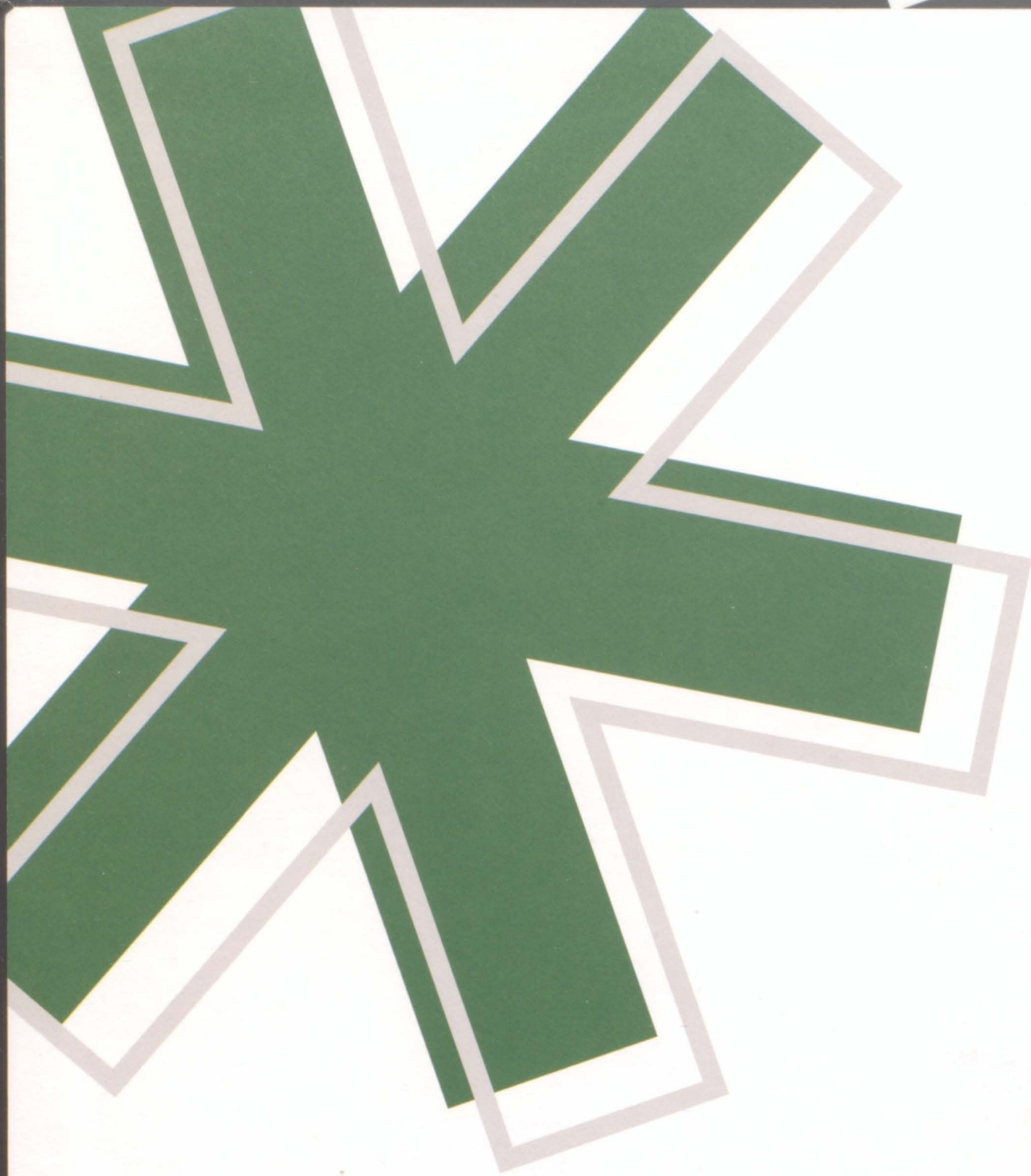


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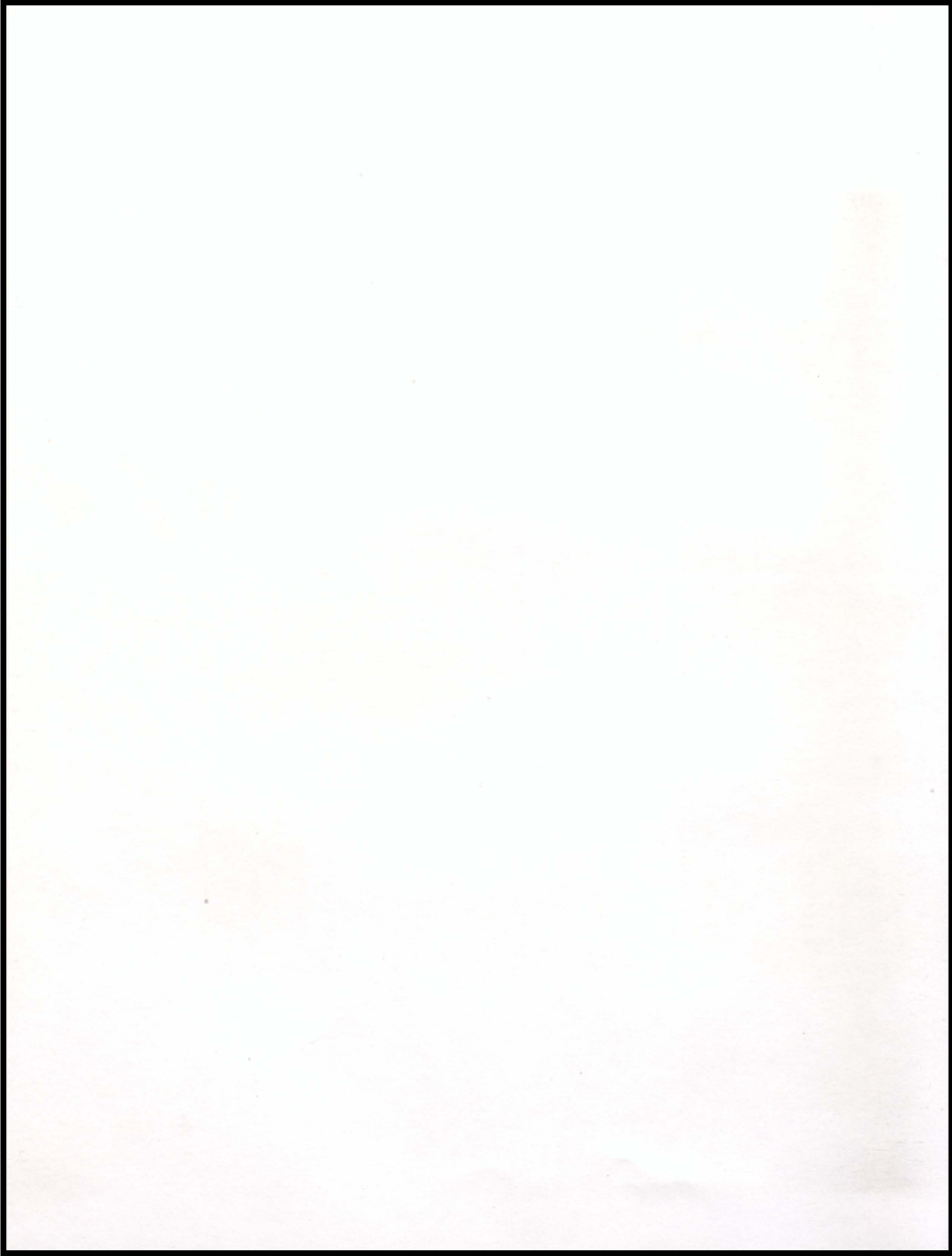


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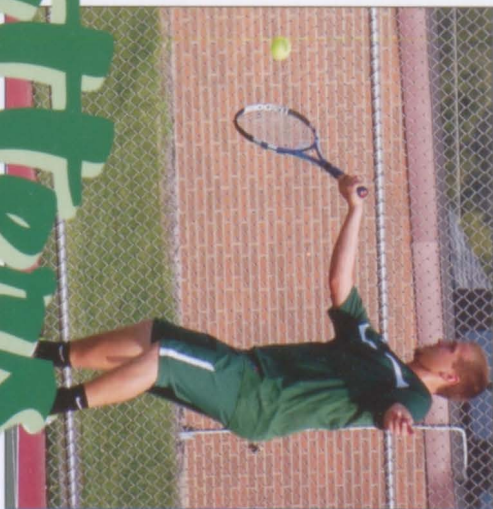
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Faculty and Staff: 52
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Senior Nick Kindig plays in a varsity tennis match. "I like going one on one against people and hanging with my friends," Kindig said.

Photo by Bethany Fincher



Principal Kirk Doehrmann hugs English and French teacher Lois Buss after his speech at the teacher Christmas breakfast on Dec. 20. The school had been through multiple emotional events in the months approaching break, which Doehrmann addressed in his speech. "[It] came from the heart and if you feel it and believe it those words comes freely...I think the teachers are doing a really good job at taking care of the kids," Doehrmann said.



Freshman Brandon Webster plays in a football game. When asked about why he plays football Webster replied, "You get to hit people and it's fun to play with teammates."

Photo by Bethany Fincher

When you really think of it, there are many things that **matter*** to you. "My family, trying hard in school, and friends," sophomore Brilely Spurlock said. This school has many students that matter to teachers and teachers that matter to students.

Keeping the bell from rochester **matters***

Hunting **matters***

Art **matters***

Friends **matter***

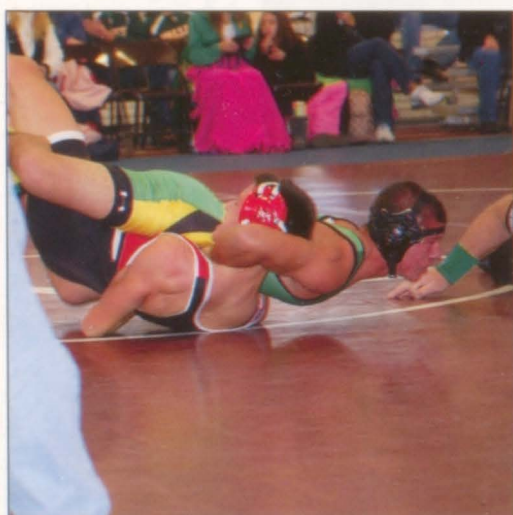
Family **matters***

Each and every student here has that one thing that matters to them. "Honesty, friends, family, Justin, track and field," sophomore Emily Slone said.

Valley is full of different people, different personalities, and different opportunities so you have to ask yourself...

what really matters*?

What Matters



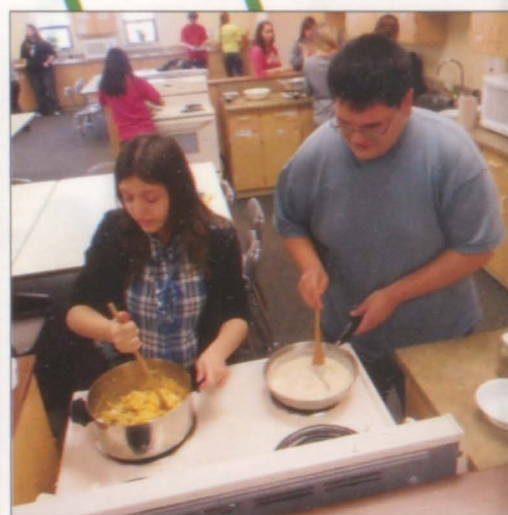
At a meet freshman Garrett Bell faces his opponent. During match Bell said he was thinking about, "What I gotta do to beat my next guy," Bell said.

Photo by Bethany Fincher



Junior Landin Madsen acts for a skit for Spanish. He admitted that he still gets nervous in front of the camera. "Yes, because I don't like cameras."

Photo by KayLynn May



Senior Kevin Serrano prepares a meal in foods teacher Deb Zawlocki's class. He chose cooking as one of his classes for his last year at valley. When asked why he chose the class Serrano said, "to eat food and Mrs. Zawlocki is awesome."

Photo by Skylinn Holmes



Sophomore Tristen Justice won the Homecoming Olympics Frozen T-shirt contest. Everyone on the sophomore team was cheering him on. "I was happy, excited because we won and beat everyone else."

Photo by Catherine Leadford

Everyone has a life outside of school. What a student's outside life looks like depends on who he is and what he likes, but we know that...

Spending time with friends or family **matters***

Staying active **matters***

Attending a youth group **matters***

Working a part time job **matters***

Enjoying a hobby **matters***

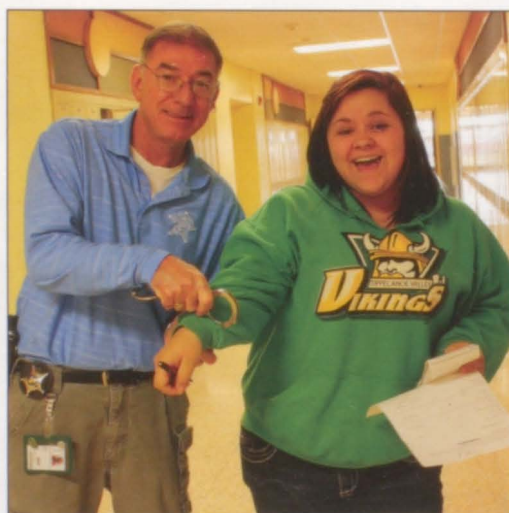
Life is not all about who you talk to or sit by at lunch it is about how you make it and live it. Never have regrets, never turn down a once in a life time opportunity and always walk around with a smile on your face. This shows who you are, what you set out to be, and what matters to you as individuals; and while we spend eight hours of our lives in school that life outside of these walls is what makes us unique.

Student Life **Matters**



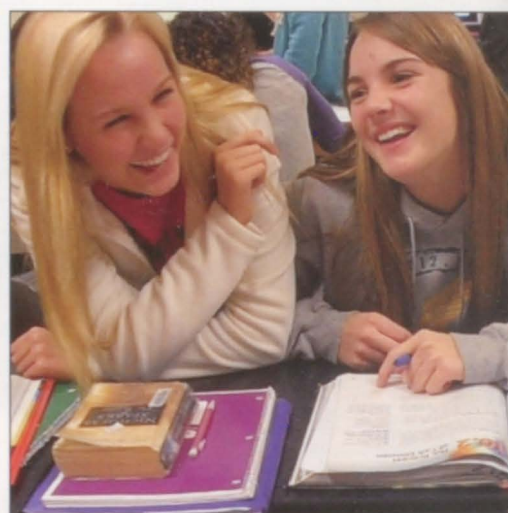
Junior Alexis Lisenby is experimenting with the Child Development empathy belly. "I loved it, it felt so real, it felt like it was real," Lisenby said. She also commented that she definitely plans on having kids in the future after wearing this.

Photo by Bethany Fincher



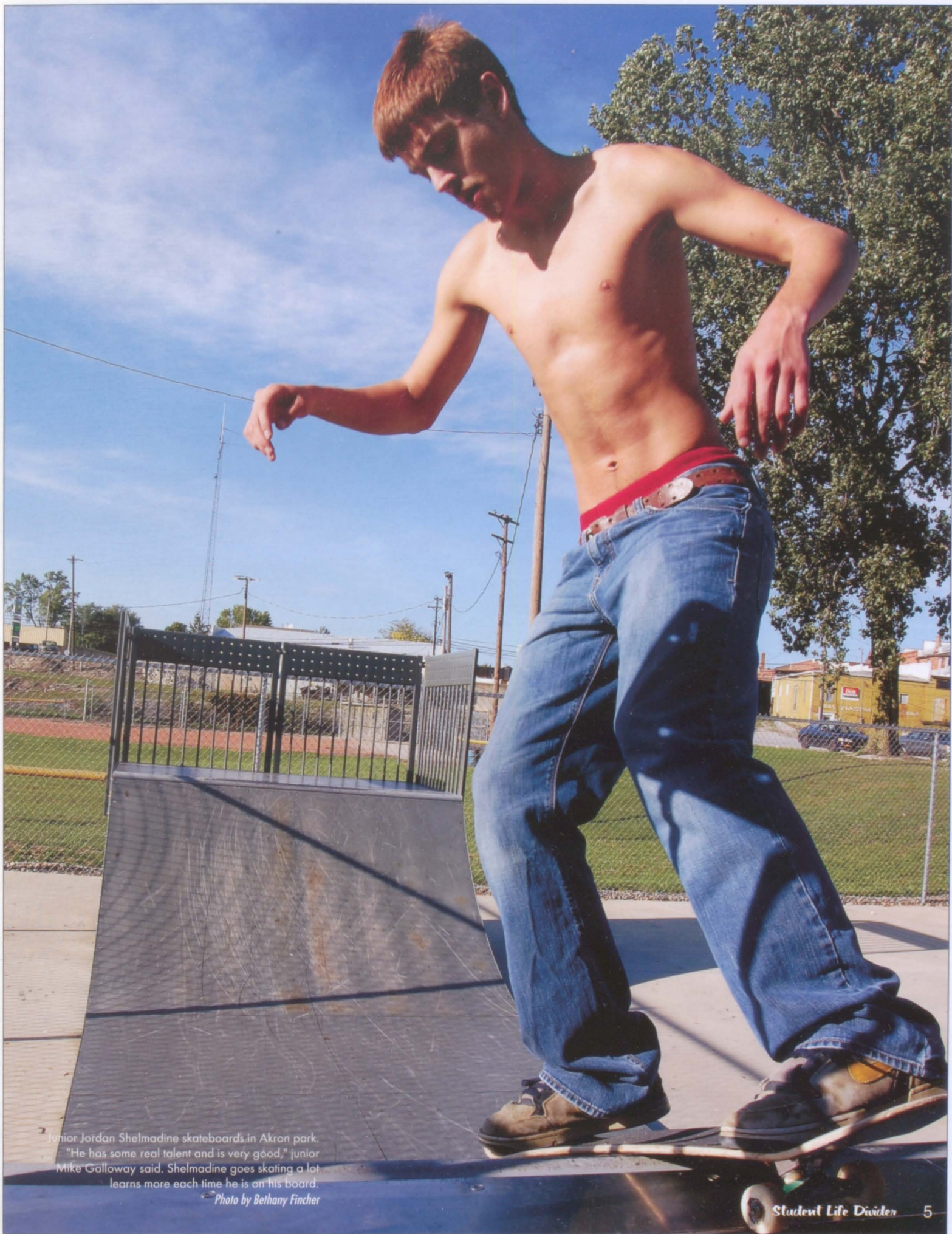
On the journey of finding some quotes junior Sadra Long runs into some trouble. "He knows my family, he's cool and he is a really nice person," Long said. Officer Heart has worked here for three and a half years, then left for a short time and came back. He's going on my third year. He chose our school because, "The Sheriff Assigns whoever he wants, he assigned me back to this school."

Photo by Tara Swanson



Freshmen Karly Kitch and Alexis O'Connell work on their assignment together, "I just love sitting next to all my friends," O'Connell said. They have been in biology this whole year together and would not want to have it any other way.

Photo by Skylinn Holmes



Junior Jordan Shelmadine skateboards in Akron park. "He has some real talent and is very good," junior Mike Galloway said. Shelmadine goes skating a lot learns more each time he is on his board.

Photo by Bethany Fincher

Helping *Haiti Matters



Sophomore Mila Smalley visits Haiti and helps the people there.

Q: How do you feel when you help other people?

A: I feel good about myself and accomplished in a way.

Q: How often do you go to Haiti?

A: Well I went last summer and this summer for 2 weeks in July. I only go when I get the opportunity.

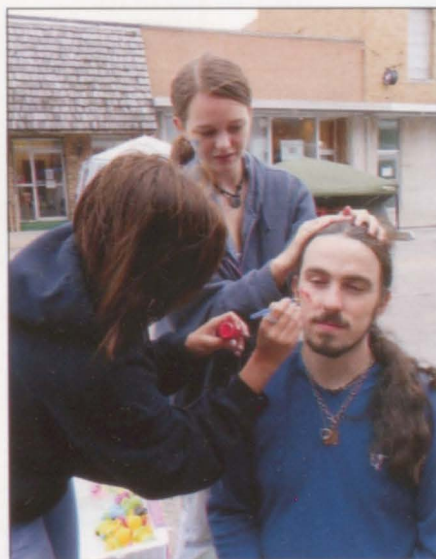
Q: What's your favorite part about going to Haiti?

A: My oldest sister Brooke lives and does medical work down there, so I go to visit and help out.



Sophomore Mila Smalley poses for a photo with a family she helped in Haiti.

Photo courtesy of Mila Smalley



Junior Alexis Brazo paints former student Nathan Shepherd's face at the 2012 Mentone Egg Festival.

Photo courtesy of Alexis Brazo



Freshmen share a meal at the annual Freshmen Extravaganza, which serves as an orientation for incoming freshmen. The students get a tour of the school, discuss rules and expectations, and are also entered in a raffle to win prizes at the end of the night.

Photo by Bethany Fincher

* Music Matters

Music is very important to me, because it explains what and how you're feeling and it calms me down. Music is what feelings sound like.

Freshman Madi Gearheart

* Being Unique Matters

Being different is so much better than being normal.

Senior Megan Heinhold

* My Mule Matters

My mule is important because I saved up a lot of money from work to buy this mule. He is everything to me.

Sophomore Aaron Gearhart

* Friends Matter

I love hanging out with my friends and living my life to the fullest.

Sophomore Dylan Hoffman

* Racing Matters

I have been around racing since I was 4 years old and I'm pretty good at it. I have won a lot of 1st place trophies. It will always be a part of my life.

Sophomore Travis Pettit



Freshman Adrian Evans prepares her horse, Sunny, for contesting during Wabash County Summer Fair. Evans has been showing for eight years. "Once I get up there I cry, I shake, I go into this whole panic attack, but once I get into the arena I'm fine. I don't listen to anyone. I don't think. I let my body and my hands do the work without thinking," Evans said.

Photo courtesy of Lisa Paxton

Senior Trevar Campbell participates in summer 4H activities.

Photo courtesy of Lisa Paxton



Contestants in the 2012 Miss Mentone Pageant answer questions and pose for a candid shot on the stage. Dai Witham was later crowned the 2012 winner.

Photo courtesy of Alexis Brazo

Senior Bethany Fincher gets her sashes put on her by the former queen during the Miss Fourth of July pageant. She got Second Runner-Up and Miss Congeniality. "I thought I was going to fall over, I was in shock and was proud of myself," senior Bethany Fincher said.

Photo courtesy of Samantha Fields

*** My Friends Matter**

My friends are everything to me, they support me and care for me. I love all my friends.

Sophomore Laken Adams

*** Love Matters**

Because if we don't have love we have nothing.

Junior Sadra Long

*** Friends Matter**

I think friends are important because they're all you have during high school. They help you get through the hard times, and are always there for you no matter what.

Sophomore Casey Dunn

*** My Friends Matter**

They're always there for me and make me laugh. They make school enjoyable to be at.

Sophomore Kaylyn Hamman

*** Hunting Matters**

Because it's how I grew up. Everyone in my family hunts.

Sophomore Cade Krider

Freshmen rake leaves at C.O. Camp Mollenhour on September 27th as part of Freshmen Service Day. "I liked getting out of school," said freshman Nick Railsback who went to camp. The freshmen class spent the morning doing community service at 13 different sites in Akron, Mentone, and Warsaw.

Photo courtesy of Mrs. Crystal Heckaman

A Day to Volunteer

Q & A with freshmen Mark Shepherd and Dwayne Ohrt and their experience at the community service.



Q: Where did you go?

Mark: A retirement home.

Dwayne: I went to the Warsaw Park

Q: What did you think?

Mark: It was really creepy while they were watching me clean the windows like two feet away.

Dwayne: It was fun.

Q: What did you learn?

Mark: How to clean windows.

Dwayne: That the people that we worked with do a lot of work for the community.

Q: What did you do?

Mark: I cleaned windows and picked weeds.

Dwayne: I picked up sticks, raked leaves a lot of miscellaneous stuff.



Volunteering Time*

Freshmen students reflect on their favorite part of the day of service.



"It made me feel good about what I did," **freshman Pablo Cisneros** said.



"Being able to interact with people and being able to help the community," **freshman Nia Mattern** said.



"Getting out of school," **freshman Taylor Hanes** said.

*My boyfriend & baby girl matter

My boyfriend Jon and my baby girl are my inspiration. Without them, I don't think I'd have the motivation to take school seriously.

Junior Ciara Boiling

*Food matters

Because in wrestling I can't eat. After wrestling I eat all the time.

Sophomore Wesley Beck

*Golf matters

Because I want to get better at it and get a scholarship for it.

Sophomore Kara Eaton

*Church matters

It is a place where I can be myself and sing and be with my individual family and all my church family and friends. It is a place where I can express my faith as well.

Junior Tiffani Young

*Jesus matters

Jesus is my everything. without him I am nothing.

Senior Ciara HallStorm



Freshmen Ashlee Marshall, Diana Garcia, and Breanna Conley sort shoes at Combined Community Services. The volunteers also sorted clothing and did various other chores. "That it was a great experience to go around and help the community," freshman Emily Shepherd said.

Photo by Aris Long

Just *Caring

Freshman Breanna Conley talks about her experience

During Freshmen Service Day the entire freshmen class loaded buses and ventured out into the community. The inside of Combined Community Services in Warsaw was a busy scene. The smell of cooking food filled the air and the students could hear people giving directions while others picked up and moved boxes around.

Breanna Conley visited and volunteered at Combined Community Services, a building that serves as a resource for those in need.

"I would volunteer again because it makes me feel very accomplished and I liked seeing other people happy," Conley said.

She put clothes away, served food, and separated food and clothes into boxes because certain families received a certain amount.

She said the worst part was, "bending over a lot to separate clothes and carrying heavy stuff cause it hurt my back."

Her favorite part was meeting new people and giving them the food.

"I absolutely loved the trip it was a fun experience it made me feel good about myself especially when I got thanked. I'm starting to look into volunteering because I don't like sports, so I have a lot of free time. I didn't like my job but when I think about everything I'm doing, I try my best while having a positive attitude toward it," Conley said.

Story by Kayla Sanchez



Freshman Madi Henninger takes a break from her service to pose for a photo at Grace Village in Warsaw. "We painted the lady's nails," Henninger said. Her group also had lunch and tea with a few of the ladies.

Photo courtesy of Mrs. Lois Buss

Freshmen Braxton Behny and Jesse Floor pick up trash at the Combined Community Services. "I thought it was fun," said Ashlee Marshall, who also went to Combined Community Services. The students who worked there all went to different areas.

Photo courtesy of Mrs. Alyssa Trippiedi

*Family Matters

I know that my family will always be there for me no matter what I do in my life. They support and love me 100% no matter what.

Senior Crystal Cervantes

*My Parents Matters

they have pushed me to be and do my best. They are always there no matter what. happens in my life.

Senior Michelle Ramirez

*Being Myself Matters

High School is about preparing yourself for the future. Find yourself, and everything else will just fall into place.

Junior Eticka Webb

*Cross Country & Track matter

Running has made me meet new friends and made me have more of a bond with the teachers not to mention it makes me really fit!

Junior Robyn Erklín

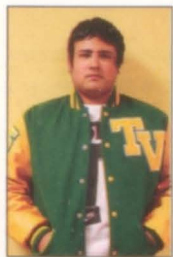
*Sports Matters

I like being apart of a team and working together toward a goal. the freindships Ive made through sports are the best.

Junior Kelsey Ball

Shotgun vs. Bow

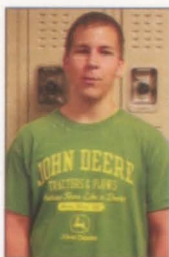
Students reveal their favorite weapon of choice and why they prefer to hunt with it.



Shotgun

More accurate and has less requirements during off season.

Sophomore
AJ Long



Bow

More quiet and you bring the deer in closer.

Sophomore
Gary Long



Shotgun

I've never used a bow before. The shot gun is easier to handle, though.

Junior
Liz Shepherd



Bow

It's harder and more fair on the competition.

Freshman
Nick Feldman



Junior Nash Keirn shoots a buck. He hunts with a bow and shot gun. "The biggest buck I've ever shot was a 10 point and he field dressed out at 175 pounds," junior Nash Keirn said.

Photo courtesy of Lisa Paxton



Sophomores Austin French and Drake Hyden hold up their stringer of fish they caught. They caught 14 crappies.

Photo courtesy of Lisa Paxton

* Family Matters

Because when everyone else turns away from you in life your family is always there to love and care about you.

Junior Lindsay Lingofelter

* Hunting Matters

Because it keeps you from being lazy, and it will always be a life long memory.

Freshmen Lucas Britton

* Family Matters

My family is always there for me, caring, supporting and loving. When you have no one you always have family.

Sophomore Jordan Fraser

* Sports Matters

It's fun, and sports make you work hard.

Grade First Last Name

* Family Matters

My family is super important to me. Without them I wouldn't be the person I am!

Junior Hailee Hunsberger

Seniors Brennen Adams and Alex Miller pose with the geese they shot. They both got their limit.

Sophomore Garrett Paxton shoots a tom turkey. This was his first turkey. "My heart was pounding and I can't believe this just happened," sophomore Garrett Paxton said.

Sophomore Cade Krider shoots a doe. He took her with his bow. "I was 10 when I got my hunting license and I have shot 13 deer so far," sophomore Cade Krider said.



Senior Brennen Adams shows off his most recent catch.

Photo courtesy of Lisa Paxton

Sophomore Drake Hyden poses for a photo with a coyote and the raccoons he shot. "I prefer coyote hunting because it is a silent and peaceful way to hunt a sneaky predator," sophomore Drake Hyden said.

Photo courtesy of Lisa Paxton

Senior Bethany Fincher holds two black buffalo carp. They weighed five pounds each. "The most difficult thing about bowfishing is learning how to compensate how deep the fish are under the water when you are aiming," senior Bethany Fincher said.

Photo courtesy of Bethany Fincher

*** Hunting Matters**

It is my life. I'm excited every time the season comes in. I don't care if I get anything I just like going out and sitting.

Freshmen Shawnee Severns

*** Friends Matters**

Friends are what makes life fun and it's important to keep your friends close and have fun.

Grade First Last Name

*** Music Matters**

It's so important because it's an escape from all the stress. It helps me concentrate and think. Music is my life.

Freshmen Zach Webb

*** Family Matters**

No matter how many times you fall, or how many times you cry, your family is always with you. No matter what.

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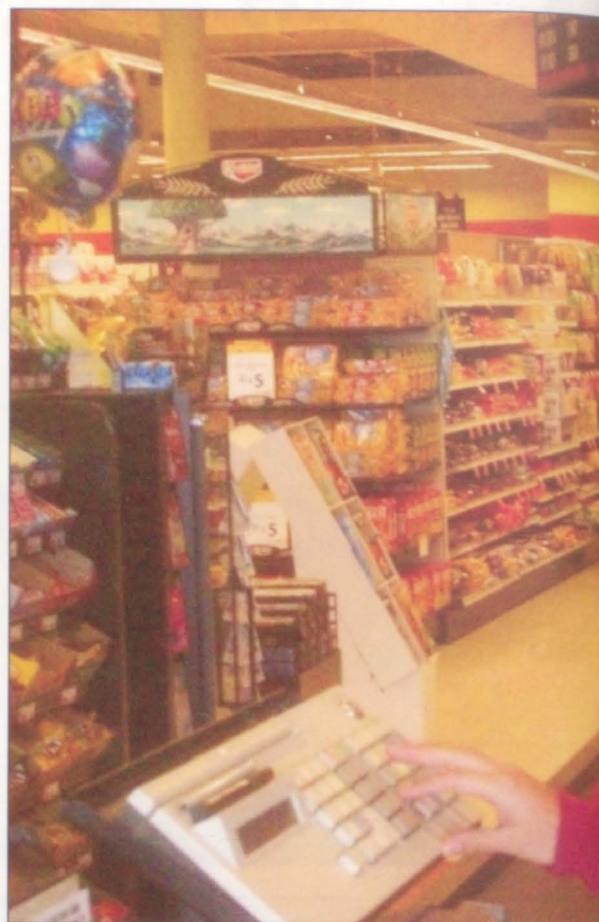
*** Friendliness Matters**

Friendliness is important for everyone. Friendliness is all it takes to make everyone feel comfortable and not left out.

Grade First Last Name



Junior Shelby Baker is working at B&K in Mentone. She worked there for spring and summer of 2012 and the spring of 2013 "It is close to home, know the owners" Baker said. She takes the orders, takes food out to people, make ice cream treats, and fill drinks.



Not in the job description...

Working students share the strangest thing their bosses have ever asked them to do while on the clock.



My boss made me pick up a overweight lady that fell out of a power chair all by myself.

