

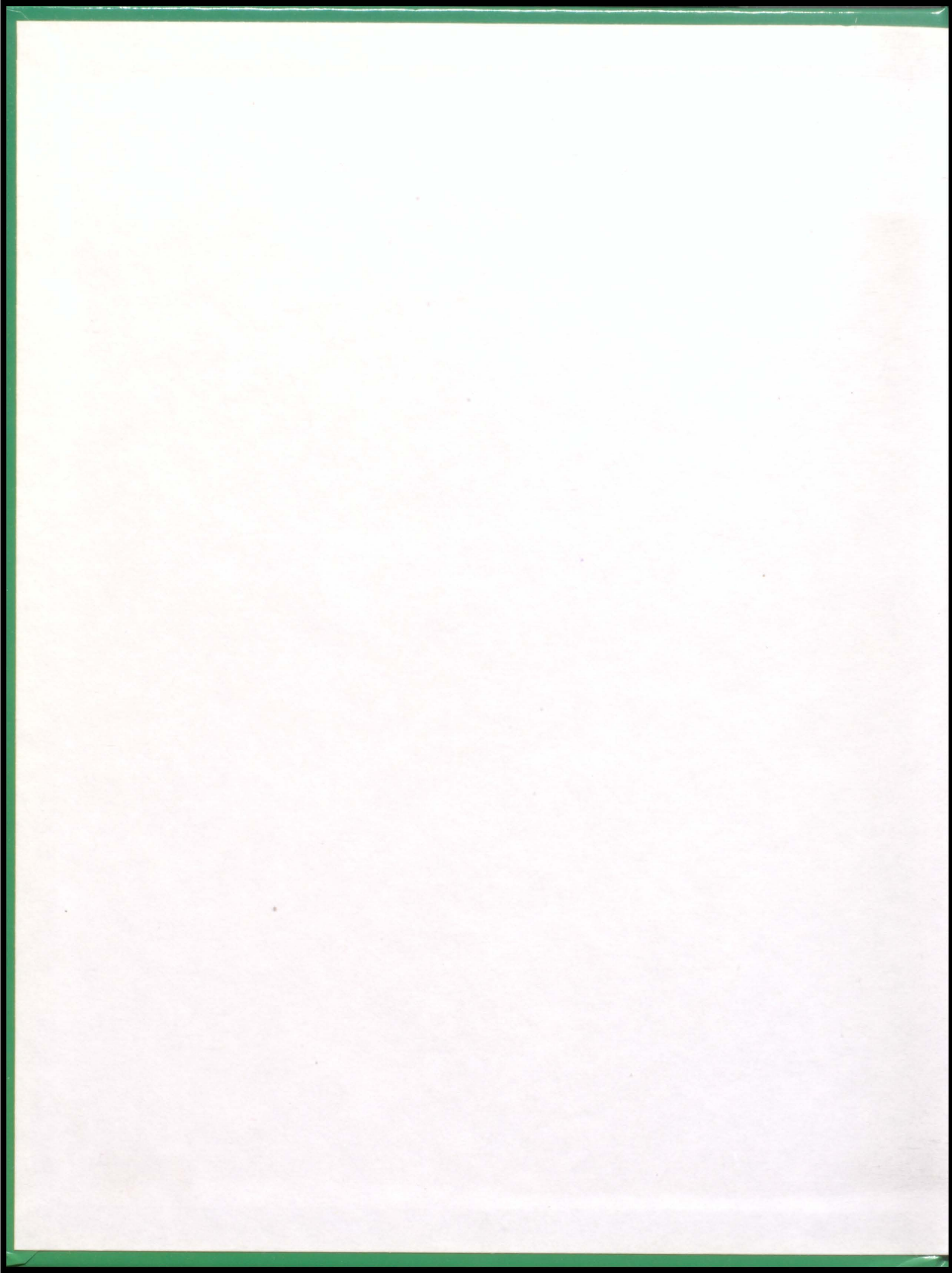
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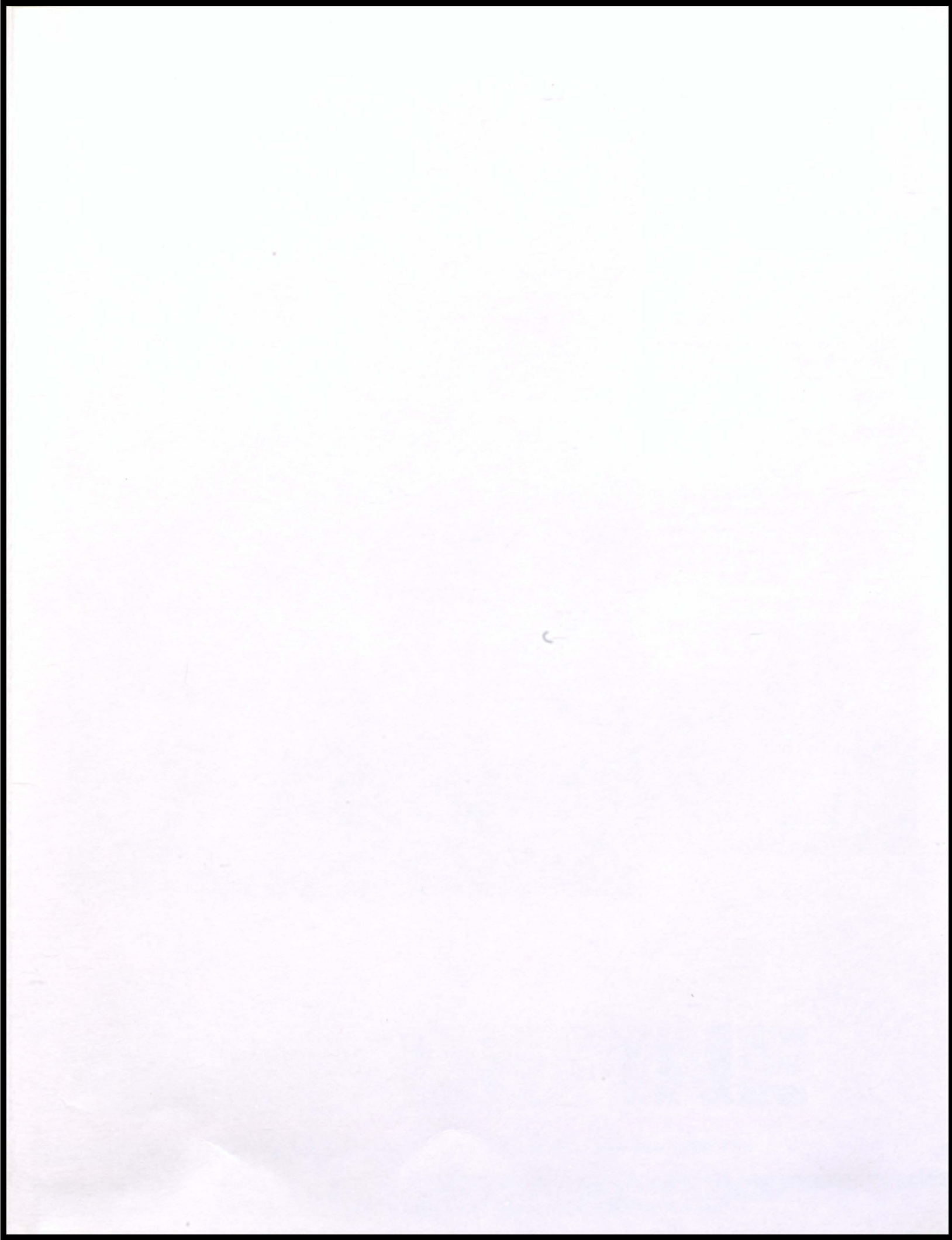


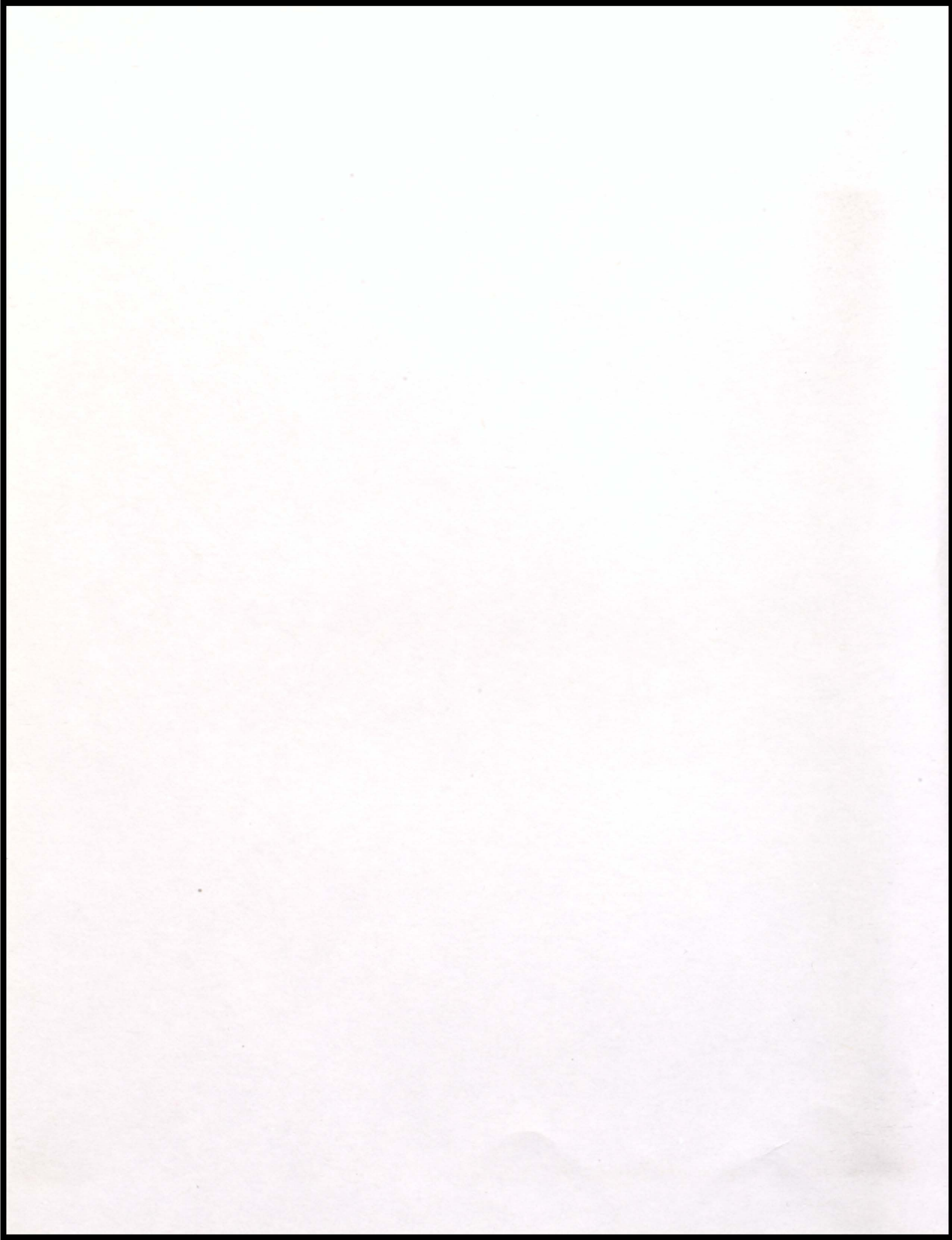
Valley is...
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creative. athletic. collaborative. innovative. determined. unique.











Senior Josh Tucker, senior John Paul Secrest, and freshman Noah Prater discuss a project during a gallery walk in Spanish teacher Noemi Malagon's class. Spanish teacher Kris Walker's students came in to view projects and give feedback.

Photo by Amber Cochran

Students in business teacher Aaron Engbrecht's ICE class work on a team building and collaboration activity. The students had to design and implement an activity that would teach collaboration or communication skills to fellow classmates.

Photo courtesy of Aaron Engbrecht



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Valley



Sophomores Isaac Sponseller, Ben Slone and Brandon Webster work on a project in English teacher June Yazel's English class. This year, some teachers have been changing their teaching to Project Based Learning (PBL). According to Sponseller, it's more exciting because the students get to interact. "It enhances my learning experience," Slone said.

Photo by Alyssa VanMeter



Math teacher Alissa Trippiedi stands in front of her class as students sit in their desks listening to the lesson. Trippiedi has said she can not honestly remember how long she has been teaching, but loves math. "She's super easy to learn from," freshman Breanna Krugar said.

Photo by Zac Capps

Valley cheerleaders wait along the sidelines at a game against Manchester. Senior Kathy Eagleson has been on the team for four years in high school. Eagleson also participated in middle school cheer and has been doing it since 1st grade. "I'm bittersweet about graduating. I love cheer, but I am also ready to move on," Eagleson said.

Photo by Tarek Moussa and Mitch Randall

Re **DEFINE**

Creative. Athletic. Determined. Faithful. These words define Valley and what it means to be a Viking, but Valley redefines itself every year. Sports are redefined each year because rules change, coaches change, athletes improve and step up their game. Students spend 40 hours a week in school, however they find time to hang out with friends and have a social life, which defines them as a person. Time spent in the classroom helps prepare students for what's coming next, whether it's going to college, getting a good job, or starting a new family, when students define who they are in the classroom they are redefining who they are going to be in the future. Everyone defines themselves differently as individuals, but when we come together we are there for each other in times of need; we define ourselves as one. This school year teachers, administrators, community members and students alike set out to *redefine* what it means to be a Viking.



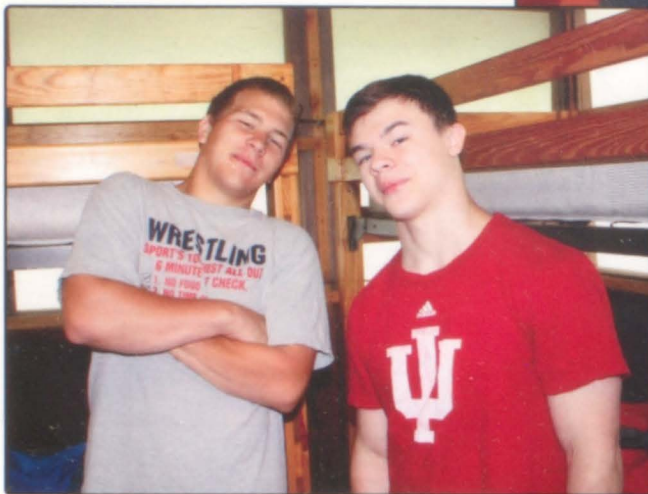
Former Valley student Alexi Perkins (not pictured) brought back her son, Cooper, for FACS teacher Debra Zawlocki's Children's Play Day. Junior Hailyn Dunn jumped right up to play with Cooper who is just about a year old. "I love my son more than anything, it's hard, but it's worth it," Perkins said.

Photo by Cora Warstler



Shop teacher Dan Franklin and his fourth period class got science teacher Joshua Lozano's truck unstuck after it was snowed in by a bad storm. Lozano's truck broke down and wouldn't start, then to top it off, it got surrounded in snow by a plow. "You don't see kindness like that anymore, and I thought somebody should help since nobody would. It's not funny to sit there and laugh at him," Franklin said.

Photo by Cora Warstler



Juniors Devin Childers and Gary Long get ready to say goodbye to their parents for the weekend as they stay at CMA Wrestling Camp. Long has attended three wrestling camps altogether. "All I could really think about was how good the coaches were," Long said.

Photo courtesy of Devin Childers



Seniors Tanner Neeley and Alaina O'Connell prepare to get their prom pictures done. Prom was held at Fort Wayne Botanical Gardens. "I think that Kirsten and Mason [were the cutest couple]; her dress was gorgeous and she rocked it," senior Robyn Erklin said.

Photo by Makayla Ruiz

Akron United Methodist Church members jump on trampolines during a trip to Fort Wayne's SkyZone. The church takes several different trips a year. "The best part was having fun with my friends and spending time with Tarek [Moussa] before he went back to Germany," junior Shayla Reed said.

Photo courtesy of Tarek Moussa

Student Life
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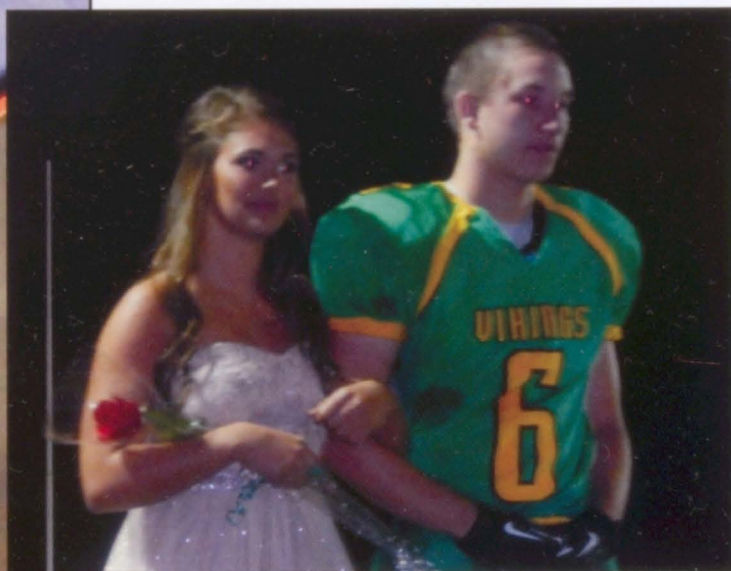
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Dedicated, Proud, Loyal, Unique, Passionate. From 8:25 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. students are in classrooms, in the halls, in the cafeteria, within the walls of the school. After that bell rings students rush the bus doors and charge for their vehicles. Outside of school students participate in various activities. They show animals in 4H. They strengthen their faith through youth group and church activities. Some even train with the circus. Whatever hobby, part time job, or family obligations students have outside of school, those are the activities that *define* who they are.



Students paint their bodies black and outline Vikings on their chests in support of the football team. The theme for the game was "Blackout", and students were quick to support the team. "We normally work with the cheerleaders. They ask, we deliver," senior Rick Emmons said.

Photo by Tarek Moussa



Juniors Taylor Trippiedi and Jarred Littlejohn take a walk down the track for Valley's Homecoming game. Kirsten Schipper and Nolan Sponseller won homecoming king and queen. Valley played Wabash that night, and Littlejohn had three tackles and one interception. "I was very anxious and looking forward to the night," Trippiedi said.

Photo by Tarek Moussa

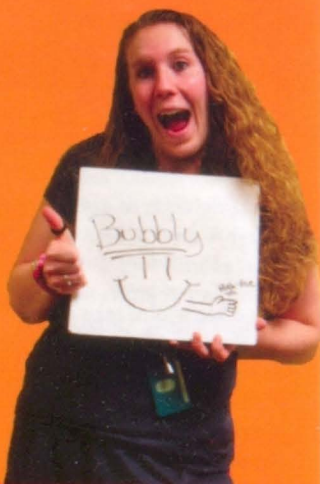


"I don't see myself as anything I am me and that is who I wanna be. If other people label me as something that's cool."

Johnny Witham

"I would describe myself as a bubbly person because I truly enjoy life and each day is a new blessing. I want to be able to live each moment to the utmost fullest and share my joy for life with others."

**Health, PE Teacher
Brittani Bush-Garbers**



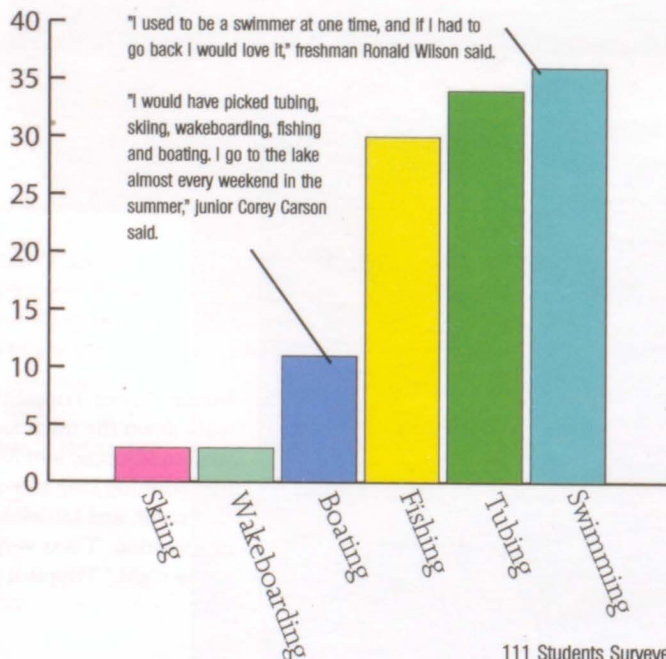
Juniors AJ Long, Jazzmine Brown, and Wyatt Nelson stayed on the fast moving tube. Aaron Hoffman invited a group of friends over to his house on Yellow Creek Lake to play cornhole, go tubing and enjoy a fire together. "Tubing is fun, It's a thrill, it's a lot funner to do with friends...the weather is nicer, and it's intense," Long said.

Photo courtesy of Alme Hoffman



Re live Favorite Summer Activities

Students share their favorite "day on the lake" activities from water skiing to swimming.



Juniors Jazzmine Brown and Caylie Teel sit in lawn chairs around a fire pit. "[The best memory I have with Jazzmine is] when we went back to Jordan's house and went to Prill School to scare everyone," Teel said.

Photo courtesy of Alme Hoffman

Re-Define Summer

Alexis Smith and Devyn Masterson share how they choose to spend their summer.

Students glance at the clock for the third time in the last minute. It's 3:30. Finally time to go home. As they gather their things out of their lockers, they look around the hall, get up, and head for the exit. Welcome to summer.

Junior Alexis Smith

Junior Alexis Smith spends her summer preparing for the 4H fair.

"What I'm involved in with 4H is Junior Leaders; I'm the treasurer. It is my fifth year. I am also in Beaver Dam Better 4H. It is my ninth year," Smith said.

Smith is involved in five different projects. Her projects include: swine, fine arts, scrapbooking, and all five areas of photography which are color, black and white, color salon, black and white salon, and creative salon.

"My favorite project is photography because you get to experience new ways to see objects. When you take photos of them you can see deeper into the picture and realize what is actually going on in front of you," Smith said.

Freshman Devyn Masterson

Freshman Devyn Masterson spends her summer on mission trips for church.

