



The Current

Drama presents American classic "Our Town"



Photos by Emma Barr

Mr. Gibbs (senior John O'Neal) reads his morning paper during a scene.

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Staff Writer

Students at MCHS performed Thornton Wilder's classic play "Our Town" Feb. 22-24 after many weeks of rehearsals. The original play won the 1938 Pulitzer prize in drama for its portrayal of American life in the early 1900s, and it consists of three acts that revolve around the daily lives of the characters.

"It was really fun to meet a lot of great people and work with ones that I have previously worked with before," senior Holly Goins said.

The cast and crew of the play rehearsed for a few months before their three night performance in the auditorium. They also faced difficulties with the stage lights when a few of them burnt out about a week and a half before the show. However, this issue was easily fixed with back up bulbs that were in storage.

The cast members were

dressed appropriately for the 1900s, including the Stage Manager. The clothes just everyday wear for that time period

"I had two outfit changes during the performance. I had to change from overalls to a dress and them back into overalls," Goins said.

Compared to many other plays the set was sparse when it came to props. Instead of cooking at an actual stove the actors pantomime their actions. Throughout most of the play the few props were kept to a minimum of six chairs and one bench.

The play starts with the Stage Manager giving an introduction to the 1901 town of Grover's Corners, New Hampshire on an early May morning. A brief description of the town is given as the characters go about their daily lives. Holly Newsome, the milk deliverer played by Holly Goins, and the newsman do their usual routes as Dr. Gibbs, played by John O'Neal, comes

home after delivering a set of twins across town while Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Gibbs are sending their children off to school and then meet in their gardens to discuss their aspirations for the future.

As the play goes on the characters get older and still go about their daily routines. Emily Webb and George Gibbs, next door neighbors and schoolmates, begin to date and eventually get married in Act II. Emily dies during the birth of her second child and then joins the souls at the town's cemetery in her mid twenties. After arriving at the cemetery Emily wishes to relive the time she was alive. The other spirits advise against this because all it will do is hurt her. She doesn't listen to any of their pleas and chooses to relive her 12th birthday. Upon going back she soon realizes how people don't know how precious life is while they still have it. After reliving this moment of her life she



Rebecca (senior Cayla Clark) joins her brother, George Gibbs (senior Matthew Blevins), as he looks out his bedroom window at the moon.

quickly returns to the cemetery after learning the theme of the play: the transience of human life and ignorance of the living.

The play featured Elijah Milburn as the Stage Manager; Logan Corbin as Mr. Webb; Breanna Kerkhoff as Mrs. Webb; Cayla Clark and Abigail White as Rebecca; Dylan Emig as Wally; Kaitlyn Greenwell as Mrs. Soames; Landon Shacklette as Simon Stimson; Holly Newsome as Woman in Auditorium; Charlie Saylor as

Joe Crowell/Si Crowell/Baseball Player; Chase French as Constable Warren/Joe Stoddard; Kaylie Poole as Professor Willard; Xavier Stanton as Sam Craig; Seth Hughes as Man in Auditorium/Baseball Player; Cierra Redmond, Caroline Kane, Jada Batchelder, Brittany Jackey and Isabella Ray as Choir members/townpeople.

Members of the crew consisted of stage manager Emily Jackey, sound board operator Caleb Sager, light board operator Katrina Dougherty, spotlight Kacie Dycus, producer/director Kelly Capps and assistant director Cherie Whitman.

Parkland sparks change

CAITLYN RISKY
Staff Writer

It has been a month and a half since the mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

Media has made it to where almost everyone knows about what happened on Feb. 14, and many twisted stories have also been drawn from the event; stories of crisis actors, people claiming Parkland only happened to combat gun laws, simple things to justify what happened to those students.

However, it is certain an attacker opened fire and 17 innocent people were killed, while injuring at least 14 more. No matter what the rumors are, that is what happened.

Students are protesting; walkouts, marching for their lives, doing everything to make their campuses safer. They want a sense of security. These students want the change they have been promised.

The Parkland shooting had



Photos by Emma Barr

At 10 a.m. on the one month anniversary of the Parkland High School Shooting, numerous MCHS students were given the chance to participate in a walk out. During this time students, like junior Kaylee Watkins (pictured above), were directed to the MCHS Gym and given the chance to discuss their views on high school safety and what measures should be put in place to prevent another shooting.

more deaths than the Columbine shooting 18 years ago, more than half that of Sandy Hook in 2012 and even more than half of the victims at Virginia Tech in 2007.

Since Parkland, many schools have tried to strengthen the safety for their students.

MCHS has also been try-

ing new ideas to enforce safety within the school. These include the change in students' paths to classes, the restrictions and newer regulations for visitors and students entering or exiting the building, and the recent announcements about discussing our safety.

Students have been dis-

cussing this in class hoping to promote a change by defending their opinions and fighting for what they believe is right.

Many students believe that these changes are going to create a safer school environment. However, other students oppose.

"I feel like our school does everything to protect us, but you

never know what could happen. As a student, that is terrifying. I'm now scared if a fire alarm sounds, and it shouldn't be that way," junior Faith Campbell said.

Students all over the U.S. started planning rules for safety, walkouts and marches directly after the incident. These students are plotting for change and longing for the support of the country.

On Mar. 14, MCHS allowed students to participate in the planned nationwide walk-out. Administration organized a way students could consider the issues at matter and voice their opinions with others. They also gave teachers the opportunity to allow students to lead discussion in the classroom about these recent events.

School shootings have been going on since forever ago, but it seems that Parkland was the last straw for students all over the United States. These children are "The Future" and they are changing that to "The Now."

NEWS

HOSA competes at state

EMMA BARR
Editor-in-Chief

On Mar. 15-17, the Meade County High School Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) competed at the state level in Louisville, Ky.

Going head to head with other HOSA students from around the state, MCHS participated in activities ranging from posters and presentations to public speaking and photography.

"The students worked really hard on their events and it showed by the results. We had a great time, and I feel that we built new and stronger relationships within our own HOSA chapter," advisor Laura Adkisson said.

Along with competing students were given the opportunity to bond with fellow HOSA members and advisors.

"It's one of the best experiences. You get to meet all these new people from other counties with the same interests. The best part is always watching the tal-



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HOSA competitors and advisors take a moment to commemorate their success by taking a group picture outside of the Crown Plaza in Louisville Ky.

ent show because you get to watch some of the best things," senior Tristen Allen said.

Out of the 27 students who participated in the 2018 HOSA Competition the following placed:

Dental Terminology- Seth Kennedy- 1st
Pharmacology- Tessa Givans- 1st

Nutrition Knowledge Test- Cayla Prather- 2nd

Top Five Finishers:
Medical Math- Dylan Lancaster

Pathophysiology- Syd-

ney Muncy

CPR and 1st Aid- Ally Johnson and Maggie Kamber

Extemporaneous Writing- Chelsea Jones

Medical Photography- Kennedy Gott

Health Education- Bailey Durbin, Emily Parker, Taylor Beck, and Meg Powers

Students who placed in the top three (Seth Kennedy, Tessa Givans, and Cayla Prather) will be given the opportunity to go to Dallas, TX. to compete in the Inter-

Meade runs for a cause

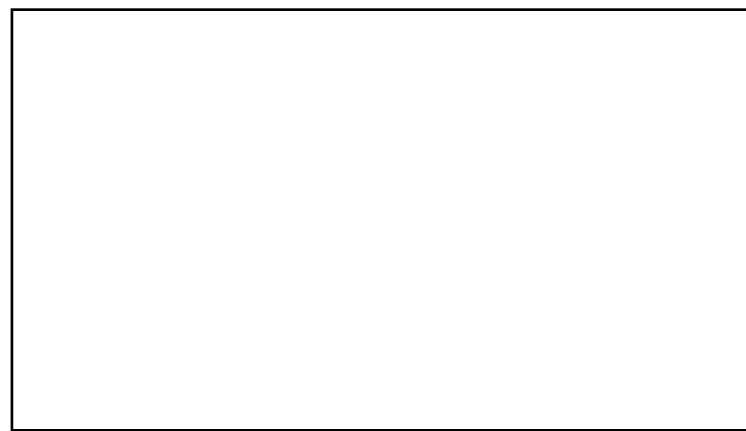


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Juniors John Franco (left) and John Millay (right) won first and second place respectively at the WHAS Crusade for Children Foundation.

ERIKA BIDDLE
Design Editor

On March 17 members of the Meade County community rallied at Brandenburg Primary School (BPS) to engage in the first annual Wave Run to participate in a 5K and raise money for the WHAS Crusade for Children Foundation. The Crusade for Children Foundation donates money agencies, schools and hospitals to create a better life for children who are in need.

Individuals running in the 5K started their race at BPS and then traveled past David T. Wilson (DTW) and then on to Stuart Pepper Middle School (SPMS.)

After participants reached

SPMS they turned around and sprinted back to the gym where head cross-country coach Larry Garner was there to greet them.

"I would like to see this event grow as a community project especially because it is for a great cause," Larry Garner said.

Multiple students and faculty members from MCHS placed in their age category at the run.

In the 15-19 female age category Tatum Parker placed 2nd. In the 15-19 male category John Franco placed 1st and Jake Millay placed 2nd.

In the 30-40 female age category Janette Schmidt placed 2nd, and in the 50and up male category Scott Bogard got 2nd.

Wrestling travels to state

TORI LAWRENCE
Photographer

On Feb. 9 and 10, the MCHS Wrestling team went to Owensboro High School to compete in the regional tournament in order to qualify individually for state. The team brought 13 starters in hopes of qualifying everyone to move onto the state competition one week later.

After the two days were over, a total of 10 wrestlers placed high enough to move on, including two alternates. This included 8th grader Levi Stull, freshmen David Griffith, Caileb Hills, and Devin Rogers, sophomores Hunter Butler and Hunter Lattin, juniors Cole Wilson and Bryan Pratt, and seniors Collin Morris and Gavyn Burns.

For the final week of practice, the remaining boys trained hard and kept the goal of placing at this tough upcoming tournament.

"I think that we performed very well at regionals. Everyone performed amazing individually, but as a team we did outstanding. The whole team came together to support everyone throughout all of their matches. If one of our guys were wrestling, then everyone was on the edge of the mat supporting him. That was the underlying reason for our success in this postseason. I began this season knowing no one and left with friends I'll have for a lifetime," Junior Cole Wilson said.

On Feb. 16 and 17, the team



Photo by Rich Fairman

Junior Bryan Pratt wrestles against Union County at the KHSAA State Tournament. Winning this match advanced Pratt to the Championship round.

traveled to the Kentucky Horse Park to compete in the 2018 State Competition. During this tournament, the boys wrestled all day through tough matches.

Unfortunately, most of the team had a bad draw in the brackets and went out on the first day which is when most wrestlers get eliminated.

For day two, junior Bryan Pratt and senior Collin Morris represented Meade County out on the mats.

"It was definitely weird going into my last season of wrestling knowing that every practice and every match meant I was one step closer to being done but even with all the adversity that the team had faced, we still did great," Morris said.

Morris ended his season with a record of 18-10.