Sophomore
Travis
Harris



Cleaning up puke because if they puke outside you got to clean it

Sophomore
Kayla
Woodcox



Hand pull a calf out, It was born backwards.

Sophomore
Nash
Keim



Pull a tampon out of the sink.

Junior
Cona
Warstler



I had to clean both boys and girls bathrooms.

Sophomore
Kaylin
Shilling



Had to take the flat bread to Mentone from Bourbon.

Senior
Patrick
Hughes

* Anime Matters

Because I like it and Japanese people are awesome.

Sophomore Abby Reeser

* Hobbies & Sports Matter

Because my hobbies are what I do everyday and I love to play sports because they are fun.

Sophomore Alex Thacker

* Summer Matters

This is the time when you don't care about anything and still have fun with friends.

Sophomore Ricky Lopez

* Family Matters

Because my family are always here when I'm having a rough time.

Sophomore Mariah Bradford

* My Girlfriend Matters

Because she is everything to me and she is my motivation to [do] good in school.

Sophomore Damian Trump



Senior Caitlin Heisler works at Marsh Supermarket in Warsaw. "I enjoy communicating with the customers because most of them have interesting stories and are funny," Heisler said.

Photo by KayLynn May

Mason Veach bags groceries at Martin's Supermarket in Warsaw. Veach also worked as an intern with David Swanson in the technology department at Valley and will continue to do so as a senior next year.



Sophomore Marissa Phillips enters an order at her job B&K in Mentone. She is taking a order for a customer. The Mentone B&K underwent a remodel this past year including a new dining area.

Photo by Shelby Baker

Sophomore Dillon Davis poses for a photo in his new work uniform. He had just been hired at Owens.

Photo courtesy of Dillon Davis

*** Family Matters**

My family is important to me because they are always there for me.

Sophomore Mila Smalley

*** Love matters**

Because if we don't have love we have nothing.

Freshman Jady Biggs

*** Family Matters**

Because friends may come and friends may go but in the end you will always have your family.

Senior Alicia Howell

*** Getting my schooling done and going to college**

So i can get a good job and have a good life in the future take care of my baby and my family in the future.

Senior Alexi Perkins

*** My Boyfriend and friends Matters**

My boyfriend supports everything i do and he is always there for me. My friends always keep me in a good mood we have fun together.

Senior Rachel O'connor

Freshman Isaac Sponseller is competing in Homecoming Olympics with his freshman class. All students who signed up for the Olympics competed in this event where they had to throw a football through a hanging hula hoop. "I competed in the Olympics because I like competing at events," Sponseller said.

Photo by Bethany Fincher



Q & A

Questions about the Homecoming Olympics and what junior Cyndi Stamberger participated in.

- Q:** What was your favorite event of the Homecoming week?
- A:** "Dressing up! I dressed up every day and my friends and I had so much fun."
- Q:** What event from this year do you hope we have next year?
- A:** Dressing up! That's the best part of the week that my friends and I will remember forever."
- Q:** What event did you dress up for and why?
- A:** "Everyday! It's just so fun! Senior citizen day was my favorite."
- Q:** What event do you wish you would've participated in the Olympics?
- A:** "Homecoming olympics in general. I didn't sign up on time, and I missed out."



Senior Jacob Ritchey avoids obstacles during the Homecoming Olympics as junior Tanner Andrews looks on. The Olympics were held on the football field during SRT. When asked what he liked about participating in the Olympics freshman Aric Shafer said, "The excitement. It was my first year."

Photo by Catherine Leadford



Sophomore Heaven Peconga and classmates show their neon spirit. Peconga and classmates participated in Neon Day. "I like Neon Day, because I think neon is a really cool color," Peconga said.

Photo by Bethany Fincher

* Sports Matter

As I've grown up it's the only thing I've been good at.

Senior Garrett Foust

* Sports Matter

Being involved in sports is important because you make friends and it's just so much fun to be in. I was a manager for football and wrestling and I wouldn't trade that for anything!

Freshman Kourtney Tackett

* Education Matters

Education is important to me because without education you cannot get a job anywhere. For example: one of my grandmothers can barely find a job because her 9th grade year she had to dropout to support her mom and 2 brothers and she still struggles. That's why education is important to me.

Sophomore Cody Smith

* My Mom Matters

Because she is my number one best friend. We can tell each other anything and we do everything together. Also she has always been there for me; that's why I love her so much!

Freshman Paige Conley

*Sports and Friends Matter

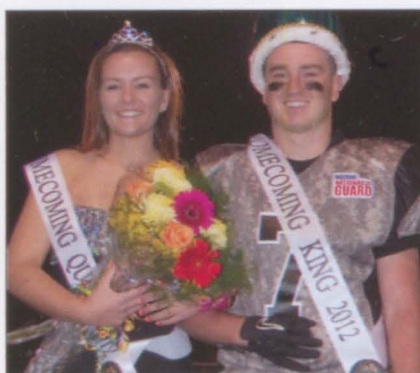
Sports are important to me because they help me learn to be a leader. Friends are important day to day for me because they make me happy and a better person in general.

Freshman Morgan Brzo



Sophomore Joy Hurd is posing with the rest of the group in her class who dressed up for movie day. Movie day was when students dressed up as any movie character. "I dressed up as Juno because that's one of my favorite movies and I kinda like her attitude towards life," sophomore Joy Hurd said.

Photo by Tarra Swanson



Seniors Courtney Newsome and Jacob Ritchey pose for a photo as Homecoming King and Queen. They were crowned during halftime at the football game against Whitko. "I was surprised because I didn't expect to win," Newsome said.

Photo by Bethany Fincher

Players make their way out onto the field before the homecoming game against Whitko High School. The team wore camouflage jerseys courtesy of the National Guard. Anthony Leadford liked wearing the jerseys because "we [the players] represented the National Guard."

Photo courtesy of Ben Shriver

Entertainment Matters

Students choose which event they liked the best.

Obstacle Course or Tug-o-War?



Obstacle Course

"Because it was hilarious; people were falling down and it was funny," sophomore **Kayla Shepherd** said.

Frozen T-shirt Game or Through the legs race?



Frozen T-shirt Game

"Because it was funny," junior **Devin Madeford** said.

Football gear or Wheelbarrow race?



Football Gear Race

"Because I liked watching the challenge of it. It was funny," sophomore **Jamie Houtz** said.

Water Balloon Launch or Quarterback Relay?



Water Balloon Launch

"Because I thought it was really cool how they had to catch the balloons and try not to get soaked," sophomore **Brooklin McKain** said.

Bucket relay or Blindfolded musical chairs?



Bucket Relay

"Because they all looked like idiots doing it," sophomore **Dylan Stambaugh** said.

Bonfire or Capture the Flag?



Bonfire

"Because it was fun to hang out with my friends and dance," freshman **Aris Long** said.

Boys Volleyball or Girls Powderpuff Football?



Girls Powderpuff

"It let the girls get involved in something that they don't get to every day," junior **Alyssa VanMeter** said.

* Soccer Matters

I like to play it.

Freshman **Stephon Gilbert**

* Friends Matter

They are fun and are there for me.

Junior **Morgan Conliff**

* The Internet Matters

It's one of the most versatile things out there: it's good for research, games, communication, and pretty much anything else you want it to do.

Junior **Casimir Kromkowski**

* Music and Playing the Drums Matter

It helps me relieve my anger once I get out of school.

Junior **Adam Furry**

* Family and Friends Matter

I'm a very social person. I need my friends; they keep me strong and happy!

Junior **Chris Torpy**



Junior Heaven Vick and freshmen Ally Weber, Andrea Ewing, and Kylee Zuniga rehearse a song for the musical.

Photo by Liz Shepherd



The painting classes pose with the scenery and props they created for the musical.

Photo by Mark Williamson



Freshmen Damien Pelo and Kaden Sebastian practice a song before the show.

Photo by Liz Shepherd

Horton, played by freshman Jeremy Himes, protects his clover from the Sour Kangaroo played by freshman Matera Schaeffner.

Photo by Liz Shepherd



Horton the Elephant (freshman Jeremy Himes) listens to the Wickershams' (freshman Tyler Zuniga, junior Branigan Bahney and sophomore Logan Elliott) evil plan.

Photo by Liz Shepherd



Gertrude McFuzz (sophomore Megan Howard) returns the clover to Horton (freshman Jeremy Himes.) The crew members performed the musical four times.

"Practices are stressful. But, all that stress was worth it," said freshman Kaden Sebastian (JoJo).

Photo by Liz Shepherd

Mayzie LaBird (junior Ericka Webb) explains her dilemma to The Cat in the Hat (junior Heaven Vick). The musical involved several different Dr. Seuss children's books.

When asked how it felt to portray such an iconic character, freshman Jeremy Himes (Horton) said, "I didn't like it at first, but I got used to it."

Photo by Liz Shepherd



*** My Whole Family Matters**

Because without my family, I wouldn't have any support and love.

Junior Maria Rosas

*** Band Matters**

Band is important to me, because I learned how to play an instrument and I have a talent that only some people have.

Freshman Tyler Kidd

*** Family and Friends Matter**

They keep me happy and make each day good.

Senior Laura Landis

*** My Family Matters**

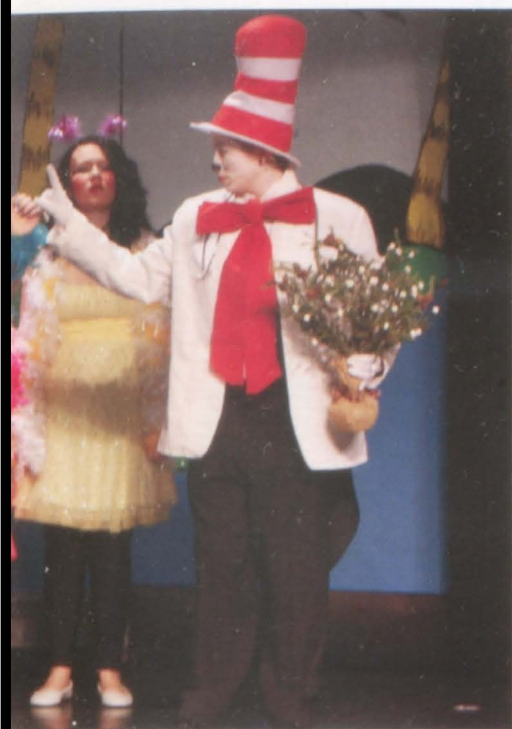
They are a part of my life and I don't know how I could go on without them.

Freshman Raechel Torpy

*** Friendship Matters**

Friends are an indispensable part of our educational careers. They provide support in most any situation, be it school-related or not. Friends also help people just make it through the many emotionally turning days that we all experience.

Sophomore Raymond Jarvis



Mayzie LaBird (junior Ericka Webb) sings to Horton the Elephant (freshman Jeremy Himes) about her troubles.

Photo by Liz Shepherd



Gertrude McFuzz (sophomore Megan Howard) sings to Horton (freshman Jeremy Himes) about how to raise an "elephant-bird."

Photo by Liz Shepherd



The Whos (freshmen Brianna Salyer and Monica Hatfield) take a bow after the performance.

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The Cat in the Hat (junior Heaven Vick) warns Gertrude McFuzz (sophomore Megan Howard) about pills that will help her tail grow. The musical the students performed was "Seussical: The Musical." "I liked getting to know people and doing the lighting," sophomore Micah Bradley 'The Light Guy' said.

Photo by Liz Shepherd

Answers
1) Damien Pelo as General Genghis Khan Schmitz
2) Heaven Vick as The Cat in the Hat
3) Kylie Zuniga as Bird Girl
4) Ally Weber as Bird Girl
5) Andrea Ewing as Bird Girl
6) Jeremy Himes as Horton the Elephant
7) Matera Schaeffer as Sour Kangaroo
8) Ericka Webb as Mayze LaBird
9) Kevin Good as The Mayor of Whoville
10) Megan Howard as Gertrude McFuzz
11) Tyler Zuniga as Wickersham
12) Tyler Zuniga as Wickersham
13) Branigan Bahney as Wickersham
14) Logan Elliott as Wickersham

The Stars Can you tell who's who?



*Family Matters

They are really supportive of most of my decisions. They are my shoulder to cry on, my ear to listen to my struggles or problems. I love my family more than anything.

Freshman Matera Schaeffner

*Friends Matter

Because if you're at school and you're all sad and everything, your friends are always there to cheer you up.

Freshman Liz VanMeter

*Friends and Family Matter

They're important to me because without them, I don't know how I would make it through every day. They are always there for me.

Freshman Kaitlyn Engholm

*4H Matters

I like it.

Sophomore Nash Keirn

*School Matters

Because if I don't keep my grades up, I can't do sports.

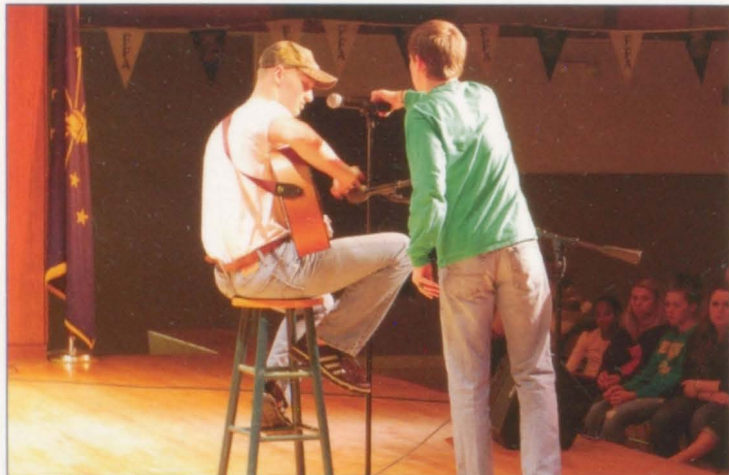
Freshman Daianara Witham

Freshman Allyssa Weber and her sister perform during the talent show. "I enjoyed it because as long as I can't see the faces of the people, I love to sing on stage," said Weber.

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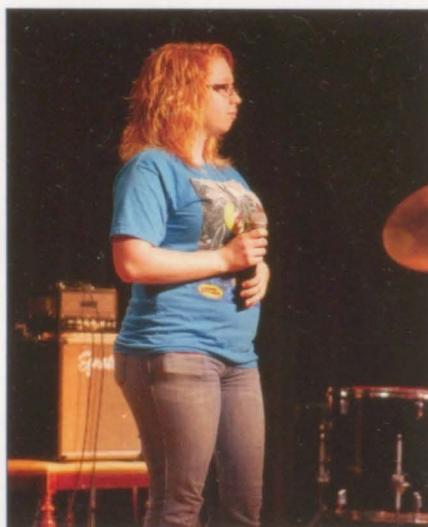
Sophomore Jonah Mikel gets ready to perform his song. He sang the song "Time of Your Life" by Green Day.

Photo by Bethany Fincher



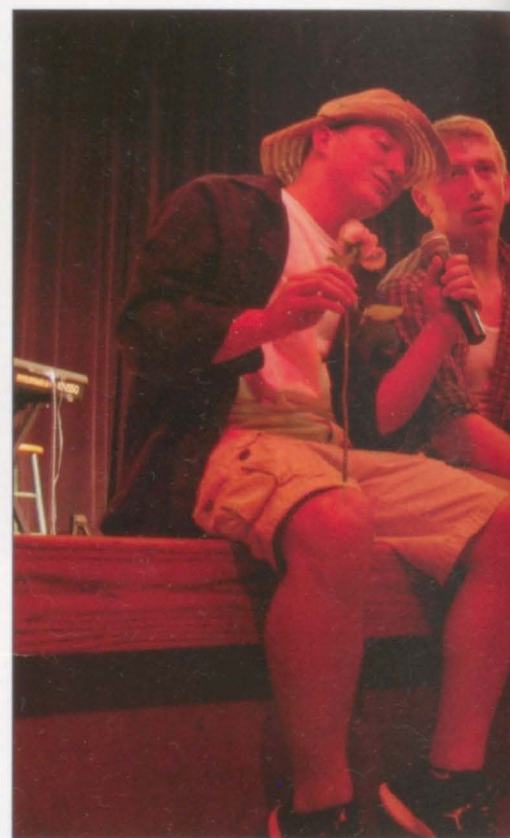
Spanish teacher Kris Walker plays the congas during the talent show. He performed with his band the Fi-Nights. When performing in front of a live audience, Walker said he enjoys "the rush and the utter unpredictability of it all."

Photo by Bethany Fincher



Junior Alex Lewis prepares to sing in the talent show. The song she performed was "Don't You Remember Me" by Adele. "It was pretty good. She accomplished a lot with her voice this year," junior Cora Warstler said.

Photo by Bethany Fincher & Catherine Leadford



*** My Friends Matter**

My friends are fun to hang out with and brighten my day. Especially Eva Garcia and Pamela Gonzalez!:-)

Freshman Brittany Shafer

*** Music Matters**

It's like an open window; when I'm frustrated or happy, I always just play some tunes and jam out. It lets fresh air in.

Junior Tatianna Scott

*** Family and Friends**

Matter

My friends and family are really important to me because I know I can always count on them to support me through everything and a lot more! I love them all.

Freshman Michaela Snapp

*** Basketball**

Matters

It is one of my favorite sports I play and I have fun playing it.

Freshman Nicholas Caudill

*** Everything Matters**

Everything you are involved in deserves your full effort and attention whether it is school, work, friends, hobbies, AND friends. You should care greatly for all of these to become a fulfilled person.

Senior Brittany Childers



FEELINGS MATTER

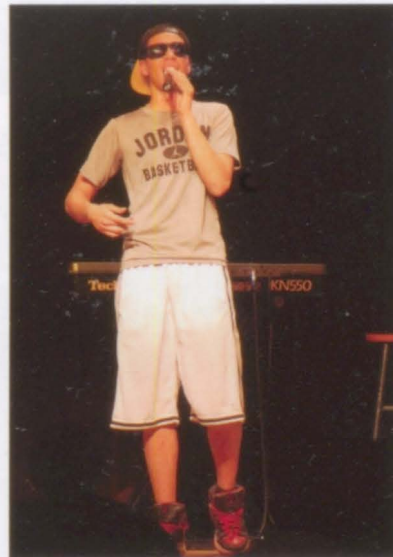
How the performers felt before the show

- QUEASY** - Junior Kortney Mayorga
- EXCITED** - Senior Daniel Miller
- NERVOUS** - Freshman Cassie Abalos
- READY** - Junior Sara Alexander
- NERVOUS** - Junior Kirsten Schipper
- PREPARED** - Senior Jacob Ritchey
- ANXIOUS** - Sophomore Jay Hurd
- SHAKY** - Junior Chassidy Bays
- SCARED** - Freshman Kaden Sebastian
- SWEATY** - Sophomore Cayla Teal
- HAPPY** - Freshman Ally Water
- ENERGETIC** - Senior Alois Howell
- TERRIFIED** - Junior Anna Higgins
- PUMPED** - Junior Tanner Andrews
- APPREHENSIVE** - Junior Amber Cochran
- NERVOUS** - Sophomore Brandon Murphy
- VERY PUMPED** - Junior Nolan Sponseller
- SCARED** - Junior Diana Beck
- ANXIOUS** - Sophomore Taylor Trippel
- SEXY** - Junior Samantha Hume

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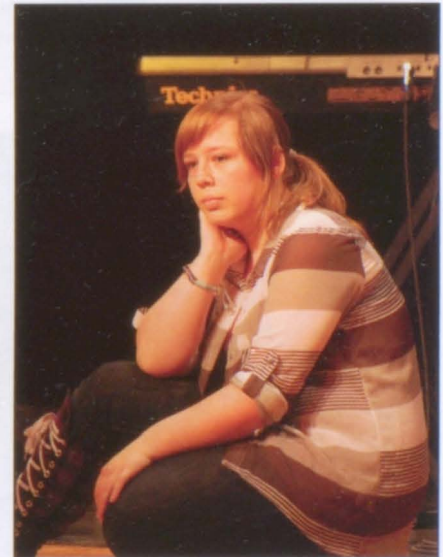
Freshmen Cassandra Abalos sings during the talent show. She performed the song 'Grenade' by Bruno Mars. "I felt at home when performing in front of everyone," said Abalos.

Photo by Bethany Fincher & Catherine Leadford



Sophomore Deonte'e Smith performs for the talent show. He performed 'I Try' by Bone Thugs-N-Harmony. "[Singing] seemed like something fun to do," said Smith.

Photo by Bethany Fincher



Kortney Mayorga prepares to dance for the talent show. She danced with Alicia Howell. "I enjoyed it because I was able to show the school one of the hobbies I picked up in Japan", Mayorga said.

Photo by Bethany Fincher

The guys from Peer Facilitators perform during the talent show. They won first place. "The boys went up there and killed it. They had fun with it, which made it even more enjoyable for everyone watching," junior Amber Cochran said.

Photo by Bethany Fincher

*Hobbies Matter

It allows you to not worry as much on something; it puts your mind at ease.

Freshman Kyle Van Diepenbos

*Having Fun Matters

Having fun is important to me because it makes school and life more fun. Having fun at school makes your day go by much faster.

Senior Brittany Butler

*Friends and Family Matter

They're almost all I have, I guess.

Freshman Mason Davis

*Family Matters

Because they remind me of good and bad times; when I hang around them, they just make me happy.

Freshman Christopher Bauer

*Friends & Hobbies Matter

Friends are because this is our last year of all of us going to school together since 12 years.

Senior Mark Long

Seniors walk up a trail in Washington D.C. on the senior trip. The trail led to the "Devils Den" in Gettysburg. "The Holocaust Museum was my favorite part because it was eye opening and amazing to see," senior Emily Madrigal said.

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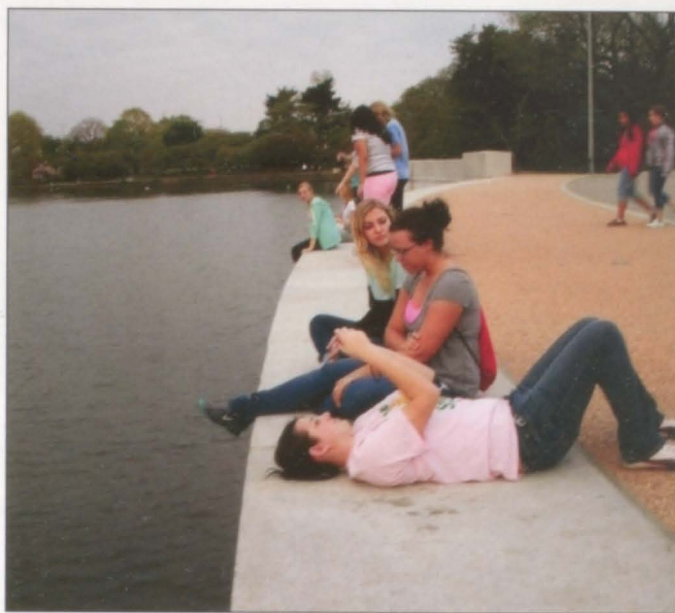
History teacher Scott Smith leads seniors Patrick Hughes, Josh Vance, Sonny Kollars and Barbie Kimmel through part of the "Devils Den". The walk took between 30 minutes to an hour. "My favorite part of the trip was the memories I made and being with everyone because the memorials were neat and it's probably the last chance to hang out with everyone," senior Caitlyn Heisler said.

Photo by KayLynn May



Seniors Justin Gunter, Patrick Hughes, Tiffyni Tackett and Barbie Kimmel participate in the laying of the wreath. Four seniors lay the wreath every year for two fallen soldiers that are in the tomb behind the wreath. "Laying the wreath at Arlington National Cemetery and watching the changing of the guards was my favorite part of the trip because it was cool to watch and an honor to get to be a part of laying the wreath," senior Patrick Hughes said.

Photo courtesy of Scott Smith



Seniors Stephanie Abt, Shayna Agnew and Emy Gelbaugh sit by the water and talk. The girls just got done looking at the Jefferson Memorial. "Being there with all my friends and sight seeing was the best part because it made everything better," senior Dayton Cohagan said.

Photo by KayLynn May

*** My Job Matters**

"It's how I earn money to hang out with my friends"

Sophomore Anthony Williams

*** Education Related Hobbies Matter**

"It is important for students to have personal hobbies that go beyond whatever clubs or teams a school provides, and should have support for these individual activities"

Junior Tyler Rudd

*** Art Matters**

"Sketching and painting is a really good way for me to vent out my feelings and a unique way to express myself. It gives me a chance to show individuality"

Sophomore Kyla De Crow

*** My Friends and Family Matter**

"Because my family is always there for me and my friends always make me feel better when I'm sad"

Freshman Nicholas Railsback

*** Family and Friends Matter**

"They are always there for me"

Senior Kaitlyn Hackworth

"My favorite part was..."

The senior class went to Washington D.C. in April and they tell which part of the trip **mattered** most to them.

"Going to the play Shear Madness because it was really funny."
- Garrett Foust

"The natural history museum because it had the hope diamond"
- Danielle Pruitt

"Getting hit on by the car full of black guys because that never happens."
- Allie Elliott

"Watching the play because it was cool to determine who was the killer."
- Kaitlyn VanDiepenbos

"Renting bikes with Dougy and Trent and riding around D.C. because it was cool to ride bikes around the city with my boys"
- Mark Long

"Either the National Cathedral or the play because the cathedral was cool and the play was funny. I also liked making fun of Patrick and his job at Subway."
- Josh Vance

"Going to watch the play at the Kennedy because it was more funny than expected."
- Shayna Agnew

"The holocaust museum because I gained a better understanding of the tragedy."
- Courtney Newsome

"When Allie almost got stolen by some black guy because she was looking so fine."
- Melinda Wright

"Hanging out with friends and going to the holocaust museum because it showed me how bad the jews were really treated. It was sad but good."
- Brittany Butler

"The Sheer Madness play at the Kennedy Center because the acting was phenomenal and the hilarity off the charts."
- David Miller

"Spendig time with my friends in the hotel because we got to relax and have fun."
- Emy Gelbaugh



Seniors stand and listen to their tour guide talk about cannons. It was cold, windy and overcast. "Seeing Shear Madness and the cathedral was the best because it was hilarious and the cathedral was so beautiful," senior Connor Fraser said.

Photo by KayLynn May

The seniors sit and talk in front of the Capital Building. They were waiting to get their picture taken in front of the Capital Building. "Going to the air and space museum and seeing all of the NASA stuff was cool because that's what I want to work with one day. To see all the NASA shuttles and planes was amazing," senior Tiffyni Tackett said.

Photo by KayLynn May

*** Work Matters**
"Gets you ready for life"

Senior Bryce Walls

*** Friends and Family Matters**

"They are important to me because they love and care for me no matter what happens"

Sophomore Alexis Smith

*** Paige Matters**
"She's the love of my life"

Sophomore Andrew Tanner

*** Andrew Matters**
"Because I love him"

Sophomore Paige Schoettmer

*** Music Matters**
"It helps me relax"

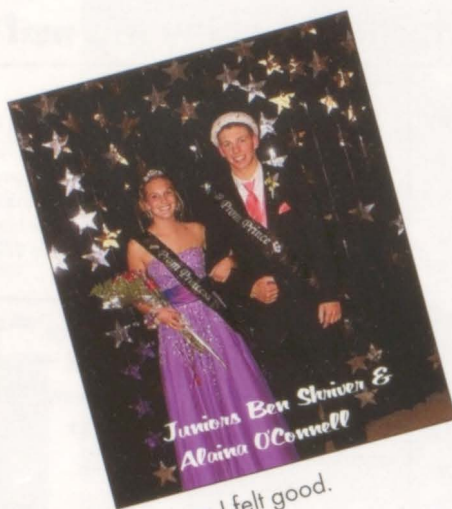
Sophomore Paul Schaeffer

The Kings and Queens

Seniors Shelby Cox and Daniel Miller and juniors Alaina O'Connell and Ben Shriver share their thoughts when they got crowned.



Shelby: I was a mix
ball of emotions.
Daniel: I was surprised,
happy, and excited.



Alaina: I felt good.
Ben: I felt good.



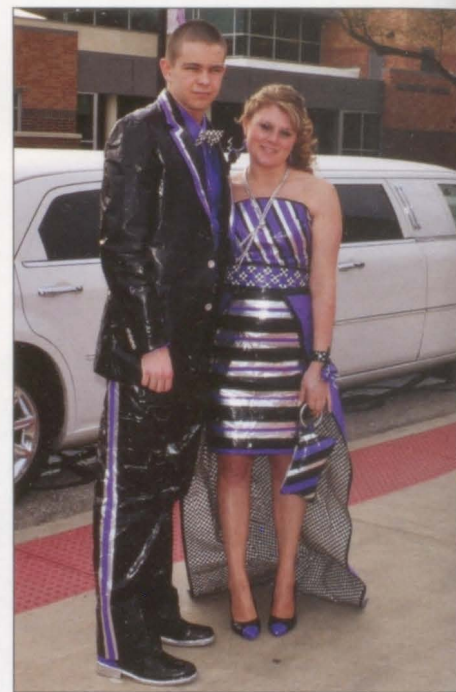
The senior prom court got together for a group picture. "Walking with Shelby on prom court and dancing with all my friends," senior Dayton Cohagan said.

Photo by Bethany Fincher



Senior Kevin Serrano was at prom. Serrano's best thing about his prom night was, "Dancing with all my friends and talking to them and dancing with some teachers," Serrano said.

Photo by Bethany Fincher



Senior Allyson Ross arrives to prom with her boyfriend, sophomore Alex Salmon. Ross made everything out of duct tape. "Dancing was the best thing about my night," senior Autumn Deniston said.

Photo courtesy of Allyson Ross

*My Family Matters

My family is important to me because they support me and help me achieve my goals in life.

Senior Emily Gelbaugh

*Sports Matter

Makes me feel good.

Freshman Brandon Webster

* My Friends Matter

My friends are important to me because they always know how to brighten my day.

Sophomore Cody Welch

* Family Matters

Family is important to me because my family is a major reason that I am the person I am today and I know they will always be there for me and love me.

Freshman Katelyn Gunter

* My Friends Matter

They always make me laugh and are always there for me and I always am there for them!!

Sophomore Eva Garcia



Some seniors hangout and were enjoying their last year of prom. "I thought it was really cool [that Shelby got crowned queen], like the best part of prom," senior Brittany Julian said.

Photo by Bethany Fincher

Students take a group photo so they all had something to look back to for prom. "Going to McDonald's was the best thing about my night," senior Trey Pomeroy said.

Photo courtesy of Mrs. Heckaman



Junior Brainagan Bahney shows off his unique style. Bahney rolled up in style and a limo full of girls. Bahney's best thing at prom was, "Being the awesomeness person there," Bahney said.

Photo by Bethany Fincher



Senior Shelby Cox and Mr. Hutton take a picture together after Shelby got crowned queen. "I felt very proud that our kids put another student ahead of themselves that showed a lot of class and thoughtfulness," Jon Hutton said.

Photo by Bethany Fincher

Her Shining* Moment

Senior Shelby Cox crowned prom queen.

On May 4, senior Shelby Cox was elected prom queen by the students at prom.

"I was overwhelmed with joy and astonishment that students voted for her. It was one of the top five moments in my life," special needs teacher Abby Schwendeman said.

Cox expressed that she was happy, excited, and scared all at the same time.

"We had to talk to her a lot and tell her not to freak out when her name was called on the intercom, that it was a good thing and that it meant people liked her. Of course we had to remind her a lot about prom. We took her out 15 minutes before they called them out so she could just relax," Schwendeman said.

Shelby got her picture taken with prom king Daniel Miller and the other members of the prom court.

"It's such a happy story, it was like something that only happens in movies," Schwendeman said.

Story by Shelby Baker

* Golf Matters

Because I am awesome and I can hit the ball far.

Sophomore Corey Carson

* Friends Matter

Because they are always there for me when I need them.

Freshman Monica Hatfield

* School Matters

School is important to me because it determines what you can and can't do for the rest of your life.

Freshman Jesse Floor

* Family Matters

I can always count on my momma and my brother and sisters 100% of the time.

Junior Branigan Bahney

* Family Matters

They never let me down.

Sophomore Kayla Shepherd

Final Thoughts

* "My final thoughts are thank God it's over, it's been a long hard battle and I won. Good luck to all my classmates in the future. See you someday!"

Tanner Hobbs



Special needs teacher Abigail Schwendeman walks senior Hannah Rupp to her spot during the graduation processional.