"I volunteered a lot. I went to Louisville, Kentucky and led a Latino VBS. I also went to the Florence Crittenden home which is a place for moms under the age 18 to live freely with their children," While she was there she volunteered in the nursery and evangelized to the girls.

After going to Kentucky and Alabama, she was asked what she liked most about her mission trips.

"My favorite part was taking the children to the mall and taking the children that attend school clothes shopping because it was great to see the smiles on their faces when they got new clothes," Masterson said.

These students come from the same school but live in different worlds throughout summer. When August comes around, everyone comes together.

Story by Kaytle Shilling



Juniors Aaron Hoffman, AJ Long, and senior Ben Shriver play cornhole. Hoffman invited a group of friends over to his house on Yellow Creek Lake to hang out. "My favorite part about summer is hanging out with friends and tubing," Hoffman said.

Photo courtesy of Alme Hoffman



Junior Devin Childers bench presses during wrestling camp. He went to Purdue twice, Michigan twice and CMA last summer. He has been to 16 wrestling camps since 5th grade. "My favorite part is meeting new friends and learning new stuff," Childers said.

Photo courtesy of Chanelle Childers



Freshman Thomas Solano shoots a gun at a target during summer camp. He shot from 50 feet away. "It tests your patience and it's fun," Solano said.

Photo courtesy of Tom Solano



"It feels good to care about more people besides yourself."

Junior Lily Egolf

"I chose this word because I am loud and fun and really weird."

Junior Joy Hurd



Four freshmen load wood beams into a waiting golf cart for Freshmen Service Day. Volunteers helped at Yellow Creek Youth Ministry on Sept. 26. "It's nice to help people who can't help themselves," freshman Avander Wimsatt said.

Photo courtesy of Crystal Heckaman

Freshmen

Service Day

Freshmen load up and help out the community for their annual service day

On the day of Freshmen Service Day the high schoolers gathered around outside in the cold air as they waited on the big yellow buses to take them to their destination. They could see their breath as they chatted away about what might lay in store for them that day.

On September 14, 170 freshmen boarded the busses and participated in the service day. Students went to 12 different service sites around the community. What each student did at their site and the lesson they took out of it was different for everyone.

"It is an opportunity to give back to the communities we have lived and grown in. It prepares students to adopt a worldview that includes service to others as a basic element of citizenship. It is also a way to work together and just have fun together outside the classroom," English and French teacher Lois

Buss said.

"I got out of the service day that you can always have fun even if you don't like it at first," freshman Thane Madeford said, "It inspired me to look back at activities you may not like and see how you can make them fun."

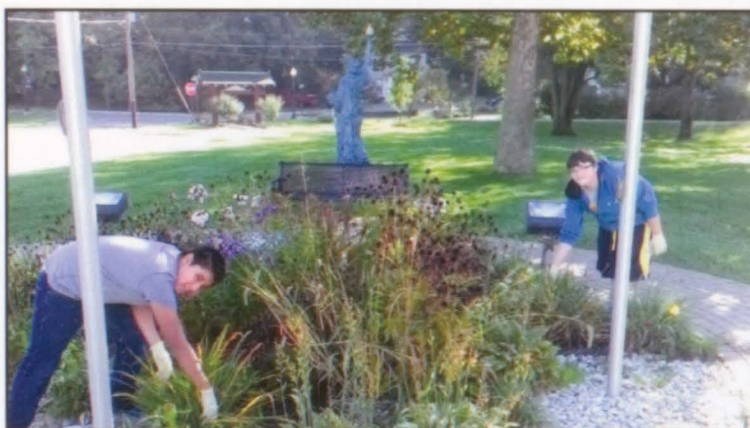
Madeford traveled to Akron Elementary School to visit with the elementary kids. He discovered that it's important to not think of service as work but it's important to have fun with it.

"I think it's really exciting to help others," freshmen Maci Jaberg said.

The students who went to the elementary read stories with the elementary kids and had conversations with them.

"At the end I got to go to recess so that was pretty fun, I got to see how happy and excited the kids get when high schoolers come into their classrooms," Jaberg said

Story by Autumn Deniston



Alvaro Gutierrez and Lance Howard pulled weeds out of a flower bed. This group got the opportunity to help clean the Winona Parks in Warsaw. "We pulled out weeds and got a lot of stuff done," Gutierrez said.

Photo courtesy of Aaron Engbrecht



Mia Gunnels concentrates on painting the fence. She and the other four people in her group liked their job. "I went to Winona to paint. It was fun and helped the people," Gunnels said.

Photo courtesy of Aaron Engbrecht



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Two freshman reflect on their volunteer experiences during Freshmen Service Day.

Freshman Timothy Mollette

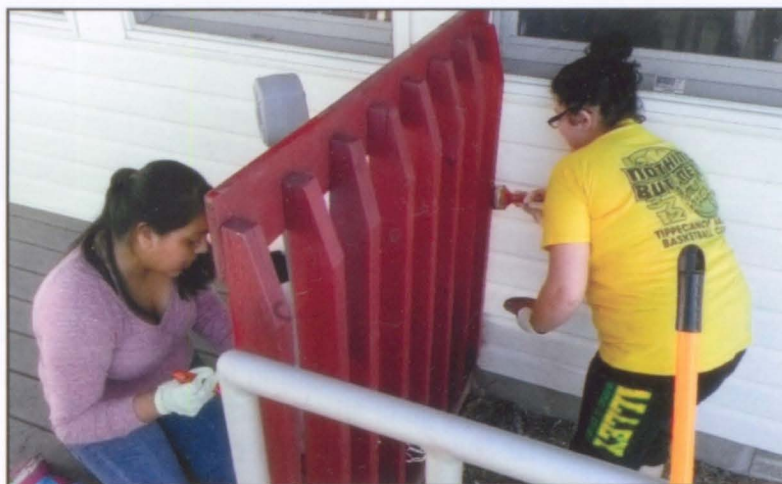


Freshman Timothy Mollette went to Grace Village Retirement Home in Warsaw. He pulled weeds and his favorite part was being able to help people. He loved being able to volunteer his time to clean up the community.

Freshman Angela Denton

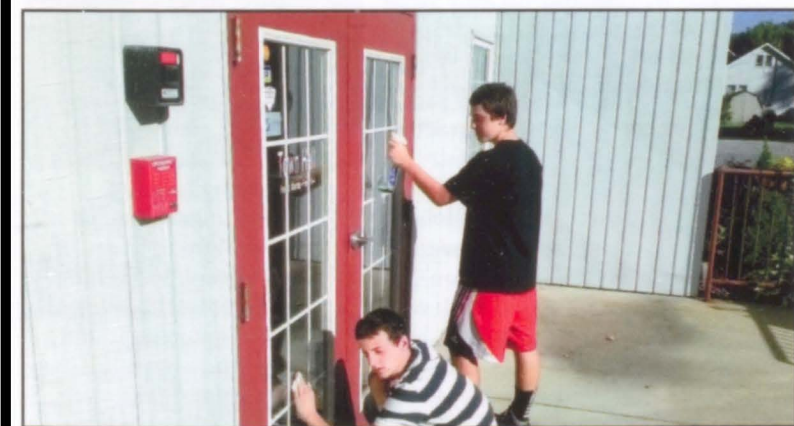


Freshman Angela Denton went to Mentone Elementary School. She folded clothes and sorted them by women, men, girls, boys, etc., for families in need for Christmas. Her favorite part was putting on old lady clothes and taking pictures. She got to help not only the school but families that needed clothes for themselves or even their children for Christmas.



Freshmen Yara Vasquez and Cheyenne Holmes give their best to paint a fence at an office in Winnona. The whole freshman class went to different locations to help our community by volunteering their time. "It felt good to help the people," Bahney said.

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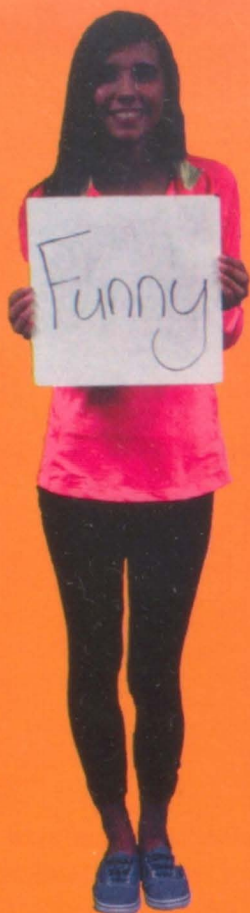
Daniel Horton and Clayton Harshman clean windows and doors. That wasn't their only task of the day. They also pulled weeds and picked up trash along the canal. "We put a lot of effort in to it and at the end it looked good," Harshman said.

Photo courtesy of Aaron Engbrecht



Avander Wimsat, Bryston Canada and Thomas Solano push building. The three boys had to make sure that it didn't fall off. "It's a good thing to help the community," Solano said.

Photo courtesy of Crystal Heckaman



"Cause I can make anyone laugh even when they are having a bad day."

**Junior
Salleigh Torpy**

Junior Dwayne Ohrt likes to go fishing in his spare time. He also goes coon trapping and hunting. "[The hardest part about fishing is not having] patience, when the fish don't bite, and finding a good stop," Ohrt said.

Photo courtesy of Dwayne Ohrt



"Because I'm a Ginger with a Soul."

**Senior
Nick Gamble**



Y^{yourself} Animate

A few students go to an anime convention and senior Liz Shepherd shares her experience.

Some students enjoy performing in front of live audiences, basking in the beauty of applause. Others love being in a sport, scoring the winning touchdown. Anime conventions are rapidly growing in popularity, and there are at least 450 annual conventions with more than 2 million Americans in attendance.

I attended my first anime convention when I was 18; however, I first learned about anime at age 13. One day, I saw a commercial for a video game that originated from Japan. I bought the game and became massively addicted to

the series, which led into my venture of Japanese culture. Having set my creative roots into the culture, I decided to look into attending an anime convention.

Typically, when people go to a convention, they dress up as a character from one of their favorite series. So, I decided to dress up, or "cosplay", as a character from the first Japanese video game series I ever played.

My friends, seniors Cyndi Stamberger and Alicia Carnes, and sister, sophomore Emily Shepherd, also cosplayed.

"It was like Halloween in the

summer!" Carnes said.

When the day of the anime convention came, I could barely contain my excitement. When we arrived in Fort Wayne, one building stood out...one with people decked out in incredible cosplays, each character with their own personality brought to life by the cosplayer.

After registering and receiving a badge, I talked to several people who loved series that I embraced as well; seeing them dressed as some of my favorite characters was like a person meeting one of their famous role models!

Also, there were several events con-goers could attend such as anime screenings, game tournaments, artist galleries, vendor areas, and live panels.

"I liked the concert at the convention. The performer was both a

singer and a voice actor!" Stamberger said.

The people who go to anime conventions are not weird; in fact, they are some of the most confident people I have ever met.

"After the anime convention, I felt more open about talking with people," Emily Shepherd said.

However, one thing I learned from the anime convention was this: Embrace what you love and don't let anyone turn you away from it. Anime is something I turn to whenever I need a studying break, a writing inspiration, or just something to do. If you're doing something you do not enjoy doing, don't keep doing it; but, if you find yourself laughing and fangirling over the silliest things, then you have found a niche full of happiness.

Story by Liz Shepherd

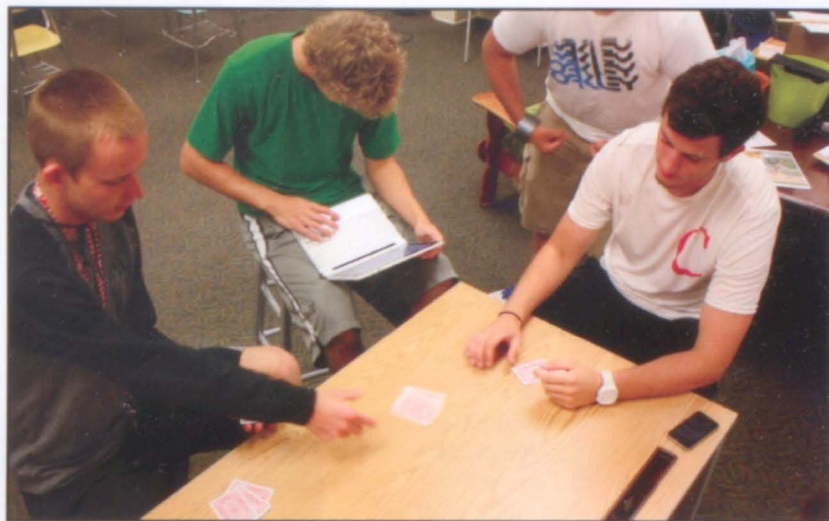


Freshman Charlie Money enjoys dancing on his free time. He hopes to be on the TV show America's Got Talent next year. "The part about dancing I like is it's as if you're going into the unknown where only you know what's there. All the stress and anger fades away all at once," Money said.

Photo courtesy of Charlie Money

Junior Austin Perdieu, senior Tanner Neeley, and senior Robert Groom play Euchre during SRT on the last day of school. You have to win ten tricks to win the game. "My experience transferring here was stressful at first, then it mellowed out and ended up doing just fine. The acceptance of my fellow students has been very good," Perdieu said.

Photo by Stephanie Mendez



How does your ^{huge}collection ^{or obsession}define you?

Students define themselves by showing off their odd, unique, or out of hand collections.



Senior Cynthia Stamberger

Shoes

Senior Cynthia Stamberger collects shoes. When people see the Justfab Shoe website commercials on TV, they'd never think anyone could have that many shoes! Not Stamberger. She has over 60 pairs of shoes. "I feel that shoes can make any outfit," Stamberger said.

Freshman Amanda Heltzel

Disney pins

Freshman Amanda Heltzel collects Disney pins. Heltzel currently has 22 pins and has more than 60+ postcards from all over. "[I] started collecting them when my grandpa began to bring them back from Florida," Heltzel said.

Freshman Alex Kromkowski

Used Gift Cards

Freshman Alex Kromkowski collects expired gift cards and makes things out of them. Aside from the picture, Kromkowski has an additional 50+ cards.

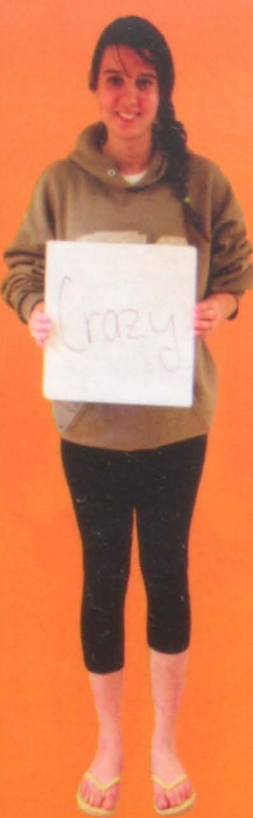


Senior Casimir Kromkowski

Magic Cards

Senior Casimir Kromkowski collects Magic cards. "I started playing back in the Scars of Mirrodin block (3 years ago), and have amassed quite the collection," Kromkowski said.

Photo courtesy of Casimir Kromkowski

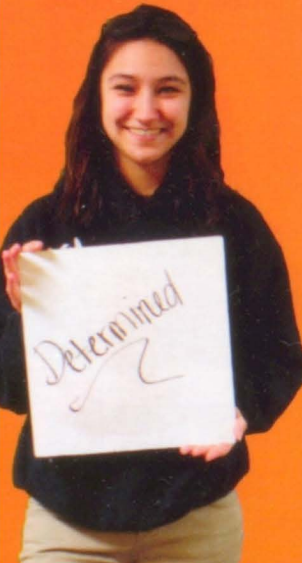


"When I'm around people that I'm close to, I act myself. I do goofy things, and I laugh a lot. I say weird things, I'm not afraid to say what's on my mind."

**Sophomore
Adrian Evans**

"I am definitely a determined person. I am determined to make the best out of myself, for now and for the future. Determination is key to being successful in our dreams."

Senior Ericka Webb



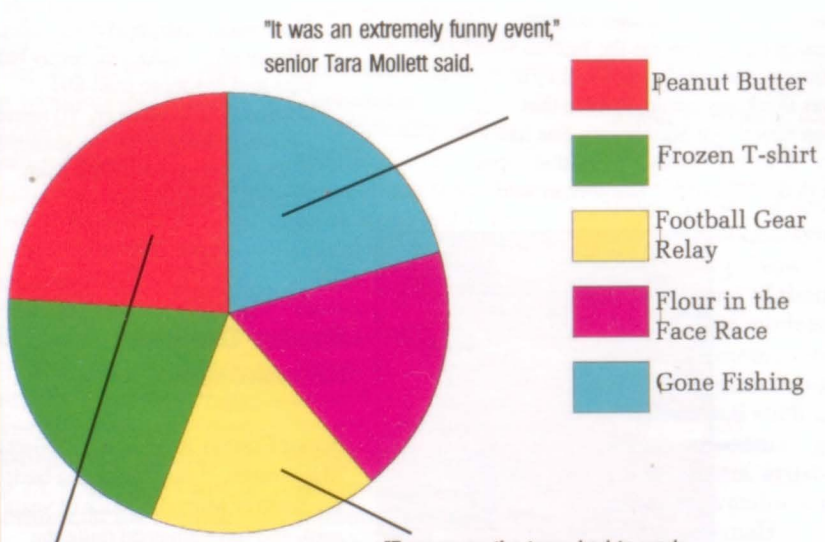
Seniors Tanner Andrews, Kelsey Ekertt, and Robyn Dunnuck compete in the Peanut Butter Race. Seniors came in 1st over all at the Homecoming Olympics. "I will never forget how hard it was to get the peanut butter off," Dunnuck said.

Photo by Catherine Leadford



Re Play the Games

Students vote for their favorite Homecoming Olympic Games.



"It was fun to watch having peanut butter all over their faces," junior Jared Littlejohn said.

"Everone on the team had to work together. It was fun and the SENIORS won," senior Ben Shriver said.



Sophomores Issac Sponseller and Josh Back participate in the musical "chairs". Sponseller had to guide Back to sit on the bucket. "I think it [was] very interesting to watch," sophomore Emily Sheperd said.

Photo by Jenna Schultz

Re Live Victory

The sophomore class competes against the senior class and beats them in tug of war.

"PULL!" some of the sophomore class yells. This was it. The sophomores were up against the seniors in tug of war. All they had to do was beat the seniors. Their faces turned red as they strained every muscle in their bodies. The rope slowly made its way back and forth.

"It was a good feeling knowing that it's been a while since a sophomore class has beat a senior class in tug of war," sophomore Aric Shafer said.

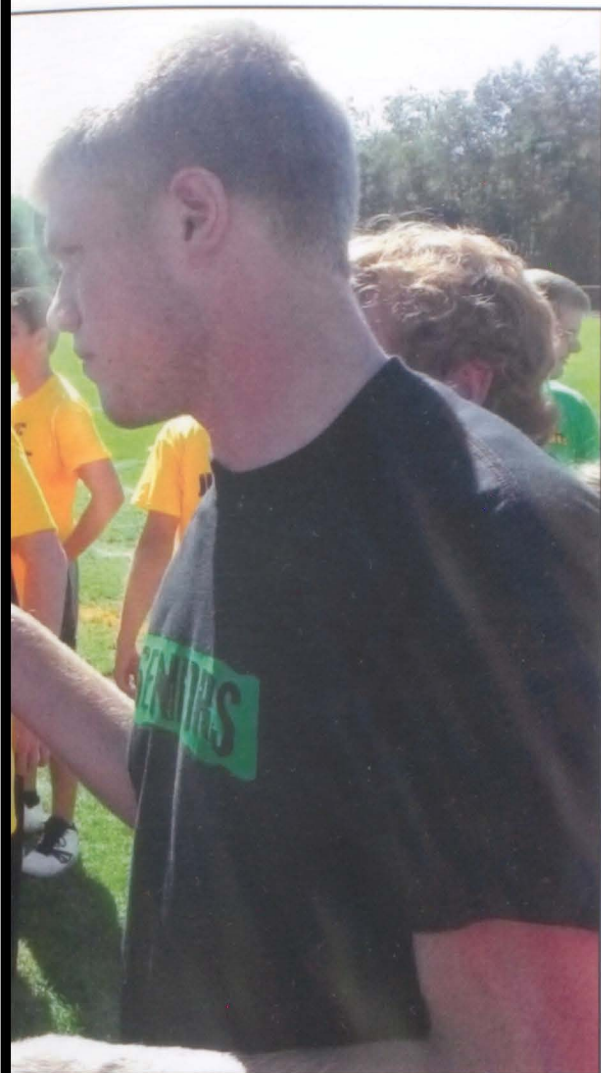
Senior Tanner Andrews dug his heels into the ground trying to pull the knot back on their side.

Three of the seniors were injured due to playing football. Andrews' shoulder was injured, Ben Shriver's knee was injured, and Nolan Sponseller's knee and shoulder were injured. When Shriver and Andrews were asked how they felt when they lost tug of war their reply was no comment.

This was the first year ever that the sophomore class beat the senior class in tug of war.

"I was a little surprised, usually the seniors pull it off," special needs teacher Cami Shriver said.

Story by Catherine Leadford



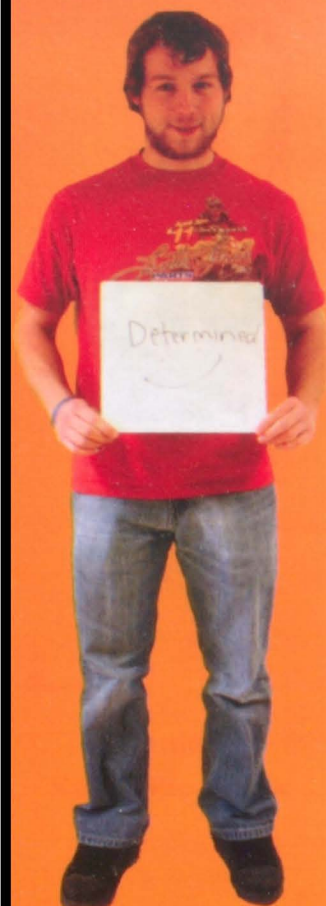
Sophomores Morgan Brazo, Alexis O'connell, Hanna Kime, Aric Shafer and Ben Slone pull the rope against seniors. The sophomores beat the seniors for the first time ever. "It was a feeling of accomplishment knowing that our sophomores can take on seniors and win," Slone said.

