap-



Trenntin Stiner

Jared Williams

Zoey Caforio

titude Battery) test scores, he's likely to receive the job. Stiner scored a 93 on the test, a high score that makes him eligible for many jobs.

Senior Jared Williams has taken a different path and has decided on going into the Army. He says that he's had many family members who have gone into the military and he wants to "keep that going."

He said that he chose this branch because "other than the Marines,

the Army seems like the most challenging branch." Another reason is that he says he'd rather be on land than have any chance of going in water.

Williams says overall he thinks the Army will be a good experience.

"Honestly it'll really toughen me up a little more, plus it'll give me a better state of mind and put me more into focus."

He says that although he'll miss his family and friends (and his hair), he definitely won't miss Indiana, the "most bipolar state," according to him.

Senior Zoey Caforio is going into the Marines. She goes to PT (Physical Training) throughout the week to help her get into and stay in shape for the Marines and boot camp.

Caforio is going into the Marines because, according to her, "All other branches suck." She doesn't want to go into the Navy because of the water aspect, the Army is "too weak," the Air Force is "too smart," and the Coast Guard "stays home," while she wants to travel.

Caforio has taken the ASVAB, though she admits she didn't study much, and is hoping to go into the Marines with a job in Motor Transport. She's doesn't have many concerns, but she is nervous about how rough bootcamp is going to be.

Caforio says that she won't miss Indiana and that she's glad to get away and be out on her own.

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I Will Never Forget ...

Hunter Ashton

I will never forget having fun and laughing as we learn about Biomedical sciences with TR, AR, and ZS.

Kayla Bailey

I'll never forget second day freshmen year when I fell down the bottom part of the steps.

Benjamin Bamidele

I'll never forget the times I spent with the boys' tennis team as well as the girls' team. I was able to learn lessons that I didn't learn before and build a strong work ethic.

Keirsten Bankson

I will never forget the time I wore two different cowboy boots to school. I never even noticed until someone had to point it out to me in 4th period. I went halfway through the day never even noticing, and then just wore them the rest of the day and laughed at myself.

Darian Barnard

I will never forget when JB and I had people over sophomore year when her parents were out of town and when her mom asked what happened we told her the two of us had a dance party in the garage.

Audrey Bilbrey

I will never forget the time I locked myself out at work and walked for an hour and 30 minutes in the snow at pitch dark and five people stopped and thought I was gonna die.

Allison Bell

I will never forget trips with KW and JS. I will never forget getting lost on the Greenway with JW. I will never forget going on adventures with JR. I will never forget soccer with ML, AD, AS, and JW.

Ryley Bilbrey

I will never forget senior year spring break with MF, AB, HC, and PL. And, I will never forget going on "road trips" with CJ for baseball games.

Samantha Bilby

I will never forget attending my last football and basketball game in the Blue Crew. Watching the seniors walk off the field/court, listening to the fight song one last time, and being surrounded by all my classmates made me realize how much I will miss all of this once we graduate. Even though we are all moving on to bigger and better things, I will never forget this.

Lainey Bonser

I will never forget the day the power went out but we still took our anatomy lab practical.

Cody Brelage

I'll never forget when DE fell in the pool during the national anthem. I'll never forget my two-hour bus ride multiverse discussion. I'll never forget long runs with CO and FW. I'll never forget singing the national anthem at lots of sporting events.

Jessica Bryan

I will never forget the time DB and I were staying by ourselves for a weekend and I convinced my mom we had a dance party (just us) in the garage because she noticed that I moved things around in the garage.

Kiona Casarez

I'll never forget freshman homecoming. It was peaceful even though it was loud and crazy. I just had a truly fun time.

Dalin Case

I will never forget the amazing run the basketball team made that I was able to be a part of, and I will never never forget when SSJ pushed a kid down, leading to me throwing a ball at him.

Morgan Clanin

I will never forget summer 2018 with JS and MF.

Cora Conatser

I will never forget Ms. Smith's class! We had so much fun and talked about the craziest things.

Kyle Conn

I will never forget the school trip to UNL and wandering around Lincoln, Neb. with BH and JD.

Abigail Cook

I'll never forget the atmosphere at Delta. Everyone is so into sports and other extracurriculars. It's cool.

Ava Cooper

I'll never forget going to prom sophomore year with one of my close senior friends.

Melissa Crouch

I will never forget all of the cross country shenanigans with JM, BT, AB, CC, MH, and everybody else. Those were great times. I will never forget laughing until crying with DM. We had the best times.

Luke Dishroon

I will never forget my teammates I played with my junior year on the soccer team.

Josh Fenwick

I will never forget laughing with DW for 15 minutes about "watery animals."

Claire George

I'll never forget all of the fun swim practices and JT always making me laugh during our kick sets.

Tyler Gilland

I will never forget running out onto the football field with the Blue Crew screaming on Friday Nights. I will never forget the long double-header nights with baseball.

Alec Gowin

I will never forget the choir's trip to Disney and all the wonderful memories I made with MF, AR, NB, and GF.

Jacob Haney

I will never forget the time BR and I played one-on-one for \$50. The hype before the game was better than the game itself. I still want a rematch.

Miranda Hart

I will never forget the nights BM, AS, MD, and I would have sleepovers and take food trips at three in the morning.

Helena Heintzelman

I will never forget how much fun I had during football seasons, practices for golf, and long nights at tennis matches.

Mason Hunt

I'll never forget when WW put a frog leg in BE's mashed potatoes. This was the greatest day of my life.

Beau Jackson

I will never forget the day I got my first kiss.

Connor King

I will never forget all of the great times I've had in Mrs. Lewis's room. I will never forget my friends and all of the great times we had here at Delta.

Amanda Kirby

I'll never forget the day in first grade when CD and I were playing tag and I ran into a pole and broke my front tooth. (You can still see the chip in the paint!)

Kaysi Lampton

My best memories are getting close with the special needs kids and Friday night lights. Homecoming week me and HH went out and took pictures everyday, on top of all the pictures at the football games. I will always want to lose my voice screaming on Friday nights for DFB. Those are some of memories that I will never forget.

Blaine Lee

I'll never forget meeting all the friends I did and being a part of sport teams and groups throughout the school.

Christian Lee

I will never forget the day in 10th grade of spirit week when I dressed in complete gold and blue, tutu, blue and gold hair, etc. I will never forget when we had a fire drill my junior year, in art class and me and BT were under a table ledge and she stood up and hit her head.

Avery Lewman

I will never forget the bus rides home from basketball games. We would all sing our voices away and end up laughing our heads off at random things. Other great times were during Block parties when Mr. Orchard and Omstead would let us bring food and hangout.

Rebecca Marquell

I will never forget all of the memories I made in theater. I will miss Steak 'N' Shake with my second family (theater). I will also never forget how much fun I have at prom when CV is there to dance with me.

Kaleb Matchett

I will never forget the fun times I had in gym with various people.

I will also never forget my friends MJ, JF, JS, KM, KC, and etc. I will remember football games with the band and prom with my S/O. I remember breakup and hardships as well.

