

The Current

Student body celebrates Homecoming week



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The 2018 Homecoming royalty pose soon after being crowned. Seniors Lauren Sutton and Zach Babb received King and Queen, and Dawson Gagel and Hailee Risen received Prince and Princess.

ERIKA BIDDLE
Design Editor

MCHS students, faculty and staff spread school spirit for Spring Homecoming throughout the week of Jan. 29.

To kick off spirit week all students gathered in the gymnasium to attend a pep rally hosted by the Student Government Association (SGA). While there, they introduced the members of the spring sports programs and discussed the themes for the week. In order to encourage school spirit, SGA introduced cheers that could be used at upcoming sporting events. The winner for most school spirit that day was the freshman.

Monday's theme for the week was 'Merica Monday,

and students dressed up in their most patriotic apparel. Tuesday was Scholars vs. Ballers day; students dressed up in graduation gowns and "nerdy" outfits if they were scholars and jerseys and sporty apparel if they were ballers. On Wednesday, students wore their favorite flannel and pair of boots for Western Wednesday. Students had the opportunity to wear their comfiest clothes on Thursday for pajama day. To wrap up the week, students dressed up in their gambling attire for High Roller Friday.

"My favorite day to dress up for Homecoming week was pajama day because I got to be comfortable at school all day," senior John Michael Saylor said.

On Friday, all students

gathered back in the gymnasium for a final pep rally. After celebrating the boys and girls basketball programs, the Greenwaves faced off against the Ladywaves in a friendly game of Hungry Hungry Hippos, in which the Ladywaves beat the Greenwaves.

Between games at Friday night's double-header against the Frederick Fraize Aces, MCHS crowned the Spring Homecoming King and Queen. The nominations for Queen were Paulette Black representing Y-Club, Allie Robertson representing DECA, Katelynn Priddy representing the MCHS cheerleaders, Lauren Sutton representing FCA, Hailee Risen representing FFA, Madeline Beavin representing Tennis, Erica Hardesty representing Science Club,



Photo by Josh Swink

In Hungry Hungry Hippos, seniors Noah Schwartz and Aidan Matthews attempt to get enough balls under their box for their team to win.

Kaylee Mathias representing HOSA, Bre Kerkhoff representing Drama Club and Elizabeth Youart representing the senior class.

The nominations for King were Dylan Lancaster representing Y-Club, Dawson Gagel representing DECA, John Michael Saylor representing the MCHS cheerleaders, Zach Mofield representing FCA, Zach Babb representing the baseball team, Colton Ray representing Skills USA, Dante Vicetoni representing FBLA, Daniel Foushee representing NHS, Xavier Stanton representing GSA and Jacob Foushee representing the senior class.

Seniors voted Zach Babb and Lauren Sutton as the 2018 Homecoming King and Queen, and selected Dawson

Gagel and Hailee Risen to be Homecoming Prince and Princess.

"I think it's great to be voted King because that's who the school wanted to represent them," senior Zach Babb said.

The representatives from each class were Mason Craycroft and Ally Johnson representing the junior class, Lewtin Yates and Ellie Bruner representing the sophomores and Casey Turner and Jessi Johnson representing the freshman.

"Honestly it's a true honor to be nominated to represent my peers of the sophomore class. I hope that I fulfill the duty of representing not just a selected group but all of our sophomore class," sophomore Lewtin Yates said.

Plans for \$15 million SPMS revamp begin

CAITLYN RISKY
Staff Writer

Stuart Pepper Middle School (SPMS) will begin a new project towards the end of May. The school will receive major remodeling and improvements.

Renovations aren't being focused in just one spot of the building but the entire building. A brand new gym is being constructed, along with a larger office, a porch system and new parking for parents, staff and buses. Additions will also be made to science classrooms to create science labs instead of the average classroom.

The cafeteria is going to be extended using room from the current office, and the lobby will increase in size. A stage is going to be constructed in the current gym, similar to the layouts of Brandenburg Primary and David T. Wilson.

Renovations are also moving to the outside of the building. A new road will be created beside the middle school leading to the two schools behind it. This will lead to less of a traffic back-up in front of the building



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and a more efficient way of getting students to school without going through the subdivision.

Sherman Carter Barnhart is the architect. This is the same architect that has been used for the new Area Technology Center and several buildings in the district. They will do the design, then the board will receive several bids from contractors in April.

"It will be a big contract, but there will be a lot of companies that will want it," Dr. John Millay said.

The school is being renovated because it needs to be larger for the amount of

students that attend. Current space in the building is insufficient according to the new standards.

The total budget for the project is \$15 million. The construction usually costs up to \$13 million, but the cost increases with the price of the architect and furnishings.

The school was built in 1978 and received a major add-on in 1996. SPMS underwent some minor updates and added a new library in 2003, but the school has not changed much since.

"Along the way we've always kept our buildings painted and kept them clean

and nice. As far as all of the lighting, all of the heating and air, it's all going to be updated," Millay said.

With the new gym being constructed, the old gym is being divided to make extra space. Half of the gym goes to rooms for music, while the other half is being used as two multipurpose areas.

These multipurpose areas are where there may be class opportunities for MCHS pathways to be brought to the middle school to introduce students to these experiences before high school.

Not only is the school changing drastically in size,

but also these changes will make the school more energy and cost efficient.

"When it's all said and done, we'll have more room, and we should have a lower electric bill than what we pay now," Millay said.

Starting in May 2018, the project is predicted to be completed by July 2019. There are going to be several phases during the renovation, since the school will be occupied at the same time it is being constructed. The school is still expected to take about a full year to finish.

"Every one of our kids go there, every kid goes through Stuart Pepper, so we want that to be a great experience. That's why it needs a nice lunchroom, a nice learning space, adequate labs and a big comfortable gym for the school. It's making the school comfortable for the student body," Millay said.

SPMS is also updating all of the keys and locks to make the school a safer learning environment. All of these new additions to the school will hopefully make the school day better for both students and faculty.

NEWS

New immunization requirements for students

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Staff Writer

The state of Kentucky has recently passed a bill that increases the amount of immunizations required for a student to attend a public school in Kentucky. The new law will take effect in the 2018-2019 school year. Many schools are urging parents to get their children vaccinated as soon as possible in order to avoid a shortage of the shots caused by people waiting until the last minute to get immunized. This law will require all students to receive a Hepatitis A vaccine and all students aged 16 years and older to get an ACWY vaccine.

The Hepatitis A shot must be given in a series of two shots six months apart which is why many people are recommending that the first shot be taken in early Feb. in order to complete the whole series.

This bill was passed into law prior to the hepatitis A outbreak that had a total of 52 confirmed cases in KY last year. This recent outbreak also proves just how important these shots are, especially for those in Jefferson County which has had at least 12 cases.

This virus infects the liver and most commonly spreads through contaminated food but can also travel through water, people and objects. According to the Mayo Clinic some symptoms include: nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain (especially near the liver area), joint pain, fever, jaundice, fatigue and itchy



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skin. Not everyone will develop symptoms but can still spread the disease.

The ACWY vaccine (MenACWY) is a Meningitis shot that protects patients from Meningitis A, C, W and Y. Getting this vaccination is very important because a case of meningitis can turn deadly very fast due to the fact that it affects the brain.

Meningitis is an inflammation of the meninges (membranes) surrounding the brain and spinal cord. It can be caused by a viral, bacterial or fungal infection.

Viral infections are the most common type, while bacterial is more deadly and fungal is usually slow growing.

A statement from the Mayo Clinic explains that symptoms of Meningitis in people older than two include: headaches with nausea or vomiting, sensitivity to light, stiff neck, high fever, loss of appetite and thirst, seizures, confusion, difficulty concentrating, sleepiness and Meningococcal Meningitis a skin rash may involve a skin rash.

In addition to students aged 16 years and older getting the Hepatitis A vac-

cine and Meningitis booster, all children must still follow the previous vaccine requirements. Ensuring that the child is properly vaccinated at the right time is the responsibility of the legal guardian. All students must be immunized against Pertussis, Diphtheria, Poliomyelitis, Measles, Tetanus, Rubella, Mumps, Hepatitis B and Haemophilus influenza disease at the correct times established by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

All students must show evidence of immunization by showing an immunization form from a doctor's office. The only exemptions from these new rules is if a medical condition of a student or their religion doesn't allow them to follow the requirements. One example of a religious exemption is if a student is a Christian Scientist, a faith that doesn't really believe in modern medicine.

All forms that relate to exemptions of these shots can be picked up at any facility that is licensed to care for children. These facilities include but are not limited to public schools, daycare centers, preschools, family-child care homes and private schools.

Dance travels across the "Pond"



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Seniors Jordin Addesa, Jordan Tennyson, Hailee Risen and Jillian Johnson (left to right) enjoying one of the many natural parks in London across from Queen Victorias famous statue.

TORI LAWRENCE
Photographer

Four members of the Meade County High School dance team auditioned in July 2017 and were selected to perform in the annual New Year's Day Parade in London, England. Seniors Jordin Addesa, Hailee Risen, Jordan Tennyson and Jillian Johnson were selected among 75+ dancers by the Universal Dance Association to travel to London.

The four went to a dance camp in the summer where they learned about the open auditions. Later that month, they went to the University of Kentucky campus to try out.

They were put into random groups of three where they had to learn a new routine; 2 eight counts of various types of dance-hip hop, pom, jazz and freestyle.

After the anxious wait, the four were called to be apart of the UDA Varsity team to perform in London.

"When they announced the names for who made the All-American team, they didn't announce last names, so when they called the name Jordin from MCHS, we weren't sure which of us they were talking about...", senior Jordan Tennyson said.

They went down a long list of names and Tennyson's name still hadn't been called. Finally, they announced another Jordin from MCHS. Tennyson was ecstatic and immediately called her parents to tell them the great news.

The following month, the girls received a CD of a dance they would have to learn on their own by December. After the months of rehearsing alone and not knowing anyone else on the team, they flew out to London on Dec. 26 to finally meet the rest of the group. There, they practiced for the first time as a whole only one day before the parade was scheduled to begin.

"The one practice thing stressed me out a little bit seeing as we had to learn ripples and synchronizing together as a whole. Overall it was a great night of practice, it was long and hot. But that's what Dance is about. Hard work and sweat," senior Hailee Risen said.

Once the New Year rolled around, the girls were more than ready to perform in the parade for over eight miles.

The trip across the pond wasn't just all work. UDA Varsity provided them with tickets to see the play "Wicked" as well as a trip to see the Tower of London and Buckingham Palace. UDA also threw the whole team a New Year's Eve party.

Back home, their coaches were beyond proud of them. Coach Beth Risen knew exactly what the girls were about to experience since she made the same trip when she was in high school.

"It was a very proud moment for me! I have never had that many dancers make the All-American Team," Coach Risen said.