Later, the rest of the team supported Pratt as he continued through the 220 bracket in hopes of making it to the

championship round for the second year. He faced teams from across Kentucky such as Woodford County and Union County, who are always great competition.

Being a returning state champion, Pratt handled the pressure well and advanced to the championship round late the second day.

"I think he did handle it well. However, he should've finished number 1 again, he knows it as well as I do and the good news is he has another year to prepare himself and to get better. We'll have a good off season and we'll come back and we will face the challenge again," Head Coach Bob Davis said.

Pratt held his own all 6 minutes but fell just a little short at the end. Pratt placed Runner-Up out of a 32 man bracket which is a superb accomplishment. He ended the season with a winning record of 46-2.

Winter Guard competes



Photo by Jade Sipes

Senior Hallee Ledford shows off her skills during their competition at Campbell County High School.

JADE SIPES
Ads Manager

On Feb. 24, the Meade County High School Winterguard performed at their second competition of the season, hosted at Campbell County High School in Alexandria, KY.

For those who don't know, winterguard takes the fundamentals of color guard and brings them inside to be performed without the accompaniment of a marching band.

The guard is made up of 15 members from grades eight through twelves. Their show "Love and Lost," was choreographed by their instructor, who also instructs the guard during the fall season. Ralph

London. He's been working with the guard on their current show since late 2017.

After a long, excitement filled drive to Alexandria everyone was ready go out and give their all.

"There is no greater feeling than that rush of adrenaline that runs through your body as you hear the announcer call your guard to the ready or hear the crowd cheer for the things you have spent countless hours perfecting, crying, and stressing over. Watching our show fall together has been marvelous and I'm so excited for championships so we can show everyone exactly what Meade County is about," Junior Alisha Church said.

The guard gave an emotional performance that matched the theme of their show and music, a cover of "Praying" by Kesha, perfectly.

"A moment I'll never forget is the first toss of the show when every single person caught, it set the tone for the rest of the show that day. So thankful to be able to be apart of this wonderful organization!" Junior Allie Morris said.

At the end of the day, the Meade Guard brought home second place in their division with a score of 69.5, definitely a score they can be proud of.

With this only beginning of the season, the guard has already set a high bar for themselves. There's nowhere for them go from here except above and beyond.



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Philosophy students shine in annual debates

MEGHAN ALLISON
News Editor

On Feb. 23 the ninth annual Philosophy debates took place during first and second period. The debates were hosted by Garrett Frank, a US history and philosophy teacher. There were six student debates and one teacher debate.

"I enjoy teaching philosophy, you get a chance to think with no clear right or wrong answer. It's open to interpretation," Frank said.

Their classmates chose both the topics and the six students: Dalton Penick, Xavier Stanton, Alia Brown, Victor Salomon, Madison Childres, and Roman Haught. The teachers, Judy Lyons and Cindy Dowell, volunteered. Their topics can be chosen by class suggestion but the final choice is up to them. The entire philosophy class gets one unit for debates.

Four debates were hosted during each class. First started off with Dalton and Xavier debating on whether or not the use of weapons of mass destruction be justified? Dalton argued yes while Xavier argued no. Each student had an opening statement, two counter arguments, and a closing statement. Each round lasted two minutes.

After a brief one to two minute break, Alia and Victor debated about if the entertainment industry in the US is overpaid? Alia argued yes with Victor arguing no.

The final student debate con-



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Debate winner, Victor Salomon holds his prizes for being the victor of the debates.

sisted of Madison and Roman debating on whether or not college should be free? Madison believed that yes it should be free while Roman argued the opposite.

The students were scored in four categories, totaling to 50 points. The organization of their argument was worth 10 points along with the overall presentation. Logic and persuasion were both worth 15 points. The teacher debates were not scored.

There was only one winner from the student debates and Frank chose the prize. The overall winner of the ninth annual philosophy debates was Victor Salomon. He received a book that Frank personally enjoyed and his name will be added to a plaque hanging up in Frank's room.

FBLA crushes competition at Regional Leadership Conference



Photo by Loriane Himmelhaver

Competitors are filled with enthusiasm after receiving awards in numerous categories, and several achieved 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in competition.

EVAN SMILEY
Public Relations Specialist

On Feb. 27, the MCHS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) traveled to Kentucky Wesleyan College in Owensboro, Kent. for the 2018 KY FBLA Region 2 Leadership Conference. MCHS FBLA took 48 students and 3 advisers to compete and dominate the conference.

Each competitor that placed in the top three of his/her event(s) will advance to the State Leadership Conference on April 16-18. The results from the Region 2 Leadership Conference are:

- Accounting II** - Shawn Derossett - 1st
- American Enterprise Project** -

- Jacob Foushee - 2nd
- Banking and Financial Systems** - Evan Smiley, Sydney King, and Jaxx Sonner - 1st

- Broadcast Journalism** - Caitlyn Calarco, Heather Cook, and Colby Dupin - 3rd

- Business Calculations** - Jacob Foushee - 1st

- Business Communication** - Sydney Crosslin - 3rd

- Community Service Project** - Christopher Lancaster - 1st

- Entrepreneurship** - Cole Mattingly and Parker Bradley - 3rd

- Global Business** - Christopher Lancaster and Zach Mofield - 1st

- Healthcare Administration** - Jacque Arens - 2nd

- Intro. to Business Pre-**

- sentation** - Allie Fackler, Lauren Heibert, and Isabelle Pike-Goff - 1st

- Intro. to Business Procedures** -

- Clint Reardon - 2nd
- Intro. to Financial Math** - Cade Miller - 1st

- Local Chapter Annual Business Report** -

- Evan Smiley - 1st

- Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure** -

- Cecilia Banks - 3rd

- Social Media Campaign** - Mackenzie Fockler and Andrea Ruiz - 2nd

- Local Chapter Scrapbook** -

- Andrea Ruiz - 1st

- Who's Who** - Evan Smiley

Congratulations to all members who competed and best of luck in April at the State Leadership Conference!

Future Problem Solvers take on Louisville

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Staff Writer

At Meade County High School, Pam Foushee has been the supervisor for the academic team for eight years and Mark Crosslin has been supervising Future Problem Solvers (FPS) since 1999, which is part of the academic team.

FPS has gone to three competitions, the most recent being March 17. The topics they have been tasked with include: toxic materials, infectious diseases and cloud storage.

Out of the 20 years Mark Crosslin has been coaching, they have made state 11 times. MCHS changed districts in 2000, but there has always been healthy competition in district and region.

The top competitors for district are Breckenridge and Hancock, but in region it is Grayson County and Owensboro.

Most forms of academic competition are modeled af-



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The Future Problem Solvers Team explored the city during their time at state competition which was held at the Galt House in Louisville.

ter game shows. There are two basic types of questions: toss-up and bonuses. Toss-ups are questions that any individual player can attempt to answer and players are generally not allowed to confer. If a player answers correctly the team is given an opportunity to answer a bonus, team members are permitted to confer on

these questions.

Academic team competes in general knowledge trivia challenges on a wide variety of academic subjects.

When a competition is held, two or more teams of up to usually four or five players are read questions by a moderator. Each team member usually has a buzzer to signal at

any time during a question to give the answer. Sometimes a competition may feature small amounts of pop culture and other non-academic general knowledge subjects, although their inclusion may be kept to a minimum.

FPS organizes academic competitions in which students apply critical thinking

and problem-solving skills to hypothetical future situations. The program looks at current technological, political and social trends and projects those 20-30 years later to train students for adulthood. Students in FPS who go to competitions are given a scenario where they then have to find 16 problems, an underlying problem (which is the main problem they are going to focus on), 16 solutions and elaborate an action plan.

Academic team has gone to 10 competitions so far. As they have gone to more competitions over the years, they have become more competitive.

The highest level of competition for academic team is state level. Students can compete in written assessment in Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, Arts and Humanities and Math.

They can also be a part of Quick Recall, which competes in the Heartland League, Governor's Cup and The Heartland TV Matches.

• News Briefs •

Keeping it "Current" from around the country and around the world

Kentucky's unusual weather

Kentucky is known to have multiple seasons in one season. This winter Kentucky has gone from 70's one day to a monster snow storm the next. After the snow storm, rain then flooded a good majority of downtown Brandenburg and Louisville. The floods finally managed to decrease to where the roads could all be seen before another small snow storm hit which left the grounds wet again. Just recently the weather has changed into 60's again, but snow could be expected again in the upcoming future. On March 12, Meade County received 6 inches of snow and by the end of the day, the temperature rose to 60 degrees and sunny and all of the snow was gone.

Amazon Alexa scares customers

Starting on Mar. 7, Alexa users have reported that their Alexa's have started to hear strange, unprompted laughter. This strange laughter has continued for multiple days, creeping out the owners. Amazon has heard the complaints and is currently working on the issue. They are working on changing the command from "Alexa, laugh," to "Alexa, can you laugh?" Amazon is also planning to change the response so that Alexa responds with "Sure, I can laugh," before laughing. Amazon believes that Alexa was mishearing certain words which led to the unprompted laughter.

Japanese latest robot news anchor

Erica is Japan's latest lifelike creation will become the newest 23 year old news anchor. Erica is an android robot designed to look just like a real person. The director of the Intelligent Robotics Laboratory, Hiroshi Ishiguro, says that Erica is just the beginning of something wonderful. The android robot will replace a human news anchor as soon as April Ishiguro says. Ishiguro thinks that Erica will be perfect for the job because she can recite scripted writing aloud and sit in a chair, which is just as qualified as a human news anchor. Erica can also hold a basic conversation with humans thanks to speech-generation algorithms.

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OPINION

Cracked, not broken

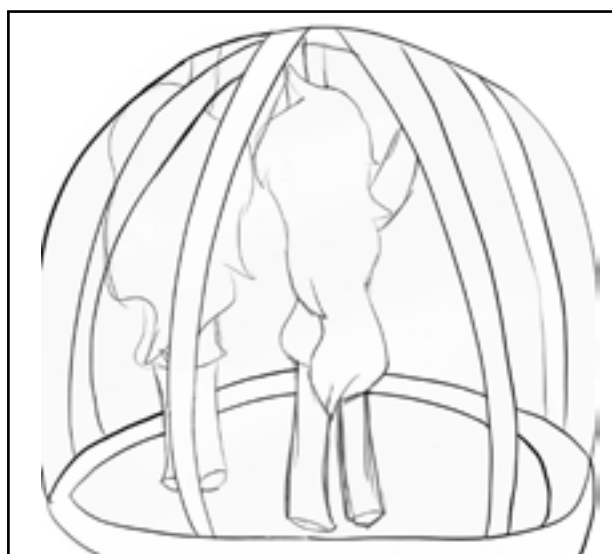
Editorial from the Editor-in-Chief

EMMA BARR
Editor-in-Chief

Noses and cheeks pressed against glass. Watching from the inside. Just beyond is a world that they will never experience. A world that is just out of reach. They scream for a change, but are not heard. They scramble to impress, but are not seen. They pound against the glass, but it is too thick- reinforced with centuries of stereotypes, segregation and selfishness- but that does not stop the incessant hammering. The glass does not give but it begins to crack. Hairline fractures spider web across the surface but nothing can be done to break “The Glass Ceiling.”

