



The Current

Adams adopts orphan from China

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For years Principal Marc Adams and his wife, Leslie, felt like they were meant to adopt a child, and for years they tried putting it on the back burner but every time they did it came back up. So, for the last couple of years they have been in the process of adopting their newest son, Gavin.

On July 12, after a long wait, they were finally able to embark on their journey to China to meet the newest member of the Adams' family.

They spent 2 ½ weeks in China traveling with six other families who were also adopting. On "Gotcha Day" Adams and his wife were taken to an office building where the families anxiously waited for their children to arrive.

The families were not given a specific time for their children to arrive. All they knew was that the orphanage would deliver them between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.

"I was sitting there working on getting cameras ready and almost right at 8 a.m. the first kid to walk in was Gavin. My wife saw him and jumped up, and I didn't have our camera ready," Adams said.

In the weeks leading up to "Gotcha Day" the Adams' family had only seen pic-



Five minutes after meeting Gavin, Principal Marc Adams and his wife, Leslie, pose for their first "selfie" together.

tures of Gavin and had received medical records, but on July 17 they met Gavin in person for the first time.

They had sent him a package before they met him which contained toys, family pictures and a disposable camera. The camera was sent so that the family could have pictures of his time in the orphanage.

"It was the most amazing thing because he recognized us immediately, and

he immediately reached for my wife," Adams said.

While in China the couple was able to do a little sight seeing and explored some of Chinese culture. They even spent their ten year wedding anniversary in Beijing. After they had picked up Gavin they were taken to meet the nannies and foster parents who had looked after him throughout his life.

They were also shown

the orphanage and bed where Gavin had slept for the last two years.

"When Gavin saw his crib he freaked out because he thought we were taking him back. I was surprised because he was in a great orphanage. They cared for him and there was a lot of love, but for me to process that's what they consider 'great' was just heart-wrenching to me. The hardest moment for me was

when I touched his bed. It was just heart-wrenching," Adams said.

With the addition of Gavin, the Adams family now has three boys, leaving the parents outnumbered.

"I already can't imagine our family without him. It's like he's always been there. He's perfect," Adams said.

One of the coolest coincidences of the adoption is that Gavin's best friend from his orphanage was adopted by a family in Louisville.

"It's truly God's work that in this great big world that we live in that two best friends from the other side of the world can end up living 45 minutes away from each other, and we plan to keep these boys close as they grow older," Adams said.

The family is excited to have welcomed Gavin into their family and hope to teach him about his culture and heritage as he grows. They also plan to take the family to China once Gavin is in high school so he can once again see Zhengzhou.

"People ask us 'Why China' and I respond, 'That's where our son was,' that's where we were called to go, and I truly believe Gavin was meant for us. That's where he was so that's where we had to go," Adams said.

Student government drives meetings and promotes school spirit

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MCHS jumped back into action on Aug. 9 with a fresh start for the new school year. Little did the students know, there would be many changes to enhance student involvement.

The Student Government Association (SGA) met with Principal Marc Adams Aug. 2 before Open House. He informed the group of elected leaders that they would be in charge of all assemblies and class meetings for the new school year.

"I feel more connected to what we're doing in school now. Listening to the students talk opposed to teachers is less like being in the classroom and more like just having a conversation with peers," junior Libbee Galloway said.

On opening day, SGA held the first annual student led assembly. Student Body President, Christopher Lancaster, opened the meeting with remarks about how he is merely a student and has sat in the same seats as everyone else for the past three years. SGA officers continued to tell the history of MCHS by introduc-



MCHS students demonstrate their school spirit in "The Wave Pool" at a Friday night football game.

ing the various sports and clubs that are offered in our school.

"I think that being able to lead all of our meetings shows just how student-driven our school is. This also helps establish an environment that allows students to step up and take charge in how they want their school to function," Lancaster said.

Officers also introduced the student body to the new ideas that will be implemented this school year

such as renaming the student section "The Wave Pool," powder puff football and reviving the football homecoming parade.

"The Wave Pool" has already become a huge success for this school year. At each home football game, the student that shows the most school spirit is given the Spirit Award to hold until the next game where they can defend their title or pass the torch. So far, seniors Jake Wright and Matt Collard have held the title

of most school spirit.

"I feel like the renamed student section has given us more of a powerful title and has increased our student participation at all sports by a huge amount," senior Casey Love said.

The Football Homecoming parade has great participation with nine clubs, sports and other groups creating floats. Each class is also represented with a float. This parade will feature the Homecoming Court of 20 seniors, two ju-

niors, two sophomores, two freshmen and two crown bearers. All candidates will be recognized at halftime on Sept. 29 at Hamilton Field.

During the first club week, all classes met to have their class meetings. SGA continued the new tradition of a student led school by leading these meetings. At each class meeting, students were reminded of the football parade, "The Wave Pool" and open sign ups for powder puff football.

Once each officer spoke, the students participated in a game of Speak Out™ to see who can speak out the best!

After SGA finished their program, Principal Marc Adams had a presentation for school development as well as informing underclassmen about CERT.

"I have been very impressed with their work so far! It has caused some of them to step out of their comfort zones to lead meetings and speak, but it has brought awareness to the behind-the-scenes work that this group has been doing for years. I am excited for our student-driven future at MCHS," SGA advisor Kelly Holley said.

NEWS

Tucker Day makes a lasting impact

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Children, teens and adults all gathered in Downtown Brandenburg on Sept. 9 to celebrate Tucker Day. This day is in honor of Tucker Wimpee who was tragically killed in a murder suicide in 2013.

People of all ages enjoyed what Tucker Day had to offer. The festival ran from noon to 7 p.m. and everything was free. There were lots of games for children to entertain themselves with, while adults spoke to the different businesses there supporting Tucker Day. There were different inflatables for the children along with small, but fun, games that children could play.

"My favorite part of Tucker Day was having the chance to take part and help out while watching how much fun people were having in the activities," junior Juliette Alflen said.

Since this tragedy, the family worked to get a bill known as The Tucker Act signed which now does not require Child Protective Services (CPS) to call and schedule a meeting; they now show up unannounced.

There are also plans to give scholarships to Tucker's class, the current MCHS juniors., and another goal is Tucker's Place—a building



Photo Submitted
Stevie Gibson helps visitors make keychains by hand at the Boyscouts booth.

that would be built in our community and hopefully other places as well. Tucker's Place would be a place for kids where they can talk and hang out with the different volunteers after school.

Starting in 2014, Tucker Day was a private event. It wasn't until 2015 that the second Saturday in September was officially named Tucker day. It was on Aug. 13, 2014 that the declaration become official.

Each year there has been food, games and music, but this year there was a new edition. Karaoke was from 2-4 p.m. while prizes were announced at 5 p.m. Volunteers got the competition started by asking the visitors if they wanted to hear Phillip Wimpee sing, and they gladly voiced their approval.

All of Tucker Day was

filled with laughs as different businesses supported Tucker Day by being there with games and different activities for the kids. Each business had something to do or give advice. Some businesses brought games with small prizes while others brought food to give out for free. There was even a tent to get balloons.

The volunteers were a big part of helping to make Tucker Day such a huge success. Multiple students spent hours of their Saturday helping out at booths or directing traffic.

"I found volunteering very enjoyable, bringing everyone together to raise awareness really made the experience worthwhile," junior Crystal Humphrey said.

Choir members attend 4th district

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The University of Campbellsville invites schools across the district to participate in the 4th District Honors Choir. On Sept. 18-19, twenty-seven MCHS chorus students attended the event.

Under the supervision of choral directors Derek Crafton and Shaune Rebilas, the students went to Central Hardin High School (CHHS) on the evening of Sept. 18. The honors choir reviewed five songs that each school had previously practiced.

There were many different language songs sung at the event. A few pieces included "Tree of Peace," "Gloria" and "Abendfriede." The main composer was Tony Cunha, and he directed all the students together.

Music teachers from across the district conducted over 280 students at CHHS to prepare for the following day.

Junior Payten Wolverton said that one of her favorite things about the event was singing and performing with people from different counties.

On the morning of Sept. 19, the selected MCHS students went to

Campbellsville University to rehearse for the 4th district concert.

The two groups were separated into junior and senior choirs.

The freshmen that attended were Jasmine DeBeauchamp; Trent Fout; Shane Jones; Ethan McCormik; Annie Meeks; Cierra Redmond; Shelby Ray; Blake Richerson; Charlie Saylor, Kyle Smith; Amerie Trogner and Anna Whelan.

The upperclassmen were Ciara Benham; Bobby Blankenship; Matthew Blevins; Kara Brady; Kaden Ennis; Caleb Greenwell; Emily Jackey; Casey Richards; Elizabeth Richerson; Andrea Ruiz; John Michael Saylor, Clay Sipes; Heavyn Taylor; Clay Sipes and Peyton Wolverton.

The honors choir brought 285 musically inclined students together to perform in the Campbellsville chapel.

"It was a wonderful experience that allowed me to meet people with same interests as me," senior Kara Brady said.

After practicing for six and a half hours the choirs performed a two-hour concert for their parents, teachers and Campbellsville students.

Students experience once in a lifetime event

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On Aug. 21, MCHS students had the chance to observe a natural phenomenon.

The 2019 total solar eclipse, nicknamed "The Great American Eclipse," is the first of its kind witnessed in the United States since Feb. 1979. The last time a total eclipse could be viewed *coast to coast* was nearly 100 years ago in 1918.

The school distributed solar glasses and ushered the students out to take a peek at the unique state of the sky. As a precaution, students also had to go over a safety presentation and short film.



Business Teacher Kyle Melloy looks into the sky with his solar eclipse glasses along with the rest of MCHS.

"It was a unique experience, and I'm glad I was able to be involved in it," junior Hannah Wilson said.

Students and staff only



Photos by Emma Barr
Students stand on the cafeteria balcony to watch the height of totality for Meade County.

witnessed partial coverage at MCHS.

"I thought it would be more overwhelming," senior Phillip Whendes said.

The line of totality was a

path that stretched 65 miles from Oregon to South Carolina. Totality is when the sun's surface is completely covered by the moon; it's the only time during the eclipse

you have the chance to safely remove your solar glasses and look at the sun. Totality could be viewed from Hopkinsville, Ky.

The longest possible solar eclipse is around seven minutes and won't occur until June 13, 2132.

History teacher Jason Scott traveled to Lewisburg, Ky. to watch the eclipse.