Photo by Jenna Schultz



Seniors Ben Shriver, Nolan Sponseller, Jerica Long, Tanner Andrews, Cara Hoffman, Kathy Eagleson, Kelsey Ball and Tyler Mc Donald play tug of war during Homecoming Olympics. "It was fun, but I wish we could have won," McDonald said.

Photo By Jenna Schultz



Junior

Travis Pettit

"Because with whatever I do, I am always determined to get it done and with good quality, like in racing I have to be determined because if I hit a hill without determination I may not make it."

"Because nobody else said it."

**Freshman
Maci Jaberg**



Freshman Thane Madeford, sophomores Madera Schaeffner, Ally Weber, Kaden Sebastian, Nick Railsback, and seniors Branigan Bahney and Kortney Mayorga sing the ending song "Somewhere Over the Rainbow". The students practiced for the play three weeks every day after school. "It was one the best plays I have seen," freshman Thane Madeford said.

Photo by Liz Shepherd

Methods ^{memorizing} to the Madness

Members of the musical cast share how they prepare for the show including how they memorize all those lines!



"Practice, practice, and study with friends."

Sophomore Jeremy Himes

(The Wizard of Oz)

"My secret for memorizing my lines would probably be that as soon as I get my script I write my lines down on notebook paper and copy them repeatedly."

Freshman Devyn Masterson

(Glinda)

"I just think in objects or things that remind me of my lines."

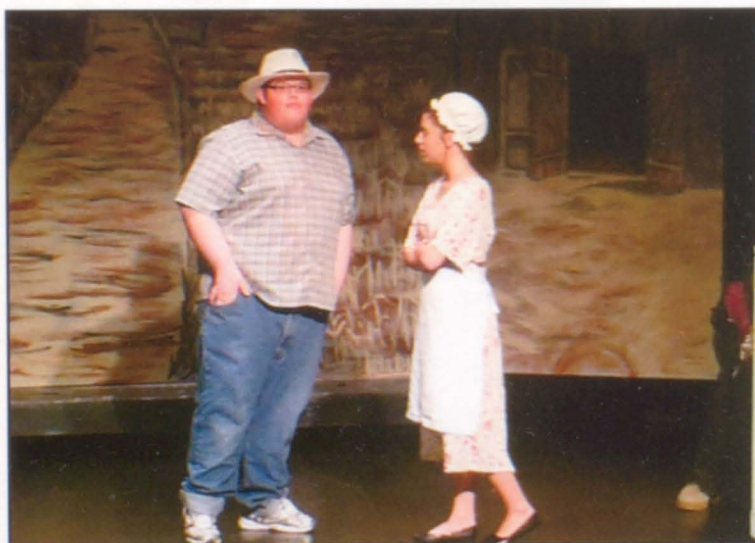
Sophomore Nick Railsback

(The Tin Man)

"I pretend that I'm the scarecrow and make a few changes when I practice."

Senior Branigan Bahney

(The Scarecrow)



Uncle Henry (junior Kyle Moore) tells Aunt Em (freshman Jenna Schultz) how bad the sky seems as he looks for a tornado. They didn't test the tornado sound effects until the day before the first show. "I really like being in the musical because you get to help other people have fun," Moore said.

Photo by Liz Shepherd



Glinda (freshman Devyn Masterson) introduces herself to Dorothy (sophomore Ally Weber). After the choir had gone to Chicago and seen "Wicked" that fall, Masterson had wanted to be Glinda "My favorite part of being Dorothy was the fact that it was a surprise because I didn't find out until a few weeks before the show," Weber said.

Photo by Liz Shepherd



Witch number one (senior Kortney Mayorga), witch number 2 (sophomore Matera Schaeffner), and the Wicked Witch (freshman Blake McBrier) talk at a tea party. "I like the jitterbugs because of their costumes," Mayorga said.

Photo by Liz Shepherd

Sophomores Kadin Sebastian and Matera Schaeffner, and senior Branigan Bahney practice with scripts not long before rehearsal started. A week before the show they were still doing line calls. "It was good to learn more and be able to do more with the lights technology of the school," junior Micah Bradley said.

Photo courtesy of Devyn Masterson

Backstage

"The Wizard of Oz"

A behind the scene look at this year's musical.

Curtains open. Lights dim. The scene is set. Dorothy and Scarecrow enter the stage. Everyone who goes to see the musical knows what happens on stage, but not many know what happens "behind the scenes". Most people focus on the actors, actresses, and storyline. Not many look behind the sound and light board.

Junior Micah Bradley has done the sound and lights for the last two musicals and talent show. It takes Bradley a few hours collectively to learn the lighting and sound for a musical, but programming the lights alone takes longer than setting the sound up. Most people who saw "The Wizard of Oz" heard accompanist

Kathy Kolbe playing the piano for the whole musical. But most people wouldn't know that she has played for the past eight musicals.

The set people see at the musical doesn't just appear out of nowhere. For "The Wizard of Oz" Art teacher Jan Mills' third period and shop teacher Dan Franklin's fourth period helped paint and build parts of the set. Mills' painting one and two classes painted most of the set and backgrounds. Franklin's construction process class built and painted the covered bridge.

"We all thought it was our contribution to the musical and the school," junior Jordan Fraser said.

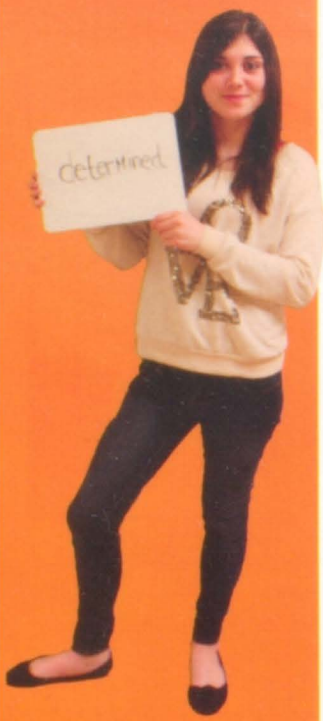
The actors and actresses don't just appear magically in costumes and makeup. This year some of the cheerleaders helped do some makeup and hair.

"Everybody knew their lines, when to come in, when to go out... People knew other peoples which is good for show biz," Sophomore Jeremy Himes said.

In musicals and plays they have a backstage crew, but in "The Wizard of Oz" the cast themselves doubled as the back stage crew. OZ "The Great and Terrible" Sophomore Jeremy Himes was in charge of props, making sure they were where they were supposed to be. Director Mark Williamson said that this year senior Erica Webb was a great help back stage and in the booth. The munchkins of Munchkin Land moved most of the stage scenes during scene changes. To make sure props and scene parts were where they should have been, they put tape on the stage marking where everything needed to go.

"It's kind of a complicated dance with everything.... Just say go, lights go down and they start moving," director Mark Williamson said.

Story by Zac Capps



Junior
Kayla Woodcox

"I chose this word because I am graduating a year early with honors."

"Because I'm always acting happy."

Freshman
Lilith Kuczewski

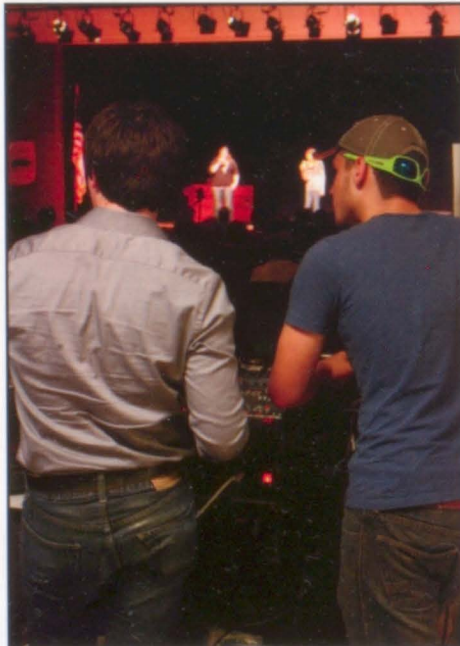


Peer facilitators perform a dance and lip-sync to series of songs at the talent show. They won first place in the group category. "They were really good. I thought it was hilarious," freshman Breanna Lee said.

photo courtesy of Melanie Mason

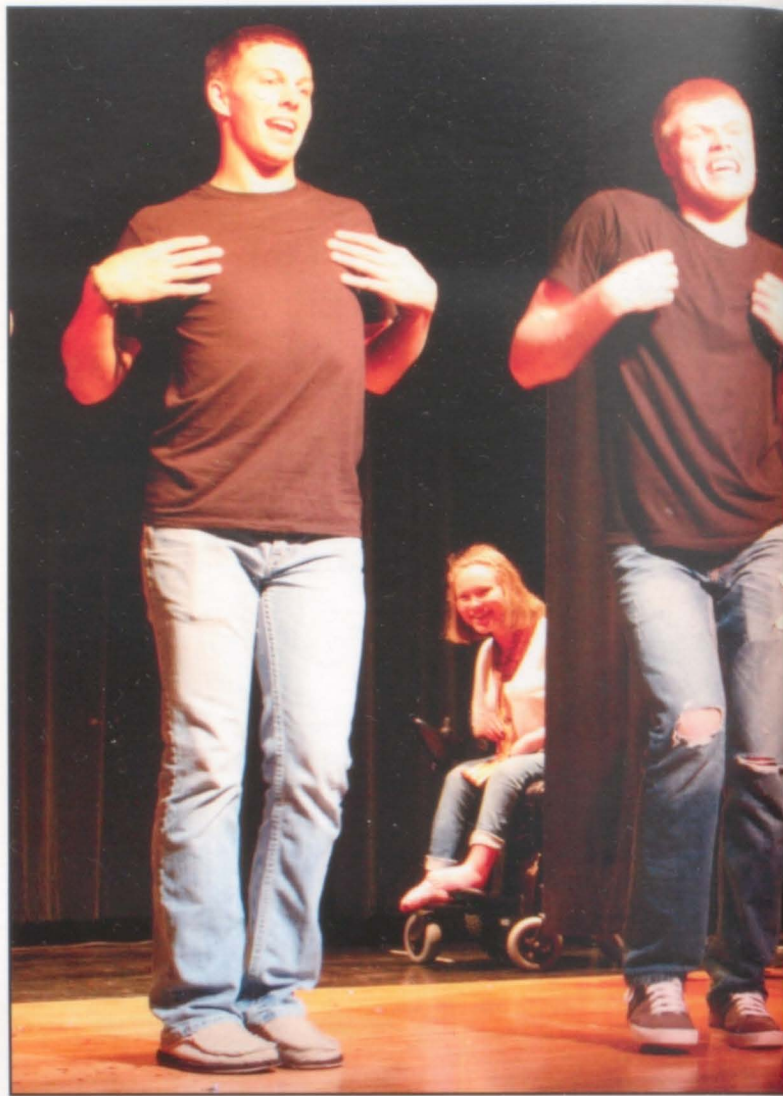
PE, health teacher Brittani Bush performs in the talent show. She started out lip-syncing as a joke and then switched to teaching the audience various bird and animal calls including a chipmunk, which she was performing in the photo below.

photo courtesy of Melanie Mason



Junior Micah Bradley and Jonathan Dailey adjust the stage lights and audio for each act. Bradley is in charge of controlling the lights and audio for both the talent show and each musical. "Micah was a crucial asset to the show's success," junior Danial Bean said.

photo courtesy of Melanie Mason



Secretary Jennie Calvert, special needs teacher Abby Schwendeman, and math teachers Katie Wine and Michelle Janisse judge at the talent show. This was the first year any of them had volunteered to judge Valley's Got Talent. "I thought the judges were fair. I think people that deserved to win won," sophomore Andrew Lee said.

photo courtesy of Melanie Mason

Valley's
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America's Got Talent

Scan the code below to check out the before and after interviews with performers as well as short pieces of the performances.



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Band teacher Janell Riner and Spanish teacher Kris Walker perform with the teacher band, Fi-Nites, during intermission. This was the band's last year performing and included English teacher Doug Makula on guitar and lead vocalist counselor Scott Bibler.

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Stephanie Mendez sings "Corre" which means run in Spanish. "I think Stephanie's performance was amazing. It was different from other performers because it was bilingual and she's very talented," junior Pamela Gonzalez said.

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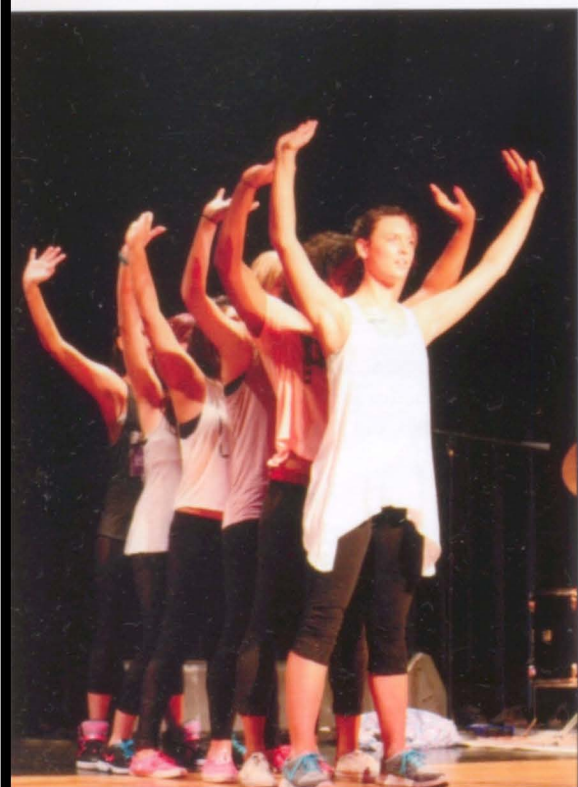


Sophomores Ally Weber and Jasmine Sabo sing "The Great Escape" by Pink. Weber was in this years musical and played Dorothy Sabo came in at the end of the end of first semester and joined choir. The song fits our lives," Sabo said.

photo courtesy of Melanie Mason

Juniors Kara Eaton, Jazzmine Brown, Ariel Schoettmer, Caylin Ortega, Pamela Gonzalez, and Maricela Ramirez perform at the talent show representing French club. Brown, Schoettmer, and Gonzalez have all preformed in the talent show together in the past. "[I liked] learning how to dance and finding out what teachers can really do," freshman Baylee Kolesiak said. Kolesiak also preformed in the show.

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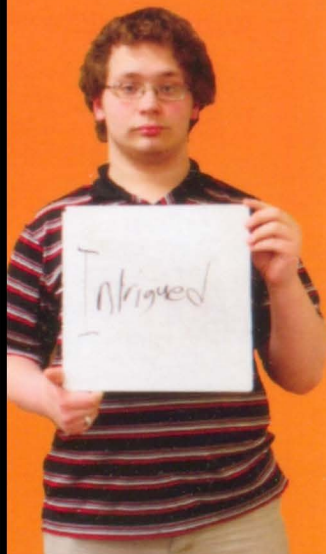


"Because I'm not outstanding to people. I am there. But I'm there for people who need it. People deal with problems in their life. People who struggle to make it through every day, I'm there for them."

Sophomore Jeremiah Vires

"I find that I am curious about what I have learned and I am always questioning it."

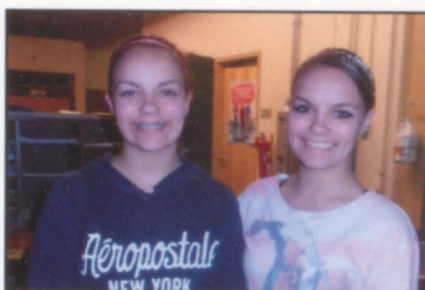
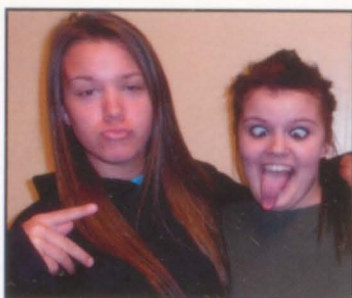
Freshman Jarvis Mort



Sisterly Love

Sophomore Morgan Brazo and senior Alexis Brazo have always had a crazy relationship according to Alexis. "I only talk to my sister when I need her," Morgan said while laughing.

Photos by Cora Warstler



Freshmen Abbigayle Miller and Victoria Miller pose for a picture as they are asked about their relationship with being twins and how it effects them on the basketball court. Abbigayle said that it's nice always having someone to practice with. "Personally I love it because it makes me push harder for myself because I won't lose to the competition," Victoria Miller said.



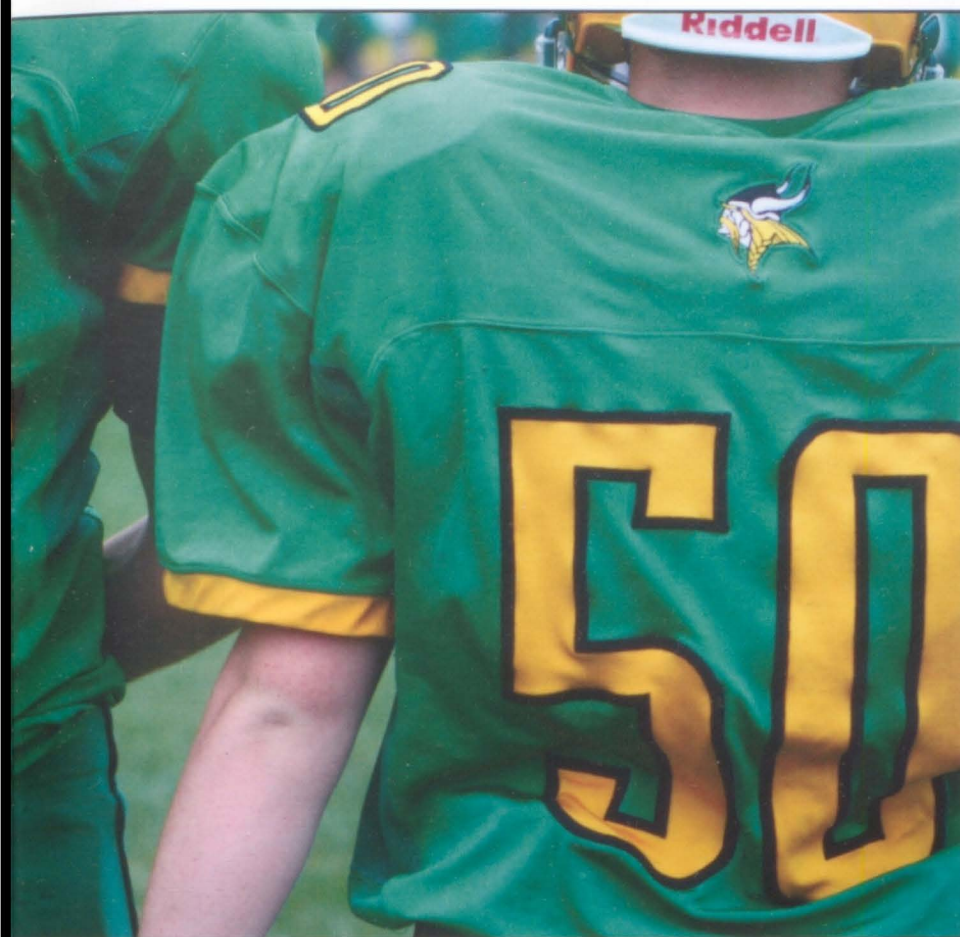
Student Publications staff members pose for a photo sorting their ugly Christmas Sweaters for the annual Christmas party. The staff includes students who work on both the Runic Review newspaper and the Saga yearbook. The staff members work together throughout the year to create the publications, but they have fun and bond together in the process. Between pizza parties, lip-sync contests, and a staff lock in. They have plenty of bonding time to become a "family".

Photo courtesy of Melanie Mason



Peer Facilitators practice for Valley's Got Talent. Throughout the years, the students do and hear a lot and try to just help out.

Photo by Cora Warstler



Freshmen Shane Ellis (#24) and Austin Carter (#50) stand on the sidelines at the match between Valley and Northfield. According to Carter, they've been "bros" since day one, when they met in gym class and were messing around. "I really liked Austin because he's weird like me and we had fun together. Plus he likes football," Ellis said.

Photo by Cora Warstler

Members of FFA pose for a photo after a day of team building and bonding activities. Throughout the year the FFA members work together to host the community dinner and participate in activities including the tractor drive in and attending different conferences.

Photo courtesy of Lisa Paxton



Senior Juan Baca plays trombone in his family's mariachi band. The band is made up of fifteen different members from different states in Mexico including Oaxaca, Guanajuato, Michoacan, and Jalisco.

Photo by Stephanie Mendez

What does it mean to be an Exchange Student

Exchange students from all around the world share what it's like to come to live in the U.S.

"My favorite part about being an exchange student is everything is different, it's just a new experience."

Senior Jiraporn "Kate" Chantong
Thailand

"The people here are friendly and people here care about me."

Senior Uyen Nguyen
Vietnam

"I really like having new friends, having bonds with people from a different country. I don't know what I would do without my host family."

Senior Marina Werneck
Brazil

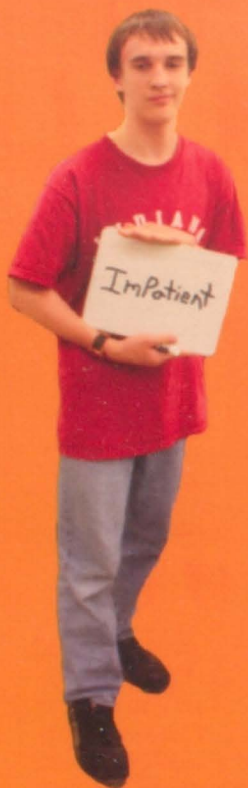


"My favorite part of being an exchange student was that everything is new and you watch yourself getting used to it. You have to imagine, if you would be an exchange student, everything is new. New school, new family, new friends, new home, new area, etc. It doesn't take one day to 'learn' how to live with all that, but you get better every day."

Senior Tarek Moussa
Germany

"In my school we don't have a chance to choose our classes; the schooling is different from home."

Senior Stephanie Mendez
Colombia



**Freshman
Sam Bell**

"I am very fast and hate to wait for other people."

"I'm not an easy person to get along with; I get mad easily and people don't really like me."