An invisible barrier that cannot be breached due to race, age, or gender- sounds like a figment of someone’s ludicrous imagination, am I right? Unfortunately that is not the case. “The Glass Ceiling Theory” has been an issue since the beginning of time, but was given a name in 1986 by a journalist from the Wall Street Journal. Even in our modern world people are still judged based on standards that they have no control over. Even if they have better qualifications, skills, education, etc. they are tossed to the side and overlooked.

American citizens are stuck in their ways- men bring home the bacon and the women cook it for dinner. Thankfully, women have been given the chance to make careers for themselves,



Cartoon by Lia Hobbs

but now they face a new challenge; their paycheck. In the United States women receive 20 percent less income per year than men or the infamous .77 cents to the dollar.

This Theory was created as a visual for climbing the ladder of success in the workplace, but *The Current* Staff has seen oppression- on television, in the news, and even in the halls of MCHS. We all agree that it is not limited to businesses but affects everyone, everywhere.

Everyone has had the experience of running smack dab into their very own glass ceiling. There is always an obstacle to success. There is always a barrier, but it can always be busted. Whether it be on the underwater basket weaving

team where one teammate receives more playing time because of who her parents are or on the school bus when a student is bullied because of his/her ethnicity. The world is filled with hurdles that everyone has to jump over. Sometimes our foot that gets caught, and we fall on our faces (some of us less athletic students more often than others), but we get up and keep running towards our goals anyway.

Again and again we have tried to shatter the “The Glass Ceiling Theory” and sweep it under the rug, but there is no possible way to do this without a change in attitude or should I say a change in mindset.

Many women have come close to doing away with “The Glass Ceiling” once and for all but their accomplishments have only created cracks in the glass and their attempts to break through have aided in bringing more people together to fight the cause.

Women and minorities may still be under appreciated, but you do not have to be. So continue to strive for excellence MCHS, continue to pound on that glass because every hit more cracks appear and before long it will break.

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Fight firearms with firearms

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Staff Writer



Tragedy struck Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on Feb 14. Nineteen year old Nikolas Cruz murdered 17 students and injured 14 others with a semi-automatic AR-15. The lives of many were changed that day, and the lives of many were taken.

When I first heard of the

news, it instantly reminded me about all of the other school shootings such as Sandy Hook and even as far back as Columbine.

The question that came to mind: what if someone else had a firearm to combat the shooters?

I am aware there are multiple conditions to consider, but under the condition that just one teacher had something as small as a handheld pistol and the guts to take the shot, how many lives could have been saved?

There is much controversy involving guns, especially within the last few years. However, it is undeniable that just one individual (teacher) holstering a firearm could decide the difference between life and death for many adults



and kids.

Of course, you would have to consider the possibility that a teacher may be the culprit of a school shooting; but under the condition that teachers would be allowed to have small firearms within school grounds, the laws involving that would and should be very strict.

Now, I could not find any statistics from a Google search on teachers being suspect of a school shooting. I did, however, find multiple occasions of students, former students, and adults that have never even attended the school, being suspect.

With the overwhelming amounts of fatal shootings,

one already being too many, action needs to be taken. Arming trained and trusted teachers would not only discourage potential shooters, but also decrease the amount of casualties involved if there was a shooting.

Many risks must be taken to ensure that no one else dies.

Whether it is making gun laws stricter, heavily reinforcing every school in the U.S., or both. Yes, it may cost an immense amount of cash or make students uncomfortable, but sacrificing comfortability for even one life is a fair trade.

Hopefully with new changes; such as giving teachers access to firearms at school, there will be a decrease in the deaths and injuries of teachers and students alike to zero.

(Not so) friendly competition

EVAN SMILEY
Public Relations Specialist



What makes a game fun? Is it the people you play with, the activities you play or the amount of time you spend on it? None of the above of course—it’s all about the competition, but it can

bring out the worst in all of us.

There are two types of people when it comes to competition. The bunnies and the hulks.

The bunnies are the kind of people who think competition is something that two friends just laugh about and are just “messing around.”

While the Hulks however are the people who take even the slightest bit of competition to a much higher level.

Many people pride themselves on their ability to do everything, and that can be quite annoying to say the least.

This is your stereotypical Hulk. However, those kind of people are the best competition. Nothing is more satisfying than beating someone who “can nev-



er be beat.”

The feeling of pride and success can be overwhelming but well deserved.

Competition can be our downfall in some ways, unfortunately.

I personally am one of those

people who does not like to lose and will do anything I can to win. This can be an issue at times, because all of us hulks are notorious for “biting off more than we can chew.”

By this, I mean that we get involved with so much and

make ourselves out to be someone that we are not.

If you get yourself overly involved in too many things then you might become too many people’s competition.

While you may not always be up against Hulks; you must always remember that not everyone is a bunny.

Never let your competitiveness get the best of you because you never know how bad it can make you look.

Plus, we all know how important looks are! Competition can be a messy thing, but it’s all up to you to decide how you handle it.

So, what are you: a bunny or a hulk?

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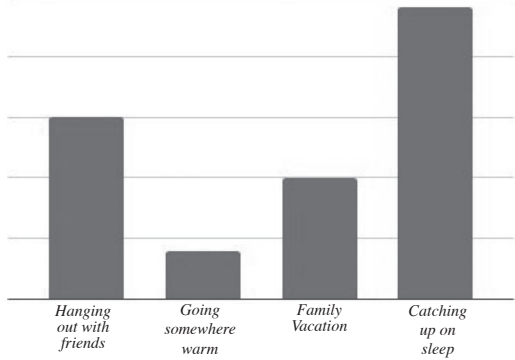
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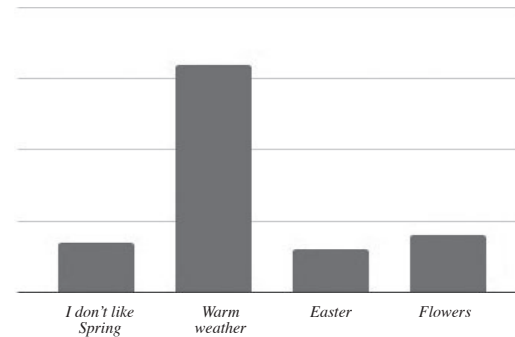
LISTEN TO THE STUDENT VOICE

A survey was sent out to the entire student body with questions regarding the spring and Easter season. Here were the results:

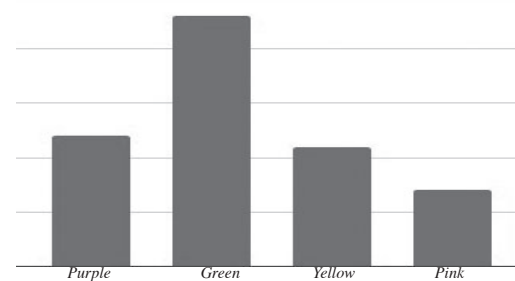
What are you doing for Spring Break?



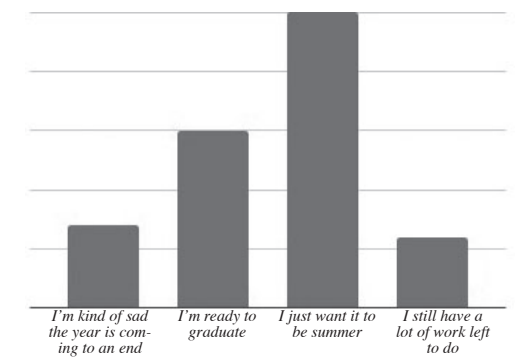
What is the best thing about Spring?



What's your favorite Spring color?



How are you feeling about the last nine weeks?



Dear **ABBY**

HAVE YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Dear Abby,

I'm constantly asking myself why I can't keep a boyfriend or why no one likes me? Any advice?

-Only Fish in the Sea

Dear Fish in the Sea,

Okay, well I just want to start off very bluntly, and I am trying to be as honest as possible: There is nothing, ABSOLUTELY nothing wrong with you. No matter what anyone says, you are the greatest version of yourself that anyone could ever be. I listened to the misguided advice of how to act and what men really want. Don't change yourself just so you can be in a relationship with someone who doesn't actually love you for who you truly are. Trust me, they are most likely just in love with that lovely mask you continue to wear.

I know how it feels, I've been in your shoes before, and I am not the most flexible person. Yet, somehow I would still find myself twisted into a pretzel to find the right mask to wear so that someone would find me attractive and stick around. No matter what I did, they still left because I kept falling for the unavailable person, and they were falling in love with a fictional character. Love is not a masquerade ball, you can't just waltz in with the face of someone else.

Love is also not an easy thing either. There are several people, especially teenagers, who spend many years obsessing over the intangible question of "What did I do wrong?" and backtracking the relationship to see where they apparently screwed up. You don't understand the amount of times I heard the heartbroken say over and OVER: "Did I act too needy," "Did I call too much?", "Was I too available?", or "Maybe I should have waited two more hours to call them back." These people drove each other nuts trying to figure out the man-code and girl-code to unlock the greatest relationship.

So just take my advice or let it go in one ear and out the other. But I think the worst thing you could do right now is googling tips on how to get a boyfriend. Honestly, the advice these wonderful internet bloggers and vloggers give you most likely won't work. These dating tips usually do not work for anyone, many deciding that if what they were doing was "right" (according to the experts), then something must be really wrong individually.

Now that I am in a relationship, I can look back and see how harmful those ideas were to women (and men). Suggesting that someone was dysfunctional or didn't know how to behave on a date is a terrible message to people who already feel so stuck and blame themselves for being single.

The only way to find your true love is to find the true you. Drop the act and shine some light on the real you. This real self is the part of you that never changes from age to age, job to job, relationship to relationship. The true self is your silent partner, waiting on the sidelines watching you do romantic gymnastics when inside patiently waiting to be reclaimed and expressed through you.

So, there are no love rules except your own. You have two choices. You can follow the sheep and become a robotic carbon copy of the official dating tips bible or you can let go of the mask that is covering your real self and show your true magnificence. If you act in your ideal role, you will attract someone into your life that wants to be your ideal co-lead and have that happy ending you deserve.

-Abby

Don't pay, don't tell?

Pay secrecy. It's in cafes and corporations, from the highest tiers to the paltry part-times. When the subject of salaries comes up, people turn away and try to change the subject. However, candid discussion of wages may be the key to fairer wages.

How can anyone negotiate for fair payment when they don't even know what "fair" is? Exploited hires who were uncertain about the value of the position they filled will never know they're underpaid if pay secrecy continues.

"Without a general understanding of the ranges of salaries their peers are earning, many people are left to simply throw a number on the table. Typically [women] vastly undersell themselves... Discussions of pay need to be happening, not only within individual companies to discourage pay inequality at that level, but across the discipline so incoming people, particularly minorities, have realistic expectations of what their skills can earn," Lauren



Voswinkel wrote for *Model View Culture*.

Right now, equal work does not always mean equal pay. Data from the U.S. Census Bureau (2016/2017 study) show that the median annual wages for similar jobs is considerably lower from men to women and from racial minorities to whites. Exposing this pay discrimination would be a step towards equality.