Sarah McDowell

I'll never forget all the times my locker buddy DM and I brought in food to eat during class.

Hannah Morey

I will never forget painting up for football games. I will never forget going to all the games on the hopeful road to state and the feeling of losing at Marion. I will never forget the countless hours dedicated to basketball and finally winning county with my girls. High school has given me so many memories that I can't choose only one.

Elizabeth Reichert

I will never forget all the memories made in the shop; there's too many funny moments that happen in the lab.

Maddy Shockey

I'll never forget how much fun 1st period jewelry was with Fuller, CP, and CR. I'll never forget when CP burnt a hole in the table. We were a mess.

Mia Showalter

I'll never forget the day my lunch table, (LD MG CD CP HS CT NZ) came up with our alien terrarium simulation theory. I'll never forget meeting my love ER at the Shenandoah football game my freshman year.

Elie Snider

I'll never forget late night IHOP runs and long talks in our favorite spot with CS and KC. I'll never forget football games with HH and the outrageous amount of glitter we used.

Cooper Sprague

I'll never forget screaming lines at CV during Blihe Spirit in the makeup room because it was the only way we wouldn't have a mental breakdown. I'll never forget the long construction nights with CM talking in different accents. I'll never forget cheering on sports teams with HH.

Dylan Stephenson

I'll never forget all of the friends I had. I'll never forget about all the field trips and school picnics.

Kaitlin Stohler

I'll never forget the day when the whole school lost power and we got to go home early. I'll never forget all the good friends I made at this school. I'll never forget these last four years at Delta High School.

Claire Tinkle

I'll never forget cheering on our basketball team to win against New Castle in sectionals senior year.

Jordan Tucker

I'll never forget the time I got everybody to go sledding when it was -20 degrees outside and got frostbite on both of my legs.

Zayne Turner

I'll never forget the dreadful drive to school.

Chloe Vincent

I'll never forget all of my time in the theatre. Not only because I spent most of my time in there, but also because the funniest and kindest people are in there. I'll also never forget how fun senior ball was. I got to wear a wig and have the best time with my friends.

Kailey White

I'll never forget the night freshman year that AB, JW, and RH went to the talent show and went to a senior party (we were 14!). Enough said.

Rayah White

I'll never forget the time I fell asleep at a football game because I wasn't happy that we weren't winning or cheering. I'll never forget the feeling and excitement from winning sectionals senior year.

Gavin Wilson

I'll never forget 2019 J-day when I met Mary Beth Tinker. I'll never forget all the fun times KM, AH, and I had (along with others.) I'll never forget the summer before my junior year with JF and MG. I'll never forget all the fun times in newspaper and my journalism independent study with friends and Mr. Cleland.

Zach Wolfe

I will never forget all the new people I go to meet. I will never forget all the fun times I had playing football except crash.

Wesley Woodin

I will never forget winning regionals in baseball, going undefeated in basketball, or WJ cracking me up in football.

Binoculars & Banana Bras

There's more to Valedictorian Cody Brelage than his academic achievements

By Kenzie Scudder

He isn't a robot, he isn't an alien. He's not genetically altered either (or at least that he knows). He's a human teenager who tries his best at everything. He does the activities he wants to do. He is the "one percent who can say 'I've tried everything.'" Simply put, he's senior Cody Brelage.

Students around Delta High School have come up with theories to try to explain how Cody works, his talent. They claim he is a robot, or an alien, even when his friends try to prove otherwise.

"Only one person ever has (proven I'm not a robot), and no one else knows how he did it," Cody said.

He has been involved in 14+ activities this year, yet still is valedictorian.

His parents never forced him to do any of his extracurricular activities and volunteer opportunities. They just encouraged him to do what he enjoyed and to do his best at everything he tried. He said that he took the advice to heart, which is why Cody has so many extracurricular activities.

According to Cody and his parents, they have not only been a source of enjoyment but have helped him grow as a person, transforming from a "quiet boy" to a "confident" young man.

Throughout this journey, he has had his parents behind him, supporting whatever he chose to accomplish. This made them the most influential people in his life, according to Cody. They taught him not to dwell on the mistakes he made, to instead learn from them and do better next time.

Cody said learning this helped him not

have many regrets throughout his life. The only thing he regrets is not making time for friends.

"I didn't get invited to do much, but when I was, I used busyness as an excuse not to go," Cody said. "It may have helped me make stronger friendships."

Cody feels that he isn't as connected to the fellow seniors as others. He doesn't have a lot of close friends, just many acquaintances and people he would consider as friends.

Seniors Kaleb Matchett and Foss Williams are two such people. They both said that Cody is a hard worker, but a humble, down-to-earth guy. Matchett has been his neighbor since before elementary school. He said he thinks people

assume that he knows everything and can't have a good time and that he wished "more people got a chance to meet him one-on-one and have a good time with the man underneath the hyper intelligent student cliché."

Matchett added: "Calling him a robot can be comedic and funny in some sense, but often I feel like people take it a little too seriously and mistakenly correlate being inhuman with Cody. He's a fairly humble dude and holding him to a perfectionist standard could be kind of hurtful."

Cody is a human, but if he were an animal, he could've been a bull, a lion, a dog, a gorilla or a dragon. Sophomore Ashleigh Brelage said she believes he would be a dragon because "you never see him in all of what he does at once, just one part of it like academics or theatre. He has so much to him, like a dragon," giving him traits such as complexity and mysteriousness.



Cody Brelage sings the National Anthem prior to a cross country meet. (Photo provided)

His mother, Mrs. Pam Brelage, said he would be a dog because he is loving, loyal, adventurous, and protective. His father, Mr. Andy Brelage, said Cody would be like a gorilla, and Williams said he would be most like a bull, because while he may be intimidating because of how he carries himself and how talented he is, on the inside he's a sweet and gentle guy.

Matchett said that he could be a lion because he stands out from the crowd and is strong-willed and a leader when "in his environment."

A few words that might describe Cody are hard-working, caring, optimistic, and laid-back, according to friends and family.

"He just doesn't see the world as a challenge or a burden. He sees opportunities to do better and make a difference," Mrs. Brelage said.

Ashleigh said that at home, Cody is quiet at times, usually doing his activities. When he is there, he is fun and loves to tease his little sister. Since she's the youngest and only girl, she said that she's used to the feeling of being like a tomboy and also being constantly teased by her two older brothers.

"I know he cares about me even when he's picking on me," she said.

Once, she said that Cody went to Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology and brought her back a stuffed elephant. She "knew then he was going to go to school there."

Things like this, which make others



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Cody gets the support of his cross country teammates. (Photo provided)



smile, are Cody's versions of the abstract term "success." He loves making people happy and helping them feel better. Matchett said he would describe Cody as being genuine whether he's in front of a crowd or one on one.

Except for maybe once. It was all good-natured, though. When Cody was in his sophomore year, his Physics class had been joking around, saying that no one could ever cheat off of Cody because his handwriting was so small. This inspired Cody and 2017 Delta graduate Kyndall Pursley to devise a plan. They came in before school and took that day's test before the rest of the class to ensure to teacher Mr. Gary Seidner that none of what would happen later would be real cheating.