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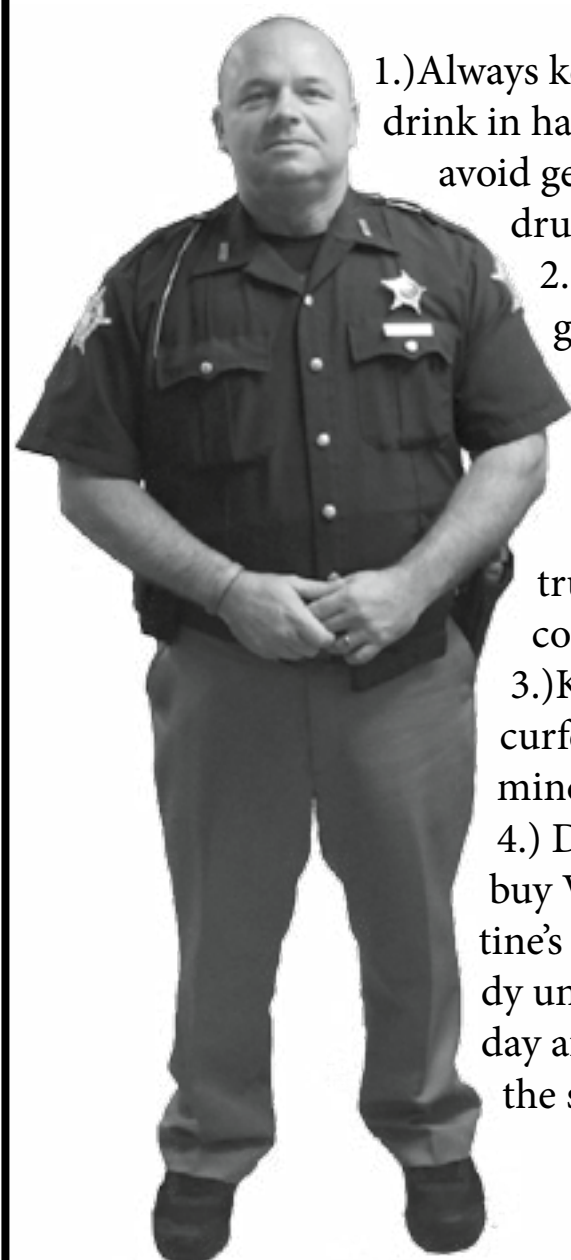
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- 1.) Always keep your drink in hand to avoid getting drugged.
- 2.) When going on a blind date, go with another trusted couple.
- 3.) Keep a curfew in mind.
- 4.) Do not buy Valentine's Day candy until the day after for the sale.

Flu virus fights back stronger than ever

ANASTASIA BASHAM
Assistant News Editor

A widely known infection has become the talk of the town, or state for that matter. The flu has made its annual comeback throughout Kentucky, but something is different from previous years.

The flu is a common viral infection and symptoms that vary from congestion and headache to coughing and a fever, sometimes all of them. During the spring and summer seasons, the bacteria for this unfriendly infection usually die out however, as the autumn and winter seasons roll back around, they begin awaiting for their next host. During these months, doctors and nurses see several cases of the flu and flu-like illness, however, the past few months have kept them on their toes. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the flu activity reported is sim-



ilar to the flu peak of 2014-2015 which was the years of a high severity flu.

Dr. Robert Kupper works with Meade County Pediatrics and has also noticed a change in flu cases this year.

"From what I've seen, the clinic has seen more cases of the flu much earlier than previous years. We usually begin to get cases around January and February," Kupper said.

The flu is very contagious and is spread by airborne respiratory droplets, by skin-to-skin contact and touching contaminated surfaces.

"If you watch human behavior, you begin to notice how many surfaces we touch on a daily basis. I see it everyday in the clinic," Kupper said.

Kupper says the best way to avoid getting the flu is to avoid eating and drink-

ing after people, wash hands frequently and avoid kissing partners during the flu season.

If flu symptoms begin to appear, it is best to go to your nearest family physician and request a nasal swab flu test. Remember to arrive within the first 48 hours of the first signs of flu symptoms. If diagnosed quickly, the flu can be treated with Tamiflu but only if caught within those first 48 hours. Other treat-

ments include rest and fluids.

"Our flu test is a very specific test to the flu, therefore, if you test for the flu and it comes up positive, we know that it cannot be another infection like strep," Kupper said.

Most cases of the flu do not end in long term effects unless a person has a chronic illness then the flu can affect them differently.

More than three Kentucky school districts have canceled for the year 2018 due to lack of attendance amongst students and staff. According to officials, schools close when the attendance drops below ninety percent due to illness.

Meade County now faces the same problem as attendance rates are quickly dropping due to absences caused by the flu.

Passing civics tests becomes mandatory to graduate

EMMA BARR
Editor-in-Chief

The civics test is usually reserved for immigrants who come to the United States of America in the hopes of becoming a citizen, but now it has become a requirement for all students to pass in order to walk the line and receive a diploma.

This is not unique to MCHS. In 2017, Senate Bill 159 was passed by the Kentucky General Assembly so that students are required to complete a 100 question test prepared by their local board of education.

Students must answer questions about presidents, laws and other information relating to the U.S.

When asked sophomores Clint Reardon and Ethan Fackler agreed that the information on the Civics Test was common knowledge that students should already be familiar with.

"It is everything we already learned in elementary school that we don't need to be tested over anymore. It's common sense," sophomore Clint Reardon said.

Ty Barnett, MCHS social studies teacher, argues that even though most students are born U.S. citizens they do not



Freshman Kevin Diaz works hard on concentrating so that he can his civics test.

know a lot of the information included in the test.

"A lot of students do not know the basic knowledge that immigrants have to know in order to become citizens and I think that is something that everyone should know," Barnett said.

Since this is the first year students have had to complete the civics test freshman, sophomores, and juniors were required to take it. In the coming year freshman will take the test until they receive a 60 percent or above in order to check the civics test off their high school

check list.

Along with the civics test students must now complete a career pathway; receive a minimum of 22 credits (including four english classes, a math class per year, three science, health and physical education, three social studies classes and an arts and humanities credit); become college ready by reaching English and language arts and/or mathematics benchmarks; and must meet the college or career readiness standards set by the Kentucky Board of Education standards.

Academic Team succeeds at matches



The academic team competed in the Scholastic TV Match on Jan. 10 in Elizabethtown.

ERIKA BIDDLE
Design Editor

MCHS academic team members traveled to Breckinridge County High School (BCHS) on the week of Jan. 22 to participate in the district Governor's Cup. MCHS' team placed 1st overall and won the District title.

On Jan. 23 the members of the Future Problem Solvers (FPS) team, consisting of Sydney Crosslin, Daniel Foushee, Tiffani McNeil and Caleb Sager, traveled to BCHS to participate in the FPS portion of the competition. They placed 1st overall.

"It was definitely a lot of hard work but it paid off in the end. I absolutely love the people that I'm teamed up with," senior Tiffani McNeil said.

In the composition cat-

egory of the competition, also held on Jan. 23, Sydney Crosslin placed 1st, Daniel Foushee placed 3rd and Tiffani McNeil placed 5th.

On Jan. 27 the academic team traveled back to BCHS to participate in the mathematics, science, social studies, language arts and arts and humanities competitions.

In Mathematics Clayton Snider placed first, Bracey Burke placed 3rd and Caleb Sager placed 5th.

In Science Clayton Snider placed 2nd and Bracey Burke placed 4th.

In Social Studies Kyle Miller placed 4th and Hannah Wilson placed 5th.

In Language Arts Allie Morris placed 2nd and Taylor Lewis placed 5th.

In Arts and Humanities Hannah Wils on placed 3rd and Chloe Vessels placed 5th.

• News Briefs •

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

Hawaii missile scare

An emergency alert notification was sent out to the state of Hawaii on Saturday, Jan. 13 informing residents that a ballistic missile was inbound. The warning was sent out through television, radios and cellphones. People began to panic and in desperation parents began hiding their children in bathtubs and closets. 38 minutes later, a notification went out that there was no ballistic missile and the accident was caused by human error. The mistake was made during the change over a shift and an employee hit the wrong button during the shift. Hawaii's governor claims he could not alert the mistake sooner because he forgot his Twitter password.

Taco Bell vigil in Alabama

A vigil was held in Alabama for a local Taco Bell that burned down. In the early hours on Wednesday, Jan. 17. Authorities still do not know the cause of the fire but no one was injured. The absence of Taco Bell hit home for many locals that was a frequent costumer. The vigil started as a Facebook proposal as a joke but the post went viral. More than one hundred people showed up on that Sunday night to honor their favorite fast food restaurant. People stood outside in the parking lot of the adjacent Arby's restaurant as the Taco Bell parking lot was closed due to the fire. Most people showed up with Taco Bell products and held up lit candles. The event was lighthearted for everyone involved.

Earthquake hits Alaska

An overnight panic along the Pacific began after an earthquake with a magnitude of 7.9 was reported at 12:31 am on Jan. 23. Luckily, there was no immediate reports of damage or fatalities, but there was another warning that told Alaska to get to high ground because of a tsunami, with a wave height of less than eight inches. The tsunami had been observed in a handful of cities including Kodiak and Seward. Everyone in the cities evacuated to higher ground and waited three hours to see the outcome of their cities. The all clear was given around four am. Once the all clear was given, families returned to their homes to continue sleeping.

OPINION

Government “gone fishing” Editorial from the Assistant Editor-in-Chief

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Assistant Editor

In 1974 the modern budget process began with the Budget Act of 1974. As of now the government has had 18 shutdowns since this program's creation.

So what does it mean when the government shuts down? During a government shutdown they close non-essential federal programs because Congress can't agree on a budget for the programs. The most recent government shutdown was on Jan. 20 when they shut down for nearly three days because parties could not agree on a plan.

Not all shutdowns are the same, and this one had one thing different: many federal employees were placed on furlough. Furlough is when federal employees do not report to work or are simply not paid. Only eight out of the previous 18 shutdowns have affected federal employees.

This editorial is not meant to be political in nature or to attack a political party or their decision. The editorial board of *The Current* simply does not believe that it is fair that some citizens go without pay because they work for one of these “non-essential programs.”

As of June 2017 the Labor Department



Cartoon by Lia Hobbs

reported that 2,819,960 people are employed by the federal government, and up to 800,000 of those employees were asked to stay home due to the shutdown. What is the ironic part of this situation? The politicians responsible for the controversy still get paid throughout the shutdown. This is due to the fact that their salaries are not funded through annual appropriations, their salaries are actually written into permanent law.

The only time that Congress men and women can change their salaries is at the start

of a new term, so even if they want to change their situation they can not.

Following the shutdown a piece of legislation was signed guaranteeing that the workers will be compensated for the pay they missed, but that doesn't stop the bills from coming. It is great that they are trying to make it up to the workers, but that doesn't mean that they do not need that pay for groceries or a car payment or any other bill that may come.

In some households multiple members are employed by the government, and when shutdowns like the one in Jan. occur they lose not only one paycheck, but all of their necessary income.

The editorial board understands that Congress may need to step back after a debate to clear their heads, but it is over dramatic for them to initiate a shut down that affects hundreds of thousands of Americans. The lives and jobs of American citizens are not something that should be easily changed just because a group of people can't agree on how to handle a budget.