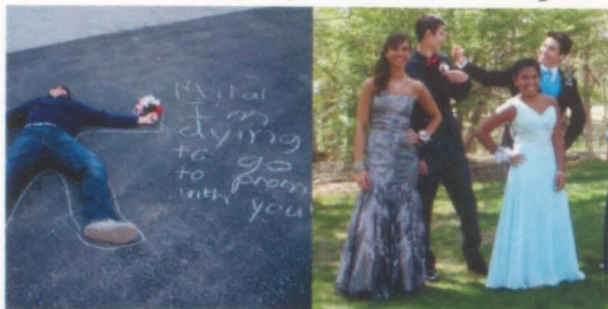
**Sophomore
Dywane Ohrt**



Popping the ^{^prom} Question

Juniors and seniors share how they popped the question, "Will you go to prom with me?"

Juniors Ricky Lopez and Mila Smalley



Lopez traced himself in chalk with the writing, "Mila I'm dying to go to prom with you."

"I thought it was a really cute idea. She was really surprised and happy. Her face reaction was funny."

freshman Anne Secrest



Junior Drake Hyden and Senior Kelsey Ball

Because Ball is in tennis, Hyden held up tennis balls and made a sign that said, "I finally got the balls to ask you to prom."

"It was the sweetest thing."

senior Kathy Eagleson



Special needs teacher Cami Shriver is crowns prom king senior Nick Gamble. Senior Robyn Erkin was voted prom queen. "It was good to see Robyn get prom queen. Everyone likes her and this year it wasn't really a popularity contest," senior John Rhodes said.

Photo by Makayla Ruiz



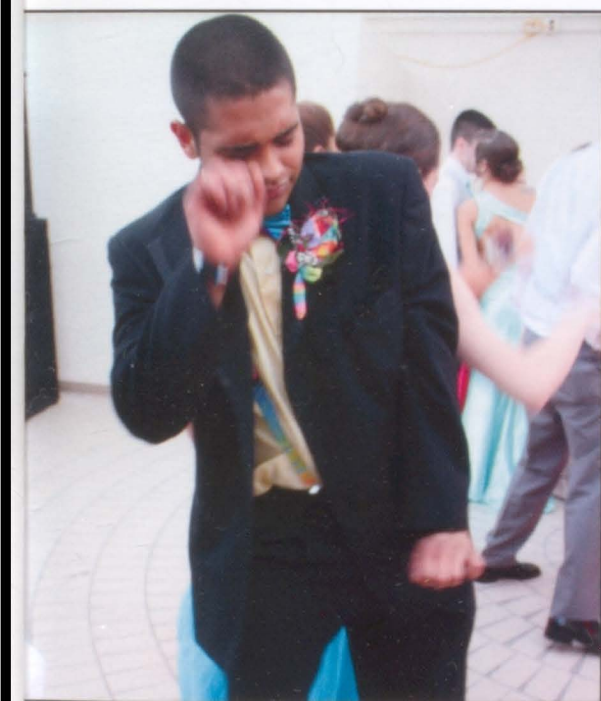
Senior Ben Shriver, Sophomore Shayla Hoffman, and junior Jayden Biddle pose for the camera while dancing at prom. "I liked prom. I loved getting to hang out with my friends," senior Heaven Clark said.

Photo by Makayla Ruiz



Senior Nolan Sponseller jumps out as one of the first people to bust a move at prom. Prom was held on Saturday May 10. "He was first one that really started dancing," junior Cassandra Crider said.

Photo by Zac Capps



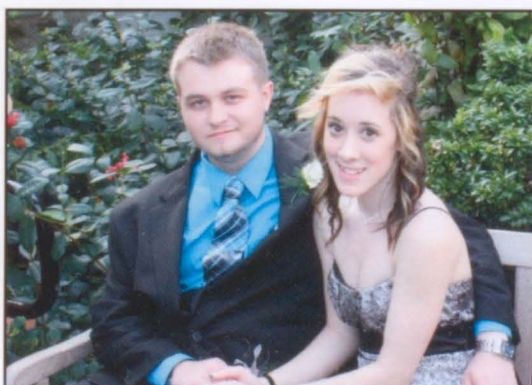
Senior Branigan Bahney begins to dance. Bahney took freshman Jenna Schultz as his date. "He always makes me laugh," freshman Lindsay Gamble said.

Photo by Zac Capps



Prom king Nick Gamble and prom queen Robyn Erklin leave the dance floor after their dance. "I was so happy that Robyn won, she is sweet to everyone, and everyone likes her," senior Amber Cochran said.

Photo by Zac Capps



Juniors Paige Schoettmer and Andrew Tanner sit to take a break from walking. This year's prom was located at Botanical Gardens in Fort Wayne. "It was really beautiful place," sophomore Cassie Abalos said.

Photo by Makayla Ruiz



"Because it's who I am and will always be. YEE! YEE!"

**Junior
Alexis Smith**

Special need students count Toys for Tots donations with the help of aid Lindsey Smith. They collected toys all week for their PBL math project. "Every year my parents let us go pick out toys to give. It's our way of giving back and it just makes you feel really good," freshman Hannah Dowell said.

Photo by Catherine Leadford



Student Publications adviser Melanie Mason, juniors Catherine Leadford and Jordan Fraser, senior Alyssa VanMeter and agriculture teacher Lisa Paxton pose with twins Marilyn and Carolyn Saner. Marilyn is struggling with breast cancer. Fraser made breast cancer awareness shirts, and students did different fundraiser's to raise money for breast cancer awareness. "It helps the community and the community members out, it's also for a good cause," Fraser said.

Photo courtesy of Lisa Paxton



Reflect Valley gives back

Students discuss how their time at Valley has enabled them to give back to the community.



"Our school gives back by hosting blood drives," junior Ashley Crill.



"We do food drives to help the hungry," sophomore Samantha Hamilton.

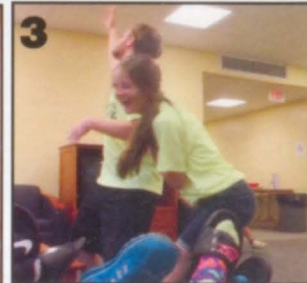
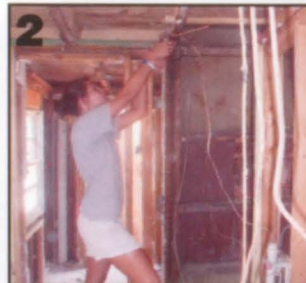
"It sounds cheesy but it's true I am a rebel in the sense that I don't just go along with what is normal. I do what I believe is right and I don't do anything just because everyone else is doing it."

Senior Devin Doty



Re Model

Students from Beaver Dam Church traveled to New Jersey to help clean up after Hurricane Sandy.



1. Senior Steven Warner and junior Dereck Adams talk to another group on their free time. **2.** Junior Jade Hoffman takes off wires in the house they were working on. **3.** Senior Josh Tucker and junior Tenya Shull dance around the room.



Senior Steven Warner and sophomore Anthony Leadford embrace the wave of the ocean in New Jersey. They were in New Jersey to help clean up what was left of Hurricane Sandy. "I was kinda scared that the wave was going to take me with it. I felt refreshed as it went over me," Leadford said.

Photo by Catherine Leadford

Challenge Others to prevent bullying

Students wish to stop bullying and suicide.

How big of an issue is bullying? According to the Rachel's Challenge website, each day 160,000 kids don't go to school because they're being bullied, teased, or harassed. Of the 160,000 kids, 4400 of them commit suicide each year. For every one suicide, there are at least 100 attempts.

Juniors Michael Thacker and Deonte'e Smith wish to make a change throughout society. They want to bring Rachel's Challenge to the school.

"I think that since the goal is to spread kindness amongst people that people would care more about others and not bully, but compliment them," junior Deonte'e Smith said.

Rachel's Challenge was created by Darrell and Sandy Scott to help teens who have thought about suicide. Darrell and Sandy created this program because of daughter, Rachel Joy Scott, who was killed in the Columbine High School shooting in 1999. Rachel had written an essay titled "My Ethics, My Codes of Life" just a month before her

death. Rachel's essay states that one act of kindness can start a chain reaction.

According to the Rachel's Challenge Website, their mission is to "motivate, educate, and bring positive change to many young people."

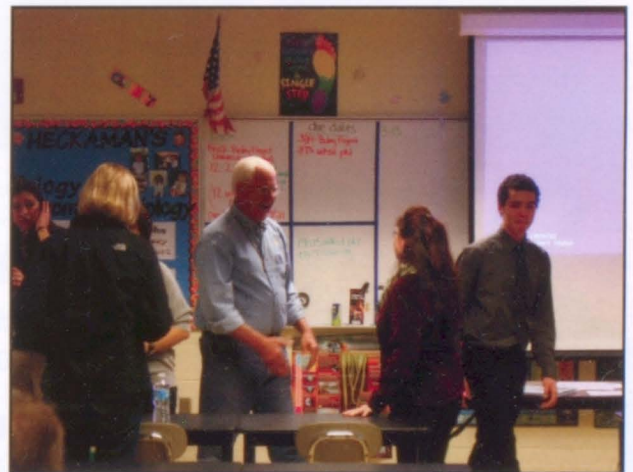
"Rachel's Challenge is a chance to help others who are in need. It's a chance to rebuild our community and our school and hopefully set a path for a better future for not only myself, but for the generations to come," junior Michael Thacker said.

When Rachel's Challenge is invited to schools they show footage from the Columbine High School massacre and its aftermath. They also share Rachel's drawings and stories.

"I believe that bullying is a nationwide issue that has reached maximum proportions. It has become an accepted way of life for so many people. They believe that they are not in the wrong and they do not realize how much power their words and actions truly have. Here at Valley and everywhere else you go in the world, you will not find any two people who are exactly the same. We are all made differently and have our own skills, talents, and abilities. I don't think

that people see the true value in celebrating our differences. We have a warped sense that everyone should act the same, talk the same, look the same, in order to truly fit in. But that is so unrealistic; how boring would this world be if we were all alike in every single way," health and PE/Health teacher Brittani Bush-Garbers said.

Story by Kaytie Shilling



Junior Deonte'e Smith attend a bullying prevention meeting about Rachel's Challenge. Junior Michael Thacker and Smith were trying to raise money to help Rachel's Challenge. "[I was] really confident, really passionate, [I] wasn't really worried about messing up," Smith said.

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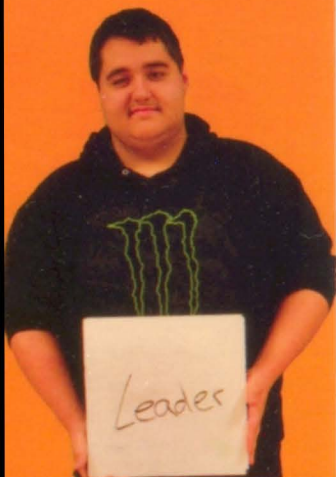


"Because I am a ginger."

**Sophomore
Nick Reynolds**

"Because when I play anything or do anything I feel that I can be a good leader and I can set the team up for victory and I use my teams talents and balance it out."

**Freshman
Adam Lowe**



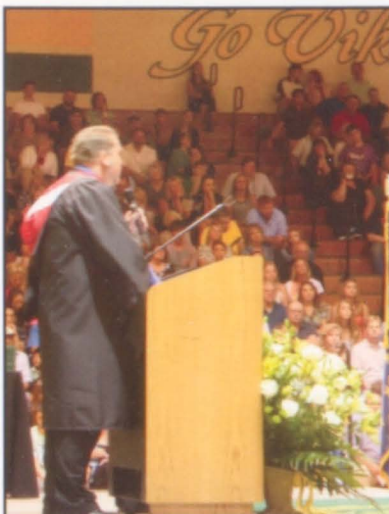
Jon Hutton speaks at the Burket Educational Center graduation while alternative education teacher Micah Lukens waits to award diplomas to graduating students.

Photo by Jenna Schultz



Principal Kirk Doebrmann speaks at graduation. There was a debate on if he was going to be allowed to attend graduation because he had already moved on to his new position at Whitley County Consolidated Schools.

Photo by Kaytie Shilling



The seniors pose after completing their prank of the year. The seniors parked their cars in a large circle in the parking lot, and played games in the middle, before school started that day.

Photo courtesy of Sara Alexander



What do I
want to be...?

when I grow up?

Now that they're heading out to start their lives in the "real world", seniors share how their answer to that question has and will change over time.

Marine Biologist

Zachary Wiesehan

Nurse

Brianna Willard

Elementary School

Middle School

Teacher

Elizabeth Shepherd

Helicopter Pilot

Cody Jamison



Students celebrate graduation by spraying silly string everywhere.

Photo by Kaytie Shilling

Seniors Maverick Shelpman and Liz Shepherd wait to receive their diplomas.

Photo by Kaytie Shilling



Students from the Burket Educational Center wait for their names to be called at Burket graduation. Joining them is superintendent Brett Boggs.

Photo by Jenna Schultz



A student prepares to hug an aid and secretary for Burket Educational Center. **Student last name?** had just received her diploma after graduating from Burket.

Photo by Jenna Schultz

Nurse

Robyn Erklin

Business Owner

Stephanie Mendez

Daycare

Victoria Bahney

Ten Years from Now

Veterinarian

Taylor Cole

Independent Person Firm

Casimir Kromkowski



Sophomores Shayla Hoffman, Daianara Witham, and the other cheerleaders cheer at a basketball game. Valley won the game against North Manchester. "I just really hope I make varsity and make the same kind of bond with the girls next year," Witham said.

Photo by Jenna Schultz



Senior Brandon Maull prepares to dive into the pool. He swam the 400 meter relay at Oak Hill. "I think he [Maull] gave it his all and did well," senior Krystal Neeley said.

Photo by Zac Capps



Freshman Dylan Sponseller hits a ball to right field, scoring one run. The JV team lost to Maconaquah. "Just like every other sport, losing is disappointing, but we came together as a team and won three games this year," Sponseller said.

Photo by Maci Jaberg

DEFINE

Sports
V

Strong willed. Committed. Athletic. Supportive. These words define athletics at Valley. Athletes, managers, coaches, parents, trainers, and fans change every year. Players improve. Coaches push players to their limit. Trainers help injured players recover. Parents and fans show up to cheer on the team. Managers keep things organized. Every year, as these people start and push through a new season, they come together at practice, and ultimately on game day to define, or *redefine*, the Viking sports teams.



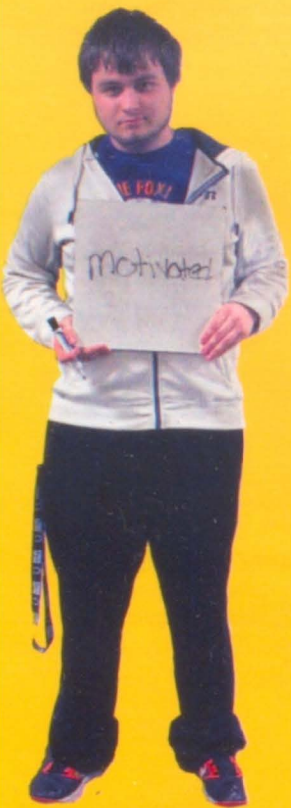
Players get ready to make a play against Manchester. JV and Varsity practiced a total of 100 hours during the summer. "Other than the bell game, my most memorable game was the Northfield game because, it was our first win and it got us pumped up and ready to be physical at the next game then the game after that and so on. It brought us closer together," freshman and JV player Austin Carter said.

Photo by Mitch Randall



Junior Caylie Teel goes in for a lay-up at a Northwood game. The girls defeated Northwood again this year. "My favorite part is the halftime," sophomore Amber Mikel said.

Photo courtesy of Alexis Smith



"Because I am motivated person and I know I can get things done if I keep working hard"

Junior Andrew Tanner

"Because I like to have fun and I like to try new things, and do fun things."

Freshman Lexi Cumberland



Q: What was your favorite part of tennis?
A: "My favorite part was getting to play games."

Q: When did you start playing?
A: "I started playing my sophomore year."

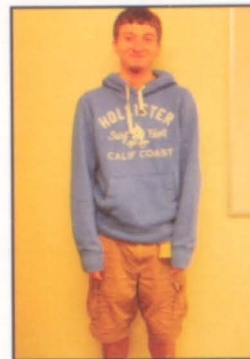
Q: Why did you start playing?
A: "I started playing because of my friends."

Q: What's the hardest part about playing tennis?
A: "Nothing is hard about tennis."

Q: What does it take to be a tennis player?
A: "It takes speed and ability to be one."

Q: What was your favorite memory?
A: "I liked everything but the running."

Re 1 Cap with Senior William Inglehearn



The Varsity volleyball team huddles to talk before the quarter starts. "Volleyball rolls are my favorite move, they're fun," junior Mila Smalley said.

Photo By Jenna Schultz



Junior Varsity cheerleaders enjoy some free time before cheering in the Rochester game. Before every game the teammates pile into the bathroom to get ready. "Being a cheerleader is more than looking pretty. It takes hard work and dedication," junior Kayla Shepherd said.

Photo by Zac Capps





Best golf memories with ^{Senior Alyssa VanMeter}

Golfers share their favorite memories from bus rides, practice, and competition.

"The laughs we had on the bus rides. One time we threw a Frostie out of the window and it hit a car. We laughed about everything."



"Alyssa was always positive. She tried to make us happy and said nice and positive things and that we never give up."

"One time me and her drove to the court but practice was cancelled. On our way home we stopped at Dairy Queen and listened to music. It was a good bonding."



Sophomore Brooklyn Conley, a two year cross country runner, races to beat her personal record of 22 minutes at New Prairie. Conley's favorite part of running with the team was. "Being with the team and competing with other girls."

Photo by Tarek Moussa



Seniors pose for a picture after the Rochester vs. Valley game. Every year, they battle for a chance to win the bell. This was Valley's third straight year winning the bell. This also Jeff Shriver's last year of being head coach. "It's hard to describe. It's almost like seeing your child be born. The way it makes you feel, being a Valley player beating Rochester," Senior Cameron Castle, number 54, said.

Photo by Zac Capps



"I have a plethora of swag."

**Sophomore
Isaac Sponseller**

"I think that even though I have my bad qualities, my best quality is how caring I am. I always try my best to consider people's feelings before making decisions and I am very compassionate."

**Sophomore
Madison Miller**



Senior Tanner Neeley practices his game. Neeley participated in Varsity tennis, swimming and golf. He competed with his brother, sophomore Trevor Neeley, in both tennis and golf. "He's pretty good and Trevor always gets really excited when he beats him. They definitely compete against each other," senior Robby Groom said.

Photo courtesy of Tanner Neeley



The freshman team talks to assistant coach, Jeff Sprunger, after a win. Sprunger taught many of the ninth-grade players in eighth-grade social studies. "It's hard to describe how it feels to play football," freshman Johnathan Engle said.

Photo by Catherine Leadford



The cross country boys huddle up while waiting to start a home meet. The boys huddle up at every home meet to encourage each other wish each other luck. "It is very fun because there are a lot of days we are goofing, and it is relaxing," senior Mark Hicks said.

Photo by Tarek Moussa

Freshman Victoria Biddle crouches down to line up her putt. Biddle was the only freshman on the golf team and was ranked two out of four. "She spent a lot of time out on the course. She took golfing seriously but knew how to have fun too," sophomore Elizabeth VanMeter said.

Photo by Alyssa VanMeter



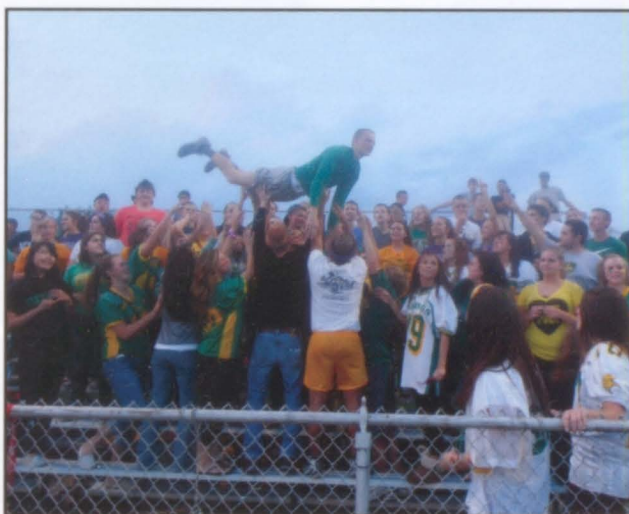
Varsity cheerleaders talk and wait for the game to start. Valley won the Southwood game. "Doing the big stunts is my best memory of cheering," sophomore Daianara Witham said.

Photo by Jenna Schultz



The girl's volleyball team plays against Northfield. Junior Lauren Early has played volleyball all through her high school career. "I like to play volleyball, and it's a good way to bond with friends," Early said.

Photo by Mitch Randall



The cheer block cheers at the Rochester vs. Valley game. At times the fence seems to be the only thing holding back the cheer block from running out onto the field themselves. During football games cheer block would celebrate a touchdown by lifting senior Robby Groom into the air as they counted up the total score. "It's fun and exciting," senior Jerica Long said.

Photo by Zac Capps

Re⁷ Run

A fun run makes a ton of memories with the Cross Country team.

Students may have been walking down the hall during a passing period, or in the morning before the first bell and heard someone shout 'WALNUT!' It may be a common six letter word, but to the cross country team, it has sentimental value.

On September 14, the team piled into cars and trucks to go out to Sarah Solano's house for a fun run. The run helped pull the team closer together.

"I remember going and playing with the Frisbees. We kept trying to see who could hit more trees. We were playing in the river and jumping in the puddles. We

were throwing walnuts at each other. It was a lot of fun," senior Mark Hicks said about the run.

The team packed up everything after school and went to freshman Tom Solano and senior exchange student Tarek Moussa's house for a four mile fun run. The team ran up and down hills, around curves and over bridges. The team took a Frisbee on the run to play with, even though many runners said it was very distracting. Runs like this are just a small part of team bonding.

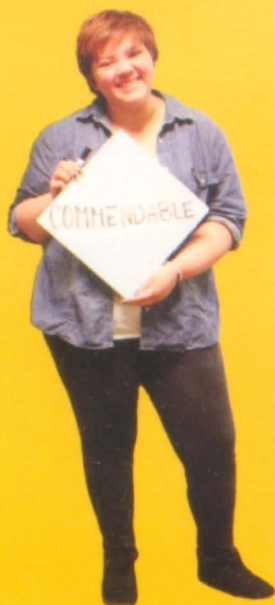
"I think about going to my house and getting hit with walnuts and how, when we went to Soul Takers Acres, we kept yelling 'WALNUTS'," Moussa said.