Then, they brought binoculars to the test. Cody wrote on the test like normal, but they were acting like they were cheating, Pursley using the binoculars to look at his answers and copy them down. When someone finally noticed them, Seidner made his move. He came up to them, took their papers, ripped Cody's into pieces, and took them to the hall. Once out of the room, he left the door cracked and yelled at the two about how unacceptable cheating was and how they were getting referrals. They let the class believe they had actually cheated on the test for a while before they found out.

Seidner said that Cody has been a hard worker all of the time that he's known him, with his "eye on the ball" and efficiently getting stuff done. This caused him to stand out from other students for

Seidner. Compared to other valedictorians he has had in class, Seidner said that Cody is talented in many areas, not just in one thing.

Mrs. Brelage said that another area Cody is "handy" in is electrical work. He has helped remodel the house, when he wasn't busy doing other things. His free time is spent playing board games with his family, reading, playing Smash Bros, and sitting around the campfire with his family, sometimes making s'mores.

"He is a perfectionist when it comes to roasting marshmallows," Mr. Brelage

said.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Brelage said they love seeing Cody perform, from singing the National Anthem at sporting events to acting on stage.

"It takes confidence for a guy to walk on stage in a mermaid tail and a banana bra!" Mrs. Brelage said, referring to a role he played in a Muncie Civic Theatre performance.

Mr. Brelage said he thinks that his son sometimes gets pre-judged because of his involvement in activities that are not "popular activities" for guys, like theatre and music.

While raising Cody has been "an honor," according to Mrs. Brelage, there were some challenges. Their biggest challenge was in regards to food. She said they used

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Cody sings on stage at the Muncie Civic Theatre. (Photo provided)

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to tease him about how slowly he ate and he would never eat anything green. He now texts her when he puts spinach on his sandwich, and his dad said he "finally eats some vegetables!"

For Mrs. Brelage, it isn't the vegetables, and it's not the academics that make her the most proud of her son. She is most proud of the person he has grown up to be.

"Academic and athletic accolades come and go, but a person's character stays with them," Mrs. Brelage said.

She also said that he has changed over the years in the arts, and that he found his voice through them.

"I have enjoyed having in-depth discussions with him about a variety of topics. I used to worry because he would hold things inside," Mrs. Brelage said.

As Cody begins to move on to the next chapter, his parents have said a couple pieces of advice. Mr. Brelage said to "never stop learning." Mrs. Brelage said to make sure to "have fun, make friends, and enjoy the experience."

Mrs. Brelage said she is not surprised by her son's busy schedule.

"We have done our best to give our children opportunities to try new things and to push themselves to use the gifts that God has given them," Mrs. Brelage said.

Cody said that he lives by this idea, with his life motto: "There are no obstacles, only opportunities." Opportunities that for him include theatre, music, math, and the career in optical engineering he hopes to go into, which is working with lighting, specifically theatre lights. Surrounding it all, though, is his drive to make others smile.

He's an optimist, a hard worker, a genuine guy. He's a guy willing to walk out on stage in a banana bra. He finally eats vegetables, and he isn't perfect. He wished he had made more time for friends, which would have made people aware of the human heart and not theorize about the possibility of being a robot, an alien, or genetically altered. Simply put, he's Cody Brelage.



Cody Brelage (center) poses with his siblings, sophomore Ashleigh Brelage (left) and University of Dayton student Nathan Brelage (right). (Photo provided)



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Samantha Bilby posing for her senior pictures. (Photo provided)

Shocked, Surprised and the Salutatorian: Meet Samantha Bilby

By Adam Navarro

When she came to the high school, she had no idea she would end up in this position. But here she is, and when it's all said and done, senior Samantha Bilby will be the salutatorian of the Class of 2019.

"(Being second in the class rankings) means a lot to me," Bilby said. "I didn't know this was where I stood when I

entered high school. Once I knew that, it was one of my goals to stay there. It's a great honor to be here, and I'm just really excited about it."

Bilby said it took "effort, studying, responsibility and time to get where I am." It's made more difficult by the fact that she teaches swim lessons and works

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as a lifeguard.

She's also involved in extracurricular activities.

"I'm in my youth group and I attend church on Sundays. I used to do swimming and I did soccer this year so that's fun. I do an internship in a kindergarten classroom at Albany Elementary and that's really fun," Bilby said.

She plans to translate the internship into her chosen career.

"I can't wait to be either a kindergarten to second grade teacher. Just elementary in general," she said. "I have seen how my teachers have impacted me and ever since I was little I have wanted to be a teacher. I can't wait to be following up on that."

She will go to college at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion.

"I really love their focus on God and how much they stress the importance of having a relationship with Him and giving all the glory to Him and focusing on your career path," she said.

She will major in elementary education. She will also have a school subject concentration in Spanish.

Her interest in education derives from how much she says her teachers have impacted her. Chemistry teacher Mr. Trehearne is one teacher at the high school who has been influential.

"He's been so nice and caring," she said. "He has pushed me to be the best student I could be and he has pushed me to be the best Christian I could be. He's just been awesome."

Her parents, Aaron and Lisa Bilby, have also influenced and inspired her. "We are very proud of Samantha and how hard she has worked in school. She is an amazing student," they said. Her best qualities according to them are "her strong faith, kind heart, she is conscientious, reliable, dedicated, and loves work-

ing with children."

She also has a younger brother, Michael (14), who is a freshman at DHS.

Bilby also has a close-knit group of friends. That group consists of Grace Hotmire, Hannah Morey, Haley Bennett, Melissa Crouch, DJ McDaniel, Lainey Bonser, Sarah McDowell, and Cassidy Qualls.

One of those friends of hers, Sarah McDowell, who she met in their sixth grade English class, describes Samantha as having "a really good work ethic," and that "she always tries really hard to do her best and get the job done and do it really well." They also plan to visit each other while they're in college.

Samantha Bilby went from not knowing where she stood when she entered high school to being the salutatorian. In her mind, the extra work payed off in the end.

"I'd say it was all worth it in the end."

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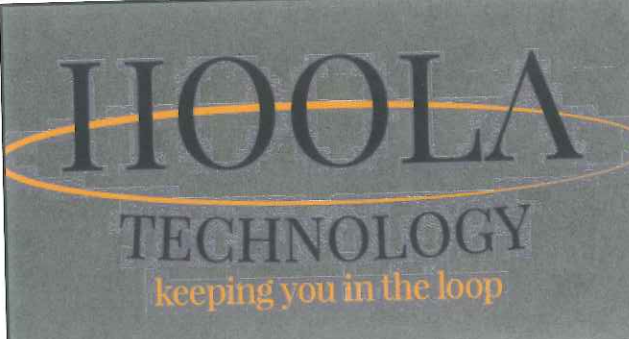


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Raising the Bar

Senior Brady Pease has set records and isn't done playing football yet

By Braxton Edwards

Roughly 1,500 players have suited up for a Friday Night Lights game with the Delta Eagles. One player sits atop the all-time list of tackles. That player is Brady Pease.