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

The frustrating finale of high school

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Entertainment Editor

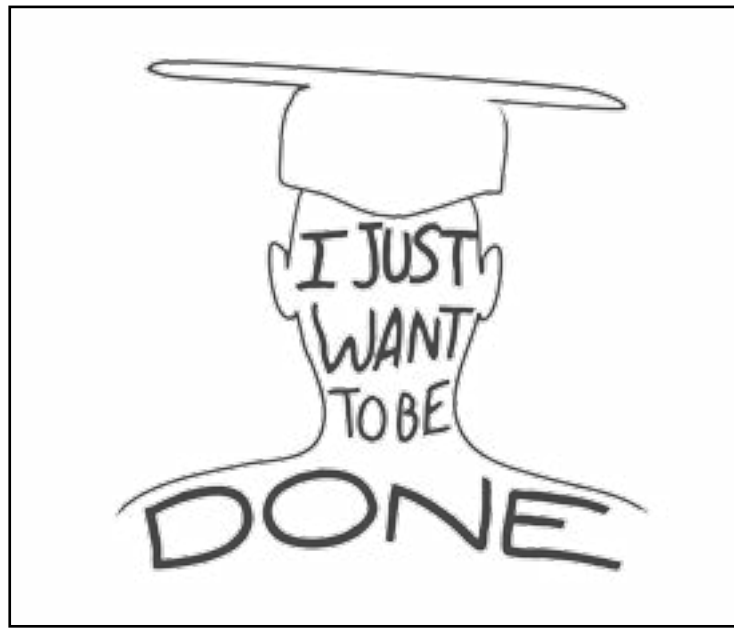
I can't speak for the entire population of seniors here in the United States, but I can speak from personal experience when I say that this is all too much! “This” being the constant pressure to be a part of every activity, the unsympathetic judgments we receive for not being perfect all the time and the crushing obligation to decide the rest of our lives.

I get that some of the older generations peaked in high school; that does not mean I should go to every single activity the school has planned. I do not want these four years to be the best years of my life.

Put simply, I want to have a better life than the massive amounts of homework and grading I have lived through so far. So when I say I do not want to dress up as an American flag for spirit week, respect it.

“I don't have time to do all these activities AND be mentally stable”

Surprise! I also do not have the time or motivation to craft some flawless outfit, finish my assignments, participate in clubs, do the dishes and somehow be mentally stable. Something has to give! Since my mom won't let me pass on



the dishes, I will be wearing leggings for the rest of the school year.

I am sorry (not really) that the biggest thing in your life is a pair of pants, but we

have lots of decisions to make. One of them is what we are going to do with the rest of our lives.

At this point, I feel like I should make something

up just to make my relatives happy.

Yes, it is February. Yes, college is expensive. No, I do not know what a loan is.

I understand the curiosity; I do not understand the judgment that comes along with it.

So there you have it: an open letter to some of my senior year struggles. I am not here to say that there should be less work. I am not here to say that we should not have an idea of what we are going to do with our lives.

I am most definitely here to say that the people that can't help but judge every decision a senior makes should just shut up. We do not need your input on top of everything else.

There's “snow” way I'm making this up

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Staff Writer

As you all know, MCHS requires students to do Non Traditional snow day work when there is a snow day, instead of making the days we miss up at the end of the school year. You complete work from each of your classes from home, so you are making up the day you missed from the snow.

Kentucky lawmakers are considering a bill that would eliminate the Non Traditional Instruction (NTI) program. They believe this allows too many inconsistencies, so Senate Bill 73 intends to eliminate these days. The bill passed the Senate 36-0 and is now in the House.

Lawmakers should not pass this bill. We should



keep our Non Traditional Instruction program. There are so many benefits of completing NTI work on our snow days instead of having to make the days we missed, up at the end of the year.

Students can get out of school on time and not take away part of their summer. There's nothing worse than having to go to school on a hot, summer June day.

It can distract students from completing their work, because they are so focused

on getting out of school to enjoy their summer break. Going to school when you're supposed to be at the beach somewhere or laying at home all day will not give much motivation.

If they knew they had many make up days added onto the end of the year, that delayed their start to summer break, students would just drag their feet and not try as hard to complete their school work. It also allows seniors to graduate on time.

No one enjoys getting up between five and seven o'clock in the morning just to go to school and sit at a uncomfortable desk all day. So it's very enjoyable to wake up after a little extra rest and lay around in your pajamas and complete school work, rather than being at school and doing it.

The weather is very unpredictable, so with NTI days, for example, if there is a chance of ice or snow during a school day, school can get cancelled pretty

fast. Without NTI days, our school wants to stray away from making days missed at the end of the year. Which can cause safety issues. If there was snow and ice later in a school day and students were at school, transportation from school to home would not be very safe. So, with NTI days, we don't have to worry about it misjudging the weather and calling off school and making it up at the end of the school year.

Parents and guardians argue that the NTI work is too easy. Some of it can be easy, yes. So instead of doing away with it all with this bill that lawmakers are trying to pass, the work should just be adjusted to fit each students type of class work they are doing in their classes.

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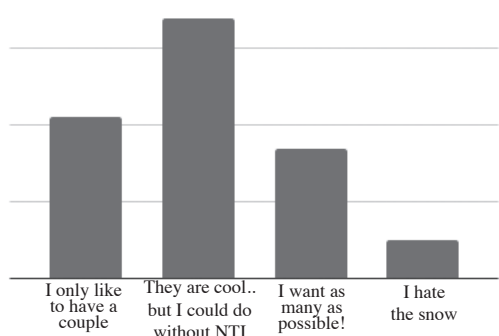
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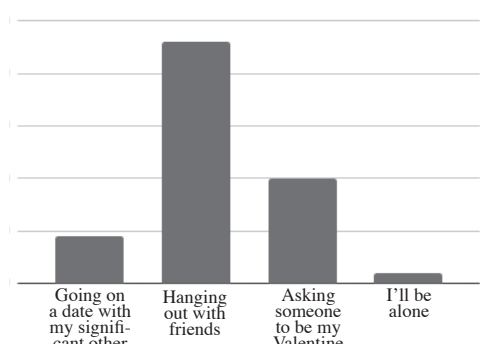
LISTEN TO THE STUDENT VOICE

A survey was sent out to the entire student body with questions regarding the winter and season of love. Here are the results:

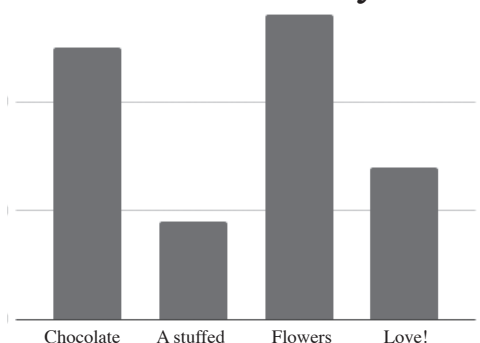
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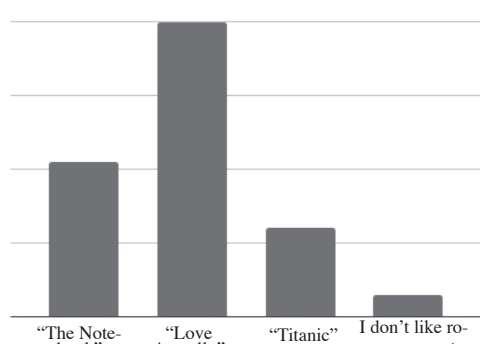
What are your plans for Valentines Day?



What's the best gift to receive on Valentine's Day?



What is your favorite romance movie?



Dear ABBY

HAVE YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Dear Abby,

I don't know how to stop this terrible habit of mine but I can't help but to plan out everything in life. I get so worked up if things don't go the way I planned and it's literally killing me. Can you please help me realize what I'm doing wrong??

-Over-planner maniac

Dear Over-planner,

You can't control everything. Things like your favorite color, your celebrity crush, or your personal opinion over "Is water wet?" is the only thing you can truly control without going against the laws of nature. So stop worrying yourself over life. What I've realized is that, in even the quiet, somewhat meaningless moments, I'm living my own version of an ideal life.

It's difficult to explain what true contentment feels like because contentment exists on a fluctuating scale. There are days where you'll feel like nothing is right and days where you can't imagine your life being better than this right here right now. But you'll realize that you're living your ideal life, or at least a version of it, when even the mundane mornings have the ability to be good. Great, even. Or even, in some cases, special.

Personally, I have never imagined this would be my life—which coincidentally is probably in the top five "most cliché" things I've ever written down. I'm being serious, I did not think I would be writing opinionated pieces to solve your life problems. But there is one thing for sure and you have to try to understand: not everyone gets "the dream life with the dream car and the dream wife." Rarely does anyone envision a life of quiet or learning to thrive in solitude. Being alone is not quite the ideal life unless you are a transcendentalist trying to discover the meaning of life at a pond in the middle of nowhere. And if you are, well then, I wish the odds are in your favor.

You cannot plan your life completely. There always will be something that pops up in the midst of it all. You just have to live it out to the fullest. It is almost like you live with the idea that happiness, or contentment, existed within perfectly formulated parameters. And anything outside of those parameters was not only completely unnecessary, but unknown. And the unknown didn't need to be explored because everything inside our immaculate little formula for contentment was good enough. But please, if you truly feel the need to be planning EVERY little detail out, do consider the unknown and don't fear it.

There is one thing that's common when planning ahead and that's okay. You often see a glimpse of it through the chick-flicks and every teenage novel. Through almost everyone's life, and I literally mean ALMOST, they dream about the very moment they finally fall in love. They are enamored with the idea of growing old with someone, and on a trajectory that had nothing to do with trying to pay taxes and your bills while living off a "below-average" budget while contemplating on what baby formula is the least likely to cause birth defects. I mean, does anyone ever think of the consequences of falling in love? Probably not.

The most magical thing about living your ideal life is the sheer fact that it likely will look nothing like what you thought it would. This isn't to say that ideal lives or realizing you're content won't have both peaks and valleys. Life is life, no matter how happy you are most of the time. It will still find ways to screw you over and drag you around and make you feel like everything is wrong. But the other most magical thing about living your ideal life is when you come back to the good, when you get back to the, "I had a perfectly unimpressive morning but it was still kind of lovely," the rock bottom moments aren't as lasting.

And maybe that's what it all boils down to. Maybe to find the ideal life, the life where you're quietly content, the life where the nothing equates to special and even those completely boring, un-manageable moments still make you smile, you just have to figure out how to listen to yourself. How to trust that little voice that says, "You, yes you, are doing okay. You are alive and breathing. Congratulations!"

-Abby

Sparking the feminist flame

MACKENZIE FOCKLER
Features Editor

Imagine a society where your voice isn't loud enough to be heard that still, even after two centuries, you have to rally and rage on the streets just to get your point across—this is what it's like to be a woman. Yes, it is the year of 2018 and the female population still has to argue for equality, the right to their own bodies and political power. Then when doing so, we are labeled as annoying feminists.

We talk about standing for feminism but how do we support this statement?

The concept of feminism has lost its meaning; society misunderstands it as a derogatory attack on men. Though the simple fact is that feminism is just a word for an upbringing of equality in all genres, and

anybody who is offended by that statement is afraid of this inevitable change.