It's clear that greater financial transparency will help employees—so why aren't we already normalizing these conversations?

The importance of money is rooted deep within our culture. It decides your class, your prestige—the word "successful" has become a synonym for rich. In many minds, money has become mixed up with self-worth. You don't just have a low income—you have some sort of personal failing. You're not working hard enough, or not smart enough or not reliable enough. And if you're discussing a high salary, it doesn't necessarily mean you're bragging. These ingrained ideas are incredibly harmful, and we have to move

past them. Fears of judgment or resentment are stopping people from finding out whether their wages are truly fair. Discussing the amount you make should not be such a big deal.

It's true that there are other factors contributing to different pay for the same job. Perhaps one person has more experience, or they may have been with a company for a longer period of time. Those are valid reasons though, and destigmatizing the discussion of wages won't make them any less reasonable. We can

expose wage discrimination while also acknowledging that there are certain skills that warrant a higher pay. Open communication is key.

Another concern is fear of retribution from the company. Many businesses have policies discouraging or even outright banning wage discussions. This, as it happens to be, is completely and undeniably illegal. The National Labor Relations Act prohibits threatening punishment or firing someone for sharing how much they earn.

We have to normalize these discussions. The amount of zeros after a dollar sign should never define you as a person.

We say that we are more than numbers, and now we need to show that. Don't be afraid to talk about wages. Stop turning it into some terrible taboo. When it comes to pay negotiation, you are your only representative. Make sure you're an informed one.

DO YOU NEED ADVICE?

DEAR ABBY

SUBMIT YOUR QUESTION!

E-mail Mrs. Himmelhaver with a question and an anonymous name and Abby may feature you in the paper.

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FEATURES

RAINING POSITIVITY



I remember that I have a strong support system and that stress isn't beneficial.

Senior, Rachel Keen

You just need to focus on the simple things in life.



Sophomore, Lewtin Yates



I do have bad days, and they can be rough, but God gets me through it so I try to radiate his love daily!

Junior, Ali Flaherty



I always have a good attitude, and I love to sing and dance.

Junior, Keiarerra Gorin

I stay happy by having great friends and living every day full of love!



Sophomore, Bryce Evans



Shirkey sweeps her way across the world

PAULETTE BLACK
Assistant Editor

As soon as senior Felicity Shirkey's feet hit the ground running, she was kicking a soccer ball between her feet. From a young age Shirkey knew that, even if she couldn't fulfill her dream of being Spiderman, she could play soccer and pretend she was.

"When I was really young I was playing goalkeeper at an indoor game, and I turned around making my own spider webs into the net," Shirkey said.

From that Shirkey's passion for soccer has only grown. Now she has watched pro soccer games on three continents and participated in multiple training camps. Including the Olympic Development Program, which allowed her to travel to Holland twice.

In Holland the athletes trained in the morning and evening, but still left them with plenty of time to explore.

Shirkey's time in Holland overlapped with her birthday, and she was surprised when they went to a dinner that night and presented her with sweet treats in honor of her birthday.

On her birthday the group took a scenic boat tour of Amsterdam and saw all of the biggest sights Amsterdam has to offer.

"At dinner the night before we went to Amsterdam they came in with this huge plate of little mini sweets and deserts, and I thought 'Oh it's someone's birthday'



Photos submitted

Left: On Shirkey's first trip to Holland, met a carriage driver and his horse while exploring the country between soccer practices.

Right: While in Bolivia, Shirkey and her mom visited Salar de Uyuni, the worlds largest salt flat. After rain the puddles create an effect that morphs perspective allowing the travelers to take pictures that make it seem like they are being attacked by toy dinosaurs.

not thinking that mine was the next day. They took this giant spoon and fed me desert off of it because it was a tradition there," Shirkey said.

While at the training camp the group also took a walking tour of Rotterdam, went to professional soccer games, played games such as Soccer Golf and competed against two soccer teams in Holland.

"The people we played were like 20, and they were huge and they were amazing and they destroyed us both times. They couldn't find people our own age to play us, so they tried to find a similar team. When we lined up to them they were all nearly a foot taller than all of us," Shirkey said.

Shirkey also traveled

with her family to Bolivia for two weeks. While in Bolivia, Shirkey visited natural wonders like Salar De Uyuni, a salt flat that when covered in water changes depth perception making the ground look like the sky.

They also went to Isla Del Sol, or the Island of the Sun. Here they stayed on a boat hotel, and hiked for three days while experiencing the culture in Bolivia.

"We went to ceremonies and learned about culture. It was really cool because we went from being in this little yacht type thing to a canoe to these traditional reed boats," Shirkey said.

Shirkey has also explored nearly all of the contiguous states, and been in nearly every national and state park. As a child Shir-

key lived in Washington until the age of six and moved to Illinois at age 11. She finally landed in Kentucky in the sixth grade and has been here every since.

"When we lived in Washington it was really cool because we could kind of see the mountains from our house, but only sometimes because the clouds would cover them and make them look like they disappeared for a day. If we hiked up the mountain in the summer we could go and experience three different seasons. As we went up the mountain we could go from the summer heat to winter where we could go sledding," Shirkey said.


When not playing soccer or traveling, Shirkey spends time knitting, cheer-

ing on the Patriots and watching movies with her mom and cats.

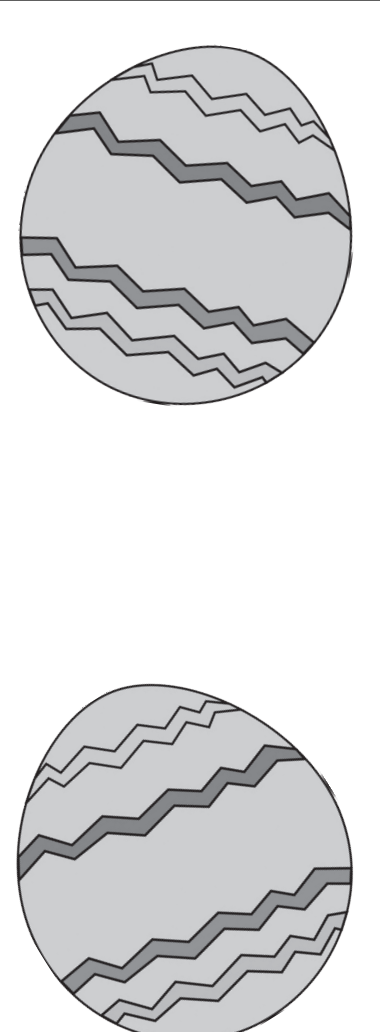
Shirkey is not sure where she will be attending college, but she has been accepted to University of Kentucky and applied to Centre, Harvard, Princeton and University of Pennsylvania. She looks to complete a degree in research science.

Despite missing some of the crucial time for being recruited for college soccer due to a broken arm, Shirkey is determined to walk on wherever she goes.

"Soccer is a huge part of my life, and, even though I missed the original recruiting stuff, I'm still going to submit film and my history. Hopefully I'll harass them enough over the four years to play," Shirkey said.

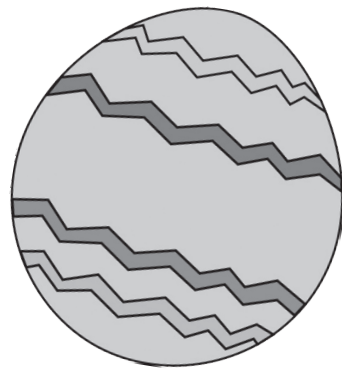



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CAITLYN RISKY
Staff Writer

When you think of St. Patrick's Day, all you see is green and a shower of clovers falling from the sky as a leprechaun rides a unicorn across a rainbow.

St. Patrick's Day is a holiday on March 17, this date being the traditional death date of Saint Patrick. People know St. Patrick's Day as "an Irish thing." However, St. Patrick was not actually Irish. He was born in Britain and was captured by Irish raiders in his teenage years. St. Patrick was then carried into slavery in Ireland.

He spent years there as a herdsman and eventually became passionate to his faith, Christianity. He escaped and went back home to his family, just to later return.

There are a few legends about St. Patrick. One of these legends is about how he drove snakes of Ireland

into the sea. Another popular legend is the legend of the shamrock.

This legend shows how St. Patrick used the shamrock to explain the concept of the Holy Trinity, three persons in one God, to a nonbeliever. He showed him the clover with the three leaves and one stalk.

The shamrock is now the national flower of Ireland.

Fun fact, shamrocks are not real. No, not a figment of your imagination, it's just that the name isn't really "shamrock." It's simply a clover, a common lawn weed.

The name shamrock comes from the Irish word "seamróg," this means "little clover." But shamrocks are different from the lucky four-leaf clovers. That's a completely different story.

When thinking of St. Patrick's Day, green is everywhere. It goes from green clothing to green dyed food. Green is believed to come

from the flag of Ireland. Green representing Catholics, orange for Protestants, and the white being the peace between the two religions. The color green also comes from the shamrock.

Interestingly, the color green has influenced more than just food and apparel. It also changed the interpretation of one of St. Patrick's Day renowned creatures.

Leprechauns are big, or should I say tiny, figures of St. Patrick's Day. Originally, stories had leprechauns wearing red and gold, but those colors have changed to green and more green. The stories even go to the extent of leprechauns pinching people who are not wearing the color green.

From the trials and tribulations one Englishman went through, to how he became engraved as a legend within Irish folklore. That's basically all to cover about the green-icious, three-leaved, St. Patty's Day!

Spring Break



CIARA BENHAM
Opinion Editor

We are quickly approaching the glamorous week of beaches, adventures, and countless fabulous Instagram photos: Spring break. Unless of course, your spring break will be contained within the potentially less glamorous scenery of Meade County.

So what do you do to turn your hometown "staycation" from drab to fab? While you might not be trading in your jacket for a swimsuit, you can fill the space between Wolf Creek and Flaherty with excitement.

The first thing to remember is that all fun starts at home. If you aren't gung-ho about spending your time outdoors, look around your own house and you might just surprise yourself.

Put yourself in the mind-set of childhood exploration and the world becomes your oyster.

When was the last time you set down to draw a picture or build a fort? It may sound childish, but you would be surprised the joy that creativity and simplicity can bring.

Another way to turn your house from a bland place for eating and sleeping into a house party is to plan out a theme night at home. From game night to movie night, grab some snacks and make your home into an immersive experience that you can enjoy with family or friends.

Since not all of us are homebodies, let me remind you of some of the delights Meade County

has to offer. When you are stuck here everyday, it's easy to forget some of the places, and people, that makes this county special.

If you're feeling bored, head to Main Street and see the river, go to the park, and even learn a thing or two. Meade County is nestled in the Ohio River Valley, a site that is rich with history.