Pease, a four-year varsity starter, totaled 394 tackles. At his inside linebacker position, he's designed to be in on a lot of the tackles in a game. But he willed himself to be in on almost every tackle in every game. According to defensive coordinator David Edwards, Pease was always ready for the challenge of a Friday night.

"One of the things I liked about Brady was that he was always mentally ready to play," Edwards said. "He was always focused, even as a freshman."

It's not just the coaches who notice Pease's effort and skill. Fellow senior Mason Hunt played football alongside Pease since elementary school, and he's seen first hand the work Brady puts in.

"Every summer, Brady and I would get up early five days a week and work out together in preparation for football," Hunt said, "Through this hard work and dedication it's not hard to see the success he's had."

Pease left his impression on all he came in contact with.

"I would like to be remembered on the field by my opponents as violent, and by my teammates as a leader. Someone that my teammates always felt like they could

look to and get behind, and think 'this guy has my back no matter what'," Pease said, "I would like to be remembered by my coaches as someone who was easy to teach, someone they were proud to coach.

Finally, I would like to be remembered by the fans as someone who could just play ball, man."

He plans to attend DePauw University in Greencastle to further his football and educational career, studying kinesiology.

Although he's an all-time great Delta



Brady Pease signing for DePauw.



Brady Pease walking off of the field. (Photo provided by Tammy Hunt)

Football player, he doesn't just want his legacy to be just about football.

Pease was also in NHS, Freshman Mentor Program, Delta Troupers and just recently received the Roberta "Tootie" Falls Scholarship awarded by the Delaware County Athletic Hall of Fame.

"In the classroom, I would like to be remembered as someone who was helpful, that would always help anyone if they needed it," he said. "Also as someone who was personable, that you could share a good laugh with."

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Future Plans

Spencer Ashburn

Attending a two-year college, Ivy Tech, and joining the workforce as a welder.

Hunter Ashton

Attending a four-year college, Ball State.

"I plan on going to Ball State to study international relations. After college I want to go into the foreign service and serve in an embassy abroad. If that doesn't work out I will try and get a job in Washington D.C."

Kayla Bailey

Attending a two-year college, UNOH Legal Studies.

"I want to finish my degree and then one day own my own law firm."

Keirsten Bankston

Attending a four-year college, Purdue University.

"I plan to graduate from Purdue University with my degree in Horticulture. I then want to start my own greenhouse business, get married, have kids, move way out of the country, and have a pasture full of cows."

Benjamin Bamidele

Attending a four-year college, Indiana University Bloomington.

Print Barger

Attending a four-year college, Hanover College.

"I plan on attending law school after graduating at Hanover with a degree in political science. Following this, I plan on moving to Maine where I will practice law for several years before starting my political career."

Darian Barnard

Attending a two-year college, Wabash Valley College.

"Future plans are to study business/sales and eventually be a sales rep for doctor offices or get into real estate."

Hailey Beaty

Attending a four-year college, Ball State.

"I'm going to go to college and major in either English/Creative Writing or Pre-Med. If I major in English I will become a book editor and if I go for Pre-Med I will become a doctor."

Allison Bell

Attending a four-year college, Indiana University Bloomington.

"I will be attending Indiana University Bloomington in the fall, hopefully majoring in Criminal Justice, with a minor in Mandarin Chinese. I plan to travel as much as possible."

Haley Bennett

Attending a four-year college, Illinois State University.

"My future plan is to attend Illinois State University & graduate with a degree in severe special education and also low vision and blindness. I hope to become a severe special education teacher in an elementary school and adopt a couple puppies."

Audrey Bilbrey

Attending a four-year college, Indiana University East.

"Go to IU East to become a nurse and hopefully move my way up to being an NP, PA, or doctor."

Ryley Bilbrey

Attending a four-year college, Indiana University East.

"My future plans are to attend IU East to earn a degree in nursing to become a traveling labor and delivery nurse and work my way up to either a physician's assistant or doctor."

Samantha Bilby

Attending a four-year college, Indiana Wesleyan University.

"I plan to attend Indiana Wesleyan University in the fall to study elementary education. I cannot wait to impact the future generations the way my teachers have impacted me. Indiana Wesleyan is a beautiful college, and I am very thankful and excited that I get the opportunity to attend there."

Tyann Bland

Attending a four-year college, Ball State.

"My future plans are to attend BSU, move to the beach somewhere to start my dream job, and build my dream house with my husband, have a bunch of dogs, llamas, goats, and chickens, oh and some children."

Lainey Bonser

Attending a four-year college, Manchester University.

Katelyn Bowling

Attending a four-year college, Ball State University, and joining the Army National Guard.

"After graduation I plan on enlisting in the Army National Guard and attending Ball State. I am undecided on my major but will be in the ROTC program to start my path to become an Army Officer."

Lily Brannon

Attending a four-year college, Ball State.

"After graduating Ball State I plan to be a traveling nurse and soon live somewhere warm instead of Muncie, Indiana. I plan to live with Dalton Love and get married soon after, maybe have kids, maybe not. And finally live happily ever after."

Cody Brelage

Attending a four-year college, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

"I will attend Rose-Hulman and get a degree in Optical Engineering. I will then innovate lighting for theaters to enhance the experience for all. I will spend time outdoors kayaking, hiking, camping, and enjoying nature. I will run both a triathlon and a marathon. I hope to improve the lives of all I meet."

Jessica Bryan

Attending a four-year college, Ball State.

"I will be attending Ball State and continue to cheer with my bestie Graycen Neu. Eventually rush, and find a hot doctor to marry."

Kiona Casarez

Attending a four-year college, Ball State.

"I hope to graduate from Ball State's College of Architecture with flying colors. I hope to design my home and raise a little happy family in it."

Dalin Case

Attending a four-year college, Ball State.

Morgan Clanin

Attending a four year college, Ball State.

"I'd love to continue my studies to become an NP or and MD after becoming an RN and work at a hospital."

Cora Conatser

Attending a four-year college, Ball State.

"I will be attending Ball State University beginning in the fall of 2019. I will be double majoring in Biology and Pre-Dental. I am 95% sure I want to become a dentist someday! If I don't become a dentist, I might be a Medical Biologist."

Kyle Conn

Attending a four-year college, Ball State.

"I plan to go to Ball State University to study accounting. This field is evolving so I will also study computer science."

Abigail Cook

Attending a two-year college, Ivy Tech, and a four year college, Ball State.

"My future plans are to go to college the next four years, and hopefully move somewhere warm where I can begin my life after college."

Ava Cooper

Undecided

"I plan to figure out my job and living situations as a top priority. Then I'm getting cats. Maybe dogs."

Melissa Crouch

Attending a four-year college, Ball State.

"I plan to attend Ball State University and to major in nursing. After that, I want to live life to the fullest."

Luke Dishroon

Entering the workforce Lineman/Duke Energy.

"Next year I am hoping to get a good electrical job. I hope I can get on at Duke Energy and if I can't I will go through IBEW."

Brady Edwards

Attending a four-year college, Ball State.

"Go to Ball State & figure out the next phase of my life, peace out Delta."