The first women's liberation gathering in America was held on 1848, yet it wasn't until 1920 that the right for a woman's choice to vote was ratified. In between this gap of time, even today, held many protests, riots, speeches and marches. Since then, it is evident that as a movement we have come so far, but we are yet to be anywhere close to stopping.

One recent movement is the Women's March; known as an international protest for women to advocate worldly issues among other women. Though it has only occurred over the last couple of years, the march is a symbolic icon for what powerful women hold when they voice their opinion. Hundreds of thousands of women and men walked the



streets on the anniversary of Trump's inauguration to opinionize these matters of public interest.

The status of women protesters is progressively increasing all over the globe.

More and more women are continuing to realize that we are not to be objectified; and with that our voice is continuously becoming louder by building this community where there is

no shame in speaking up for what you believe in.

Women, now is the time to educate ourselves on the subjects that matter.

Political positions need to be run for. Tune into that history lecture on Seneca Falls. Voice your opinion. Support one another. More jobs need to be filled by a woman's shoe. Be aware of what real world problems we face, not just as a woman, but also as a culture.

Change cannot come without education, nor the will to do something about these issues. Disregarding yourself from these efforts is exactly why women haven't gotten as far as we have fought for.

You don't have to use the label "feminist" to want women to be successful, but as a person in this society you should be educated enough to know that with equality comes capability.

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Meade Harmony

Clint Reardon



Grade:
Sophomore
Age:
16

Story:

Just your typical fish out of water waiting for the perfect catch. Plus, I put the stud in bible study.

Mallory House



Grade:
Freshman
Age:
15

Story:

I like to swim and watch a lot of Netflix. I may not be the smartest but at least I can make you laugh. You know what they say, blondes are more fun.

Emily Jackey



Grade:
Senior
Age:
17

Story:

I'm a quirky senior that spends most of her time behind the scenes of drama, laying out the yearbook, and working on her photography.

Ethan Fackler



Grade:
Sophomore
Age:
16

Story:

I like to work on trucks in my free time. On the weekends, I travel all around Brandenburg looking for four leaf clovers.

Zane Powers



Grade:
Senior
Age:
18

Story:

Now that football is over, I enjoy gaining weight and playing Fortnite all day.

Alisha Church



Grade:
Junior
Age:
15

Story:

I love sitting around, ranting, and getting emotionally attached to movies and tv shows. Oh, and pets are cool too.

All hail Garner the Great

LIA HOBBS
Cartoonist



Photo by MacKenzie Fockler



Photo by Tori Lawrence

Top: Larry Garner demonstrating one of his traditional pre-meet "Head Bops" to Cross Country runner Kailyn Greenwell. **Bottom:** Garner proudly showcases one of his favorite quotes by Louis XIV: "It is legal because I wish it." He is also standing in front of his well known "Wall of Fame," filled with pictures of students who passed the AP European history test.

Larry Garner is in his 20th year teaching history. He currently teaches European History and has taught Human Geography for Freshman and Sophomores. He loved his history classes in college and loves teaching history-- especially European History.

Coach Garner is just one of those teachers that students will never forget. He always stirs up laughter in the classroom, and treats students as his equal. Students in his class always have a good time while also learning the content.

Garner is a teacher who tells stories and sometimes gets downright silly in the hopes his students will remember what they learned. There have been times when students would jump after Garner shouted 'GOLD' at the top of his lungs, indicating that during the age of exploration, man's biggest motivation to travel the world was gaining gold.

Other times, he has made funny remarks which made it easier to remember a certain fact.

Garner runs his classroom differently from most other teachers. He keeps his students involved so they are as involved as he is. He stimulates the mind.

"I love how Garner teaches because he makes me want to learn, which is

a big deal," senior John Michael Saylor said.

Garner agrees. "I had a parent of an AP student and she came to me and thanked me for making her daughter think." Garner said.

Garner said he likes

student interaction but sometimes there ends up being too much movement like the time two boys wanted a Jolly Rancher that Garner had. He threw it into the air and let it land in the middle of the floor. Both boys dove for it, and

one ended up breaking his finger. Unfortunately for the student who broke his finger, the other boy got it.

Garner sometimes requires his students to create a project about one of the topics they had learned in class that year. Over the

years, he's gotten many creative items back such as a tank and a guillotine.

Besides teaching history, Garner also has a busy life after school. He's been coaching cross country for twenty years, both boys and girls. Garner said he enjoys coaching both genders because girls will show love and appreciation for you, but guys will allow emotion and anger venting. The girls cross country team has qualified for state nine times, the boys have qualified ten.

Garner coached track for 12 years, then took a five year gap before resuming his coaching.

He's had a track champion who has won state twice, a relay team who placed second in state, an individual who has placed second in state, and many others who placed in the top eight.

Other after school activities include going to sporting events or just going out somewhere. He also has a family consisting of his wife, a seven year old daughter, an eleven year old son, and a two year old dog.

Garner's advice to new teachers would be to have fun with things and show students your more personal side. While you need to maintain seriousness about teaching, you shouldn't be too serious about things.

This allows students to gain a better relationship with you and have a better attitude about learning.

Winter's newest Wrinkle

ANDREA RUIZ
Entertainment Editor

Winter is known for its frigid temperature and gloomy weather. To battle the doom and gloom of the season, people have been setting trends that will warm up the cold atmosphere.

Cosy knits and sherpa pullovers are making their mark this winter. Somehow, the old sweater your grandmother knit you is the most stylish piece you could own. The craze for comfort is something many people can get on board with.

Layering these knits and adding a jean jacket is just the icing on the cake.

Jean jackets have also made a comeback. The double denim trend from the



1990's is making its way into fashion shows and magazines across the world. Calvin Klein, a high end and well known brand, ran an advertising campaign featuring the Kardashian sisters in their double denim attire.

Denim is not the only material in fashion.

Many designers have incorporated multi colored furs into their collections.

No matter what the outfit may be, colorful furs will make you stand out. Bright blues and pretty pinks will surely brighten up the winter gloom.

In the end, people are just trying to keep warm; this year happens to make it a stylish experience. These trends will surely liven up your wardrobe!

Thrifting is back, baby!



MACKENZIE FOCKLER
Features Editor

Remember that old hit by Macklemore & Ryan Lewis, Thrift Shop? They made popping tags seem so easy; yet it already is.

As 90s and early 2000s fashion trends are making a huge comeback, one can only wonder where to obtain such authentic mom jeans, turtleneck sweaters, chunky white sneakers and not to mention those huge, colorful windbreakers. The ones you can

buy from retail stores make for good replicas, however if you're looking to really pull off that Saved-by-the-Bell look, shopping at consignment or thrift stores is a great alternative.

Thrift stores behold many treasures like clothing from different decades; and the pieces you find are not likely to be owned by anyone you know because they're older.

Though you do not have to limit your wardrobe to only these styles, there are cut-rate stores for all sorts of name brand materials and pieces.

Clothes Mentor located in Louisville, Kentucky will buy your high-end, used items at a fair price to resell for a lower amount. Buying gently used clothes can be super cheap. For instance, the Clothes Closet in Brandenburg sells most of their items for under five dollars. The majority of their shirts are sold for as low as 50 cents.

Putting money into these stores instead of the mall can not only save your wallet, it could save the planet too. Recycling and looking stylish at the same time is a great way to keep yourself, and the environment, looking fashionable.

Let's keep thrifting a trend for all decades.



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Cancer can't kick French

KARISSA ERVIN
Staff Writer

Freshman Jillian French has had, what most people consider, a hard life. On May 5, 2015, at the age of twelve, she was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia, which is a cancer that is in your spinal fluid and bone marrow.

"Having cancer really made me miss out on a lot of milestones in my life. I missed half of my seventh grade year. I missed some school dances and I just missed out on doing pre-teen things," French said.

Before being diagnosed, French noticed that she was getting tired easily. She started getting massive bruises all over her body, and had excessive weight loss. For two months, she had a swollen lymph node behind her ears; however, she didn't think anything of it until she went to the doctors. They informed her that she either had Leukemia or Lymphoma, which are two different types of cancer.

"My white blood cell counts were very elevated at the time of my arrival; it was determined I had Leukemia," French said.

French went through excessive amounts of che-



Freshman Jillian French fought cancer and won, but it has changed for the better. Her journey started on May 5, 2015 and has continued to affect her life to this day. Photo submitted

motherapy. She did not have a tumor, so she did not need radiation therapy.

Due to cancer, French has had three near death experiences. They were all related to pneumonia, but now she is cancer free.

"It feels so amazing. I feel so confident having my hair back, and now I am just so much more positive and happy with myself. I get to see my amazing friends and be a normal teenager for once. It's the greatest feeling ever when you conquer something so deadly,"

French said.

Surviving cancer has given French a different outlook on life; to always find the good in it.

"Life is so precious and not everyone will understand unless they've had something traumatic happen to them. I'm a realist, so I'm both pessimistic and optimistic, never take life for granted because every single thing happens for a reason," French said.

Her mom, Missy Nalley, her dad, Chris French, and her stepmom, Cat Padgett were a tremen-

dous help to her during her journey. French's friends, Jenna Gallimore, Alandria Lee, Ben Banks, Maggie Fore, and Audrey Morse were the friends that were there for her the most. She also has a huge faith in God.

"He is the exact reason why I am still alive. He has a plan and I'm so motivated to see what it will be," French said.

In her free time, French enjoys playing basketball for our Meade County Lady Waves. She also loves reading. It gives her a chance to escape re-

ality and go into a whole other world.

After completing high school, French wants to be a Pediatric Oncologist. She wants to save the world, more specifically, save the world of kids with cancer.

French's favorite subject is English. It gives her a reason to express her emotions through writing, which she believes, is such a beautiful thing.

French is currently not involved with anything with the school or community. She plans to get more involved in the future. She hopes MCHS and other schools do more things that revolve around cancer awareness.

Not many teenagers think about going through such a difficult and unimaginable journey, it can happen to anyone, when they least expect.

"Don't ever push people away, if you want to survive, you can not push people away. Let them comfort and love you. This process is so much bigger than what our health teachers make it out to be. It's a very long and irritating journey, but it shapes you into a whole other person. It's such an eye opener into another reality of the world," French said.

Superheroes come to life in new series



MEGHAN ALLISON
News Editor

Superheroes have come a long way from where they first started in 1938.

As technology has gotten better the comics could go from small stories on paper to movies on the big screen, and now to full length chapter books.

The "DC Icons," is a series of books each written by different authors.

"DC Icons," first started in August of 2017 when "Wonder Woman: Warbringer," written by Leigh Bardugo, arrived in stores around the world.

Like the title would suggest, the story revolves around Princess Diana, more commonly known as Wonder Woman.

Every woman on Themyscira earned their place by dying an honorable death in the mortal world, except for Diana, she was formed from materials given to Hippolyta, the first and current queen, by the Gods.

One day while Diana was participating in a competition, she spotted a shipwreck on the outside of the barrier, in the mortal world.

The rules put into place are there to protect all Amazons, but Diana puts everyone at risk when she chooses to swim across the border and see if anyone was alive from the wreck, breaking rule number one.

While on the mortal side Diana finds a young girl still alive and quickly brings her across the

border, into Themyscira, breaking rule number two.

