



# The Current

## Volleyball wins region tournament for the first time in school history



Photos by Erika Biddle

Left: Senior Jo Cannady jump serves the ball during the Ladywave's match against North Oldham in the KHSAA State tournament, fighting to keep the lead. Right: Senior Sydney King tips the ball into zone four in hopes to score a point as junior Maggie Kamber (left) and senior Meg Powers (right) cover in case the ball gets picked up.

**ERIKA BIDDLE**  
Design Editor

After falling in the Region Championship game against Apollo High School in 2016, the Ladywave Volleyball team was hungry for a region championship. They've been working all season to accomplish this goal. Their hard work and dedication paid off on Oct. 26 when they won the Third Region Championship be-

coming the first team in MCHS history to win a volleyball region championship. The Ladywaves beat Owensboro Catholic (3-2) in a set of five at Apollo High School.

The Ladywaves cut it close in the first set of the region championship but came out on top with a score of (25-23). They lost the second set though with a score of (19-25), but quickly redeemed themselves by winning the third set (16-25).

They fell again in the fourth set (20-25). In the fifth and final set, the Ladywaves won by four with a score of (15-11).

"As a coach, I felt proud to be able to lead the team this far. I enjoyed making history and achieving a goal that a lot of time and effort was put into," Head Coach Morgan Benham said.

Teamwork, energy and positive attitudes helped make winning region possible for the Ladywaves.

Coach Benham said that Jo Cannady's skill level, Sydney King's knowledge of the game and Meg Power's leadership also impacted the results of the game tremendously.

"Winning region was our goal all season long, so being able to accomplish that with such a tight-knit group was an awesome experience," senior Meg Powers said.

The Ladywaves advanced to the first round of KHSAA State tournament held

at Valley High School on Nov. 3. They faced the North Oldham Mustangs .

The Ladywaves fell hard in the first set with a score of (25-13). The team came into the second set with high enthusiasm and came close to defeating the Lady Mustangs, but lost (27-25). In the third and final set of the match, the Ladywaves again cut it close but couldn't beat North Oldham. They lost the set (25-20).

## Drama Club performs "The Odd Couple"

**SAVANNAH REED**  
Staff Writer

The drama department performed Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple" on Oct. 26-28 for their fall production after rehearsing for about seven weeks.

The auditions were held in September and 14 students were cast in the production. There was also staff, parents and many students working behind the scenes in order to help put the show together.

"This was a production that grew and changed a lot every week in rehearsal; there was a lot of physical comedy too, which the students and audience liked," director Kelly Capps said.

The play takes place in an eight bedroom apartment on Riverside Drive, New York City in 1965. This is where a divorced sportswriter named Oscar Madison, who is behind on alimony, plays poker with his friends and lives in a messy apartment that he formerly shared with his wife and kids. During a regular weekly poker game, he and his friends receive a phone call explaining that their friend, Felix Ungar, has been kicked out of his house by his wife who is demanding a di-



Photo by Madison Rhodes

Matthew Blevins' character tries to help John O'Neal's character get rid of his pinched nerve.

voice due to his meticulous nature making him too difficult to live with. This drives Felix into a severe depression which makes his friends worry about his mental health while he is trying to hold everything in his life together. With nowhere else to go and his friends not wanting anything bad happening to him, Felix turns to Oscar to give him a place to live during this tough time in his life. While living with Oscar, Felix's high

standards for order are helpful at first but gradually begin to drive Oscar and his friends to the brink of insanity.

Throughout the play, patterns of their failed marriages and different personalities begin to surface and cause situations that are infuriating for the characters, but very comical for the audience. The character's must learn how to get along with each other despite them being polar-opposites of each other with

Oscar's messiness and Felix's neat freak ways.

"I'm a pretty neat person in the first place, so going a bit farther to the point of almost being aseptic wasn't that much of a stretch for me," senior John O'Neal said.

The actors were dressed in mid 60s attire that was very appropriate for the time that the play took place in. The set was built by Aaron Kerkhoff and the props that were used included a 1960s vacuum

cleaner that rolled along the floor and items such as empty Coke bottles and newspapers were scattered throughout the set to show how messy the apartment was at the beginning of the performance.

The play starred Matthew Blevins as Oscar Madison; Adam Hartley and John O'Neil as Felix Ungar; Joshua Carter as Murray; Charlie Saylor as Speed; Chase French as Vinnie; Jose Gonzalez as Roy; Mariah Arnold, Breanna Kerkhoff and Valerie Redmond as Gwendolyn Pigeon; Maddie Clinkscales, McKenzie Ingalls and Cierra Redmond as Cecily Pigeon and Terri Buchanon as the female understudy.

Just like any other play the production isn't complete without a crew. The crew consisted of stage manager Emily Jackey, assistant stage managers Madison Childres and Maddie Clinkscales, sound board operator Caleb Sager, stagehands Kaeleigh Grandon and Seth Hughes, light board operator Kat Dougherty and director Kelly Capps. Also, Cherie Whitman helped out with various things during rehearsals and backstage during the performances.



# NEWS

## Marching Band competes at state

**CIARA BENHAM**  
Opinion Editor

The Meade County High School marching band competed at the Kentucky Music Educators Association (KMEA) State Competition on Oct. 28. The KMEA competition was held at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium.

MCHS performed their 10-minute performance entitled "War of Worlds" directed by instructors Chris McGee and Aaron Lay.

The show consists of the marching band playing, as well as the color guard performing, selections of "The Planets," a seven-movement orchestral suite composed by Gustav Holst.

The show features a trumpet solo by senior Nick Fuson.



Photo by Ciara Benham

**Band members proudly stand in formation as they perform at state competition located at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium.**

"Even though we didn't finish exactly where we wanted to, if we made one person in the crowd feel something—anything, then we did a good job," Fuson said.

MCHS has been prepar-

ing for their show since July 2017 through weeks of band camp.

Junior Allie Morris, a member of the color guard, feels that the show has greatly improved throughout their

season.

"It was my personal best performance, there isn't a more satisfying feeling than a solid catch and the crowd going crazy after," Morris said.

Marching band competed along side numerous bands across Kentucky. They placed 16th in the state.

The band went on to compete in the Bands of America (BOA) Grand National Championship on Nov. 8-11. The BOA championship was the last competition of the MCHS band season and consists of spending four days in Indianapolis, Indiana and performing at Lucas Oil Stadium.

The seniors were recognized at the competition to end their last marching band season of high school.

## NHS

**Congratulations to the following students for being inducted into the National Honor Society on Nov. 13!**

### Seniors

Trevor Denner  
Spencer Jenks  
Brittany Moody  
Sydney Muncy  
Andrea Ruiz  
Matthew Wood

### Juniors

Zachary Adkins  
Macy Alexander  
Leigha Ballman  
Parker Bradley  
Carla Bravo  
Caitlyn Calarco  
Zach Carter  
Haleigh Claycomb  
Heather Cook  
Mason Craycroft  
Sydney Crosslin  
Josie Deibler  
Jenna Duke  
Colby Dupin  
Makenna Ellis  
Haley Gerkins  
Makenna Gonsalves  
Aaron Heck  
Laci Hurt  
McKenzie Ingalls  
Mary Kamber  
Cole Mattingly  
Kayla Mattingly  
Reece McElfresh  
Allie Morris  
Logan Myers  
Abby Myers  
Abby Nelson  
Emily Oaks  
Brandon Popham  
Liam Reff  
Benjamin Rogers  
Evan Smiley  
Ashton Smith  
Clayton Snider  
Chloe Stroud  
Shade Taylor  
Christopher Thomas  
Marissa Tomlin  
Joelle Weatherholtz  
Austin Whitman  
Hannah Wilson  
Matthew Wilson

## HOSA participates in Trunk-or-Treat

**MACKENZIE FOCKLER**  
Features Editor

On Oct. 27, MCHS Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) organization hosted their annual Trunk-or-Treat located at the Meade County Fire Department. HOSA has sponsored the event yearly for local children and families as a pre-Halloween festivity.

"I love seeing the kids happy; it's so much fun to dress up and hang out with friends," HOSA member Alivia Ploude said.

The club advisors for our HOSA chapter Sarah Medley, Laura Adkisson and Meghan Whean were in charge of planning and managing the occasion. Upon decision, supervisors decided to each pick



Photo submitted

**HOSA members spread the Halloween spirit by handing out candy at the Meade County Fire Department, while dressed up as cartoon and Disney characters.**

one theme that club members could choose from including; animals, cartoons and Disney. The children or parents who went could wear whatever costume they chose.

"This years trunk-or-treat was very successful in terms of member participation. We always have great support from the students. Every year they surprise me with creative

costumes; the kids love it," HOSA advisor Sarah Medley said.

There were about 32 members participating in the festivity; to hand out candy and socialize with children. This year's turnout had been smaller due to it being held inside because of the rain. Originally, student members decorated their car trunks according to one of the themes, which made it hard to do outside with the bad weather.

"This year did not have as many kids come through as usual because it was moved indoors. The small space made it feel more crowded, but we still tried to make the children have as much fun as possible," HOSA member Jordan Tenyson said.

## FFA attends National Conference

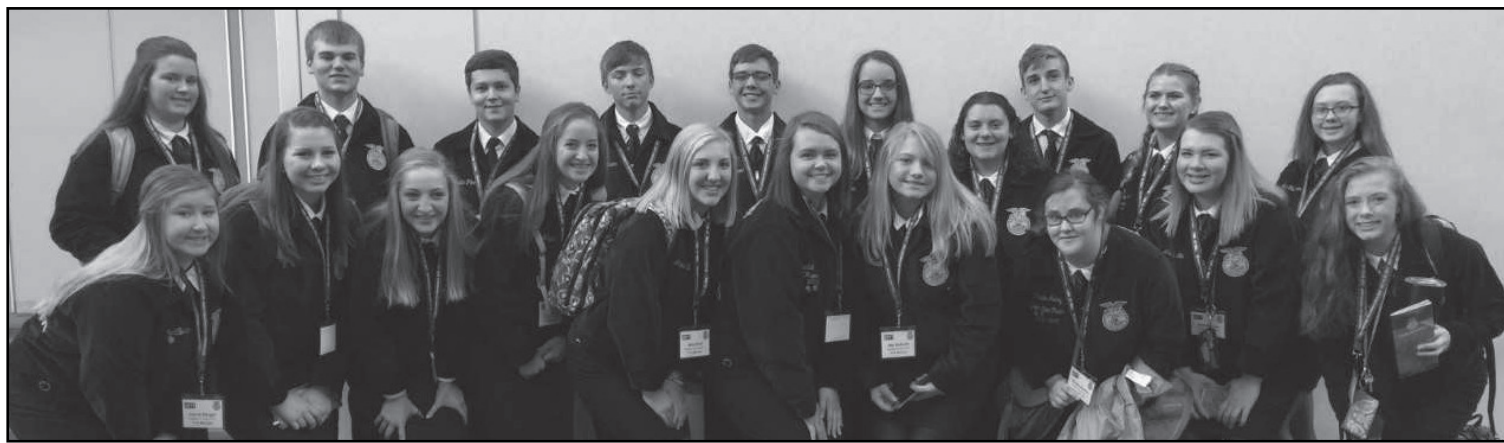


Photo Submitted

**FFA attends National Conference with 60,007 students participating on Oct. 24 including 20 members from Meade County.**

**SYDNEY CROSSLIN**  
Staff Writer

Our local FFA chapter was part of a record-breaking event on Oct 24. This year's FFA National conference was the largest yet, with 60,007 students participating, including 20 of our own.

The group traveled to spend three days in Indianapolis, staying at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Those who went not only got to enjoy the sights of a new city but also had the chance to widen their horizons and make new connections.

At night, tens of thousands of students filed into the Consco Fieldhouse to listen to the speaker—Laila Ali, an undefeated boxing champion and the daughter of the acclaimed Muhammad Ali.

Beyond the business connections and speeches, the conference provided another unique opportunity; it was a chance to meet with like-minded students from schools across America who see agriculture as not merely a hobby, but as a lifestyle.

Meade County has a long-standing tradition of taking part in the conference. One of the current advisors, Callie Hobbs, fondly remembers her own time in the Meade County FFA.