Josh Fenwick

Attending a four-year college, Taylor University.

"My future plans are to go to Taylor University to get a double major in Sports Management and Business Management. After college, I will work for a soccer team, either in America or England."

Chase Gardner

Attending a four-year college, UNOH.

"My future are to attend the University of Northwestern Ohio on an athletic scholarship for baseball, and major in agribusiness."

Claire George

Attending a four-year college, Indiana University.

"I plan on attending Indiana University and studying graphic design. After college I'm moving to New York, adopting a bunch of cats, and am going to live happily as a broke artist!"

Tyler Gilland

Attending a four-year college, Ball State.

"I plan to attend Ball State to study Sport Administration. From there I would like to become either a baseball coach of any sort, sports agent, or statistician."

Madeline Gowin

Attending a four-year college, Ball State.

"In the future I hope to be able to work with all sorts of animals and help out those who can't help themselves."

Jacob Haney

Attending a two-year college, Ivy Tech.

"My main goal is to blow up...and then act like I don't know nobody." -Riff Raff

Ariana Hankins

Attending a four-year college, IU East.

"After finishing my four year college I plan to go to med school then pursue an internship. Upon doing so I plan to achieve my dream of being an orthopedic surgeon or anything in the field."

Miranda Hart

Attending a four-year college, Ball State.

"My future plans include achieving my masters in Speech Language Pathology at Ball State, marry my best friend, and have kids of our own."

Helena Heintzelman

Undecided.

"I plan on studying Early Childhood Edu, and becoming a preschool teacher. After a few years, I'd like to get married, have four kids and live in a yellow house."

Kayla Hicks

Attending a four-year college, Ohio Northern University.

"I plan to attend Ohio Northern University and study biology. After I graduate I plan to pursue a career in the medical field, and hopefully move somewhere with mountains."

Mason Hunt

Attending a four-year college, Purdue University.

"My future plans are to attend Purdue University and get a degree in engineering. I will use this degree to build a spaceship and I will fly to Mars."

Beau Jackson

Apprenticeship.

"I plan to live with my girlfriend and learn to weld."

Payton Kemper

Attending a two-year college, Ivy Tech.

"My future plans are to attend Ivy Tech in the fall to study graphic design. I really enjoy art and working on the computer. I took two years of Interactive Media at MACC and I found I liked it a lot. After I graduate I hope to find work in advertising or marketing."

Connor King

Attending a four-year college, Ball State University.

"I plan to go to college, and work for my dad. I Hope to move up in the company and learn all of the jobs so that one day I can take over from my dad and my brother and I can run the company."

Amanda Kirby

Attending a two-year college, Ivy Tech.

"Go part time to Ivy Tech to study greenhouse."

Kaysi Lampton

Attending a four-year college, Ball State.

"My future plans are to work at the elementary school this summer on top of my current job. Then, when the 2019-2020 school year starts, I will be attending Ball State in the fall to major in Severe Special Education, and also hopefully will get the job at DHS in the severe special education room."

Blaine Lee

Attending a four-year college, and joining the military as a military police.

"With my future I hope to become a DNR or some sort of police officer. I hope to continue to live in the country or move somewhere warm. I will take care of my family and take life one step at a time."

Christian Lee

Attending a two-year college, Ivy Tech, then transferring to Ball State.

"My future plans are to go to Ivy Tech for the next two years in pursuit of my nursing degree, I'll transfer into BSU and attend to reach my masters degree in nursing, to eventually become a nurse practitioner in the trauma unit, While attending college I'll be a CNA."

Avery Lewman

Attending a four-year college, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

"I plan to attend Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in the fall, play collegiate basketball, and obtain a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. I will graduate in 2023, and then work at a job that brings me joy. I plan on settling down, getting married, and having children once I find the person meant for me."

Kaleb Matchett

Attending a four-year college, Ball State.

"Attend BSU for Bachelor's in Comp. Science and Spanish minor. Get some sort of job afterward."

Rebecca Marquell

Attending a four-year college, Ball State.

"The only thing on my check list that I am 100% sure about is to graduate college. I just need to get a good job so I can have enough money to support a family one day."

DJ McDaniel

Attending a four-year college, Texas Tech University.

"I plan to attend college at Texas Tech University and study pre-med with a biology major. I then plan to continue onto medical school to pursue my goal of becoming a doctor."

Sarah McDowell

Attending a four-year college, University of Louisville.

"I plan on attending the University of Louisville in the fall where I

will major in communications. I want to pursue some sort of media career, such as advertising or public relations."

Hannah Morey

Attending a four-year college, Purdue University.

"My future plans are to attend Purdue University and major in biology. Then, I wish to attend veterinary college at Purdue to get license to practice veterinary medicine. Hopefully after some years into my career, I'll have my own practice."

Hanna Padgett

Attending a two-year college, Ivy Tech.

"My future plans are I am going to Ivy Tech for the first two years then I am going to transfer to a dental school preferably IU Dental School for dental hygiene. After working a couple years and earning enough money I will move out of Indiana."

Rebecca Pearson

Attending a four-year college, Ball State.

"My future plans include attending Ball State University for elementary education. Then I hope to graduate and get a job as an elementary teacher - preferably the lower grades like kindergarten - 3rd grade. Throughout college I hope to maintain a good job and create many friendships."

Elizabeth Reichert

Attending a four-year college, Ball State.

"I will be attending Ball State's College of Architecture, graduate in 5 years, and hopefully after graduation I will be able to work under someone before eventually starting my own business. I can't wait to see what the future holds!"

Matthew Scher

Attending a four-year college, it's undecided.

"Get a college degree, have a family, and travel the world."

Maddy Shockey

Attending a four-year college, Ball State.

"I plan to attend Ball State and study filmmaking and make a lot of money."

Mia Showalter

Attending a four-year college, Ball State.

"My plan is to go to Ball State to major in Biology, and concentrate in genetics. Then go to veterinary school at Purdue or Michigan State University. Marry the love of my life, buy or build a farmhouse on a lot of land, have a farm, and maybe start a family."

Ellie Snider

Attending a four-year college, Indiana Wesleyan.

"I plan to attend Indiana Wesleyan University and play tennis there, while on my way to becoming an optometrist. I plan to open my own practice someday in Colorado, own a log cabin in the mountains with a fireplace, own a cat named Sprinkler, and then retire and move to Xocempich, Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico."

Nate Southerland

Attending a four-year college, Ball State.

Cooper Sprague

Attending a two-year college, Ivy Tech, plans on entering the workforce in Real Estate.

"I plan on getting my real estate license this summer along with getting a degree in Business Marketing. I also plan on becoming one of the biggest real estate moguls in the area. Last but not least I plan on marrying my highschool sweetheart, Helena Heintzelman."

Dylan Stephenson

Attending a two-year college, Ivy Tech.

My future plans involve getting a nice paying welding job and then further my career in welding. Then I would like to move on and get a lot of land and build a house.

Kaitlin Stohler

Attending a two-year college, Ivy Tech.