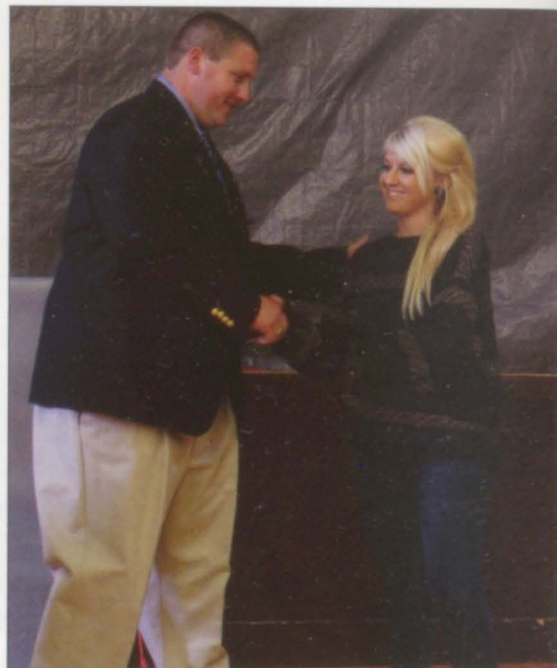


Principal Kirk Doebrmann congratulates senior Destiny Hansen as he hands her a diploma.



Seniors Kaitlyn VanDiepenbos and Alicia Howell pose for the camera. They were very excited to try on their caps and gowns.

Photo Courtesy of Melanie Mason



Burket supervisor Micah Lukens shakes hands with graduating senior Jacqueline Miller after discussing her accomplishments and struggles during her time at Burket.

Photo by Bethany Fincher

* Leadership and Friends Matter

To show others how they should treat others and be respectful in sports. Friends are what make high school fun!

Senior Connor Fraser

* Sports Matter

Sports is important to me because it keeps me active and helps with stress.

Freshman Tyler Ross

* Art Matters

It is away for me to express myself and relieve stress with something with importance.

Senior Allyson Ross

* Friends and Family Matters

Family and friends are the most important to me because your time with them is limited, and you must be there for them and love them even when they're at their lowest.

Freshman Madison Henninger

* Family & Friends Matter

They keep me from going insane but sometimes drive me insane!

Sophomore Daniel Bean



Senior Autumn Deniston walks across the stage to receive her diploma. Very few students and staff knew of Deniston's plan to walk across the stage as a surprise and Father's Day gift to her dad. Seniors Emily Madrigal and Barbie Kimmel assisted Deniston along with Superintendent Brett Boggs. The entire senior class gave Deniston a standing ovation as she shook hands with Principal Kirk Doebrmann.

Senior Trent Jackson grabs a bite to eat during the senior breakfast. It was held on the last day of school before senior awards.



Seniors Dan Miller, Jacob Ritchey, and Courtney Newsome listen to a speech during their graduation ceremony. Barbie Kimmel used Dr. Seuss' book *The Sneeches* as a basis for her speech and gave each graduate a small star to remind them how important it is to embrace individuality and accept our differences.



Senior Michael Pozorski and his father go through the line for senior breakfast on May 30. Teachers and staff served the graduating seniors biscuits and gravy with fruit and doughnuts.



Math teacher Terry Screeton delivers the convocation before the graduation ceremony.

*** Baseball, Hunting, Fishing, & Trapping Matter**

It's fun and it makes me happy.

Freshman Jay Myers

*** Sports & Friends Matter**

I really want to be successful in the sports I play. I also like having friends to have someone to talk to and hangout with.

Freshman Tanner Neeley

*** Horses & Being Outside Matter**

I love animals, I love being outside, and in nature.

Freshman Adrian Evans

*** Family and Friends Matter**

Family and friends are important to me because they are always there for me when I need them and I can trust them with anything.

Freshman Brooke Danner

*** Cheerleading Matters**

It's something that I really enjoy, it's extremely fun and I've done it for a long time.

Sophomore Kaira Hackworth

Valley has a lot of athletes who compete on the court, field, course or on the mat. For so many students the plays they make and the time they practice are **what matters***.

Scoring the touchdown **matters***

Being a team player **matters***

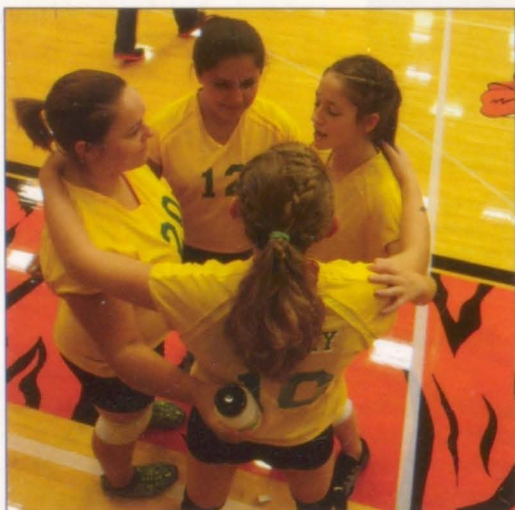
Improving the time on the 100 backstroke **matters***

Pinning an opponent **matters***

Clearing the hurdles in record time **matters***

Sports **matter*** to us because it's a time where students can shine and be confident in themselves. They can set a record and make Valley history. It doesn't happen without working at it. Just like in life if they want to be successful at something then they better be doing everything they can to make that possible. When athletes are involved in a sport they're a part of a family. That family loves them, will support them, and protect them. They come together when it matters most and show their viking pride.

Sports Matter



Freshmen Aris Long, Nia Mattern, and Shelbi Dugan huddle during a volleyball game. The game was at Warsaw High School. "Being able to be part of the team, and having a family" Freshman Nia Mattern said.

Photo by Tarra Swanson



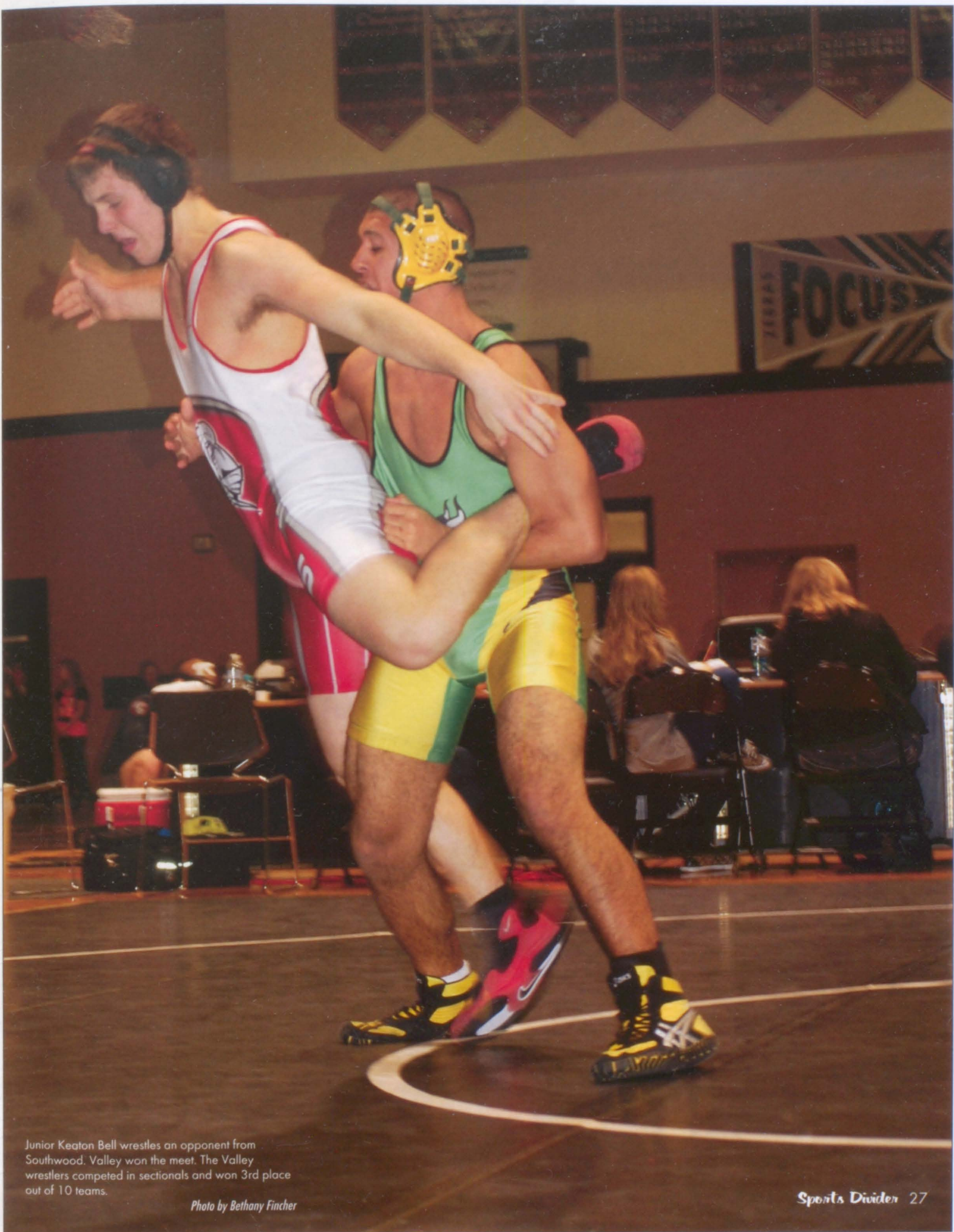
Freshman Trevor Neeley serves the tennis ball. This was Neeley's first year playing tennis for his freshman year at TVHS. When asked what inspired him to play tennis he replied, "It's fun".

Photo by Bethany Fincher



Sophomore Jarred Littlejohn dribbles the ball down the court away from Whitco's basket. He has been playing basketball for two years at Valley. When asked what was his favorite part about basketball this year he answered, "Winning sectionals".

Photo courtesy of Shelly Holloway



Junior Keaton Bell wrestles an opponent from Southwood. Valley won the meet. The Valley wrestlers competed in sectionals and won 3rd place out of 10 teams.

Photo by Bethany Fincher

Senior Justin Gunter and Junior Ben Shriver complete a play at Lucas Oil Stadium against Bremen. Gunter runs with the ball and leaves Bremen in the dust. Valley won the game. "It was extra special because, it was at Lucas Oil Stadium and the Super Bowl was there the previous year," Gunter said.

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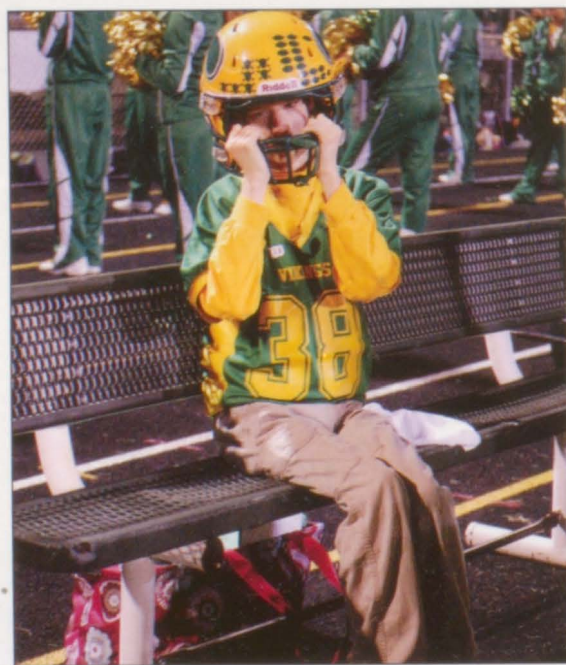
JV and Varsity teams huddle together to figure out their game plan at Lucas Oil Stadium against Bremen. "I felt excited that our team played well in a big environment," senior, Daniel Miller said.

Photo by Bethany Fincher



The JV team goes in for a tackle at the home game against Southwood. "Pretty happy when we win, I like it when we cheer to the crowd when we win," sophomore Brice Adams said.

Photo by Savannah Yoder



Seniors Justin Gunter and Alex Miller carry the bell out to the field for the Rochester game. Valley won the game and kept the bell. "It's a lot of fun, I like watching them get the bell, I like being the water girl, and I have a lot of fun," said freshman Jamin Irwin.

Photo by Bethany Fincher



***Family Matters**

They are there for you whenever and always reliable.

Freshman Whitney Haneline

***Sports, school Matter**

Because I love being active and I love having good grades.

Freshman Tyler Ross

***Baseball Matters**

Because I have been playing it for a while after I watched my step- brother play.

Sophomore Jordan Lacroix

***Family Matters**

Because it's what matters to me.

Sophomore Garret Paxton

***Music Matters**

I love to play guitar, drums etc., I think it is very important to be able to know and understand the music we listen to.

Freshman Kevin Good

Varsity & JV Matter

Junior Ben Shriver and freshman Jeremy Himes share the differences between JV and varsity football.

Junior, **Ben Shriver**, has been playing football since his 4th grade. His position is quarterback/DV. He decided to play it because, he grew up around football and his dad has also been the coach.

Q: What did you have to do to get on the varsity team?

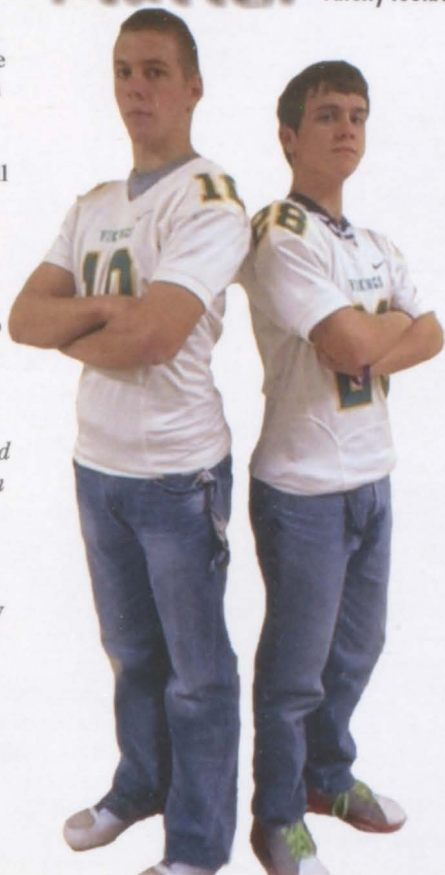
A: "I had to work in the weight room and on the field more, I had to lead the team more."

Q: Does the coach push varsity harder then they do JV?

A: "The coach pushes the teams equally, they just expect more out of varsity."

Q: What is different about JV and varsity?

A: "The speed of the game."



Freshman, **Jeremy Himes**, has been playing football since his 8th grade year. His position is full back and safety. He decided to play it because, he used to play it when he was a kid and he thought it would be good.

Q: What are some things that varsity does that JV doesn't do?

A: "Pre game practices, they get different plays, and more attention on occasions."

Q: What are some opportunities that JV gets that varsity doesn't?

A: "Different positions, varsity, they know their positions and stick to them, we get to try out for different ones."

Would You Rather...

Football players share what they rather do when it comes to practices and games.



Would you rather inch worm or spiderman?
Spiderman because I think it gets me stretched out more than the inch worm does.

Freshman Cole Cumberland



Would you rather form running or bounding?
Form running because it works on your technique.

Freshman Nick Feldman

*Family Matters

They are always there for you, for comfort and support and it is a great thing to return back to people.

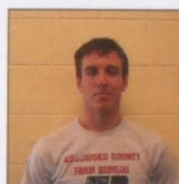
Freshman Emily Shepherd

*Friends Matter

I can tell my friends anything. They are always there when I need them the most.

Junior Robyn Dunnuck

Would you rather be a running back or a linebacker?
Running back because it's more fun.



Sophomore Aaron Hoffman

Would you rather be a punter or a kicker?
Punter because I am better at it.



Junior Chris Torpy

*Friends Matters

They never fail to make me laugh everyday and they make each class more entertaining.

Sophomore Ashley Bahney

*Family Matters

My family is so important to me because they have my back no matter what and they are very fun to be around.

Sophomore Ashlie Tackett

*Running Matters

It's really healthy, and it makes me feel good about myself.

Junior Mark Hicks

*Football

Varsity

Culver Academy	Loss
Bremen	Win
Manchester	Win
Southwood	Win
Northfield	Win
Wabash	Win
Rochester	Win
North Miami	Loss
Whitko	Win
West Noble	Win
Heritage	Win

Junior Varsity

Marion	Loss
Bremen	Win
Southwood	Win
Northfield	Win
Wabash	Win
Rochester	Loss
New Prairie	Loss
Whitko	Loss



Valley goes in for a tackle on a Southwood player. Valley gets the tackle. "Being on the team is like having a second family," sophomore Brandon Murphy said.

Photo by KayLynn May

Cheer Stunts *Matters*

Cheerleaders discuss their favorite stunts.

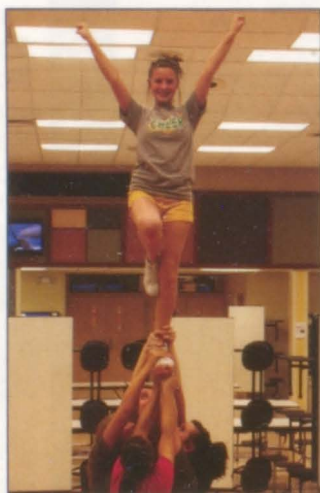
*Libs

"The one man lib, this is my favorite because it's easy and sturdy," freshman Shayla Hoffman said.

"Extension lib, because it's my first steady stunt while standing in the air on one foot," freshman Maddi Cooper said.

"Libs, because I get a good feeling when we get it," sophomore Tabitha Baldrige said.

"My favorite stunt is the lib...though I don't do very much it's so fun! It's where a girl goes up on one leg then takes her other leg and brings her ankle to her knee," junior Alexus Lisenby said.



*Full down

"Full down because you put the girl up in a prep throw her up in the air and she spins in the air while falling into our arms," freshman Caitlyn Bailey said.

"Full down because when she is spinning in the air it just looks awesome," sophomore Kaira Hackworth said.



*Handstand

"Handstand, because I get to go in a handstand and a flyer gets to stand on my feet," sophomore Kaylyn Hamman said.

"My favorite stunt is the handstand because it looks cool and I get to base it. Handstand is when someone is doing a handstand and someone else stands on top of their feet," junior Desiree Sanchez said.

"My favorite stunt is the handstand because falling back is like a huge trust fall or backing any good flyer is cool," junior Kirsten Schipper said.



12 Straight Seasons Down

Senior Allyson Ross reflects on her final season as a cheerleader.

Senior Allyson Ross stands on the sidelines of the middle school basketball court. Her sweaty palms grip her shiny pom-poms tightly. The smell of popcorn drifts through the gym from the concession stand, and the sound of a basketball as it bounces across the court. Allyson Ross stares into the crowd seeing fans cheering and parents waiting to snap pictures. The coach yells for the girls to get ready. Ross prepares to cheer in front of a full audience for the first time.

"I was really excited to perform and be in front of the crowd. I remember a lot of the girls were nervous, but I was just excited for the experience of the first game," Allyson Ross said.

Allyson Ross has been a cheerleader since sixth grade. That's seven years and 13 total seasons. As a senior, she must say goodbye to her cheerleading career as she prepares to graduate and move on.

She decided to become a cheerleader because it was something she had always wanted to do. She also wanted to meet new people and learn new things.

"I loved watching the girls on the sidelines and I wanted to be the one at the top of the stunt," Allyson Ross said. Allyson started cheering because she wanted to support our players that put a lot of time and effort into their sports and she wanted to do the same. She wanted to encourage the team and the fans.

"It was a sport that challenged me in several ways and I liked that," Allyson Ross said.

The reason Allyson stuck with cheerleading for so many years is because the challenges she has been able to overcome.

"I stuck with cheerleading because of the friendships I've made over the years," Allyson Ross said.

After three and a half years on the high school squad, Allyson Ross has improved and grown both as a cheerleader and as a person. Ms. Jennie Kotterman has worked with Ross since she transitioned to the high school squad, and she notes that Ross has learned to work through problems.

"She doesn't sweat the small stuff," Kotterman said. "Life gives you curve balls and you have to learn to adapt."

Cheering with Allyson Ross for three years has been a great experience. She always makes us have a good time and we create a lot of memories. All the cheerleaders trust her a lot. If you're a flyer you really have to depend on your backspot. She helps us all if we make mistakes. She is very caring if someone messes up Allyson will not yell at you she will just try to help you become a better cheerleader.

"Allyson has taught me always to be a positive person, and to never give up on something you want," junior Katie Seedorf said.

Allyson learned that friendships are very important and they can last a life time. She learned that you need to listen to coaches or your elders because they ultimately know what is best for you and they can help you overcome many obstacles in life.

"That hard work and dedication pays off in the long run and helps you grow and mature as a person," Allyson Ross said.



Cheerleaders pose for a picture with assistant cheer coach Jennie Kotterman at Lucas Oil Stadium. The cheerleaders performed on the professional field as they cheered on the football team against Bremen. "It was really fun but I was kind of nervous," junior Desiree Sanchez said.

Photo by Bethany Fincher

*Art Matters

Art lets me show who I am, to express myself in a way that doesn't need explaining.

Freshman Brandi Hazard

*Baseball Matters

Baseball is important to me because in my opinion it's the best sport ever made.

Freshman Garrett Bell

*Cheerleading Matters

Cheerleading is a great way to get to know people, also we have so much fun. I love all the girls on the team.

Freshman Shayla Hoffman

*Church Matters

I can be myself and learn more to expand my faith.

Freshman Rebecca Murphy

*Family & Friends Matter

I know that they will always be there for me and help me when I get depressed.

Sophomore Ashley Galloway

Story by Bethany Fincher



The cheerleaders perform extensions and the flyers hit a high-V motion. The weather was bad and everybody ended up getting sent into the Southwood's High School gym for an hour and forty-five minutes. Eventually they came back out and cheered on the boys. Valley won the game. "It was exiting and full of suspense," sophomore Leslee France said.

Photo by Bethany Fincher

Junior Alexis Lisenby relaxes in the sun on the way to a game. The cheerleaders were going to cheer on the football players at Lucas Oil Stadium. "I was just trying to work on my tan for a few minutes," Lisenby said.

Photo by Bethany Fincher



The cheerleaders do a cheer on the sidelines of the basketball court to pump up the crowd and the basketball players. The girls basketball team played North Manchester. "Basketball and football are about the same. I like basketball better because you never have to cheer in the rain or the cold," senior Brittany Butler said.

Photo by Bethany Fincher

Sophomore Tabitha Baldrige looks at all the buildings in Downtown Indianapolis. The cheerleaders traveled to Lucas Oil Stadium and cheered. The football players won the game against Bremen. "It felt great to be on that field. That game was fun too," freshman Daianara Witham said.

Photo by Bethany Fincher



The Valley cheerleaders perform a prep and an extension prep at halftime of the girls basketball game. At the end of the stunt the girls did a cradle, which is they throw the flyer in the air and catch them. "It was a lot of fun and the girls are great and I will miss them, but this may not be my last year if I decide to cheer in college," senior Barbie Kimmel said.

Photo by KayLynn May

***Football Matters**

It's like a second family to everyone. If one goes to war we all go to war. It's a Valley brotherhood.

Junior Nick Gamble

***Photography Matters**

Taking pictures is a way for me to express myself, that and they look really cool.

Sophomore Sarah Jones

***Rugby Matters**

Because I love my rugby family. Rugby is a way to express the way you feel. my coach always says "Give blood, play rugby." Rugby is like being in a family that likes to hit each other.

Freshman Estefani Ramirez

***School Matters**

Because my grades are important to me because I want to graduate and succeed.

Senior Autumn Deniston

***Sports Matter**

Because sports are how you meet people, they bring people together. Depending on the sport it's like you are a part of a family. Also helps me keep my grades up.

Sophomore Michael Thacker

* Volleyball

Meet a Few Players

Players share their stats and views on the sport.

Varsity

Opponent	Win/Loss
Wawasee	W
Marion	W
Wabash	L
Lakewood	L
Manchester	W
Tri-Central	W
St. Joe	L
Maconaquah	W
Warsaw	L
S.B. Clay	W
North Miami	W
Triton	W
LaVille	W
Manchester	W
Heritage	?
Calumet Christian	L
Knox	L
West Noble	W
Northfield	L
Oak Hill	W
Culver	W
Rochester	L
Whitko	L
Southwood	L
Bremen	L
Wawasee	L

Freshmen

Opponent	Win/Loss
Warsaw/Wawasee	L
Wabash	L
Warsaw/Northridge	L
Maconaquah	L
Peru	W
Plymouth	L
Plymouth/Goshen	L
Whitko	L
Wawasee	L



Alexis O'Connell, JV

Number: 19, "It was the last number."
Position: Middle front.
Years playing: 2
Favorite thing about volleyball?: Being part of the team.
Greatest achievement: Most Blocks Award



Shelbi Dugan, Freshman

Number: 9 "Because it's my favorite number."
Position: Outside
Years playing: 3 years
Favorite thing about volleyball?: Spiking
Greatest achievement: Being able to serve it overhand



Kelsey Ekert, Varsity

Number: 13 "I've always had that number."
Position: Setter
Years playing: Since: 6 years
Favorite thing about volleyball?: Get to play my favorite sport with my closest friends.
Greatest achievement: Most assists award.



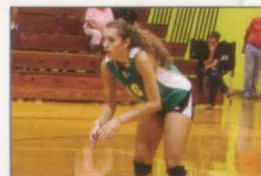
Aris Long, Freshman

Number: 25
Position: Everything
Years playing: 5 years
Favorite thing about volleyball?: Competing
Greatest achievement" Most Improved Award



Alaina O'Connell, JV & Varsity

Number: Varsity #9, JV #3
Position: Back row
Years playing: Since 4 years
Favorite thing about volleyball?: Having good times with the girls on the team
Greatest achievement: In a JV game, it was against Triton the score was 25-2



Caylie Teel, Varsity

Number: 10 "Because it's an easy number to remember."
Position: Outside
Years playing: 6 years
Favorite thing about volleyball?: Spiking the volleyball
Greatest achievement: Starting varsity as a freshman



Diana Baca, JV

Number: 15
Position: Labaro
Years playing: 3 years
Favorite thing about volleyball?: Playing with everyone during the games
Greatest achievement: Most Digs Award



Morgan Brazo, Freshman

Number: 8
Position:
Years playing: Just this year
Favorite thing about volleyball?: The teamwork that we've had
Greatest achievement: Actually serving overhand

* Family Matters

Because your family is always there for you when you need them the most.

Junior Yamilet Ruiz

*Sports, Friends, Family Matter

Well sports are going to help me into college, friends are there for support, and family are always there for everything.

Sophomore Jonah Milkell

*School Matters

Allows us to have a social life, gives us education for the future.

Freshman Madi Reutebuch

*Softball Matters

Softball is important because it's a team working together and making new friends.

Senior Mariah Benzing

*My Mom Matters

Because she's always there for me, I can talk to her anything. We do everything together. She really means a lot to me. She's so kind and that's why I love her so much.

Freshman Kaylee Reese

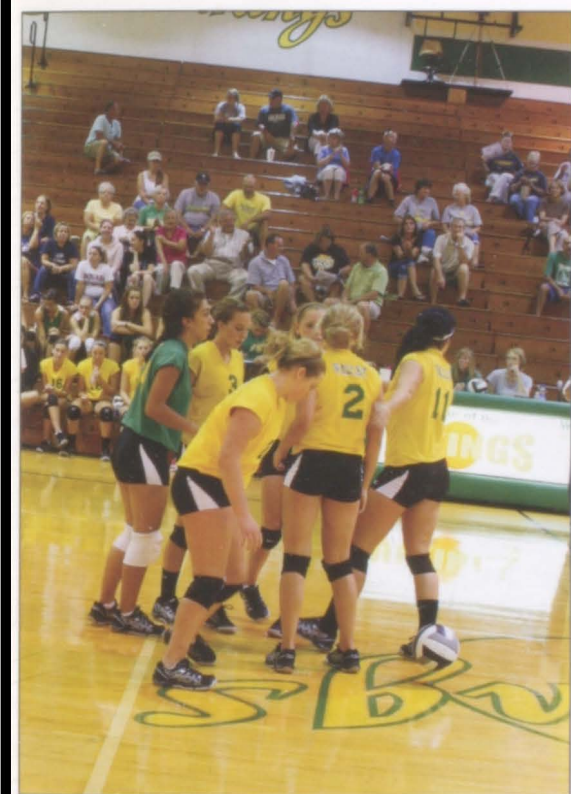


Varsity volleyball players get pumped before a game. "It's fun and enjoyable," sophomore Jade Hoffman said. They played that day against South Bend St. Joes.

Photo by KayLynn May

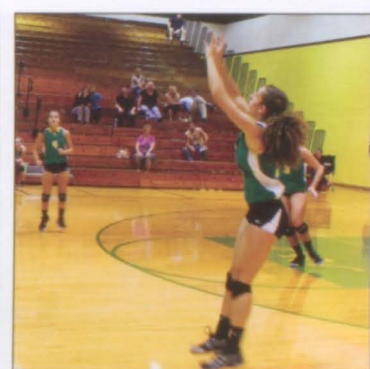
Freshmen and JV volleyball players get ready to play. "[Volleyball] was fun because I got to play with my friends," freshman Emmalee Cohagan said. Cohagan played the middle position.

Photo by KayLynn May



Members of the freshmen and JV volleyball team get together.

Photo by KayLynn May



Sophomore Caylie Teel jumps to save the volleyball from hitting the ground. "I was setting the ball over the net to get the point," Teel said.

Photo by KayLynn May

The freshmen volleyball team talks and players give each other high fives. "It was fun. We all got really close," said freshman Rebecca Murphy about the season. They played against Warsaw.

Photo by Tarra Swanson

***Music Matters**

It's been a part of my life and who I am for 17 years, it gets me through the most rough times ever.

Junior Chassidy Bays

***Creative Writing Matters**

I love writing; always have and hope I always will. When you write you can do whatever you want.

Junior Chris Gagnon

***My brother Matters**

Because without him I would be home alone a lot and it wouldn't be as fun because there wouldn't be fights.

Junior Heaven Vick

***Choir, Tennis, Goofy Pictures Matter**

Because I love to sing, and play Tennis. Goofy pictures because we need to have fun!

Junior Cora Warstler

***My "Tony May" Matters -**

Because he is my "Tony May".

Junior Drake Sparkman

The boys tennis team members wait on the sidelines of the tennis court. They are waiting to find out who they will play and shake their hand.

Photo by Bethany Fincher



Senior Ciara Hallstrom returns the ball to her opponent. Ciara played doubles that match.

Photo by Bethany Fincher



Senior Nick Kindig glides across the court to return the ball to his opponent. Nick won the match.

Photo by Bethany Fincher



Juniors Morgan Conliff and Kathy Eagleson move in to position to get ready to return the ball. Kathy and Morgan played doubles for this match.

Photo by Bethany Fincher

*** Friends Matter**

Friends are important because they've been there for me through the best and the worst times to support and help me.

Freshman Kaden Sebastian

*** My friends and mom Matter**

Having people you can trust is great. Without friends, life would be as boring as school.

Sophomore Derek Adams

*** Family and friends Matter**

I think that family and friends are important to me because they help me through everyday life.

Freshman Kaitlyn Ott

*** School Matters**

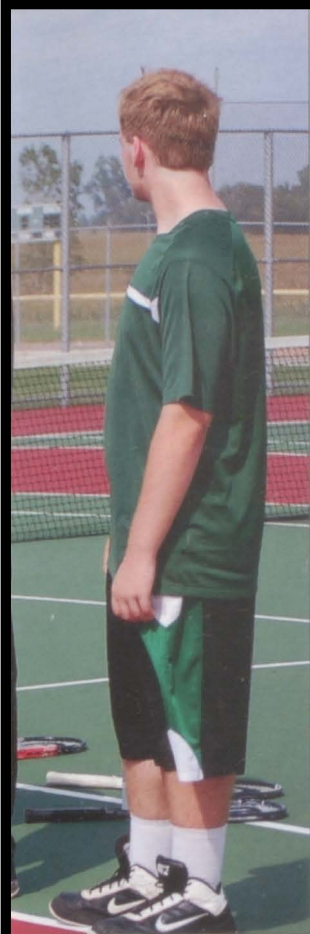
It is important because, in my eyes I see that with education comes wonderful opportunities for great jobs, which may lead to future happiness.

Freshman Damien Pelo

*** Friends and family Matter**

They are both there for me when I'm having problems and need cheered up.

Freshman Erika Craft



Sophomore Jaden Biddle walks to her spot to continue her match.