"It's one of the unforgettable experiences, my favorite part of the eclipse was being able to take my kids and experiencing it with my 80 year old mother," Scott said.

The next viewable total solar eclipse in the United States has been predicted to happen April 8, 2024. Its line of totality will fall just North of Meade County.

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Bus drivers say goodbye

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After a combined 55 years of service, bus drivers Edna Lyons and Debbie Powell will drive their last route on Sept. 29.

Both Lyons and Powell will be retiring after dedicating their careers to Meade County.

"I love my job, and I love my kids—but it's just time to go," Lyons said.

Lyons has been driving for the Meade County School System for 30 years and Powell came to Meade County in 1996. All together, Powell has driven for 25 years.

"My sister-in-law, Pam Powell, will be taking over after I leave so I will be able to get on the bus and bug my kids whenever I want," Powell said.

Powell and Lyons met when Powell started driving but soon realized they had more in common than they originally thought; they even attended the same concert without realizing the other one was there. Now they are the best of friends.

Powell was originally a volunteer and has dabbled in a little bit of everything. She has worked in the lunchroom, as



Photo by Anastasia Basham

Edna Lyons and Debbie Powell step down from their positions as Meade County Bus Drivers after years of service.

a janitor, as a teacher's aid and helped with Special Olympics back when she was in Madison County. Once she became a bus driver, Powell never stopped driving.

Lyons started driving because it was convenient when her own kids were in school.

"I could stay home with my children during the sum-

mer and on the weekends," Lyons said.

Both Lyons and Powell rarely missed a day when it came to their jobs. They drove in rain, shine and even when they were sick. Lyons drove the bus for field trips or away sporting tournaments and Powell ran mid-day runs.

"I am always on that bus,"

Lyons said.

When Lyons wasn't driving the bus, she would enjoy curling up with a good book.

Many changes have happened since the two of them started driving, but the two things that haven't changed is their bus route and their love for the students.

"I love my job, and I love my kids — but it's just time to go," Lyons said.

"Many schools change the bus driver's route every year, I like having the same bus route because I can really connect with my kids," Powell said.

They have hauled multiple generations; parents, children and even grandchildren. Lyons' former bus rider, Tandy Bagley, has always stayed in touch with Lyons.

Now Bagley's child, Brea Bagley, occasionally rides Lyons's bus. Brea said that she has had four other drivers but Mrs. Lyons is the only one she has developed a personal connec-

tion with and has always been able to go to for advice.

The bond they have formed with each kid has kept them driving for this long.

"Being able to see your kids grow up and to form a connection with them is amazing," Powell said.

Lyons and Powell have always been stern with their kids but both agree that when they discipline a child and hear the words "I love you!" right after; it always makes them smile.

The two will miss their students the most after retirement, and their one wish is that their students will remember them after they leave.

"I have always tried to be there for my kids. I hope that one day I will see them in the store, and they will recognize me and remember who I am," Powell said.

After retirement, Lyons and Powell plan to relax, enjoy life and possibly travel.

"We will go on more Elvis adventures," Powell said.

Now, after all these years, Powell and Lyons will be retiring together as best friends.

"I am gonna miss my babies," Lyons said.

FFA travels to State Fair



Photo Submitted

Logan English, Robert Butler, Jasey Allen and Hailee Risen judge livestock at the Kentucky State Fair.

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On Aug. 18 MCHS FFA members traveled to Louisville to attend the annual Kentucky State Fair. Members showed off their livestock and helped judge and place other livestock.

Junior Emily Vaughn showed sheep and pigs. Receiving Grand Champion Spot Breeding Gilt; sophomore Jaycie Barger showed beef; freshmen Brayden Allgood, Julianne Faulkner and sophomore Kaley Mills showed goats. Sophomores Jasey Allen, Cecilia Banks, Austin Pike, Kaley Mills and freshman Mimi Stull showed pigs.

Seniors Logan English, Hailee Risen, junior Robert Butler, sophomores Jasey Allen, Jaycie Barger, Kaley Mills, Cecilia Banks, Austin Pike judged sheep, goats, pigs and cattle. They judged and placed the animals, then gave a set of reasons as to why they judged them the way

they did.

Junior Brooklyn Short enjoyed attending the fair with her fellow FFA members.

"My group and I walked around and observed different exhibits such as paintings, fish tanks and plant entries. We even got to enjoy the great food and listen to amazing performances," Short said.

Afterwards, members were allowed to walk around and look at the exhibits. Members also rode rides, played games and enjoyed the food the fair had to offer.

FFA sponsor, Noel Pack, won first place in the watermelon eating contest.

"We watched local FFA members exhibit their livestock and watched the biggest pumpkin weigh-off. We got to look at the exhibits from all over the state that people enter, like photography and quilting," Pack said.

Powder Puff returns to MCHS

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With the new school season putting an emphasis on school spirit, it should be no surprise that new ideas as well as events are coming back to MCHS. This includes bringing back the notorious Powder Puff league.

Powder Puff football is a flag football tournament played by all-girl teams while male students cheer for them on the sidelines.

The League consists of one team per grade. Each team chose a color theme to represent them. This year the teams chose seniors as black, juniors as white, sophomores as orange and the freshman team as hot pink.

Every Tuesday since Aug. 29 team members joined together for their practices to get ready for the tournament games.

The tournament bracket was set up so that in the first playoff games the seniors played against the sophomores and the juniors went up against the freshmen. Then in the second game the freshmen faced the seniors and the juniors faced the sophomores. This way the winners of this game would play each other and so on for the losing teams in the third game. From there



Photo by Paulette Black

Powder Puff juniors compete against sophomores.

on, the winners of the third game will play each other during the final championship game in front of the whole school.

"This was probably my favorite idea that got brought back to our school. Having more activities like Powder Puff is a good way for students to get involved and just have a lot of fun in general. I've had a great time practicing and playing with my teammates," senior running back Sarah Hall said.

On Sept. 11 the Powder Puff league played their first game. When the seniors played the sophomores, the two classes were neck and neck until the last second when Hall scored a touchdown. This put the team ahead ending with a final score of 18-12. As for the freshmen against juniors, the juniors were in the lead

ending with a winning score of 20-14.

On Sept. 18, the second games were a success for the freshmen and the sophomores as both teams won during their separate games.

The freshmen won against the seniors 14-6. Also, the sophomores won with an eight-point lead against the juniors, leaving each team with a current record of 1-1 for wins and losses.

During the third game on Sept. 26, the juniors will face the seniors and freshmen will face the sophomores.

The outcomes of these games will leave one upperclassman team and one underclassmen team to play each other in the final championship game on Sept. 29 to determine the overall winner.

• News Briefs •

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

Roman city found underwater

Since 2010, archaeologists have been looking for signs of a Roman city, and it was finally found. The city is known as Neapolis and it was washed away by a tsunami around 1700 years ago. The city included streets, monuments, and around a hundred tanks used to produce garum. Garum is a fermented fish sauce that was a popular condiment in Ancient Greece and Rome, it was sometimes referred to as Rome's ketchup. The ruins stretch out almost 50 acres and was finally found due to favorable weather conditions. The ruins are located by modern day Nabeul in the north-east part of Tunisia.

Irma leaves a path of destruction

Hurricane Irma has left a path of destruction in its wake, leaving over 6.6 million people without power. Irma devastated multiple cities around the US, including: Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Alabama. Irma bounced off Cuba before hitting Florida, where it missed many major cities. Irma missed Key West and Miami, but Miami did feel the impact with rain and wind. Irma also went between Tampa and Orlando sparing both cities from getting hit directly. People located in Miami are frustrated due to the lack of work on getting the power up and running.

Clown spotted at IT screening

Twitter user @HG_Hobes, a.k.a Chris, attended the screening of the new movie remake of Stephen King's IT, when he spotted a clown holding a red balloon sitting in an empty theater. Chris decided to stay and watch the horror flick even with the creepy clown. Chris started taking pictures and uploading to his Twitter account when the clown moved from his seat and started wondering around. After the movie, Chris decided to confront the clown and struck up a conversation, the clown turned out to be a nice guy. A woman replied to Chris's original tweet saying she was behind the whole stunt with the clown.

OPINION

Forced down a path of uncertainty

Editorial from the Editor-in-Chief

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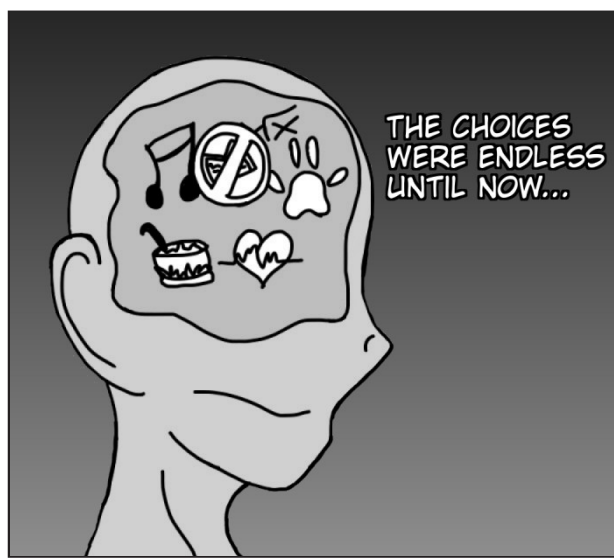
We are told to dream big. We are told we can do anything we set our minds to. We are told we can be anything we want to be.

However, *The Current* Editorial Board agrees that our district's actions do not support these dubious ambitions. Instead we are expected to know exactly what we want our future to look like when we begin the transition from middle to high school. If that was not bad enough, we must mold our dreams to fit into one specific Career Pathway even if our career choice is not an option at all.

Students are told to be themselves and do what will make them happy, but how is that possible when they have to figure out what they love before they enter ninth grade?

As a ninth grader I thought that I wanted to be an elementary school teacher, but since I had the option to take an assortment of electives my freshman year I have since changed my ideal career to journalism. I would not have realized my passion for the written word if it was not for the diversity of classes that MCHS provided in 2014.

Gone are those glorious days! Now we are told which classes we must take to become "career ready." Instead of trying a variety of courses, we are thrown into classes that pertain to our specific career path. We must complete a total of four before graduating leaving no time for discovering



Cartoon by Lia Hobbs

other career avenues.

I understand that these career pathways do not determine what students do after they graduate high school but once students begin on one path they cannot deviate from it unless they want to walk the line without being dubbed career ready.