"My future plans are to make and bake pastries and to help find abandoned or abused animals of all kinds. I will try my best to be the best pastry chef and find good homes for mistreated animals. I will also try to learn how to groom small dogs. My other plans will be to learn how to ride a motorcycle, hopefully getting enough money to get and all blue Mustang, automatic. I will also try to afford a big blue Silverado truck. I will get a job after college or during college. I will also buy myself a good house that I can afford while I work at a good pastry shop. Maybe open my own business making pastry dog treats and grooming small dogs."

Claire Tinkle

Attending a four-year college, Ball State.

"My future plan is to go to Ball State to study nursing. I will complete my masters to become a nurse practitioner. Then I will marry the love of my life and have kids."

Jordan Tucker

Attending a four-year college, Ball State.

"I just want to get through BSU and make good money and find a nice guy - or maybe get more cats/dogs!"

Zayne Turner

Attending a four-year college, Anderson University.

"For my future, I'm going to college for music business, then I want to start my own label and start working with small musicians."

Chloe Vincent

Studying esthetics at Summit Salon Academy.

"I plan to go to esthetics school at Summit Salon Academy and finish my Associate's degree. After that I hope to either open up my own esthetics business or get into SFX makeup for film or TV."

Kailey White

Attending a four-year college, Ball State.

"I plan on attending Ball State University and majoring in nursing. Fingers crossed I'll survive the hard classes. Then, when I graduate, I want to move south to Florida and work in the labor/delivery unit at a hospital."

Rayah White

Attending a four-year college, IUPUI.

"My future plans are to finish my four years at IUPUI. I plan on having a degree in visual communication design. I'm hoping to get an internship and become a graphic designer or art designer. I want to move out of Indiana a few years later."

Gavin Wilson

Attending a four-year college, Ball State.

"I plan to attend Ball State University in the fall, majoring in Journalism Teaching and Elementary Education. After graduating from BSU, I plan on staying in Indiana for a year or two. After that time period, I plan to move to a coast (or close to one)."

Zach Wolfe

Taking a year off and entering the workforce.

"My future plans are to be a football coach and to have a good paying job."

Wesley Woodin

Attending a four-year college, IU Bloomington.

"I plan to attend IU, get a degree in finance, get rich, build a drive-in theater in Muncie, and move to Florida."

Josh's Journey

Senior Overcomes Personal Obstacle to Finish Strong

By Malachi Salmon

From goofing around in the engineering rooms to Jeffersonville tennis meets, high school was a great journey for senior Josh Fenwick.



Josh Fenwick

Fenwick has attended Delta for four years and plans to move on to Taylor University in the fall and double major in sports management and business management. After that he plans to work

for a soccer team on the financial part of the team and work up the ranks.

He picked Taylor because he stayed overnight on campus and liked the feeling

there along with the administrators and the campus.

He wants to do business/sports management because his love for sports has always been strong.

"I wanted to incorporate that with business and my family has always liked business too," Fenwick said.

Apart from seriousness in school, Fenwick has had some memorable moments.

When Fenwick played tennis he always loved the Jeffersonville Invitational tennis tournament because "they were tons of fun," Fenwick said.

"Shelby Robbins fell asleep in the hallway and we put ice on her neck and she woke up and tried to chase us," Fenwick said.

But the journey along the way through

high school hasn't always been so easy for Fenwick.

He struggled with social anxiety all throughout high school until last semester when he attended his youth group one day and they delivered a message about fears and how you should get past them. Fenwick also spoke publicly about his fears at a morning FCA meeting.

"Find a group of people to share it with that you trust," Fenwick said. "It wasn't easy taking the first steps, but it is easier taking the next."

He has realized in his four years at Delta that the best way to enjoy high school has been to get involved.

"It gave me tons of friends. Coaches have helped me get to be a better person and player and it motivates you a lot."

The Storyteller

By Zoe Ashcraft

Senior Kenzie Scudder has become an expert at conducting interviews, taking photos, typing quickly, and telling stories.

Scudder has been participating in Delta High School's newspaper class during all four years of high school. She has written an estimation of over 30



Kenzie Scudder

stories - her favorite of the bunch being her story over senior Abby Neal. She decided to join journalism in 8th grade at Delta Middle School to ensure that she would practice her writing skills.

After completing middle school, Scudder decided to stick with journalism.

"It's a really good way to be more in connection with the school," Scudder said.

Along with the connection she gets to have with the school, Scudder also



Four-year Eagle's Eye staff member Kenzie Scudder works on her story on valedictorian Cody Brelage.

thoroughly enjoys how journalism allows her to interact with new people. She gets to meet and talk to people from different activities, grades, and backgrounds.

Scudder said she is very lucky to be "seeing a whole different side of a person than people normally do."

Scudder is pursuing a career in psychology and wants to become an author.

"It [journalism] will certainly help with my writing style but it also taught me how to talk to people in a professional way," said Scudder.

Moving on from high school, Scudder will miss the sense of being able to look back at the completed magazine issue being in awe because of the "hecticness and craziness" during production of the issue.

The creators of Eagle's Eye Magazine will miss her.

"Her legacy will continue like she learned from people before her," said journalism teacher Mr. Tim Cleland.

While Scudder's stories are all her own, her writing has been influenced by her peers. 2016 Delta graduate Brooke Kemp, now an editor at The

Ball State Daily News, was a big influence on Scudder.

"I remember her showing great promise and willingness to try new things from writing articles to taking photos, which is really important in a journalist of any skill level," Kemp said.

Scudder loves telling stories and hopes other students want to tell stories, too. She had a piece of advice for those looking to join journalism.

"If you are a freshman, don't be afraid to go out and talk to a senior. If you are a nerd, don't be afraid to go talk to the star athlete," Scudder said.

To read some of Scudder's previous stories, check out the following link: dhs.delcomschools.org/for_students/extracurricular_options/eagle_s_eye_magazine.



Sounds of Joy

By Chloe Lowe

The music starts, the audience makes its way to their seats, and everyone besides the band is quiet, ready to listen. Ariana Hearn starts to sing.

Ariana, a senior, is part of a band, The Five Speeds. She joined the band about six months ago, partly because her boyfriend was a part of it but mostly because of her love for music.



Ariana Hearn

"Every opportunity I get to perform I try to soak it up," she said.

Before joining the band, Ariana was in her worship team

band at Union Chapel. She continues to do that.

"I've always enjoyed being in the worship team band. It's a different type of performance."

For The Five Speeds, there are seven members of the band. There are three Gregs, a Will, Caroline, Austin, and then her. Other than she and her boyfriend, the band mostly consists of 50- to 60-year-old musicians.

They practice once a week on Wednesdays for around three hours. Sometimes if

they have a gig coming up they'll practice more.

Ariana is one of the vocalists in the band. She also plays acoustic guitar sometimes.

The Five Speeds perform covers of songs. They perform "a lot of oldies."

Ariana's favorite song to perform is Free Bird.

"It's an impressive song and everybody knows it. If there's dancing then everybody gets really into it."

Ariana has loved music since she was little. When she was younger she started taking vocal and piano lessons after being influenced by her mother's friend.

She is considering going to Ball State University for music composition. After college she doesn't know for sure what she wants to do but she's thought about teaching music theory.