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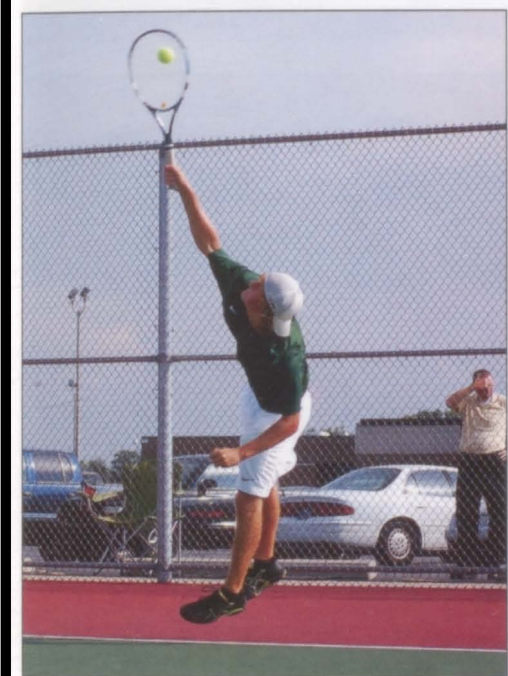
Freshman Sara Pomeroy hustles to the ball to return it. She played doubles in this match.

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Junior Kathy Eagleson stands and waits for her opponent to return the ball.

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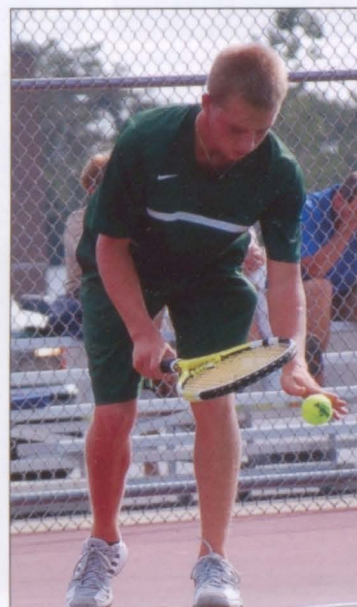
Junior Tanner Neeley jumps in order to return the ball to his opponent during a match with Triton.

Photo by Bethany Fincher



Sophomore Hanna Dalrymple serves the ball. She played singles and won.

Photo by Bethany Fincher



Junior Isaac Shewman prepares to serve the ball to his opponent from Triton.

Photo by Bethany Fincher

*** Friends and Family Matter**

It's important because your friends and family are what get you through high school.

Senior Jacob Ritchey

*** Wrestling and Football Matters**

These are the two sports that I play. I believe sports are an incredible test of courage and determination. Sports make boys turn into men and take a lot of dedication.

Sophomore A.J. Long

*** Football Matters**

because it is like a brother hood like a family. It is something to have fun with.

Junior Jacob Jennings

*** Having Jesus as my Savior Matters**

It is important to me because with Jesus as my guide, there is nothing that can do me harm. Psalm 27:1.

Junior Juan Baca

*** Hanging out with friends Matters**

Because it gets boring being by yourself all the time.

Junior Maverick Shelplan

Some of the cross country boys get pumped up for their meet. They are doing one of their chants that they do for inspiration. Freshman Breelyn Conley's most favorite thing about being in cross country is "being with the team."

Photo by Bethany Fincher

Brooklyn Conley runs far and long for her cross country team. Sophomore Devin Childers said, "Yes she tries during practice. She strives to be the best around."

Photo by Bethany Fincher



Mark Hicks helps support his team by running and trying his best. They ran at the Rochester High School. "He is a good runner," senior Patrick Hughes said.

Photo by Bethany Fincher

Brittany Childers smiles as she approaches the finish line. "She was a good runner," sophomore Cody Runyon said.

Photo by Bethany Fincher



Devin Childers tries his best to get ahead of the other runners. "He can bear crawl faster than we can run," sophomore Gary Long said.

Photo by Bethany Fincher



***Friends matter**

Because they're cool and they make coming to school fun.

Freshman Carissa Howard

***Church matters**

I can strengthen my faith and strengthen my bond with God.

Freshman Isaac Sponseller

***My horse matters**

Because it's my whole life and that's the only thing I have to do! And I love him.

Sophomore Sarah Templin

***Friends matter**

Friends put a smile on my face all the time. I couldn't live without my friends.

Junior Mason Veach

***Family matters**

Because they are supporting me through anything every step of the way.

Sophomore Hanna Dalrymple

Running Through Their Memories.

Cross country runners share some of their fun memories they had while in cross country.



Junior Noah Clampit's memory is "Throwing tennis balls at Luke."



Junior Robyn Erklin's memory is "Getting my worst time ever because I was injured."



Senior Brittany Childer's memory is "we always do weird crazy stuff on the weekend because we are like a family."



Senior Adam Solano's memory is "Getting under 19 minutes."



Freshman Kevin Good's memory is "running as a team and everyone was very high and everyone supported each other."

Running for This Moment.

Runners tell their favorite part of running on the path.

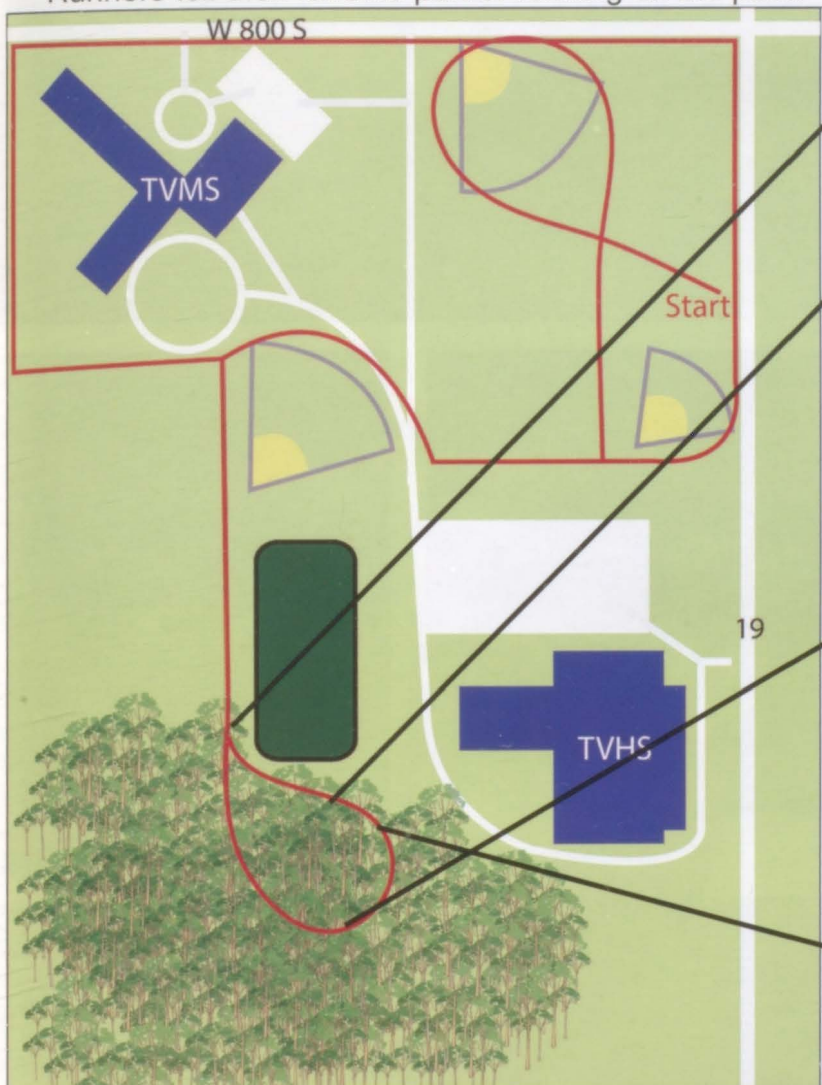


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Freshman Emily Childer's favorite part about running on the path was the woods because it was shady.

Freshman Karly Kitch's favorite part about running on the path was the woods because, no one can see you and it was shady.

Junior Brandon Maull's favorite part about running on the path was the woods because, they have different type of terrain to run on.

Freshman Andy Herrera's favorite part about running on the cross country path was the hills because, you don't really have to run you fall down the hill kind of.

*Cross Country

Girls Varsity/ Jv

Goshen	N/A
Northfield Invite	N/A
Caston Invite	N/A
Warsaw Invite	10th
Valley Invite	11th
Rochester, Triton	10th
New Prairie Invite	3rd
North Miami, Taylor	25th
New Haven Invite	1st
Winamac Invite	N/A
Sectional	4th
	7th

Boys Varsity/ Jv

Goshen	N/A
Northfield Invite	5th
Caston Invite	3rd
Warsaw Invite	10th
Valley Invite	9th
Rochester, Triton	3rd
New Prairie Invite	27th
North Miami, Taylor	1st
New Haven Invite	15th
Winamac Invite	2nd
Sectional	7th

* Family matters

Because I love them.

Junior Kristen Moust

* Family matters

Family is everything to me because we are really close.

Junior Landin Madsen

* My boyfriend matters

Because I love him. And he's my bestfriend in the world too, he means everything to me.

Junior Rebekha Mikel

* My friends matter

Without my friends I would be gone. They've kept me sane and are always there when I need them.

Junior Jordan Shelmadine

* Friends matter

Because they are awesome ninjas just like me! And they think I'm funny lol.

Sophomore Caylin Ortega

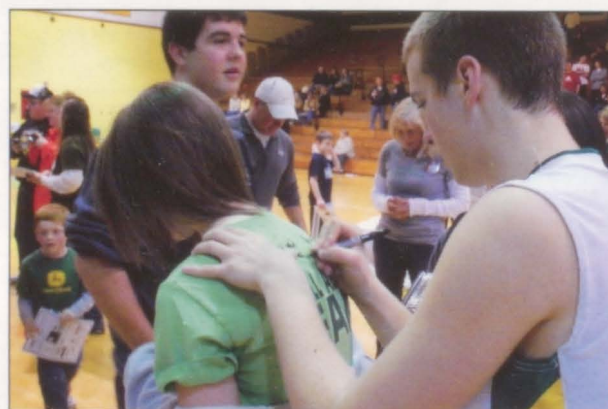
*Basketball

varsity

Boys	Girls
Warsaw	Loss
Argos	Win
Knox	Win
Lakeland Christian	Win
Glenn	Win
Peru	Win
Whitko	Win
Fairfield	Win
Northwood	Win
Northfield	Win
Plymouth	Loss
Rochester	Loss
Southwood	Win
Manchester	Win
Maconaquah	Win
Wabash	Win
North Miami	Win
Bremen	Win
Triton	Loss
Wawasee	Win
Lakeland	Win
Norwell	Loss
Munster	N/A
Noblesville	N/A
Winamac	N/A
North Judson	N/A
West Noble	N/A

JV

Girls
Warsaw
Peru
Whitko
Fairfield
Northwood
Northfield
Plymouth
Rochester
Southwood
Manchester
Wabash
North Miami
Bremen
Triton
Winamac
North Judson
West Noble
Wawasee



Valley basketball players sign programs and tshirts for fans and community members.

Photo Courtesy of Sharon Kindig

Q&A

Two players share what they do during practice girls basketball

Q:What is the most challenging part at practice?

A:Getting in shape and staying in shape.
Sophomore Caylie Teel

Q:What kind of warm ups do you do at practice?

A:Dynamic stretching and then we shoot around.
Sophomore Taylor Trippiedi

* School Matters

The work and how its beneficial for my future.

Freshmen Rafael Jimenez

* Football Matters

It is a way of getting exercise and I enjoy it.

Freshmen Nick Reynolds

* Family and Cheerleading Matters

Family because they are very close to me and always like to know if something is happening.
Cheerleading because I like to be involved.

Freshmen Maddi Copper

* Football Matter

because I love football, so I get better at practice.

Freshmen Dylan Myers

* My Girlfriend Matters

She is because I believe I want to marry her. I love her with my whole heart, thats why.

Sophomore Christian Warner

Tippecanoe Valley won against the Maconaquah Braves. "I felt pretty confident." Sophomore Alex Salmon said.

Photo Courtesy of Brenda Ross



Danielle Bussard makes a shot at basketball practice. "I like the group exercises because it brings us together as a team and we get to know each other better." Said Sophomore Hanna Dalrymple.

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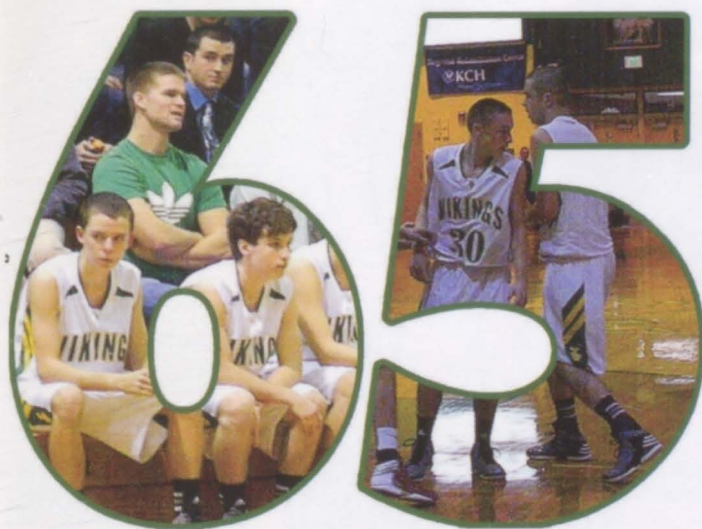
Danielle Bussard and Kelsey Ball practice at TVHS gym. "Our coach makes us work hard but as a team we make it fun." Said Junior Kelsey Ball.

Photo by Bethany Fincher and KayLynn May



Regional Scores Matter

The boys played Norwell in the final regionals game and unfortunately lost and were not able to move on to state.



Valley



Norwell

*** Football Matters**
Because it keeps me fit and active.

Junior Elijah Hurley

*** Band Matters**
I'm in band and there's not much recognition in band.

Freshmen Kate Nolan

*** Cheerleading Matters**
It's so important to me because it is something that I love doing. I love spending time with my cheer family and the memories are the best. I also love how younger kids see us as role models.

Junior Kristin LaCroix

*** Volleyball Matters**
Volleyball is really important because it is so much fun. It is definitely my stress reliever, I've have played since 4 the grade, I can't imagine my life without volleyball in it.

Junior Taylor Garringer

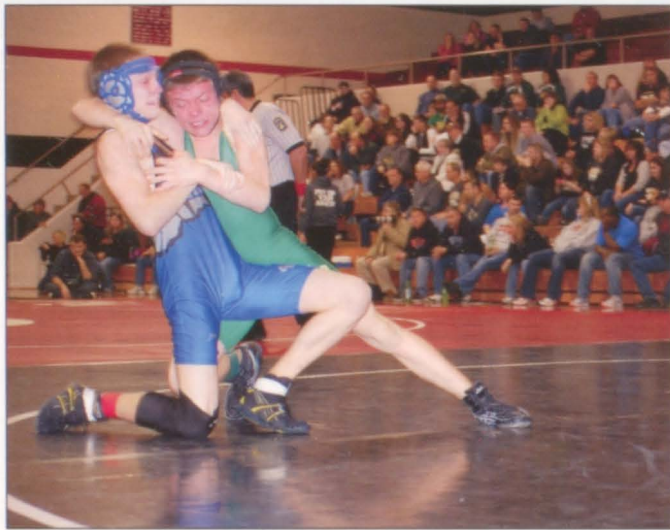
*** Soccer Matters**
I like to play it.

Freshmen Stephen Gilbert

Sophomore Devin Childers works through moves while trying to pin sophomore Clayton Moore. Childers won the match 9-2. "Devin is always a great wrestler and always works his hardest in matches. I look up to everybody that works their hardest on and off the mat, said junior Landin Madsen. *Photo by Bethany Fincher*

Valley wrestlers listen to head Coach Scott Smith as he talks to them after a match at Culver Military Academy. He was giving them advice on what they could do to improve for the next match. Coach shows us where and when we mess up and he explains our mistakes, said junior Arron Heller.

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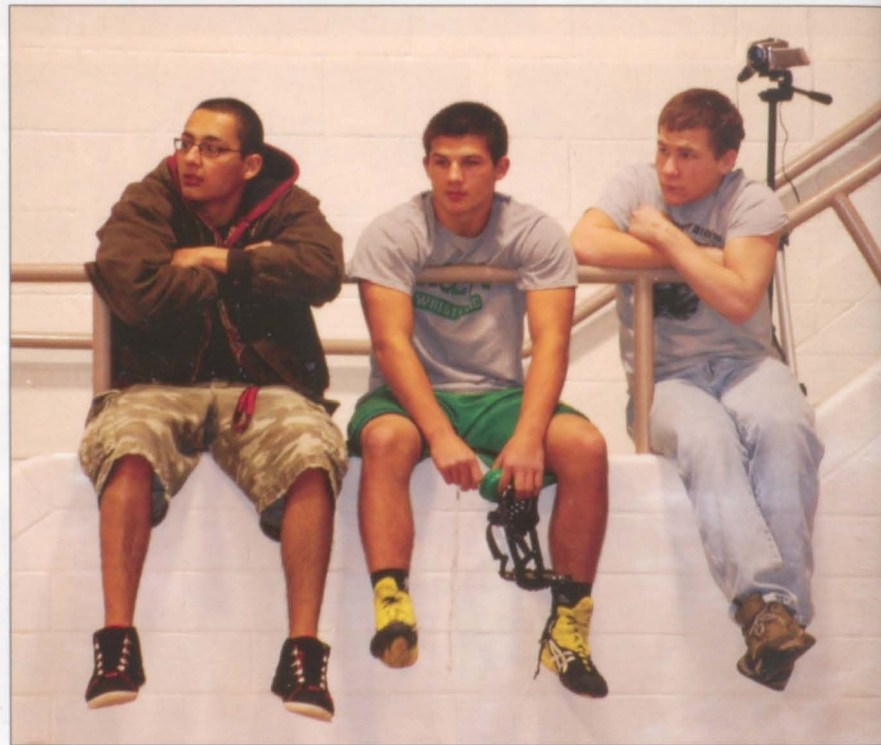


Junior Austin Nault wrestles a kid from Northfield at TRC. Nault won the match. "He tries his best in every match," said freshman Thomas Rensberger.

Photo by Bethany Fincher

Senior Miguel Gomez, freshman Garrett Bell, and sophomore Gary Long watch their teammates wrestle at TRC. TRC was held at North Miami this year. "I don't really pay attention and listen for them cheering me on during a match, but we are all close during wrestling season," said junior Keaton Bell.

Photo by Bethany Fincher



***Food Matters**

I like to eat.

Freshman Tyler Zuniga

***Burket Educational**

Center Matters

I am the teacher.

Staff Micah Lukens

***Making it to state**

Matters

That is my goal.

Sophomore Devin Childers

***My friends and**

Band Matter

Because my friends help me with everything most of my friends are in band with me!

Sophomore Megan Howard

***Friends and Family**

Matter

Without friends or family I don't know it would be like.

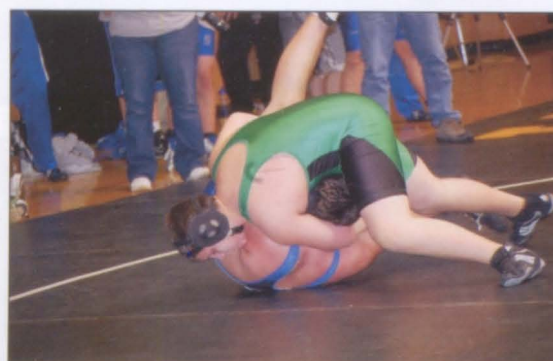
Senior Nathan Morrison



*Wrestling

Varsity

SB Adams	Loss	Mishawaka Marian	Win
Plymouth	Loss	Bremen	Loss
Knox	Win	LaVille	Win
Indy Arlington	Win	Southern Wells	Win
CMA	Loss	Northridge	Loss
Triton	Win	North Miami	Win
Whitko	Win	Heritage	Win
West Noble	Win	Bishop Luers	Win
Wawasee	Loss	Rochester	Loss
FW Southside	Win	Northfield	Win
Columbia City	Loss	Southwood	Win
Wabash	Win	West Central	Win
North Judson	Win	North Miami	Win
SB St. Joe	Win		
River Forest	Win		



Freshman Josh Back wrestles a kid from North Field and he beat his opponent. The tournament was held at Rochester High School. "He works harder and has become quicker on his feet," said sophomore Gary Long.

Photo by Bethany Fincher

Sophomore AJ Long pinned his opponent. He wrestled a kid from North Judson. Valley won the meet. "The memories I've made with these guys will last a lifetime," said senior Miguel Gomez

Photo by Bethany Fincher



Mr. Takedown

Sophomore Wyatt Nelson received Mr. Takedown for being the wrestler with the most takedowns this season.



Mr. Hustle

Sophomore Cody Runyon Receives the award for Mr. Hustle for his good work ethic.



Most Improved

Sophomore Austin Nault receives the award for Most Improved. He has improved not only during this season but his record has greatly improved compared to last years.



Mental Attitude

Freshman Gary Long receives the Mental Attitude award for having the best attitude on and off the mat.



Fastest Pin & Most Valuable

Sophomore Devin Childers receives awards for the fastest pin and Most Valuable. The wrestlers vote on who they think should get the Mr. Hustle, Most Improved, Mental Attitude, and Most Valuable.

***One Direction & Justin Bieber Matter**
I listen to them everyday, if I didn't I don't think I would even [have] a life.

Freshman Lexi Goble

***Morals Matter**
Morals are needed everywhere.
Freshman Dwayne Ohrt

***Family & Friends Matter**
They help me get through everything.
Senior Shayna Agnew

***Football and Baseball Matter**
I get to look at [my] yearbook when I get older.

Senior Brennan Adams

***Friends Matter**
I like spending time with my friends.
Junior Tatianna Scott

* Swimming Matters

Junior Anna Higgins shares her love for swimming.

Junior Anna Higgins floats in the pool waiting on her first race of the night and says a little prayer because she is usually pretty nervous before the big race.

"I'm usually pretty nervous for my first race of the night, but usually I'm just excited to get in the water and swim. I usually focus on having a good start, turns, and finish," Higgins said.

As she waits she thinks about all the people laughing and cheering and then before she knows it is time, the big moment. By then she is just excited to be there swimming.

Once in her sophomore year she beat a girl in the 100 yard back stroke, and she was on cloud nine because she usually gets discouraged if she does not win.

Higgins has been swimming for eight years. She loves swimming because everyone is like a family.

"My physical therapist in elementary school wanted to get me involved in a sport and she thought swimming would be a good fit. I fell in love the moment I jumped in."

Story by Autumn Denison



A Valley diver executes a dive during the meet against North Judson.

Photo by Skylinn Holmes



Juniors Thomas Alexander, Noah Clampitt, Brandon Maull, and sophomore Jonah Mikel pose for a photo during a Valley swim meet.

Photo Courtesy of Virginia Clampitt



Photo Courtesy of Mila Smalley

* Family Matters

Because I love them very much and because they care.

Freshman Annie Honeycutt

* Family Tradition Matters

I have 65 brothers on the TVHS football team.

Junior Cameron Castle

* My Friends Matters

because they are always there for me and fun to be around

Freshmen Chelsea Brown

* Softball Matters

Softball is important to me because it makes me have confidence in myself and it gives me a chance to make new friends with people that have the same interest as I do. I have grown close to all of my teammates this season.

Sophomore Lillian Egolf

* Family Matters

family is the most important thing to me because they have always been there for me when needed. my family is the best just what to say always knowing just what to say.

Senior Aimee Howard

Senior Barbie Kimmel executes a dive during a meet against North Judson.

Photo by Skylinn Holmes



A diver bounces off the board preparing to dive at the North Judson meet

Photo by Skylinn Holmes

A valley swimmer competes in backstroke in a competition against North Judson.

Photo by Skylinn Holmes



A Valley swimmer tightens her goggles before beginning her warm up.

Photo courtesy of Mila Smalley

A member of the girls swim team prepares to dive off the block to start her race.

Photo courtesy of Mila Smalley



*** Family Matters**

They are always there for me.

Sophomore Mackenzie Ruiz

*** Music Matters**

It is important to me because it is a great way to escape the world with its problems for a while. By listening to music can calm or relax you because it's awesome like that.

Freshmen Jesus Rodriguez

*** My Bestfriend Matters**

we have been through everything together and I know i can trust her with anything. She has always been there for me and that means alot.

Juinor Kelsey Eckert

*** Teaching Matters**

I love working with students to help them learn to love for learning, reading, and put creativity into their work.

English teacher Melanie Mason

*** Hunting Matters**

Because it's really peaceful and fun to do.

Freshmen Drew Francis

Freshman Anthony Leadford jumps over a hurdle during a track meet. He ran the 110 and 300 meter hurdles that day. "It is great to watch, especially when nobody falls," freshman Emily Shepherd said.

Photo by Bethany Fincher

Sophomore Brandon Murphy talks to junior Nolan Sponseller before the track meet. The meet was at home versus Caston. "I like the intensity of racing against other people," junior Brandon Maull said.

Photo by Liz Shepherd

*Track & Field

varsity

	Girls	Boys
Triton	Win	Loss
Rochester	Win	Loss
Northfield	Win	Loss
Wabash	Win	Tie
Caston	Win	Win
Bremen	Loss	Loss
Culver	Win	Loss
Whitko	N/A	Loss
North Miami	Win	Win
TRC	2nd	7th
Sectionals	3rd	N/A



Junior Brandon Maull, senior Maverick Wagley, and freshman Karly Kitch run the 3200 during the meet against Caston. When asked what he would miss the most about track, Wagley said, "[I would miss] watching Coach John Wachtmann eating nachos!"

Photo courtesy of Studio 13

It felt incredible when we beat the school record, like all the hard work we put into that race finally showed.

-Sophomore Jazzmine Brown

4:15.30

New school record for 4x4!!!

I felt really good and accomplished!

-Sophomore Catherine Leadford



* Family Matters

Because I love them. They're always there for me and I don't know what I would do without them.

Freshman Kylee Zuniga

* Family, Friends, and Education Matter

These are important because they all impact my life. They help shape my future, whether I choose wisely or ignorantly.

Senior Jared Burris

* Friends and Hunting Matter

I like to hang out with friends and I like to hunt.

Senior Alex Miller

* Sports, Friends, and Family Matter

Because I love sports. And my friends are important to have and family is important to me because they are always there for me.

Freshman Breelyn Conley

* My Friends and Peers Matter

It is important to me because these are the people that help and support you in your classes and through most of your life.

Freshman David Ramirez



Sophomore Pamela Gonzalez runs in the 100 meter hurdles. Freshman Alexis O'Connell won the race. When asked what the greatest part about track is, Gonzalez said, "Being able to accomplish a goal and meeting new people."

Photo by Bethany Fincher

Junior Willie Inglehearn completes his jump. He participated in both the long jump and the high jump. Before he jumps, junior Derrick Cunningham says, "I think about my form and making it over."

Photo by Bethany Fincher



4 Keys To Being A Better Thrower

1. LIFT WEIGHTS

You need to be strong and be able to throw hard with explosiveness.

-Junior Nick Gamble

2. HAVE FUN

Have fun with what you do, and have good position and release.

-Junior Hailee Hunsberger

3. STANCE

It will give you an overall better throw. It takes Superman-like power to be a good thrower.

-Junior Tyler McDonald

4. PASSION

I love it! It clears your mind and every time you do it, you want to try harder!

-Sophomore Jordan Fraser



Sophomore Jazzmine Brown prepares to grab the baton. She ran the 4x400 against Caston. "I like running because it keeps up my endurance and racing gives me an adrenaline rush," Brown said.

Photo by Bethany Fincher

Sophomore Deonte'e Smith encourages sophomores Brandon Murphy and Michael Thacker as they complete a baton pass. Both boys and girls defeated Caston at the meet. When asked how it feels after winning a race, freshman Breelyn Conley said, "It feels good to win."

Photo by Bethany Fincher



Junior Tyler McDonald launches the discus into the field. He also performed in the in that meet. "I always push myself to get further and further distance," junior Alicia Carnes said.

Photo by Bethany Fincher



Junior Robyn Erkin and freshman Brynda Krueger watch the race intently. They were paying attention to the runners. "[Distance running] is fun. It feels better to run at a long pace than a short one," said freshman Zac Capps.

Photo by Bethany Fincher

* Getting Good Grades Matters

Because you need good grades if you want to get anywhere into colleges or get a job.

Freshman Neil Clampitt

* My Family and Friends Matter

Because it's basically all I have that I care about.

Freshman Harli Manns

* Sports and Leadership Matter

Because without sports, I don't know what I would do, or how I would stay active. Leadership is important; without leadership, the school wouldn't be calm...it would be chaos.

Freshman Aric Shafer

* Family Matters

My family supports me, loves me, and I couldn't imagine my life without them.

Freshman Andy Herrera

* Wrestling Matters

It's important because it's my life. It's the only thing I think about and care about. I do everything I can to be ready for the season to start.

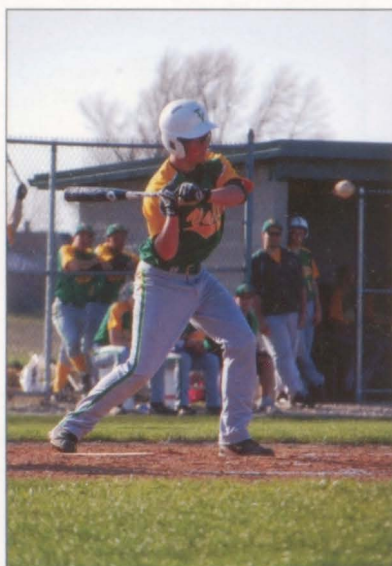
Freshman Thomas Rensberger

Freshmen Lucus Helton prepares to hit a pitch against Bethany Christian.

Photo by Bethany Fincher

Sophomore Darian Dotson talks to her teammates on the bleachers. Dotson wears the #17 jersey and is a catcher for the Varsity softball team. Valley won the game against Culver 12-2.

Photo by Bethany Fincher



*Baseball & Softball

Baseball

Elkhart Central	Loss
Triton	Loss
Bremen	Loss
CMA	Loss
Rochester	Win
Whitko	Win
Bethany Christian	Win
North Miami	Loss
Northfield	Loss
Argos	Win
Manchester	Win
Southwood	Win
Warsaw	Loss
North Judson	Win
Concord	Loss
Wabash	Loss
Taylor	Loss
Winamac	Win
West Noble	Loss

Softball

Northwood	Loss
Triton	Loss
Plymouth	Loss
John Glenn	Win
John Glenn	Loss
FW Wayne	Win
Wabash	Win
Northfield	Loss
Whitko	Loss
FW Concordia	Loss
Whitko	Win
N. Miami	Loss
Manchester	Loss
Southwood	Loss
Winamac	Loss
Central Noble	Loss
Central Noble	Loss
Rochester	Loss
Wabash	Loss
Culver	Win
Warsaw	Loss
Argos	Loss
Caston	Loss
Northwood	Win
Fairfield	Loss



Junior Tommy Alexander attempts to outrun a group of kids at Kids Night Out. This was a is an event where kids can play games, meet the players, and enjoy food and snacks.

Photo by Skylinn Holmes

* Friends and Family Matter

My friends and family keep me happy and I can talk to them about anything.

Junior Derrick Cunningham

* Religion Matters

It is so important to me because it is very important to have a strong relationship with the Lord because he is always there to help us.

Junior Kayla Long

* Family Matters

If I never had them I wouldn't be here.

Freshmen Richard LaFrance

* Sleeping Matters

Because my nightmares are better than real life.

Senior Adam Solano

* Friends Matter

I hangout with friends on my free time. Without friends i don't know what I would do without them.

Freshmen Kyle Hamman

Kassidy Shepherd, Tenanya Shull and Casey Benzing warm up for another inning against Central Noble. Shepherd was preparing to throw a warm up pitch while Benzing headed for third base. Valley played two games against Central Noble on May 11 and lost both games.

Members of the softball team hang out in the dugout as a player prepares to bat.

Sophomore Darian Dotson watches from home plate as her teammate try to make a play against Central Noble.



Sophomore Gabe Harlen pitches at a baseball game.

Photo courtesy of Studio 13 Photography

Junior Daryl Wright catches a ball at a baseball game as he prepares to throw another pitch.

Photo by Bethany Fincher

*** My sister Matters**

Because she is the one person who knows everything about me and will always be there for me when no one else is.

Freshmen Shelbi Dugan

*** Family and Friends Matter**

They are always there for me no matter what.

Freshmen Kimberly Jurado

*** God Matters**

God is the most important thing in my life because without Him I am nothing. With Him all things are possible.

Junior Tanner Andrews

*** Helping Others Matters**

Helping others is important to me because I enjoy seeing the impact I can make. I love to bring happiness and hope to those who need it.

Junior Nolan Sponseller

*** Sports Matter**

Because it's something that our student athletes put a lot of time, sweat, and effort into and it's also a matter of school pride and how we represent our school matters.