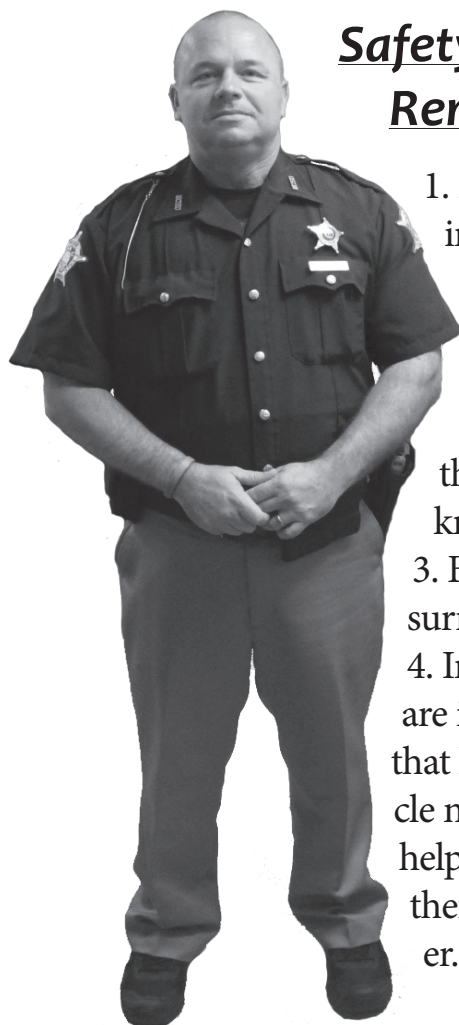
"National Convention gave me the opportunity to explore career options and different colleges that I could attend to pursue my passion," Hobbs said.

Even after the conference ended for the day, there was still fun to be had. The group bonded over a Rascal Flatts concert. Excitement was high—for some, it was their first concert.

The chapter also had the chance to visit Feroak's Farm. To get a sense of scale, this farm contains 33,000 dairy cows. In a tour, they got to see all of the machinery and (unexpectedly) a calf being born.

The tradition of FFA becomes one not only for the school, but for the students. Noel Pack, another advisor, remembers returning time and time again as a student, then an alumni, then finally as an advisor.

## Wimpee's words of wisdom



### Safety Tips and Reminders:

1. Report strangers in the hallways or adults without a visitor's pass.
2. Don't open doors for adults that you don't know.
3. Be aware of your surroundings.
4. Intruder drills are important drills that help with muscle memory and will help in the event that there's a real intruder.



## Dance team takes on first challenge of the year

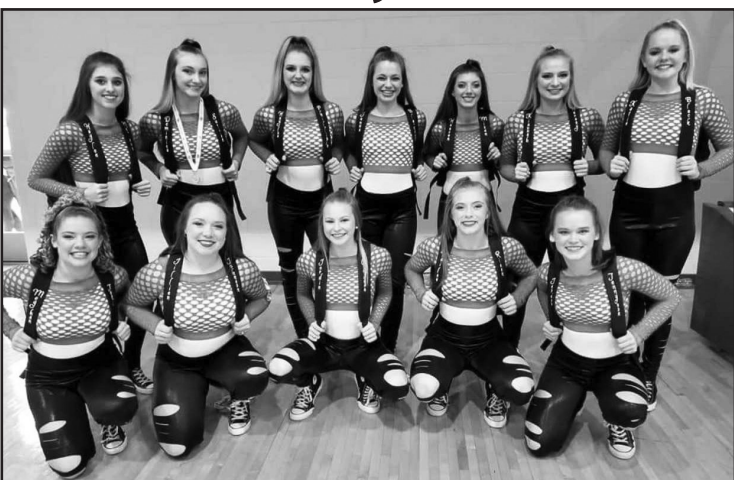


Photo submitted

Dance team competes at the Universal Dance Association Regional Championship hosted at Floyd Central.

**SYDNEY CROSSLIN**  
Staff Writer

Six different teams came to compete at the UDA (Universal Dance Association) Regional Championship hosted at Floyd Central. They performed unique routines to various song mixes.

It was the first dance competition of the year. Our local team performed the Hip-Hop section of their show, which had a high range of tempos and a prominent beat.

Though the scores were close, Meade County came in sixth. There was only an 11-point difference between first and sixth place. Though the team was not satisfied with their placement,

they considered it a valuable learning experience. There are still four more competitions to go, and the team is determined to make sure they score higher at their next competition.

“Although we didn’t get the outcome we wanted at the competition, the team learned a lot. I personally want to work on my facial expressions more, but the whole team wants to work more on making our movements tighter and bigger,” junior Kiaunah Hersey said.

They’ll be tweaking their routine to add in more tricks and crowd-pleasing stunts. As the year goes on the team will also be adding a Pom and Prop routine.

## Clubs step up to assist hurricane victims

**CIARA BENHAM**  
Opinion Editor

Due to the destruction caused by Hurricane Maria, clubs at MCHS have decided to fundraise and collect items to help aid the victims in Puerto Rico.

Future Educators of America (FEA) and the National Honor Society (NHS) have started raising awareness of the ongoing crisis by reaching out to their club members in hopes of spreading the message to the student body. NHS is collecting personal care items and FEA is collecting school supplies.

NHS is asking students to donate toiletries such as diapers, feminine products, baby food, batteries and first aid supplies.

FEA is going to be collecting supplies periodically through the year, and are going to hold a competition to encourage donations. They are planning to have each teacher’s Academic Time (AT) class compete to collect the most supplies, and the winning AT will receive a prize.

Senior Madison Childres is a member of both FEA and NHS and advises that the student body get involved in the relief efforts.

“Our clubs’ contribution to the victims in Puerto Rico allows us to come together for the



Photo submitted

Some of the destruction from the streets of Puerto Rico.

greater good. I encourage anyone who is capable to help,” Childres said.

The initial landfall of Hurricane Maria was on Sept. 20, but weeks later Puerto Rico is still being effected. For instance, 80 percent of the U.S. territory is still without power. Though it may seem far away, the hurricane hits home for our own students at MCHS.

Senior Andrea Ruiz, a student originally from Puerto Rico, says that her life and family have been directly affected by the damage.

“It is important to me that relief is given to the victims, because my family is still without water or electricity. I can only hope that supplies reach them,” Ruiz said.

Librarian Darla Zweifel and English teacher Lisa Hawk, have more information on how our students can help.

## Red Ribbon Week influences MCHS students

**EMMA BARR**  
Editor-in-Chief

On Oct. 30-Nov. 3, MCHS celebrated Red Ribbon Week to show their commitment to remain drug, alcohol and violent free. Schools throughout the nation acknowledged the sensitive subject of mind-altering substances, but MCHS always seems to take opportunities such as these to build student moral and teach difficult lessons.

Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) always has a hand in making Red Ribbon Week festive. This year was no different. SADD created a theme for each day of the week for students to participate.

“Red Ribbon Week is important because many teenagers are unaware of the effects that drugs and alcohol have on their life. So if SADD can help influence even one person to change then we want to be able to make that difference,” senior and President of SADD Ashton Joyner said.

On Oct. 30 the student body wore red to show their commitment to being drug free. SADD also tied red ribbons on every student and faculty member’s car to remind them to stay drug free, not only at school but on a regular basis.

Halloween happened to fall during Red Ribbon Week this year, so SADD made sure to include a day that students could wear their favorite character shirt. This also reflected their good

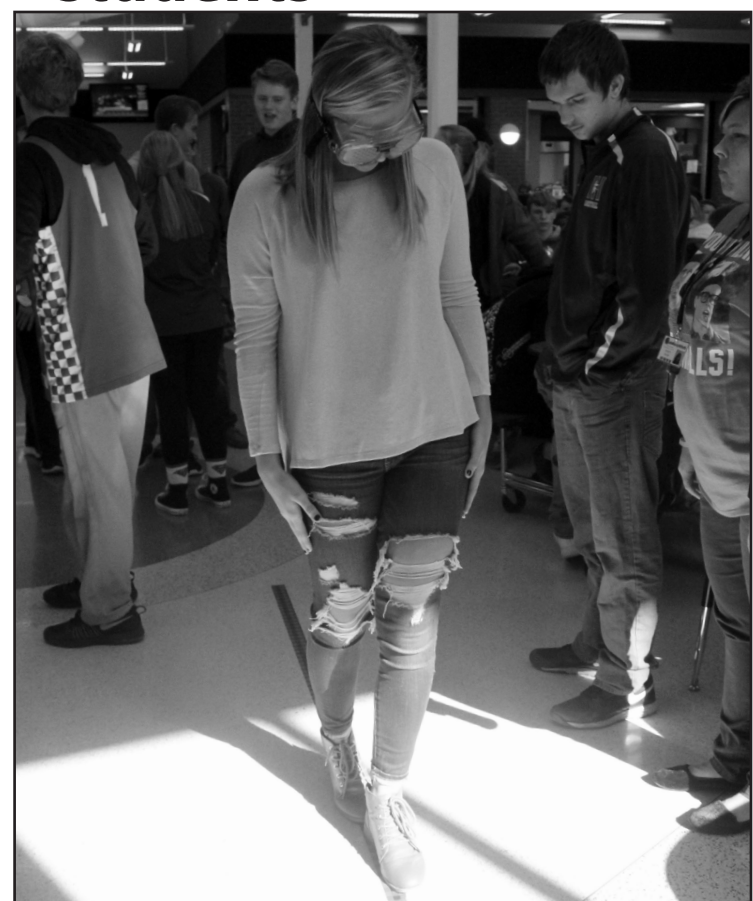


Photo by Erika Biddle

Sophomore Rylee Skeeters attempts to walk on a red line while wearing drunk goggles. This shows students what it is like to take a sobriety test while under the influence.

“character” and their decision to remain drug free.

Other days included wearing Hawaiian outfits to show that students plan to “lei” off drugs; mustache clothing because MCHS “mustache” you to be drug free and western attire so that students could give drugs the boot!

During lunch Officer Wimpee also set up different activities where students could participate.

One day students tried walking on a red line with drunk goggles on to experience what it would be like to take a sobriety test.

Along with these fun activities, MCHS also required students to sign a form stating that they plan to remain drug, alcohol and violence free. When a student signed the form they received a Red Ribbon Week bracelet to represent their commitment.

## FCCLA haunts the halls with annual Pumpkin Patch

**KARISSA ERVIN**  
Staff Writer

On Oct. 31 FCCLA hosted the annual Pumpkin Patch at MCHS. Forty-five members volunteered and passed out candy to the 2,000-3,000 people who came through trick-or-treating.

Members stayed after school Monday to help get everything ready for the busy night ahead.

They decorated the first floor hallway, got dressed in their costumes, gave out candy throughout the night and cleaned up the decorations at the end. Members received five hours of community service for helping with the event.

Twenty thousand dollars was received in donations from community services to help provide candy for the Pumpkin Patch.

Sixty-seven thousand pieces of candy were purchased. This year, FCCLA received more donations than any year before.

Junior Stephanie Diaz passed out candy alongside her friend Taylor Elstone.

“I enjoyed watching the kids smile and seeing cool



Photo by Tori Lawrence

Seniors Kelli Bruner and Jessica Knott welcome kids at the Pumpkin Patch by handing out candy to all of the excited children.

costumes they wear,” Diaz said.

FCCLA has been hosting the Pumpkin Patch for over 40 years.

The club started this event to create a safe place for children and their families to come through on Halloween night and receive lots of candy.

The Pumpkin Patch is the one large community event that FCCLA hosts. However, individual members have the opportunity to

create projects that have an impact on families and the community.

FCCLA advisor, Lindsey Frank has been organizing this large community event for 11 years.

“This is an excellent community event that wouldn’t be possible without the help of our students and the community. I would encourage more students to join FCCLA and enjoy the fun that we have on Halloween night,” Frank said.

# • News Briefs •

keeping it “Current” from around the country and around the world

### Las Vegas Shooting

On Oct. 2, the most deadly shooting in U.S. history happened. A man named Stephen Paddock was in his hotel room on the 32nd floor as an outdoor concert was going on below him. He opened fire and killed 58 and another 500 people are still recovering from either gunshot injuries or being trampled. New information has surfaced that Paddock had cameras set up inside and outside of his hotel room, and his guns were outfitted with a bump-fire stock. Paddock also continued to shoot about 11 minutes after the police had been notified. Police believe that he acted alone, so motive will be hard to determine.