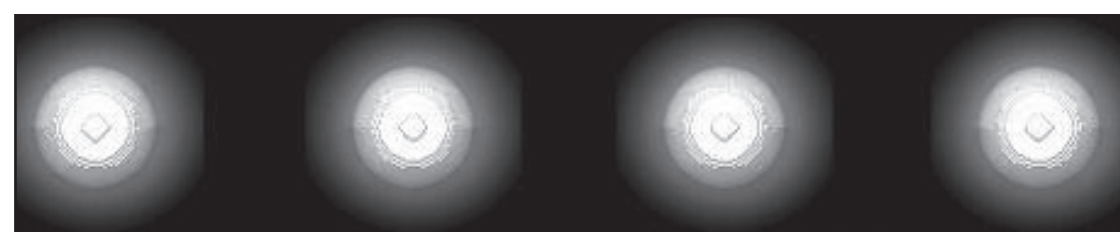
The battle over the Ohio River Valley led to the French and Indian War, and Main Street is covered in plaques that will tell you about the monumental events that took place right here. Even if you aren't a history buff, the landscape is enough to make the trip worth it.

Perhaps you've hit your limit of U.S. History in Mr. Scott's class, but Meade County doesn't only have special places, but significant people. Use this week off of school to meet someone new: and I don't mean online dating.

There are several places across the county that provide opportunities to work with amazing individuals.

Take some time to talk to the elderly at the nursing home or sit with the men and women in the detention center. Even though you aren't going to a dream vacation destination, a break is never wasted when it is spent volunteering.

So maybe you won't be coming back to school with tan lines or cheesy souvenirs, but there are plenty of ways to fill your calendar, right here in the home of the Greenwave.



PROM Globe Hints

- ✔ *Decide on a restaurant and stick to it; get reservations in advance.*
- ✔ *Solidify your after prom plans. Know how you are getting to and from your location.*
- ✔ *Girls: Make nail & hair appointment in advance*
Guys: Be sure your tux fits. Hang it up, after ironing, several days prior to the dance so it is ready to go!
- ✔ *Girls: Bring a small bag for your essentials: I.e. antiperspirant, touch up makeup, false lash glue, makeup wipes, etc.*
Guys: If you know you are paying for your dates dinner, be sure to bring enough money for both meals & a tip.
- ✔ *Flats or sneakers are not essential, but definitely optional; it doesn't hurt to have a plan B for your feet. Keep them in your purse or car.*



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Wuchner mixes it up in the classroom



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Wuchner and senior DJ Alexander prepare to make funnel cake during one of her cooking classes.

KARISSA ERVIN
Staff Writer

Family Consumer Science Teacher Denise Wuchner has decided she will start her well deserved retirement after teaching for 27 years in the Meade County School System.

She began her teaching career at Flaherty Elementary with a fourth and fifth grade split classroom. Wuchner later came to MCHS after 14 years of teaching at the elementary level to teach Family Consumer Science.

Wuchner teaches culinary, intro to foods, and relationships. She is the schools' FCCLA advisor, alongside of Lindsey Frank.

Wuchner is a graduate of Meade County High School and a native of Meade County. She attended the University of Kentucky, however, she received her Masters of Education degree from the University of Louisville. She's an avid Kentucky Wildcat fan!

Wuchner has a passion and love for cooking, and she enjoys teaching students with the same interests as her.

Senior Caleigh Bennett has known Wuchner ever since her freshman year. She has taken life skills, culinary one, and is currently in culinary two.

"She's one of my favorite teachers. I can go to her for anything. She has many good relationships with her students so she's really easy to talk to. She's always there to listen, and she gives really good advice and is always understanding," Bennett said.

"One time a student caught a pan on fire, but she was more scared for everyone's safety. She followed the correct kitchen safety rules and everything was

fine," Bennett said.

Though the kitchen is a safe, clean environment for the students to cook, there are a few incidents that can occur from time to time.

While demonstrating different kitchen equipment, Wuchner opened a coffee grinder and a dead mouse fell out.

"She had no idea the mouse fell out. When she realized what had happened, she jumped back and screamed. Two guys in the class took it outside," Bennett said.

Bennett has learned a lot about food safety and about life from Wuchner.

"I look up to her dedication. She's very helpful and understanding. I plan to keep in touch with her after high school," Bennett said.

"My hope from my teaching career is that I have encouraged and inspired my students to become wise consumers that will make a difference in their everyday lives. I hope that my students have developed their passion and love for cooking as well," Wuchner said.

Wuchner has witnessed many changes in the school system over the years, from the evolution of technology in different kitchen appliances to the development of the required curriculum.

"Once a student filled sugar in the microwave vents and so when we used them and turned it on, sugar went everywhere," Wuchner said.

Wuchner's culinary classes have catered for a variety of things over the years. For example, they catered chili to 250 guests, helped cater the extension office with outside community members, ran a school cafe, and this year they will be catering a boy scouts event at the vocational school in May 2018.

It's been rewarding for Wuchner, watching her students go on to be successful.

Wuchner helped prepare Senior Brandon Whitacker to take his ServSafe Test which certifies that a person has basic knowledge in the areas of personal hygiene, cleaning and sanitation, basic food safety, time and temperature, and cross-contamination and allergens.

"Getting my ServSafe Test certificate allowed me to obtain my job at a bakery," Whitacker said.

"I've had students go on to Sullivan Culinary School. I've also had one student become a personal chef and move out to California. Other students have gone on to work in bakeries and different kitchens," Wuchner said.

Making connections with the students she has taught over the years has impacted her life for the better. She will miss interacting with her students and learning from them each day.

Wuchner has kept in touch with many of her students throughout the years via Facebook and phone calls.

"They are like my kids, I've watched them grow over the years," Wuchner said.

Wuchner has enjoyed preparing her students for their future careers and for their life outside of high school.

"When I retire, I plan to expand my culinary horizons, travel around the world, experience foods from various cultures, and enjoy lake activities, including camping. My Boston Terrier, Brody, and my family will be by my side helping me enjoy my long deserved freedom," Wuchner said.

Tips for a flawless face



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Design Editor

As summer rapidly approaches, it's time to start preparing our faces for beach season. Most of us don't have perfect skin or a natural glow, which is completely okay! However, in order to achieve the flawless face that we all want, then we must use cosmetics or skin care products. Facials are a great way to cleanse your skin of all your unwanted blemishes and make you feel refreshed.

One of the most annoying imperfections that teenagers tend to get is pimples and enlarged pores. To reduce the size of your pores, an egg white based mask will do the trick. All you have to do to make this facial is mix together 1-2 egg whites with 2 tablespoons of oatmeal and 2 tablespoons of lemon juice. After applying the mask, leave it on for 30 minutes and then rinse off with cold water. For maximum results, apply twice a week for multiple weeks.

If you're looking for a way to rid your face of oil buildup, clogged pores and dead skin cells then a facial scrub is the best option for you. If you're looking for an intense exfoliation, then a chocolate sugar scrub is the best fit for you. The scrub consists of ¼ cup of brown sugar, ⅛ cup of olive oil, 1 tablespoon of cocoa powder and ¼ teaspoon of vanilla extract. Rub the scrub gently over your face for one minute; let it sit on your face for ten minutes and then rinse with warm water. Repeat this process once a week for four weeks.

However, if a more natural scrub is what you're looking for then a fluff scrub is a great op-

tion. The fluff scrub is soft and sensitive to the skin. It is composed of 1 tablespoon of coconut oil and 2 tablespoons of sugar. Softly circle the mixture onto your face for one minute and rinse dry with lukewarm water after letting it sit for 15-20 minutes.

In most cases high school students aren't getting the right amount of sleep, which forms unruly dark bags underneath their eyes. If catching up on sleep just isn't an option then an eye mask will remove not only your under eye bags but your stress too. One in particular that I have found to be most effective is a strawberry rosewater mask. All you need is 3 teaspoons of rose water, which you can make by simmering a handful of roses into a cup of distilled water, and 2-3 strawberries. Blend these two simple ingredients together and then let it chill in the refrigerator for at least 15 minutes. After that apply the mask to your face, let it sit for 30 minutes and then rinse it off with cold water.

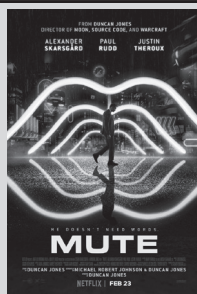
It can sometimes be a struggle for individuals with sensitive skin to find a facial mask that is both effective and won't break out their face. A great option for those who do have sensitive skin is an oatmeal and yogurt face-mask. First mix ¼ tablespoons of yogurt and 2 tablespoons of oatmeal. Apply it to your face and let it moisturize for 10-15 minutes before removing the mask with a steamed washcloth. The warm washcloth prevents dry skin and breakouts.

Summer is right around the corner, so hurry out and gather all the supplies you need to keep your face fresh and flawless.

Coming Soon to a Screen Near You



MUTE



A science fiction film revolving around a mute bartender searching for the love of his life who has mysteriously disappeared that takes him deeper and deeper into the city's criminal underbelly. (Feb. 2018)

READY PLAYER ONE



The film is set in 2045, where much of humanity is trying to escape the desolation of the real-world through the use of virtual reality software (OASIS). Wade Watts discovers clues to a hidden game within OASIS that promises the winner full ownership of the OASIS. (March 29, 2018)

ALEXA & KATIE



Freshman Alexa is undergoing cancer treatment while trying to adjust to high school. She maintains her outgoing personality and enthusiasm for life despite her health issues, thanks in part to loyal best friend Katie remaining by her side through it all. (March 23, 2018)

AVENGERS INFINITY WAR



The Avengers unite to battle their most powerful enemy yet -- the evil Thanos. On a mission to collect all six Infinity Stones, Thanos plans to use the artifacts to inflict his twisted will on reality. (April 27, 2018)

Happy Spring Break!

from The Current staff



Congratulations to the selected Student Body Officers for the 2018-19 school year!



ENTERTAINMENT

PET MATCH

A man's best friend is always there when you need to talk, go for a walk or need a laugh. Four adorable animals and four of their humans, which furry friend goes with each MCHS student?



A.

This is a picture of my bearded dragon, Ezra, who is 2 1/2 months old. She loves to eat fruit and no insects. Her nickname is baby girl.

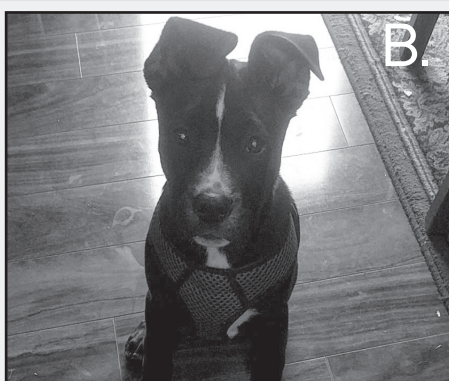


1.

Emily Marmann



This is Jasper. Sometimes I am convinced his ears are broken; they go outwards, forwards, backwards, stick straight up, and all types of weird things.



B.



2.

Alyssa Powell



C.

This is Pheobe, she is a big lover of basking in the sun and playing with toys that are bigger than her. She loves a good adventure and is continuously curious.



3.

Randi Waters



This is Gypsy. She loves to lick every cat she sees, and well of course the prettiest.



D.



4.

Madison Childres



Do you have a pet? Be featured by sending a picture of your favorite furry friend to our Entertainment Editor at Andrea.Ruiz@stu.meade.kyschools.us

Layout by: Emma Barr & Erika Biddle

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HOROSCOPES

What is your horoscope? Share your fortune with a friend.