Story by Jenna Schultz



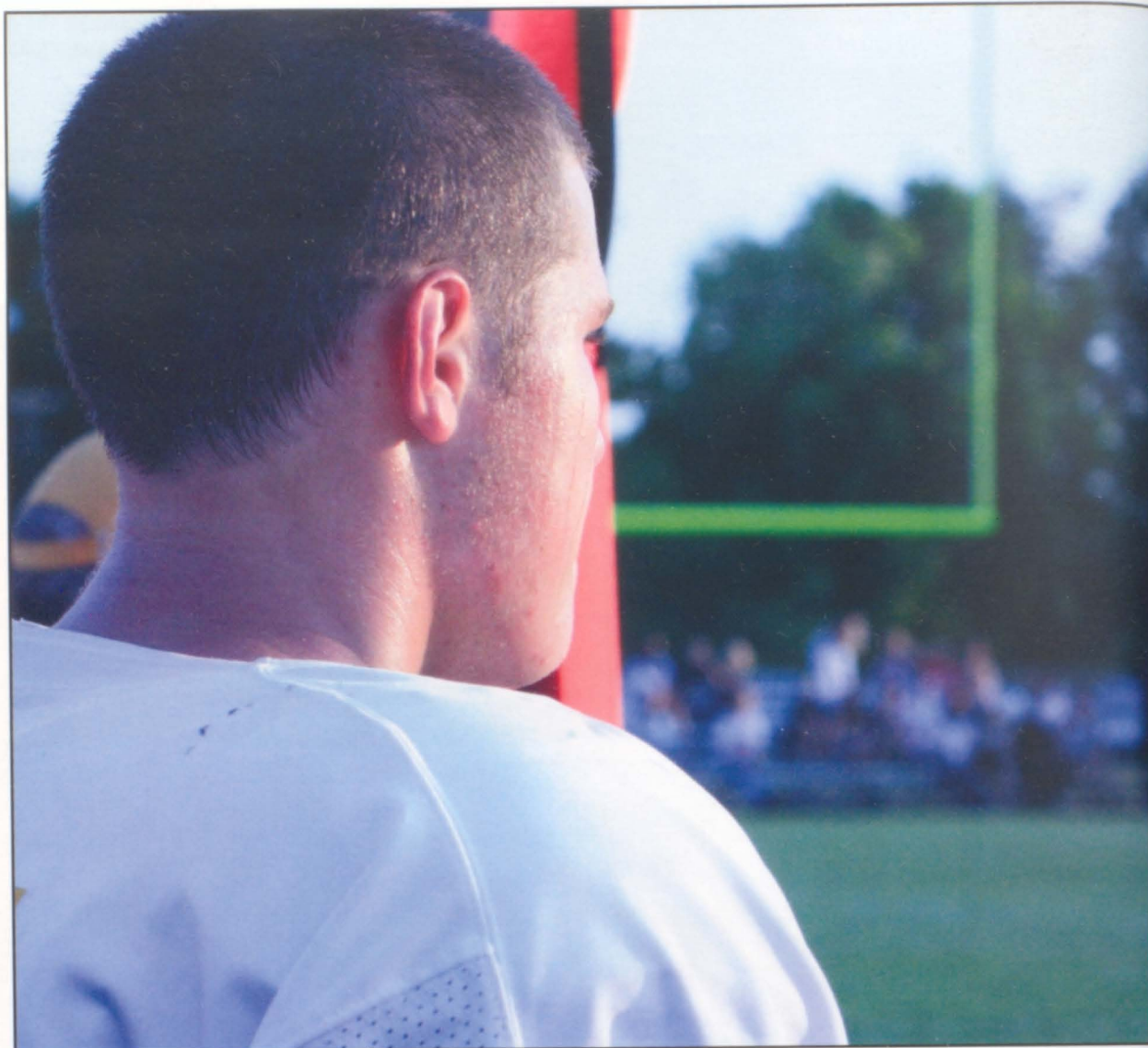
Senior Brandon Maull competes in sectionals at Culver Military Academy.

Photo by Zac Capps



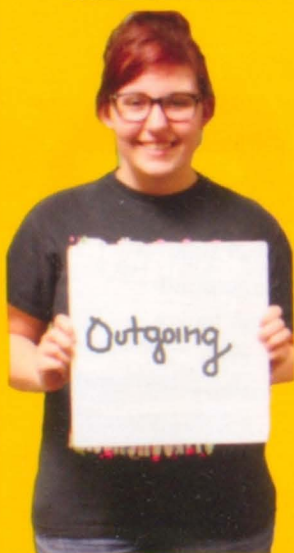
"People praise me for just the common things that no one does anymore because its 'not cool.' But to me, kindness is never out of style. To be kind is worth more than makeup. Makeup can only make you pretty enough to be looked at. To be kind is to be looked at in a more depth way."

**Sophomore
Brandi Hazzard**

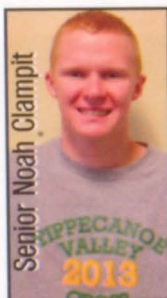


"I'm a person who's not afraid to try new things or speak my opinion.."

**Sophomore
Hannah Kime**



Re¹ **Live** Cross country runners share their favorite memories from this season.



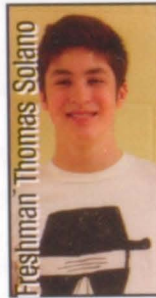
"When Mark jumped off the pier at CMA [Culver Military Academy] was pretty funny."



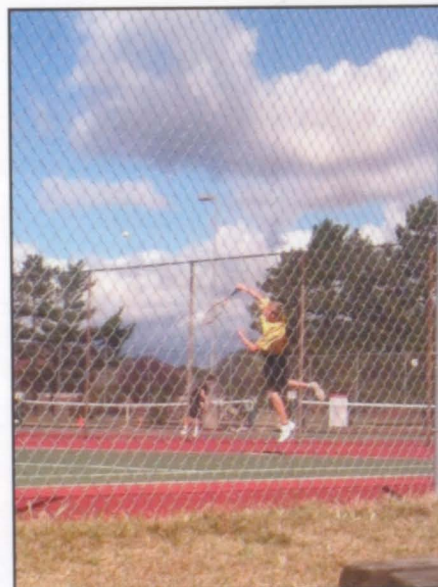
"When Mark was half naked and he jumped off the pier."



"When all those bees and hornet's attacked everyone."



"When that dog came to practice and ran with us at Sectionals."



Senior Derrick Cunningham serves the tennis ball over the net. "Your constantly thinking of your next move, it's a mind game," sophomore Trevor Neely said.

Photo courtesy of Ariel Schoettmer

Junior Jordan Fraser watches the his teammates from the sidelines. The varsity football team was playing Manchester in their first game of the season. "We all stick together like brothers," senior Nick Gamble said.

Photo by Mitch Randall

Re Adjusting to the Court

New country, new language, new school, new friends. There are a lot of changes for an exchange student. Especially when it comes to American sports. Being accepted to the team and impressing other team members are big challenges.

Playing beach volleyball in the sun is typical for teens in Brazil. But senior Marina Werneck, making the switch from sand to court was a challenge. "Let's go Ladies! Don't give up!" Werkneck screamed to her team members at the game.

Werneck cheered for teammates, and for her support was important to feel better and not give up when she made mistakes.

"Before my first game I was really nervous and exited at the same time because I've never played a real game. My whole mind was focused on winning this game and impressing my team members who helped and supported me a lot," Werneck said.

Teamwork is big in Valley where the team is like a family.

"We are very good friends and can trust each other even outside of the school we get along really good. There is no drama or fights," Werneck said smiling.

Everyone has to trust each other, whether it's passing the ball, knowing who gets the ball, or quick decisions about who bumps the ball.

"Teamwork is the foundation of volleyball. The

Senior exchange student Marina Werneck shares what it's like to go from playing on the beaches of Brazil to the courts of Valley.

sport depends on all individuals working together in order to be successful. Without teamwork, a team is just a bunch of people running around wasting their energy on nothing," volleyball coach Melanie Eaton said.

Imagine coming to a new school and trying to find new friends. That was one reason Werneck wanted to join the volleyball team.

"When I first got here I didn't know anyone so volleyball was a great opportunity to get in contact with new people and build new friendships," Werneck said.

Common questions that a foreign exchange student gets asked include: "How is the school in your country?" and "What is different?" Valley students want to learn from exchange students.

"Marina always said sweet things. I learned from her that you can be yourself and never give up even if you do mistakes," Smalley said.

And vice versa Werneck learned new things of her team.

"When you mess up a bump or make other mistakes in volleyball you don't have time to think about what you did wrong. I took that for my life that when I mess up I stop thinking about what I did wrong and start fixing things that I can still fix," Werneck said.

Story by Tarek Moussa

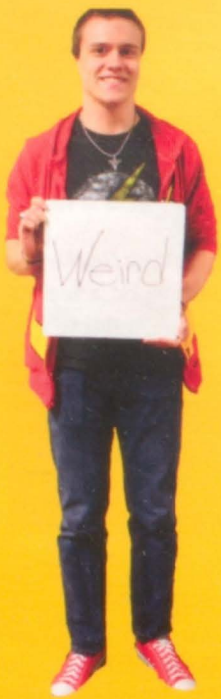


Junior Tenya Shull sets the ball. Shull has played volleyball since her sixth-grade year. "No matter weather we love or hate each other. We are a family, and a family always has each other's backs," senior Sarah Alexander said.

Photo by Jenna Schultz

Cheerleaders tie capes onto each other before the game. The theme for fans and cheer block that night was "superhero night". "It's nice to see all the school come together and just have so much school spirit," senior Kristin LaCroix said.

Photo by Mitch Randall



"I'm outgoing, but in a very unusual way."

**Sophomore
Jeremy Himes**

"Because I am my own person and I'm never going to change for people. I don't care what people think about me because if somebody is going to judge someone for being themselves then they aren't true to their own selves."

**Junior Shayla
Reed**



Special needs teacher Cami Shriver hugs freshman Sidney Krider at a basketball game. The photo was taken after Special Forces Cheerleading Squad cheered for the boys' basketball players for the first time. "I think it's awesome for students to have an opportunity like this," Shriver said.

Photo by Josie Forney

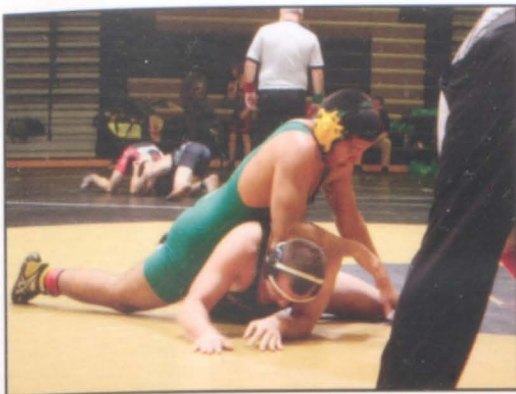
Cheerleaders sit around cheer coach Carmen Eagleson. The cheerleaders practiced in the commons after school two days a week. "In high school, you take cheering more seriously. There's not much of a difference, but I enjoyed it more," freshman Lindsay Gamble said.

Photo by Zac Capps



Photo by Zac Capps





Sophomore Garrett Bell goes for a pin. The wrestling team participated in the Super 8 located at Rochester. "It was the first match that I cried...I tried my hardest and it shows, whether I moved onto regionals or not," senior Arron Heller said. "I'm happy that I fought a battle instead of just giving up. It was heart breaking after I lost but came back with my all."

Photo by Alyssa VanMeter

Junior Alex Salmon practices free throws before the game starts. The boys warm up and stretch together before every game. "My favorite part of being a manager is watching the boys succeed in the game they love," freshman Tommy Vanmeter said.

Photo courtesy of Melanie Mason



Sophomore Julia Pomeroy prepares to dive into the water. She swam the 200 meter relay.

Photo by Zac Capps

Re¹ Think Possible

After years of disappointment, freshman Sidney Krider, and other students, are given the chance to cheer.

When students think about an ordinary basketball game usually it's all the same.

Overwhelming fumes of the fresh popcorn popping are in the air.

Athletes' parents on the edge of their seats cheering their players on. Coaches practically bite their fingernails off just waiting for the referee to make the call. While watching the basketball players run, sweat falls off their foreheads and soaks through their shirts.

Classmates scream at the top of their lungs from the stands, while covered from head to toe in green and gold. Lastly, there are the cheerleaders

jumping and leading on the crowd.

However, audience members will notice the cheerleaders are not ordinary at all.

"I just want to give my girls a chance to be a part of something," special needs teacher Abigail Schwendeman said.

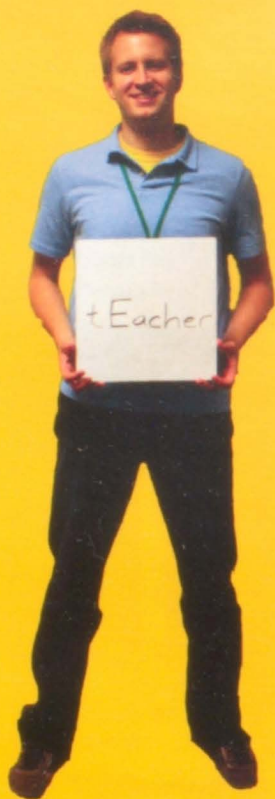
Students with Special Needs now have a chance to participate in cheerleading as part of a squad called Special Forces.

"I think it is awesome for the students to have an opportunity like this. I think it's a great chance for them to learn to communicate with others," special needs teacher Cami Shriver said.

Students in the Special Needs classes are often

separated from other students. They don't or can't participate in sports and other outside activities.

According to freshman cheerleader Kennedy Niedbalski, she is excited for others to get the chance to be able to participate in something they enjoy. Niedbalski explained that anyone that wants to join is welcome.

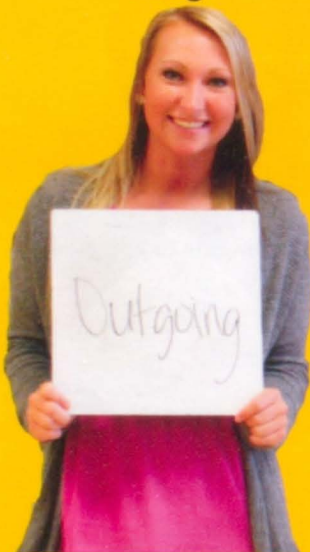


"I am a teacher by occupation, but I actually really love to teach. The 'E' is capitalized for obvious reasons."

Business Teacher Aaron Engbrecht

"When I ask people to describe me in one words, that's what they said. I like to meet new people."

Senior Jerica Long



Freshman Alec Craig and Neil Clampit talk to each other before the game. The boys basketball team practice three hours after school everyday. "I only focus on the game," Craig said.

Photo by Alyssa VanMeter

Players to Re⁷ member

Loudest on the Bus

Casey Dunn

Best One to Cheer You Up

Anne Secrest



Most Valuable Player

Cara Hoffman



Best Leader

Kelsey Ball

Freshman Anne Secrest prepares to throw a free-throw. Although Secrest was a freshman, she played on the Varsity team. "We all play like a team and we like like a family," sophomore Karis Tucker said.

Story by Alyssa VanMeter

Dedicated to...

Making it to State

Junior Devin Childers makes it to the IHSAA Wrestling Tournament in Indianapolis.

Scan this QR code to watch the school's clap out for Devin Childers going to state.

Video by Alyssa VanMeter



bal4.tv/5c18f239

Imagine spending years training for just one day. Spending years doing cardio, years lifting weights, years keeping flexible, and staying in shape for just one night.

Junior Devin Childers made it to state this year. Childers has been wrestling for thirteen years. Besides wrestling he also runs cross country.

All the years of training that Childers has put into wrestling he had made his goal. When he had won his match at regionals Childers was ecstatic he basically jumped for joy because he knew he was going to be able to go to state this year.

One of Childers goals after high school is to wrestle for college, "College wrestling is basically my dream" Childers said.

On February 21, wrestling coach

Scott Smith, Josh Back, Wyatt Nelson and Devin Childers all left for Childers to compete at state. Before they left the school had lined up in the hallways and had a clap out to wish Childers good luck at state.

Before every match Childers will focus on the moves his opponent will do what moves he will he will execute.

"It was a great experience going and getting to see all of the great wrestlers." Back said. Back has plans on making it to regionals.

Childers wrestles the 132 weight category and had ended up placing forth in state. He plans to try and make it again next year. "I just have to keep believing in myself" Childers said.

Spending years training for his goals he had finally made it.

Story by Makayla Ruiz



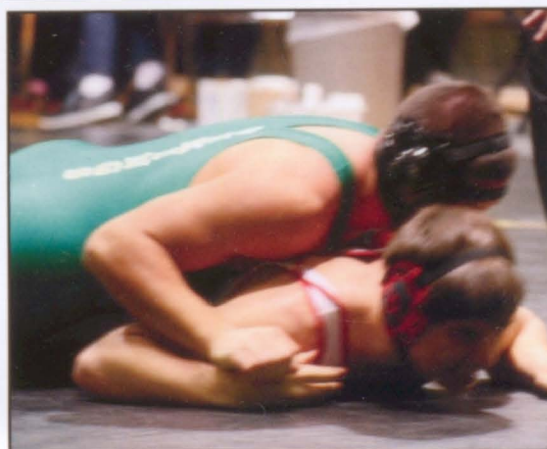
Junior Mia McHaffey takes a deep breath as she gets ready to do her dive. This is Mia's second year diving. "I like to dive because it really releases my stress," Mia McHaffey said.

Story by Zac Capps



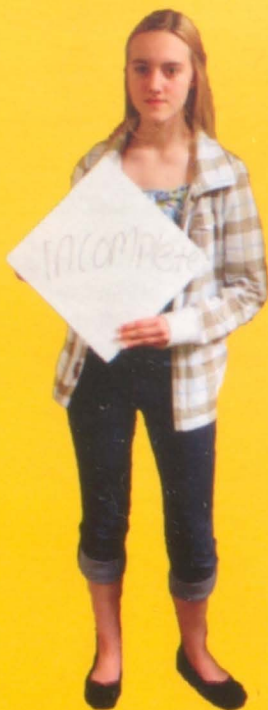
Varsity cheerleaders wait to go onto the court. The cheerleaders cheer for football and basketball making their season the longest of all sports. "It's hard work but no one said it would be easy," sophomore Maddison Cooper said.

Story by Jenna Schultz



Sophomore Garrett Bell, who wrestles in the 170lb weight class, takes a victory over North Miami. Bell has been wrestling since he was a kid.

Story by Jenna Schultz



"Because not everybody in this world has been complete in himself."

**Freshman
Paige Hodge**

"Because I believe that when you live by freedom you live a less stressful life. By 'free' I mean no rules, no harassment, and no judgement."

**Senior Cora
Warstler**



Junior Drake Hyden throws a ball into the home plate. The boys JV played Maconaquah on April 29.

Photo by Maci Jaberg



Senior Noah Clampitt runs in the 4x800. Clampitt also participates in cross country and band. "He is awesome in whatever he does," senior Rick Emmons said.

Photo by Zac Capps

Senior Josh Tucker chips out of the sand trap onto the green. Tucker has played varsity golf all four years of high school. "You're not always going to hit the shot that you want to hit or be where you want to be on the course, but you will get there," senior Tanner Neeley said.

Photo by Zac Capps

Junior Brandon Murphy begins to run. Murphy runs relays and also participates in shot put. "The best part about track is the relationships you build with the people and the way they are always there to support you," freshman Makayla Ruiz said.

Photo by MacI Jaberg

Re

Evaluate

Golfers reflect on what it takes to be good at the sport

"Mental attitude"

-junior Corey Carson

"Open minded"

-freshman Alex Kromkowski

"Quick mental recovery"

-senior Josh Tucker

"Dedication"

-senior Ben Shriver

"Hard work"

-sophomore Trevor Neeley

"Mentally tough and good spirit"

-senior Robby Groom

"Learn to hit it straight"

-senior Casey Kromkowski

"Easy Going"

-sophomore Cole Cumberland

"Commitment"

-senior Derrick Cunningham



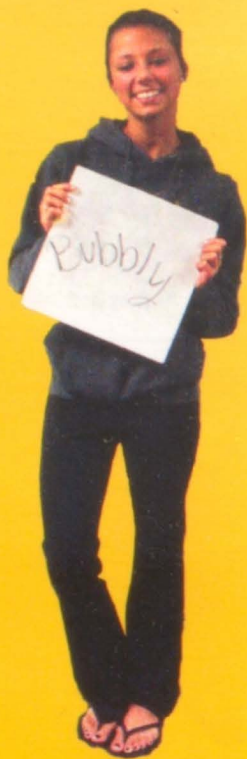
Coach Roger Moriarty gives sophomore Cole Cumberland advice during a golf match against Lakeland Christian Academy. Coach Moriarty and bus driver Jerry Finney ride around the golf cart every match. "I don't let one bad shot ruin my round," Cumberland said.

Photo courtesy of Josh Tucker



Senior Kelsey Ball practices with senior Kathy Eagleson. Ball played in Varsity in three sports this year. "Playing tennis just gives me a great feeling," junior Isabelle Warren said.

Photo by Zac Capps



**Sophomore
Shayla Hoffman**

"I am a very happy person, and like to make people laugh, and have a good time."

"I chose this because I feel like I am determined to get to where I want to be in life. And I feel like I am on the right path towards being a successful person."

**Sophomore
Tyler Poyser**



Re-DEFINE

Sister & Teammate

These two girls share a life as sisters, but also as teammates. They play for the varsity softball team.

Why did you join?

Kirstin: I didn't have a choice.
Kassidy: Mom said so.

What is it like being on a team with your sister?

Kirstin: Magical
Kassidy: Beautiful

What is your favorite part of being on a team?

Kirstin: Twinnin' all the time.
Kassidy: They're tolerable, compared to everyone else.

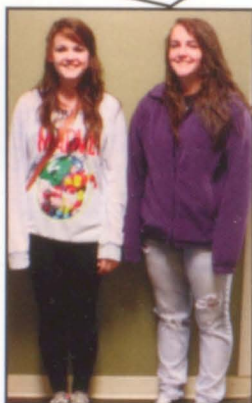
Did it bring you closer?

Kirstin: Already too close.
Kassidy: Yep, tons.

How many years?