### Hurricane Ophelia hits Ireland

The remnants of Hurricane Ophelia hit Ireland on Monday Oct. 16 with devastating winds of 109 miles per hour along with heavy rain, the threat of a storm surge, and flooding. Three people have been confirmed dead and much of Ireland was closed down as the storm made landfall. Schools, colleges, and other educational institutions were closed Monday through Tuesday. Along with buildings, all public transportation was canceled. Ireland has not had a hurricane hit them since Hurricane Debbie in 1961 which left 11 people dead. The storm has weakened as time has gone on.

### Can Japan burn fire ice for energy?

Japan, being the world’s third largest importer of oil and coal, has decided to look to alternative methods for energy. The last bill for the imported oil and coal was \$28.9 billion. Methane-bearing gas hydrates (a frozen mixture of ice and natural methane) takes up 2,800 cubic meters worldwide. This may be the last source of carbon-based fuel, these are thought to contain more energy than all the world’s other fossil fuels combined! Japan has spend around \$1 billion between 2002 and 2017 to develop a way to burn these gas hydrates for a new energy source. The natural gas emits around half of CO<sub>2</sub> than coal.



# OPINION

## Unnecessary (A)dditional (P)ressure Editorial from the Assistant Editor

When you get the forms in May to fill out your schedule for the next year, your head begins to spin as you try to piece together your classes. There are classes that you want to take and classes that you have to take. Choosing your classes is an important decision that every student at MCHS makes each year, and every year approximately 429 students opt to take at least one Advanced Placement (AP) course. If you asked a student in an AP class right now if they thought they would pass the test at the end of the year, many would respond with an alarming “no.” So why do they put themselves through the hard work and stress that it takes to succeed in an AP class?

It is the belief of *The Current* Editorial board that AP classes are beneficial for preparing students for higher education; however, it is unfair that we are forced to pay \$45 to take a test which may or may not actually give you college credit.

AP courses are created through the College Board, a nonprofit organization created in order to supposedly expand access to higher education. AP classes are known to be more rigorous and to conclude with the end of course assessment known as the AP test. Students who choose to take these classes have the opportunity to receive college credit in exchange for scoring a three, four or five on the test.

The total cost of taking the test is a whopping \$90. The Board of Education wanted to make taking these tests more accessible so they pay for half of all the tests taken, but \$45 is still a large



Cartoon by Lia Hobbs

amount for any family to forfeit for one test, especially if there isn't a clear chance if you will pass. When school officials try to defend the price that you're required to pay, many just tell you “Oh well it's a lot cheaper than paying for a college class,” and that may be true, but it is still a large amount to pay. For students who can't afford it they may miss the opportunity all together.

The idea of receiving college credit has always been one of the things that has drawn students to take AP, but some schools don't even accept AP credits. Getting a three on the test is considered passing, but many schools only take fours or fives. Some schools will take a three, but they may only allow you to use it to cover an elective course. Do you remember that AP math class you took hop-

ing you would get out of taking it at the college level? Well later your university may tell you that they will only allow you to use it for something else.

Some students don't even take AP classes in order to get college credit. Many enroll in them just to be IN an advanced class where they can have a more challenging course load and a weighted GPA. AP classes are amazing resources and when they are used right they can help you prepare for the rigor of a college course, but that doesn't justify having to take the test.

If you ask any AP teacher what the key to passing an AP test is they would probably say something along the lines of “the student has to really want it,” and when the only thing on the line is college credit that they may or may not be able to use, it is hard for them to find motivation to do well.

I am thankful Board of Education offers to pay for half of our test, but \$45 dollars is still a lot to give up. AP testing can be a very helpful thing and can be a cheaper alternative to college classes, but it's not meant for every student. If you want to be in a more difficult class, then why should you be required to take the test that you feel won't really help you in the future?

*This editorial is based off the consensus of The Current staff's Editorial Board. If you have any questions or comments, contact Assistant Editor-in-Chief, Paulette Black at paulette.black@stu.meade.kyschools.us*

## United we stand, divided they kneel

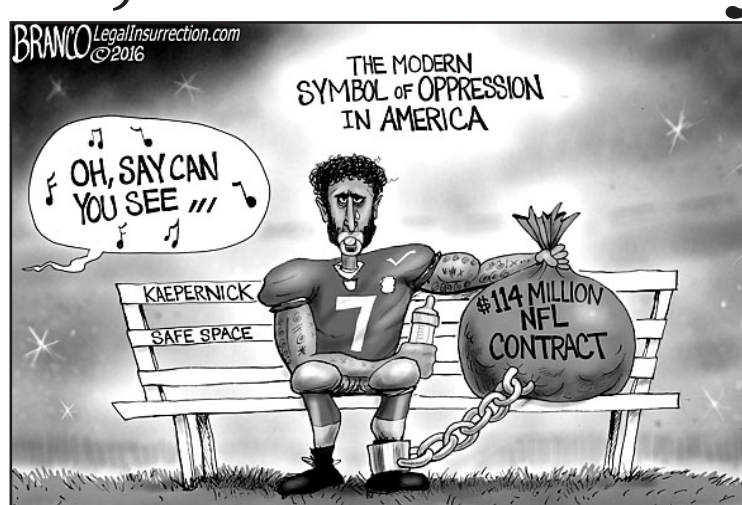
ERIKA BIDDLE  
Design Editor



The National Anthem is played before every NFL football game in order to honor the men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice to ensure the freedoms and liberties of United States citizens. It's common courtesy to stand and pay respect to these men and women being that they put their life on the line everyday for our country, but common courtesy and respect

got thrown out the window when ex-49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick and his band of followers decided to take a knee during the playing of the National Anthem because they believe there is “racial injustice” and “white privilege” in America.

It's completely understood that all Americans have the right to freedom of speech and can peacefully protest, however protesting the flag and disrupting the National Anthem isn't peaceful and isn't even correlated with the issue being protested. If professional football players have a problem with the so-called oppression of the African American race then they should go out and actually do something for the cause. Publicly shaming America and dishonoring everything that



America stands for and has worked hard for by no means helps their cause. If these football players want to see a change then they need to better black communities by volunteering their time, helping to educate young children so they can end the constant cycle of poverty in black communities and donate to organizations

that are actually being beneficial to the movement.

If anything, kneeling for the Anthem is counterproductive to the mission because it increases divide.

Ultimately, professional athletes should play football and entertain their fans. Since that is their job, it is completely inappropriate for them to pro-

test while working. Millions of people pay hundreds of dollars to see their favorite team play on Saturday afternoons and the last thing they want is to have their game interrupted by a political statement.

There's a time and a place to protest and on national television while people are paying to watch a football game is not the time. The American Flag symbolizes the hardships that Americans have faced together and acts as a reminder that even though there are still struggles that have to be faced, we have to overcome those struggles together.

The flag is meant to signify unity amongst Americans, yet the only thing kneeling is doing is tearing our country further apart.

## Reconstructing Puerto Rico

ANDREA RUIZ  
Entertainment Editor



About a month and a half ago Hurricane Maria struck Puerto Rico. Maria lasted around 30 hours, almost reaching the level of a category five hurricane. This catastrophic event wiped away the infrastructure and history of Puerto Rico in one terrifying swoop.

Hurricanes Harvey and Irma did cause damage to Texas and Florida respectively, but left nearby infrastructure standing. In the end, supplies were given

immediately after the event.

Although I understand it can be difficult for the government to send supplies over to an island such as Puerto Rico, they should have figured it out by now.

The issue is the lack of compassion the Trump Administration has toward the American citizens in the American territory that is Puerto Rico.

Trump has somehow called into question whether or not Puerto Rico deserves supplies while suffering a humanitarian crisis. His tweets only shed light on debt, infrastructure and economy. America has been in debt since 1775!

Puerto Ricans are struggling daily to get clean water and Trump finds debt to be the most noteworthy of events. Maybe if the island, a commonwealth of the United States, had a voting member in congress



to advocate for the horrors occurring, Trump would actually care about the 3.5 million men, women and children without water, electricity or shelter.

Trump did tweet that food, water and medical supplies were his top priority, but that sentiment was overshadowed by the fact that the sentence before fixated on what Puerto Rico owes its creditors.

Regardless of how Trump slanders the Puerto Rican people, there are many people in “the mainland” that care about what happens to the millions of American citizens in trouble.

Fifty-one people have already lost their lives to this tragedy. If there was power at the hospitals, some form of infrastructure, rations of food, or a clean water system put in place

many of the people that died would probably be here today.

My family is in Puerto Rico. That island, the island of enchantment, is my home. It is where the American and Hispanic culture merges. The idea that an administration, such as Trump's, can slander a commonwealth of the United States to the point of death is unacceptable.

These disasters affect more than the country it affects the world. Humanity is about kindness and sympathy.

Claiming that the Puerto Rican people do not deserve humanitarian relief despite a rising death toll is appalling. Tweeting that debt, which is something America is already involved in, is more important than the lives that are being ruined is not something a self respecting president should do.

### THE CURRENT

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF: Emma Barr

ASSISTANT EDITOR: Paulette Black

DESIGN EDITOR: Erika Biddle

NEWS EDITOR: Meghan Allison

ASST. NEWS EDITOR: Anastasia Basham

ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR: Andrea Ruiz

OPINION EDITOR: Ciara Benham

ADS MANAGER: Jade Sipes

SPORTS EDITORS: Makenna Gonsalves

ASST. SPORTS EDITOR: Daniel Schoonover

FEATURES EDITOR: Kenzie Fockler

PHOTOGRAPHER: Tori Lawrence

PUBLIC RELATIONS SPECIALIST: Evan Smiley

CARTOONIST: Lia Hobbs

STAFF WRITER: Britnee Dial

STAFF WRITER: Caitlyn Risky

STAFF WRITER: Jeff Pretchel

STAFF WRITER: Karissa Ervin

STAFF WRITER: Savannah Reed

STAFF WRITER: Sydney Crosslin

MANAGING EDITOR: Loraine Himmelhaver

#### EDITORIAL POLICY:

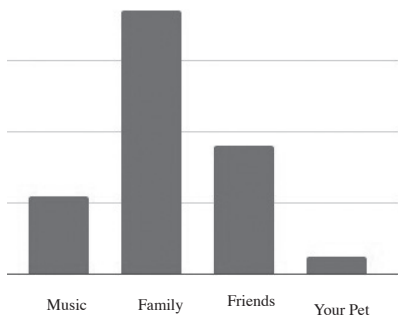
The Current accepts student-submitted letters to the editor. Unsolicited editorials and letters to the editor are accepted. We reserve the right to edit this material so long as the meaning remains unchanged. The Current staff leaves the right to edit or censor its contents to the student staff and editors. The unsigned editorial opinions are those of the editorial staff. Any signed editorial represents the opinion of the writer and not that of the staff or Meade County High School. All letters to the editor must be signed. Submit letters to emma.barr@stu.meade.kyschools.us



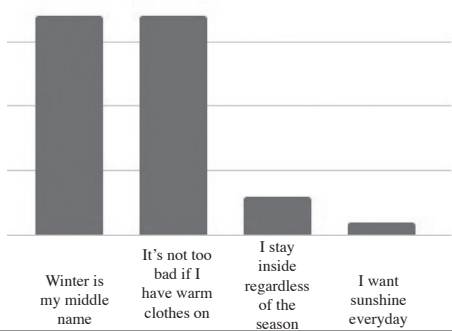
## LISTEN TO THE STUDENT VOICE

A survey was sent out to the entire student body with questions regarding the start of the school year and the upcoming fall season. Here were the results:

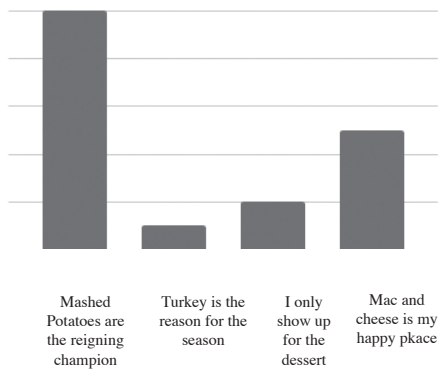
What are you most thankful for this year?