Leo
You're super-organized in your communications today. So why are your friends complaining? Strange...

Taurus
We're all pretty comfy with steps. 1, then 2, then 3. But life isn't that easy always, so this month you need to deviate from the path and try something new!

Aries
Your personal energy is deeper than you think, and you might be powered up long after everyone else goes home. Just make sure you have time for everyone in your life.

Cancer
We can all avoid confrontation in fear of 'making it awkward.' But you deserve to be direct, Cancer. Push past the cringe this month!

Gemini
"I don't have time to feel bad for myself." Sound familiar? Instead, show self-compassion. Try a productive pity party!

Virgo
Motivation isn't just a thing we wake up with. You run the show, Virgo. Find the joys in your to-dos this month!

Libra
Fun fact: small acts of kindness aren't fluffy - they actually boost our self-esteem. Do good to feel good this month, Libra!

Scorpio
You've crossed the finish line, Scorpio! Start the victory dance! For any unfinished goals, remember that you can go at your own pace.

Aquarius
Have a 'guilt-playlist' that plays on repeat, Aquarius? Try a radical things this month: Forgive yourself and let go!

Capricorn
March hasn't been your friend this month, Capricorn. I wouldn't hold your breath because April isn't looking so hot either. Remember to keep your head up and let the disappointment wash away!

Sagittarius
Your ambition is a beautiful thing, but always aiming for the stars can make us freeze up. Get to 'good enough' first.

Pisces
'Let me OVERthink about that.' Our go-to when situations pop up. But you're brave, Pisces. Trust your instincts and don't be afraid of a quick reaction. It may surprise you!

Black Panther impacts the Marvel Universe

MEGHAN ALLISON
News Editor

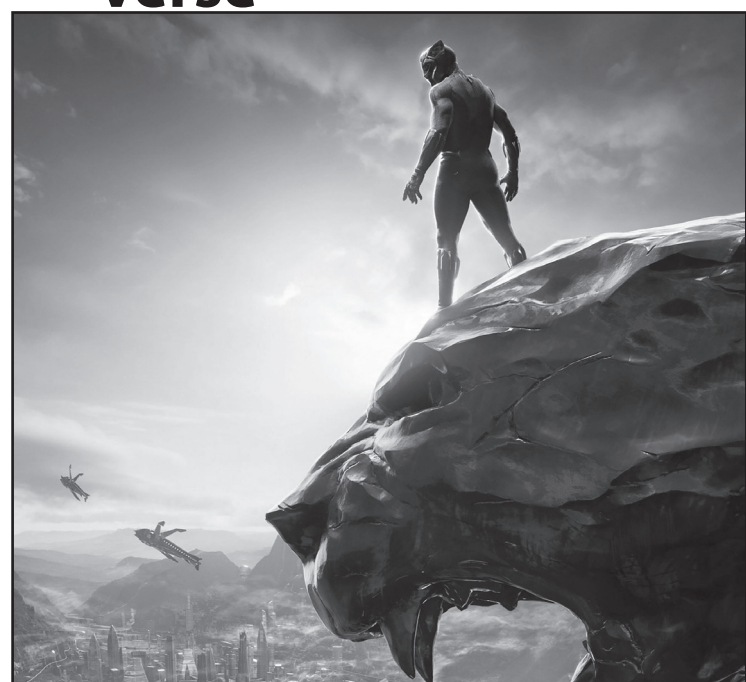
On Feb. 16, Black Panther officially released in theaters. The movie follows T'Challa after the events of Captain America: Civil War. After the death of his father, T'Challa must return to Wakanda to become king and protect his country as the Black Panther.

To the outside world Wakanda is a third world country that sustains itself and doesn't participate in international trade, but the true mystery lies inside. Wakanda was built on a mountain where vibranium, one of the strongest metals ever, is plentiful and easy to attain.

Shuri, T'Challa's sister, oversees all technological advances within Wakanda and makes sure that the entire city is functioning while also making new weapons and designs for her brother to use with his suit.

Black Panther is up on the charts for one of the best Marvel movies so far, and it's obvious as the movie is watched. Almost the whole cast is darker skin colored. The only exceptions to this are Martin Freeman, who plays Everett Ross, Andy Serkis, who plays Ulysses Klaue and of course Stan Lee with his cameo.

The amount of work



put into this movie is evident at how in depth the story gets, how the directors spent a long time researching the ways of certain African tribes. The words at the bottom of the screen are even in the African language used throughout the film between T'Challa and his father, T'Chaka. Also in the movie Wakanda is separated into small groups, each group having their own abilities and strengths that make them who they are.

One of the groups has a blanket they wear that also acts as a shield, the blanket uses designs from original African tribes. The leader from the River Tribe was also apart of the culture due to the fact that he talks with a lip plate. The lip plate is a

form of body modification in certain tribes, a large disc is inserted into a pierced hole in the upper or lower lip, sometimes the disc is inserted into both lips, therefore stretching it.

Not only is the culture evident, but the music is a mixture of culture and modern. In one scene the sun is coming up over the horizon and a small drum beat can be heard, while on the other hand, in action packed scenes the music is more modern.

From here the Marvel universe is only going to grow. On Apr. 27 Infinity War hits theaters, putting the biggest superheroes up against Thanos, and T'Challa will be back as the Black Panther.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

ANASTASIA BASHAM

Assistant News Editor

Junior Jessika Davis was selected as Artist of the Month for March. Davis's artistic focus is drawing, both traditionally and digitally.

The Current (TC): How long have you been drawing?

Jessika Davis (JD): I have been drawing ever since pre-school.

TC: Who taught you how to draw or did you teach yourself?

JD: My older brother Josh taught me the basics of drawing, and I improved from there.

TC: Is drawing your only artistic focus?

JD: Yes.

TC: Is there a specific style of drawing you focus on?

JD: The cartoons I watched growing up heavily influenced me: the Power



Photo By Emma Barr

Junior Jessika Davis featuring one of her brilliant works of art.

Puff Girls, and old Hanna Barbara cartoons. So I've always drawn in that particular style.

TC: What is your future goal?

JD: I want to go into video game development and implement the characters I draw into those games.

I would like to go into character development.

TC: Do you take any classes now that will help further your future success?

JD: I currently take the computational thinking class offered to improve my technology skills, and I do plan on taking Art Studio my se-

nior year as well.

TC: Why do you want to go into video game development?

JD: I want to go into video game design because I wanted to see my own characters come to life. My older brothers were also major influences towards my love for

games.

TC: What is your inspiration for drawing?

JD: Anything and everything. Whatever comes to my mind, I draw it. It doesn't matter what it is.

TC: Do your parents support your art?

JD: They have supported my art ever since I showed interest in drawing. They have also been super supportive of my career choice.

TC: Do you ever express certain emotions in your art?

JD: I try to express my emotions through my characters by giving them a certain facial expression or making them pose a particular way.

TC: What advice do you give to yourself as well as other beginning artists?

JD: In a world that kind of lacks imagination and creativity, it is important to stay creative in any field you choose to do.

Fortnite emerges from the bush

MACKENZIE FOCKLER

Features Editor

Battles Busses, looking for loot, fixing up forts and dance moves for days- all on one map!

Fortnite is a sandbox, shooter survival game created by Epic Games and People Can Fly; released in September 2017. Designed as a cartoonish, four player co-op, the game is based in a apocalyptic world where a mysterious storm wiped out 98% of the population. On top of this, players key motive is to collect supplies, and complete tasks while battling an army of zombies, otherwise known as 'Husks,' to help revive humanity. As these tasks are completed, more of the map



is revealed for players to explore; as while other places are concealed by the storm.

Though the campaign has endured many good re-

views from critics, the Battle Royale mode is where Fortnite has peaked in its growing fan base. Unlike the campaign, this version

allows 100 gamers to roam the map freely— all while collecting loot, eliminating other players, and of course, building or destroying forts. In this free, PvE spin off, players battle each other while the storm shrinks into a smaller area; until only one player, or team, is left victorious.

The concept of defeating opponents with resourcefulness and by outwitting the competition is what makes the game so addictive to anyone who plays; there's never only playing 'just one game.'

While it is currently rated for ages 13 years or older, it shouldn't come to a surprise that the game has reached pretty much ev-

eryone old enough to work an Xbox. Which brings us to the popular topic being argued by parents: Is Fortnite adding to the debacle on provoking gun violence? Even though the game is veiled by cartoony graphics, making it seem like a kid-friendly video game, it's no argument that one of the most popular motives while playing is to scavenge for the best weapon or gun. Whether one may see this as a negative aspect on younger users or just as another survival game, the simple fact is that Fortnite is reaching millions of people, educating them on different types of real-life firearms and what they could do. Yet some reviewers believe the age rate should be lowered because of its lack of violence and gore.

So the question isn't what parents should do about the game itself, instead it should be where do we draw the line between harmless, lovable video game and a potentially idea provoking concept?

Either way, what I thought at first to be an overhyped fad, Fortnite is an entertaining game that is highly loved across the board and will continue to upgrade its features; ultimately increasing to a larger fanbase.

STORY CORNER: Two in the Morning

It's two in the morning. I wake up; the room is warm and still smells like fresh formula. An empty box of diapers lay sitting on the other end of my black cloth couch. I quickly sit upright and look down at my empty hands. Why were they empty? They should have been holding a seven-month-old girl. But my hands were empty and cold, no sight of the child anywhere in the room. I searched the entire house. How could I have fallen asleep like that? The girl seemed to have vanished into thin air.

Frantic, I ran out into the snow and stumbled up the steep hill that led to the main house. As always, the key was inside the rip in the scarecrow resting on the porch banister. The door opened without noise or problem. What I wanted was to seek the help of the two brothers that lived there, though one seemed to have a burning hatred for me. A noise steadily flowed from the kitchen, drawing me to it. I'd always been known for my ability to walk without anything to tell my presence, and now was no exception. Inside the kitchen revealed a scene I still have doubts on to this day.

The very man, who showed love for little in the world, including myself, was carefully walking around with my daughter in his arms. Through all of the years knowing him, and the few years spent together, never once had he shown love or interest without hiding it in impossible puzzles. But there he was, going on about how she was lucky to have my eyes and going on about how she would grow up strong like her mother. It was then that he told her he loved me, for he was certain no one would hear and the child would forget.

It started to make sense to me now-- everything I'd seen leading up to my search for help in the house. Thinking on it, there had been a few spots of dirt in my doorway that hadn't been there the day before. There were small footprints left in the snow, though at the moment they had been thought to be made from people walking to and from both houses. On the kitchen floor, the lights could be seen reflecting in puddles from where snow had melted. On the sides of his shoes were thick layers of mud. At some point, I realized, he had become attentive to when I would wake up at early hours in the morning due to the crying from the seven-month old. Knowing these times, he must have waited nearby before using the spare key under the mat to enter my house and quietly picking up the waking child.

As I exited the kitchen doorway to retreat back to my small house, I began to wonder if I would ever truly understand what lay beneath his somber exterior.