The story follows Diana as she struggles to deal with the problems that she could of possibly brought to Themyscira.

With "Warbringer," being a big hit with teenagers, the second book was released on Jan. 2. "Batman: Nightwalker," follows billionaire Bruce Wayne as he investigates the mysterious group of people known as the Nightwalkers.

Award-winning author Marie Lu, author of the "Legend," series and "The Young Elites," writes the book

Before Batman was even thought of, he was Bruce Wayne, a billionaire raised by his butler, Alfred, due to his parents being murdered at a young age.

The Nightwalkers are terrorizing the streets of Gotham city, targeting the wealthy elite and locking them in their homes until they die.

The only person with any information on this group is Arkham Asylum inmate Madeleine Wallace, and there's only one person she will talk to, Bruce Wayne.

"Nightwalker," is the most recent book, but there are more on the way. "Catwoman: Soulstealer," has a release date of Aug. 7, written by Sarah J. Maas, and the current unnamed Superman book is set to release in 2019.

Matt De La Peña will write the Superman book.

LIFE HACKS ...Pick Up Lines

Hey Baby, are you lost? 'Cause I can show you de wae!

If you were a transformer, you'd be Optimus Fine!

Do ya like Jazz?

Did you fart? Because you blew me away.

I wish I was cross-eyed so i could see you twice.

If you were a chicken, you'd be impeccable.

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The Current gets creative with polymer clay

ANASTASIA BASHAM
Assistant News Editor

Drawing is one of the first steps into the artistic world, but imagine if you can take your 2D art and turn it into a 3D reality.

Clay is a form of art where you take the image of something and use your hands to create said image. However, there are many different types of clay and each type is better for certain use. Pottery clay is best used to make dishes like bowls and vases but if you're the type of person who wants to make charms, jewelry or mini figurines, polymer clay is the best type of clay for that.

Polymer clay is a versatile and pliable substance that is easy to mold to form shapes and hardens when exposed to heat, such as baking it in the oven. Polymer clay arranges in multiple colors and it comes in small packages that can be bought at multiple crafts stores like Michaels. To make sure that you have the right clay, look for brands such as Craftsmart, Fimo, and Sculpy.

Like every hobby, polymer clay is a craft that you have to practice at to master, the more the practice, the more the detail you can add. Most sculptures and charms made from this material are small, sometimes no bigger than the size of your thumb, so many tools are useful to make your sculpting easier.

Cleaning the little charms is simple as all you need is some rubbing alco-



Photo by Emma Barr

Anastasia Basham created a miniature version of *The Current* to show off her polymer clay skills.

hol or nail polish remover, this will help remove dust and fingerprints.

The first on the list may actually surprise some people as it is a nail tool used in beauty salons. Dotting tools have a round metal ball on each end, each a different size for different uses. On nails they are used to make dots or flowers, but when dealing with clay, they are used to make eye sockets for characters or used to smooth out edges and combine lines. Unfortunately dotting tools cannot be found at craft stores, but they are found at beauty parlors or nail salons. The next item on the list a fairly simple one but dangerous as it is not a toy. X-acto knives are handy when cutting clay to make any straight line. Having an X-acto knife is perfect for dealing with clay as you won't have to use your perfectly good kitchen knife. Other tools are helpful as well but can be replaced

with household items, for example, toothpicks work just as well as a pointed tool.

Polymer clay is obviously soft when sculpting but in order to make your masterpiece permanent, bake in the oven and follow your package instructions that each block of clay is wrapped in.

A common mistake in sculpting is assuming that every little detail must be sculpted, such as faces but the good news is after baked, acrylic paint is a great way to paint on the rest of the detail. However, if the clay is held often, the paints will slowly rub off. In order to seal in the paint, use a polymer clay Craftsmart glaze. All that is needed is one coat brushed onto and once dry, the clay piece becomes shiny and smooth. DO NOT USE CLEAR FINGERNAIL POLISH, the clay will become smudged and paint will smear.

KPOP enthralles younger generation



BTS during a photoshoot for their music video "Dope."

BRITNEE DIAL
Staff Writer

Bangtan Boys (BTS) is a South Korean boy band formed in 2013 by Big Hit Entertainment. In Korean, their name means Bulletproof Boy Scouts, and their fans soon became known as the A.R.M.Y.

They debuted on June 13, 2013, with their song "No More Dream" from their first album 2 Cool 4 Skool. Their debut song expresses the pressure society puts on younger generations to do something with their life. But, society might not think their dream is good enough so these kids and teenagers think they have to do what society wants them to.

A year later BTS released their song "Boy In Luv" from their mini-album Skool Luv Affair. In the music video for "Boy In Luv", the location is a school and the members are dressed in school uniforms. The members then act out various scenes to try and show their interest toward the female lead character. The concept of the video is a school-boy trying to win the heart of his school love.

On Oct. 13, 2016, BTS released a music video for their song "Blood Sweat & Tears". After the video was uploaded to YouTube, BTS made history as the first Korean group to reach the most views in the shortest period of time.

In less than 24 hours, the video had reached 6 million views. They went on to break another record when the video reached 10 million views in 41 hours, becoming the only K-Pop group to reach that many views in such a short period of time.

They took the title from Girls' Generation,

who previously won the title for their song "I Got A Boy."

As of now, the music video for "Blood Sweat & Tears" has 246 million and counting. Then, after they broke the record for most views in the shortest time, their EP Wings topped eight music charts, and topped the iTunes album charts in 23 countries including the United States.

In 2017, BTS started to gain worldwide popularity outside their fandom. BTS was invited to the Billboard Music Awards and, soon after they made an appearance on the magenta carpet, Twitter blew up. People around the world were buzzing with curiosity about Kim Seokjin, making him go viral as "Third one from the left."

While all this was going on BTS won the Top Social Artist award, making them the first K-Pop group to win an award in America. Later that year they performed at the AMAs and like before one of them went viral while on the red carpet, this time it was Park Jimin. He was sporting a silver jacket, which made him go viral as "the blonde guy with the silver jacket" and sometimes just "silver jacket guy."

This year BTS performed on New Year's on "Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve". They are also up for two iHeartRadio awards for Best Fan Army and Best Boy Band. The boys had the most Twitter engagements for a music group with #BTSx-AMAS which earned them a spot in Guinness World Records 2018.

After all of their achievements there is no telling what could happen for BTS in these coming years.

Once Upon a Time...



Mark Crosslin tells us of his favorite book.

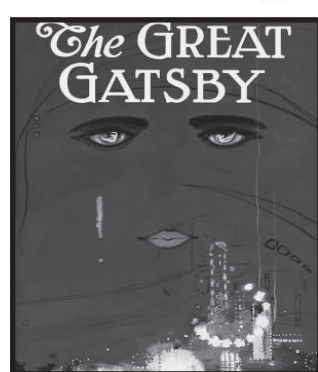
When asked my favorite literary classic, I turn to F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby."

I don't say that Gatsby is a happy-happy joy-joy book, because -spoiler alert- it isn't. I say Gatsby simply out of appreciation for how wonderfully crafted -- and real -- the book is.

The language of Gatsby is beautiful, using color to provide symbolism and tone.

"In his blue gardens men and girls came and went like moths among the whisperings and the champagne and the stars."

There are layers to Gatsby's meaning - on one hand a commentary about how people in pursuit of their dreams often chase after what is simply material and without meaning, on another how America was founded on hope and optimism for all, yet somehow Americans preserved a *de facto* class structure that seems fixed and indestructible.



Gatsby also has characters that seem real: Gatsby, a man who is admirable in so many ways yet utterly reprehensible in others; our narrator, Nick -- whom we're never sure we can trust, who sounds like a utterly stuck-up prat, yet who recognizes a value in being optimistic and pursuing things beyond simple material possessions.

Even the close-minded, hulking Tom and the indecisive, paralyzed-by-happiness Daisy seem cut from real cloth. Flawed people, people who try but fail -people like these characters- exist in the world.

That blend of the real with the artistic, the idea of getting insights into life from what is obviously a supremely crafted work of art -- that's what makes The Great Gatsby my favorite literary classic.

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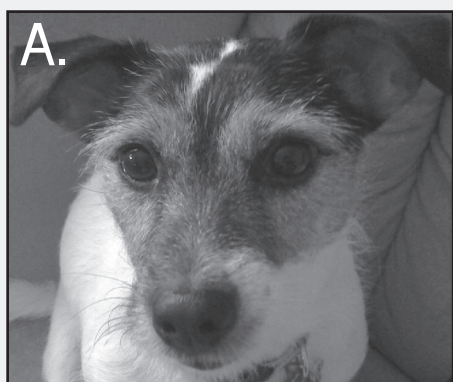


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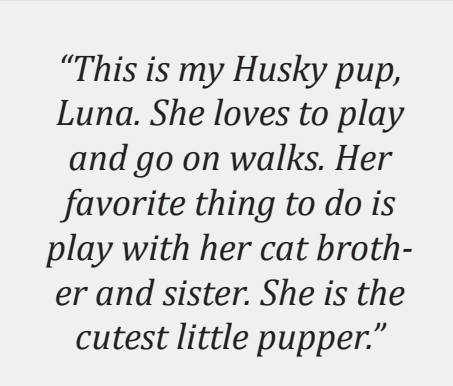
A man's best friend is always there when you need to talk, go for a walk or need a laugh. Four adorable animals and four of their humans, which furry friend goes with each MCHS student?



"This is Hailee. She is a Jack Russell. She loves lazying around and playing in the snow."



Ryan Richardson



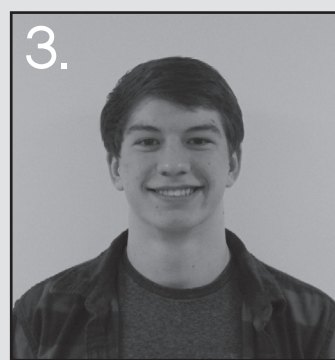
"This is my Husky pup, Luna. She loves to play and go on walks. Her favorite thing to do is play with her cat brother and sister. She is the cutest little pupper."



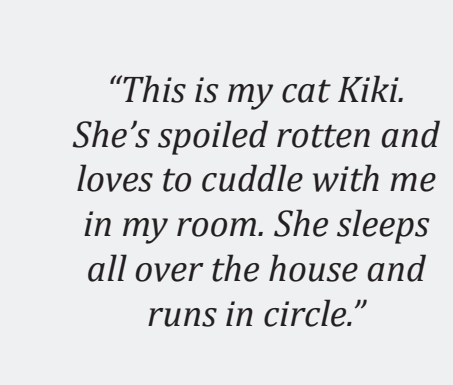
Tristen Allen



"This is Anastasia. I've had her since she was two weeks old and I love how much she has grown since I brought her home."



Collin Morris



"This is my cat Kiki. She's spoiled rotten and loves to cuddle with me in my room. She sleeps all over the house and runs in circle."



Sierra McKinney

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HOROSCOPES

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

Leo
Your senses are working hard right now, especially that sixth sense that tingles around romantic prospects. You may feel somewhat vulnerable, but you've also got a piercing emotional intuition.

Taurus
Your love life features a big reveal this month. Could someone special explain their deal, or could it just be you spontaneously showing how you feel?