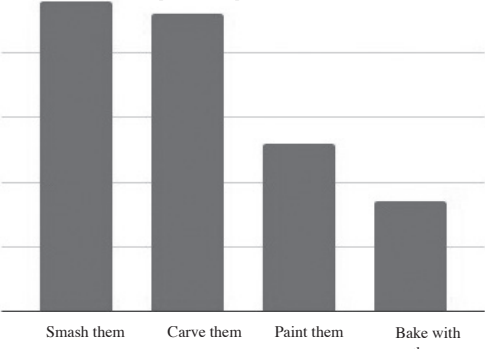
Are you excited for snow?



What's your favorite Thanksgiving food?



What's your favorite thing to do with pumpkins?



# Dear ABBY

HAVE YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Dear Abby,

Lately, I've been feeling like my friends are pulling away from me. It seems as if they're all preoccupied with each other and could care less if I were even around. Some days are bearable, but most days I'm interrupted or talked over. I'm beginning to feel left out. What should I do?

-Pushed Away

Dear Pushed Away,

Honestly, I am not going to lie to you, this can be a very difficult situation. Nope, I am not going to sugar-coat anything. It sucks. A LOT!!! And the sad part isn't just the fact that it is extremely difficult to handle; it is that this happens to almost everyone once in awhile.

Being left out is not an inherited grown-up phenomenon. It is a grade-school agony that recurs throughout life. Sadly, these doubtful feelings seem to have a way to creep into everyone's life. From the moment you are reeling from the whispers spreading through a group of girls at lunch or excluded from a basketball game in gym class, being left out is the dark side of friendships, and most of us have been both victims and perpetrators.

It is as if there's always that one friend in the group who always ends up being left out. There are also times when it is obvious and inevitable that it may be you. You know, those awkward moments when there is always just that ONE person? The one who isn't invited to things, the one who finds out everyone hung out without them via social media, and the one where if there are five people and four seats in the car, they're the fifth person.

It seems that when we grow up we're constantly switching friend groups and jumping around. In elementary school, we're best friends with "Ms. Popular," and then in middle school we're friends with someone completely opposite. That's perfectly okay. It has nothing to do with who you are as a person.

I realize we all have those moments when you just feel as if no one likes you, or that no one cares. But that's not true at all. Just because your friends don't value your friendship the same way you do, doesn't mean they don't care. People care and value you. Just because some of your friends are ignorant people who act too blind to see the value you have, does not mean that everyone else is visually impaired. There are people out there who care and value all that you can offer to any friendship.

You just need to go out and find them. I mean you never know, those friends might just be great at playing hide-n'-seek. So, go find Waldo! Maybe you'll have to scour the world and look in every corner to find them, or perhaps you'll find them through the people who surround you throughout your life. There are sooo many people out there who would appreciate a friendship with you.

So please stop worrying about those friends that don't give you the time of day. One day you'll find your people, and they will give you the love and appreciation you deserve. I know it hurts when you give so much but get so little in return. Trust me, I personally understand how it feels to be put to the side and ignored. But if you keep waiting for these so called 'friends' to open their eyes already and just realize how amazing you are, you might never find those people that give you exactly what you need.

As we get older and grow up, we start to realize what we want and whom we want to be around. If someone is creating negativity in your life, let him or her go. If someone isn't giving you the friendship you deserve, let them go. I can't believe I am saying this but I encourage you to listen to what the rambunctious Frozen queen is singing and LET IT GO!! If you wait long enough, you'll find those that love and value the special person that you are. But if you did not understand anything that I am talking about, just remember this: You are a wonderful, spectacular person who deserves to be surrounded by the people who know you are such an extraordinary human being.

Love Always,

Abby

# Pressured to participate

MACKENZIE FOCKLER  
Features Editor

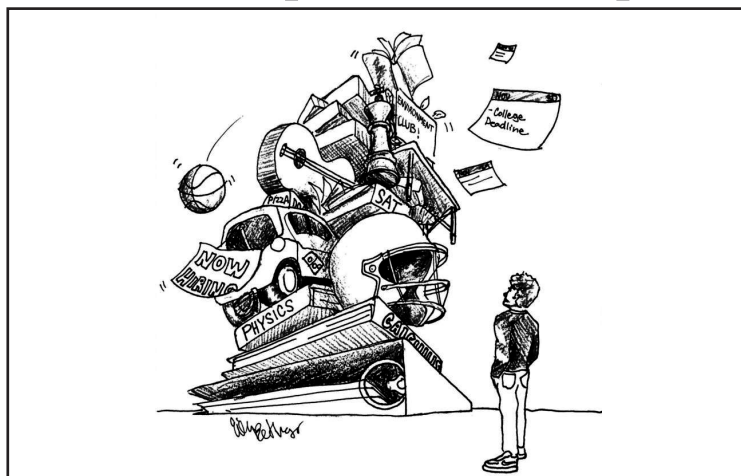


the most of senior year seems to hit impractical standards.

I understand this is a huge part of high school as well as a priority for the majority of upperclassmen students, but as for others it's considered a burden.

The expectation to attend EVERY soccer, football, volleyball or basketball game; to dress all out for spirit week; competing in club conferences and the pressure to go to parties every weekend is a lot to have on an already busy agenda.

I am in no way undermining or trying to demote the participation in these interests; they are a great way to have fun and involve yourself. Nonetheless, this potentially causes more stress because it leads some to believe that *all* of these activities take a vital part in our last days of high school and without doing



I know the obviously, simple solution to this is to just not participate, however, when the slight attempt refusing to do so will only be looked down upon by your fellow senior peers whose life seems to depend on it all, you find yourself following along anyway.

Prioritize what is the most important to you, not by what social standards value as important, but instead on your own personal interests.

This could mean going on more trips with your friends, seeing that one artist you've always wanted to in concert, or even missing out on something to spend time with your family.

Senior year is definitely about your 'lasts,' but remember, what you decide to dedicate your time to is completely your choice, and to let others influence that is the one thing you might actually regret.

so will only follow with regret.

However, I can speak from personal experience when I say that I am not a huge fan of going to high school football games. I have never enjoyed them, yet I am constantly persuaded by my friends to go.

Hearing justifications like, "You have to go it's your senior year," or another honorable mention, "You are going to look back and regret it," are

only becoming tiring to hear. If I have never enjoyed some of these activities, what would change if I did them now?

It's understandable that this concept is the unpopular opinion, but not everyone wants to voluntarily spend their Friday nights under 'the lights,' or any other high school event for that matter, and there is absolutely no shame in not wanting to.

DO YOU NEED ADVICE?

# DEAR ABBY

SUBMIT YOUR QUESTION!

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let YOUR voice be heard!



Send us your opinion and it could be published!



E-mail [emma.barr@stu.meade.kyschools.us](mailto:emma.barr@stu.meade.kyschools.us)

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

Unsolicited editorials and letters to the editor are accepted. We reserve the right to edit this material so long as the meaning remains unchanged. The Current staff leaves the right to edit or censor its contents to the student staff and editors. The unsigned editorial opinions are those of the editorial staff. Any signed editorial represents the opinion of the writer and not that of the staff or Meade County High School. All letters to the editor must be signed.



# FEATURES

## *If you were a* **THANKSGIVING DISH** *what would you be?*



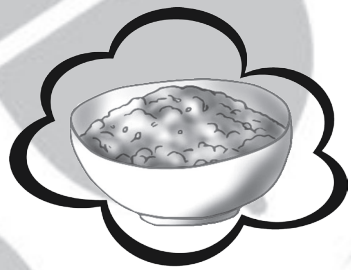
“**Mashed potatoes** because everybody loves **mashed potatoes** with butter, pepper and salt.”

Jose Gonzalez, freshman



“I am like a **fruitcake** because I’m hard on the outside but sweet on the inside.”

Seth Hughes, sophomore



“I would be **deviled eggs** because you are what you eat.”

John Michael Saylor, senior

“**Stuffing** because I am full of information.”

Josh Swink, senior



“**Pecan pie** because I am a nut.”

Kaden Ennis, senior



“**Cranberry sauce** because I am jiggly.”

Haley McKay, freshman



# America celebrates our veterans



**LIA HOBBS**  
Cartoonist

Nov. 11, 1938, was the day that Veteran's Day became a national holiday in the United States.

It originated from Armistice Day, which was established on Nov. 11, 1919, a year after the end of World War I.

President Wilson described the holiday with these words: "The reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations."

On May 13, 1938, Nov. 11 was made a holiday that would be celebrated every year.

It would be dedicated to

world peace and would be called Armistice Day, a day to honor the veterans that fought in World War I.

The wars that occurred after that caused the holiday to be renamed Veterans Day.

Over the course of the years, the celebration of Veteran's Day has changed greatly.

"It's to honor the soldiers who have given the ultimate sacrifice for the United States of America and to defend and protect the constitution of the United States of America, so that the people can have the freedom of speech, religion, the right to bear arms in times of war.

But today because of the Cold War some young adults don't quite understand the depth of Veteran's Day, they think it's when stores have sales. So people really have to reflect on the soldiers who have given their lives for the freedom we have," Vietnam Veteran

Sargent First Class Joseph Noon Sr. said.

Veteran's Day is a lot more than just the stores having big sales for the holiday. It's to remember what people have sacrificed in order to give us the freedoms that we have.

Many Veterans don't like to discuss what went on during the time that they had served in the military.

"The war is not a pretty sight. I wouldn't want anyone else to go through that," Sargent Noon said.

Friends and others they fought with may have died right next to them, and others still remember the lives they had taken themselves. To honor this day, there are parades hosted throughout the nation for the veterans that have served America.

Our school also hosts a Veterans Day assembly, which is rotated between the high school and the middle school.

# From Berlin to Brandenburg



Photo Submitted

**Brünings breaks out her dance moves with one of her dance groups. Brünings is second from the left during one of their performances.**

**MEGHAN ALLISON**  
News Editor

Junior Nele Brünings is a foreign exchange student from Berlin, Germany.

"I wanted to improve my English and experience what a typical American high school was like," Brünings said.

Moving from Berlin to Kentucky, even if it's just for the school year, is a big change. Especially coming from a place where public transportation is used more often.

In Germany Brünings could transport without her parents and walk to different places in one trip, everything was close together.

"I like the city and my home back in Germany but I really like Kentucky, it has more nature and is greener," Brünings said.

Although Brünings misses her friends, family and boyfriend back in Berlin, she is enjoying getting to learn about how the culture is different in America.

"Americans spend more time on their phones and are more friendly. There's also a lot more fast food in America," Brünings said.

While here she has had the chance to experience many different customs, but one thing that hasn't changed is her love to travel and see different places.

Brünings has visited a few states in America including Florida, Indiana and New York City.

"My favorite place to visit was definitely Florida. I liked the warm weather and had a lot of fun at Disney World," Brünings said.

Not only has she visited places in America, she has also visited many countries around the world. Some being Spain, Italy, Poland and Tunisia.

In between traveling Brünings likes to dance. She takes hip hop lessons twice a week while she also enjoys spending time with her friends.

"My favorite thing about Kentucky is how different the high school is. I love how you can choose your own classes and the school spirit," Brünings said.

After this school year, Brünings will return back to Germany, but will treasure her memories she made this year at MCHS.

# Tidal Wave Bank

*Falls*

*into*

*Savings*

- Locations in the freshman and senior academy cafeterias!

- Stop by and see us during 4th period!

- We're closed on Wednesdays!



- Check Cashing
- Regular loans
- Lunch Loans



## Helping MCHS stick together



Photo submitted

**Business teacher Kyle Melloy and senior Zach Mofield hang up vinyl Greenwave sticker in the stairwell during Entrepreneurship**

**EVAN SMILEY**  
Public Relations  
Specialist

Entrepreneurship is the process of designing, launching and running a new business, which is more often than not, initially a small business, offering a product, process or service for sale or hire. The people who create the business are known as entrepreneurs.