The truth of the matter is some students who will graduate with the title "career ready," are actually much less qualified to start working out of high school than many of those who have not completed their pathway. Some students who already work in high school are offered positions before they even graduate — especially tradesmen and student's with internships.

MCHS Career Pathways also make it impossible to fit every student's dream into a specified category. There are so many different career options. There is no possible way for MCHS to offer a class for all of them, but they must be prepared to accommodate all students' needs. Careers such as law and cosmetology are very popular in today's generation, but there are no classes that pertain to these specific careers. Sure students can choose from a plethora of business, math and social studies classes but how does that prepare them for their future of law or makeup?

The disposal of other career pathways, such as EMS/EMT and Firefighting at the Area Technology Center, has created even more stumbling blocks for students throughout our campus. Completing their career pathway has become an unattainable feat because the state has terminated the program due to undetermined reasons. Many seniors that had chosen these Career Pathways will not graduate as "completers" due to the closure of these programs. Other programs — creative writing, psychology and plenty of others — have also been cut from students' schedules.

So ya dream big, little elementary schoolers while you still can.

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Don't die of laughter

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Opinion Editor



a peer says he or she wants to die, all that is heard is a chorus of peers saying they do too.

We are living in a society where being suicidal is wavering on the line of tragic and comical. How did such a dark subject become the center of reliability? More importantly, how do we know who to take seriously when they make these bold, but highly accepted statements?

These comments are quickly written off as being harmless jokes, and some of my peers may tell you to stop being so sensitive. Offensive humor is nothing new, and I am just as guilty as the next person of laughing at something not meant to be funny. However, these "jokes" aren't playful, they are essentially stripping away the severity of mental illness.

Suicide rates among teens have skyrocketed, and according



to the Parent Resource Program, "More teenagers and young adults die from suicide than from cancer, heart disease, AIDS, birth defects, stroke, pneumonia, influenza, and chronic lung disease, COMBINED."

For those who have experienced mental illness, especially to the degree of suicidal thoughts/actions, there is no laughter to be tied to the

trauma. It is a horrifying reality that will haunt you consistently.

Every time I open Twitter I see a tweet about death and dying with thousands of retweets. Thousands of people relate to the topic of wanting to end their life, and someone in that pool of accounts that thought it was funny is someone who is actively suicidal.

A 16-year-old girl, Keira

Janae Eggleston, bluntly tweeted "I am going to kill myself today" enhanced with a smiley face emoji, and just like I might, her followers scrolled by. That day she did commit suicide, and then, all too late, her account flooded with messages of sympathy.

It is horrifying to me that we live in a world where you can publish your suicide note, and your cry for help could be silenced by laughs. When we start making suicidal jokes casual, we start making suicide itself nonchalant.

I will be the first to admit that I, and people I consider friends, contribute to this problem. We are teenagers accustomed to hopping on the bandwagon, even if it's fatal. It is time we put an end to being casually suicidal before more people put an end to their lives.

Stop hovering, start discovering

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right direction. Parent's should be checking on their children, but there comes a point where being a helicopter parent needs to stop.

Eventually, a parent has to let their child go. The bond between a parent and a child needs to be built on trust and respect. A teenager needs freedom and privacy; they also need to feel comfort confiding in their parents with life issues.

The more privacy a parent gives their child the easier it will be for them to come to the adult for advice.

Some adults can belittle their teen's dilemmas by saying phrases along the lines of "you haven't seen life yet," or "what do you have to worry about?" But we as teens can stress more than expected. Children tend to feel paranoid, stressed or anxious



under the feeling of constantly being reprimanded by parental authority.

Too much parental supervision only adds onto the overwhelming emotions going through a teen's mind. When an adult searches a teen's personal belongings, the lack of trust is evident and causes a teen to become more isolated and private with information that should

be shared throughout the parent-child relationship.

If a teen has a background of heinous decisions and a tendency to be untrustworthy, then it is understandable to keep an eye on them. However, there are still times when it becomes too much and space should be given.

Parents tend to act like they own their child; they should control their child's every move

like a marionette, pulling the strings with their command.

For instance, the new apps parents can install to track where their child is going and how fast they are driving.

Another example is when a parent takes their teen's phone every night to search it. These cases of privacy invasion can become ridiculous.

Although parenting is different for every adult, I do not believe this is how it should work.

The relationship between a parent and a child should be held on both ends. Parents should give their teens privacy and trust; likewise, teenagers should give their parents a reason they should be trusted.

As contradictory as it sounds, privacy is the key to being involved in your child's life.

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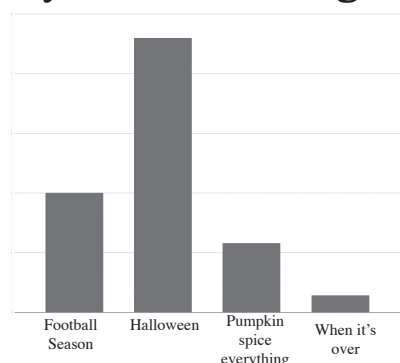
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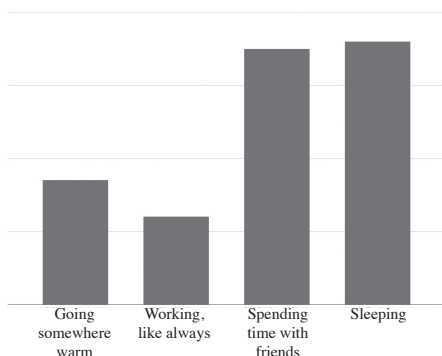
LISTEN TO THE STUDENT VOICE

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

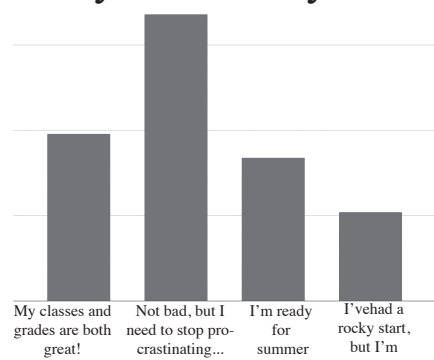
What's your favorite thing about fall?



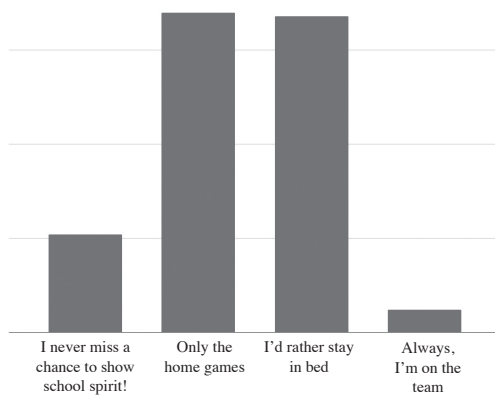
What are you doing on fall break?



How is your school year so far?



Do you go to football games?



Dear ABBY

HAVE YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Dear Abby,

I have developed romantic feelings toward a close friend. They are affecting my ability to be a good friend to her. If I say something, I risk losing someone I am very close to, but if I don't, I may continue to push her away. I have been stuck in a limbo for a while. What would you do?

-AFriendInLove

Dear AFriendInLove,

I am just going to be completely honest with you. You have one life. Don't regret any of it. So with that said, I also believe you should just screw it. You heard me. Let go of the friendship and just go for it. If you're developing these romantic and affectionate feelings for a friend, you're probably miserable anyway. I mean just think about it. Realistically, can you do this forever? No. Can you actually deal with this pain and this longing for an indefinite period of time? Uhh nope. Can you really endure the nagging moments of feeling like a third-wheel and being friend-zoned? Another no. Well I mean you could if you were planning to regret all your life decisions. But seriously, let's face it, you like this person too much to just be their buddy or pal. It's not fair to either of you if you're not being honest.

I say you should just dive right into the pool of love; go headfirst without any second thoughts or hesitations. Just tell her how it is. The worst case scenario is that the love pool wasn't deep and was actually shallow water so you just face planted into the concrete floor. And if worse did come to worse, at least you took a chance on love and you tried your best.

If your feelings aren't reciprocated and the friendship falls apart, well of course that's devastating. That is probably like REALLY depressing kind of devastation. But nothing a little ice cream and tissues couldn't fix, right? You need to understand that it would've been devastating either way. If you hadn't said anything, it would've felt excruciatingly painful. You probably wouldn't even attempt to find someone else. I believe we all have experienced that miraculous moment when our brains pondered that wonderful question of "Why would you need anyone else when you're already spending all your time with someone you love?" At least now you know how she feels and you can start to move on. You don't have to worry as much. Plus, you would no longer have to be frantically waiting for something that's not going to happen like they do in the movies.

That's why I look at it this way: There are only a handful of people you really connect with in this world. There are only so many people you automatically feel that vibe with, so you can't let your fear get in the way of going after someone you love. Don't let your fear block you from experiencing something that could be potentially the greatest thing that has ever happened in your life.

So with that being said, if you find yourself in this unfortunate situation of falling for a close friend, my advice to you is to always just tell them. You could be straightforward, cheesy, nonchalant but please don't hold it from them. Yes, I know you're risking your entire reputation, your social status, your so-called "friends" and your seat at the lunch table, but you owe it to yourself to take those risks. In order for anything spontaneous to happen in your boring teenage-life, you have to be the one to spring it forward and take those chances. You have to take care of yourself and not worry so much about what other people will say or think.

Honestly, do you know what happens to people who never took chances or were always frozen in fear? They become the scary old cat ladies and the crazy old men who take placebo prescriptions to aid their nonexistent diagnoses. Avoid becoming a cat lady or crazy man taking Xanax and just go tell her already before it's too late!!

Love Always,
Abby

History crumbles to the ground

TORI LAWRENCE
Photographer



Imagine school without a history class. Some people may find that gratifying, though others, like me, know the importance of being educated on American history.

Currently there is a lot of debate about getting rid of confederate monuments, and they are coming down all across the United States. I believe that by removing monuments we are erasing history.