The Five Speeds have several gigs coming up in the summer. One that is booked soon is at the Delaware County Fair.

Ariana plans on staying with The Five Speeds for a little while longer.

"We are getting more and more gigs."

Ariana knows that she won't make a career out of this, but she's going to take this experience and use it in the future.

Senior Singer

By Kaydence McNabb

"I've been singing even before I knew what singing was."

In addition to singing, senior Claire Tinkle has danced for 15 years and has done cheer for seven years. Her elementary music teacher, Mrs. Morris,

influenced her to continue singing.

"I love all kinds of music," she said. "I really like Walk The Moon, country music and 50's music."



Claire Tinkle

The class sang a song this year that Claire especially enjoyed.

"We sang a piece called 'I Loved All Lovely Things,'" she said. "It was my favorite because we sang it beautifully."

Her choir teacher, Ms. Elana Camp, said that Claire works hard in class and is an amazing leader.

"I can always count on her to hold those around her accountable in every way," Ms. Camp said.

She added that Claire's work ethic and her natural talent makes her an asset to the group. The class will miss her contributions, both musically and socially, next year.

Claire is going off to Ball State for four years to study nursing, and complete her Masters Degree to become a nurse practitioner.

VAULTING TOWARD VICTORY

By Makayla Robles



Gracyen Neu

When Gracyen Neu first considered joining pole vault in track and field, she started practicing the summer before freshman year. She started pole vault because the team was in need of another vaulter.

She figured she would join it because she was in gymnastics for nine years and she knew that “gymnasts usually pick it up fast.”

Gracyen is a three-sport athlete who is part of the cheer, swim, and track and field teams. She is also one senior who is leaving with a school record.

When Gracyen started pole vault, the record was held by Taylor Shaw at around 8 feet. Since 2017, the record is now 10’ 9”.

For the season of 2019, Gracyen is not the only pole vaulter. She is one of the four competitors in pole vault. For the boys, it is Caleb Landis and JaVaughn Whitfield. For girls, it is just her and Kerissa Withers.

Kerissa and Gracyen have been pole vaulting together for three years. Withers said, “She is so good at it, and at her level, it is so difficult to improve.”

Although Gracyen is not planning on competing in this sport when she goes to Ball State University, one of her goals was to make it to regionals this year. She accomplished that by winning sectionals with a jump of 10’3”.

For this season, Gracyen is only in the 4x100 relay and pole vault, but this gives her more time to focus on her two events.

“She is always willing to teach people how to do things at practice,” Withers said.



Gracyen Neu clears the bar in a pole vault competition. (Photo provided)

Four More Years

By Jacy Bradley

Every few weeks, students see another student sign to a college for their sport. They stand around with their family, their coach, and their future coach, and sign a paper for their future college.

The transition from high school to college is a big part of most people’s lives, but when you throw in playing a sport too, the change can be even more exciting and different.

Three seniors are moving on to play tennis in college.

Senior Tannon Dishman is going to the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne in the fall for tennis. He said he will have to adjust to the schedule change of practices throughout the day.

“I’ll have to manage my time... It’s all catching up on school work and doing stuff on your own,” Dishman said.

College is a different environment because

of the diversity of the people. More people bring more opportunities for friendships. Going into a sport, the tight-knit teams will bring more relationships for the newcomers.

Senior Mayzie Hinkle is excited to be a part of a new tennis team at Indiana University Kokomo.

“I’m excited to grow a lasting bond with the girls on the team,” Hinkle said.

For these seniors, they have had to have determination, a belief in themselves, and a hard-working mindset to reach the college level.

“In the summer going out four-five times a week and playing tennis, multiple hours a day, and just eat, sleep, and breathe tennis,” Dishman said.

Playing for coaches for years brings an unbreakable connection that the players can soon form with their new coaches. Senior Ellie Snider, who plans to play tennis at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion in the fall, has



Mayzie Hinkle signs with Indiana University Kokomo.



Tannon Dishman with his family and coaches after signing with St. Francis.

had a life of tennis.

“From a young age Jim Wegener, Steve Behrman, and Tim Cleland have modeled for me how the game should be played—on and off the court,” Snider said. “They have shown me how to keep tennis in perspective with the rest of my life, while still keeping it a priority.”

Looking forward, Snider said she is ready for a new level that will bring her exciting new experiences.

Snider said, “There are many things I’m looking forward to, but most of all the challenge of playing a higher level of tennis in these next four years is one that I know will be life-changing and something I will remember and hold on to forever.”

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18. D.J. McDaniel



19. Anna Bragg



20. Mason Hunt

Getting to Know the Top 20 Scholars

By Zach Freel

Cody Brelage (Rank 1)

Favorite Class: Choir

Biggest Dream: I want to make a positive impact on the world.

I'd Like to Thank: my parents who have raised me and taught me how to be a kind and compassionate human being with a strong work ethic who will always try their best.

Samantha Bilby (Rank 2)

Favorite Class: Internship at Albany Elementary.

Biggest Dream: To become a teacher.

Interesting Fact: I really love being outside in nature.

Miranda Hart (Rank 3)

College of Choice: Ball State University.

Major: Speech Language Pathology.

I'd Like to Thank: My basketball coach, Mr. Lewman, and also my Chem I teacher, Mr. Trehearne, for helping me be a top 20 student.

Avery Lewman (Rank 4)

Favorite Class: Engineering Design and Development (EDD)

Biggest Dream: I want to impact and change the world to be a better place.

I'd Like to Thank: My parents and younger brother for always supporting me, and all of my teachers and coaches who helped me learn and grow my knowledge.

Kayla Hicks (Rank 5)

Hannah Morey (Rank 6)

Josh Fenwick (Rank 7)

College of Choice: Taylor University.

Major: Double Major in Sports and Business management.

I'd Like to Thank: My parents.

Ryley Bilbrey (Rank 8)

Melissa Crouch (Rank 9)

College of Choice: Ball State University

Major: I plan to major in Nursing, and minor in Spanish.

Biggest Dream: I want to change the world in some way for the better.

Areianna Pippin (Rank 10)

College of Choice: Ball State University

Major: Biochemistry

Interesting Fact: I have three kidneys.

Sarah McDowell (Rank 11)

Matthew Schwer (Rank 12)

Wesley Woodin (Rank 13)

Favorite Class: Personal Finance.

Biggest Dream: To become a millionaire before retirement.

Interesting Fact: No one believes me when I say I went to Daleville Elementary School.

Micheal Garrett (Rank 14)

Cora Conatser (Rank 15)

College of Choice: Ball State University.

Major: Double Major in Biology and Pre-Dental.

Biggest Dream: To become a dentist.

Eleah Snider (Rank 16)

Claire Tinkle (Rank 17)

Favorite Class: Anatomy

Biggest Dream: To become a nurse practitioner.

I'd Like to Thank: My mom.

D.J. McDaniel (Rank 18)

College of Choice: Texas Tech University

Major: Biology

Interesting Fact: I compete nationally in horse racing competitions.