Meade County High School is full of entrepreneurs in every way, shape and form. The Entrepreneurship career pathway became available to the business students at MCHS when our very own Kyle Melloy joined the teaching staff in 2016.

The Entrepreneurship class occurs during first period and encompasses 27 students.

These young entrepreneurs have the chance to work hands on at “Splash Publishing”— a business that runs out of the class. They design and produce various vinyl graphics and decals.

This business is responsible for all of the decals being placed all throughout our campus including the Greenwave Fight Song that runs down the math hallway in the Senior Academy. They also design t-shirts, and produced the Powder Puff Football uniforms.

Entrepreneurship and Business Management have been merged this year to open

students to a wider range of classes and allow them to complete dual-credit courses through Western Kentucky University. Through this pathway, you can learn all of the essentials in starting, running and maintaining a business as well as learning how to establish a business plan.

The Entrepreneurship class is a breakthrough in more than just the newly merged Business Management/Entrepreneurship career pathways, for it can also count as the Capstone course for the Business Multimedia or E-Commerce pathway. Those in entrepreneurship focus on technical advancements in graphic design, web page development. At the same time you will learn the basics of software such as Photoshop.

“The main focus of Entrepreneurship is developing an appreciation of the work that goes into running a business. My students get a ‘behind the scenes’ look at how a business operates. While operating hands-on they also have the opportunity to develop their own business idea and put a plan together that could be further developed in the future,” Melloy said.

## Día de los Muertos



**BRITNEE DIAL**  
Staff Writer

On Oct. 31- Nov. 2 many Hispanic families celebrate a special holiday. This holiday is known as the Day of the Dead, or “Día de los Muertos” in Spanish. This holiday is to remember family and friends who have passed away to the spirit world and support those on their spiritual journey.

This holiday was started about 3,000 years ago by the Aztecs and was celebrated for a whole month.

The traditions for Day of the Dead include: festivals, parades, live music, visiting cemeteries to pray for loved ones, creating altars and making traditional Day of the Dead food.

Traditional foods of the Day of the dead include: pan de muerto (bread of the dead), tamales, fruit and candied pumpkin. Assured that the dead would be insulted by mourning, Día de los Muertos celebrates with the lives of the deceased.

The most prominent symbol of Día de los Muertos is the esqueletos and calaveras (skeletons and skulls), which appear everywhere during the holiday—in candies, parade masks and dolls. You might even see some calavera de azúcar

(sugar skulls), which are decorated skulls crafted from pure sugar, although some sugar skulls can be decorated with non-edible items.

You could also see papel picado which is decoratively cut tissue paper placed around the edges of altars, which add color to the table.

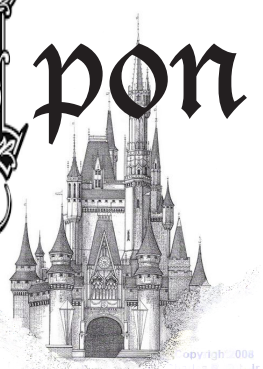
In some regions in Mexico you might even see tapetes de arena which are sand murals created with sand, pigments and sometimes other elements such as seed, beans, flower petals and sawdust.

Most people assume Day of the Dead is just “Mexican Halloween” because it is celebrated within the range of Halloween, but based on the traditions it is clearly so much different from a typical Halloween.

Day of the Dead is all about celebrating life and being together with loved ones. While Halloween is an appreciation of the afterlife, Day of the Dead is celebrated on a broader scale. Day of the Dead is used more for reconnecting with those who have passed on and remembering their life, rather than scaring some little kids with your costume on Halloween.

Day of the Dead is seen as a sacred holiday, much different than Halloween is to us.

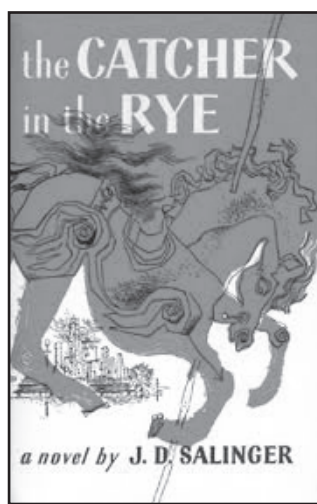
## Once a Time...



Andrea Bishop tells us of her favorite book...

Long before the term ‘adulthood’ hit mainstream culture, one iconic character of American Literature feared the inevitable process of growing up. In J.D. Salinger’s *Catcher in the Rye*, Holden Caulfield struggles to come of age in a world he sees as ultimately fake. Your reaction to the novel almost entirely depends upon your reaction to this protagonist and narrator.

Holden is the epitome of an unreliable narrator, and through his stream of consciousness retelling of expulsion from boarding school, trips to New York City, and even sneaking



home to see his innocent, little sister, it is easy to become annoyed with his defeatist attitude. Some critics would even go so far as to label him as a whiny brat; however, I would disagree. Holden and this novel are sweet representations of the loss of innocence that must come to us all. His naivety outweighs his negativity, and is evident in his desire to protect elementary school children from both profanity and the hardships he himself has endured.

Despite the diffi-

culties in reading a novel where you cannot trust your informant, it is still an extremely relatable novel for high school aged students. All teenagers struggle with the same experience Holden has to encounter: relationships, family issues, academics, the loss of someone we love, and, essentially, figuring out how to ‘adult.’ As a teenager myself when I first read this novel, I empathized with Holden’s frustration in a world filled with hypocrisy and deception. As an adult who has now taught this novel, I desperately want to show Holden that, while there is a “phoniness” to this world, there is also the joy he feels in watching his sister ride the carousel in Central Park. A joy that I hope, unlike Holden, my students can recognize and utilize as protection from the falsehood in this world.

Layout by PAULETTE BLACK

## Fall into Autumn

with festive recipes

### — Pumpkin Pecan Truffles —

#### Instructions

1. Melt 1 cup of white chocolate chips
2. Combine chocolate, pumpkin puree, cream cheese, graham crackers, ginger snaps, pecans and sugar then freeze for 30-45 min.
3. Roll mixture into 1- inch balls and freeze for 2-3 hours
4. Heat candy melts
5. Dip each ball into the melted liquid using a toothpick
6. Sprinkle with pecans or cinnamon

#### Ingredients

- 1 cup white chocolate chips
- 3/4 cup gingersnaps
- 3/4 cup graham crackers
- 1/2 cup pumpkin puree
- 1/3 cup pecans
- 2- 1/2 tbsp. confectioners sugar
- 4 oz. cream cheese
- 1/4 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 16 oz. white candy melts



Layout by Erika Biddle



**NOW OPEN 24-7**

*Kids eat free Tuesday and Thursday*

*Under New Management*

751 Bypass Rd, Brandenburg, KY 40108  
(502) 460-2382



**Louisville Office**

237 Wabasso Avenue  
Louisville, KY 40233  
(857) 259-1647

**Lexington Office**

2321 Maggard Drive  
Lexington, KY 40511  
(857) 259-1647

www.arrowelectric.com

## VFW Breakfast

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month

VFW POST 11404  
770 Bypass Road  
Brandenburg, KY 40108



Good luck to the Marching Band as they travel to Grand Nationals in Indianapolis!





# What's this? What's this? Mrs. Jantzen is here

CAITLYN RISKY  
Staff Writer

Camille Jantzen is a math teacher who started her career at MCHS in 2016. Her optimistic attitude and friendly vibes make her teaching fun and interesting. She is always grabbing the attention and interests of her students.

Jantzen graduated from MCHS in 2013. She first became interested in teaching during October of her freshman year at Campbellsville University, inspired by an algebra II teacher she had in high school who cared about the students. Jantzen has always been interested in math because there is always a clear answer.

"There's this 'aha' moment when you're teaching. There's this light that you see spark in a student, and I wanted to be the one to give them that 'aha' moment," Jantzen said.

## Poptropica's update is sure to bring out your inner child

BRITNEE DIAL  
Staff Writer

The online role-playing game *Poptropica* was released Sept. 2007 and was primarily the creation of Jeff Kinney, the author of the "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" series.

In the game, players can travel to different islands to complete the quests associated with the island. The difficulty of the islands vary, but center on a problem that the player must solve by completing obstacles or completing goals.

When a player finishes an island they receive a medallion and credits, which they can use to buy costumes and special effects at the *Poptropica* store.

When it first launched in 2007, *Poptropica* had three islands, Early *Poptropica*, Shark's Tooth Island and Time Tangled Island. As of 2017, *Poptropica* has 58 islands to be explored including Home Island.

The last island to be released on *Poptropica* was Monkey Wrench Island, on this island the goal is to beat the Red Baroness and win the Flying



Photo By Tori Lawrence

Jantzen's love for Halloween is well known. She loves showing off spirit as she poses with her Halloween decor.

Out of Jantzen's two years of teaching, her favorite thing she has done with students has been teaching them Kagan strategies—instructional activities designed to encourage cooperation and communication between students within the classroom. She enjoys watching her students develop into successful people and growing a more personal bond with them.

During her time working here, she has taught ge-

ometry, pre-calculus, algebra II and calculus. Jantzen is also currently an assistant cross country coach.

Jantzen is currently working on her Master's degree in math at Emporia State. She often talks to students about college experiences and how she is currently doing in her classes. She answers questions about college life to seniors. Jantzen is a very open teacher and loves friendly conversations with her students.

"Mrs. Jantzen is a fantastic teacher. She is always ready to jump up and help me, no matter what problem I'm having. She's a teacher that I feel comfortable talking to and she makes me feel loved and accepted," senior Emily Jackey said.

Although Jantzen has so much on her plate with school, she still makes time for her hobbies. During her free time, she crochets. Jantzen says that crochet-

ing is her way to escape and relax. Crocheting puts her mind to ease because she doesn't have to put much effort into doing it. She also spends time with her husband whenever she can. They met here at MCHS as enemies. Her husband was her ex-boyfriend's best friend. Their two-year anniversary is on Halloween—Jantzen's favorite holiday. She even decked her room out in Halloween decorations for Wacky Wednesday during spirit week and left it up for the rest of the spooky season.

Jantzen is an inspiration to her students and is the model teacher when it comes to being a sweet character.

"Life is hard. You just have to find someone who's willing to help you through the tough times," Jantzen said.

## Carving out spooktacular memories



Photo by Paulette Black

Alice in Wonderland section of the Pumpkin Spectacular.

PAULETTE BLACK  
Assistant Editor

The sun has just set and the lines are already full. You wait patiently to see the show. You step onto the dark path, and the only thing that lights your way is the glow radiating from the thousands of jack-o-lanterns lining the trail.

For the past few years Iroquois Park, in Louisville, has hosted the annual Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular. For \$16 you can stroll down the quarter mile path lined with pumpkins that have been turned into intricate pieces of art.

Every year the committee for the Spectacular chooses a new theme, this year's being A to Z. As you drift down through you will recognize 26 different sections each one corresponding with a letter of the alphabet.

To welcome visitors on the trail the opening letter, "A," was lined with characters from "Alice in Wonderland," including, but not limited to, the Cheshire Cat. Some of the other categories throughout the trail were "S" for seashore, "K" for kingdom and "C" for clocks. The pumpkins in the clocks section even had moving clock hands.

In every leg of the journey there were elaborate pumpkins carved by professional pumpkin carvers, and in the background pumpkins carved with average skill were featured.

Even though this year's season ended on Nov. 5, the show will open again next October. All of the proceeds go to the Louisville Parks Foundation, so next time spooky season rolls around don't forget to check out this memorable event.

## LIFE HACKS



Edition

1 - Sometimes when using a stick of butter, it may come out of the refrigerator hard and seemingly impossible to cut. A simple fix for this is to use a cheese grater on the butter until you get a nice pile of shreds, making the butter soft and easy to spread.

2 - To get rid of stems in strawberries (and other smaller sized berries), poke a straw through the center of the fruit to hollow out the center

3 - A quick tip on cutting a loaf of bread is to cut it upside down where the flat bottom is facing upwards. Doing this will leave the bread slices with a smoother surface.

4 - If you need to peel a potato, take a knife and slice a slight break into the middle of the potato vertically, boil it, and then effortlessly slide the skin off.

This saves time and your fingers rather than using a peeler.