Aries
Don't let your fear of failure hold you back. If you don't make that move now, you're sure to beat yourself up later.

Cancer
Set your romantic ambitions aside for a bit. Those preconceived notions, expectations, and preferences are getting in the way of the good times now. You can't force anything, so enjoy life.

Gemini
You know you don't always get what you want, but for now, what you need is well within your reach.

Virgo
Extremes can be dangerous today, and your reactions are likely to be out on the fringes; when reality probably lies in between. Give yourself time to ponder before you share your feelings.

Libra
Whether you're feeling great or down low — or maybe swinging back and forth — you need to find the right place for those feelings. That means not gloating to friends or crabbng at customers.

Scorpio
Your stories, jokes, and patter are all extra engaging now — and you're extra hot, too! Work your flirty energy, whether you're online or face to face. Your timing couldn't be better.

Aquarius
Someone is offering a new side of themselves — and it could be somebody you like. Heck, maybe it's you!

Capricorn
Relationships of all kinds are going through evolution — or even sudden shake-ups now. Tell people how you feel and what you believe, then guide your personal changes in positive, potentially hot, directions.

Sagittarius
Watch out for mood swings! You may get surly now if you feel out of control in some way — but in romance, that's almost impossible to achieve.

Pisces
Don't just wait for love to come to you! You've got amazing, sparkly energy, so get out and take it! It's simple, really — just go someplace you feel good about and start chatting with lots of new people.

The Gospel experience

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Public Relations Specialist

By definition, gospel is the "teaching or revelation of Christ." I can definitely say that on Jan. 23 after watching the MCHS Chorus present its third annual Gospelfest, I felt the teaching of Christ and the passion that came from the stage.

For the third year in a row, Dr. Roosevelt Escalante Jr., has been our guest conductor and composer. Many of the songs the MCHS chorus performed that night was composed or arranged by Escalante. Escalante is an Associate Professor of Music and Associate Director of Choral Activities at Morehead University where he conducts the University Chorus, Black Gospel Ensemble, Jazz Vocal Ensemble and teaches Vocal Methods and Materials an Music Theory III.

"I think it is important for all students to be exposed to the power of gospel music, for the major music composers such as Bach, Beethoven and Mozart all wrote about the gospel. In my experience, you don't have to believe in order to feel the power that comes from gospel music," Escalante said.

As the lights began to dim and the chorus members took the stage, the excitement on the stage was obvious. That's when suddenly I heard a sym-



Photos by Erika Biddle

Top: MCHS Chorus singing gospel music during their concert. Bottom: Senior John Micheal Saylor singing during his solo.

phonic sound overwhelm the auditorium. The first song was named, "Wonderful Is Your Name," by Melvin Crispp and arranged by R. Escalante. The gospel brought out a powerful sound that, "brought joy to my day."

"I think Gospelfest went well. Escalante is an amazing conductor who can take any production and make it great," senior Elizabeth Richerson said.

The harmonious sound that radiated from the stage was beyond powerful. The choir directors Derek Crafton and Shaune Rebilas felt so moved by the sound, that they joined in on the celebration. Not only did the directors join,

but the audience began to rise and clap to the beat. I personally closed my eyes and took in the gospel as the music moved me.

"Gospelfest was such a fun experience I had a great time singing about Jesus and getting into the music with my friends," said junior Madison Benham.

All 115 voices were singing to praise the lord and clearly loved every second of it. MCHS chorus never fails to impress its entire audience.

Without a doubt, Gospelfest is one of the best performances that the MCHS choral department has ever produced. I will definitely be back for years to come!

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Nick Fuson

CIARA BENHAM
Opinion Editor

Senior Nick Fuson was selected as the artist of the month for February. His artistic focus is wood burning and trumpet playing.

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

Nick Fuson (NF): Trumpet playing is my main art form that I focus my time on. I also do pyrography (wood burnings) when I have the time to. I used to draw more often but now I only draw pictures for wood burning projects.

TC: How long have you been doing this?

NF: Musically, I have always been a part of some form of musical organization. Church choirs, band classes, marching band, pep band, jazz band, private lessons. Artistically, I didn't really get into drawing until middle or high school. I doodled as a kid of course but I never tried actual art until then.

TC: What form of art is your favorite?

NF: Musically, I enjoy playing slower, lyrical pieces. Artistically I prefer realistic work. I tend to only sketch when I draw. My favorite medium of course is wood. I really love the look of wood works.

TC: Do your parents support this?

NF: My parents have always supported art as a hobby, be it physical or musical. When I told them I wanted to be a music



Photo by Ciara Benham

Senior Nick Fuson participating in a band performance.

teacher they weren't as supportive. They came around eventually though.

TC: How do you showcase your art?

NF: I don't showcase my physical artwork. I use my wood burnings mostly as presents or decorations. I put on musical performances all the time. I had a duet and solo in this year's marching show, I have multiple solos in this year's concerts, I soloed in last year's jazz ensemble, I auditioned many places, I played trumpet for church choir, so I really put that out there.

TC: What inspired you to begin?

NF: Artistically I just found art very impressive and wanted to see if I could do something

similar. When I started wood burning I had it in mind that one day I could furnish my entire house with my own artwork. Musically I always loved to sing as a kid. It was one of the best bonding tools I had with my dad as well so I'm sure that encouraged me. When I started playing trumpet I did so once again because I thought learning an instrument was very impressive and I love to learn new things.

TC: What is your favorite piece of art you've done/ music you've played?

NF: I really enjoy the wood burning I gave my girlfriend. She's a musician as well so it's a burning of the two staffs forming a heart and it says: love is friendship set to music. I sketched this

picture of a hand holding a ball that I really like. It was supposed to be more but I never wanted to finish it. Musically, I could never pick a favorite. All music is beautiful and my favorite piece easily changes with my mood. Currently I love my college audition piece: concert etude by Aleksandr Geodicke (you can find it on YouTube) it's very flashy and fast

TC: What is your favorite thing about art?

NF: I love the meditative properties of art. Working with wood is very relaxing; you get the smell of a fire along with the creativity of art. I love being able to make other people feel something through my music. The point of music is to express

emotion and I love when that can happen.

TC: Are there any specific emotions that you express in your art?

NF: The song is written a certain way to give certain emotions. I really just show what the composer was feeling.

TC: Do you take any art classes?

NF: Musically, yes I've taken band since 7th grade and private lessons for 2 years our jazz ensemble learned that art after school last year.

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

NF: I hope to teach other youth about music. I think teaching is very important and admirable and I feel the only subject free of regulations and tests is music. I hope I can make all my own wall art and even furniture one day.

TC: Is there anything you would tell someone just starting out?

NF: There is no such thing as bad art. I do believe there is a difference between art and expression, but both are art. As long as you enjoy what you do then there's no reason not to do it. Don't use art as a means to impress people but never be shy to show it to anyone. If you want to do something then do it. I was the worst trumpet player in the band for 3 years. Now I'm the section leader. I still barely understand pyrography but I get better with every project. Art is the human spirit.

STORY CORNER: Assumptions

It was yet another hot and dusty day in the city of Dallas, and Felix Callahan was stuck working another dead end case.

"Where were you the night of April twelfth, Ms. Prince?" He asked the woman that sat on the other side of his old desk.

"Working my shift at the diner, just like every other time you've asked," She sighed and crossed her arms, "How many times are you going to ask me, detective?" Felix leaned forward to study the woman's face. This investigation had been going on for weeks, the only thing he had learned that Liesel Prince was tight lipped, brilliant, and knew her story like the back of her hand. Her fiancé, however seemed to have a different story every time he was asked.

Felix replied, "Until I can figure out if you're telling the truth."

"My story is sound," Liesel crossed her arms, "Just because my fiancé spends the last of his money and refuses to admit we're broke, it doesn't mean he was robbed blind, and I'm offended you would accuse an upstanding citizen who has never stepped out of line, like Augustus, of such a heinous crime."

"Ms. Prince, I—"

"Say somebody did steal Jefferson's money, it probably isn't the obvious suspect," Liesel stood up abruptly and cut the detective off, "My brother wouldn't steal from us and that's that, have a nice day, Mr. Callahan." She strode out of the room confidently, slamming the door shut behind her. Felix let out a loud, frustrated sigh and let his head fall onto his desk. He thought about how Liesel looked when she left, perfectly composed with a Mona Lisa smile. It made no sense. Nothing in the whole situation made any sense, if Felix were being honest. Who could just get in and out of the most successful lawyer in town's house and rob him blind without anyone seeing anything?

Felix moped around the office for the next three days, the only social interaction he had was when the mailman would stop by and when his partner at the agency, Elliot, would poke his head in from time to time to make sure Felix hadn't gone delirious from isolating himself.

On the fourth day of Felix hiding in his office, Elliot burst through the door with a grave look on his face, "She's gone."

"What do you mean?"

"The Prince girl, she ran," Elliot informed him, "But she left this..."

Felix took the paper and read it in disbelief, *I told you so, detective.*

"What now?" Elliot asked.

Felix looked up from the paper, "We find her."

Story by Jade Sipes

A double blind experiment



Imagine the perfect date. Now after that image is built in your head, imagine a blind date, harder right? On Sunday, Jan. 21, I got to experience a blind date for the first time. At first I was nervous, wondering who the guy was, if we had anything in common and how the date would turn out in general. As the date progressed I slowly started to talk with him more. Once the night was over with I was relieved, but don't regret the fun times I got to experience on a dreary Sunday evening.

The date started off with my friend picking up my date and I. We drove to Corydon, In. to play a game of mini-golf. While the game was awkward in the beginning it ended up being a fun time with everyone joking and laughing with one another.

After the game, the group met at the car and drove to the nearest Walmart. We walked in and looked at the different displays. After looking around and making some jokes about how big some of the cards were, we looked at everything in the crafting aisles

before proceeding toward the toy section.

The group looked at all the different bikes they had. I got distracted since I hadn't ridden a bike since I was at least in elementary school; while my date found some skateboards. He decided to ride it around the bicycle section.

I was lost in looking at all the toys until I came across the lightsabers. I picked up one that resembled Kylo Ren's, because he's my favorite character, before starting a lightsaber battle with the group, managing to "cut," my date's arm off. After putting the lightsabers away we met up to continue walking down each aisle and make small comments about all the weird toys, like a game where tape is put on the players' faces.

We walked to the clearance aisles, continuing to make small comments about each product until we stumbled upon some hula-hoops, which commenced a small hula-hoop competition. I laughed while failing to spin the hoop longer than 10 seconds, instead watching my date and friend see who could go the longest.

Finally everyone walked out of Walmart and back to the car, where I tried a peach ring for the first time. While it was a little awkward at first, I enjoyed the memories made that day and wouldn't change the outcome. Hanging out with friends on a dreary Sunday afternoon makes for a fun time.

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KarJenner Konspiracies



JADE SIPES
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Through their reality show “Keeping Up With the Kardashians,” the KarJenners have taken over the social scene. Over a decade later, the KarJenners are still dominating headlines.