Kirstin: 6
Kassidy: 10

Kirstin Shepherd
freshman



Kassidy Shepherd
junior



Senior Josh Tucker and sophomore Cole Cumberland watch the golf ball roll towards the hole. The golfers are best friends with the bus driver they usually have. "What I enjoy the most about golf is the sport because I'm by myself, and it relieves stress," senior Derrick Cunningham said.

Photo courtesy of Jeff Tucker



Sophomore Whitney Haneline returns the serve. The tennis meet was against Southwood "I play tennis because it's fun," junior Brittany Shafer said.

Photo by Zac Capps



Junior Cade Krider pitches during game against Maconaquah. "I loved messing around [during practice], because it was fun," freshman Christopher Schipper said.

Photo by Maci Jaberg

Sophomore Alexis O'Connell, freshman Sierra Rudd, sophomore Madison Miller, and junior Jazzmine Brown pose for a picture. All four ran the 4x100 relay at regionals. "I worry about how I'm going to do at the meet," freshman Hannah Brower said.

Photo courtesy of Michael Thacker



Freshman Katie Prater waits for the ball to be pitched. Prater is the only catcher the team has. "I enjoy catching at softball practice. It's my favorite part," Prater said.



The JV baseball team congratulates the Rochester team. The game was at home. "The thing I enjoy the most about baseball is winning games as a team," sophomore Luke Helton said.

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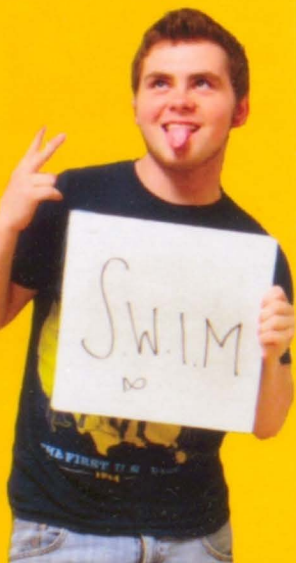


"Come to my room during class and you can see why."

Family and consumer science teacher
Deb Zawlocki

"It's what we do."

Freshman
Austin Carter



Senior Tyler McDonald winds up to throw the shot put. When sophomore Brianna Salyer competes she thinks, "Do my best" before throwing.

Photo by Zac Capps



Re Introduce Abby Betten

Q - Which school do you think is going to be hard to beat and why?

A - I think Warsaw because there the hardest competitors I heard.

Q - What is the most difficult thing about playing 1st & 3rd base?

A - The difficult thing about 1st is to adjust to the throwing to the other players, 3rd is trying to throw to home base to get someone out.

Q - What's your goal this year?

A - I want to get more home runs and I want to get better on my throwing.

Q - What the hardest position you played and why?

A - Pitching because you have to adjust to each person and you have to do change ups.



Abby Betten

#1

Position: 1st or 3rd Base
Number of Years Playing:
Since little league
Team: Varsity
Home Runs: 7

About Better: Abby Betten is a freshmen who plays softball for varsity. Betten started playing softball at the age of five for the little league in Akron. The reason why she wanted to play softball was, "Because I really like the sport and my family played so I followed in their footsteps."



Sophomore Jesse Floor waits to pitch the ball. Sophomore Jay Myers is also the pitcher for the JV baseball team. "I've worked on my mechanics... I've done a lot more strikes than last year," Myers said.

Photo by Maci Jaberg



team **Girl's Tennis** **BONDING**

The girls tennis team started their seasons first match on April 16.

"Our girls tennis team bonded really well and we were always positive, I didn't have any problem with people and it was really fun."

freshman Aerin Shewman



Freshman Jared Mikel works to regain his balance as he runs to the next hurdle. Several team members advanced after the TRC meet. "I think long distance runners are more crazy, they run longer distance and I know them better," senior Alaina O'connell said.

Photo by Zac Capps



Senior Josh Tucker and sophomore Cole Cumberland concentrate as they make their way to the hole.

Photo courtesy of Jeff Tucker



Sophomore Whitney Haneline prepares to serve the ball. When playing in tournaments, teammates get paired with another team depending on their skill level, and individuals play singles against another opponent. "I never played it before. You get to hang out with friends. when I go back I'm going to play tennis and teach someone else," senior Kate Chantong, an exchange student, said.

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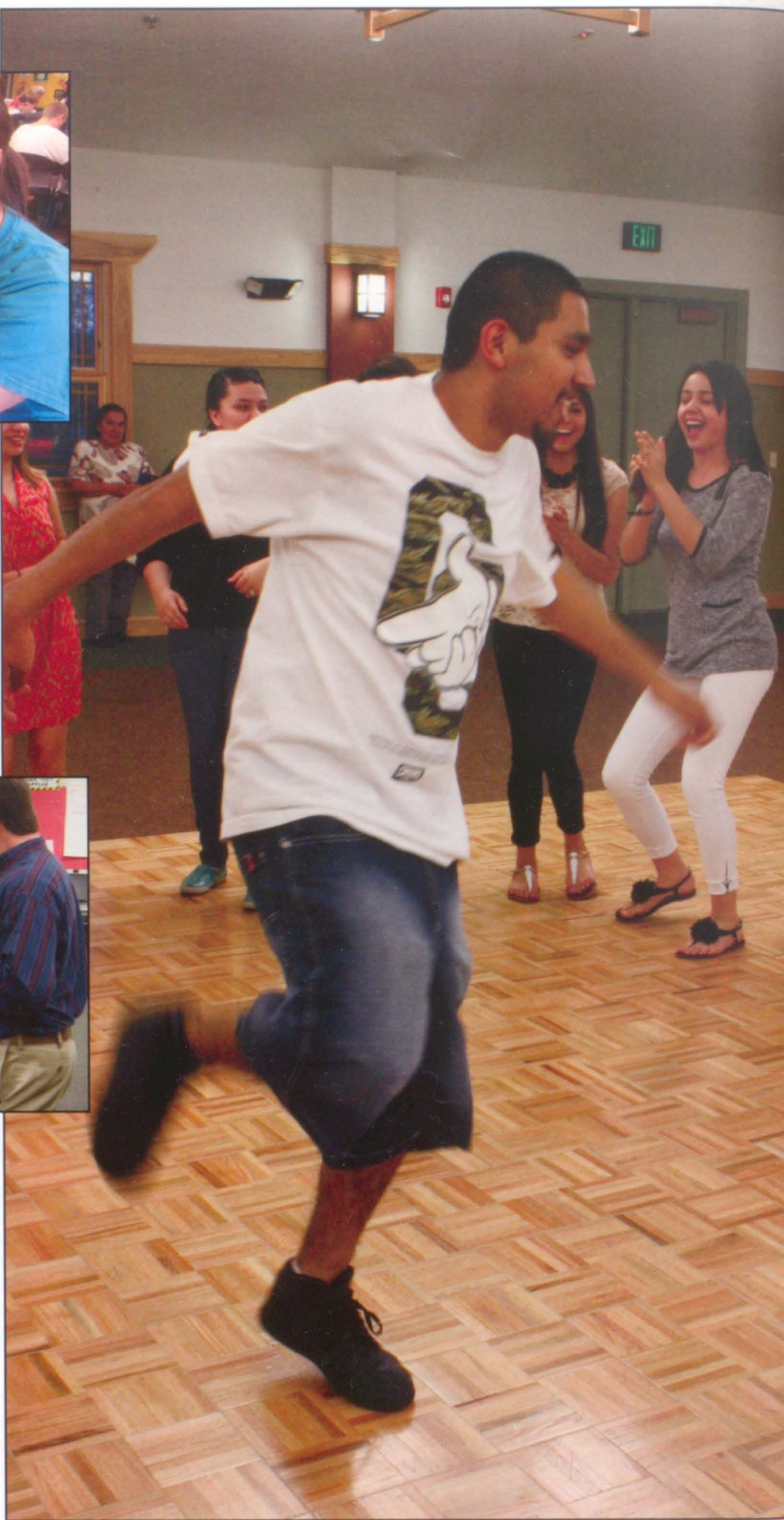
Senior Brooke Kaser works on her school work at Burket. Although Kaser went to Burket, she will be graduating on time with the class of 2013-2014.

Photo by Zac Capps



Creative Writing Club listens as Mike Mullin comes in and speaks to students about his book *Ashfall*. "His thoughts on things were interesting how he does his writing. I like how he taught us different ways to type up our stories or write them on paper," freshman Cassie Abalos.

Photo by Tarek Moussa



Senior Maria Rosas, junior Maria Hernandez, sophomores Kimberly Jurado and Pablo Cisneros, and freshman Angela Ramirez dance at the Spanish class event. This event took place at the Akron Community Center where the students danced to Hispanic music and gave the public samples of traditional Hispanic food. "My favorite part was dancing. I practiced during class time," Hernandez said.

Photo By Stephanie Mendez

Clubs & Academics

DEFINE

Plugged In, Talented, Distinguished, Responsible. Freshmen redefine themselves as sophomores, figuring out what they want to be in life. Sophomores redefine themselves as juniors, trying to put themselves on the right track. Juniors redefine themselves as seniors, getting to the upper levels and slowly watching everything fall into place. Seniors redefine themselves as adults; they get a whole new start on life and have to figure out who they are and what they are going to be.



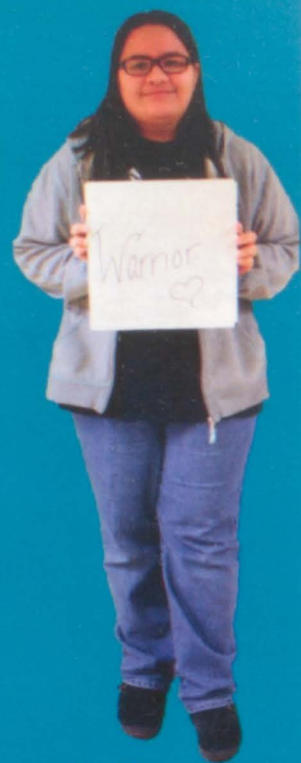
Junior Caylie Teel and Taylor Trippiedi teach Akron Elementary School students how to make caramel apples. The American Studies class was out of school for two days with Pioneer Day at Prill School.

Photo courtesy of Michael Thacker



FFA members fill out a get-to-know-you bingo sheet. Team members went around and ask questions of other members to try and get a bingo. When asked about his favorite part, sophomore Kurt Miller said, "Learning about Ag. is fun."

Photo courtesy of Lisa Paxton



**Sophomore
Cassie Aboles**

"I chose this because I have stumbled through many hardships in my life but after every one, I always got back up and kept fighting."

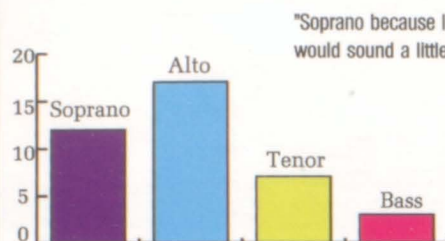
"I like to help others. I love working with others. I get along with everyone."

**Freshman
Yarley Smalley**



> If you could...

Choir students tell what sections they would choose if they could.



"Soprano because I think without the sopranos the songs would sound a little plain," junior Tabitha Baldridge said.

"Soprano because it is the easier one for me, and I think is the prettier one," sophomore Monica Hatfield said.

Band students tell where they would perform a concert & why.

"In space, because there is not earth in space and we couldn't hear anybody,"

Junior Paul Schaeffer

"Italy, because most of the famous composers are from around that area,"

sophomore Tyler Kidd

"Thailand or Germany because I want to go to Thailand and see what it is like and Germany because I've been there before and it's really cool and I like it,"

freshman Audrey Jackson

"Memphis TN, because is the music capital in the US,"

sophomore Richard Emmons

According to Thomas Solano, students stay alert when Janelle Riner, band director, is in front of the class. Both sophomore Nathaniel Doss and Solano play percussion.

"[Riner] is strict but sometimes we get to goof and have fun,"

Doss said.

Photo by Zac Capps



Junior Megan Howard

Howard shares what it is like to be in band and choir at the same time.

"I love drama," Howard said.

Q: What part do you sing for choir/instrument do you play?

A: Soprano 2/Flute

Q: Why did you decide to do both?

A: I want to be a sound engineer technician, AKA DJ.

Q: How many years have you been in each?

A: One in choir, and six in band.

Q: How do you handle the stress of being in both?

A: It's honestly not that stressful, I have a good memory.

Q: Do you have a favorite?

A: Choir, everyone acts like a family.



Photo by Cora Warstler

Q: Who is an inspirational person in your life?

A: Mr. Williamson, because he knows soundboard and I want to get into that.

Q: What is your back up plan if you don't get to be a DJ?

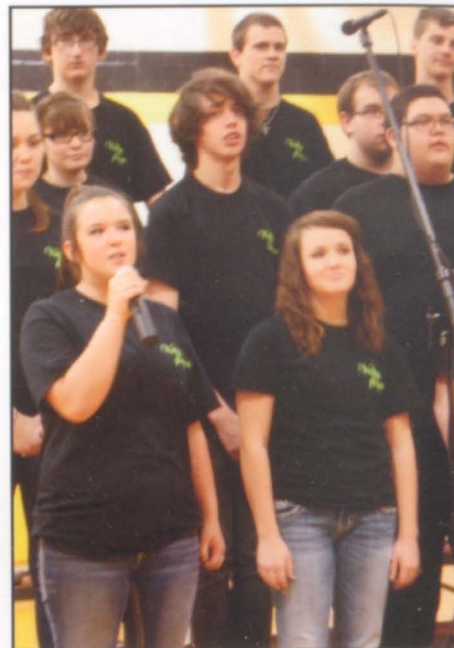
A: Something musical, either a music teacher or director.

Q: What's the daily life in band/choir like?

A: Band-straight to the point. Choir-laid back.

Junior Tabitha Baldridge sings her solo, when they went to the elementary schools to try to recruit 5th graders into joining choir or band She sang *Touch the Sky*, a single of the movie *Brave*. According to junior Kyle Moore, she did fantastic during her performance. "I felt happy for her because she got the solo she wanted and rocked it. Plus I want everybody to know that I like turtles," said junior Kaylyn Hamman.

Photo by Jenna Schultz



Re Visit Chicago

Twenty-eight choir students traveled to Chicago in November.

Four years of making payments, four months of preparing for the trip, four hours on the charter bus and four girls waiting anxiously to step onto the streets of Chicago for their senior trip with the TVHS choirs.

"Yes, it was expensive but so worth it. I got to hang out with my girls and my choir," senior Ericka Webb said.

People from the high school choirs got to go to Chicago together for a weekend in November. According to senior Heaven Vick, she did really well with fundraisers so she would be able to go.

"I was really looking forward to how much fun we were all going to have," senior Alexandria Lewis said.

The students boarded the bus and were on their way. Their first stop was at a McDonald's to grab a quick bite to eat.

"The three hour bus ride was boring and excited because nobody wanted to sit on a bus for three hours, but excited because when I woke up I would be in Chicago," Lewis said.

The bus driver pulled up to Chicago as students stared in awe, out of the windows. Their first planned stop was DePaul, a musical college in Chicago.

"I learned a lot at the college, Mr. Williamson is cool and all, but it was neat learning something from an actual college professor," senior Cora Warstler said.

Next the students visited the Shedd Aquarium. They had about an hour to look around before they were rushed off to a dolphin and beluga whale show.

"The show was definitely my favorite part of the trip because they had beluga whales, which are my favorite animal," Lewis said. Last but not least, the biggest of things the students did was go see a Broadway musical, Wicked. There were four seats that were by each other at the theater, so of course the four seniors really wanted to sit together.

"My favorite part of the trip would have to be Wicked because I didn't know what I wanted to do after school and it made me realize I have passion for acting. It was cool figuring that out with my girls beside me," Webb said.

After Wicked, came the bus ride home where students just kind of went off into their own groups said Webb.

"All drama set aside, it was a blast," Webb said.

The seniors agreed they were all exhausted by the time they got home but were glad they got to spend it

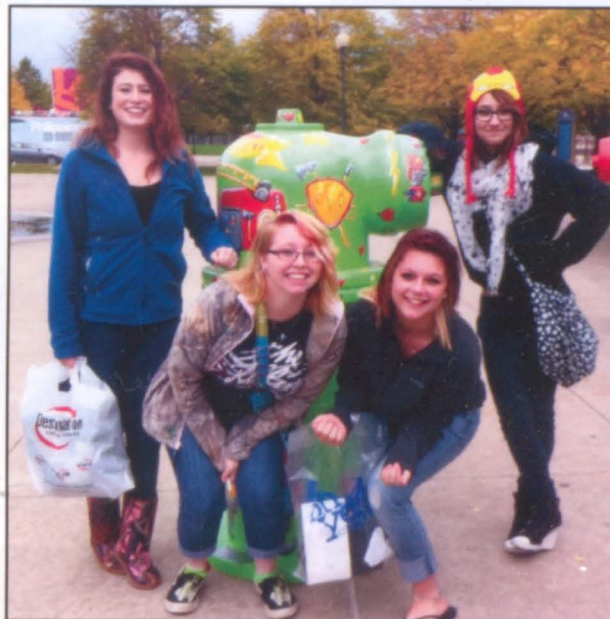
together.

"It was awesome being able to go with my girls. Friends fade, memories don't. I absolutely loved it," said Warstler.

Story by Cora Warstler

The four seniors pose for a picture together, in front of Navy Pier in Chicago, Ill. They have all been friends for at least 5 years. "I don't want to say we were idols, but it was pretty cool because I've acually heard people say they wan't to be like us," senior Ericka Webb said.

Photo courtesy of Cora Warstler



On May 13 choir and band students traveled to the elementary schools. Freshmen Tomas Solano, Dark Vader, and Chris Secriest, Luke Skywalker, fought to the death to grab the audience's attention. "Performing is better than practice, I had a lot of fun and it was cool to see the kids getting into it. They had a lot of enthusiasm," freshman Alex Kromkowski said.

Photo by Jenna Schultz



Choir director Mark Williamson sits at the piano while students sing along to the rhythm. "I've been in choir four years and love it. Group bonding time is definitely my favorite," sophomore Matera Schaffener said.

Photo by Cora Warstler

Create ^{a business}

Political Economic Studies students pitch business ideas for Young Entrepreneurs Academy to investor panel.

On Friday, March 16, 12 groups pitched their business ideas to an investor panel as part of the Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA) program.

YEA is a part of the Political Economic Studies class. Instructors Jeff Shriver and Melanie Mason partnered with the Kosciusko County Chamber of Commerce and Grace College to bring in the program.

"It helped them by learning how to write a business plan, they had to make many revisions, gaining confidence and presenting to the public and learning about financial spreads sheets, working as a team," Kosciusko Country Chamber of Commerce member relations coordinator Renea Saylor said.

YEA is an innovative business competition program that challenged the seniors to create a real business, teaching them everything from how to develop a business plan to pitching to an investor panel to obtain funding.

"My favorite part was watching everyone's projects come together,"

senior Nolan Sponseller said.

The seniors had been preparing for the competition since the beginning of the school year with the help of their business mentors.

The investor panel evaluated each business presentation and decided how much money to invest in each business as well as who would travel to compete at Florida Atlantic University (FAU) in Boca Raton, Florida.

"Boost Your Beauty", a business created by Sofia Boganwright and Taylor Garringer, won the overall competition and will move to compete in Florida. BYB strives to improve the lives of elderly women living in nursing homes by providing manicures and other beauty services. The runner-up was JT's Auto Parts by John Paul Secrest and Tanner Neeley.

"We were really excited and surprised," senior Sofia Boganwright said.

Story by Stephanie Mendez



"I don't care what others think."

**Senior
Trey Peterson**

"If there is anything I'm known for among my friends it's my one of a kind way of being. I may be similar to others but you won't find anybody exactly the same."

**Senior Alicia
Carnes**



Juniors Kassidy Shepherd, Joy Hurd, Kinley Eads, Charles Parker, and Corey Carson sit in a circle with their American Studies Class. The class is taught by both English teacher Annette Chenoweth and history teacher Scott Smith.

Photo by Cora Warstler



Sophomores Aric Shafer and Whitney Haneline, junior Deonte'e Smith, and senior Devin Doty listen attentively as they become QPR-trained Gatekeepers. Becoming Gatekeepers will allow these students to help suicidal people. "I joined Peers because after Brittany [Arceneaux] passed away, I wanted to change my life and help others," junior Sarah Jones said. Arceneaux died in a car crash in 2012.

Photo by Alyssa VanMeter



Students in Peer Facilitator teacher Kris Walker's Peers class practice for this year's talent show. In one part of their act they will be performing a dance from High School Musical. "We do whatever it is they need us to do, but largely we just give them someone they can talk to and trust so we can help them as much as we can," junior Brandon Murphy said.

Photo by Cora Warstler

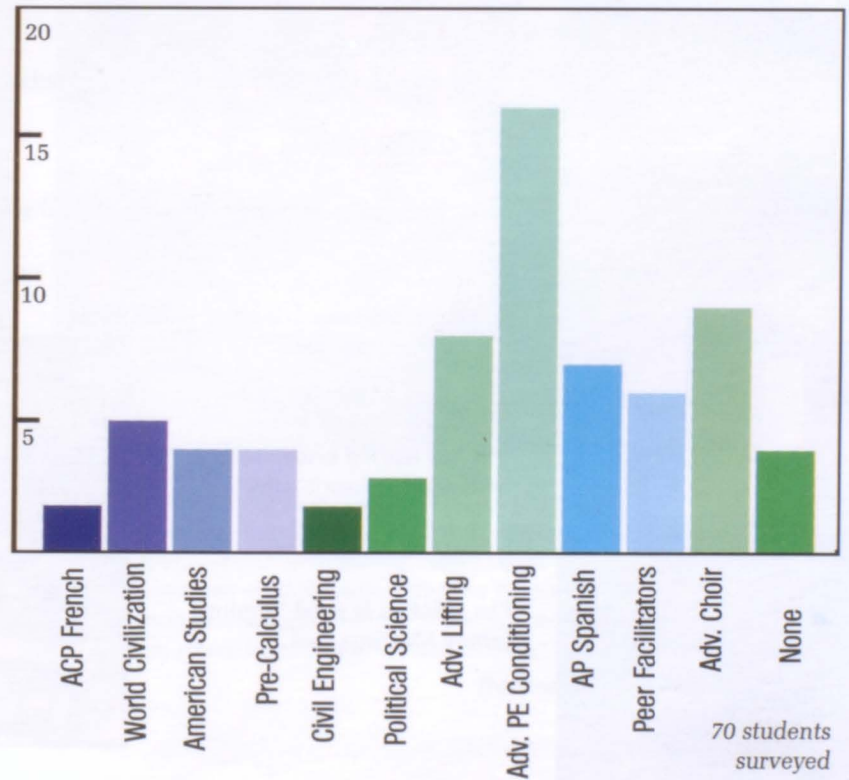


Freshmen Kennedy Niedbalski, Taneisha Brown, Abigail Betten, and Johnathan Engle sit at a table and "munch" during the memoir art gallery. Each of the students wrote a memoir to put in the gallery. "I like Katie Prater's six word memoir art gallery the most because it was very heart touching and I felt a connection," freshman Thane Madeford said.