5 - When separating egg whites from the yolk, instead of wasting time cracking the egg and trying to keep the yolk inside the shells, crack the egg and let it sit in a bowl.

Throw out the shell. From there, take an empty water bottle and squeeze it over the top of the yolk.

The pressure from the air allows the yolk to be sucked up into the bottle, leaving the whites ready for cooking.

Layout and Content by MACKENZIE FOCKLER

## Red Cross Blood Drive

VFW POST 11404 Auxiliary  
770 Bypass Road  
Brandenburg, KY 40108



Date of Operation:  
Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017



828-2161

547-2161

Dowell's Hardware



FARM SUPPLY

8005 BRANDENBURG ROAD • EKRON, KENTUCKY 40117  
TODD FOGLE • TRAVER TABOR  
Pipe-Gates-Fencing-Wire-Field Seeds-Dog Food- Lumber



# 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 pooches and four of their humans, which furry friend goes with each MCHS student?



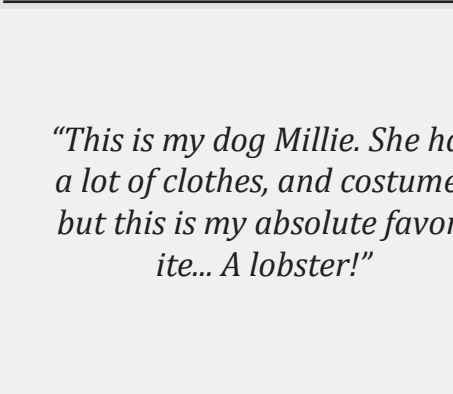
A.

*"This is Kylo. He's named after Kylo Ren from Star Wars. He was adopted at the Kentucky Humane Society, and he's 7 months old."*



1.

Ali Flaherty



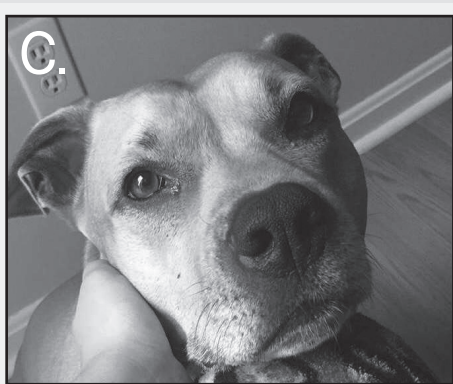
*"This is my dog Millie. She has a lot of clothes, and costumes but this is my absolute favorite... A lobster!"*

B.



2.

Allie Morris



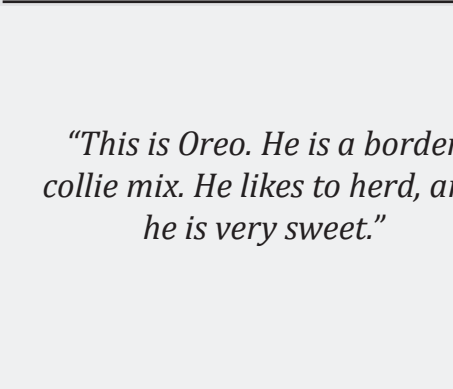
C.

*"This is my dog Zoey. I love her. She really enjoys Doritos, and she loves cuddling. However, she also hates cats so there's that."*



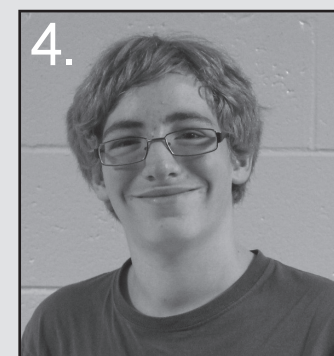
3.

Hailey Mattingly



*"This is Oreo. He is a border collie mix. He likes to herd, and he is very sweet."*

D.



4.

Steven Allen



**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](mailto:Andrea.Ruiz@stu.meade.kyschools.us).**

Layout by: Emma Barr & Erika Biddle

MATCHES : 1B, 2C, 3A, 4D

## HOROSCOPES

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

**Leo**  
Getting things the way you want is typically a hard task, but not for you Leo! November is your month, so own it! Strut your stuff and be proud because the world is in your hands!

**Aries**  
Don't try to over think things Aries, because the best memories are made by living in the moment and taking risks.

**Gemini**  
November is not going to be your friend, Gemini. Life is just going to suck, but persevere and get through it, because December is looking good for you!

**Libra**  
Those negative "I'm always late, awkward, etc" labels are overrated. We all have them! Your flaws can't stand to be fact checked! Be yourself and go with the flow this month, Libra!

**Aquarius**  
Validation is like cake. Addicting. This month, try the "acceptance challenge;" give yourself kudos at least one time a day!

**Sagittarius**  
It's fun to get starry-eyed around big goals, but don't overlook the small accomplishments along the way. It's the little things in life that mean the most.

**Taurus**  
You're in luck Taurus, November is a lucky month for you! You're going to meet new people, pass more tests and best of all, you're going to have a new found confidence in yourself!

**Cancer**  
Be a giver in November, Cancer. While things may be going great for you, others are not going to be so lucky. Give what you can, look out for others and always be generous!

**Virgo**  
Stop being over-dramatic about small things. There is so much more to worry about than something small! November is your month to relax and be stress free!

**Scorpio**  
New changes giving you the "heebie jeebies?" Don't be spooked by change, because November is a month of constant change for you, Scorpio! Embrace it!

**Capricorn**  
Don't get your hopes too high this month Capricorn, because you're not going to do so hot this month. Stick with your gut and you will come out on top!

**Pisces**  
When stressed, you may focus on the major to-do's, but little hassles will add up. This month, separate yourself from frustration and remind yourself that you can do anything you set your mind to!

## Happy Death Day misses the mark

**ANASTASIA BASHAM**  
Assistant News Editor

### SPOILER ALERT!

There are many different elements that are crucial in making a good horror movie. These elements include: the scene, the makeup effects, the lighting, the acting. Then there are the more important ones like plot and sound that creates the atmosphere.

On Oct. 13, the newest horror movie, "Happy Death Day" was released. I am going to go ahead and spoil this movie for you so you don't waste your money. The movie trailers showed scenes of a young college girl that was killed on her birthday and then continued to re-live that day over and over until she found the killer. The trailer itself actually looked like the movie would be enjoyable, but the plot reminded me a lot of "Groundhog Day."

The movie starts off very innocent, as most horror movies do, but took a long while to get the spooky effect. Atmosphere is important in a horror movie, and the very first scare achieved that. They got the lighting just right to achieve the feel they were going for. The camera angle was also excellent and the sound of that unpleasant music box



really hit it home. Then the killer came, killed her and everything started over. That is when everything went downhill.

I like to be surprised when it comes to horror movies or any movie for that matter. Being able to figure out the ending within a few scenes of the movie really irritates me and ruins the anticipation. There is so much more that could have been done with "Happy Death Day."

After the first big scene of this movie, they really dropped the ball. "Happy Death Day" is classified under horror and the entire time, the character is slowly falling in love with the guy she keeps waking up and meeting. That's sweet and all, but the entire movie is the main character falling in love, making friends and finally talking to her dad. How is that horror? The only "horror" part of this movie

is when she gets stabbed and dies. The movie had too much of a chipper feel to it. The writers created excellent character development, but this is not a romance!

The baby face is the school logo for their college so it makes sense that the framed antagonist would use it in the murders but there is not even a little blood to take the mask to the next level. The actual antagonist was awful as well. Her best murder weapon was a cupcake and the reason behind her murder wasn't even clever.

It was obvious that this movie was not well thought out. The story was missing so many little details, such as, why was she reliving the same day over again? This was never addressed. So many things did not come together in the end. It was obvious the writer attempted to create a good story but the end result did not resemble the affect they were going for.



# ARTIST OF THE MONTH

## Misty Raines

**LIA HOBBS**  
Cartoonist

Sophomore Misty Raines has been selected as Artist of the Month for November. Raines enjoys drawing and trying out new forms of art. This is what she would like to say about her works and how it effects her life.

**The Current (TC):** What types of art do you do?

**Misty Raines (MR):** I do a little bit of everything. It's never just one thing.

**TC:** How long have you been doing this?

**MR:** Ever since I could hold a pencil. I'd say maybe kindergarten.

**TC:** What form of art is your favorite?

**MR:** I try to go for more realistic but it doesn't always make it out that way.

**TC:** Do your parents support this?

**MR:** They're all pretty supportive of it as a hobby.

**TC:** Have you entered



Photo by Tori Lawrence

your art somewhere on the Internet?

**MR:** No but I plan to in the future.

**TC:** What inspired you to start drawing?

**MR:** When my sister gave me my first sketchbook. Before then it was just doodles.

**TC:** What is your favorite piece of art that you've done?

**MR:** It's probably one of my pencil drawings. I made it for my grandmother. I replicated a piece of art that she couldn't get on her wall in the nursing home.

**TC:** What is your favorite thing about your art?

**MR:** It's more or less like the process behind it. It allows me to relax, and it's also a way to vent.

**TC:** Is there any specific

emotions that you express in your art?

**MR:** A little bit of everything.

**TC:** Have you been taking any art classes?

**MR:** Eighth grade was one of my more serious art classes, and now I'm in Art Studio as a sophomore.

**TC:** Have you ever tried to enter your art in any state competitions?

**MR:** I haven't consciously entered any pieces in but 8th grade year one of my pieces was submitted and I ended up getting a check in the mail.

**TC:** What would you like to do with your art in the future?

**MR:** I would like to take another art class while in high school. I don't know if I'll be doing anything with art after high school, but I'd like to keep it as a hobby.

**TC:** What do you prefer to use while drawing?

**MR:** Probably a mechanical pencil. You can do thinner or thicker lines. They are accessible and easily erases when you need to. It's pretty much my go to.

**TC:** Is there anything you would tell someone who's just starting out in art?

**MR:** Keep trying! It's going to be frustrating. You may not get the concept you want right off the bat but if you work hard for it and put your own style to it, it'll be worth it in the end.

# Green successfully puts out new book

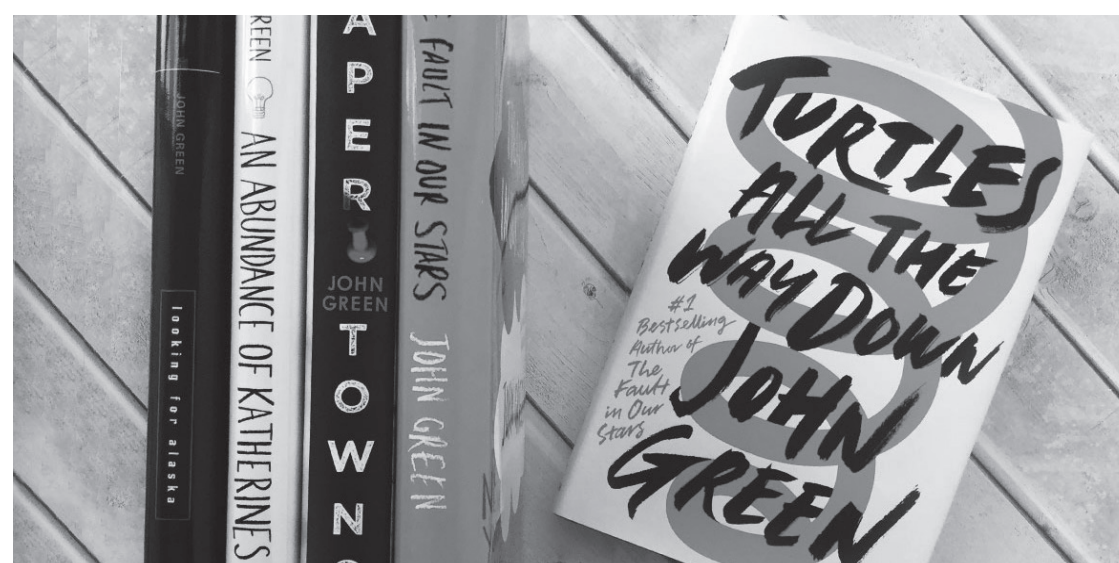
**MEGHAN ALLISON**  
News Editor

On Oct. 10, John Green, the award-winning author of "Looking for Alaska" and "The Fault in Our Stars," is back at it again with a brand new book titled "Turtles All the Way Down."