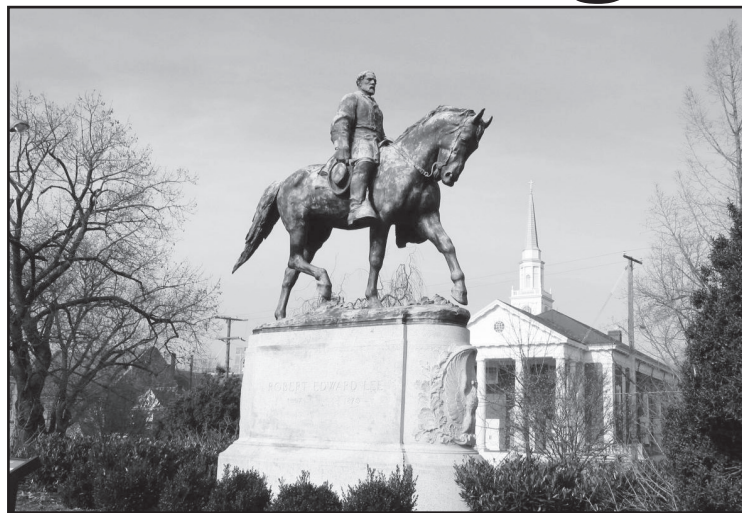
Memorials are something that should never be disturbed. If there is a monument of any sort

commemorating a loss of any kind, it should remain as is. I find it appalling that some people today are vandalizing memorials dedicated to soldiers.

In Lynchburg, Va., Randolph College decided to take down a statue of George Morgan Jones, whom had affiliation with the confederacy. His name isn't one you hear often; however, the history Jones is known for is being a successful business man in the late 1800s and donating a large portion of his money to establish Randolph College. Turns out, his only connection to the confederacy is being a cook who never exceeded the rank of a buck private.

In West Palm Beach, Fla., protesters spray painted vulgar words on a memorial in a cemetery dedicated to the "memory of Confederate soldiers."

Later in Ellicott City, Md., city workers removed a memorial listing over 90



names of fallen soldiers during the Civil War.

These are just a few examples.

In a poll conducted by Reuters, Ipsos and the University of Virginia Center for Politics, 57 percent of Americans believe the statues should remain. That is over twice the amount as the 26 percent who think they should be removed.

However several states are removing monuments such as the Robert E. Lee statue.

Unfortunately, I believe that supporters of this do not know who this general really was.

Lee was a man of faith and did not agree with any type of war, as he said years after the Civil War "though [I was] opposed to secession and deprecating war I could take no part in an invasion of the southern states." All Lee wanted to do was protect the place he loved.

Even after surrendering to General Ulysses S. Grant in 1865, Lee still believed war

was never the correct answer, so he dedicated this new part of his life to reconnecting the North and South in unity.

People fail to realize that life in America was very different 150 years ago when this was taking place. Even with the society then accustomed to having slaves, Lee still realized the immorality behind it, as he stated once, "In this enlightened age, there are few I believe, but what will acknowledge, that slavery as an institution is a moral & political evil in any control".

By the words he said and the mentality he had, I believe he would be appalled by the adversity we live in today.

I would like to make it clear that I in no way support slavery, I just believe that historical monuments should not be removed because we learn from our past.

DO YOU NEED ADVICE?

DEAR ABBY

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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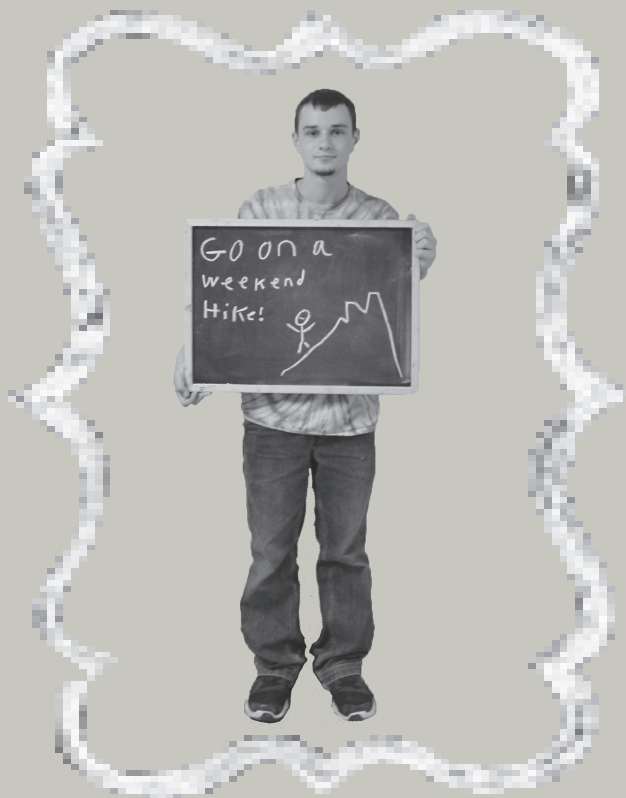
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E-mail Mrs. Himmelhaver with a question and an anonymous name and Abby may feature you in the paper.

FEATURES

Before I die...



Senior, Austin Oehler

"I've always thought it would be cool to live peacefully with nature."



Sophomore, Abigail Nott

"I want to chase a tornado because it will probably be the only thing to sweep me off my feet."



Senior, Hailey Mattingly

"I'm really passionate about politics and I think it's something I can do to make a positive impact on the world."



Junior, Victoria Diaz

"I want the experience, and I'm just a wild person."



Freshman, Jace Cowman

"I've seen other people do it and it looks fun. It seems thrilling too."

Painting the town

ANASTASIA BASHAM
Assistant News Editor

Imagine you are going to a doctor's appointment and as you're walking to the door, a rock is laying in the bushes. As you get closer, something is different about this rock, it is painted in bright pink with a red heart on top of it. On the back of it, the word "Brandenburg" is written and this simple gesture makes you smile. All over the city of Brandenburg, people are finding these painted rocks.

People of Brandenburg have begun painting and hiding these rocks all over the city. The community has collaborated and created a group called Brandenburg Rocks. This group is dedicated to painting, hiding and even finding rocks. These rocks are a symbol of unity to help bring the community together.

Citizens of all ages, from young to the old are participating in painting, hiding and finding these colorful creations. Many people are involved in this group and every rock found brings a sense of joy to the finder.

The rocks can be painted by anyone and in anyway their imagination sees fit as a fun way to get creative without harming the environment. Flat and smooth rocks are usually the ideal rocks to decorate, as the smooth surface allows for a shiny coat and clear image. Simple shapes such as stars, hearts and smiley faces are often painted on the rocks. Some visitors will also paint colorful words such as names, sayings or just the word Brandenburg.

Not only do the rocks allow for your imagination to



Photo by Emma Barr

run wild, they are also a fun way to bring the family together. Many families walk on trails or drive, searching for different rocks. This allows bonding time between family members. It also makes meeting people easier, which is exactly the purpose of Brandenburg Rocks.

The rocks are hidden everywhere from stores, post offices and even doctor's offices. Many rocks can be found on the scenic trails of Buttermilk Falls. Visitors hide the rocks under bushes, in tree stumps and along the edge of the trails. Sophomore Isabella Sullivan is a frequent visitor of the Falls and has found rocks as she goes on her runs.

"I like the idea a lot. I myself have participated in it with friends and hid rocks around Brandenburg. I think it's a good way of getting kids to go outside and explore," Sullivan said.

More and more locals are getting out to hunt or hide these rocks. The community even created a Facebook page to allow locals to show off the rocks they have found as well as the rocks they have painted. Soon there may be so many rocks, that the entire city of Brandenburg will be painted!

On fire for science

LIA HOBBS
Cartoonist

Nick Funk is a well known science teacher at MCHS, even to those who don't have him in class. His method of teaching far exceeds the requirements set by the state of Kentucky.

"Each day is what you make it. You can either be happy or miserable. The choice is yours," Funk said.

Funk has always been interested in the studies of science, especially biology and the way the universe works. Driven by his love of science and inspired by his mother and wife- two teachers themselves, Funk dedicated himself to teaching.

Over the course of ten years, Funk has taught eighth grade science, integrated one and two, animal sciences, biology, and AP biology. His time teaching middle schoolers was spent at Radcliff Middle.

During his teaching years, Funk has experienced many memorable moments with his students.

The thing he values most about his time spent teaching is the relationships that he's formed with students. Funk is known for trying to engage students in his class and make it so they are truly learning the material.

Many teachers only hand out the assignments and have everyone take notes over what's on the board. This is the exact opposite of the way Funk runs his classroom.

At the beginning of each year, he has students



Photo by Tori Lawrence

Funk amazes his students with an experiment where he lights magnesium on fire.

drop an egg from a two meter distance, have it gently touch the ground, then come back up without cracking. The only materials given for this project are mesh for the egg, paper clips and rubber bands. This project is Funk's way of trying to see the students' thinking process.

"Mr. Funk is really an outstanding teacher. I mean, we're learning all the required material for the class and we still have time to sacrifice eggs in the name of science in crazy bungee experiments and then proceed to nail Mr. Funk with paper airplanes to test aerodynamics. It's the little things that Funk makes time for which makes AP Bio my favorite class," junior Cameron Poff said.

Funk is known for his creative experiments which help students become more open minded, test new hypothesis and explore ideas.

For example, in a previous year, Funk's AP biology class attempted to get ducklings to imprint on him. While this experiment did not have the result they planned, Funk was able to test how the minds of his students worked.

On top of teaching high schoolers, Funk also makes the time for personal interests.

He loves to spend time with his family, including a wife and three kids. His three children are Zeke, Berkly and Maddox. Zeke and Berkly are three-year-old twins and Maddox is seven years old.

Time apart from his family is usually spent for sports such as football, basketball and softball. A lot of his other time is spent relaxing at the Ohio River near his house. Funk also runs a shirt making business on the side of teaching and raising a family.