Photo by Zac Capps

If you had to...

Students tell what advanced class they would take if they had to.





"I chose passionate because I'm a caring person, and I always try to make everyone happy, even when I'm not."

Sophomore
Michaela
Snapp

"Because I feel happy all the time."

Freshman
Monika
Marshall



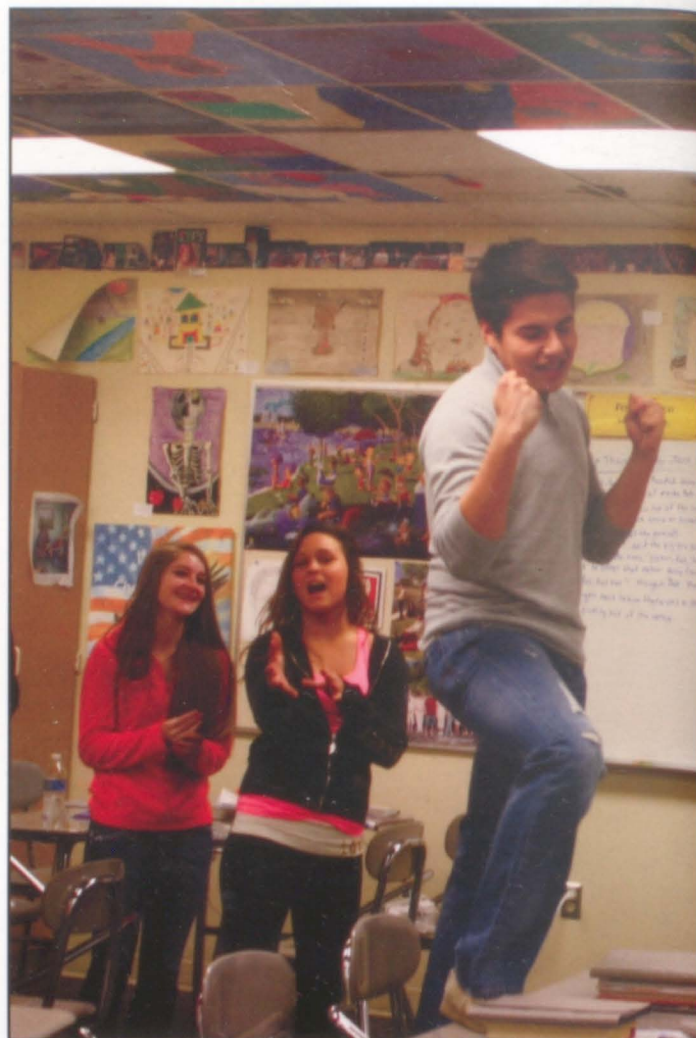
Kris Walker's Spanish class sings the song "Besame Mucho". The songs help students learn more about Spanish culture. "I love singing in Spanish class, it relaxes me," junior Ricardo López said.

Photo by Stephanie Méndez



Junior Devin Childers and sophomore Rikko Montelongo practice kickboxing. Their practice took place during SRT. "I joined because I wanted to become a better fighter," Montelongo said.

Photo by Brianna Willard



5 Top lunches

Students choose the top 5 school lunches they like the best.

1 Chicken Parmesan
"I like Italian food," senior Landin Madsen said.

2 Orange Chicken
"I like Chinese food," senior Rebekha Mikel said.

3 Tater tot Casserole
"There are tater tots on it," sophomore Julia Pomeroy said.

4 Pizza
"It has stuffed crust," senior Alexandria Lewis said.

5 Chicken Nuggets
"The chicken is good," senior Kortney Mayorga said.



Juniors Scott Wallis and Stephen Walsh donate blood in the September blood drive. Every year four blood drives take place, this year between 50 and 60 people donated. "I thought it would be fun to help people," Wallis said.

Photo by Mitch Randall and Tarek Moussa

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Juniors Deonte'e Smith, Elijah Prater and Austin French along with senior Brison Kratzchmar participate in the annual Wally Eating Contest tryouts. French, Prater and junior Nash Keirn went to the finals in Fort Wayne. "I just ate, it didn't bother me," Elijah Prater said.

Photo by Catherine Leaford and Cora Warstler



Freshmen Abby Betten and Lexi Cumberland and sophomore Whitney Haneline help business teacher Aaron Engbrecht move his desk from his old classroom the day before school started. Engbrecht moved so the new math teachers Katherina Wine and Michelle Janisse could be next to each other. "It was fun because I was anxious for school to start and I enjoyed helping," Haneline said.

Photo courtesy of Melanie Mason

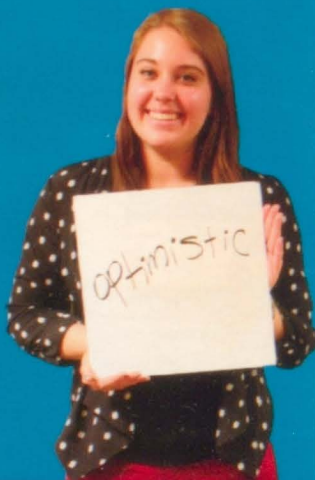


"I chose loyal because I am loyal to my family and friends."

**Sophomore
Emily
Shepherd**

"I'm hopeful and confident in the future."

**Junior
Tatianna Scott**

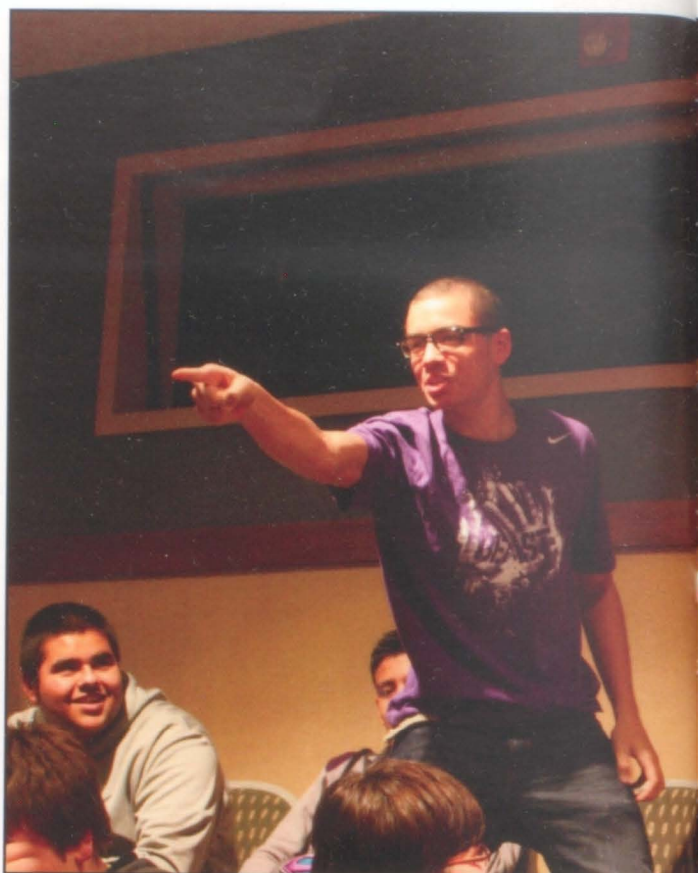


Junior Deonte'e Smith helps author Mike Mullin demonstrate something during his talk about his book series "Ashfall". Mullin wrote three book in this post-apocalyptic series "My favorite part was when he karate chopped the bricks in half," sophomore Chance Beck said

Photo courtesy of Melanie Mason

Sophomores Adrian Evans and Nia Mattern stack cups in English teacher June Yazel's class . The purpose of this activity was to build team skills and trust between students. "Monica Hatfield is really bad at stacking," sophomore Alyssa Weber said.

Photo by Zac Capps



Deonte'e & Michael's

✓ ~~Rachel's~~ Challenge

Q&A with two junior students who took on the challenge of collecting donations and conducting fundraisers to bring Rachel's Challenge to Valley.

Q: Why did you start this campaign to bring Rachel's Challenge to our school?

A: Teachers asked me if I would like to do this.

Q: What does Rachel's Challenge mean to you?

A: Mean us a chance to our community to better themselves.

Q: What's been the most difficult part of raising this money?

A: Staying consistent and to not get frustrating when things are getting slow.

Q: How do you think this program would help the community?

A: It would give them better trust in our school system because they'll know we cared.

Q: whats your major goal for yourself

A: Make a change and show other people they can make a change.



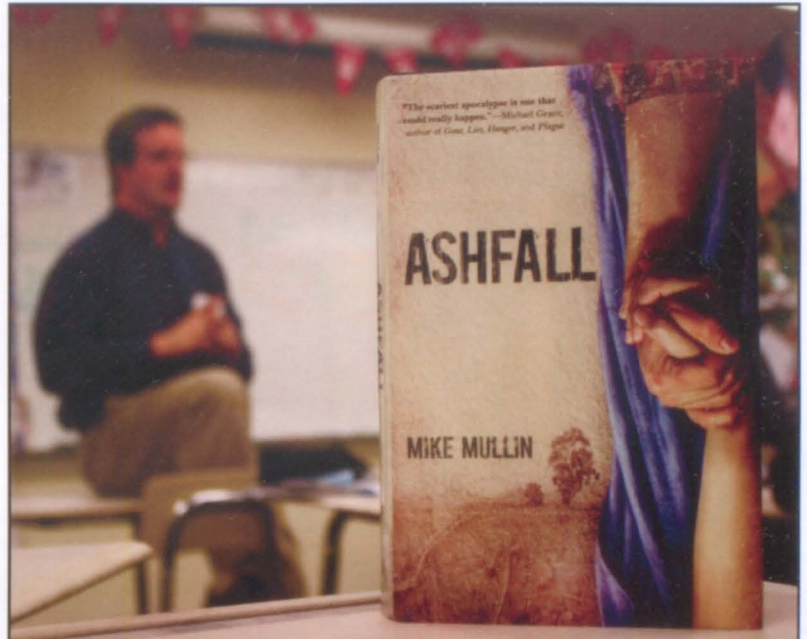
Thursday, May 1 Juniors Deonte'e Smith and Michael Thacker received an \$800 check from business teacher Aaron Engbrecht and the entrepreneurship class. The entrepreneurship class raised money by selling various products, including donuts and various drinks in the morning at school. Thacker and Smith set out to raised roughly \$11,000 to bring Rachel's Challenge to Valley , and they reached their goal on May 13. "I liked how our group (Madi Miller, Amanda Heltze, Brenda Krugar) all got so excited about making sales,"sophomore Whitney Haneline

Photo by Alyssa VanMeter



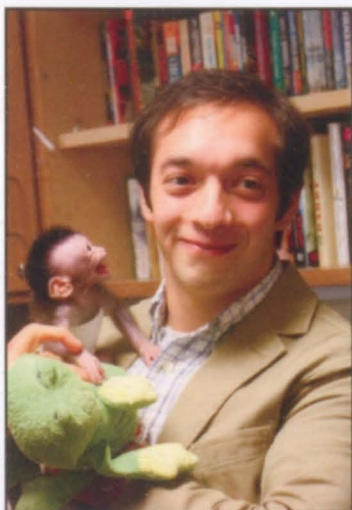
Author of Ashfall Mike Mullins ,visits the creative writing club in SRT and conducted a special writing workshop. The creative writing club shared some of their pieces to Mullins."Creative Writing Club lets everyone release their creativity, its like their own little paradise," junior Cassie Abalos said.

Photo by Tarek Moussa



Seniors Deonte'e Smith and Michael Thacker, and freshman Jared Mikel and Lauryn Gossett talk after school about Rachel's challenge. Mikel and Gossett ask Smith and Thacker about the Rachel's challenge program. " I think it is a good thing, people need to know about it, " Gossett said.

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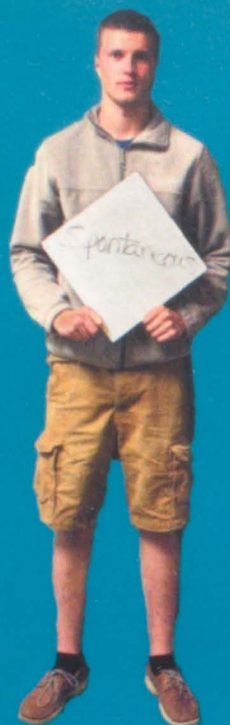
Biology Teacher Josh Lozano holds baby monkey Willy, Junior Mila and freshman Yarley Smalley's mom brought in for a fun day in biology. "Even though we may allow animals into our school something that doesn't mean we have a school full of them. they are among the brightest of students." science teacher Joshua Lozano said.

Photo by Morgan Thomas



Seniors Joshua Tucker and Taylor Garringer during YEA trade show. Boost Your Beauty is a non profit organization dedicated to making women and nursing homes feel beautiful. Seniors Sofia Boganwright and Garringer were the creators of the business. "The trade shows are really interesting because they give you a sneak peak of what the students are capable of" senior Alyssa VanMeter said.

Photo by Zac Capps



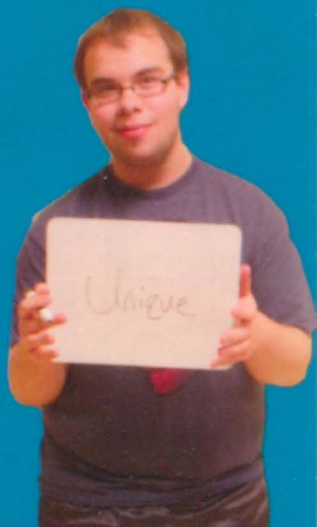
"I chose spontaneous because I tend to surprise people and I'm not very predictable, I tease and make people laugh but I can also be serious and get stuff done."

Junior

Jacob Lisenby

**Junior
Cameron Patton**

"Because all my life I've been told I'm different or unique because of the different ways I see things."



Sophomores Andrew Harlan and Madison Cooper share their Spanish book project with elementary students. The students wrote a book in Spanish and read it in both Spanish and English. "In the book we made, Santa and his elf's were bad. I think I failed the project so I don't really remember," said sophomore Andrew Harlan.

Photo courtesy of Michael

Sophomore Chance Beck reads his Spanish book. As a project the Spanish students went to the Elementary Schools to read to the students. "It [creating the book] was challenging because it was in a different language," junior Paige Schoettomer said.

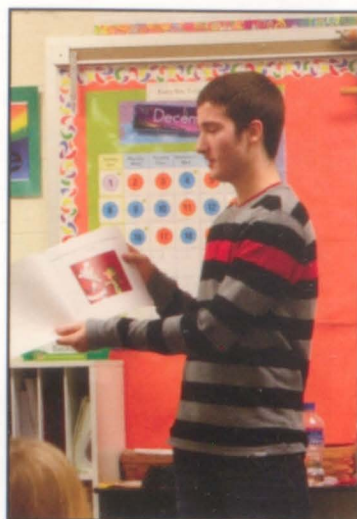
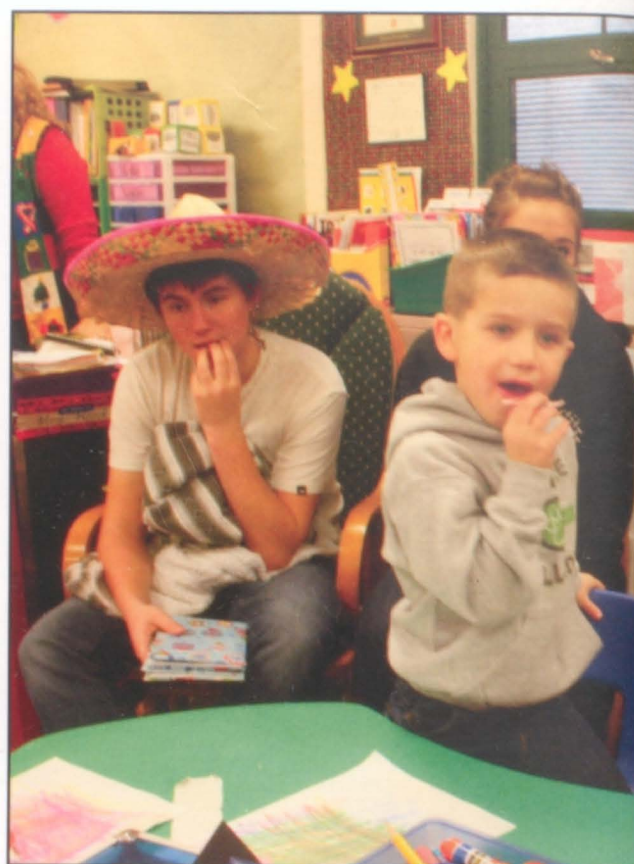


Photo courtesy of Michael Thacker



Re Building Community

FFA Students help community members rebuild after storm.

Sunday, November 17, a huge storm hit Fulton and Kosciusko Counties around 3:30pm. T.V. stations stopped their broadcasting programs and warned citizens to take cover.

The severe thunderstorm and tornadoes left many without power and damages. One area affected on S.R. 19, north of the school was the Tucker farm.

"I was at home by myself talking to my dad on the phone during the storm," sophomore Karis Tucker said

Sunday's storm caused a lot of damage at the Tucker family farm. Six barns and one tractor were damaged and a lot of farm equipment was thrown around.

Also, at freshman Lucas Mills' family farm their brand new barn had been blown to pieces while most of their roofs were damaged.

"We pulled a lot of sheet metal out of the fields by the trailer load," junior Cody

Senior Isaac Shewman serves food during the FFA community dinner. During the FFA community dinner students prepare and serve dinner to the community. "My favorite thing about the dinner was how many people showed up, since it was a foggy day," freshman Steven Schoen said.

Photo by Jada Gaff



Demske said.

Through all the damage and debris a handful of community members came to clean up the mess and help the families

"It's the right thing to do. Everybody needs help eventually. We need to set a good example," agriculture teacher Lisa Paxton said.

After the storm, debris was scattered all over the fields from the damaged barns. Neighbors, family, church and 4H members came to help the families in need. Paxton organized a group of FFA members to help clean up the mess at the Tucker and Mills farms.

"When we first got there, at both farms, it was a lot of trash everywhere that just needed picked up and gathered. At the Tuckers' we also helped to tear down some of the buildings that the tornado had already

damaged to the point when they couldn't be repaired. We sorted sheet metal and wood. The trash was a big part of it; there was just scrap everywhere," Demske added.

They tore down some of the wrecked barns and tore sheet metal off of the wrecked walls, then processed all the destroyed wood and prepared the metal for recycling.

"It was rough on the families and I was just glad we could help. They had a lot of work to do and it was awesome to see the community come together and help them out at a time of need. The experience made me think quite a bit about what a great community we live in, and I'm glad I can be a part of it," Demske said.

Story by Zac Capps



Some of Cami Shriver's Math Enrichment Class sort out some of the toys raised for Toys For Tots. "Making kids happy and being helpful to others [is my favorite part]," sophomore Anthony Collins said.

Photo by Catherine Leadford



English teacher June Yazel's English class sits in the hallway and reads *Monster* by Walter Dean Myers. "I hated it [the *Monster* project]. I don't think it had anything to do with English," sophomore Shawnee Severns said.

Photo by Liz Shepherd

Cami Shriver, sophomore Zach Wagoner, and junior Austin Collins count the Toys for Tot toys. "I feel pretty good, giving toys away and being helpful to others," Collins said.

Photo by Catherine Leadford

Re Think Outdoor spaces

Agriculture teacher Lisa Paxton's Landscaping two class plans and creates hardscapes.



Step: 1

Collaborate your design with construction paper.

Step: 2

Practice with pavers provided.

Step: 3

Layout your design in a horizontal format.

“Installing Hardscape projects is a competitive market in the United States today. Learning the skill to design and install paving products is a life skill as a home owner,” agriculture teacher Lisa Paxton said.

Step: 4

Include your vertical element.

Step: 5

Add complimentary landscape materials.

“The hardest part was the heat,” sophomore Drew Francis said.



Freshman Kyla Blevins asks where the Legos go. Cami Shriver's Math Enrichment class started a competition to collect toys for Toys for Tots. The winning class received breakfast.

Photo by Catherine Leadford

Sophomores Caitlyn Ott, Braxton Bahney and Hannah Kime do a teambuilding project for English teacher June Yazel's English class. Students had to lift cups using a rubber band "crane" to build a tower. "It helped us interact with each other and gave us new methods of work ethic," Ott said.

Photo by Zac Capps



**Junior
Brittany Shafer**

"All my friends love me and say I'm funny."

"I'm kind, thoughtful, and collected in my everyday life. I also always consider others when I make decisions."

**Junior Joseph
Shell**



Business teacher Aaron Engbretcht's class are blind folded for a team building exercise. The activity was to practice communication.

Photo courtesy of Aaron Engbretcht



Science teacher Crystal Heckaman and Principal Kirk Doebrmann write comments at the English 9A memoir art gallery. After the art gallery, the students turned their six word memoirs into full stories.

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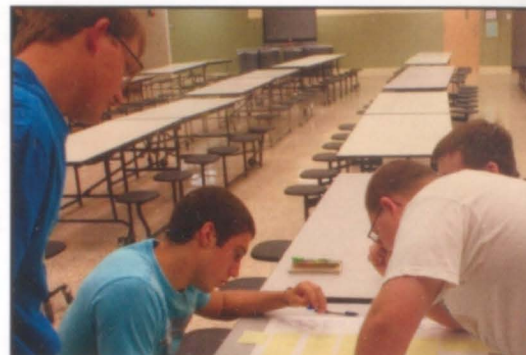
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Political and Economic Studies students work on a poster in the cafeteria to discuss the book "Lord of the Flies" by William Golding. Students read the book at the beginning of the year to start their discussion of the purpose of government.

Photo courtesy of Melanie Mason



Valley cheerleaders, cheer block, and other fans cheer on the basketball team during a game.