The story revolves around a 16 year old junior, named Ava Holmes, going to White River High School in Indianapolis, Ind.

With most John Green books there is something that sets each character apart, and in this case Ava has bad anxiety.

As the story progresses readers can get a true understanding of how mental



illnesses can affect someone even when the symptoms can't be seen to the naked eye.

Green's books are meant to pull at the heart, and this book is no exception. Although this is a shorter

book, a little under 300 pages, there is still character development, twists and turns and insight into the life of a high schooler with anxiety.

One important detail to Green's books is how he

has an accurate portrayal of the teenage characters in which he writes. Green understands that although his books are fiction, it's important to have a good character to draw the reader in.

With Ava, readers with anxiety can connect with the points made and how she deals with it throughout her daily life, and for readers without anxiety, they can be more educated in how someone with anxiety may feel.

Another interesting detail is how Green seems to subtly add multiple plots without the reader noticing

until the plot reaches its climax or is resolved.

If you've read any of Green's other books, it's easy to notice that he has a major plot, and then a huge plot twist at some point.

With this new book, it seems there is an internal plot happening inside of Ava, and then an external plot that most readers can see and understand.

There is no need to fear, there are still plot twists to come.

While I have multiple other points to make about the book, I think it's best to close it on how Green implements technology into the book.

With this day and age, almost every teenager has a cell phone, and in the book it's no different. For the first time in a long time, that I've seen, the texts were properly shown in italics and stated who typed each message.

To sum it up, I think that the book had a very realistic touch to it and I enjoyed the elements that Green added to give it this type of feel.

## STORY CORNER: The Closet Under the Stairs

She walked through the empty halls of the two story house. It was old and creaky but that was her favorite part about it. The silence was a nice contrast to her previous home in the city.

Her fingers traced the soft railing as she walked up the stairs and found her way to her new room. She continued wandering, descending down onto the first floor once more. She was about to call for her mother when a creak came from under the stairs. Peering toward the sound, she saw a small closet door under the stairs. Her steps echoed as she slid towards it. Right as her fingers touched the weathered door knob, the door slammed shut.

Her heart jumped in surprise! She backed up slowly, thinking of possible scenarios. Maybe it was the wind. This is an old house after all.

She refused to return until a week later. The only reason she could step back into that house was because her mother had already bought and furnished the home. How could she turn her mom down after all the trouble her mother had gone through?

After a few nights, she became more at ease with the thought of living there. She still jumped at each creak and groan of the wooden house but chalked it up to old age.

Halfway between a late night study session, a sound emitted from the dreaded closet. With tentative steps, she curiously peeked her head toward the small, dark cavity. Everything seemed in order. The moving boxes were still lazily placed near the base of the stairs. She started shoving the boxes, trying to find some sort of small creature that could have let out such a loud sound.

She went to push yet another box when she felt a cold, hand yanked around her ankle. She hit the hard floor, turning over to reveal a dark shadow in the middle of the doorway. Right as she let out a blood curdling scream, the man dragged her into the crevice, the door slamming behind her.

Had her mother checked into the past of the house she would have discovered the menacing history behind it. There had been young women disappearing from that home for fourteen years. It was no coincidence that the next door neighbor had moved in around the same time.

Had her mother checked the house plans she would have seen the tunnels that led from the underground cellar into the small closet. A cellar that was never locked.

Had her mother listened to the unease of her daughter maybe she would still be alive.

By Andrea Ruiz

  
 385 Bypass Rd.  
 Brandenburg, KY 40108  
 raysford@bbtel.com  
 www.raysford.com  
 Bus: (270) 422-4901  
**RAY COTTRELL, JR.**  
 Dealer Partner / General Manager

**WILSON'S  
BAIT & TACKLE**
  

  
 Fishing Supplies • Hunting Supplies • NASP  
 Boating Supplies • Ammo  
 2605 Brandenburg Road  
 Brandenburg, KY 40108  
 (270) 422-1090

**STULL'S COUNTRY STORE**  
 Since 1972  
 "Step back in time with old fashioned sales and services"  

  
 4385 Rhodelia Road  
 Payneville, Kentucky 40157  
 270.496.4169  
 Follow us on Facebook  
 www.stullscountrystore.com  
 marindastull@gmail.com



# Field of Screams

**DANIEL SCHOONOVER**  
Assistant Sports  
Editor

Imagine walking through the horror infested corn stocks of Field of Screams, full of crazy clowns and classic horror movie characters. Surprisingly, it turned out to be a really fun and exhilarating time. I first visited this attraction on Saturday, October 14. It was four hours well spent!

Located on Darnall Avenue in Brandenburg, this massive six-acre cornfield ensures that people can enjoy a whole new world of terrifying wonders. The attractions include a creepy barn of psychos and clowns, a building for laser tag and even a haunted hayride that takes you around the property.

The attraction brings in hundreds of people each night. Don't expect to stand there for too long. The cashiers do an amazing job at keeping the incredibly long line moving at a good pace.

"I enjoy the environment and how friendly my coworkers are. There's nothing I dislike about working here," senior Al-



ycia Goodwin said.

The "Hayride to Hell," takes you around the property and picks up characters on the way. When the ride first started, a man asked the riders "Who here gets scared really easily?" A couple of guys pointed to their friend who was sitting in between them. The two guys gave the man her name, and he said "I'll remember that." Later on in the ride, a clown jumped on the ride and screamed the girl's name.

The only questionable situation was the hayride drivers smoking. The riders had to wait about five minutes for the driver to stop smoking. Then the driver started smoking again during the ride, unintentionally blowing

smoke into the faces of the riders.

Then it was time to face the menacing cornfield. It was the constant expectation of someone jumping out of the corn that made the hair stand up on the back of my neck.

The field was crawling with mysterious attractions such as the bus from Nightmare on Elm Street with Freddy as your chauffeur. He did a wonderful job at making me think he was just a prop by sitting motionless in one of the bus seats. The corn maze even gave us choices on which way you can go, each one leading to different areas.

Overall it was a great experience, and I would highly suggest visiting the Field of Screams.

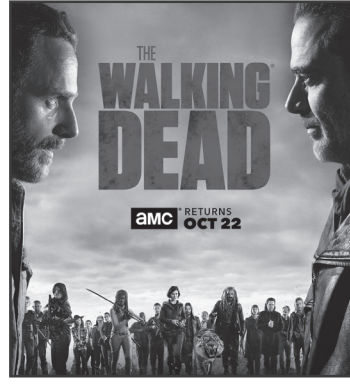
# The Walking Dead

**EVAN SMILEY**  
Public Relations  
Specialist

The eighth season of AMC's The Walking Dead (TWD) aired Oct 22. Many anxious fans were left with a cliffhanger from the end of season seven where one of the main characters Sasha took the ultimate sacrifice. She converted herself into a walker in hopes to end the war between the people of Alexandria and Negan's Savivors. Sasha's plan almost worked, but a Savior rather than Negan opened the casket that she was being held in and Walker Sasha bit the Savior.

To start off the new episode, an arrow soars through the sky and strikes Dwight's motorcycle tire, ultimately flattening it. Attached to the arrow lies a note from Daryl with one word inscribed upon it, "Tomorrow." Dwight quickly writes a note and fires it back to Daryl.

The scene changes to Daryl and Morgan at various lookout points to take out the guards according to the various lists given



to them by Dwight. Meanwhile, Rick prepares a fleet for an attack on Negan's Sanctuary. As the convoy rolls out, Michonne tells Carl that he is in charge of Alexandria and its fate lies in his hands. Who knows how the episode pans out! Watch AMC's The Walking Dead on Sunday nights at 9pm to keep up with TWD!

This episode was overall amazing despite an outcome that the fans did not desire. I personally loved the episode, and would highly recommend it to anyone who is interested in a post-apocalyptic era of the world, with a heart wrenching connection to the characters, and a little taste of romance!

## Sleeves: Ex-Girlfriends



"I'm so glad  
I didn't order a  
**Yearbook**"

*-Said no one ever*



Order your Yearbook now at  
**www.jostensyearbooks.com**



# SPORTS

## Greenwave football ends 2017 season

### Greenwave Football Schedule 2017



Aug. 18	Simon Kenton	L	13-47
Aug. 25	Anderson County	W	48-6
Sept. 1	@Shelby County	W	58-13
Sept. 8	@Breck County	W	41-0
Sept. 15	@Franklin-Simpson	W	24-21
Sept. 22	John Hardin	L	28-35
Sept. 29	Christian Academy	L	7-26
Oct. 6	@North Hardin	L	26-40
Oct. 13	Central Hardin	L	28-35
Oct. 27	@Warren Central		

Head Coach: Larry Mofield

### Ladywave Volleyball Schedule 2017



Aug. 14	Corydon Central	W	3-0
Aug. 18	Edmonson County	W	2-1
Aug. 18	Owensboro	W	2-0
Aug. 19	Breck County	L	0-2
Aug. 19	Apollo	W	2-1
Aug. 19	Daviess County	W	2-0
Aug. 21	@Hancock County	W	3-0
Aug. 22	Frederick Fraize	W	3-0
Aug. 24	Elizabethtown	L	1-3
Aug. 28	@North Hardin	W	3-0
Aug. 31	Owensboro	W	1-3
Sept. 2	Barren County	W	2-0
Sept. 2	John Hardin	W	2-0
Sept. 2	Murray	W	2-0
Sept. 2	@Elizabethtown	W	2-1
Sept. 2	Bowling Green	W	3-0
Sept. 5	Breck County	W	3-2
Sept. 7	@Frederick Fraize	W	3-0
Sept. 8	Henderson County	L	0-2
Sept. 8	Washington County	W	2-0
Sept. 9	Hanover	W	2-0
Sept. 9	Boone County	W	2-0
Sept. 9	Logan County	W	2-0
Sept. 14	@Central Hardin	L	0-3
Sept. 22	Floyd Central	W	2-1
Sept. 22	Ashland Blazer	W	2-0
Sept. 23	South Oldham	W	2-1
Sept. 23	Boone County	L	1-2
Sept. 23	@Lafayette	L	0-2
Sept. 26	@Grayson County	W	2-0
Sept. 28	@Breck County	L	2-3
Oct. 9	John Hardin	W	3-0
Oct. 12	@Daviess County	W	3-0
Oct. 16	Hancock County	W	3-0
Oct. 18	@Breck County	L	1-3

Head Coach: Morgan Benham

### Greenwave Soccer Schedule 2017



Aug. 15	@Nelson County	W	1-0
Aug. 19	Apollo	L	0-1
Aug. 22	@Desales	L	2-4
Aug. 24	@PRP	L	3-6
Aug. 29	North Hardin	L	0-2
Aug. 31	@Corydon Central	W	2-1
Sept. 2	Grayson County	W	7-0
Sept. 5	@Butler County	W	10-2
Sept. 7	LaRue County	W	7-0
Sept. 9	Butler	L	1-5
Sept. 9	Ohio County	W	2-0
Sept. 12	@Central Hardin	L	0-8
Sept. 14	Bullitt Central	W	10-2
Sept. 16	John Hardin	L	3-5
Sept. 19	Bardstown	W	2-0
Sept. 28	New Albany	L	1-2
Oct. 5	@Owensboro	L	0-5

Head Coach: Matt Pollock  
David Craycroft and Nick Funk

### Ladywave Soccer Schedule 2017



Aug. 14	@Corydon Central	W	9-1
Aug. 16	Nelson County	W	3-0
Aug. 21	@Bardstown	L	0-4
Aug. 23	@LaRue County	W	5-0
Aug. 26	Owensboro Cath.	L	1-6
Aug. 28	North Hardin	W	4-0
Aug. 30	@Elizabethtown	T	0-0
Sept. 5	John Hardin	W	7-0
Sept. 7	@Grayson County	W	10-0
Sept. 11	@Butler County	W	11-0
Sept. 16	@Apollo	W	6-2
Sept. 18	Eastern	T	2-2
Sept. 20	Breck County	W	10-0
Sept. 25	@Central Hardin	L	3-7
Sept. 27	@North Bullitt	L	1-2
Oct. 4	@Bullitt East	T	1-1

Head Coach: Dan Shook



**JEFF PRECHTEL**  
Staff Writer

The Greenwaves headed into into the playoffs with a record of 5-5.