Sophomore Austin Nault

Freshman Liz VanMeter prepares to put the ball as her opponent watches.
Photo by Fernanda Jimenez



Junior Josh Tucker prepares to take a swing at the ball during a golf match.
Photo courtesy of Studio 13 Photography



Let's See You Swing.

Q: What is your favorite part about practice?

A: Getting to practice with my sister.

Freshmen Elizabeth VanMeter



Q: What do you do at practice?

A: We putt-putt on the green, we go to the range and practice hitting balls and then we do nine holes by ourselves.

Junior Tatianna Scott



Sophomore Kara Eaton watches to see where her ball lands during a golf match against Rochester.

Photo by Fernanda Jimenez

Q: What is the most challenging part at practice?

A: Trying to stay calm.

Sophomore Corey Carson



Q: What do you do to warm up at golf practice?

A: Practice swinging and putting.

Junior Josh Tucker



Freshman Elizabeth VanMeter takes a practice swing during a golf match against Rochester.

Photo by Fernanda Jimenez

* Sports Matter

Because, it helps me stay out of trouble. And its a way for colleges to look at me.

Freshmen Emily Hillard

* My Friends and

Family Matter

They're important because they're always there for me.

Junior Fernanda Jimenez

* Family and Friends

Matter

Because they are always there for me no matter what. They also support my decisions I make.

Sophomore Catherine Leadford

* School Matters

I need a good education, so that I can be successful in the future and have a good paying career.

Freshmen Chance Beck

* Sports Matter

Because I like to play sports.

Freshmen Samuel Flenner

Allyson Ross competes at a golf match at the Rochester meet. "I think the meets went ok." Senior Allyson Ross said.

Photo by Fernanda Jimenez

Sophomore Bryce Zimpelman watches to see where his ball goes during a golf match.

Photo courtesy of Studio 13



Senior Emily Gelbaugh focuses on the ball to get her best swing in at a golf meet.

Photo by Fernanda Jimenez

Freshmen Trevor Neely takes a swing during a golf match.

Photo Courtesy of Studio 13

***Reading Matters**

I love to read. I read nonstop and as much as possible if I have a good book I won't watch tv. I like books because I immerse myself in the story.

Freshmen Zachary Ellison

***Friends Matter**

without my friends school would be boring and I have anyone to talk to.

Freshmen Kelsey Dobbs

***Friends Matter**

Because without my friends I would be shy not social or a nervous break down they make me who I am today.

Freshmen Cheyenne Hall

***Hunting Matters**

I love to hunt because it's so exciting. you never know what's going to happen, so you always have to stay alert. It's a fun activity to get into!

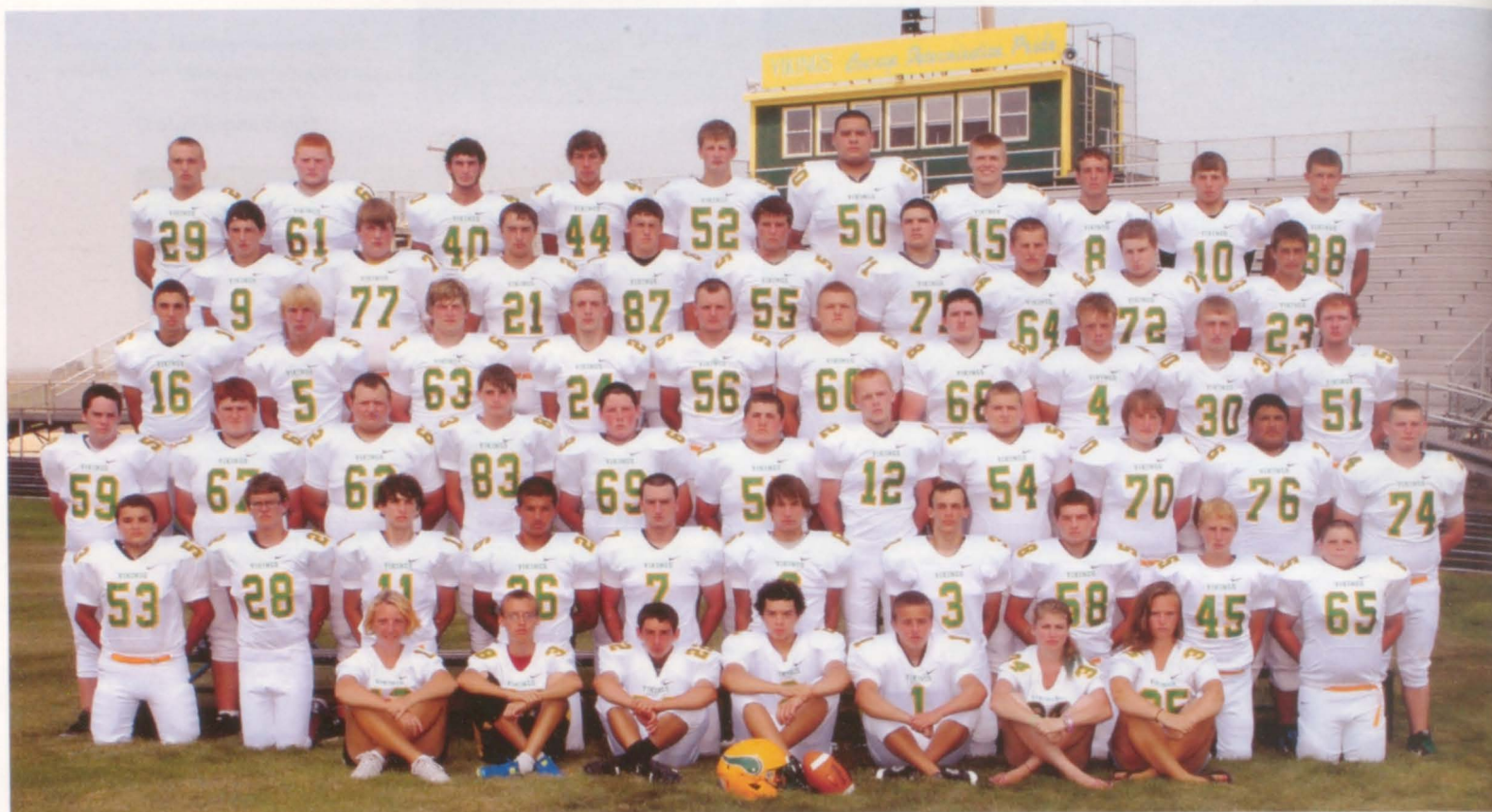
Freshmen Karis Tucker

***Hunting and Fishing Matter**

They matter to me because it's fun and challenging. I also hunt and fish with my friends and family and I love them.

Senior Bethany Fincher

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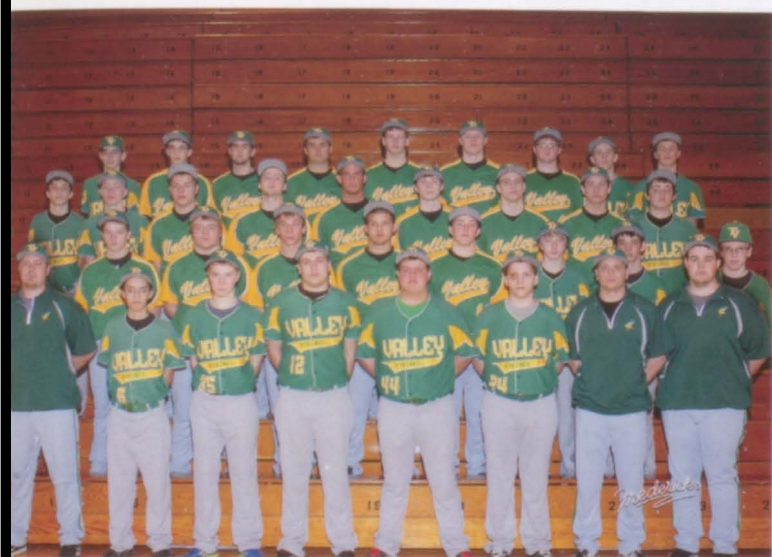
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SPORTS



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Senior Jacob Ritchey, junior Tanner Andres, senior Courtney Newsome, and sophomore Jarred Littlejohn pose for a picture in Peer Facilitators. Peer Facilitators teacher Kris Walker and the students work to help students who need extra support or interventions throughout the year.

Photo by Misty Leek

Students' spend their time in this building working working on school work or participating in clubs. How they spend their time here is different, it but it **matters***. Students spend class time working on projects, studying, and collaborating.

While extra time is spent participating in clubs, which can be challenging sometimes, but students all make through it.

Completing a presentation on a deadline **matters***

Getting a good grade on the test **matters***

Finding a new favorite book **matters***

Winning student council elections **matters***

Sharing a love for art in Art Club **matters***

Students join clubs and take certain classes for different reasons. But they can always count on club members to them to make them smile. Clubs and academics force students to get involved and try new things. Passing classes and participating in clubs takes dedication and determination. It's hard work, but it's work that **matters***.

Academics and Clubs **Matter**



Freshman Tyler Zuniga, Austin Nickerson, and Alex Brown spin the wheel at the Junior Achievement Finance Park. Freshman visited the JA Finance Park in Fort Wayne as part of the Careers class.

Photo by Kenzie Ellis



The FFA kids participate in a teambuilding exercise. FFA Adviser Lisa Paxton's FFA members all share a love for all things ag, although knowledge of the subject isn't required to participate.

Photo courtesy of Lisa Paxton



Junior Cora Warstler, Mark Hicks, and Danielle Adams watch as Junior Juan Baca dissect a pig heart. Anatomy students also worked with deer fetuses, baby possums, and cow eyes.

Photo by Kenzie Ellis

He Said She Said

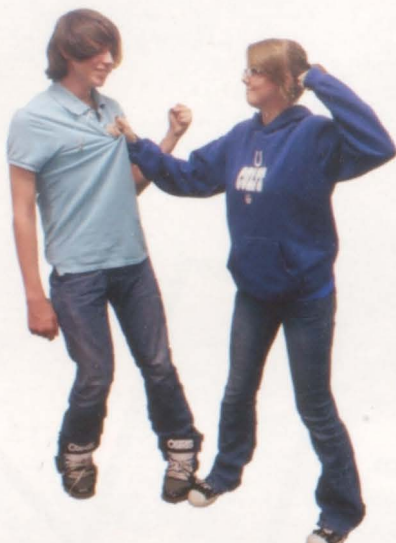
Choir members square off to battle it out over who will reign supreme.



Jazzy Schaeffner
Jeremy Himes

She said alto because the soprano's are really high.

He said tenor because they are getting the notes right, better then everyone else.



Materna Schaeffner
Kadin Sebastian

She said soprano because they are stonger.

He said tenor because I am in it and they're getting stronger.

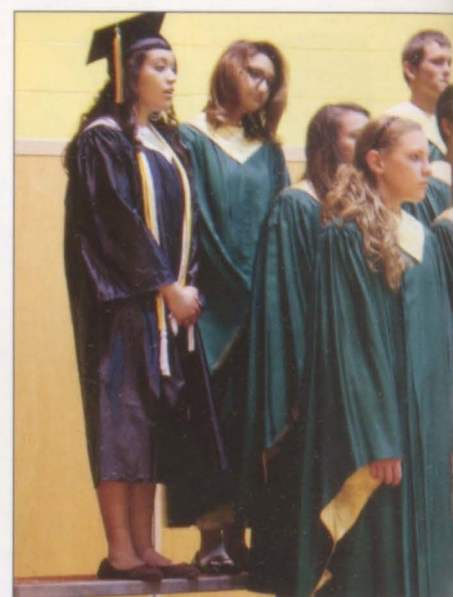


Members of the Valley band march in the Mentone Eg Festival on May 21.

Photo by Liz Shepherd



Junior Casimir Kromkowski makes a note on his music to remind himself where to go next when playing during graduation.



Graduating choir member, senior Genoveva Ramirez performs with the choir during graduation.

* Friends matter

Without friends around you can't have really any fun. They make life a little better by making you laugh when you need to the most.

Junior Tara Beck

* My friends matter

My friends have been there for me in really hard times when my dad passed away at the beginning of the year, they came to the funeral and did everything they could to make me feel better. They mean the world to me, and I love them to death!

Junior Cynthia Stamberger

* My family matters

They're the one's that have always been here for me and never left my side.

Freshman Taylor Hanes

* Hunting matters

When you see what you're going after you get all excited and if you kill it you're more excited.

Freshman Dyson Biltz

* My family matters

They provide so much support and provides much comfort in the toughest times.

Freshman Amber Mikel



Band teacher Janell Riner directs band members as they play the graduation processional during graduation rehearsal.

Band teacher Mark Williamson plays piano while the advanced choir rehearses.

Photo by Ashley Galloway



Junior Heaven Vick and freshman Madi Reutebuch rehearse during choir class.

Photo by Ashley Galloway



Freshmen Kevin Good, Colton Baird, and sophomore Nathaniel Doss practice playing the graduation processional during graduation rehearsal.



Choir members wait for their cue from choir teacher Mark Williamson while rehearsing at graduation practice.

*** Faith matters**

Faith is so important to me because without Christ I'd be nowhere.

Junior Amber Cochran

*** Friends matter**

Friends are always there to cheer me up and also make you cry.

Sophomore Andrea Cochran

*** Money matters**

Because without money I wouldn't be able to shop for clothes or makeup and stuff that I need.

Junior Kayla Sanchez

*** My Girlfriend Ashley Matters**

without her I'd be lost.

Sophomore Ryan McLaughlin

*** Drawing Matters**

I grew up with three artistic family members who set me to have a very artistic lifestyle.

Senior Adam Bridgewater

What's in your locker?

Students share what's in their locker.



Paige Schettler

Q: What is one weird thing you always keep in your locker?

A: Tampons and gum



Christian Warner

Q: What is one weird thing you always keep in your locker?

A: My phone



Richard Emmons

Q: What is one weird thing you always keep in your locker?

A: My binder



Tabby Hoffmeyer

Q: What is one weird thing you always keep in your locker?

A: Pictures of me and my friends



Junior Chad Kintzel measured a platform for the stairs. "We all do a little bit of everything," junior Chad Kintzel said.

Photo courtesy of Wes Backus



Senior Colton Francis put in a small plate in the basement. "I like building houses," senior Colton Francis said.

Photo courtesy of Wes Backus

* My Mom matters

Because she buys me everything I need and want.

Sophomore Jarred Littlejohn

* My friends matter

My friends are important to me because they can always make me smile when I'm down and they are always there for me no matter what.

Sophomore Angelica Heeter

* Sports matter

Because I do three sports and I like doing them I do year round of sports.

Sophomore Aaron Hoffman

* Bowling Matters

Because I bowl varsity and it's the only real school sport/activities [activity] I do.

Sophomore Zack Gordan

* My horse matters

He's important to me because when I have a day where I want to be away from everyone all I have to do is saddle him up and ride for hours. Feels like all the struggles in life don't matter anymore.

Sophomore Kenzie Ellis

Juniors Zachary Wiesehan and Austin Bryant work together on nailing a double top plate. Zachary nailed the double top plate while Austin held it in place. "It is an exciting experience," junior Austin Bryant said.

Photo courtesy of Wes Backus

Cassie Abalos shows off her favorite drawing called Music. "I think they are amazing because she has some real talent," sophomore Ashley Galloway said.

Photo by Catherine Leadford

Perfection is the Key

Freshman Cassie Abalos shares her story

Splish splash, a little mix here, a little mix there. A thin stroke, a thick stroke, perfect straight lines. Freshman Cassie Abalos has been painting since she was 5 years old. "I think they [Cassie's art work] are really amazing and she has a true talent and when I watch her draw I can't look away," sophomore Shayla Reed said.

Abalos' favorite drawing is called Music. "Music is the only thing I listen to now-a-days, and it turned out pretty good," Cassie Abalos said.

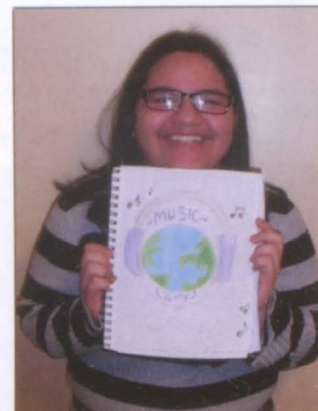
Her favorite mediums are pencil and paper: her least favorite mediums are pastels. "Because they smudge a lot when you try to erase," Cassie Abalos said. Abalos likes pencil and paper more because you start out with them.

The people that inspired her was her parents. "My dad designed cars for the big three. [Ford, GM, etc.]," Abalos said.

Her best mediums are paper and pencil. "Because you start with it anyways and you go from there," Abalos said.

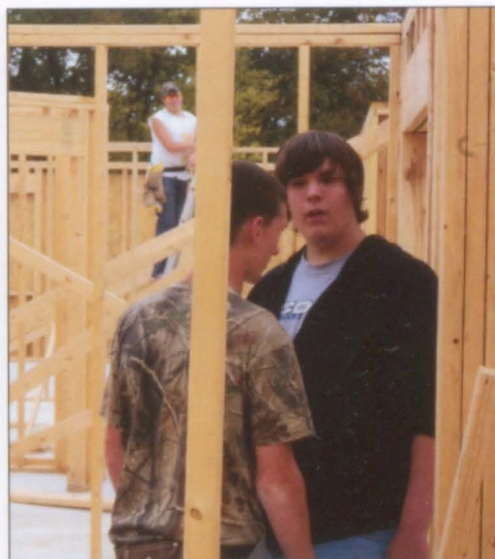
When Abalos does art it makes her feel creative because she can use her imagination to create different and cool things. Abalos almost put a drawing in for a competition but she decided not to.

Story by Catherine Leadford



Junior Austin Bryant and senior Bryce Gibbons get ready to make one of the many changes on the house. "Building things with my buddies," senior Bryce Gibbons said.

Photo courtesy of Wes Backus



Sophomore Thomas Shultz and Junior David Prater were supporting the wall with a 2x4. "I wanted to build a house and it gave me a chance to learn something new," junior David Prater said.

Photo courtesy of Wes Backus



Senior Miguel Gomez put a bored up called a cripple study for a window. "I like to work with the power tools and build what I need," senior Miguel Gomez said.

Photo courtesy of Wes Backus

*** Hunting matters**
Because it's my life.

Sophomore Jacob Lisenby

*** Flowers matter**
Because they are pretty, colorful, and smell good.

Junior Heaven Vick

*** Puppies matter**
Because they are cute lovable [loveable] and fluffy/soft.

Junior Mitch Randall

*** Hunting matters**
Because it gives me something to do and keeps me out of trouble.

Junior Daryl Wright

*** The weekend matters**
The week is stressful and tiring, so when Friday afternoon rolls around I feel like a free woman! It's a time to sleep, party, and hangout with friends.

Junior Samantha Griggs

Junior Branigan Bahney sits attentively in American Studies class. The class listened to a presentation on the restoration of buildings. "We get treated like college kids," Bahney said.

Photo by Bethany Fincher

Senior Sarah DeLaCruz consults with senior Emily Gelbaugh in AP Spanish class. The students earned college credit through the class. "It's really fun, even though it's hard," DeLaCruz said.

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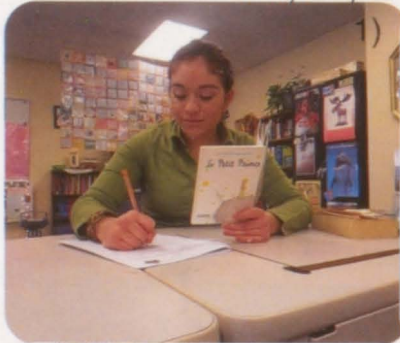


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1) Senior Genoveva Ramirez writes in AP French class. The students read a novel in French. "I love the French language," Ramirez said.
2) Senior David Miller and senior Jared Burris study in AP Spanish class. The students worked on a project about the environment in Latin American countries. "[The class] is challenging, but studying makes it easy," Miller said.



3) Senior Kevin Serrano and senior Michelle Peters read in ACP English. The students read a book that helped them become better writers and readers. "It makes you think about the themes of life," Serrano said.
4) Stephanie Abt studies in AP French class. The class was taught by English and French teacher Lois Buss. "She's a very good teacher," Abt said.

Photo by Catherine Leadford

Photo by Liz Shepherd



*Cheerleading Matters

Because I get to meet new friends and I have a chance to meet other people from other schools.

Junior Desiree Sanchez

*Friends Matter

Without them, you'd be alone and bored.

Freshman Hannah Kime

*Skateboarding Matters

I've always loved skateboarding because it's all about freedom and expression.

Junior Gage Webb

*Freedom To Be Yourself Matters

It's difficult to be yourself if you're always afraid of what others might think. It's equally important for people to stop judging one another; how can we call ourselves evolved if we still judge people for their appearance, mentality, or sexual orientation?

Junior Cody Jamison

The Challenging Class

What the American Studies class is REALLY like...

At 12:50 P.M., the bell rings, announcing the beginning of 5th block, yet the students of the American Studies class continue talking. However, all of the sentences sound synonymous... "I'm not ready!" "How many chapters did you read?" "I hope there aren't three essays this time!" Textbooks lay open on desks and students ask last-minute questions. The students' anxiety engulfs the small room; it's test day, but junior Mitch Randall is up for a challenge.

Randall is a student in history teacher Jeff Shriver and English teacher June Yazel's American Studies class, which is "a combination of Advanced History and Advanced English for juniors," Randall said. "It is dual credit through Grace College and the class does a lot through PBL."

PBL (Project Based Learning) sounds simple enough, but Randall disagrees.

"[The class involves] reading. A lot of reading and hard work!" Junior Alicia Carnes, also a student in the class, agrees with there being a ton of reading.

Randall adds, "At the beginning of the year, [we read] 1-3 chapters. Now, it's 4-6; there's usually about fifty pages per chapter."

Even though there is a lot of reading involved, the class does several projects; some are associated with Prill School. "Prill School is a one-room schoolhouse built in the 1900s. A lot of our ancestors went there," Randall explains. "We as a class maintain it and discuss its history."

The students raised money for the schoolhouse's welfare by holding a barbecue in the fall. And a few of the students, including Randall, are on the Prill School Museum Association. "I get to help make decisions. I also have a say while we're working on projects."

The class may be challenging, but Randall says this class will prepare him for the future.

He says this class is like college with the amount of reading and critical thinking involved. Carnes adds, "It's a college level class, so all our classes in the future will be like this."

For those thinking about taking the class, Randall says that the class is fun, but to "only do it if you're up for a challenge, but it will prepare you for college. The teachers are also very helpful!"

Story by Liz Shepherd

AP French and the truth about Français

Q & A with
Stephanie Abt & Genoveva Ramirez

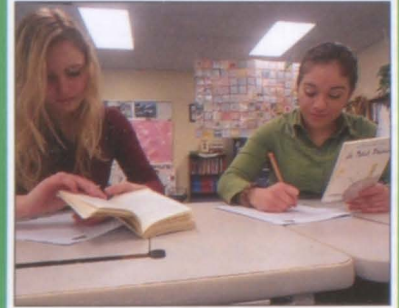


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Q: What makes this class so demanding? Do you like its challenges or not?

SA: "Yes. Reading a book in French [The Little Prince] is really hard. [But] since there is only two of us, we learn a lot."

GR: "I like the challenges. It's different than any other class because you have to study and at times, you have to look up many words you don't understand so you can get the whole picture."

Q: Why do you like Mrs. Buss?

SA: She's a really awesome teacher!

GR: She's a really good teacher. She's very caring.

Senior Kayla Long, senior Megan Heinold, and senior Adam Solano read a textbook in ACP English class. The textbook was focused on literature. "[The class] is pretty demanding because we write a lot of papers, but we choose the topics. It prepares us for college a lot," Heinold says.

Photo by Catherine Leadford



*Community Matters

A community is a place where people look out for each other and is something people should strive for.

Junior Josh Warren

*Nintendo 64 Matters

It is the video game system I had since I was a kid.

Senior Michael Pozorski

*Going to College Matters

To make my parents proud. They worked hard for me, so I'm going to do this for them.

Junior Alyssa VanMeter

*Basketball & God Matter

God is the #1 thing in my life always & basketball is my passion! It can take my mind off of anything.

Junior Cara Hoffman

*Life Matters

You only have one life. Take advantage of it, be the best you can be, and make it a good one.

Senior Mason Teel

Sophomore Logan Elliott donates blood and is saving three lives by doing so. That was Logan's first time ever donating. "It felt good knowing that I did something helpful," sophomore Logan Elliott said.

Photo by Bethany Fincher

Around Burket School

1- Students at Burket eat their Thanksgiving Day lunch. People from the community took time out of their life to make all the food. They brought all the food to Burket. 2- The boys talk to each other before getting their lunch. They had mash potatoes, turkey, dinner rolls, and much more. 3- Junior Collin Moore and senior Rafa Quintana go through the line and get served their food. They got a lot of food. 4- Jag specialist Jennifer Cook, junior Damien Heeter, seniors Ryan Wagoner and Bethany Participate in the Jag I&I ceremony. Junior Collin Moore and senior Rafa Quintana are also in Jag.



Photos by Bethany Fincher



Who's in your seat?

Students find out who sat in their seat the class period before them.

Have you ever wondered who was sitting in the seat in the class before you? Well here we find out who sits in the same seat each class period in business teacher Mr. Engbrecht's class. We took a picture every class period to show who sat in that seat.



Senior John Roberts-Business & Technology



Freshman Brandon Webster-Entrepreneurship



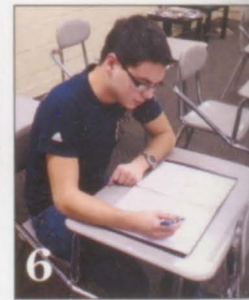
Senior Nicholas Kindig-Sports Marketing



Freshman Elizabeth Obenchain-Digital Communications



Senior Nicholas Kindig-Business & Personal



Sophomore Juan-Vernon Bastardo-Marketing

***Friends Matter**
Because they just are.

Sophomore Corey Carson

***Hanging Out with My Friends Matter**
If I didn't hang out with my friends life would be so boring.

Sophomore Brittany Shafer

***Friends and Family Matter**
They are always there for me when I'm having trouble with something or when I'm not feeling the greatest.

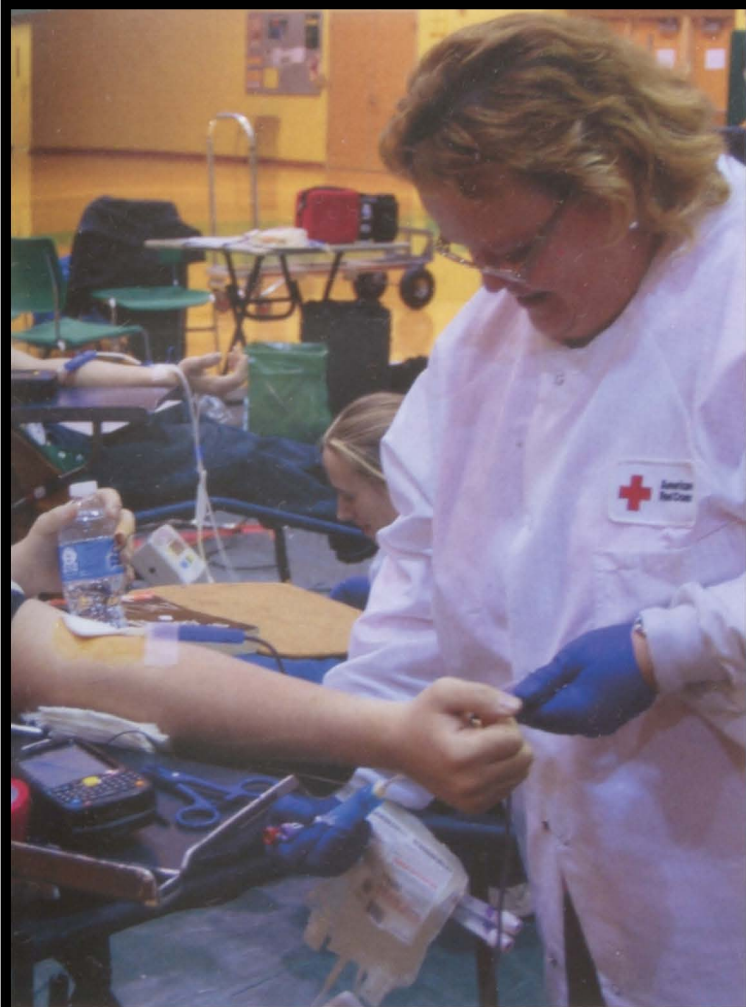
Freshman Erika Craft

***Support of Friends & Family Matter**
My friends are a big part of my life they keep me going. As a certain quote goes, "A friend will bail you out of jail, a best friend will be in the cell next to you saying, that was awesome, lets do it again!"

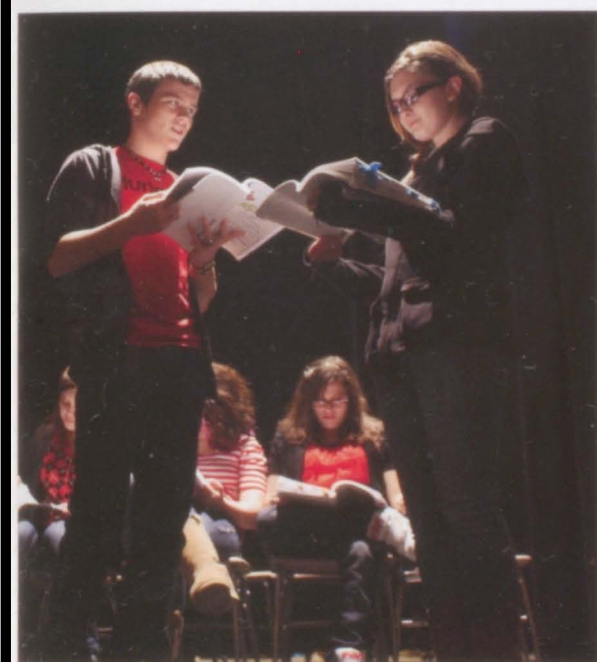
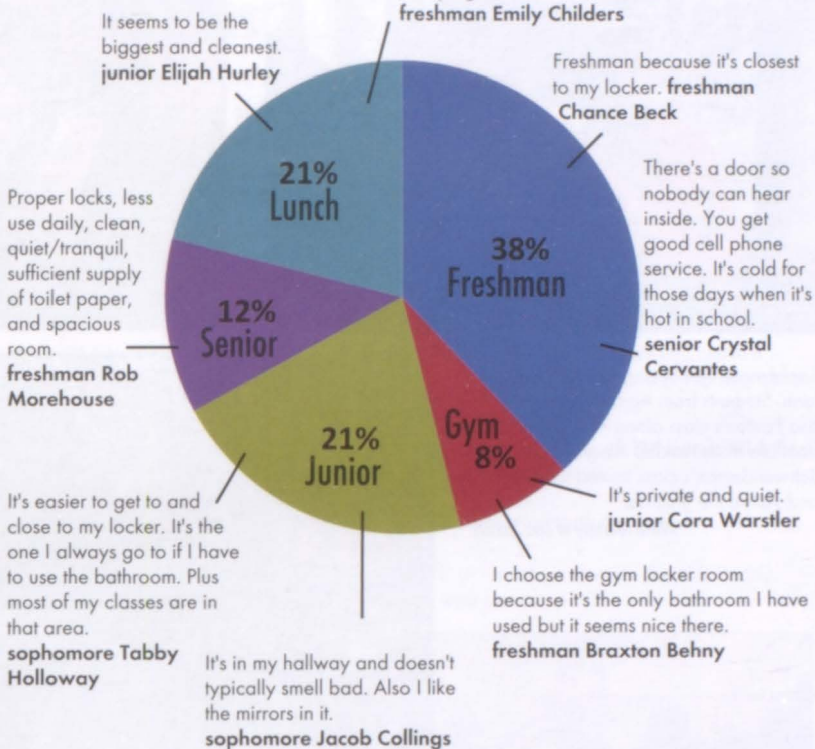
Sophomore Nicole Mikel

***Family & Friends Matter**
They have always been there for me and I know they always will be. They help me with a lot of things and will always support me no matter what.

Junior Danielle Adams



* Students share which bathroom is their favorite and why.



Coming Soon...

Viking Den

Students in Mr. Engbrecht's Business and Technology Lab have worked towards creating the cafe in an unused space in the library. The students researched the types of items they'd like to sell including various baked goods, coffees, and athletic wear.



Freshman Jeremy Himes and sophomore Megan Howard rehearse for the Seussical. Students performed the musical between Thurs. March 21 and Sat. March 23.