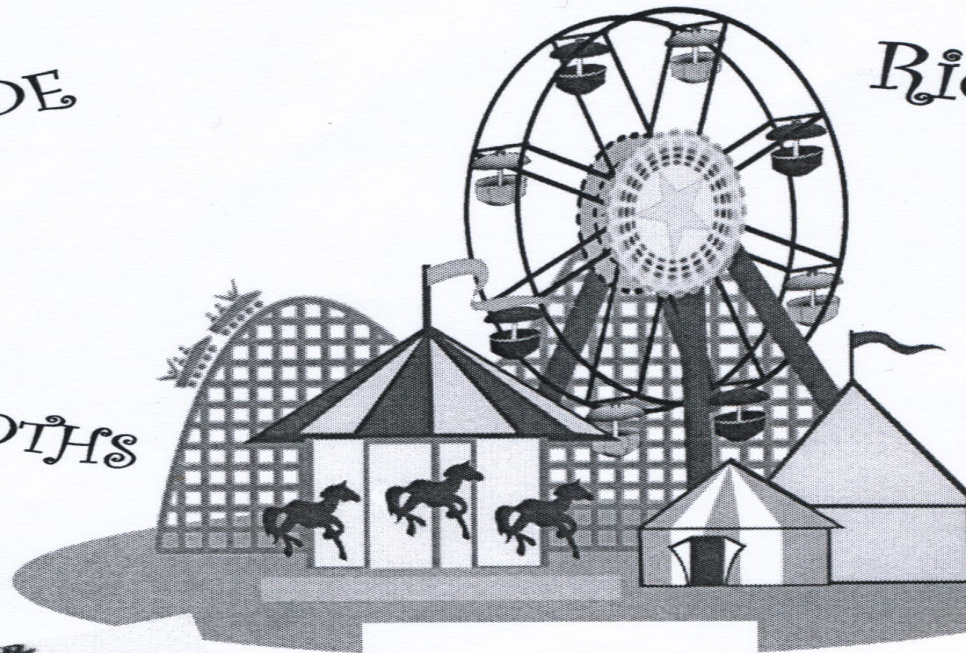
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DANIEL SCHOONOVER
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Do you need financial aid when it comes to college? Then Scholly is the app for you. The app itself is free to use though the full version costs a monthly subscription of \$2.99. By purchasing the full version, you can see all scholarships that you qualify for.

The app is easy to use, you simply enter your personal information and the app matches you with all the scholarships that apply to you.

The company that created this handy app is Scholly, Inc. They created the app to help graduates and current high school students earn scholarships to put toward their education.

The app opens a whole new world of possibilities. Did you know that you could get a \$1,000 scholarship for simply being left-handed? Even being the child of a bookkeeper could score you a scholarship; proof is in fine print on Scholly.

Even though the app does cost money in order to unlock the full experience,



it is a wonderful deal.

With the \$3 you spend you have the chance to earn thousands of dollars in scholarships for college. You can also visit the developers website: myscholly.com.

Scholly was published as an app on Nov. 16, 2015. Since it was released, it has helped thousands of students win over a total of \$70,000,000 in scholarship awards and that number continues to grow.

Once you receive all of the scholarships you can apply for, it will tell you the name of the scholarship, how many days you have to

apply for it and how much money the scholarship will give you.

If you want to apply for it, simply click the name of the scholarship and it will give you a link straight to the website with the online application.

This app was created because people believed that everyone should be able to have access to a quality education that suits their personal needs.

Regardless of where you're from, who you are or what you have, they believe that everyone deserves a chance at a successful education.

Mexico to Meade County

ANDREA RUIZ
Entertainment Editor

ALL RESPONSES HAVE BEEN TRANSLATED FROM SPANISH TO ENGLISH

Junior Francisco Ochoa recently moved from the city of Guadalajara Jalisco in Mexico this school year.

"I did not want to live in Mexico anymore. My family lives here," Ochoa said.

Although Ochoa misses the friends and family he left behind, he is happy to make new friends and see the part of his family that lives in Kentucky.

"My sister lives here, she is 26 years old. Two of my cousins, Carla Bravo and Luis Bravo, live and attend school here as well," Ochoa said.

Ochoa lives with his sister so he can be a student at MCHS. His favorite part about the school is the kind students and polite staff.

"My favorite subject is math. My teacher is very good at helping me understand," Ochoa said.

Though there are language barriers to overcome, Ochoa is determined to make friends and finish his studies at MCHS.



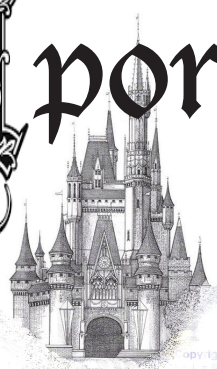
"My friends and I often communicate through translators," Ochoa said.

Three times a week, Ochoa works at El Camino's, a local Mexican restaurant in Brandenburg run by his uncle. When he is not working, he enjoys spending time with his pet, a chihuahua named Stitch.

Ochoa also enjoys playing soccer, a sport he was a part of at his previous school. He cannot play due to a mix up with his transfer but hopes he can participate soon.

In the future, Ochoa plans on completing high school at MCHS and becoming a professional soccer player. Along with becoming a professional athlete, he wants to study sports marketing.

Once a Time... Upon



Darlah Zweifel tells us of her favorite book...

Asking a librarian what her favorite book is can be very daunting. I read so many books during the year that it is difficult to choose just one.

When I was asked to tell about a favorite book, I decided to tell about my favorite book that I read this summer.

I read many wonderful books this summer but the one I would like to share is *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. This book tells the story of children taken from their family's Mississippi River shantyboat in 1939.

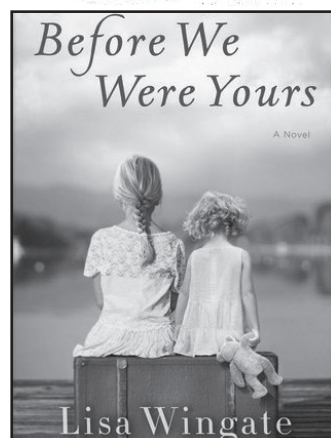
The events of this book are based on a true story which makes it even more engaging to read about what happens to these

children, and what probably happened to many more children like them years ago. The Tennessee Children's Home Society Orphanage really existed.

The children tell their story of how they were taken from their parents and what happened to them as they waited for their parents to come pick them up from the orphanage.

The story is paralleled with a modern day story of a young woman who learns that her grandmother, who is suffering from Alzheimer's, has a secret that connects her to the Tennessee Children's Home Society Orphanage. I like this book because it tells about a true event in history through a story of these fictional characters. I enjoy historical fiction because it is an engaging way to learn about events in history.

I get so engrossed in the characters and their lives. This story really



touched my heart. To me, the sign of a good book is when it sticks with you long after you finish reading it.

The children in this book haunted my thoughts long after I finished it. I experienced this read through an audio book. I enjoy listening to audio books, especially when the readers use accents and dialects to make the characters come to life.

If you have never enjoyed an audio book, I encourage you to try one. Why not try *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate.

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Check, mate

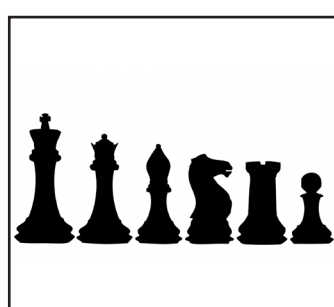
EVAN SMILEY
Public Relations
Specialist

One of many new things that MCHS has to offer for this school year is the Chess Club. This club is open to all students throughout the school and already has 30 students and is still growing!

"I was trying to organize something along the lines of a gamers club when Mr. Dailey offered the suggestion of a Chess Club. I noticed students in the library playing chess last spring as well. So, I felt the idea would be well received here at the high school. So, I wrote a letter, it was voted on and here we are now!" Chess Club Adviser Tara Kinney said.

At the first meeting, the members of chess club elected their officers for the club. The officers elected were: President Evan Smiley, Vice President Logan Myers, Secretary Ivy Taylor, Treasurer Abigail Susman and Tournament Adviser Colin Neal.

The chess club has several ideas for the new school year. A program of work has already been put into progress. The goal for the club is to bring cheer to the community by having scheduled visits to the nursing homes and rehabilitation centers of Meade County to play board games and socialize with our elders.



Another goal for the Chess Club is to share the game of chess by offering lessons and strategies for those who do not know how to play the game. There is also a chance for those who consider themselves "experts" to share their passion and skill in the game.

"My favorite part of Chess Club is knowing that I will be able to learn different ideas and strategies with a variety of students and to be involved with those who enjoy the same hobbies I do," Secretary Ivy Taylor said.

The main goal for this club is to be active in the community. Plans are in place for a community service project by volunteering at local nursing homes. Any student is welcome to join the chess club if they want to make a difference in their community.

If you are interested in joining the Chess Club anytime throughout the school year, email Adviser Tara Kinney at tara.kinney@meade.kyschools.us or find an officer to get signed up!

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Rocking sandals throughout the seasons



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ANDREA RUIZ
Entertainment Editor

Summer essentials always include a cute and comfortable pair of sandals, but what if that same pair could also last you through the fall? This is where socks come in.

For most of the century, socks have been hidden and ignored. Wearing socks with sandals has been something your grandfather wears to the grocery store.

Now that socks and sandals are back in style, people use them as standard items, fashion statements

and everyday attire.

Of course, socks and sandals are still worn conventionally. Like on Sunday morning when you need to get the mail. You strap on your sandals and head toward the mailbox, but figure out halfway through that there is no mail on Sundays and you got up for nothing.

Though those situations seems like the perfect opportunity to wear this stylish trend, some say there is more to this clothing piece than meets the eye.

For designers, socks

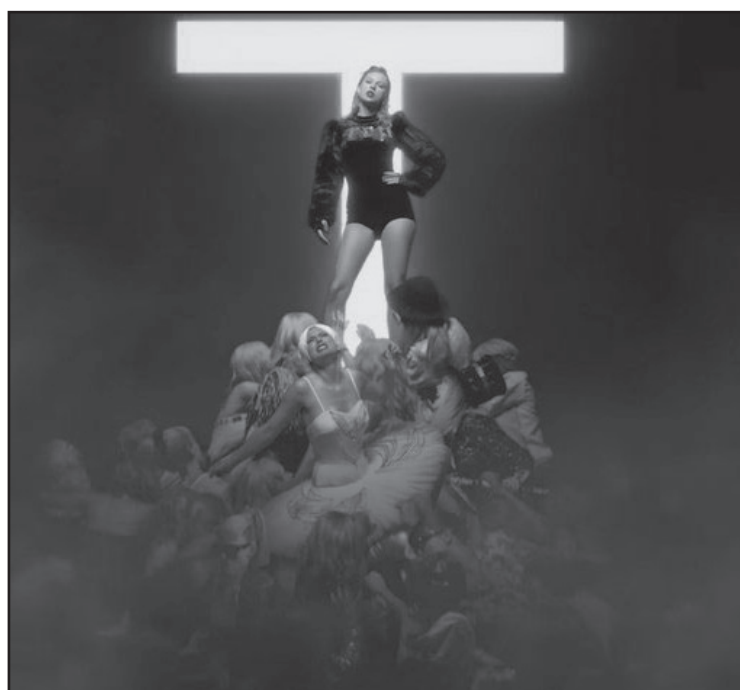
are a great way to show off a good sock and sandal combo down the runway. Incorporating these turn a business casual outfit into something out of a pinterrest board. Acceptance of socks and sandals allows models to strut their stuff in comfort!