"Each game is win or lose, if we lose we are out and if we win, we move on to next week where it is a game of survival each time," Coach Mofield said.

Unfortunately, Meade County lost to Henderson in the first round of the playoffs which ended their season with a 5-6 record.

Henderson County entered playoffs with a record of 4-6 but came out on top against Meade County with a score of 21-14 and advanced to play Central Hardin on Nov. 10. At press time, this score was not available.

Assistant Coach Jason Scott said, "Even though we would have liked to have ended on a better note, this team competed with the best and had a chance to win every game and never gave up."

Mofield pointed out things such as "inability to finish games" hindered this season.

Mofield said he was specifically proud with the improvement with running the ball this year.

Mofield said players such as Zach Babb have exceeded this year with running the ball. Difficulties with things



Photo by Paulette Black

**Leading the way seniors Zach Babb and Nich Wilson running the play against Central Hardin on senior night.**

such as injuries within the team really made them work harder at things, as they had to adapt and overcome the situation.

"This season didn't turn out exactly how we wanted it to but with that said, we fought every game, and I feel like we helped get the program back on track (compared to last year), bringing back physicality and attitude to every game and hopefully that will carry on for seasons to follow," senior Seth Mik said.

The team as a whole is pleased with their improvement from last year, but they still wish to exceed. You can never stop trying to get better,

there is always someone out there practicing to be better than you.

"I'm really proud of traveling to Franklin Simpson and beating one of the top teams in the states. Getting the same amount of wins as we have in the last two seasons has really made us all feel a sense of achievement," senior quarterback Zane Powers said.

The team will be losing 21 seniors this year, and some are already missing the field.

Senior punter Zach Mofield said, "I'm already missing it, these guys are brothers and life long friends."

Head Coach Mofield said that the team is bigger than

any individual person and to maintain connection requires intense practices and good sportsmanship.

"The team has more value than any specific player as every player makes up the team," Head Coach Mofield said.

Ultimately the team just has to keep pushing on and use their mistakes as lessons to upgrade themselves for the future.

"If I've learned one thing it is to never give up; you can't give up just because things get hard. We came in together and turned Greenwave football around," senior Nick Wilson said.

## Waves roll through season

**DANIEL SCHOONOVER**  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Greenwave bowling team is conquering the lanes this season. The team is currently 3-0 and plans to keep that streak rolling. Their most recent win was against North Hardin on November 3. The team scored five out of seven points needed to win the match. During the game, the girls team found themselves pinned but the boys team picked them up and got them a win.

Returning bowlers who qualified for state last year are Parker Whitaker, Brandon Whitaker, and Bre Edwards.



Brandon Whitaker is practicing harder than ever to go to state this year.

"I'm working to get an average of at least 230. I am currently at an average of 193, and I'm slowly getting there," Whitaker said.

The team also has some other honorable mentions

such as their new manager, Ivy Taylor. She is the first manager that has joined the bowling team and likely won't be the last.

Some upcoming members hail from the middle school, including Jayden Fuqua, Ethan McCormick, Taylor Thompson and Jayah Fuqua.

"The team is looking good this year. The only thing we need to work on is making spares, especially after a good shot. I can't wait to see what this season brings," senior Bre Edwards said.

Unfortunately, the team will be losing a great number of seniors this year. These of which include Clayton "Bailey" Priddy, Hunter Griffith, Brandon Whitaker as well as team captains, Kameron Harper and Bre Edwards.

So far the Greenwaves have beaten Nelson County, Elizabethtown and North Hardin. Upcoming matches include John Hardin, Central Hardin, Bardstown, and Thomas Nelson.

## MCHS lives to cheer

**TORI LAWRENCE**  
Photographer

The Meade County High School Cheer team traveled to Owensboro High School on Oct. 28 to compete in the regional competition.

The competition consisted of 13 teams. The Ladywaves competed as an All-Girl Medium team against Apollo High School and Frederick Fraize High School.

Before the competition, the cheer team encountered some minor setbacks like losing a few team members of cheerleaders on such short notice. However, their determination didn't stop them from striving towards their goal. A week before competition, the cheer team had a four hour Saturday practice to perfect their routine which in the end, really paid off.

"Our coaches were still proud even though we got second, but this is giving us the drive and motivation to make our routine even harder and improve on our skills so we come in first at the next

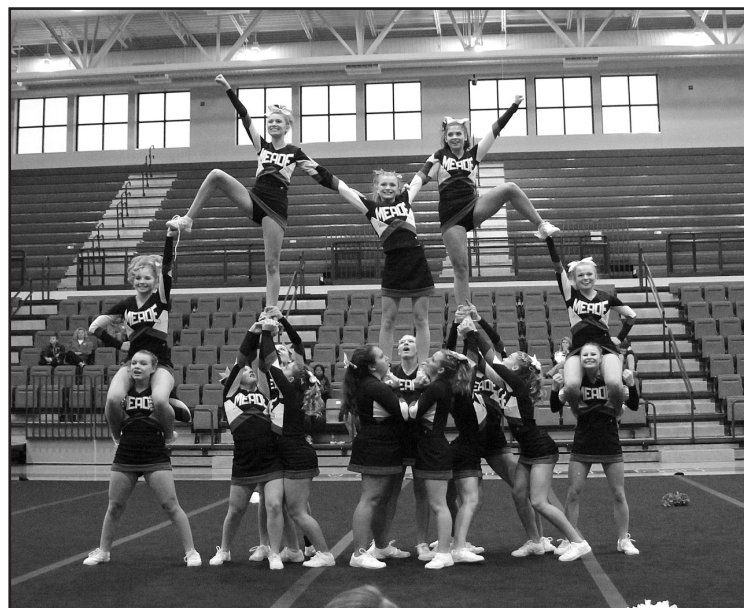


Photo by Tori Lawrence

**The cheer team perform as an All-Girl-Medium team at regional competition at Owensboro High School on Oct. 28.**

one," senior Katie Priddy said.

The team consists of 16 girls who have to execute their routine on nine mats. As opposed to other teams, the Ladywaves utilized their entire space to compete.

The judges rewarded the girls with the highest score in the "Overall Impression" category.

"From the coaches standpoint, Coach Ashley Reeder,

Coach Jenna Gerkins, and myself were all very pleased with the girls performance at Regionals. Although there were a few errors in their routine, our girls have overcome a lot this season and worked very hard to step up their difficulty for their competition routine," Coach Rachel McNulty said.

The cheerleaders went on the mat to perform this routine halfway through the

competition.

"We were all pretty nervous when we got all out. We knew we had to make our coaches and parents proud and we laid it all on the mat," senior Jordin Addesa said.

The girls began their routine energizing the crowd with chants like "Who are we?" before going into their jump routine and yelling "waves!" The Ladywaves ended their routine with an impressive human pyramid and let the crowd know that Meade County will never settle for less than excellence.

MCHS placed 1st Runner Up to Apollo with a score of 54.8, beating Frederick Fraize.

They didn't qualify for state since the only teams that go are first placer holders, however, their season isn't over yet. They will be competing in three more major events: Dec. 2- Elite Battle Cheer Competition in Lexington, KY, Jan. 13- Skill Reveal Classic in Louisville, KY and Mar. 10- Extreme Nationals Battle.



# Racing to finish line

**MAKENNA GONSALVES**  
Sports Editor

The Meade County Cross Country team finished their season at the state championship race in Lexington, KY on Saturday, Nov. 4. The course the race was hosted on was the Kentucky Horse Park.

It has been a successful season for the runners this year.

The boys and girls cross-country teams both had a great weekend at the meet. Both varsity teams ran over 5000m against several teams across the state including St. Xavier, who is currently ranked first in KY.

The boys team, consisting of Noah Schwartz, Kizer Burnett, Brayden Blakenship, Jonnathan Amaya, Ryan Butler, Jordan Smith and John Franco, never gave up as they ran their best at state and finished their season strong.

The girls team, con-



Photo by Emma Barr

**Ellie Bruner, Alyssa Neal and Sarah Hall round the corner during their state championship race.**

sisting of Elizabeth Shannon, Sarah Hall, Kaitlyn Greenwell, Ellie Bruner, Maddy sipes, Isabella Sullivan and Alyssa Neal, also had a great day at the state meet.

Our top runners, Elizabeth Shannon and Noah Schwartz, both placed top 50 in the high school varsity race

The race proved to be an exciting and optimistic debut 5K for these young men and women with this

being the last race for our senior runners. Though our cross-country team is losing a lot of great athletes, our coaches look forward to seeing how next year would turn out.

“We are very pleased with how this season went even though there were a few minor issues and injuries that might have caused a few setbacks,” Assistant Coach Andrea Bishop said.

# 3rd Region Champions

## First time in school history



Photos submitted

In their journey to the state tournament the Ladywave Volleyball team fought hard to earn the title of 3rd District Champions. They competed against the Owensboro-Catholic Lady Aces and were determined to go home with the District title this year.

Top picture: The Ladwaves proudly show off their trophy with smiles all around.

Bottom left picture: The Ladwaves celebrate their record breaking win.

Bottom right picture: Senior Sydney King goes up for a block as senior Meg Powers looks on.

# 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.



**Zach Babb**



**KARISSA ERVIN**  
Staff Writer

Senior Zachary Babb has been selected to be this month's Athlete of the Month for the Meade County Football team.

Babb has been playing football since flag football league, which he began in second grade.

“Football was the sport all my brothers and friends played and I kinda just picked it up from them. I wanted to be around them so I started playing,” Babb said.

Babb said his most memorable year playing football is his senior year because it's his final year playing for the MCHS football team. He

started the high school team his freshman year and has played ever since.

Football has given Babb the opportunity to have fun and make new friends while enjoying the time spent on the field playing the sport.

“The group of guys that I have gone through these four years with are everything to me. They mean a lot to me,” Babb said.

Babb said his biggest accomplishment would be rushing over 1,000 yards this season. It has always been a goal of his to reach that mark.

Outside of football, Babb also enjoys spending time with family and hanging out with friends. He says it's always good to have family to fall back on at hard times and that's what means the most to him.

After graduating MCHS, Babb plans on playing football at the college level and if that doesn't work, he is considering attending Western Kentucky University to become an electrical engineer.



**Sydney King**



**SAVANNAH REED**  
Staff Writer

Volleyball head coach Morgan Benham has selected senior Sydney King to be Athlete of the month due to her leading statistics in blocking, outstanding leadership skills and an overall perfect example of a student athlete.

Sydney King has been playing volleyball ever since she joined the Mambas team in sixth grade. Over the years she has received a large amount of support from her parents and other family members. “My sister just traveled two hours to come to a game, and my parents are always helping me with everything,” King said.

Her biggest motivation to play the best she can is her teammates and their goal to make it to state. “They moti-

vate me to work harder and are some of the best people I've ever met, so I want us all to succeed together,” King said.

King has gained many fond memories of being on the team throughout the years. “Going to the region championship and winning district in 2016 is definitely at the top. Also all the dumb dances and things we do together as a team are really funny,” King said.

With all of her experience of playing volleyball, King certainly does have good advice to give to new players. “My advice would be to stay close with who you are playing with because playing with friends makes it so much more fun which makes it easier to accomplish a lot more,” King said.

Outside of school she has won a national championship in AAU (amateur athletic union) volleyball, was on an all district AAU team in 2016 and is involved with her youth group at her church.

“I really enjoy playing AAU volleyball and also being a part of my youth group at St. John's,” King said.

## Athlete Quote Challenge



## FOOTBALL EDITION



**A. SETH MIK**



**B. DAKOTA VELAZQUEZ**



**C. MATT WOOD**



**D. SHAWN DEROSSETT**



**E. JOHN MICHAEL SAYLOR**

1. “My momma said football is the devil's sport.”

2. “Be confident, be focused and skew 'em in the dirt.”

3. “The football team is a brotherhood and even though the season is ending, family is forever.”

4. “Brick Wall...”

5. “Football is football and talent is talent. But the mindset of your team makes all the difference.”