Nearing the end of 2017, speculation surrounding not one, but three, of the KarJenner siblings came about when it was confirmed Kim would be having her third child via surrogate. Oldest sibling, health guru Khloe, was also caught in the midst of pregnancy rumors—albeit unconfirmed. Finally, it was said that an unnamed source confirmed the pregnancy of Kylie, the youngest of the family and founder of much raved about beauty line Kylie

Cosmetics.

Overnight, the world became consumed by the news and was quick to share their theories about the pregnancies. People also started pointing out every little detail that they could label as “evidence.”

The most notable of this evidence was Jenner’s lack of activity on social media. Once regularly posting a plethora of photos on Snapchat and Instagram, Kylie was suddenly MIA.

Fans started noticing in the few photos she did post that Kylie only showed her face and wore baggy clothing.

Now, let me enlighten you of the conspiracies.

Fans were absolutely convinced Kylie was Kim’s surrogate, and then they were convinced that perhaps Khloe was Kim’s surrogate, and then they were convinced that Kylie was Khloe’s surrogate.

Now, with Khloe recently

confirmed her pregnancy, all eyes are on Kylie. In 2007, the Kardashian-Jenner families made their way into the homes of millions

The Kardashians seem to be having fun with the whole thing. Back in December they released a series of Christmas cards featuring the women and grandchildren of the family looking at something not featuring on the card. Since Kylie was surprisingly missing from the annual card, the web exploded with a theory that Kylie already had her baby and there’s an uncropped card floating around waiting to be released to the eagerly awaiting public.

The rest of the KarJenner clan has stayed tight lipped through the whole ordeal. Even “momager” Kris has refused to

comment on the situation.

Now, after the recent birth of Kim and Kanye’s third child, Chicago, rumors are swirling that Kylie has either already had her child or she will soon have her child.

Finally, in the midst of Super Bowl Sunday, Kylie announced that her and Travis Scott’s daughter, whose name is still unreleased, arrived on the first of February. This post stated the reasons Kylie decided to hide the pregnancy. This was accompanied by a beautiful 11 minute entitled “To Our Daughter,” that recapped the last 9 months of Kylie’s life. It starts out with a video of Kris in the hospital the day Kylie was born and follows with testimonies from Kylie’s family and closest friends.

Nothing suspicious here...

SYDNEY CROSSLIN
Staff Writer

Oh, Nottingham! In this fair town, the peddler’s shouts fill the air as busy shoppers rush to and fro. On these bustling streets, those with a quick tongue will prosper—those who hesitate may find their fortunes fading fast, though...

This is the world that Sheriff of Nottingham brings you to. The drama and theatrics of this well-designed game make a quick but fun experience for any group. The rules are fairly easy to understand.

Every turn, one player is the Sheriff, while the others are merchants. A merchant’s goal is to bring their goods to the market. Legally speaking, each merchant is only allowed to bring in one type of item at a time, and it can’t be any of those fancy goods that Prince John has restricted to the royal family—just apples, bread, chickens and cheese.

The Sheriff is in charge of enforcing those laws. After a merchant announces what’s in their bag, the Sheriff will decide whether it’s worth inspecting the contents. If some unlawful items are found, a fine must be paid. If nothing illicit turns up, the Sheriff must pay the merchant for the trouble.

Once everyone has been the Sheriff twice, it’s time for the people to shush and the money to talk. If you’ve been shrewd, you may find that your



piles of coins can raise you to the top. The one who has the most money will be declared the victor.

Of course, we only have upstanding merchants here in Nottingham. Despite such high stakes, they would never bring those highly illegal, highly valuable goods intentionally. And they certainly wouldn’t offer the Sheriff a bribe to let them through anyway.

And the Sheriff, being such a noble and honest lawman, would never even think of accepting any bribes. He’s not only out for himself—he’s got the country’s best interests at heart. Who could ever think otherwise?

It’s just that he occasionally needs to ask for witnesses. Shiny witnesses. Who are round. And have numbers on them. And whose names start with C and ends with oins. That’s all.

Could you imagine what a terrible game it would be if it was all about lying? A game where players must bluster and bluff, where players hid a sly smile as they swear up and down by their mother’s name that there’s just four loaves of bread in the bag, honest. A game where even your closest and most trusted friends could turn out to be lying, scheming villains who laugh as they reveal the contraband hidden in their bag, the bag that you could have sworn only had three apples. A treacherous game for unscrupulous scoundrels who trick and lie to their friends, grinning in triumph over their piles of ill gotten wealth.

But no, you can believe me, that’s not what the game’s about at all. It’s an honest game for honest folks like me—just a merchant with a bag of four loaves of bread...

The greatest movie

MACKENZIE FOCKLER
Features Editor

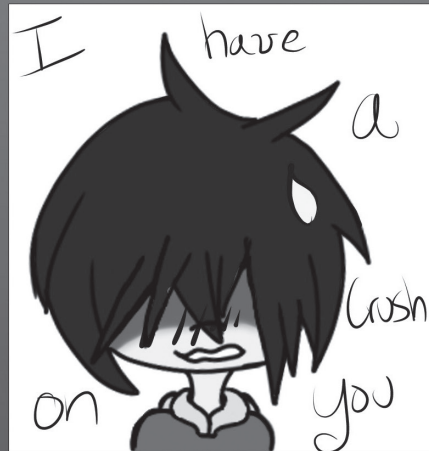
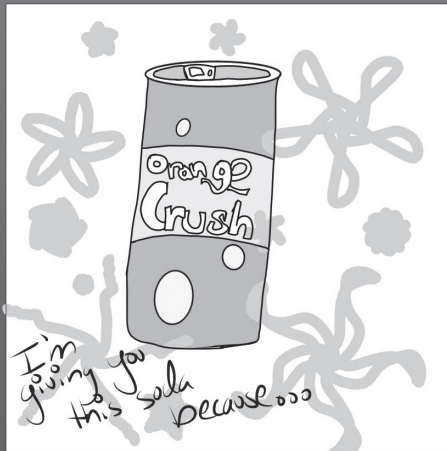
The Greatest Showman is the latest original musical based around the life of the historically notorious businessman, P.T. Barnum, whose dream of creating in the entertainment industry turns into a literal circus of an adventure. Directed by Michael Gracey, the musical essentially is about Barnum growing up in poverty, and then making a name for himself and his family. Barnum originally had the idea of creating a museum for everything abnormal and uncanny; however, his failure in attracting people to attend his exhibit resulted in putting him and his family even more in debt from the money that was loaned for the location. From there, P.T. Barnum’s daughters suggested the idea that of people would have more interest in a live show. This sparked the vision of what today is the circus industry. Barnum rounded up people with defined uniqueness to be a part in his show; and after a seemingly repetitive theme of underdog revolutions, star crossed lovers and the usual disloyal setback by Barnum’s greed, The Greatest Showman concluded by leaving the audience in a predictable feel-good state.

However, while the screenplay depicts and glorifies Barnum’s lively persona, some may disagree and say

this is nothing but historically inaccurate. Michael Gracey failed to contribute many aspects of P.T. Barnum’s real life and only grazes the part of his career as an entrepreneur. This is why, according to Rotten Tomatoes, many top critics have rated The Greatest Showman so poorly. Although the performance by Hugh Jackman, Zac Efron, Zendaya, Keala Settle and many other cast members was considered ‘Golden Globe quality work,’ with a couple of actual nominees, the insufficient amount of accurate content offers only shallow insight to what could’ve been an outstanding motion picture.

Despite the controversy The Greatest Showman is causing among critics, audiences across the nation are thriving over the musical, not to mention the songs itself. Songwriters Benj Pasek and Justin Paul worked together to create all new and original songs for the musical. The soundtrack has hit No. 1 on the Billboard top 200 albums chart, and one song of which that has won Best Original Song at the 2018 Golden Globes for “This Is Me.”

While it is no “La La Land,” it is safe to say that as far as family movies go, The Greatest Showman interprets many great messages through a ‘rags-to-riches’ story done by excellent performances from the cast members.



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Greenwave Basketball Schedule 2017



Nov. 28 @Ohio Co. L 66-68
 Dec. 1 O. Catholic L 50-80
 Dec. 5 Providence W 55-54
 Dec. 7 @F. Fraize W 83-33
 Dec. 8 C'ville W 72-56
 Dec. 15 @Breck Co. W 67-62
 Dec. 20 @H. Clay L 37-66
 Dec. 21 @H. Clay W 68-62
 Dec. 22 @H. Clay W 51-49
 Dec. 29 @Ryle W 67-45
 Jan. 3 Bullitt Central W 62-57
 Jan. 5 @J. Hardin L 62-90
 Jan. 9 Hancock W 91-65
 Jan. 23 Valley L 65-75
 Jan. 26 Breck L 61-67
 Jan. 30 N. Hardin L 66-81
 Feb. 2 F. Fraize W 92-26
 Feb. 3 @Davies L 54-74
 Feb. 6 @Grayson Co.
 Feb. 9 @N. Oldham
 Feb. 12 @E'town
 Feb. 15 C. Hardin

Ladywave Basketball Schedule 2017



Dec. 1 O. Catholic L 62-73
 Dec. 5 Grayson Co. W 54-43
 Dec. 7 @F. Fraize W 74-30
 Dec. 15 @Breck Co. W 61-51
 Dec. 20 N. Bullitt L 39-58
 Jan. 2 @Apollo W 57-56
 Jan. 6 @E'son Co. W 79-46
 Jan. 9 Hancock W 79-46
 Jan. 20 Muhlenberg W 70-66
 Jan. 23 Spencer Co. L 59-63
 Jan. 26 Breck W 60-56
 Jan. 27 @Davies W 48-46
 Jan. 29 Ohio Co. W 64-39
 Jan. 30 @LaRue Co. L 50-61
 Feb. 2 F. Fraize W 78-24
 Feb. 5 Owensboro
 Feb. 6 @N. Hardin
 Feb. 7 @Hancock
 Feb. 9 Nelson Co.
 Feb. 12 @E'town
 Feb. 13 @T. Nelson
 Feb. 16 C. Hardin

Greenwave Wrestling Schedule 2017



Dec. 2 @Oldham County
 Dec. 9 @Franklin County
 Dec. 16 @Louisville
 Dec. 20 Meade County
 Dec. 21 Meade County
 Dec. 23 @Christian County
 Dec. 27 @Wayne County
 Dec. 29 @Franklin (OH)
 Dec. 30 @Franklin (OH)
 Jan. 6 @Corydon
 Jan. 13 @Fairdale
 Jan. 16 Meade County
 Jan. 19 @Huntington (WV)
 Jan. 27 @Columbia
 Feb. 9 @Owensboro
 Feb. 10 @Owensboro
 Feb. 16 @Lexington
 Feb. 17 @Lexington

Greenwaves fall to the Tigers

DANIEL SCHOONOVER
 Assistant Sports Editor

The Greenwaves hosted the Breckinridge County Fighting Tigers on Friday, Jan. 26. The Greenwaves held the lead for the first two quarters. The two teams fought like heavyweights to the bitter end.

The first quarter began with Meade County winning the tip-off but wasn't able to make the shot. By the end of the quarter, the score was 17-13 with Meade County in the lead and holding their heads high.

By the second quarter, Meade County was still holding the lead at 29-26 with the Tigers holding on by a claw.