People all over the world are wearing socks and sandals to showcase their personal styles. Whether the socks are fuzzy or printed, people around you can tell that there is a twist to each outfit. Comfort is back in fashion, which turns these previously ugly styles into a good one.

Media exposure of fashion models wearing socks and sandals has created a worldwide trend for them. Now, they are used from going to the grocery store to cute school outfits.

No matter which facet of the socks and sandal trend you channel, millions worldwide will have warm and stylish feet this fall!

Is the old Taylor dead?



PAULETTE BLACK
Assistant Editor

In 2006 Taylor Swift released her first self titled album and the 16 year old country star slowly strummed her way into our hearts.

Before becoming the star she is today, Swift was just an ordinary teen trying to make it in the music business. She asked her family to move them from Reading, Pa. to Nashville, Tenn. and, after a lot of begging, she succeeded.

At 10 years old I thought that Taylor Swift's success story was the coolest thing I had ever heard of. Within the last ten years it's undeniable that Tay-Tay has changed a lot since her "girl next door" days.

In the beginning, Taylor would toss her mess of curls around as she sang about her latest boy break up. To make sure that her signature hair flip became known she made it the cover of her album *Fearless*. I think some of us may remember the days of dancing in the mirror to "You Belong With Me" while singing into your hair brush.

After two albums which centered around her somewhat country roots, Swift traded in her boots for heels, started wearing her classic red lipstick and released the album *Red*. *Red* was Swift's first attempt at transitioning from Country to mainstream Pop.

Her songs started to become more upbeat and her performances became more

extravagant. Some people were shocked at how easily Swift made the transition, and some were even upset because they couldn't say that they listened to country music anymore.

Her albums have progressively become more Pop and in 2014 she released *1989*. She showed her haters that she could "Shake It Off" by dancing in tutus, as a cheerleader and in a variety of other styles. The album also features the song "Blank Space" the music video of which shows Taylor slowly having a mental breakdown over a guy.

Swift's biggest claim to fame are her songs devoted to singing about her latest boy drama. Whether it's "Teardrops on my Guitar," "Mine" or "We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together" Swift's fans, or "Swifties," made it a game to figure out who the song was dedicated to.

Swift has never been known for being good at shaking it off, and it has caused a lot of "Bad Blood." That's why when she released the first song from her upcoming album *Reputation*, "Look What You Made Me Do," it was obvious that it was pointed at her recent feud with a particular rapper and his wife.

There were a lot of mixed reviews of "Look What You Made Me Do," but as Taylor Swift herself would say, "The old Taylor is dead." So with this new album comes a new era of Swift as she continues evolving and changing her style.

School



LIFE HACKS



Notebooks

If your notebooks all look the same, color a bit of the page tops so you can differentiate between them in your backpack.

To-Do Lists

Use Post-It notes to make weekly to-do lists - you will always be able to change them out as you get things done.

Topics for essays

If you are able to choose a topic for a paper, pick one that infuriates you. You will be able to rant for hours and the pages will fly by.

Notes

When taking notes in class leave a few pages in the front for a table of contents. This will make it easier at the end of the year to study from once you have a full notebook.

Late night homework

If you're up late doing homework, listen to Hans Zimmer Pandora. His music has no distracting lyrics, and the scores are intended to motivate.

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



"This is Zeus. He is a pure Siberian Husky. He was born last February, so he is a little over a year and a half old. He is very loving and hyper. He is my best friend!"



ALEXIS BARR

"This is Enzo. He is a long-haired wiener dog. Enzo is my best friend. He is the sweetest dog you'll ever meet and loves to play with other dogs. He loves swimming and relaxing on the lake."



HALEY MCKAY

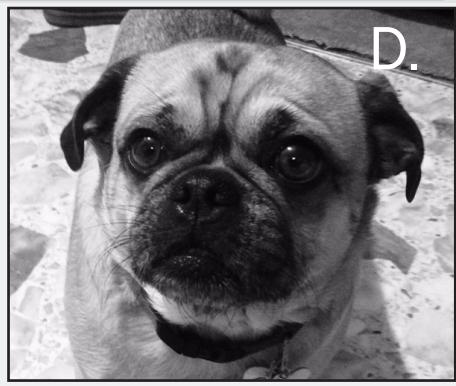


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SYDNEY POWERS

"This is Chug-it. He is a lovable chihuahua/pug mix. He likes to cuddle, eat, and take lots of long naps."



LAYNA BOYKEN

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

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

Horoscopes

Aries- Your hard work is paying off, and your future is looking bright, but don't bite off more than you can chew.

Gemini- Life may seem hectic right now, but things are slowing down. Focus your attention on what makes you happy.

Leo- You may be misjudged, but as the sign of the lion and "Lions don't lose sleep over the opinions of sheep."

Libra- Be kind to your mind and body this month. You flourish in your work, but may find yourself neglecting your health.

Sagittarius- You are making great progress, but don't let yourself fall behind. Find time to rest so you can continue your success.

Aquarius- Your peers may have helpful advice to ease your mind. Reach out to others for their opinions before you stress too much.

Taurus- It's your time in the lime light, Taurus, try something new and let go of the past.

Cancer- Don't be afraid to talk to new people this month. You can benefit greatly from a new adventure.

Virgo- Allow others to help you. Your independence is valuable, but your need for perfection may deflect care.

Scorpio- Stop stressing over problems you can't fix. Focus your attention on your goals and aspirations, and don't get caught up in the details.

Capricorn- Spend some time with your family this month, Capricorn. Your focus may have distanced you from your happiness.

Pisces- Your peers may have helpful advice to ease your mind. Reach out to others for their opinions before you stress too much.

Dust: Elysium Tail

SYDNEY CROSSLIN
Staff Writer

It usually takes entire teams of skilled programmers, designers, artists and musicians to create amazing games. Dust: An Elysian Tail is, impressively enough, created almost entirely by a single person, and yet it's of equal quality to many highly staffed games. What makes Dean Dodril's creation noteworthy, even four years after its initial release? Well, let's take a closer look at the world he's created.

Our main character, Dust, begins his journey in an admittedly cliché way; he wakes up with no memory of who he is. Soon after he awakens, he's joined by a talking sword and its guardian, a small flying creature known as Fidget.

It's quite hard to take things seriously with that start, but you'd be surprised at how invested you become in Dust's fate. The unexpected twists that will draw you in deeper to the story. It's difficult to say much without running into spoilers, but the story line should definitely be considered one of the



game's strengths.

The characters play off each other well, and though you may not laugh at every joke, there's usually enough cleverness to at least draw out a smile. For the most part, the voice actors did a good job. The voices fit the characters well, despite the occasionally overdramatic line.

The graphics are absolutely amazing, perhaps even the game's strongest point. Everything in this game, from the scenery to the monsters, is hand painted. There is such care, so many details, in every design. Each area has its own unique atmosphere. Soft forests, vast underground caverns, bright and harsh volcanoes, mountains shrouded in snow—we won't spoil it all, but suffice to say that it's very impressive.

The music also adds to the

atmosphere. Soft and nostalgic at times, dark and threatening at others, the songs always fit the mood and pull you deeper into the game. The rare moments of silence are just as powerful.

The game play style is an action platformer with several RPG elements. The combat it's quite satisfying to knock the enemies around with the flashy combos, but you often find yourself spamming the exact same buttons.

The other main complaint is that the enemies' strategy are simplistic. You often see the creatures standing stock-still, just waiting for you to approach. Since the game normally has a vivid world, this feels unnatural and takes away from the experience.

In general, the combat is the game's weakest point.

Overall though, the game is worth buying. The intrigue of the story and the gorgeous art make up for the more lackluster combat. If your interest is piqued, you can find the game on Steam, GOG, Xbox, iOS, or Playstation 4.

Enjoy exploring the remarkable world that Dodril has created.

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ARTIST OF THE MONTH

SAVANNAH REED
Staff Writer

Willow Kultti

Senior Willow Kultti is a model, enjoys drawing and also enters her cosplay (accurately dressing up as a character) pieces in competitions. This is what she would like to say about her work and the major part it plays in her life.

The Current (TC): What is your art/medium?

Willow Kultti (WK): I like drawing, especially with granite pencils. I even do modeling, photography and I'm trying to get into acting. Also, I make cosplay costumes and competitions involving it. Sometimes I can even find a photographer to pay me to wear what I make.

TC: How do you show your personality in your work?

WK: Personally, when it comes to design I don't like to stick to one style. I can dress Goth one day and then prep-py the other. When I model I can model different styles. My most recent gig is a very girly type of fashion modeling.

TC: Have you ever done



any competitors with your artwork?

WK: I do at least five competitions a year. On October 28 I'm going for the grand prize of \$600 in Louisville at the Convention Center next to Kentucky Kingdom. Also, I get paid \$75 per hour for each modeling gig.

TC: What do you love the most about your work?

WK: I really enjoy going to competitions that involve cosplay. I love the acting and

seeing how other cosplayers express themselves.

TC: How do you overcome creativity blocks?

WK: I just keep forcing it. If I get stuck, I just stick to it.

TC: Who/what inspired you to take this path?

WK: I always made clothes so my sister thought that I would do well making cosplay costumes. She bought me my first ticket to the cosplay convention and I got

runner-up.

TC: About how much time do you invest in your art?

WK: Hours! I don't stop working until it's done. When I am working on a cosplay, I will wake up at 10 a.m. and go to bed at 2 a.m.

TC: How has your worked changed your life?

WK: It gives me something to do. If I feel down, I can forget all my troubles when I'm working.

TC: Are there any spe-

cific types of tools you like to use?

WK: With costumes I use all types of material. I also work with LED lights and foam. For drawing I only use pencils.

TC: Are there any artists that you admire and if so why?

WK: Don Kenn, because he does all of his drawings on sticky notes. He uses pens so all of his mistakes are still there which makes it become beautiful art.

TC: How has your artwork improved over the years?

WK: I've gotten more into the fine details of things and have gotten more comfortable with it.

TC: Do you plan on using any of these skills after high school?

WK: I don't plan to stop my art. Also, cosplay and acting go with my art so I don't plan on stopping that either. This is a side job but I want to study genetics in college. Even though I know what I want to study I haven't yet picked a school.