Photo by Liz Shepherd

Photo Illustration by Mitch Randall

* My Family Matters

Without my family, I would be worse off than I am right now. All of my family members try their best to be supportive of me when I'm depressed.

Junior Dereck Caudill

* Bowling Matters

It's something I have a lot of fun doing and it's become a big part of my life.

Freshman Makaila Warner

* FFA Matters

Because it is very fun!

Freshman Kurt Miller

* My Friends Matter

They are important to me because, they always have my back, and they are there for me when I need them most.

Freshman Monica Hatfield

* Hunting Matters

Because it's what I love to do.

Junior Trey Woodcox

A student in science teacher Crystal Heckaman's Anatomy class dissects a baby deer fetus.

Photo by Kenzie Ellis



Sophomore Levi Strong tours a local farm. Students from Agriculture teacher Lisa Paxton's class along with students from Life Skills teacher Abigail Schwendeman's class toured local farms and visited the animals.

Photo courtesy of Lisa Paxton



Students in Rod Hamman's physics class test their catapults on the football field.

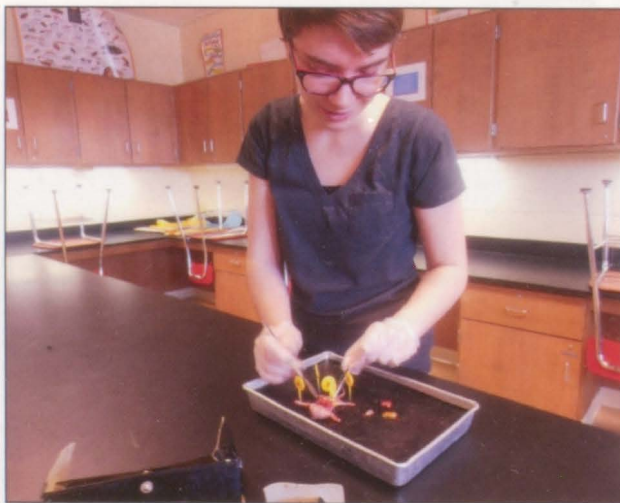
Photo by Kenzie Ellis



Students in English teacher Melanie Mason's senior English class prepare for a debate over whether or not Beowulf is a hero.

Senior Megan Heinold dissects an opossum during Anatomy class.

Photo by Kenzie Ellis



Students in Crystal Heckaman's Anatomy class dissect and analyze a cow heart. The heart had been in storage for quite a while which is why it's discolored.

Photo by Kenzie Ellis



*** Friends Matter**
Because I love my friends!

Senior Jeremy Hamilton

*** Family Matters**
Family is really important to me because they are my support system, and no matter what are always here for me.

Sophomore Jamie Houtz

*** Riding Four Wheelers with My Dad Matters**
The reason it is fun is because anybody can do it and you can really bond with it.

Sophomore Stephen Walsh

*** Family and Friends Matter**
They are important and dear to me.

Freshman Brianna Salyer

*** Baseball Matters**
I've watched Valley baseball since I was little and it's nice to be on the field as a Viking with all my friends.

Senior Clayton Adamson

Assistant Principal Jon Hutton interrogates students from Spanish teacher Kris Walkers class. Students were learning about genocide in Spanish speaking countries and Hutton was sent to question and remove students from the class as part of a reenactment.

Storytelling Step by Step

Students in English teacher Melanie Mason's freshman English class learned about short story structure, characters, and book publishing as part of their "Becoming Published Authors" project. Here are the steps students went through to complete their published books for Baker Youth Club in Warsaw.

- *1 Learn about plot and story arcs. Students had to come up with a strong problem or conflict their character would need to overcome! Their stories could be about anything and fit into any genre!
- *2 Students planned and talked about their characters. Then they wrote, wrote, revised, and wrote some more! They had to keep their audience, which was anywhere from kindergarten to 3rd grade in mind while writing.
- *3 Students spent time peer editing and making changes. Then they formed groups and chose a position either as an editor, publisher, illustrator/liaison or lesson planners. As a group they chose the story they wanted to publish!
- *4 Students edited, hired an illustrator, and arranged their pages in Microsoft Publisher. After final edits they went to Hardesty Printing in Warsaw to be printed and bound.
- *5 Students also had to create an activity for the kids at BYC to go along with the story.
- *6 Lastly, select students volunteered to go to BYC to read their story to the kids during their after school reading time and play games with them.



Members of the band work on a project to recruit new members. The students dressed up in various costumes and created a recruitment video.

Photo by Bethany Fincher

Freshman Krystal Neeley works on character education with third graders at Mentone Elementary. A few of the girls got into an argument and Neeley used the character discussion they'd planned to help diffuse the situation. Minutes later the girls were hugging and making up!

Photo by Kenzie Ellis

*** Golf and Sports Matter**
Because sports are hobbies to get away from all the drama and be with friends.

Sophomore Andrew Tanner

*** Bowling and Family Matter**
My family and bowling are important because they keep me focused and give me things to do.

Sophomore Ashley Crill

*** Family Matters**
My family is close! We love each other and watch out for each other. we're like the Kardashians.

Senior Allie Elliott

*** My Family and Faith Matter**
Family is always there for me and they have taught me how to value and cherish all that I have in life. They have helped me grow in faith, never losing hope in hard times.

Health and PE Teacher Brittani Bush

*** Hunting Matters**
Because it's really peaceful and fun to do.
Freshman Drew Francis

Sophomore Kinley Eads presents her bullfighting speech to the lecture hall full of students. The bullfighting speeches were part of a Spanish project in Spanish teacher's Kris Walker and Chantal Minear's classes.

Photo courtesy of Melanie Mason



Sophomore Brandon Murphy talks to students in the lecture room about his views on bullfighting. Group roles included a speech writer, campaign manager, and candidate. Each group created a campaign based on their candidate's view on bullfighting.

Photo courtesy of Melanie Mason



Freshmen in Crystal Heckaman's Biology class blow bubbles. They experimented with different hypotheses on shapes and colors of bubbles.

Photo by Bethany Fincher



* Senior Ciara Hallstrom performs CPR. Students in the Life Guard Training class had the opportunity to become certified lifeguards by the end of the course.

Photo by KayLynn May



*** Family Matters**

Family is the most important thing to me because they have always been there for me when needed. My family is the best at always knowing just what to say.

Senior Aimee Howard

*** Family and Friends Matter**

They are most important to me because they are always there through the good times and the bad.

Sophomore Tenaya Shull

*** Family and Friends Matter**

Friends and family are really important to me because they are always there for me and support me in everything I do.

Sophomore Madison Strong

*** Baseball Matters**

Baseball is important to me because I get to play my favorite sport with lots of fun guys and coaches.

Sophomore Charles Parker

*** Friends Matter**

The sophomore class is incredibly close, we always have been. We're family. That's what is important to me knowing that they care about me and we support each other is amazing. I love them so much.

Sophomore Jazzmine Brown

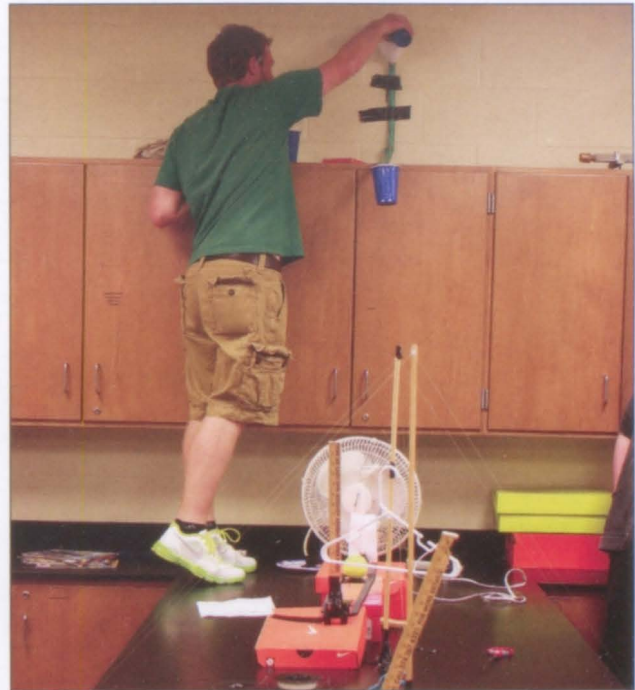


Juniors Jerica Long, Keaton Bell, and Ben Shriver shell corn. They participated in the Pioneer Day at both Akron and Mentone Elementary schools.

Photo courtesy of June Yazel

Junior Josh Tucker tests out his group's Rube Goldberg machine in science teacher Rod Hamman's class. The students build the machines to perform basic, simple tasks.

Photo by KayLynn May and Autumn Deniston



Freshman Emily Shepherd plays checkers with a student at Baker Youth Club. After Emily read the students the book she wrote, they all colored checker boards and played together.

Students in science teacher Crystal Heckaan's anatomy class dissect baby opossums. This was one of four dissections that the class did throughout the year.

Photo by Kenzie Ellis

*** Having Fun Matters**

Having fun is important to me because I believe that you should live life to the fullest. Life without laughter is no life at all.

Sophomore Joy Hurd

*** Music Matters**

I find music important because it is something we all grow up with and love all its different types and forms.

Sophomore Cameron Patton

*** Friends Matter**

My friends are always there for me and I love them all.

Sophomore Chainey Zolman

*** School Matters**

Because it is important to me and my family.

Sophomore Logan Elliott

*** Soccer Matters**

It is important because we do not have a soccer team and I think we should, it would benefit the school and it is something that matters.

Sophomore Joshua Petgen

*Inspiration Matters

Students and teachers tell us who inspire them and why.

<p>Cliff Bleszinski- because he is the person who inspired me to go into graphic design. Senior Adam Bridgewater</p>	<p>Nobody- I'm unteachable. Senior Mariah Benzling</p>	<p>Mrs Schwedemien- Inspires me because she helps me when I need help on work. Junior Sandra Hall</p>	<p>Me, myself, and I- because I am myself. Freshman Richie LaFrance</p>	<p>Mr. Terry Sreelton- inspires me to be a more passionate teacher. Business teacher Aaron Engbrecht</p>	<p>Mrs. Chantel Minear- She is young and enthusiastic. She is intelligent and dedicated. She is not afraid to call it as she sees it. Oh- and shes just so darn cute. English teacher Terri Klatz</p>	<p>My parents- they've always made parenting seem so effortless and were very consistent. I never doubted their love. They are an inspiration to me as a mom. Math teacher Kristen Ekhoft</p>	<p>My parents- because they've always worked their hardest so my sister and I could follow our dreams and they're always there to push me! English teacher Melanie Mason</p>	<p>My grandfather- He always put his family first and he truly enjoyed life. I miss him dearly! Spanish teacher Chantel Minear</p>	<p>My friends- my friends inspire me to be a better person, both the ones from here and Japan, always helping me and giving me support when I need it. Senior Kortney Mayorga</p>	<p>John Brown- He stood for what he believed in even when everyone stood against him. Junior Mitch Randall</p>	<p>My parents- The life lessons, advice, and love they gave to those around them. History teacher Scott Smith</p>
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Mrs. Buss takes her French class to Chicago. They had to do an art assignment and they went to The Art Institute of Chicago. "Getting lost because it was fun and took up time," sophomore Pamela Gonzalez said.

Photo by Bethany Fincher

Sophomore Jordan Shelmadine, juniors Devin Madeford and Jacob Collings skate on the half pipe. They are skateboarding at the Akron skate park. "I love skateboarding because it gets my mind off life," junior Devin Madeford said.

Photo by Bethany Fincher



*Football Matters

Because I get to have the feeling of adrenaline as soon as I step onto the football field, whether it's practice or a game.

Freshman Tyler Poyser

*Getting outta Valley Matters

Because I never really liked it here.

Senior Jamie Engle

*Drawings and Art Matter

Because I love it.

Sophomore Nathaniel Doss

*Friends Matter

My friends are important to me because I see them everyday and without them school would be even more boring than it already is.

Freshman Makaila Warner

*Family Matters

Because they are always there for me when I need them.

Junior Brianna Willard

Photo illustration by Bethany Fincher

Ever wonder what Senior Shelby Cox has in her many purses? She spills it's contents and tells all.

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1: Chapstick | 11: A baby sheep |
| 2: Piece of a dog chain | 12: A rock |
| 3: Sunglasses | 13: A baby |
| 4: Body spray | 14: A heart jewel |
| 5: Cars | 15: Hair clips |
| 6: Pink nail polish | 16: Play cell phone |
| 7: Gum wrapper | 17: Pencils |
| 8: Cards | |
| 9: Flashlight | |
| 10: Lipstick | |

What's in Shelby's purse?



Remember Those Affected

Toys under their Christmas trees.
Christmas was soon, they'd all whoop and holler with glee.
Going to school was just a usual day,
until a cold hearted person changed his way.

The small children did no harm.
I don't see why he did this.
It sure sets off an alarm.

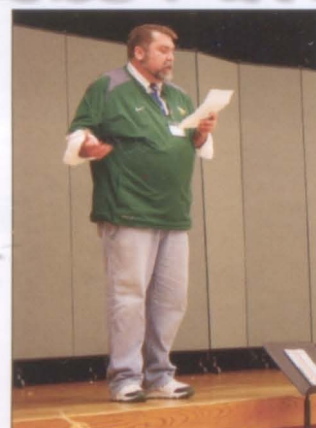
Children only doing innocent work.
They were trapped, scared, but oh so brave.
Now because of this cruel man,
They rest in their grave.

My deepest sorrow for their fathers and mothers,
let's You'reetogther so there will be no others.
My heart mourns for the people hurt.
Stay strong, Jesus will do his work.

You're daughter will be in heaven waiting for her coffee date,
To see you cry, she'd surely hate.
I hope we remember the brave act,
of a 27 year old teacher hiding her students then, she was attacked.

Our flags at half staff,
Our hearts torn from the pain,
But our country will not let it rain.

Our day will brighten,
Some sooner, some later.
With our strength and support,
The pain will heal faster.



Principle Kirk Doehrmann talks to the teachers and tells them how well they are doing and letting them know that even through hard times everything will be ok. He was speaking at the teacher's breakfast. Mrs. Buss' reaction to the speech was " One of sadness and one of hope, I think Mr. Doehrmann is a visionary and often brings us hope. It makes me glad to be a part of the TVHS family," Lois Buss said.

Photo by Bethany Fincher

Pain is temporary, life goes on.
But we will never forget your daughters and your sons.
We need the Lord now more than ever before,
He will take you in, just have to open the door.

Sir, how could you? Take the innocent lives of these little children?
Weren't you their age before, way back when?
You disgust me, and you will pay your debt.
Without a doubt it will come, I can bet.

So to remember those who died,
and also those who cried.
You have my love,
You're families surely look down and smile from up above.

Poem written by Hailyn Dunn

***Friends Matter**
Friends have always been a big part of my life because they stood by me through all the times I've been bullied and I could talk to them about my problems.

Senior Jacob Zuniga

***Cheerleading Matters**
Cheerleading is so important to me because it teaches me to remain positive in every aspect of my life. If you are a cheerleader, your purpose is to encourage and belive in our athletes, even when they don't believe in themselves.

Junior Kristen Schipper

***Friends Matter**
Being able to be around them and being super crazy! Laughing and being there for me.

Sophomore Pamela Gonzalez

***Family Matters**
My family is important because they support me and also teach me life values.

Freshman Robert Morehouse

***My friends, family, and boyfriend Matter**
Because they make my darker days brighter.

Sophomore Ashley New

The advanced choir practices some music for a concert. They rehearse by singing all together while choir teacher Mark Williamson plays piano. When asked why she joined choir junior Heaven Vick replied, "Because I love singing and it's one of my big passions".

Photo by Ashley Galloway

During first semester of English 9 a group of friends all sit down and have a laugh while they discuss what they are going to do for their P.B.L (Project Based Learning) project. When asked what she likes most about class time Chelsa Brown said, "Im with my friends."

Photo by Ashley Galloway



*What do you crave? Students Vote what drinks they prefer



Coffee

School makes me sad Coffee makes me less sad
Sophomore Ashley Childers



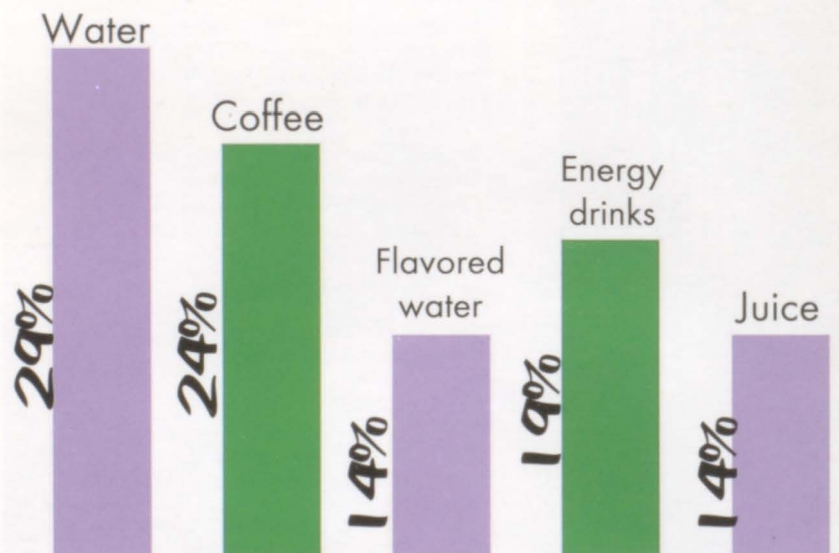
Energy drinks

They keep you awake
Freshman Taylor Hendrickson



Coffee

Because its good
Freshman Zach Wagoner



*Friends Matters

They are always there for me and are like Family.

freshman Krystal Neeley

*Cheerleading Matters

Its so important because to me because it is something that I love doing. I love spending time with my cheer family and the memories are the best. I also love how younger kids see us as role models.

Junior Sadra Long

*School work Matters

It is important because it keeps your grades up as well as keeping you from being held back. An grades are very important.

Freshman Travis Hubler

*Sports Matters

Beacuse I really think if I'm in a sport I strive that much for good grades.

Freshman Cole Cumberland

*Family and Friends Matters

What would you do without them?

Freshman Sean Lacroix

Who has more class?

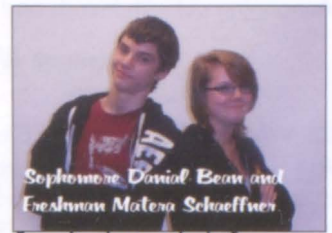
Students from both sides fight for what they believe is best when it comes to the time they spend in class.



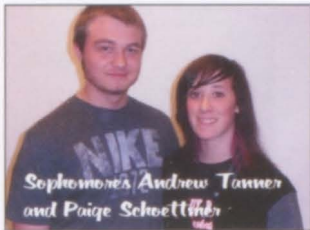
Emotions going through your head during class and why?
He said: Fun, because it's Heckaman
She said: Wanna learn new things, I want an education



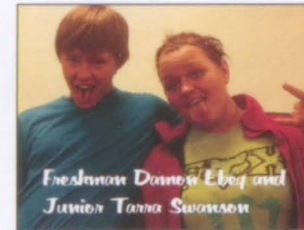
Favorite part of the day?
He said: P.E. because it's fun
She said: Gym I like physical activity



Favorite class and why?
He said: Makula because he's awesome.
She said: Choir because it's fun and because I love singing and I love being in that class



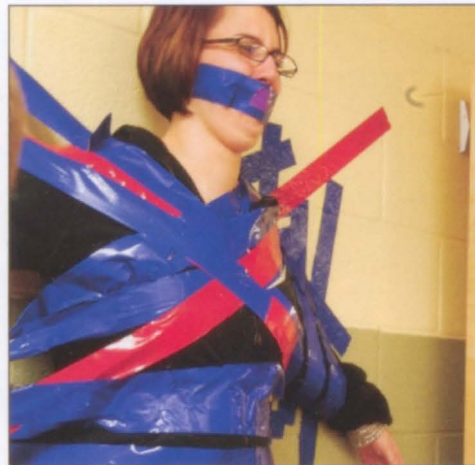
One thing you have to have in class and why?
He said: Pencil to write with
She said: My phone because I can



What class do you want to take next year and why?
He said: Child Development because it makes me become a better father.
She said: Child development because I like kids.



Favorite elective class and why?
He said: Study hall, I get to chill with my friends.
She said: Gym, I like physical activity



After being ducked taped to a wall special education teacher Cami Shriver still enjoys to participate in school activities. After being asked why she volunteered to do Stuck for a Buck she replied, "Most of my kids know me and that kind of thing doesn't faze me."

Photo by Bethany Fincher

Freshman Neil Clampitt and Whitney Haneline work on a project together. They are studying together for Spanish I. "That I can Achieve Something and fell better bout myself About getting it done".

Photo by Liz Shepherd



Working in Chemistry sophomores Caylin Ortega and Kinley Eads work on a lab together. "I like the cool, neat labs we do," sophomore Caylin Ortega said. "Ms. Day don't like it when we call them experiments so i have to call them labs," she followed on.

Photo by Skylinn Holmes

*** Skating Matters**
Because it's fun to do with all your friends and there can be some hard work in it.
Sophomore Gage Rogers

*** Family and friends Matters**
The reason why my Family and friends are so important to me is because they are the ones that I can rely on the most. They are always there for me and are supportive.
Sophomore Brooke Kaser

*** My daughter Matters**
My daughter is most important she's who makes me, me. She's my true best friend.
Sophomore Ashley Patino

*** My fiance Kayla L. Woodcox Matters**
She is always there for me and the one I live for.
Sophomore Michael Galloway

*** School Matters**
School is important to me because without education you basically get no where but McDonalds and I don't think anyone wants that
Freshman Caitlyn Bailey

Cool Clubs

Students from Art Club and Spanish Club explain what is especially cool about their clubs.

Q: What do you like best about Art Club?

A: hanging out with friends and making the sign.

Sophomore Nicole Mikel



Q: What made you join Art Club?

A: I really like drawing and I love art and it's one of the big things I do in my free time. It helped me get to know people when I first came here.

Sophomore Trevor Franklin



Q: What do you like about Spanish Club?

A: "It's fun 'cause I already know how to speak Spanish and we do activities that are entertaining."

Junior Juan Baca



Q: What do you do in Spanish club?

A: "We have fun and talk in Spanish Club, even though we've only had two meetings."

Junior Landin Madsen



Bowled Over: Members of the bowling team share their thoughts, opinions and successes from their bowling season.



Raymond Jarvis

Q: What is your favorite part about bowling?

A: The competition

Q: What is your highest score of the season?

A: 300 [To get that score it took him] awhile



Ivy Railsback

Q: How long did it take you to get your first strike?

A: Within the first year of bowling.

Q: What inspired you to be in bowling?

A: It's fun.



Ashley Crill

Q: Why do you like bowling?

A: It is a hobby

Q: What do you think about bowling in general?

A: It is fun and it teaches you patience.



Zack Gordon

Q: What is your favorite part about getting a strike?

A: Helping my teammates out and getting congratulated by them.

Q: How long did it take you to get your first spare?

A: It took a few tries.



Valley FFA members walk to FFA national Convention. Thirty-four Valley FFA members attended, while the conference welcomed 58,000 students total.

Photo Courtesy of Lisa Paxton

*Family and Friends matter

I think without them it would be very hard. Friends because they can help you get through school and cheer you up when you are down.

Junior Jamie French

*Family Matters

Because without my family I would have no one to fall back on with my problems. They support and love me unconditionally no matter what I do for a better family. I couldn't ask for a better family.

Junior Andrea Ewing

*Friends Matter

Friends are important to me because they are there whenever I need them and I always have a fun time hanging out with them.

Junior Alaina O'Connell

*Grades Matter

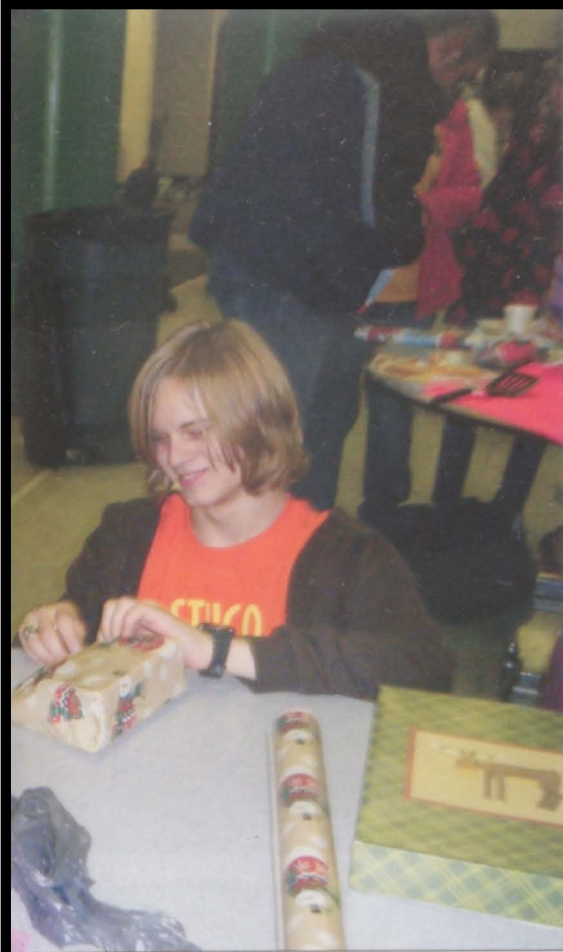
Because these could make your life easier or harder.

Freshman Nia Mattern

*Liam [My little boy] Matters

He is my pride and joy. He is everything to me. He can always put a smile onto my face right when I see him.

Senior Emily Madrigal



Sophomore Cody Demske helps a middle school student wrap presents. The student council took many students shopping for Christmas.

Photo by Bethany Fincher



A student checks in with two student council members at the blood drive. As of March students and staff donated 124 pints or 15.5 gallons of blood.

Photo Courtesy of Cami Shriver



Junior Josh Warren steps up to present the project created by the journalism class to the school board. The students spent three months studying, deconstructing, and writing their own editorial policies that would govern the Runic Review newspaper in the future. The policies were accepted by the board two months later.

Photo by Bethany Fincher



FFA members meet at Derek Adams' house. To start the meeting, Chapter President Alex Miller went over items of business.

Photo Courtesy of Lisa Paxton



Peer facilitators conduct a group discussion during class. Students who are in peers meet during their 4th period class as well as during SRT to go out on "facilitations" and help students who are struggling. "Peers are basically here to help everyone with whatever they need help with. It can range from counseling to helping them with homework," sophomore Brandon Murphy said.

Photo by Misty Leek

*** FFA & Farming Matter**

I love farming and FFA is awesome.

Freshman Austin Nickerson

*** Spending Time with my Friends & Family matters**

Because they're the best thing in my life.

Sophomore Maria Hernandez

*** Cheerleading Matters**

It keeps my shyness away. And gives me a motivation to get to do something in life & during school. And helps keep my grades up.

Junior Katie Seedorf

*** Family & Friends Matter**

Because they are always there for me and it would be so hard to go on without them here helping me.

Freshman Sara Pomeroy

*** Family and My Best Friend Matter**

Because I love them.

Freshman Taylor West

Senior Aimee Howard learns how to give CPR. Mrs. Bush was the teacher of the class.

Photo by KayLynn May



Junior Alexis Lisenby wears her "empathy belly." This was part of a project for family and consumer science teacher Deb Zawlocki's Child Development class.

Photo by Bethany Fincher



Senior Ciara Hallstrom works at her internship. It was at Mentone Elementary School.

Photo by Bethany Fincher



1) A freshman student works on his assignment at Junior Achievement Park. Business teachers Darren Parker and Aaron Engbrecht took the careers classes to the JA Park in Fort Wayne. Photo by Kenzie Ellis

2) Sophomore Damian Heeter pours sand into a jar as part of their JAG initiation ceremony. JAG is an optional program that helps Burket students lay out and work towards their goals.

Photo by Bethany Fincher

3) Freshman Morgan Brazo makes a phone call to a community member for her group's Monster project in English teacher Lois Buss' class. Students formed groups and researched various issues they saw in our school and community including divorce and suicide. Photo by courtesy of Lois Buss

* Football Matters

"It's important to me because it's a great sport and in order to succeed in football, you have to practice and train for a long time or even a short time if you really want to be elite. Just work your butt off, on and off the field"

Freshman Tyler Poyser

* My Friends and Family Matters

"No matter what, they are always there for me through thick and thin. They're my safety net"

Freshman Shelby Vining

* Family Matters

"My family is important to me because they provide me with love and support and they will always be here to depend on"

Freshman Breanna Conley

* Friendship Matters

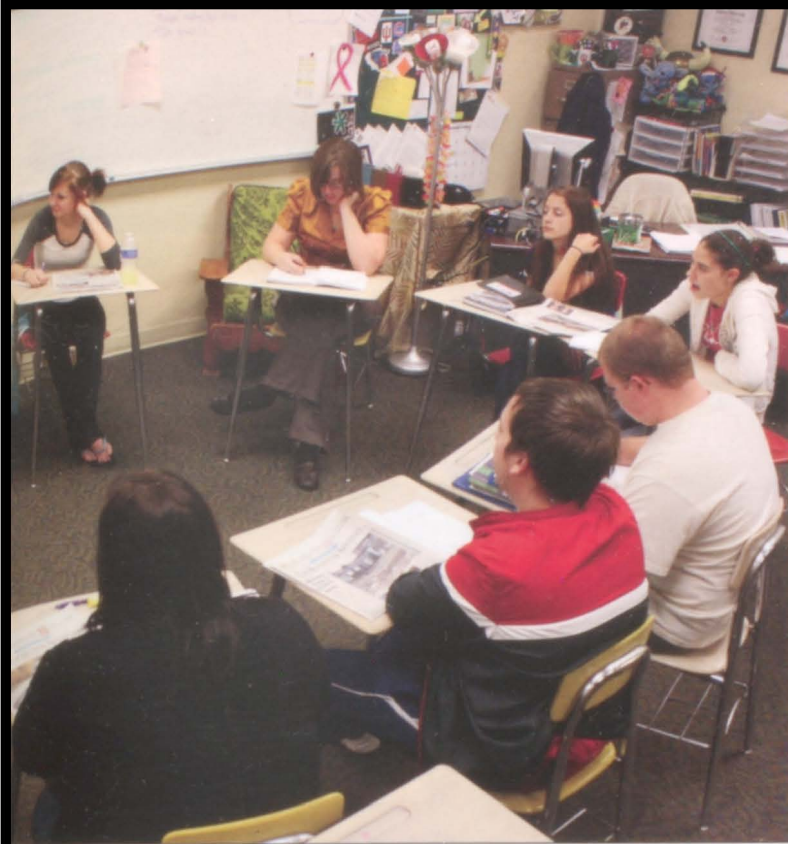
"I think its very important because if you dont have friends then theres no one to help you along in life"

Freshman Zechariah Capps

* Family Matters

"Because friends come and go"

Freshman Blake Honeycutt

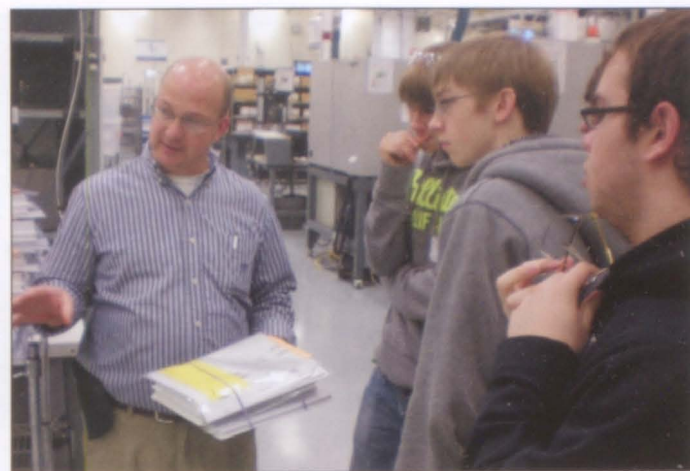


Mrs. Mason's Journalism class listens to a guest speaker's presentation. The speaker was from the Rochester Sentinel and was there to teach the students about brainstorming ideas for news stories.

Photo by Bethany Fincher

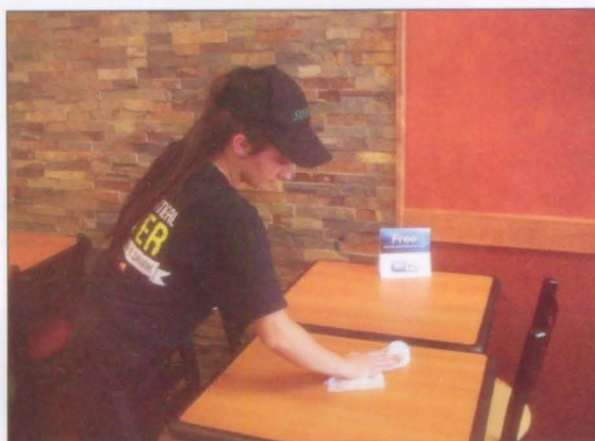
Students in teacher Doug Heinhold's class visit Biomet and Ivy Tech Community College as part of a field trip for a class.