The third quarter ended with the Tigers taking the lead after a string of three-pointers by number 24 and Point Guard Kobe Poole. He averages 23.5 points per game and has a total of 447 points on the year.

The game ended with the Tigers victorious at 67



Photo by Daniel Schoonover

Senior Aidan Matthews shoots a two-pointer over the Breckinridge Fighting Tigers in an intense rival competition.

points to the Greenwaves' 61 points, giving the Tigers a record of 12 wins and 6 losses and the Greenwaves at 9 wins and 5 losses at the conclusion of the game.

"One thing we need to work on is our patience on offense, we tend to get ahead of ourselves. Our substitute players did an amazing job, and we handled the ball well as a whole," Head Coach Jason

Tripure said.

Coach Tripure went on to say that if Meade wins their upcoming games against Hancock County and Fredrick Fraize, they would be seeded number one in district play.

"This was a tough game, but we have to move on. We still control our own destiny towards the number one place. I feel like both teams did a wonderful job on de-

fense. They were just able to stop some of our key players like Aidan Matthews. They hit more shots than us and we didn't rebound or handle the ball well. Point Guard Kobe Poole was very key for them, he's a great player," Point Guard Matt Collard.

The high scorer of the game was Forward Aidan Matthews with 22 points and Forward Chezney Weick chipped in with eight points and nine rebounds.

"It's always a fun game to play Breck since they're our rivals. The atmosphere was amazing, and we fought our hearts out but we fouled too often. The other team converted from the free throw line, and we didn't stop their drives well," Point Guard Steven Benock said.

Head Coach Jason Tripure says that the next time they play Breckinridge they'll need to have half court patience, less fouls, and better rebounds.

Lady Waves defeat Lady Tigers

MAKENNA GONSALVES
 Sports Editor

Meade County went head-to-head with Breckinridge County and left its home gym with a 60-56 victory in a huge 11th District matchup on Jan 26.

"This was a big team win. It was definitely a team effort tonight," Head Coach Dina Hackert said. "Everyone contributed. Freshmen D. Griffen came off the bench to play some valuable minutes when senior Lauren (Alexander) got in foul trouble.

"It takes time," Hackert said of the players getting back into game shape. "We're still feeling it. In the fourth quarter a little bit of that run (by the Lady Tigers) ... we had to pull our press off, we had to go to half-court, which we don't like to do. Our legs weren't there."

The game was, nonetheless, extremely intense.

Senior Elizabeth Youart came off the bench early in the first quarter and contributed right away, hitting back-to-back baskets on inbound plays.

Meade County held a 30-15 lead with 3:44 left in the first half after a basket by senior point guard Ryleigh Board.

"We came out, did our business and do what we do as a team," Board said. "We followed the game plan. We kept the pace and that's



Photo by Joelle Weatherholtz

Sophomore Kendall Wringler leading a play against Breck Co. Lady Tigers.

what we have to do."

Breckinridge County rallied with an 8-3 run to finish the half after baskets by seniors Tiffany Chaney, Riley Collins and free throws from eighth-grader Isabel Grimes and freshman Aleigha Mucker. Breck missed some shots and had some turnovers — not the traditional turnovers.

That run continued to 24-10 to trail 40-39 with 2:28 left in the third period after a 3 by Natalee Tabor.

At first the girls weren't sure what had happened but soon the Lady Waves answered with a 5-0 run to

finish the quarter on 3 by sophomore standout Kendall Wringler.

Wringler started the fourth period with back-to-back bombs for a 51-39 lead.

Breckinridge County's Kayla Young hit a short jumper with 3:02 left in the game to cut the deficit to 56-50. The Lady Tigers' 13-5 run concluded when Grimes nailed two free throws at the 2:31 mark. She was 7-for-8 in the fourth period and 13-for-20 in all. They were 18-for-31 for the game.

Wringler hit two free throws at 1:27 for a 58-52

advantage. Youart made a bunny off an Abby Nelson assist for a 60-52 cushion with 44 seconds remaining. Youart had eight points and three rebounds.

Wingler finished with a game-high 25 points and added four assists and three steals. She was 6-for-9 in the second half from the floor.

It was only Alexander's sixth game back after missing three weeks with an ankle injury and yet, she registered a double-double with 13 points and 13 rebounds. She also had three assists. Board totaled 12 points and seven assists and played the final 6:20 with four fouls. Youart added eight points and three rebounds.

Overall, the girls felt prepared that night. They have been preparing for this game for a long time and strived to win. The nerves and the anxious feelings are gone and these girls just came out and played their game.

It is undeniable that everybody works together as a team and that gives the sense of confidence as a team and in each other. Everybody's strengths go with everybody else's weaknesses. And that is what makes our Lady Waves the amazing team that they are.

Join us to cheer on the Lady Waves as they finish up another successful season.

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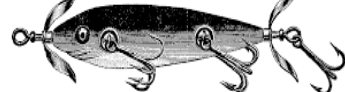
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Swim team competes

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The MCHS Swim Team competed on Jan. 29 against Hardin County and Fort Knox High School at the Greenwave Invitational. MCHS placed first in boys, first in girls and first overall against two of the team's biggest rivals. Not only did the team bring home the gold, but several swimmers brought home a personal record (PR) in their individual events.

This meet was the last home meet before the KH-SAA Region 3 swim meet. In preparation for the region meet, the team began to taper. This means that the team will progressively swim fewer yards at each practice and begin to reduce their speed to relax their muscles. This will allow for the team to rejuvenate their bodies to bring their best at the regional meet.

The MCHS Swim Team is a collection of 26 swimmers ranging from seventh to twelfth grade. The team faces many obstacles that



Photo by Tori Lawrence

Sophomore Lily Shelton competes in the 100 yard Butterfly

other schools do not have to overcome such as not having a home natatorium (a center with a competitive swimming pool). The MCHS Swim Team practices at Gammon Aquatic Center on Fort Knox after school everyday. The team shares the natatorium with Fort Knox and all three Hardin County High Schools.

The Regional Swim Meet was held on Feb. 9 and 10. All 26 swimmers qualified to compete at regionals and made the Greenwave nation proud. The MCHS swim team could never function without the parents who are always in the crowd to show their support

for the Greenwave swimmers. MCHS swim has had a great season and looks forward to years to come.

"Meade County is a young team, but we are in a good position with our swimmers moving into the post-season. We are grasping at every minute of practice we have left before competition as the weather and illness has really affected our swimmers and season this year. Despite that, we will create some competition in Region 3 and if the water is cooperative, we will have several athletes advance to the second round of competition and then hopefully a

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.



Aidan Matthews



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Representing the Meade County Greenwaves Boys Basketball team, Forward Aidan "Beak" Matthews has been chosen for this issue's Athlete of the Month. He was nominated by Head Coach Jason Tripure.

Matthews has been playing basketball since he was five years old. He started playing after his dad first gave him a basketball, and it's been a large part of his life ever since.

Matthews is currently

averaging 21.1 points per game. He is also averaging 7.3 rebounds per game.

He currently holds 644 career points as of Jan. 26, 2018. This season he has also had three straight double doubles.

"Aidan has been very consistent for most of the year. He is scoring both from inside and outside the arc, making him extremely hard to defend," Head Coach Jason Tripure said.

Matthews said he will never forget playing at Rupp Arena and winning his Regional game during his junior year in the 2016-2017 season.

"He keeps everyone loose but holds us up to high standards at the same time. It's a privilege to be a friend and teammate of Aidan," Point Guard Matt Collard said.

Matthews plans on playing college basketball and wants to major in special education at Asbury University.

Wrestling wins sectionals

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On Jan. 24, the MCHS Wrestling team competed in the annual Sectional Duals at Fairdale High School.

Sectional Duals was created by the Kentucky High School Wrestling Coaches Association. They take the top two teams of each section and put them in a State Dual tournament later. Every year, Meade is put in a bracket with 10 other teams to see who will place 1st and 2nd and move onto State Duals.

Upon arrival, the wrestlers prepare to face their first opponent of the night, Valley High School.

At weight class 160 is freshman Devin Rogers. This was the first match of the season for Rogers since he just recovered from a torn PCL. Rogers made a quick recovery and claimed his starting spot on the varsity line up shortly after he returned.

"I was very excited when I was cleared to wrestle. I wasn't expecting to be back until April so making this recovery so quick then making the varsity team really motivated me to have a successful season," Rogers said.

Rogers pinned his opponent in the first period, putting the team score at 48-3.

Meade won the match 60-19, guaranteeing them a spot in the State Dual tournament that



Photo by Tori Lawrence

The Wrestling team celebrates their win after placing 1st in sectionals

following Saturday, Jan. 27.

Next, they faced Bullitt East High School. Having beat them before, the team was confident about taking another win.

With a 15 point lead, sophomore Hunter Butler took the mat at weight class 126.

"Right before I went out on the mat, Coach told me that my opponent was probably their best wrestler. I was excited to have a tough opponent and I felt really good when I beat him," Butler said.

The boys beat Bullitt East for the second time, 40-24.

Meade took 1st in the tournament, putting them in the next level tournament on Jan. 27. There, they were thrown into a bracket with 12 of the toughest teams in the state, including Saint Xavier and Woodford

County.

Considering Meade got such a tough draw, they did not expect to place high at State Duals. However, facing these tough opponents at this point in the season was a humbling experience for everyone.

"The results of this competition were expected. The caliber of teams that we wrestled that day were at this point a lot better than what we are. We are a young team and our future looks good, especially the ones that are coming up from the middle school. So, we are excited to face these teams again in a couple years." Head Coach Bob Davis said.

Meade went 1-3 at the State Duals. Later this month, the wrestling team will compete in the regional and state competition.



Ryleigh Board



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Senior Ryleigh Board has been selected as Athlete of the Month for her dedication to the Ladywave Basketball Team.

Board first started playing basketball when she was six. She'd always enjoyed watching the sport and wanted to learn more.

Once she reached high school, she made the varsity team her freshman year.

"I love working on my skills and improving my game," Board said.

She works hard to make that come true—during her junior year, she made the Region 3 All District Tournament Team.

It's not only basketball itself she loves though—

one of her favorite parts is playing with her teammates.

"I've played basketball with Ryleigh since 3rd grade, and I've never met someone my own age who leads a team like Ryleigh does. Whether we are on the court or even in the classroom, she sets an example for the rest of the team," senior Elizabeth Youart said.

Like many players, she has a favorite athlete who she's looked up to over the years—in her case, LeBron James. Board says it's not only watching his skill on the court but also seeing how he spends his time helping his teammates and encouraging others that has inspired her.

Though she hopes to become an audiologist, basketball is an important part of her life, and she wants to continue playing throughout college.

She hopes to go to Campbellsville University after graduation and perhaps become a coach someday in the future.

Athlete Quote Challenge

BASKETBALL EDITION



A. ELIZABETH
YOUART



B. STEVEN
BENOCK



C. LAUREN
ALEXANDER



D. DAWSON
GAGEL

1. "Ball is life"
2. "I am a jack of all trades. I am a master of many"
3. "Basketball isn't the most important thing in the world but it's pretty darn close."
4. "Play every minute like it's your last"