Anna Bragg (Rank 19)

Favorite Class: Anatomy

Biggest Dream: To be a dentist.

I'd Like To Thank: My parents for always pushing me so hard to be dedicated to school and keep my grades up.

Mason Hunt (Rank 20)

Scout's Law

By Evan Rogers

They armed themselves with miniature explosives, a cast iron pan and a lid. The single-story house was quiet as the one-in-the-morning moonlight filled every window.

The assailants closed in on the bedroom of their target, who was watching television on the other side of the door.

"POP POP POP POP POP" filled the night and the screams that followed were described as "the loudest I've ever heard in my life." The firecrackers fizzled out.

The residents of the house found themselves outside the bedroom. At their feet rolled two fourth-grade boys, bursting with laughter. For senior Cooper Sprague, one of the two boys, this was only the first of countless nights that his work would bring such laughter.

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Sprague started his time in Boy Scouts during his second-grade year at Royerton Elementary; making him a Wolf Scout. Twelve years later, he has found himself graduating into the final and most prestigious rank within the scouting program: Eagle Scout.

This honor, is only awarded to 6 percent of all Boy Scouts, according to an article by scoutingmagazine.

"Getting Eagle shows a lot of dedication and passion and working hard," Sprague said. "If you want to get Eagle, you can if you work hard. If you want to be there just for the camping and cooking and being outside and talking about man stuff, then that's what you get."

As Sprague worked at bettering himself within scouting, he found himself playing football throughout middle school and into his freshman year.

He describes himself as being a "team guy" and enjoying the time working hard with those close around him. This all



Senior Cooper Sprague

came to a crashing halt when Cooper Sprague was blindsided from behind as the team ran a play.

The tackle resulted in a back injury that would end his time on the football team as a player. Despite this, he continued as the team manager for the remainder of his freshman season and into his sophomore year.

It was during this time as a manager that Delta graduate and former Delta Troupers Patrick McDonald consulted Sprague about joining theatre.

"I will never forget what he said to me: 'Cooper, you never shut up; I think you'd be really good in theatre,'" Sprague said.

Since then Sprague has served the Troupers as an actor for

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six shows, prop head for two years, and this year student director under theatre teacher and director Mrs. Dawn Raleigh. He picked up the student director torch from Delta graduate and former student director Cameron Clevenger.

"I wasn't at all worried about the future of the program, specifically because I knew it would be in Cooper's hands," Clevenger stated. "I have immense respect for his drive and passion for the department, his willingness to go the extra mile, and the spark of insanity that sets him apart."

During show season, Sprague would spend his time after school; building up the sets, practicing his lines and guiding those around him forward. This task would at times require him to stay until past midnight on school nights.

"A lot of the time what I had to do is take a step back and listen," Sprague said, "just listen to what everyone had to say. I think that is one of the greatest ways to learn."

His first show he performed as a rabbi in the 2016 showing of *Fiddler on the Roof*.

"It was the smallest rinky dink role in the whole production," Sprague said, "but it was so much fun."

Senior Ben Slavin played Mendell, the rabbi's son. Slavin said that *Fiddler on the Roof* was his favorite out of the five shows he was a part of because of the "quirky dad and son humor" he and Sprague shared on stage.

Outside of theatre, Sprague and Slavin have emceed two school talent shows. They grew up together after Slavin moved in third grade to Country Village, a five-minute bike ride from his "best bud."

Since the move, the two have shared their friendship "chugging Mountain Dew" and recording "fun and quirky Slenderman videos" where the two boys would pretend they were getting chased by a fictitious figure.

"Coop, you're one of my best buds, till the end," Slavin said. "You're dumb as all get-out, you take way too long in the bathroom, and we've been there through thick and thin."

Along with building long-lasting relationships and theatre sets, Sprague has also constructed a pavilion for Saint Andrew's, the church where Sprague's scout troop met.

This required Sprague to fundraise the finances for the 24 foot by 36 foot structure, manage the blueprints, receive a building permit, and nail down a construction team.

"I never went to Saint Andrew's, but over the years they've given our troop so much," Sprague said. "It was a way to give back to the place I spent so much time at as I developed as a scout and a person."

Sprague feels that all parts of his life are "connected," from theatre to scouts, school, friendships and more.

"It's everything. I can't remember a time currently when scouting wasn't in my life. For instance, the scout law is: a scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent," Sprague said. "I live by those principles and guidelines in my everyday life. And almost every decision I make, I think about those words."



Cooper Sprague (right) posing for a selfie with his friend Ben Slavin (left).



Cooper Sprague (right) playing a rabbi and Ben Slavin (left) playing Mendell in *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Straight into the Workforce

By Hailey Beaty



Senior Logan Rouse

Many students imagine going to college when they think about their future. They imagine filling out applications, getting loans, and moving into the dorms their freshman year.

Seniors Logan Rouse and Nick Watters were two of these students until this year, when they decided not to go to college and instead work right after high school.

Logan Rouse had planned to go to Purdue University for their veterinary school, but decided this year to work an apprenticeship in the skilled trades.

One of the main reasons behind Logan's decision? Student loans.

"I didn't want to have a lot of student loans and this way I can go directly into the workforce after high school and be earning money as I'm learning," he said.

Nick Watters had planned to go to Ivy Tech, and later go to Ball State



Nick Watters (second from right) with his fellow workers at Meineke Car Care Center. (Photo provided)

but his plans changed this year when a tragedy happened in his workplace. Nick had to step up and be 100 percent into his job.

Nick won't be going into an apprenticeship like Logan is. Instead, he'll be going straight to work at his current workplace, Meineke Car Care Center.

"I always loved coming to Meineke. Since I was 15, I would go in the day after my birthday and see if I was old enough to work there," he said.

Nick was finally able to work at Meineke when he turned 18, and he started working there immediately.

Nick's boss, Adam Brown, is going to be his mentor in selling car parts and learning the right way to run a business. Brown influenced his decision to work after school instead of going to college.

Obviously, both Nick and Logan had to tell their families about their decision to work instead of going to college. For Logan, his choice upset his family at first, but he thinks that "they support it more now." In Nick's case, "They support it because they know I lucked out getting in with such a good business."

Not-so-furry Friends

By Lily Marcum

Your biggest fear may be someone else's biggest enjoyment.

Senior Chyanne Vannatter has eight different reptiles. The reptiles come in all different colors and sizes; some like her red-tailed boas and her pink-toed tarantula have a little extra flair to them.



Senior Chyanne Vannatter

Chyanne has been around reptiles throughout her life. Her dad studies herpetology so it is not something that bothers her or her older siblings like it would others. Chyanne's dad used to live in Florida, which is what sparked his interest in reptiles.

"I do want to do this when I move out but a lot more mild," she says. "I want to own a wildlife sanctuary."

As of right now Chyanne has a 10-foot tiger reticulated python, 4-foot alligator, a pink toed tarantula, two bearded dragons, a Burmese python, and two red-tailed boas. She doesn't plan on stopping here as she expects to be getting a few more reptiles.

Being around reptiles can lead to some crazy memories.

"One time we lost a snake in the house for over a year and found him under a bed just thriving."



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