Lia Hobbs



STAR WARS goes VR

SAVANNAH REED
Staff Writer

Disney and Lenovo have partnered together to design an AR video game for Star Wars. AR games are a lot like VR ones in many ways but instead of fully immersing the player's vision like VR does, AR adds the computer-generated graphics to reality. By adding the graphics to reality the player can interact with the game in the room and is less likely to experience side effects of playing the game like eyestrain, headaches and motion sickness. Players of this game will be able to fight sith lords and command armies in the very room that they're standing in just by inserting a smartphone into the headset, placing a tracking beacon on the floor and turning on

a light saber that acts as remote control.

In the AR world Star Wars has become a major breakthrough game. It was the recipient of a Tom's Guide Innovation Award and received many positive reviews from critics. This new game features light saber combat with sith lords, strategic combat against enemy forces and holochess. There will also soon be updates for the game through the mobile app that is available for both Apple and Android. This update will include new characters and a planet from The Last Jedi.

During light saber combat the player will be able to use force powers and a light saber in order to defeat the enemy. The player will battle across six different planets while facing many opponents. These



opponents will vary from Kylo Ren to Darth Vader to multiple troopers. In assault mode the player must face waves of storm troopers in order to accomplish the mission.

The game also tests the player's strategic thinking by having one of Chewbacca's favorite games, Holochess. During a game of Holochess the player must direct miniature aliens on

a checkered table as they battle for territory. They also have the ability to collect eight different aliens, all with different advantages and disadvantages. The objective of the game is to gain complete control of the board while losing as few aliens as possible.

The player will also be able to test their military strategy by commanding troops across a battlefield.

These fights are large-scale ground battles where units and heroes, like Obi-wan Kenobi and Luke Skywalker, must be strategically placed and led in order to overcome enemy forces. Famous battles from the Star Wars Saga can be recreated while new units and heroes can be unlocked, as the fighting gets more difficult.

The objective of the game is to progress from the level of Padawan to Jedi Master. Learning new force powers, light saber moves and strategy techniques accomplish progressing through the game. The video game set can be bought online or at Best Buy for about \$200. Despite the high cost the price should be expected to drop just like all gaming systems do the longer they're out on the market.

Live like you're dying

CIARA BENHAM
Opinion Editor

On March 7, 2018, The CW aired the series premiere of its original show *Life Sentence*.

The show follows the eventful day-to-day life of main character Stella Abbott: a young woman diagnosed with terminal cancer.

Actress Lucy Hale, known famously for her role on *Pretty Little Liars*, stars as Stella in the American comedy series. Although *Life Sentence* may sound like a melancholy drama, it's first episode proved to be an entertainment filled roller coaster.

If you're worried that a story about a woman with cancer will bring you down, don't start crying too soon. Without any spoilers, the show follows Stella's life after she finds out she isn't terminal after all.

Up until this point, Stella had been living with

a "live everyday like it's your last" attitude. Although that seems practical, Stella made some pretty reckless decisions under the predisposition that she would die in the near future.

Life Sentence isn't all waterworks and depression, as it may seem to be, the story is more about Stella living with the consequences of her bucket list actions. Though the realization that she will live after all should be joyous, the new discovery leads to some comical blunders.

Stella finds herself cured, but completely unprepared for life itself. She has no job and no qualifications to obtain one.

On top of her lack of income, Stella begins to uncover some shocking family secrets. Since Stella was approaching the end of her life, her family wanted her to have the perfect im-



age of them before death.

However the reality isn't as perfect as she once assumed. From secret relationships and infidelity to financial rehab and broken

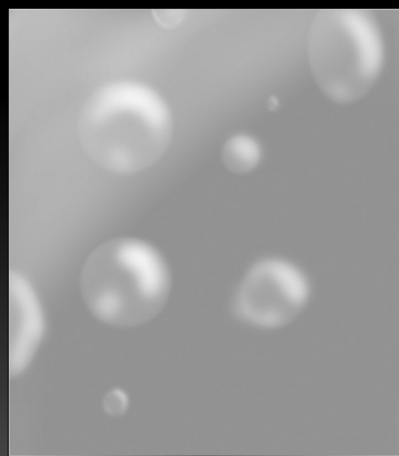
dreams, there is suddenly a plethora of scandals in Stella's life.

While Stella is having an identity crisis of her own, she soon finds out her

own husband has been lying about his identity all together. So now, the person she was meant to turn to in this time of need is a complete stranger. Now she must ask herself: whom did I say, "I do" to?

Though the show is a heartfelt comedy, it isn't quite a family affair. The audience should be warned that there are some racy scenes that are inappropriate for some viewers. So when you set down to watch *Life Sentence* be aware it is made for a mature audience, like most shows on The CW.

After eight years of facing her own mortality, Stella now must face her own reality in this show. If you are looking for a series that will make you laugh, cry, and question your own choices: *Life Sentence* is worth a watch.



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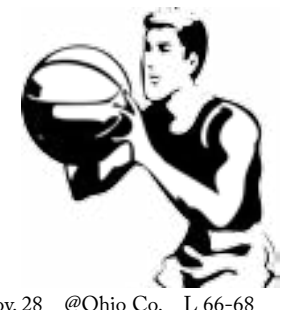
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SPORTS

Greenwave Basketball Schedule 2017-2018



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| Nov. 28 | @Ohio Co. | L 66-68 |
| Dec. 1 | O. Catholic | L 50-80 |
| Dec. 5 | Providence | W 55-54 |
| Dec. 7 | @F. Fraize | W 83-33 |
| Dec. 8 | Campbellsville | W 72-56 |
| Dec. 15 | @Breck Co. | W 67-62 |
| Dec. 20 | @Henry Clay | L 37-66 |
| Dec. 21 | @Henry Clay | W 68-62 |
| Dec. 22 | @Henry Clay | W 52-49 |
| Dec. 29 | @Ryle | W 67-45 |
| Jan. 3 | Bullitt Central | W 62-57 |
| Jan. 5 | @John Hardin | L 62-90 |
| Jan. 9 | Hancock Co. | W 91-65 |
| Jan. 23 | Valley | L 65-75 |
| Jan. 26 | Breck Co. | L 61-67 |
| Jan. 30 | North Hardin | L 66-81 |
| Feb. 2 | F. Fraize | W 92-26 |
| Feb. 3 | @Daviess Co. | L 54-74 |
| Feb. 6 | @Grayson Co. | W 52-40 |
| Feb. 8 | @Hancock Co. | W 83-64 |
| Feb. 9 | @N. Oldham | W 65-63 |
| Feb. 12 | E'town | L 52-69 |
| Feb. 15 | C. Hardin | W 58-41 |
| Feb. 20 | @Breck Co. | W 83-34 |
| Feb. 23 | @Breck Co. | W 76-66 |
| Feb. 28 | @Owensboro | L 59-76 |

Ladywave Basketball Schedule 2017-2018



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| Dec. 1 | O. Catholic | L 62-73 |
| Dec. 5 | Grayson Co. | W 54-43 |
| Dec. 7 | @F. Fraize | W 74-30 |
| Dec. 15 | @Breck Co. | W 61-51 |
| Dec. 20 | @C'ville | L 39-58 |
| Dec. 21 | @C'ville | W 74-28 |
| Dec. 22 | @C'ville | W 63-44 |
| Jan. 2 | @Apollo | W 57-56 |
| Jan. 6 | @Edmonson | W 72-68 |
| Jan. 9 | Hancock Co. | W 79-46 |
| Jan. 20 | Muhlenberg | W 70-66 |
| Jan. 23 | Spencer Co. | L 59-63 |
| Jan. 26 | Breck Co. | W 60-56 |
| Jan. 27 | @Daviess Co. | W 48-46 |
| Jan. 29 | Ohio Co. | W 64-39 |
| Jan. 30 | @LaRue Co. | L 50-61 |
| Feb. 2 | F. Fraize | W 78-24 |
| Feb. 5 | Owensboro | W 72-33 |
| Feb. 6 | @N. Hardin | W 77-48 |
| Feb. 9 | Nelson Co. | L 54-63 |
| Feb. 13 | @T. Nelson | W 78-57 |
| Feb. 16 | C. Hardin | W 64-60 |
| Feb. 19 | @Breck Co. | W 66-35 |
| Feb. 22 | @Breck Co. | L 45-46 |
| Feb. 27 | @Owensboro | L 51-60 |

Greenwave Wrestling Schedule 2017-2018



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| Dec. 21 | Meade County | |
| Dec. 23 | @Christian County | |
| Dec. 27 | @Wayne County | |
| Dec. 29 | @Franklin (OH) | |
| Dec. 30 | @Franklin (OH) | |
| Jan. 6 | @Corydon | |
| Jan. 13 | @Fairdale | |
| Jan. 16 | Meade County | |
| Jan. 19 | @Huntington (WV) | |
| Jan. 27 | @Columbia | |
| Feb. 9 | @Owensboro | |
| Feb. 10 | @Owensboro | |
| Feb. 16 | @Lexington | |
| Feb. 17 | @Lexington | |

Swim team dives into state



Photo submitted

Mens' 200 Yard Freestyle Relay tea, (left to right) juniors Nick Garnett, Cole Mattingly, CJ Simmons, Evan Smiley, and Zack Hedrick, represents Meade County at state championship.

DANIEL SCHOONOVER
Assistant Sports Editor

The Meade County High School swim team competed at state in the 200 Yard Freestyle Relay. The team finished with a total time of 1:36.50.

Although they did not advance to day two of the state meet, they represented the Greenwaves well. The four swimmers that competed on the relay team consisted of: CJ Simmons,

who swam a time of 24.14, Zack Hedrick, who swam 23.88, Cole Mattingly, who swam 25.25, and Nick Garnett, who swam 23.23. This was Simmons and Hedrick's first times competing in state. Team manager Evan Smiley also attended the competition as the state timer.

"It's no surprise to me that the team qualified for state. In fact, they wouldn't have swam to their best potential if they had not. They have worked hard all season, put in extra yardage on so many days, averaged about 20,000 yards a

week, which is close to three miles a day! They swam against some fierce competition at state. They fell a little shy of their best time which cost them in their qualifying swims, but overall created a name for themselves as juniors in the state. They will be a force to be reckoned with next year as seniors if we all stay healthy! I could not be more proud of them and their representation of the Greenwave!" swim coach Kelly Holley said.

This marks the third time Nick Garnett has gone to state, and he not only competed in the

200 Yard Freestyle Relay, but the 100 Yard Breaststroke where he earned a time of 1:04.09, and the 100 Yard Fly where he finished with a time of 57.14.

"Going to state for the third time was great, and what made it even better was new people got to experience it for the first time. This was my first time placing in individuals. Next year I plan on trying some new events that I haven't participated in and hopefully break some records," Nick said.

Archers draw their bows

ANASTASIA BASHAM
Assistant News Editor

On Feb. 23.-24., the MCHS and Stuart Pepper Middle School (SPMS) archery teams traveled to Muhlenberg High School for the 2018 KY National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) Region 3 bullseye competition.

The school bus picked up students in front of MCHS and departed towards Muhlenberg. Every member shot on Friday or Saturday to compete against Apollo, Breckinridge County, Butler County, Edmonson County, Frederick Fraize, Grayson County, Hancock County,



Photo submitted

Meade County archery team celebrate after seven consecutive placements at competition.