Photo courtesy of Doug Heinhold



Senior Kayla Long receives a gift from ICE advisor Ted Bahney at the Internship/ICE Banquet.

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Senior Samantha Fields cleans off the tables at Subway in Akron.

Photo courtesy of Ted Bahney



Senior Danielle Bussard poses for a picture at Pet Supplies Plus.

Photo courtesy of Ted Bahney

* Family Matters

"Family is important because they are the people that will always be there for you"

Freshman Andrew Harlan

* Family Matters

"I love how supportive my family is in everything I have done in my life"

Senior Kaitlyn VanDiepenbos

* Yourself Matters

"Being yourself is important because in the end you will always have yourself and its important to know who you really are"

Senior Sarah DeLaCruz

* My Bestfriend Matters

"We have been through everything together and I know I can trust her with anything. She has always been there for me and that means a lot"

Junior Kelsey Eckert

* Family Matters

"They are always there for me"

Sophomore Mackenzie Ruiz

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SADD

Originally, the mission of the SADD chapter was to help young people say "No" to drinking and driving. Today, the mission has expanded. Students have told us that positive peer pressure, role modeling and environmental strategies can prevent other destructive decisions and set a healthier, safer course for their lives. And that is why SADD has become a peer-to-peer education, prevention, and activism organization dedicated to preventing destructive decisions, particularly underage drinking, other drug use, risky and impaired driving, teen violence, and teen suicide. Here at Tippy Valley we also strive to find ways to overcome bullying and how to be that positive voice.



FCCLA

FCCLA is a service organization that provides students opportunities to develop leadership skills while helping those less fortunate in their community.



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Art Club

Our first goal is to earn money through our annual cookie dough fundraiser for a scholarship for a deserving graduating senior who plans on majoring in an art field in a college or university.

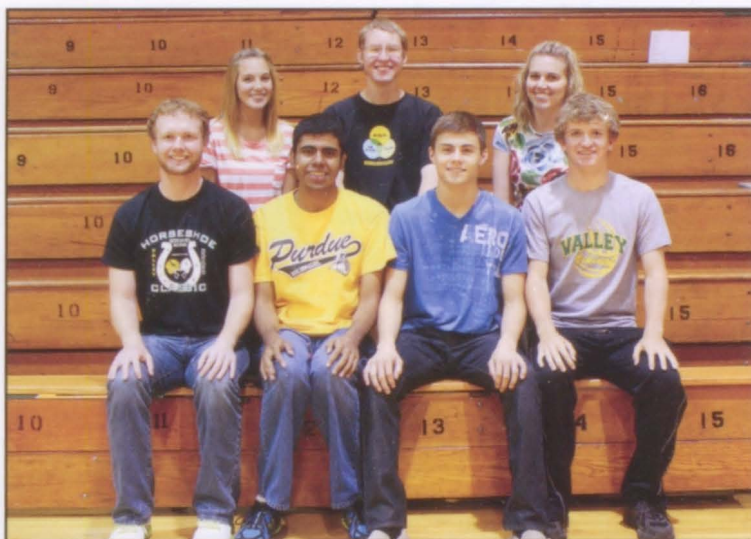
We also try to make and sell cupcakes for a worthy cause. While we decorate these cupcakes we have a pizza party.

We also paint signs for outside organizations when asked.



Challenge Leaders

Senior students are hand picked to be a Challenge Leader. Criteria would be grades, attendance, personable, and willingness to help a new student. They show the student their classrooms, introduce them to the teacher and answer any questions that the new student might have.



Spanish

In this club, students explore the Hispanic culture through food and dance.

*Clubs

NHS

NHS serves to honor TVHS students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. NHS also encourages its members to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service.



Sunshine Society

Sunshine is a philanthropic organization dedicated to service and encouragement to others. Our major beneficiary is Riley Children's Hospital.



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FFA

According to FFA.org, "The National FFA Organization (formerly Future Farmers of America) envisions a future in which all agricultural education students will discover their passion in life and build on that insight to chart the course for their educations, career and personal future."



Student Council

The Student Council works to help maintain good relations between the administration and the students, create a feeling of unity among all students, develop leadership within the student body, encourage school spirit, provide a forum of expression, provide services for the community and promote the general welfare of the school.

*Clubs

Journalism

The 2013 staff revived and published the *Runic Review* student newspaper. The student staff created and abided by the following mission statement: We as student journalists for the Tippecanoe Valley High School newspaper will abide by all of the First Amendment and follow a strict code of ethics, conduct, and expectations. We will follow these rules so that we can be proud of the work we do, build a professional reputation, and be trusted by our school and community to continue to report and deliver passionate, creative, and complete coverage of the school and community.



Internship

Students participating in the internship program go out into the work force to gain valuable experience in a field they may be interested in as a career.



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Yearbook

The 2013 yearbook staff was a class of nine students who worked together to capture the moments and memories of Valley students. The staff followed the theme "What Matters" for this year's book.



I.C.E.

I.C.E. students spend part of their day at a job either to earn money or learn about a potential career they may be interested in after graduation.



Cassandra Abalos
Laken Adams
Josh Back
Caitlyn Bailey
Colton Baird
Christopher Bauer
Chance Beck



Braxton Behny
Garrett Bell
Jadyn Biggs
Dyson Biltz
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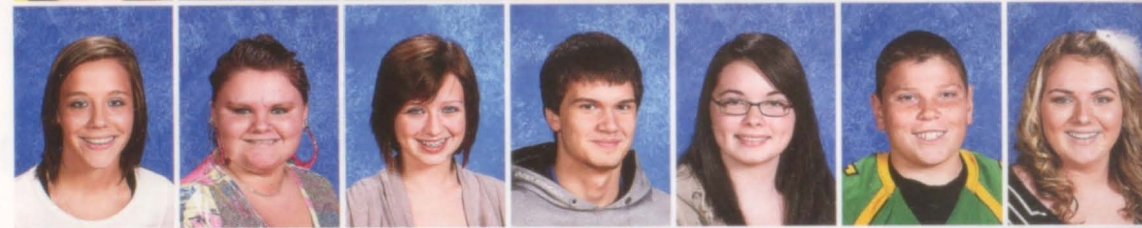
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Nicholas Caudill
Cassidy Cave



Emily Childers
Pablo Cisneros
Neil Clampitt
Emmalee Cohagan
Anthony Collins
Breanna Conley
Breelyn Conley



Brooklyn Conley
Paige Conley
Maddison Cooper
Daulton Cover
Erika Craft
Cole Cumberland
Brooke Danner



Mason Davis
Shelbi Dugan
Levi Ebersole
Zachary Ellison
Kaitlyn Engholm
Adrian Evans
Andrea Ewing



Nicholas Feldman
Samuel Flenner
Jesse Floor
Drew Francis
Diana Garcia
Madison Gearhart
Stephen Gilbert



Lexi Goble
Kevin Good
Katelyn Gunter
Cheyenne Hall
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Kyle Hamman
Eric Hammer





Whitney Haneline
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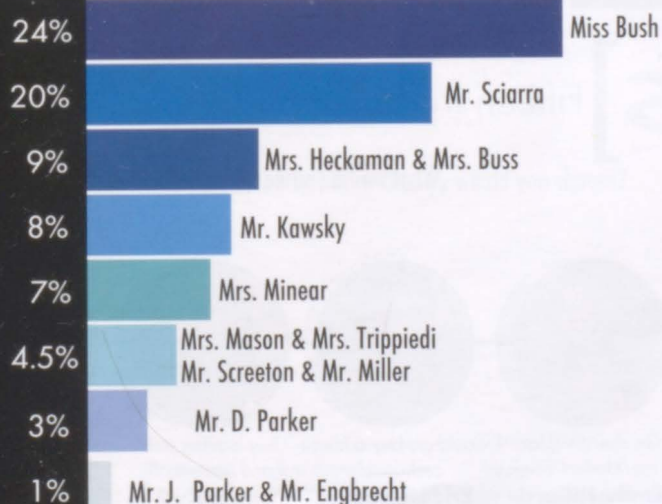
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Shayla Hoffman
Brittany Holloway
Blake Honeycutt

Anastasia Honeycutt-Ousley
Carissa Howard
Travis Hubler
Rafael Jimenez
Kimberly Jurado
Tyler Kidd
Hannah Kime

Karly Kitch
Brynda Krueger
Colby Kuczewski
Sean LaCroix
Anthony Leadford
Austin Leasure
Aris Long

Harli Manns
Ashlee Marshall
Nia Mattern
Madison May-Keener
Karissa McKinzie
Shay Merley
Amber Mikel

Which teacher has been your favorite this year?



89 students surveyed



"[I choose Miss Bush because] she has so much fun with every student and she makes sure she's never in a bad mood. I look forward to her class everyday because how positive and fun she is around students."

Kaden Sebastian



"Mr. Sciarra is always in a great mood and is fun to be around. Unlike other teachers, kids see him as a friend rather than just a teacher."

Jesus Rodriguez



"[I choose Mrs. Heckaman,] she's my favorite teacher because she doesn't make class boring, and she makes sure we understand what she's teaching us."

Julia Pomeroy



"[I choose Mrs. Buss because] she is inspiring. In her class I have come out of my shell and push myself to become a better writer. I also love her style."

Kaitlyn Ott

Kurt Miller
Madison Miller
Rikko Montelongo
Robert Morehouse
Rebecca Murphy
Tyler Murphy
Dylan Myers



Jay Myers
Krystal Neeley
Trevor Neeley
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Joshua Norman-Price
Alexis O'Connell



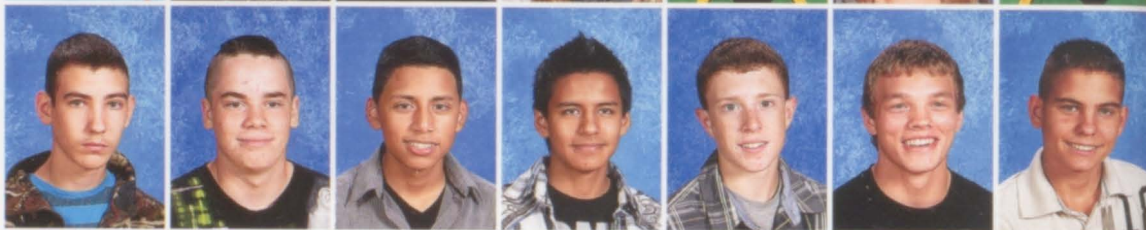
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Kaylee Reese
Thomas Rensberger
Madison Reutebuch
Nicholas Reynolds



Alexander Robbins
Dylan Roberts
Jesus Rodriguez
Kevin Rodriguez
Tyler Ross
Cody Runyon
Braiden Rush



Kierra Ryman
Austin Sagun
Johnathon Salmon
Brianna Salyer
Jarazna Schaeffner
Matera Schaeffner
Seth Schoettmer



[FRESHMEN *15]

Fifteen freshmen answer 15 questions.

What is your current ringtone?

What would you do with a million dollars?



Axel F- Crazy Frog,
because it's my sisters
favorite song.
Madi Reutebuch



A random one I have
on my phone, just
because.
Kaylee Reese



Vibrate because it
feels like I'm
disturbing someone
when I have a
ringtone.
Kane Stellar



Go shopping for
clothes
Emily Hillard



I would go buy a house
and a car.
Eric Hammer



Buy hunting stuff
and basketball
stuff.
Karis Tucker



Donate half of it
to charity and the
other half to Haiti
to help people.
Alex Brown



Kadin Sebastian
Shawnee Severns
Aric Shafer
Emily Shepherd
Mark Shepherd
Taylor Sleeth
Benjamin Slone



Shelby Smith
Michaela Snapp
Harrison Sponseller
Isaac Sponseller
Dylan Stambaugh
Kane Stellar
Deziree Stimeling



Kourtney Tackett
Sarah Templin
Blake Tipton
Raechel Torpy
Damian Trump
Karis Tucker
Kyle VanDiepenbos



Elizabeth VanMeter
Shelby Vining
Jeremiah Vires
Jared Visel
Cheyenne Wadkins
Stephen Walsh
Christian Warner



Makaila Warner
Zachary Webb
Allyssa Weber
Brandon Webster
Taylor West
Daianara Witham
Dakota Woodcox



Ashton Woolley
Justin Zuniga
Kylee Zuniga
Tyler Zuniga

If you could live in any other country, which country would you choose?



The one I'm in right now, 'cause I haven't been out of the US and I don't really plan on it.
Kelsey Dobbs



Africa, because it's warmer.
Dylan Myers



I wouldn't want to live anywhere else. I just never thought about it.
Anthony Leadford



Probably Mexico because I went there for spring break and I loved it.
Shayla Hoffman



Just being in a new school.
Nick Feldman



All the different classes and the options you have.
Kyle VanDiepenbos



Softball because it's my favorite sport.
Kaitlyn Engholm



New classmates, not just freshmen.
Caitlyn Bailey

That's annoying!

Sophomores share what their biggest
petpeeves were....



"When I'm talking
to someone and
they don't answer
back."
**Maricela
Ramirez**



"When people
touch my ears."
**Gary
Long**



"When people
need to be quiet
and they don't
shut up."
**Ashley
Bahney**



"People that do
stuff on purpose to
annoy you."
**Paul
Schaeffner**



"Slow walkers in
the hallway."
**Casey
Dunn**



"Fake ugs."
**Marissa
Phillips**



"When people
ramble on about
nothing."
**Pamela
Gonzalez**

Chelsea Abalos
Brice Adams
Derek Adams
Sarah Back
Ashley Bahney

Tabitha Baldrige
Juan-Vernon Bastardo
Danial Bean
Wesley Beck
Jaden Biddle

Jack Boldry
Mariah Bradford
Micah Bradley
Lauren Brofford
Jazzmine Brown

Zack Brzozowski
Taylor Busenburg
Patton Cameron
Corey Carson
Devin Childers

Andrea Cochran
Jacob Collings
Austin Collins
Brandon Conley
Preston Conley

Cassandra Crider
Ashley Crill
Hanna Dalrymple
Dillon Davis
LaShea Dawson-May

Kylah De Crow
Cody Demske
Nathaniel Doss
Darian Dotson
Casey Dunn

Hailyn Dunn
Kinley Eads
Lauren Eaton
Kara Eaton
Lillian Egolf





Logan Elliott
Mackenzie Ellis
Cody Floyd
Leslee France
Trevor Franklin
Jordan Fraser
Austin French

Gregory French
Ashley Galloway
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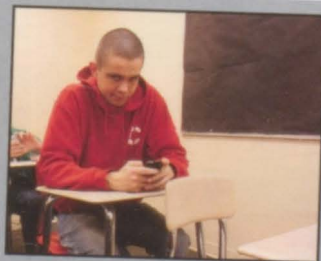
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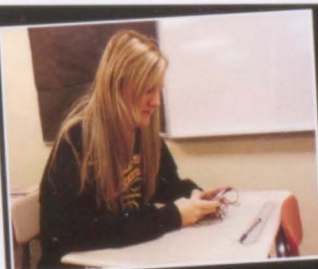
Round of Applause.

Sophomores share their favorite apps



"Fun Run because it's fun to play against my friends. It's entertaining."

Alexander Salmon



"TWITTER because I can see what everyone's doing. It's better than Facebook."

Ariel Schoettmer



"Facebook, because I use it the most. All the drama is entertaining."

Chainey Zolman

Sarah Jones
Tristan Justice
Michael Keirn
Gaige Koors
Cade Krider
Jordan LaCroix
Catherine Leadford



Misty Leek
Jacob Lisenby
Jarred Littlejohn
AJ Long
Gary Long
Ricardo Lopez
Anthony May



Mia McHaffey
Brooklin McKain
Jonah Mikel
Nicole Mikel
Kasha Miller
Kyle Moore
Brandon Murphy



Austin Nault
Wyatt Nelson
Ashley New
Chandler O'Connor
Hayly Oldfather
Caylin Ortega
Charles Parker



Cameron Patton
Garrett Paxton
Heaven Peconga
Joshua Petgen
Marissa Phillips
Violet Pruitt
Maricela Ramirez



Jayson Reed
Shayla Reed
Abigail Reeser
Mackenzie Ruiz
Alexander Salmon
Paul Schaeffer
Ariel Schoettmer



Brittany Shafer
Joseph Shell
Jordan Shelmadine
Kassidy Shepherd
Kayla Shepherd
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Thomas Shultz
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Ethan Smith





Briley Spurlock
Levi Strong
Madison Strong
Kristina Swick
Ashlie Tackett
Andrew Tanner
Caylie Teel



Alex Thacker
Michael Thacker
Salleigh Torpy
Taylor Trippiedi
Noah Tucker
Scott Wallis
John Walsh



Isabel Warren
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Cody Welch
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Courtney Winter
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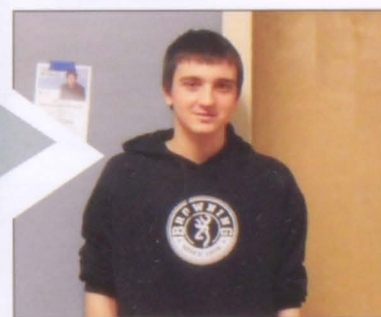
School Matters

Four sophomores share what they would change about the school



"The school itself being more well funded, better desks, books, and all around atmosphere."
- **Ashley Childers**

"Drama, 'cause this school is full of it."
- **Killian Hillard**



"The periods on long days!"
- **Jack Boldry**

"The heat, because it is so cold!"
- **Kaira Hackworth**





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"My favorite part was the blind folded musical chairs. I thought it was funny when I tripped over the chairs."
junior Casey Kromkowski

"My favorite part was getting to spend time with friends and catching the water balloons."
junior Tanner Andrews

"The idea of carrying the eggs, I liked the challenge even though I broke it."
junior Jaun Baca

"When we had to crawl under each other's legs all the way down the football field it was fun even though I hurt my knees."
junior Kelsey Ball

"I loved carrying the dixie cups full of water, I got so soaked."
junior Robyn Erklin

"I like that our class had to work together to win, i also enjoyed the obstacle corse."
junior Diana Baca

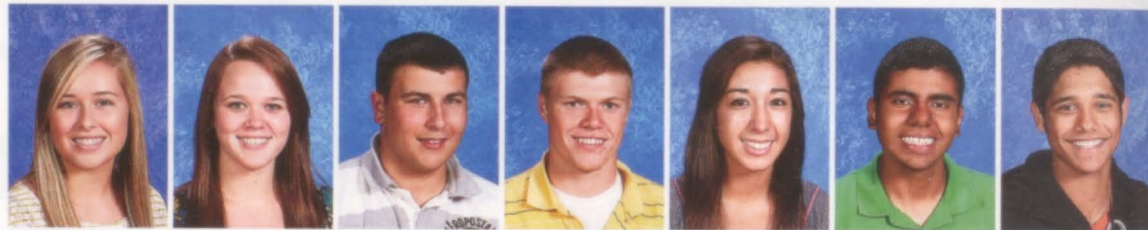


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WE BLEED GREEN & GOLD

Juniors share their favorite part of the olympics.

Danielle Adams
Sara Alexander
Thomas Alexander
Tanner Andrews
Diana Baca
Juan Baca
Branigan Bahney



Victoria Bahney
Shelby Baker
Kelsey Ball
Chassidy Bays
Tara Beck
Keaton Bell
Nicholas Boardman



Sofia Boganwright
Ciara Bolling
Alexis Brazo
Adam Bridgewater
Logan Britton
Alicia Carnes
Cameron Castle



Dereck Caudill
Elisia Chairez
Noah Clampitt
Amber Cochran
Taylor Cole
Hayle Collins
Morgan Conliff





Tiffany Cornett
Derrick Cunningham
Valeria De La Rosa
Cody Denton
Devin Doty
Robyn Dunnuck
Kathy Eagleson

Kelsey Eckert
Justin Erklin
Robyn Erklin
Andrea Ewing
Noah Fisher
Brandon Forcier
Colton Francis

Jamie French
Keegan Fulton
Adam Furry
Christopher Gagnon
Nicholas Gamble
Taylor Garringer
Samantha Griggs

Robert Groom
Damien Heeter
Arron Heller
Mark Hicks
Anna Higgins
Andrea Hinojosa
Cara Hoffman

Kelsey Honeycutt
Hailee Hunsberger
Jonah Hyde
William Inglehearn
Devon Jackson
Cody Jamison
Jacob Jennings

Fernanda Jimenez
Karissa Johnson
Jaron Kidd
Chad Kintzel
Brisin Kratzchmar
Casimir Kromkowski
Kristin LaCroix

Would you rather...

Students choose something they would live with for the rest or their lives. Which would YOU choose?

Dress like Nicki Minaj or Lady Gaga for the rest of your life?

"Nicki Minaj because I don't like the raw raw that Lady Gaga does."

*Junior
Nick Gambel*

"Nicki Minaj because I like her style."

*Junior
Lauren Brofford*



Dye your hair green or gold for the rest of your life?

"I would dye it gold because green would look funny."

*Junior
Tiffany Young*

"I would dye my hair green because it's my favorite color."

*Junior
Heaven Vick*



Listen to 'Call Me Maybe' or 'Whistle' for the rest of your life?

"Call Me Maybe because Whistle gets annoying."

*Junior
Samantha Griggs*

"Whistle because it's catchy and I like it better."

*Junior
Jonah Hyde*



What would you change about the school?

*Juniors tell what they would change about Valley.

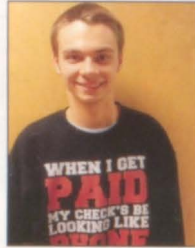


"Small lockers for sophomores junior and seniors," junior John Rhodes said.

"The teachers some of them are dumb," junior Victoria Bahney said.



"It needs to be more cut loose and not as uptight on some things," junior Mason Veach said.



"I would get better computers because they are crappy and slow," junior Alicia Carnes said.



"I would give kids more time to go to classes. Five minutes sometimes doesn't cut it. Also, if more teachers listened to what kids were saying, they wouldn't drop the F bomb so much," junior Josh Warren said.

"Be able to go outside at certain times because I feel like we are in jail," junior Lindsay Lingofelter said.



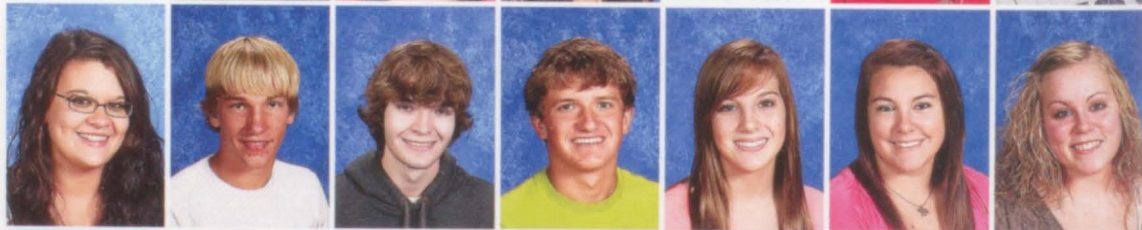
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Sadra Long
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Joseph Madeford
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Cruz Marquez
Jon Martin
Brandon Maull
Tyler McDonald



Rebekha Mikel
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Tanner Neeley
Alaina O'Connell
Alaya Pelo
Taylor Peterson



David Prater
Tyler Presson
John Rhodes
Brittany Riffle
Gage Rogers
Maria Rosas
Tyler Rudd





Yamilet Ruiz
Morgan Runyan
Desiree Sanchez
Kayla Sanchez
Kirsten Schipper
Tatianna Scott
John Secrest

Kaitlyn Seedorf
Maverick Shelpman
Elizabeth Shepherd
Isaac Shewman
Benjamin Shriver
Nolan Sponseller
Cynthia Stamberger

Emily Templin
Christopher Torpy
Joshua Tucker
Alyssa VanMeter
Mason Veach
Heaven Vick
Joshua Warren

Cora Warstler
Ericka Webb
Gage Webb
Zachary Wiesehan
Johnny Witham
Trey Woodcox
Daryl Wright

Savannah Yoder
Tiffani Young

Cheesy Pickup Lines

Juniors share their funniest pick up lines.

Branigan Bohney

"What you know about Moses?
Because Jew makin' me crazy."



Savannah Yoder

"Hey baby I lost my number
can I have yours?"

Emily Templin

"Did you fart because
you just blew me away."

Brisin Kratzelman

"Do your legs hurt?
Because you've been running
through my mind all day."



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Casey Benzing
TyWayne Brown



Jared Burris
Danielle Bussard
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Trevar Campbell
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School spirit matters

Seniors show their school spirit for homecoming days.

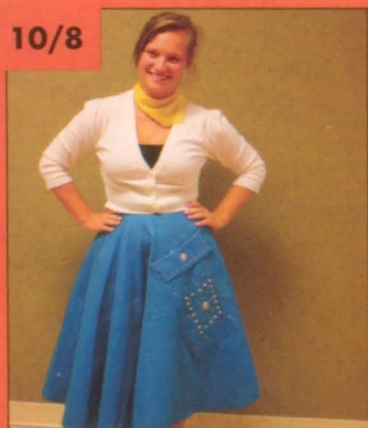
Movie Day

Fake Injury Day

Senior Citizen Day

Neon Day

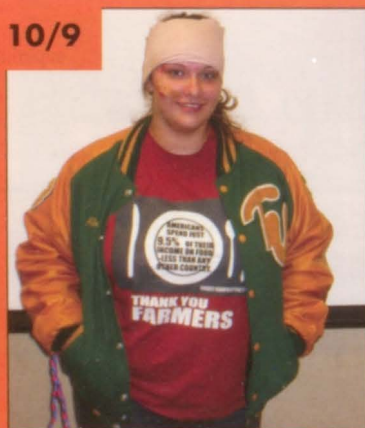
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Senior Tiffyni Tackett shows off her costume for movie day. She was Sandy Olsen from Grease.

"I did not wear a costume because I work in the mornings, and I didn't know who Danny Zuko was," senior Brennen Adams said.

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Senior Alicia Howell fakes a couple injuries for fake injury day. This was on Tuesday, October 9th for homecoming week.

"I liked her head wrap the best because it was original," senior Emily Gelbaugh said.

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Senior Jacob Ritchey shows off his school spirit by participating in the schools homecoming festivities and dressing up as a senior citizen. Jacob also was crowned Homecoming King.

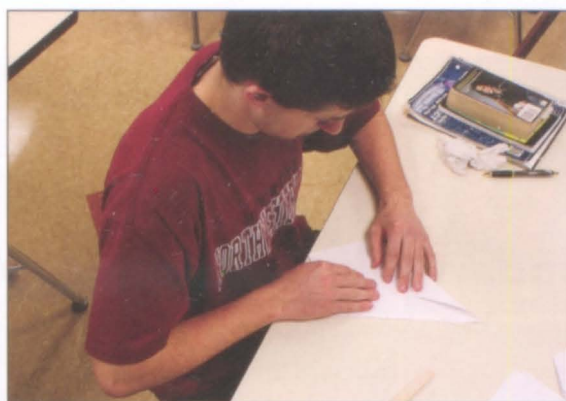
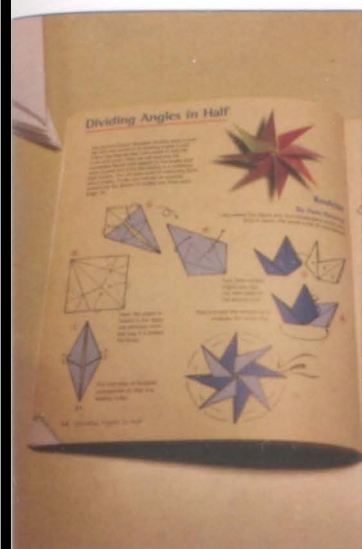
"I thought it was very creative and funny," senior KayLynn May said.

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Senior Alexis Swihart all decked out in her best neon clothes for neon day. Alexis also participated in the homecoming olympics.

"I liked her pants and the neon strings in her braids," senior Danielle Bussard said.



Senior David Miller is working on his art work for art class. He was working on an origami for fun. "His art work is unique," senior Michelle Peters said.

Photo by KayLynn May

Super sweet art

Senior David Miller is an active member of the Art Club.



with David Miller

Q: What is the most interesting thing that has happened in Art Club?

A: "Becoming secretary of Art Club since it is mostly freshmen."

Q: How long have you been in art club?

A: "I have been in Art Club for two years now."



Alexandra Elliott
Jamie Engle
Samantha Fields
Bethany Fincher
Garrett Foust
Connor Fraser

Emily Gelbaugh
Bryce Gibbons
Miguel Gomez
Justin Gunter
Kaitlyn Hackworth
Ciara Hallstrom

Destiny Hansen
Megan Heinold
Caitlin Heisler
Tanner Hobbs
Aimee Howard
Alicia Howell

Patrick Hughes
Trenton Jackson
Marcos Jimenez
Trent Jones
Brittany Julian
Barbara Kimmel

Nick Kindig
Sonny Kollars
Laura Landis
Nicole Lewallen
Adam Lewis
Sydney Livengood

Senior says...

Seniors give underclassmen some advice.

"Try hard and always do your best"

Sonny Kollars

"Be polite because it makes the upperclassmen mad made when they're not, like don't cut in line in front of seniors at lunch."

Kersty Patrick

"Don't be scared of the upper classmen."

Melinda Wright

"I'd probably say maturity, they need to grow up because it won't get them far."

Trey Pomeroy

"Set a goal and stick to it"

Marissa Mcsherry

"Stay away from those that can influences you to make bad decisions."

Robert Ortega

"Don't quit just because someone is trying to be better then you."

Cody Cox

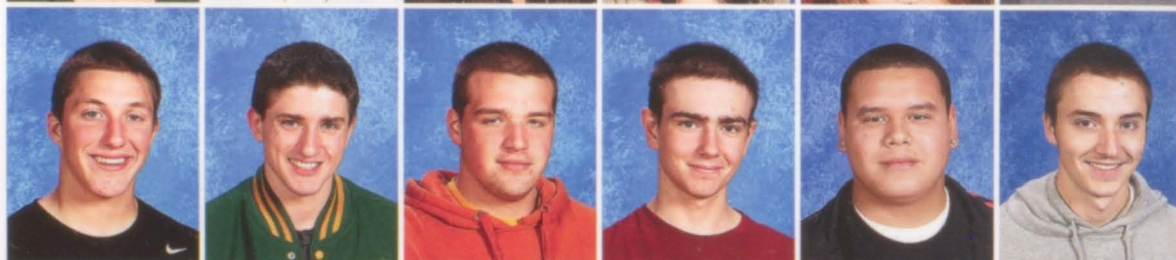
"Do well in school and keep your grades up"

Brittany Butler

Kayla Long
Mark Long
Emily Madrigal
KayLynn May
Marissa McSherry
Alex Miller



Daniel Miller
David Miller
Kaleb Miller
Tyler Monroe
Jon Morrison
Parker Nelson



Courtney Newsome
Rachel O'Connor
Robert Ortega
Alexi Perkins
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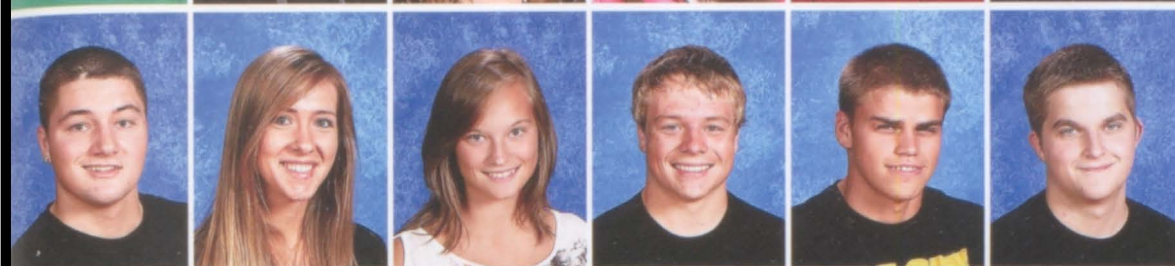


Michael Pozorski
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Josh Quintana
Ivy Railsback
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Michelle Ramirez





Jacob Ritchey
John Roberts
Allyson Ross
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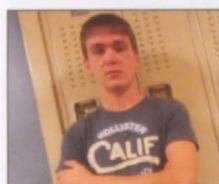
Jacob Zuniga

College & Career Outlook

Seniors share their plans for their schooling and careers after high school.