"It's" not clowning around

JEFF PRECHTEL
Staff Writer

SPOILER ALERT! Upon first glance, the trailer for the remake *It* appeared to contain heart throbbing content and an overall sadistic atmosphere. The bar was set pretty high for *It*, and many fans were eager for the film's release. Originally airing in Sept. of 1986, *It* is a two part special in which a demonic clown, Pennywise, torments the local children of Derry, ME. Pennywise, also referred to as "It", awakens from slumber roughly every twenty seven years to wreak havoc in the small town.

So, did Pennywise have us on the edge of our seat this time?

To be blunt, no. While the movie had a clear plot and intriguing atmosphere, it lacked

the morbid horror genre it advertised. At one point it felt that the creators were trying too hard to make the movie scary.

Personally, the movie didn't even give me the slightest feeling of being "spooked" afterward. The supernatural creatures that Pennywise morphed into were plain goofy and portrayed something that would appear in *Goosebumps*. Moreso, the movie relied on predictable jump scares and a seldom sadistic mood. When I sat down and watched the initial five minutes I was thrilled. The most shocking and scariest point in the movie was when Georgie, Billy's little brother, had his arm quite literally bit off by Pennywise before being dragged into the storm drain. Unfortunately, no other scene lived up to that.

The movie indeed was missing the malicious intent;



however, the overall acting and entertainment were great. I thoroughly enjoyed watching the adolescents of Derry roam the town.

I actually found a lot of comedy within the film. You know how when you were transitioning from the little kid mindset to the teenager mindset, and anyone who cussed thought they were the cool kid on the block? Richie Tozier is

one of those kids. His hilariously disgusting jokes and lowbrow humor had the whole theatre chuckling.

The special effects within the movie were eye-candy. From Pennywise manifesting from a projector screen as a giant to shapeshifting into an abstract painting character, it felt too cartoonish. The main thing that makes a horror movie a horror

movie is that eerie feeling in your gut. The anticipation that makes your stomach churn and the occasional jump scares that conceive your anxiety as a reality. It is leaving that mystery and a rare appearance of the actual antagonist.

I felt that Pennywise was given too much screen time. He talked too much and showed off so much that it took away that mystery that makes you anxious. Not to say the movie wasn't scary at all. It did have bits where the jump scares made you pop a little and music that made you feel uneasy, but it just wasn't enough to live up to the original hype.

When remaking a movie based off of the masterful Stephen King, everything has to be executed perfectly or the criticism will come in like an airstrike.

Movie Remake

JADE SIPES
Ads Manager

Two minutes into the remake of *Dirty Dancing*, the iconic 80s film, I wanted to turn my tv off and throw it out the window. Nonetheless, quite reluctantly, for the sake of this article, I trudged on through the musical.

By the end of the movie, I was really hoping I'd enjoy it despite my love for the original.

I didn't have very hopes for Abigail Breslin, who was taking over Jennifer Grey's role of Baby Houseman, and Colt Prattes, an actor who had big shoes to fill in takings over Patrick Swayze's iconic role of Johnny. Well, what little hope I had was crushed,

"Dirty Dancing," had the cliché issues that make remakes before it were also riddled with: the characters were hollow shells of themselves and the storyline was given multiple unnecessary modifications.

I'm warning you now, there will be spoilers ahead.

The obvious elephant in the room is the Prattes' portrayal of Johnny. The new Johnny lacks the swagger and unique good looks that sent women of all ages into mass hysteria. Prattes just doesn't bring the old charm that radiate off the late Swayze. The same goes for Breslin's Baby.

The role just wasn't for her, her acting completely erased Baby's determination and unadulterated sass that Grey mastered so well in the 80s version of *Dirty Dancing*. Just when I thought it couldn't get any worse, Baby couldn't even dance by the end of the film, the dance scenes consisted of mostly upper body shots and swaying back and forth.

The plot was the final straw in this adaptation. When the Houseman's arrive at Kellerman's for the summers, it's Mr. and Mrs. Houseman are on the verge of a divorce. That isn't even the most grating plot change. We all know that Baby and Johnny's wondrous summer fling could never possibly last, but, in our hearts we convinced ourselves it could. Unfortunately, the creators of this version took it upon themselves to create a new ending, giving Baby and unnamed husband and child who show up just as we're given the tiniest sliver of hope that she may fall for Johnny again.

In my opinion, the *Dirty Dancing* remake just wasn't good at all, not to say that there aren't people who enjoyed it. If you did enjoy it, that's fine and dandy. Interested in the remake? Take a stab at it, maybe you'll like it. But, like most remakes, it tries too hard to live up to the original and misses the mark.

STORY CORNER: Dedicated to being lost

I have a creature inside me,
growling and scratching to break free, petrifying me.
I try to keep quiet so I don't reflect its bestial ways.

It's difficult to manage this aching feeling of poison flowing through my veins.
I am numb.

To get agitated by the internal conflict I deal with day-to-day is an understatement.
I am a raging avalanche of colorful emotion that I can't free in words of my own.
I lean back and destroy myself as if it's my routine, then to be burned and abused by the monster that continues to feed on my sorrows.

From another's perspective I am happy, dedicating, hopeful.
But are they actually considering my mental well being or the fake mask I display?
I am in the absence of all things positive,

waiting to flee this prison of infinite gloom, but craving the heartbreak and pain in the process.
I am numb.

A constant cul-de-sac or roadblock is standing in my way.

It's a frustrating journey you only wish to escape because no one understands.
Most people try, but my loss of words and construction makes my effort irrational and meaningless.

I wish to be revived; all that I hope for is to live again.
But wishing doesn't get anyone where they want to be.
We don't live in a fairy tale, miracles only happen to certain people, that could never happen to me, right?
I am numb.

I can only keep wishing that one day I will be fixed.
Someone will come along to help me retrace my journey and find my broken pieces, carrying the shards in their arms.

They will be there with me at two in the morning trying to fit me back together like a puzzle, using all of the glue and tape possible.

I will crave the warmth of someone who actually cares and is willing to be there and flood out the creature inside.

They will extinguish the flames and smoke, withdraw the poison, and replace it with the hope I will recover.

You can still be independent with someone by your side.

I am numb,
from the love and respect I deserved all along.

Written by Caitlyn Risky

Lipstick, lies and murder, oh my!

ERIKA BIDDLE
Design Editor

I've got secrets, but I won't keep them so beware of *Pretty Little Liars* (PLL) spoilers ahead.

From the murder of Archer Dunhill, aka Elliott Rollins, to the reveal of Spencer's real birth mother, to the marriage of Aria and Ezra, season seven of *Pretty Little Liars* takes us on a roller coaster of tragedies and shockers. Seasons one through six were absolutely thrilling but nothing compares to the finale.

Marlene King, the director of PLL, never fails to surprise her audience, but the shockers in season seven will have you falling off your bed.

One of the biggest "tragedies" and shockers of season seven is the death of Charlotte DiLaurentis and the reveal of her killer, the infamous Mona Vanderwaal. Although, in this scenario it was hard not to be relieved by Mona's triumph since



Charlotte's plan, after being released from Welby, was to continue her take down of Hannah, Emily, Aria and Spencer.

However, as the season progressed it was very prominent that Charlotte had nothing on the new villain in town, Alex Drake (A.D.). A.D. took torture to a whole new level when she created a disturbing board game that forced the four girls to make impossible decisions.

Every moment of PLL has fans gasping for air, but nothing compares to the

moment when it's revealed that Alison is pregnant with Emily's baby. For those of you who haven't seen season seven, near the end of season six Emily donates her eggs but A.D. steals them and impregnates Alison with them. A.D. has performed some pretty vicious acts but this is just downright malice, and PLL fans couldn't love it more.

On a happier note though, fans were stoked when all their favorite couples ended up together. Even though Hannah and

Caleb eloped because Hannah was supposed to go to jail, everything worked out and we couldn't have been more pleased when it was announced that they were expecting a baby. After A.D. ruined their first wedding attempt, Aria and Ezra got the fairy tale wedding that they dreamed of and were planning on adopting a child after their honeymoon in Paris. A.D.'s disgusting idea to impregnate Alison with Emily's eggs, oddly enough, resulted in the two growing closer and getting married. It'd be

a lie to say that PLL fans weren't thrilled when Toby's girlfriend, Yvonne, died because then Spencer and Toby were given a second chance at happily ever after (Spoby forever).

Although season seven was one for the books, like any great television series, it had its flaws. Personally, my biggest grievance with the final season of PLL is of course the recruitment of Aria to the A.D. team. Aria and the others have been through so much trauma together, and the fact that Aria would betray her friends and torture them further for her own selfish reasons is sickening. However, Aria was back in fans good graces soon after she quit the A.D. team.

Unfortunately, most PLL fans who lived vicariously through the show will have to get a life now that the seven year roller coaster has come to an end. Overall though, PLL fans couldn't be happier with results of the final season.

STARLENA
(FEMALE; HUMAN)

-16

- ALWAYS COLD
- DOESN'T GET MOST MATH AND SCIENCE TERMS
- WOULD RATHER BE WITH HER CAT THAN OTHERS
- CAN'T STAND THE COLOR BROWN ON CLOTHING
- CAN BE BRIBED WITH FOOD (MOSTLY CANDY)

EDDY
(MALE; HUMAN)

-17

- DOESN'T TALK MUCH
- CAN UNDERSTAND ENGLISH, SOME JAPANESE, AND SOME FRENCH
- TINKERS WITH COMPUTERS
- LIKES HIS LAPTOP MORE THAN HUMANS
- ADDICTED TO PEACH LEMONADE

CASEY
(GENDERLESS; ROBOT)

- FUNCTIONING FOR TWO YEARS
- CAN TRANSLATE LANGUAGES AND PULL INFO OFF THE INTERNET
- WATERPROOF
- ARMS WERE BROKEN OFF/BUILT TO HOVER
- SOLAR POWERED

SLEEVES: CHARACTER INTRODUCTION

By: LIA HOBBS

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SPORTS

Greenwaves crash Wildcat's homecoming

Greenwave Football Schedule 2017



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

Head Coach: Larry Mofield

Ladywave Volleyball Schedule 2017



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

Greenwave Soccer Schedule 2017



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

Ladywave Soccer Schedule 2017



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

Head Coach: Dan Shook

DANIEL SCHOONOVER
Assistant Sports Editor

The Meade County Greenwave football team traveled to Franklin-Simpson High School (FSHS) on Sept. 15 and left with a 24-21 win. They disappointed the Franklin Simpson Wildcats on their homecoming night.