Muhlenberg County, Ohio County and St. Paul Catholic School.

The MCHS team was split into two, Team One and Team Two. Muhlenberg

County East Campus Team One took first place with a score of 3403, Meade County Team One took second place with a score of 3348 and Breckinridge County took

third place with a score of 3331. First place male archer for MCHS Team was Kurtis Swanson with the score of a 288, he also took first place overall for MCHS.

"I have been shooting archery since the second grade. I was pleased with my performance. My highest score I ever shot was a 291," Swanson said.

First place female archer for MCHS Team was Amber Ditto with the score of a 277.

"I have been shooting archery since elementary school. Either you're a beginner, intermediate, or advance; what you find in archery you won't find anywhere else," Ditto said.

Team USA places 4th at the 2018 Winter Olympics

DANIEL SCHOONOVER
Assistant Sports Editor

The United States of America claimed fourth place in the 2018 Winter Olympic games at the PyeongChang Olympic Stadium in South Korea with a total of 23 medals. This year's games consisted of 2,922 athletes including 1,680 men and 1,242 women from 92 countries. Team USA consisted of 21 athletes, with nine earning gold medals and eight silvers. The country with the highest number of medals was Norway with 14 gold medals and a total of 39 medals.

This marks the 23rd Winter Olympic games and a historic moment for Korea. This is the first time North and South Korea came together under one flag. The separated countries even entered the games with a unified team in women's ice hockey. South Korea finished the games with 17 medals earned.

This is the first time South Korea has hosted the Winter Olympics. The only other time the country has hosted the Olympics was in 1988 for the Summer Olympics in Seoul.

The last Winter Olympic games, held in 2014, team USA placed second with 28 gold medals behind Russia who



Photo submitted

Olympic alumni Shaun White takes gold in Mens' Halfpipe at the 2018 Olympics.

has been banned from the 2018 games for doping.

One of America's favorite athletes, Shaun White, starred in his last Olympic games, earning his final gold medal for the men's halfpipe finals. Shaun earned a gold medal at Turin in 2006 and another in Vancouver in 2010. He currently has 13 gold medals in the Winter X Games and an additional two in the Regular X Games.

Another name that has made a big impact on Team USA is Chloe Kim. This is her first entry into the Olympics

and she brought home a gold medal for women's snowboarding. Chloe earned a historic win at the U.S. Grand Prix in City Park where she became the first woman to land back-to-back 1080s and score a perfect 100. Kim was unable to compete at the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics due to age restrictions but has proven herself at the 2018 Olympics.

Jessica "Jessie" Diggins made history along with teammate Kikkan Randall by winning their first ever gold medal for cross-country skiing. Jessie

and Kikkan won a gold medal in the team sprint in the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships 2013 in Val di Fiemme. Two years later they won a silver medal in the 10-kilometer freestyle race in the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships 2015.

The next Winter Olympic games will be held in Beijing. The most recent Olympics held in Beijing were the 2008 Summer Olympics. This will be the first time that the Olympics have been hosted in the same place twice.

Waves, Ready...Set...Go!!

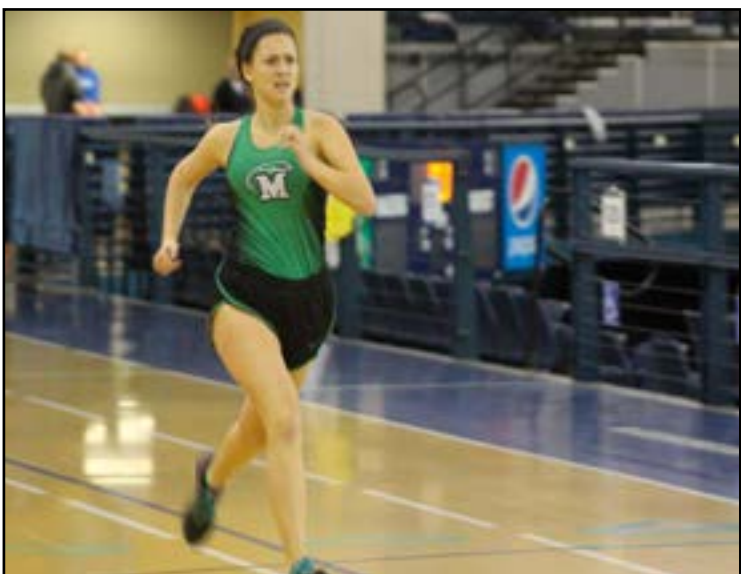


Photo by: Daejah Griffen

Senior Sarah Hall sprints towards the finish for the HS Girls' 400 Meter Dash and places third at the West Regions Invitational.

MAKENNA GONSALVES
Sports Editor

Only three months into 2018 and already the outdoor track season has kicked into high gear for Meade County. The competition is already intense with both the boys and girls track teams leaving a mark at major events.

Recently, the team competed in the Bruins Relays at Central Hardin High School, finishing third out

of fifteen for both boys and girls. On the night of Mar 22, the track team also visited Elizabethtown High School for the Reverse Rumble and finished strong with several athletes placing top three in relays and individual events. This just shows how strong our track and field team is becoming.

At both meets, the top three competitors were alternately Central Hardin, North Hardin, and Meade County with intense com-

petition at each event. No matter if it was on the track or the field, all three teams were constantly butting heads for first place. Although it Meade County did not take first overall, this is still great accomplishment for the team after transitioning regions this year.

This season is already proof of the hardwork and teamwork the track and field team strives for at both meets and practices. Head coach Larry Garner is shaping the team for this year's regional competition and is looking forward in perhaps taking several athletes to state this year.

"I think all around, we are getting stronger and smarter, and we will hopefully continue to get better as the season goes on," Garner said.

With several meets still to come in the next two months, we want to wish to team goodluck and we look forward to see what the Meade County track and field team has yet to achieve.

Athletes of The Month

Each month we spotlight a male and female athlete from a specific sport who have proved themselves worthy. These athletes are nominated by their head coach.



Joseph Lasley



JEFF PRECHTEL
Staff Writer

This month, Joseph (Seph) Lasley has taken the cake for March's Athlete of the Month.

Beginning in the 7th grade, Seph began running track for Stuart Pepper Middle School. From there, he made a gradual ascent to one of the most recognizable runners at Meade County High School.

Out of the many impressive feats Seph and the team have accomplished, he is proud of making it to the top 9 in state for the 4-by-4 relay. Unfortunately, right before they were about to run, it began to rain. Eventually, the event was cancelled; however, making it to 9th place in state is definitely commendable.

"It helps when people from MCHS come because you have to work extra hard

due to the pressure," Lasley said.

When it comes to motivation, Seph says the team is a big influencer. Even though the runs are individual, the team is what gets him hyped. Another big inspiration is when fellow students and teachers come to watch.

"Before a meet, I like to just relax and listen to music. All you need to know is to run fast and turn left."

With such exponential skill, Seph has to put a lot of work into cardio. "I try to do conditioning all of the way up until December, then let Coach Garner take the wheel and tell me what to do," Lasley said.

Besides the rigorous training, Seph reveals that one of the major obstacles he has had to overcome is the countless injuries that come along with the sport. Regardless, he always forces himself to give 100%, "We always have to give 100% during practice, if not, Garner makes us rerun," Lasley said.

After high school, Seph wishes to attend Law School at the University of Kentucky.



Daejah Griffen



KARISSA ERVIN
Staff Writer

Senior Daejah Griffen has been selected to be this month's Athlete of the Month for the Meade County Track team.

Griffen has been running track for six years; she joined the track team in seventh grade.

"I've always had a passion for running especially when I was little because I would run 5Ks with my family and friends," Griffen said.

Griffen said her most memorable year running track would be her sophomore year, when all of the 4

by 200 teams got in a circle and did a prayer before a race.

Track has given Griffen the opportunity to have a close relationship with her teammates and coaches.

"For me all my teammates and coaches are like my family we argue and goof around a lot but we love each other so much and only want to see each other grow and get better," Griffen said.

Outside of track, Griffen volunteers at the Meade Activity Center (MAC) as much as she can because she loves being with children. She is also a member of HOSA and participates in the annual blood drive. She also participates in the Angel Tree.

After graduating MCHS, Griffen plans to attend the University of Louisville to get her associates in biology, then join the military and become a general surgeon through the military.

Senior Signings

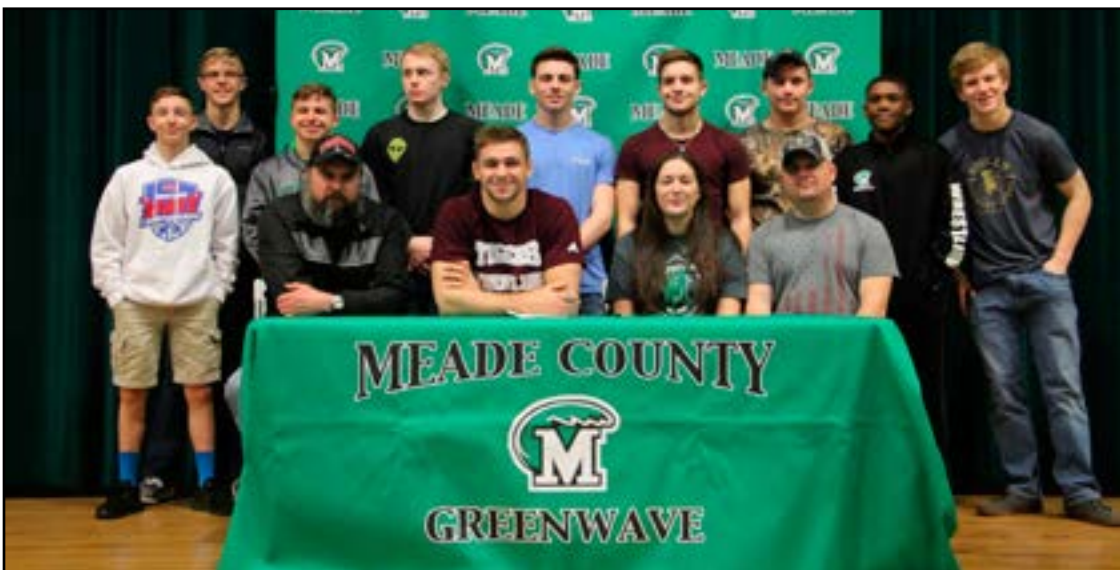


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Top: Senior Kevin Schantz signed with Campbellville University for wrestling scholarship. Bottom: Senior Shelby Williams signed with Midway University to play for the womens' soccer team.

Athlete Quote Challenge



TRACK AND FIELD EDITION



A. SARAH HALL



B. DALTON BRUCE



C. ALYSSA NEAL



D. DYLAN LANCASTER

1. "PEOPLE DON'T THINK TRACK BE LIKE IT IS, BUT IT DO. -POFF DADDY"

2. "I DON'T LIKE MONDAYS ANYMORE!"

3. "WE RUN THIS TOWN!"

4. "RUN EVERY RACE LIKE IT'S YOUR LAST."