Genoveva Ramirez
College Plans: IPFW or Indiana Bloomington
Major: Nursing or French
Future Career: "[To do] missionary work in less fortunate country preferably French speaking," Ramirez said.



Bryce Walls
Future Career: Welder in mig/tig in Warsaw.
"I do not plan on going to college," Walls said.



Jacob Zuniga
College Plans: Ivy Tech, Full Sail University or Devry University
Major: Graphic design / video games
"[Both are] online schools, you can create video games at both," Zuniga said.



Kaitlyn Hackworth
Plans after high school: Finding another job working at Miller's Merry Manor
College Plans: Ivy Tech, education

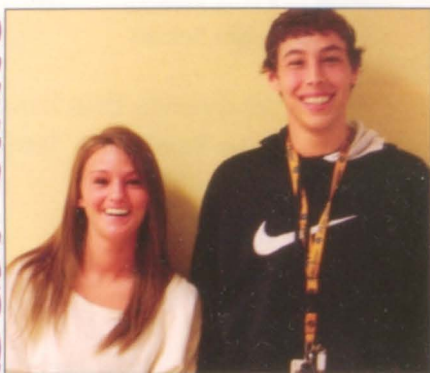


John Roberts
College Plans: Natinal Guard
Future Career: Police Officer
Roberts said "I want to be a police officer to make the world a better place and becace its an awe-some job to have if your willing to die for others."

Senior Superlatives

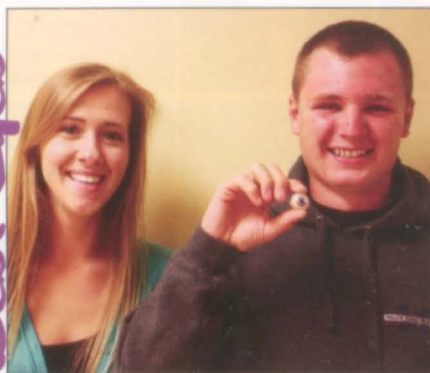
The class of 2013 voted and...

Best Smile



Danielle Bussard
Dayton Cohagan

Best Eyes



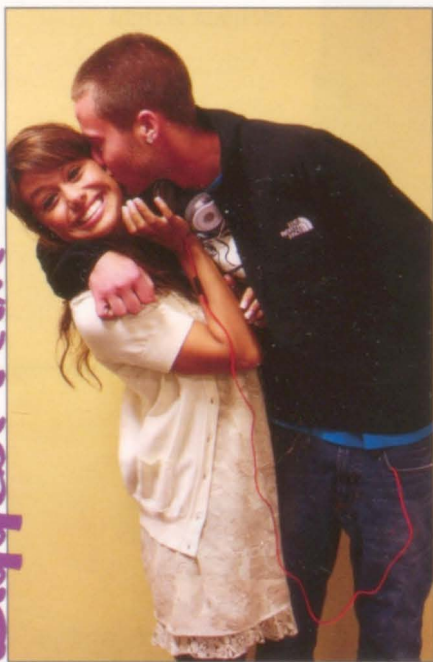
Alexis Swihart
Alex Miller

Best Laugh



Shelby Cox
Miguel Gomez

Biggest Hint



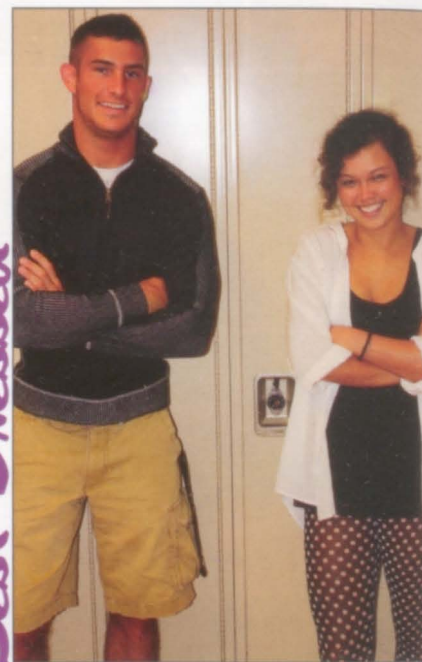
Emily Madrigal
Mark Long

Most Shoes



Connor Fraser
Jon Morrison

Best Dressed



Melinda Wright
Justin Gunter

Most Likely to Return to
Valley as a Teacher

Nick Kindig
Barbie Kimmel

Most Quiet

Kaitlyn VanDiepenbos
Michael Pozorski

* My Daughter Matters

The most important thing in my life is my daughter, I'd do anything for her & I did everything to graduate for her & my family.

Senior Kayley Slone

* Sports, Basketball & Family Matter

I just love sports and family because I love my family and need to protect them.

Sophomore Austin Leasure

* My boyfriend Matters

He is so important to me because we have known each other since kids, and we have been together for a while. He makes a difference in my life.

Junior Kelsey Honeycutt

* My friends Matter

Because I can tell them anything! And we have fun together. :)

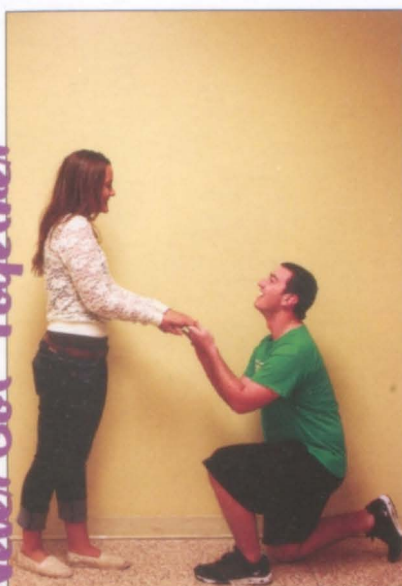
Sophomore Skylin Holmes

* Friends & Family Matter

Because they are there for me and are important to me.

Freshman Blake Tipton

**Cutest Couple That
Never Got Together**



Courtney Newsom
Jacob Ritchey

**Most Likely to be
on Reality TV**



Trent Jackson
Allie Elliott

Class Clown



Adam Eagleson

**Most Changed Since
Freshman Year**



Mason Teel
Sydney Livengood

**Most Likely to
Brighten Your Day**



Maverick Wagley
Megan Heinhold

Most Friendly



Stephanie Abt
Clayton Adamson

*** My Gun & Bow
Matter**
because they are both my first
gun and bow.

Freshman Braiden Rush

*** Hunting & Fishing
Matter**
I like to deer hunt, and I like to fish
for bass and more.

Freshman Seth Schoettmer

*** Building Relationships
Matters**
It is in relationships that we can best
mature and discover our purpose. Without
positive relationships students fail to see
their value and realize their full potential.

Study Hall Supervisor Jackie Brady

*** Blood Drives
Matter**
because I'm helping save
lives.

Sophomore Scott Wallis

*** My Family**
My family knows the real me
and accepts me exactly for who I
am.

Spanish teacher Chantel Minear

Stephanie Anglin
Ted Bahney
Scott Bibler
Cindy Border
Duane Burkhart
Brittani Bush



Lois Buss
Annette Chenoweth
Deb Day
Kristen Ekhoﬀ
Aaron Engbrecht
Dan Franklin



Rod Hamman
Crystal Heckaman
Doug Heinold
Jon Hutton
Deb Johnston
Ben Kawsky



A New Year, A New Teacher

Physical Education and Health teacher Brittani Bush shares her journey from high school student to a first year teacher

As students approach class they see their teacher in her matching jumpsuit, her curly hair tied to the side, and she's holding up her hand waiting for a high five.

"It lights the fire, it's a way to express enthusiasm for what I do [and] see other people smile," P.E., and health teacher Brittani Bush said.

Bush is a newly certified, physical education and health teacher. This is her first year as a certified teacher, and she likes working with students and getting to know them.

"It was my passion when I was younger, I enjoyed it so why not make it as a career," Bush said.

She went to Westfield junior and high and during her years there her favorite class was physical education.

"It gives the chance to get up and move around, makes you active," Bush said.

She started playing basketball in elementary school, through middle school, high school, continued to play in Amateur Athletic Union and was shooting guard for Manchester College for three years

"I take pride in being a Spartan. Basketball wasn't just an opportunity to play a sport that I love, but the chance to make great friends and develop skills needed to be successful in all areas of life," Bush said.

To get herself ready for a certified teaching job she made sure to work with students as much as she possibly could, she would read to elementary students three times a week and she observed various classes at Manchester Elementary.

"All through college I worked at a summer camp as a counselor, student taught at Northfield and taught a Physical Education Program for local home-schooled students once a week for three years at Manchester College," Bush said.

The other physical education teacher, Gregg Sciarra says she is a good fit here and likes working with her.

"She's very exuberant, very positive, you can tell she is very organized and works real hard with the kids," Sciarra said.



First year Physical Education and Health teacher, Brittani Bush gives sophomore Corey Carson a big high five before her fifth period health class begins. "It lights the fire, it's a way to express enthusiasm for what I do [and] see other people smile," Bush said.

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Guess who

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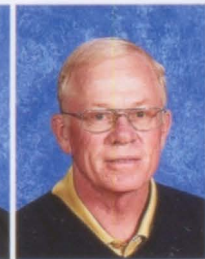
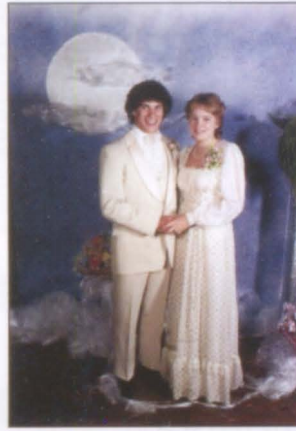
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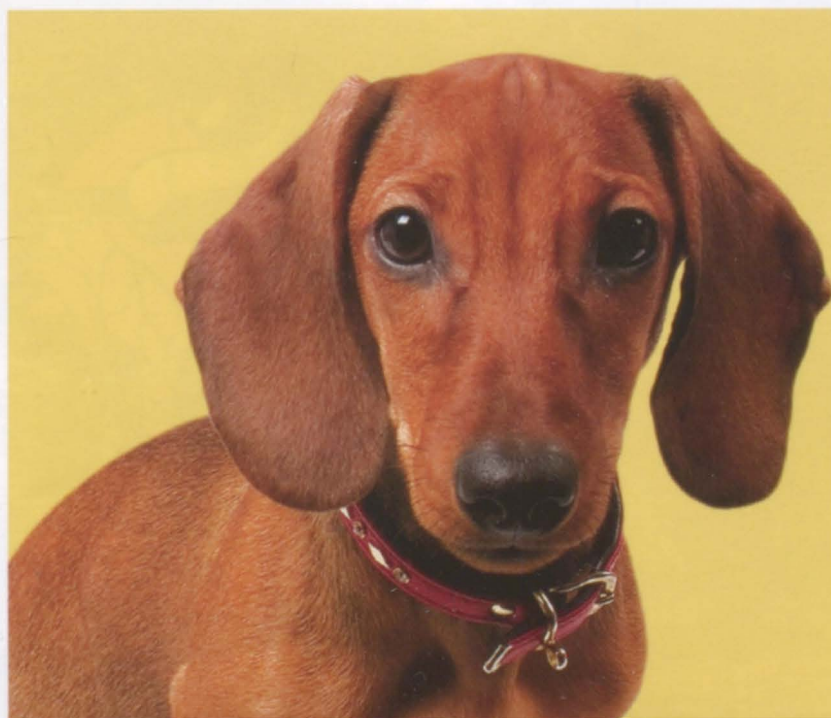
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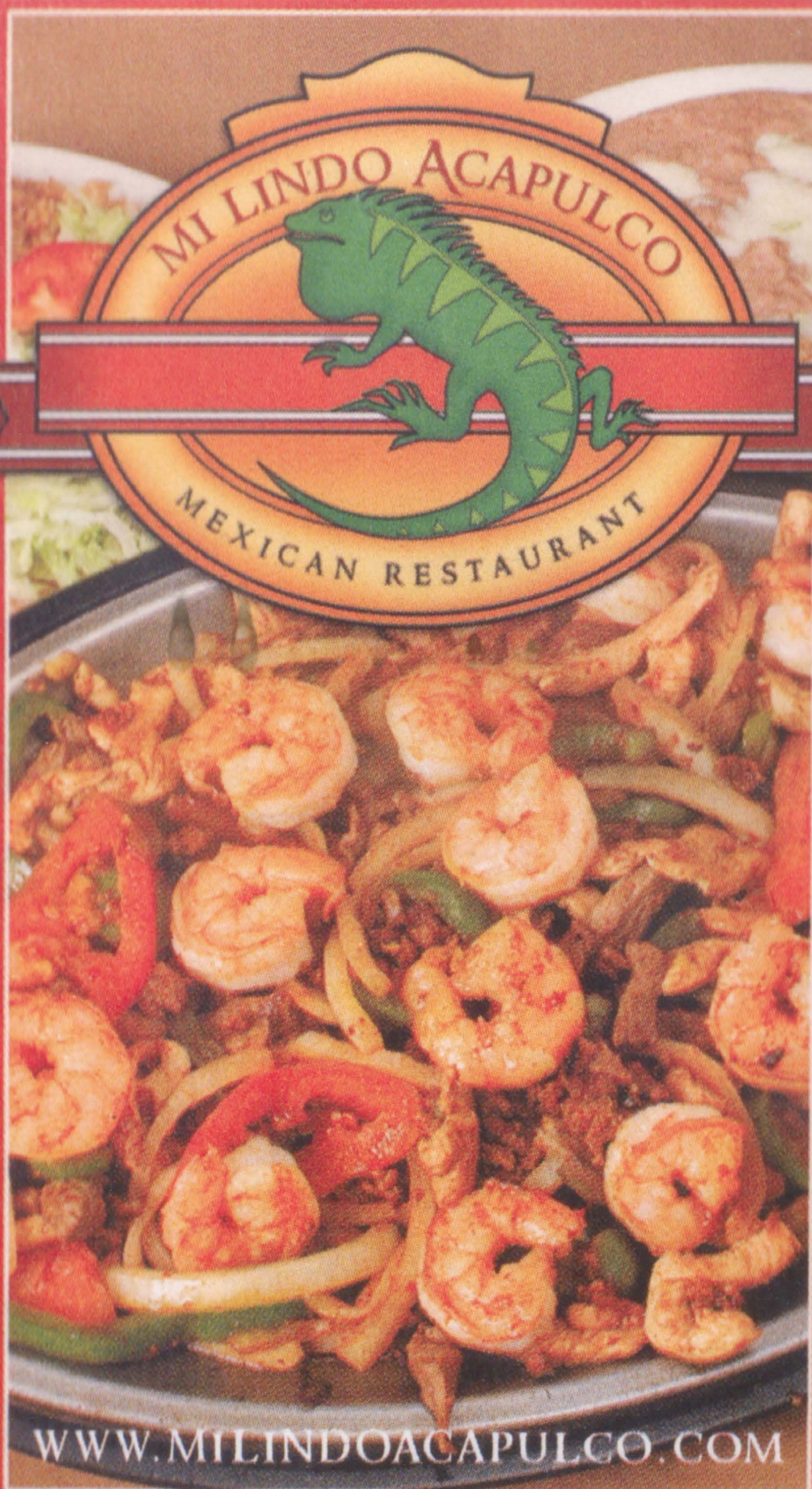


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
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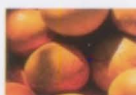
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Front and back endsheets were on Snow White 280 paper. The cover and endsheets were created using Adobe InDesign CS6, and the book was created using Jostens Year Tech Online. Staff used utilized HP Compaq Desktops with Windows Vista, five Olympus VR-320 cameras and a Canon EOS Rebel XS camera to produce this book.

The volume of "What Matters," job number 41097, was printed by Jostens Printing Company, 451 International Blvd. Clarksville, TN 37040, under the direction of representative Phil Page and in-plant consultant Sheila Dozier. Readers purchased 142 yearbooks out of 160 books from August 7 until April 30. The cost of the book ranged from \$45 to \$55 depending on the date of purchase. Yearbooks could be purchased at school or at <http://www.jostensyearbooks.com/>. Staff members sold \$3,260.00 in business ads and \$150 in recognition ads to supplement the purchase price of the book. The *Saga* is affiliated with Indiana High School Press Association and the 2013 staff won awards at the IHSPA fall convention and Ball State University Journalism Day. Bethany Fincher won two honorable mentions for photography at BSU Jday.

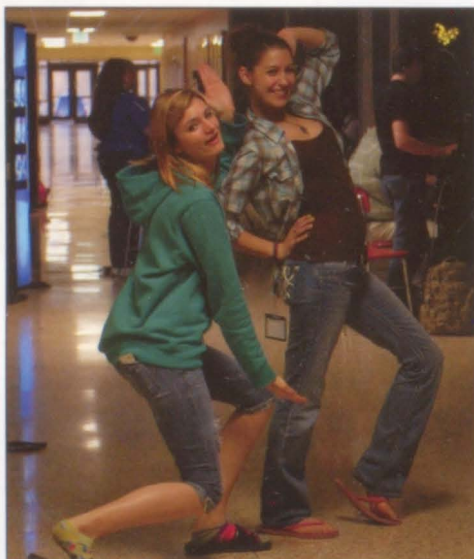
Yearbook staffers line up to get a piece of cake in October. "Yearbook was fun and I met a lot of new people, the trips were fun and the food," said junior Kayla Sanchez. They were celebrating KayLynn May, Savannah Yoder and Tara Swanson's birthdays.

Photo by Melanie Mason



Staff members work together during an activity. "I thought the activity was creative and neat because it helped us bond more," sophomore Ashley Galloway said. They were doing the teambuilding activity.

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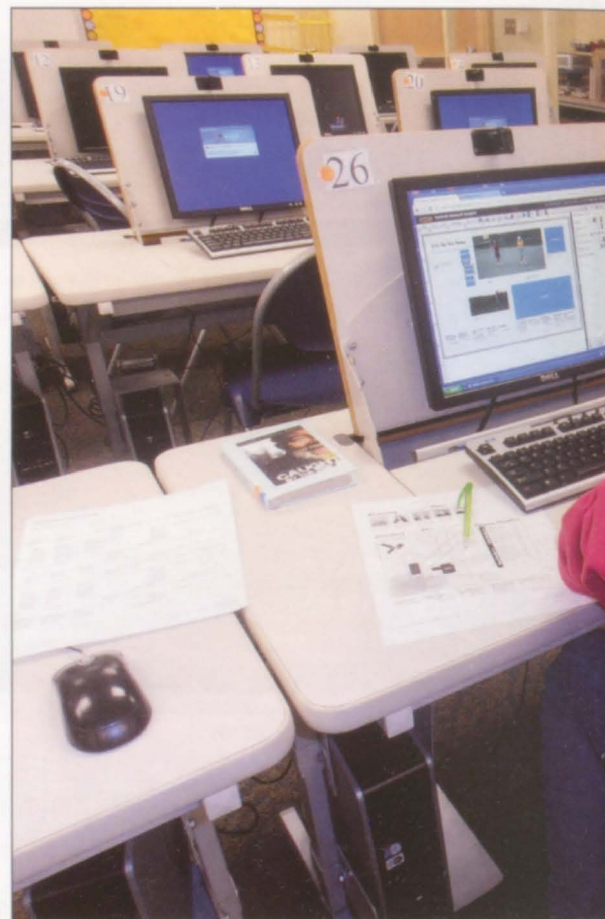


Senior Bethany Fincher and sophomore Catherine Leadford pose for the camera. "It was during intermission so we decided to have a little fun of our own," Fincher said. They were there to take pictures for the talent show.

Photo by Bethany Fincher

Sophomore Misty Leek works on her spread. She was working on the golf spread. "Yearbook is a learning experience because you get to learn how to make the spreads look nice," Leek said.

Photo by Fernanda Jimenez



*** Sports Matter**
Sports are just a big deal to me.

Junior Jaron Kidd

*** Basketball Matters**
'Cause it's fun.

Sophomore Douglas Ritchie

*** Relaxation Matters**

Hard work is important, and you have to do what you have to do, but don't let your problems and the problems of others govern your life, or you can't do what you want to do.

Junior Tyler Presson

*** Football Matters**

Football is my highlight of going to Valley, it gives me a reason to hit people without getting in trouble and we're like a big family.

Junior Brisin Krutzmur

*** Cheerleading Matters**

Cheerleading gave me hope actually. After not making it for so many years, then finally making it, made me glad I didn't give up. I had so much fun last year! I made to many memories and had so much fun. I will never forget a minute of it! I love it so much!

Junior Alexis Lisenby

The 'musts' in yearbook*

The most important things in yearbook class.



Getting along

Yearbook staffers laughing and participating in a group activity. "Getting along is important because if no one got along then nothing would get done because everyone would be too busy fighting," sophomore Catherine Leadford said.



Work together

Sophomores Skylinn Holmes and Misty Leek work together on a spread. "Working together is important because teamwork is good," Holmes said.



Ask for help

Yearbook Advisor Mrs. Melanie Mason helps out staffer Autumn Deniston with ideas. Help is important it helps you "to get the right answer to something, and to help you understand things better," Deniston said.



Stay on task

Junior Elizabeth Shepherd works on her spread. "Staying on task is important because if you don't stay on task you can't get your work done," Shepherd said.

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* Basketball Matters

Basketball makes me feel free and relaxed.

Junior Johnny Witham

* Family, Friends & Good Stories Matter

Family and friends are important to me because they listen to my problems and give me all the help and love I could ever ask for. And, good stories matter. They inspire me in my writing and help to realize the deeper meanings of life.

Junior Elizabeth Shepherd

* Gushers fruit snacks Matters

Because they are delicious.

Sophomore Tehya Grimm

* Farming Matters

Because it's really fun to work the land.

Freshmen Kurt Miller

* My Brother Matters

Always has my back even though he doesn't live with me [He] taught me a lot of things.

Junior David Prater



Members of Student Government tickle senior Alex Miller. They were waiting to get their group picture taken for the yearbook.

Photo courtesy of Melanie Mason

Looking back on the school year, it is not difficult to choose a memory that **matters*** most, although that memory may be different for each student. The yearbook commemorates these moments not only with pictures and words; it tells a story through the feelings and achievements of students and staff.

Maybe the time when the varsity basketball team advanced to regionals **matters***. Or, it might be receiving your high school diploma after four years of tests, quizzes, and homework. Perhaps making new friends and laughing through your classes **matters***. And, students and staff supporting each other in times of grief especially **matters***.

Now, you must close this chapter of your high school career and begin again...as sophomores, juniors, seniors and graduates. This year has been, for most, a roller coaster of happy and depressing times. Of victories and defeats. Of group bonding and group building. But this book shows how the school can come together in the tough times and live life to the fullest in good ones.

And that is what truly **matters***.

What Matters



Freshman Seth Schoettmer prepares to tape assistant principal Jon Hutton. The Stuck For a Buck event helped raise money for the Yearbook and Journalism programs.

Photo by Bethany Fincher



Freshman Sara Pomeroy prepares to serve the ball to her opponent. The matches were at home against Triton.

Photo by Bethany Fincher



Freshmen Lauren Early and Caylie Teel work on their chemistry work in Chemistry teacher Deb Day's class.

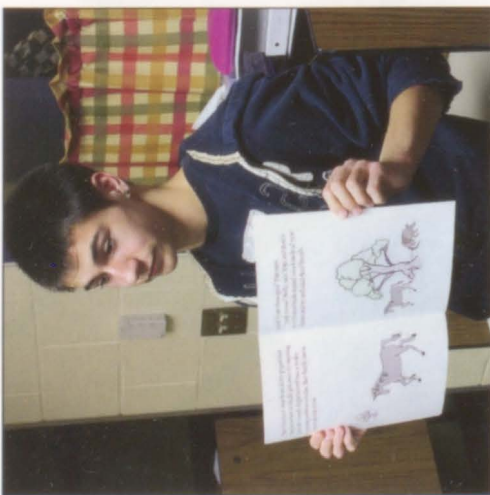
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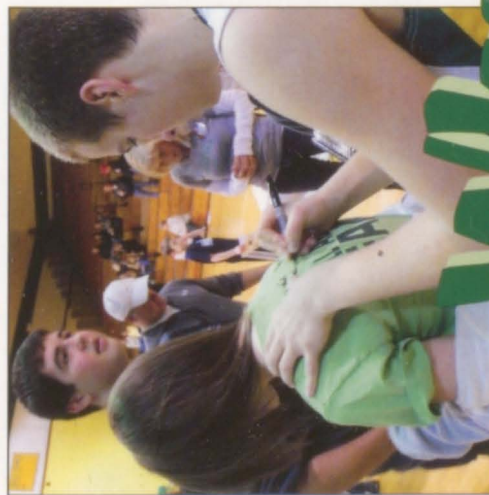


Teachers sit and watch the graduation ceremony in the main gym. All teachers marched in before the graduates wearing gowns and hoods denoting the college they graduated from.

Photo courtesy of Kassie Woodworth



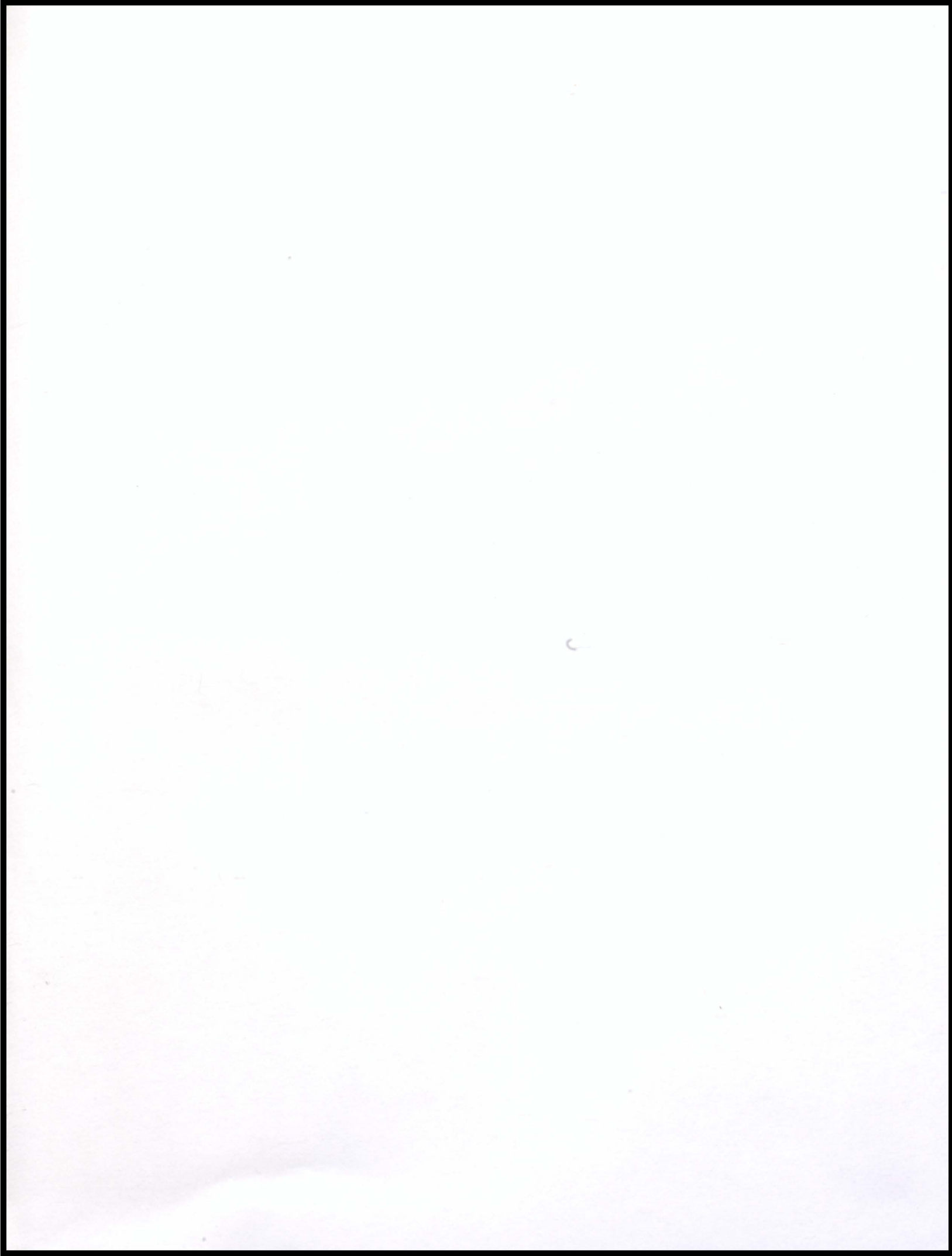
Freshman Zach Webb reads a short story about a unicorn to kiids at Baker Youth Club in Warsaw. The story was written by Rikko Montelongo and his group in English 9.



Basketball Players autograph t-shirts, photos, and programs after a basketball game.

Photo courtesy of Sharon Kindig

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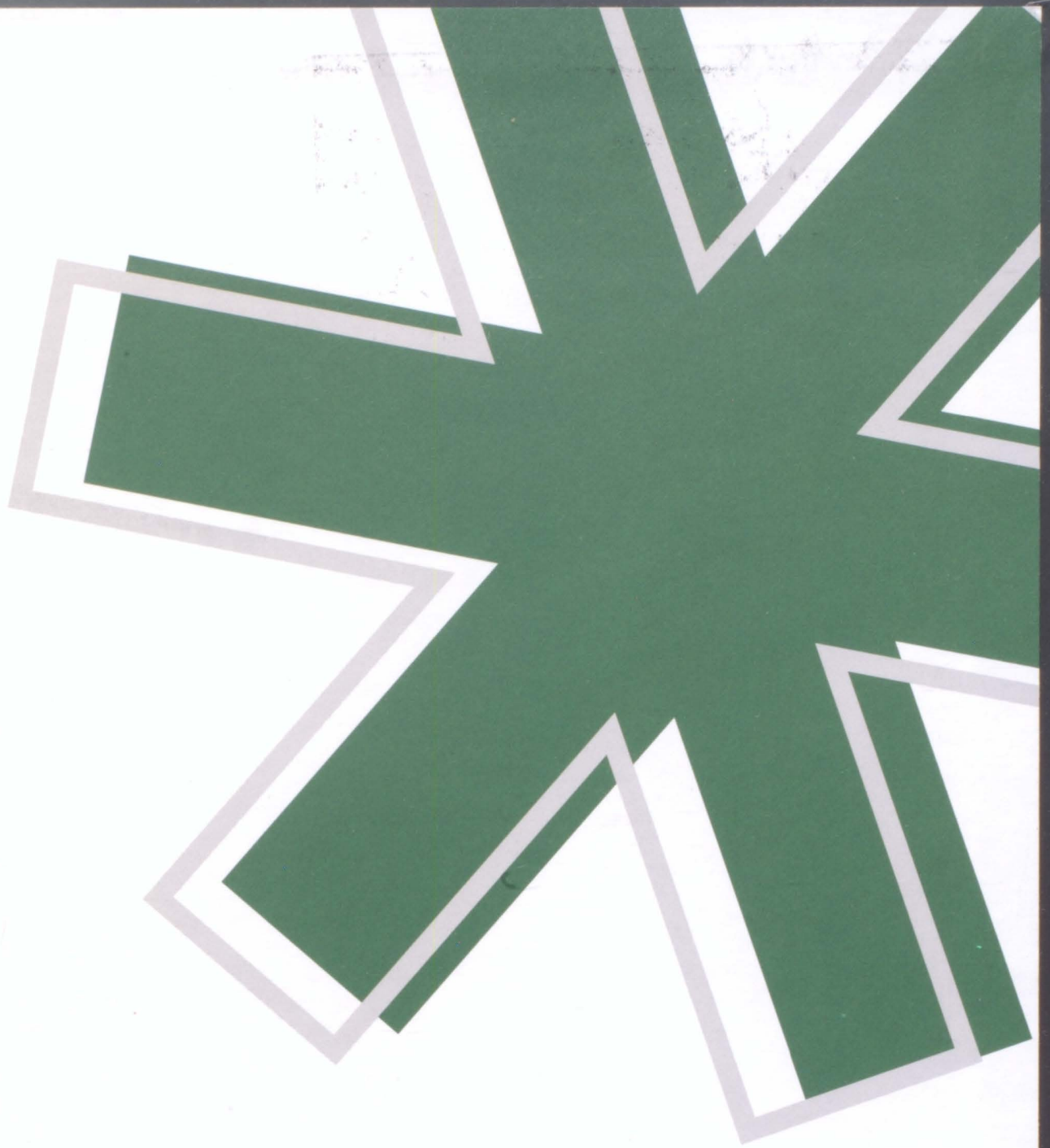
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