FSHS hosted Meade County with a very welcoming parade of homecoming floats. All of their floats were demonstrating how the Wildcats would "stomp" the Greenwaves. One example was a float that had a prop that resembled the Greenwave football player's legs, which were under a small house as in the scene from *The Wizard of Oz*. Little did they know, they were only building up the Greenwaves confidence and the house fell on the wrong team.

The Greenwaves struggled to the tune of a 2-9 record last season after losing 15 seniors. The FSHS Wildcats had an impressive record of 14-1 in the 2016 season. But going into this game, the Greenwaves are off to a 3-1 record while the Wildcats are 2-2.

The first touchdown of the game was by Zach Babb after catching a pass by Zane Powers. Luis Bravo then kicked the extra point making



Photo by Daniel Schoonover

Greenwaves celebrate 24-21 win over Franklin-Simpson Wildcats on Sept. 15.

a 7-0 lead over the Wildcats. The Wildcats then scored a touchdown and the extra point tying the game. Bravo then kicked a 44-yard field goal which made the score 10-7. However, the Wildcats scored another 7 points, putting them in the lead. De Shawn Welch scored the Greenwaves second touchdown in the second half of the game. After a couple of touchdowns, Zach Babb scored another 7 points after catching a pass from Zane Powers that put Meade County in the lead for good with a score of 24-21.

"I have to give credit to my offensive line. Not only did we run the ball on them, we had more passing yards than rushing and that is all because of my front line. I also have to give credit to my

defense. Without their defensive stop near the end of the game, my game-winning pass to Zach Babb would have meant nothing," Zane Powers said.

The Greenwaves ended the game with 112 yards rushing and 140 yards passing. The Greenwaves held the Wildcats to 280 yards.

"We played well all around, we didn't lay down and quit. We fought hard and never gave up. We made good plays on offense and stopped the runs on defense," wide receiver CJ Hylander said.

The lead changed hand several time and there was nearly one flag on each team every two plays. FSHS had the chance to tie the game, but the Greenwaves earned the win after the Wildcats

kicker missed a field goal. In frustration the Wildcats' kicker took his helmet off and managed to throw it about 60 yards down the field. Maybe he should have been playing quarterback.

"Our kids played extremely hard and the seniors were great leaders, all players were very resilient, they kept grinding even though there were many times that they could have folded up, they are truly an outstanding group of young men," head coach Larry Mofield said.

The Greenwaves will be hosting the Christian Academy Centurions on Sept. 29 for homecoming. After a crushing 7-38 loss from the Centurions in the 2016 season, the Greenwaves will be out for revenge.

Volleyball ranked 23rd in state

MAKENNA GONSALVES
Sports Editor

Currently ranked 23rd in the state of Kentucky, the Lady Waves volleyball team has a long win column with a record of 20 wins since the beginning of the season. The team only suffered four losses to Central Hardin Lady Bruins, Elizabethtown Panthers, Breckinridge County Lady Tigers and Henderson County Lady Colonels.

With their current wins, the team is now number one in District 11.

District 11 volleyball teams include: Hancock County, Meade County, Breckinridge County and Frederick Fraize. The Lady Waves are leading in each statistical board for the district including top five in hitting percentage to digs and assists.

The Meade County Lady Waves made some major altercations after their four-set loss to the Elizabethtown Lady Panthers on Aug. 24. Several tactical changes were made, like adjusting their



Photo by John Michael Saylor

This home game against Elizabethtown resulted in a L (1-3). The Lady Waves at press time have an impressive 20-4 record.

rotation to hide their weaknesses and focusing on their strengths as a team. Each rotation and lineup changes for each match.

But what truly changed the outlook for this year's volleyball team was that Coach Morgan Benham might have finally got the Lady Waves to

believe they are capable of becoming a powerful team.

This new profound belief paid off quickly when the Lady Waves won their second Hilliard Lyons Fall Classic title in the past three seasons, beating the Lady Panthers in three sets in the gold division championship match, 16-25, 27-25, 25-10 on Sept. 2 at Charlie Rawlings Memorial Gymnasium. After the Elizabethtown match, Meade County ran off six continuous wins – two during the week, three in pool play and a semifinal win over the John Hardin Lady Bulldogs – before taking on the Lady Panthers again.

The coaches are very proud of how much the team has already achieved this season. It is evident to anyone that these girls all know what they want to achieve as a team. There is no doubt that they will fight a strong fight to accomplish what they want this year.

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Waves compete



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And they're off! The runners start their race off strong after the gun is fired.

MAKENNA GONSALVES
Sports Editor

The Meade County cross country team traveled to Central Hardin on Sept. 16 to compete in the annual 'Fairgrounds Frenzy'. This race was the first official race of the season for the team and it was hosted by Central Hardin High school.

Although this race only marked the beginning of the season, the Varsity boys and girls managed to take 3rd in both races with top ten finishers Noah Schwartz, Jonnathan Amaya, and Elizabeth Shannon. Also, JV boys and girls both placed 2nd.

Being the first official meet, the overall outcome was very pleasing to both the coaches and the athletes be-

sides the past cancellations. The last two races the team attended were also not conducted under traditional circumstances that the runners were used to.

The cross country team was also hindered with several injured runners. It is not uncommon for athletes to experience injuries throughout the season. Shin splints, tendinitis and sprained ankles are very common injuries several runners endure every year. But being this early in the season with several girls from the varsity team already hurt, several other athletes were very wary towards this meet.

These events may have set the runners back, but as always, each athlete ran strong and strived for their place in the races.

"The first true meet of the season feels very late in the season due to some cancellations beyond our control. Our athletes were clearly anxious to run, but some, not having been in a race situation in so long, looked a little 'flat' while racing. Overall, we placed well," Assistant Coach Andrea Bishop said.

Coach Larry Garner and Assistant Coach Jantzen were very pleased with the team placement and several younger runners also really stood out during that day.

Freshman Zoe Wilson impressed everyone as she placed 26th out of 97 girls in her first Varsity race. Sophomore Ryan Butler also looked very strong as he placed 24th during the Varsity boys' race that morning.

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.



Mason Craycroft



JEFFERY PRECHTEL
Staff Writer

Since the age of six, Junior Mason Craycroft has trained on the soccer field. He has been a part of Greenwave Soccer since the seventh grade. Craycroft serves as captain for his team this year.

"His work ethic is outstanding. His leadership really shines through during practice and on the field when he motivates his teammates," Assistant Coach Nick Funk said.

Craycroft made it clear that through any hardship or obstacle, his teammates were the ones he could lean on for support. He reveals that there

is not one key player as all of the players are key. The advice he conveys is not that of intricacy, but that of great power.

"Don't think you're by yourself, there are others there for you," Craycroft said. His close connection to all of his teammates creates more than just a competitive sports team, but a family.

"There are a lot of good teams within our region that we'll have to work extra hard to beat," Craycroft said. "I'm really thankful for everyone who comes to our games."

With such pressure put onto the team, a lot of support and hours of practice will be necessary. Though the team is the major aspect of winning, the place they're representing is also important.

Craycroft's future lies outside of soccer as he plans to go pre-med at the University of Kentucky, an endeavor that takes a lot of time and dedication; however, he is sure to reach that goal.



Shelbie Williams



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Senior Shelbie Williams has been selected to be this month's Athlete of the Month for the Ladywave Soccer team.

Williams has been playing soccer since she was five years old, and has been on the high school soccer team for six years. Williams said at age five she hated her first couple of games.

I wanted to quit but my dad was my coach and told me I had to finish the season," Williams said.

By the time the third game rolled around, she was hooked to the sport. Since then, Williams has excelled in her technical and tactical skills. To better those skills, Williams also trains with KPA in Louisville during off-season.

"Her strengths are her understanding of the game. She knows where she needs to be or where the ball needs to be to create positive results. Also, her athletic abilities are a valuable strength of hers she hardly ever gets tired and rarely needs to come out of a game." Coach Dan Shook said.

Williams dedication to the team and her accomplishments on the field have not gone unnoticed. She was elected by her teammates as one of the four team captains for her leadership and positive attitude.

"She's enthusiastic and a team player. She's a very talented player." Senior Haley Meredith said. She is also holding the leading spot for most assists with nine and is the second leading scorer with eight goals.

Along with her achievements, playing soccer has taught Williams many leadership skills and how to make decisions that will benefit the team as a whole.

After high school, Williams is considering playing soccer and running track while studying to be a veterinarian.

Soccer continues to roll



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The Greenwave soccer team started their season with a 1-0 win against Nelson County on Aug. 15. After last years record of 10-6 the Greenwaves are expecting a similar season, especially after winning against Elizabethtown during one of their preseason games (2-0).

This win however, was followed by a 1-0 loss on Aug. 19 against Apollo High School. Since 2010, the Greenwaves have won four games and tied two to Apollo.

"Its disappointing losing to a team that we never lose

to. It made us want to play harder and get our game back on track," senior Seph Lasley said.

After that unexpected loss, the Greenwaves lost three more to North Hardin, Desales and Pleasure Ridge Park.

"I think the loss to Apollo had a big impact on our morale mainly because we traditionally beat them. We started getting really selfish because of it in the next three games, our chemistry and play style in general dropped tremendously. The game against Grayson County was a huge wake up call for us and taught the team that playing for the larger cause was our best bet

to be successful," junior Liam Reff said.

Then on Saturday Sept. 2nd, the Greenwaves faced Grayson County High School ending with a triumphant shutout score of 7-0. Scoring players being Mason Craycroft, Brooks Nelson, Evan Stewart, Alex Mercer, Seph Lasley and twice by Spencer Jenks.

This victory put the Greenwaves' team back in business and very much ready for the rest of the season to come.

"I expect us to end with a winning record, and I expect us to always play our type of soccer especially when facing better teams," senior captain Spencer Jenks said.

Since then, the team has continued to roll by beating Corydon Central 2-1, Butler County 10-2 and LaRue County 7-0. They did however lose to Louisville Butler (5-1), but then jumped back in the win column with a 2-0 win over Ohio County leaving them in second place in the region behind Daviess County.

Athlete Quote Challenge

GOLF EDITION



A. **CHRIS LANCASTER**



B. **HEATHER COOK**



C. **GRACE KING**



D. **JAKE WRIGHT**

1. The most important shot in golf is the next one.
2. Go Golf team!!!
3. Fun. Compete. Believe.
4. I didn't miss the putt. I made the putt. The ball missed the hole.