Photo by Morgan Thomas

Story by Stephanie Méndez



Seniors Landin Madsen, Cora Warstler Brittany Riffle, Lauren Brofford and Zachary Wiesehan chose to honor Jack Simpson, owner of Java Jacks. "We made posters [similar to] Java Jacks menu style to look like his chalkboard," senior Landin Madsen said.

Photo by Morgan Thomas



Students in English teacher June Yazel's English class read and discuss books with their groups. The class worked on becoming more critical readers this year and read texts including "Twelve Angry Men", "1984", "The Giver", and "Monster".

Photo by Zac Capps

Reply in Word



Braiden Rush

Sophomore



Keenan Kreighthney

Freshman



Dylan Stambaugh

Junior

Alright

Awesome

Okay



Sarah Pomeroy

Sophomore



Jocelyn Salmons

Junior



Ethan Smith

Junior

Creative

Messy

Fun



Sadra Long

Senior



Ashley Crill

Junior



Adam Lowe

Freshman

Magical

Creative

Helpful



**Junior
Jacob Collings**

"I will be the
Entertainment King."

"I chose curious because I like to see what the world is made up of and what it's all about. I always seem to be the one to be asking questions about the tiniest things."

**Sophomore
Andrea Cochran**



Dylan Stambaugh helps Shop teacher Dan Franklin's class in building the bridge for the school's musical, "The Wizard of Oz." Aside from Mr. Franklin's class helping with building, Art teacher Jan Mills' art classes also helped paint props.

***QUOTE**

photo by Jenna Schultz



Agriculture teacher Lisa Paxton's FFA club goes out to help a local family, who was hit by a tornado this past November. "I was at home by myself talking to my dad on the phone during the storm." Sophomore Karis Tucker says. The storm didn't only damage Tucker's barn, but tore down freshman Lucas Mills' new barn.

photo courtesy of Lisa Paxton



Students at TVHS

Employees ¹

Seniors Alyssa VanMeter and Mason Veach have both worked for the school this year. VanMeter worked as a custodian, and Veach worked as the part of the Tech Support Team.

Q: How was your first day?

A: It was boring because I watched and didn't get to do anything.

Q: How did you feel once you started doing hands-on projects within the school?

A: I felt overwhelmed and it was scary because I was starting from scratch and doing something I didn't know how to do.

Q: What convinced you to work at the school?

A: The raise, it was a big factor to me because I have to pay a lot of bills. So whatever money I can make helps me out, specially with a wedding coming up.

Q: How was your first day?

A: Extremely nerve wracking. I was so scared because I didn't have hardly any experience with IT (information technology).

Q: Do you see yourself going anywhere with this field?

A: I don't know yet, it's honestly a hard field to learn and to get into.

Q: Do the teachers seem to understand you coming in to classes, to work on computer things?

A: Yes, for the most part anyways. I'm a pretty quiet person so if I open the door quietly, people don't even know I came in.



Juniors Ashley Childers and Ashley Bahn class. "Well I was nervous because I didn't have fun," senior Desiree Sanchez said

Define

Enlistment

Three students choose a unique path that will lead them from school to a military career

When people think of the military, what do they think of? Bombs? Guns? Blood? That might be what some think of, but for Valley students Ellis Hall, Branigan Bahney, and Mark Hicks it's something totally different. For now, the three students are enlisted in different branches of the military, but all their paths share similar aspects.

Junior Ellis Hall was accepted into the U.S. Army on March 21. Hall played football for Valley as #85. Earlier this winter he had to pass a few tests to officially be enlisted. "They were easy. So far

I've only taken the ASVAB and my physical," Hall said.

Hall will be stationed to Fort Oklahoma on June 25. On April 12 he went to Elkhart with senior Pfc. Branigan Bahney to drill, where they trained for AIT (Advanced individual training.) Next fall, Hall will be taking his AIT test, and if he passes and graduates from AIT he plans to change from being in the Army National Guard to Military Police or Infantry.

Bahney, currently enlisted in the U.S. National Guard as a private first class and attends Burket

Educational Center. He played football for three years at Valley as #79. Bahney was stationed for Basic Combat Training (BCT) in Fort Benning, Georgia. Last summer, Bahney's family made a 17 hour trip to see him graduate.

"I was really excited to see Tori because she's my twin. TWIN POWER." Throughout the three months away from home he got to make three, 15 minute phone calls. He said he tried to make each phone call about three minutes and tried to keep them strictly family. He thought he only contacts two people from BCT, he

has kept in close touch with Pfc Cody Brave-Birdbeck and Pfc Jacob Grivna by social media. When he is fully graduated and finishes AIT he plans to get an apartment in Akron.

Senior Mark Hicks is currently enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. Hicks ran three years of cross country, one year of track, and started swimming this year but due to his time scheduling, had to quit. Unlike Bahney and Hall, Hicks can't attend any training other than mandatory PT every Wednesday until he graduates.

"PT doesn't only prepare you physically, but it mentally prepares you for things like drill and sergeants yelling in your face," Hicks said.

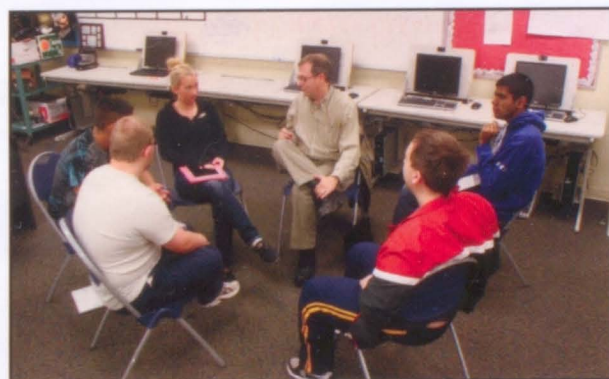
On June 2, Hicks ships out to San Diego Calif. for his training, and depending on how he performs physically and mentally, he will be given one of his top three jobs. He is hoping for a firing director

Story by Jenna Schultz



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Photo by Mitch Randall



Students sit in discussion with Joe Secrest for the Young Entrepreneurs Academy. Students created their own businesses. "The best part of the YEA is that unlike high school classes, this one actually felt useful," senior Tyler Presson.

photo by Melanie Mason



At the beginning of the year, freshman Yarley Smalley, daughter of Deb Smalley brought in her newborn monkey to her biology class. The monkey was only 4 weeks and. "It wasn't weird or anything because she has done it before," freshman Jessie Demske said.

photo by Jenna Schultz



Freshman Garrett Hall

"I have always been there for others and I have always listened to other peoples problems even if they were about me."



Omar Aguilar



Joseph Alspaugh



America Baca



Marisha Bahney



Caleb Bandow



Kaila Bartley



Donald Baugh



Samuel Bell



Chance Beltran



Abigail Betten



Victoria Biddle



Jady Biggs



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Kyla Blevins



Meredith
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Hannah Brower



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Cheyenne Burns



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"I always think of weird cool things that work some are dumb and don't work but I still thought of it."



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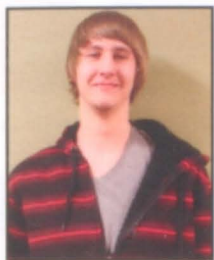


Andrea Ewing



Nick Feldman

no longer
I'm a Freshman!



There's less homework.
-Sophomore Christopher Bauer



It's a step closer to graduation.
-Sophomore Sierra Robinson



You're not scared and not new.
-Sophomore Breanna Conley



Jesse Floor



Lisa Fournier



Drew Francis



Diana Garcia



Madison
Gearhart



Stephen Gilbert



Kevin Good



Katelyn Gunter



Cheyenne Hall



Samantha
Hamilton



Kyle Hamman



Eric Hammer



Kylee Hancock



Whitney
Haneline



Taylor Hanes



Andrew Harlan



Monica Hatfield



Brandi Hazard



Lucas Helton



Madison
Henninger



Andres Herrera



Jeremy Himes



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Brittany
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Brandon Lozano



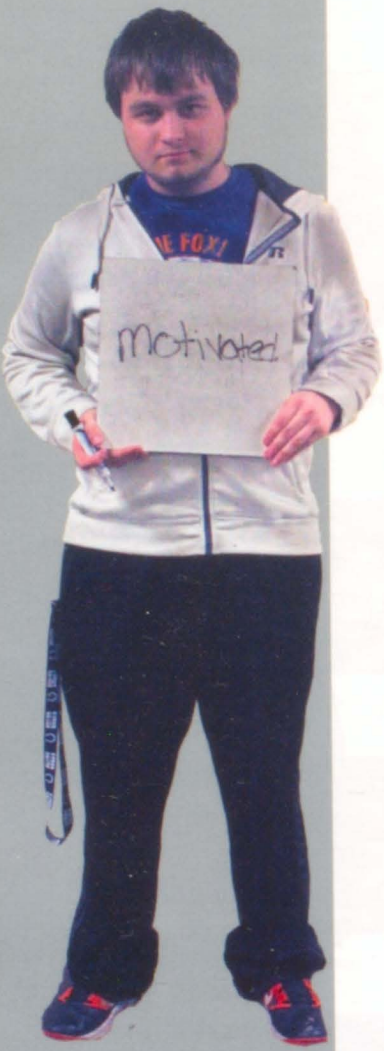
Harli Manns



Ashlee Marshall



Nia Mattern



**Junior
Andrew Tanner**

"Because I am a motivated person, and I know I can get things done if I keep working hard."



Bree Mc Cane



Ryan McLaughlin



Shay Merley



Amber Mikel



Kurt Miller



Madison Miller



Rikko
Montelongo



Robert
Morehouse



Rebecca Murphy



Dylan Myers



Jay Myers



Krystal Neeley



Trevor Neeley



Austin Nickerson



Katherine Nolan



Joshua
Norman-Price



Alexis O'connell



Elizabeth
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Dwayne Ohrt



Kaitlyn Ott



Julia Pomeroy



Sara Pomeroy



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Kadin Sebastian



Shawnee Severns



Aric Shafer



Emily Shepherd



Mark Shepherd



Benjamin Slone



Michaela Snapp



Harrison
Sponseller



Isaac Sponseller



Kane Stellar



Blake Tipton



Raechel Torpy



Karis Tucker



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Vandiepenbos



Elizabeth
Vanmeter



Shelby Vining



Zachary Wagoner



Makaila Warner



Allyssa Weber



Brandon Webster



Taylor West



Daianara Witham



Dakota Woodcox



Ashton Woolley



Kylee Zuniga



Tyler Zuniga



Sophomores Kadin Sebastian, Andrea Ewing, and Amber Mikel try to build a standing spaghetti tower using spaghetti noodles, a marshmallow and some strings. This was a team building activity in English teacher June Yazel's class.

Photo by Allyssa Vanmeter

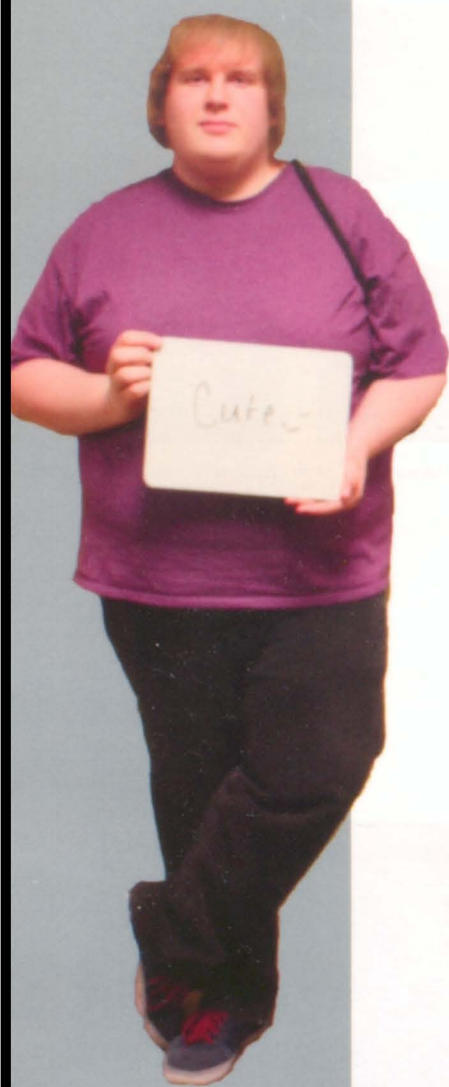


Sophomores try to pull the other team to win tug of war.

Photo by Zac Capps

Sophomores Austin Nickerson, Hannah Kime, and Lexi O'Connell get ready to do tug of war at homecoming Olympics. The sophomores won overall for the tug of war portion.

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**Senior
John Rhodes**



Chelsea Abalos



Brice Adams



Derek Adams



Laken Adams



Ashley Bahney



Tabitha Baldridge



Juan-Vernon
Bastardo



Danial Bean



Jaden Biddle



Jack Boldry



Ciara Bolling



Mariah Bradford



Micah Bradley



Jazzmine Brown



Corey Carson



Ashley Childers



Devin Childers



Andrea Cochran



Jacob Collings



Preston Conley



Daulton Cover



Cassandra Crider



Ashley Crill



Hanna Dalrymple



Dillon Davis



Lashea
Dawson-May



Cody Demske



Nathaniel Doss



Darian Dotson



Casey Dunn



Hailyn Dunn



Lauren Early



Kara Eaton



Lillian Egolf



Logan Elliott



Mackenzie Ellis



Richard Emmons



Leslee France



Colton Francis



Trevor Franklin



Jordan Fraser



Austin French

RE Playing With Phones

Students tell their favorite apps and songs from their phones and why they enjoy them.

Favorite Apps

Twitter

"I like to watch drama."
-Leslee France

Instagram

"I just like social media."
-Kassidy Shepherd

Wanelo

"I like to look at all the cute clothes."
-Mackenzie Ellis

Twitter

"I like to read what people have to say."
-Laken Adams



A student plays a popular game, Flappy Bird during study hall. Recently the game has become unavailable for download from the Apple Store.

Favorite Songs

"All Night Longer"

-Sammy Adams
"It's exciting."
-Lillian Egolf

"Got Your Back"

-T.I.
"It hits my heart."
-Ashlie Tackett

"Graveyard Whistling"

-Nothing But Thieves
"Cause I like it"
-Andrea Cochran

"Headband"

-B.O.B.
"It makes me happy."
-Mariah Bradford



Michael Galloway



Eva Garcia



Aaron Gearhart



Pamela Gonzalez



Zachary Gordon



Eliud Gutierrez



Kaira Hackworth



Ellis Hall



Kaylyn Hamman



Gabriel Harlan



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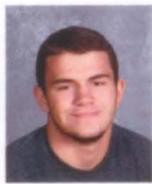
Maria Hernandez



Ryan Hodson



Aaron Hoffman



Dylan Hoffman



Jade Hoffman



Tabitha Holloway



Skylinn Holmes



Jamie Houtz



Megan Howard



Joy Hurd



Drake Hyden



Raymond Jarvis



Chase Jones



Sarah Jones



Petgen Joshua



Tristan Justice



Michael Keim



Gaige Koors



Cade Krider



Jordan Lacroix



Catherine Leadford



Misty Leek



Jacob Lisenby



Jarred Littlejohn



Aj Long



Gary Long

Freshman Amanda Heltzel

"I am involved because I am a member of student council, Key Club, sunshine girls, FCA, band, and track! I am involved because I am a member of student council, key club, sunshine girls, FCA, band, and track!"



Ricardo Lopez



Mia McHaffey



Brooklin McKain



Jonah Mikel



Nicole Mikel



Kasha Miller



Carrie Montague



Jose Murillo



Brandon Murphy



Austin Nault



Wyatt Nelson



Ashley New



Chandler
O'Connor



Hayly Oldfather



Caylin Ortega



Charles Parker



Ashley Patino



Cameron Patton



Garrett Paxton



Heaven Peconga



Travis Pettit



Marissa Phillips



Maricela Ramirez



Jayson Reed



Shayla Reed



Abigail Reeser



Kevin Rodriguez



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Mackenzie Ruiz



Cody Runyon



Alexander
Salmon



Eva Salmons



Paul Schaeffer



Jarazna
Schaeffner



Ariel Schoettmer



Paige Schoettmer



Brittany Shafer



Joseph Shell



Kayla Shepherd



Kaytlin Shilling



Tenaya Shull



Milagro Smalley



Alexis Smith



Cody Smith



Deonte'e Smith



Ethan Smith



Briley Spurlock



Dylan Stambaugh



Brittan Stewart



Madison Strong



Ashlie Tackett



Andrew Tanner



Caylie Teel



Sarah Templin



Alex Thacker



Michael Thacker



Salleigh Torpy



Taylor Trippiedi



Noah Tucker



Jared Visel



Scott Wallis



Stephen Walsh



Isabel Warren



Shelby Warren



Cody Welch



Anthony Williams



Kayla Woodcox



Bryce Zimpelman

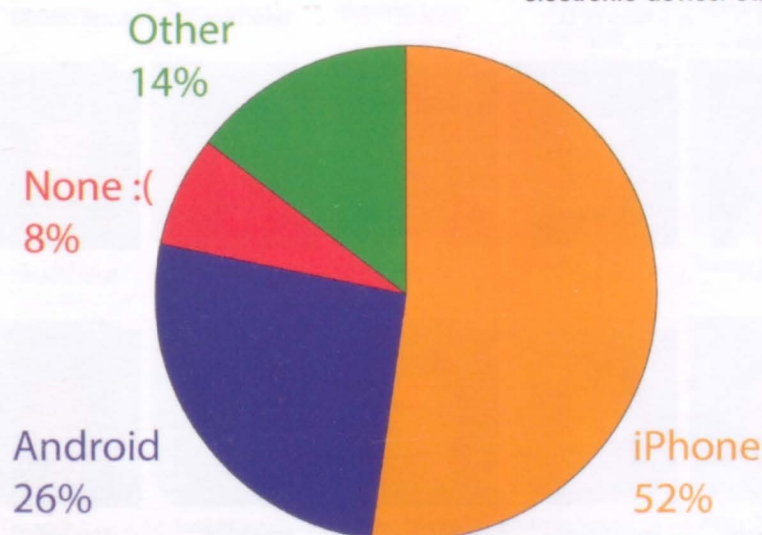


Chainey Zolman



Justin Zuniga

Re vCall cell phone choice



Technology seems to have invaded every part of students' lives. From iPods, to tablets, to computers, to cell phones, students are rarely without some kind of electronic device. Students share what type of cell phone they have and why.



Sophmores Morgan Brazo and Shayla Hoffman check their phones during lunch.

42 students surveyed



Sara Alexander



Thomas
Alexander



Tanner Andrews



Diana Baca



Juan Baca



Branigan Bahney



Victoria Bahney



Shelby Baker



Kelsey Ball



Nicole Baugh



Chassidy Bays



Tara Beck



Keaton Bell



Sofia
Boganwright



Alexis Brazo



Logan Britton



Lauren Brofford



Alicia Cames



Cameron Castle



Dereck Caudill



Jirapom
Chantong



Noah Clampitt



Heaven Clark



Amber Cochran



Taylor Cole



Derrick
Cunningham



Valeria De La
Rosa



Autumn
Deniston



Devin Doty



Robyn Dunnuck



Kathy Eagleson



Kelsey Eckert



Robyn Erklin



Andrea Ewing



Noah Fisher



Jamie French



Chris Gagnon



Nicholas Gamble



Brandi Golitko



Robert Groom



Arron Heller



Mark Hicks

Jerica Long

Nolan Sponseller

Biggest Flirt

Sara Alexander

Tanner Andrews

Cutest Couple

That Never Got Together

Most Likely to Crash on your Couch

Logan Britton

Jerica Long



Anna Higgins



Cara Hoffman



Kirstan Howard



Hailee Hunsberger



Jonah Hyde



William Inglehearn



Devon Jackson



Cody Jamison



Jacob Jennings



Fernanda Jimenez



Karissa Johnson



Brooke Kaser



Jaron Kidd



Chad Kintzel



Brisin Kratzchmar



Casimir Kromkowski



Kristin Lacroix



Casey Laycock



Alexandria Lewis



Lindsay Lingofelter



Alexis Lisenby



Jerica Long



Sadra Long



Joseph Madeford



Landin Madsen



Kristen Malott



Cruz Marquez



Brandon Maull



Kortney Mayorga



Tyler McDonald



Rebekha Mikel



Kelsey Miller



Tara Mollett



Tarek Moussa



Tanner Neeley



Uyen Nguyen



Alaina O'connell



Alaya Pelo



Trey Peterson



David Prater



Tyler Presson



Mitchell Randall



John Rhodes



Brittany Riffle



Maria Rosas



Yarnilet Ruiz



Desiree Sanchez



Kayla Sanchez



Kirsten Schipper



Tatianna Scott



John Secrest



Maverick
Shelpman



Elizabeth
Shepherd



Isaac Shewman



Benjamin Shriver



Thomas Shultz



Drake Sparkman



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Cynthia
Stamberger



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Emily Templin



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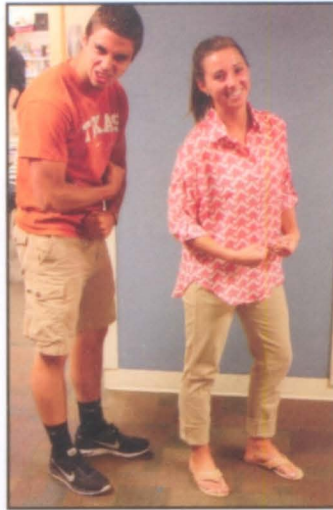


Tiffani Young



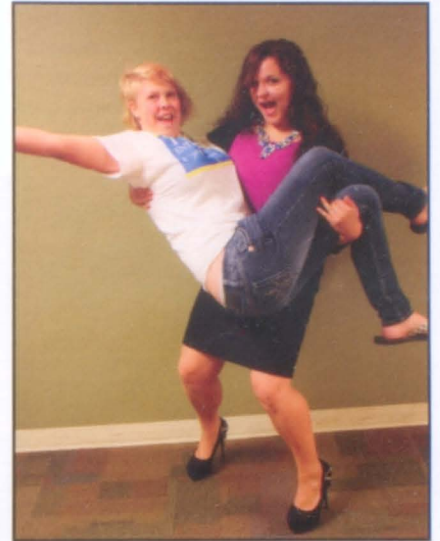
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Tanner Neeley & Alaina O'Connell



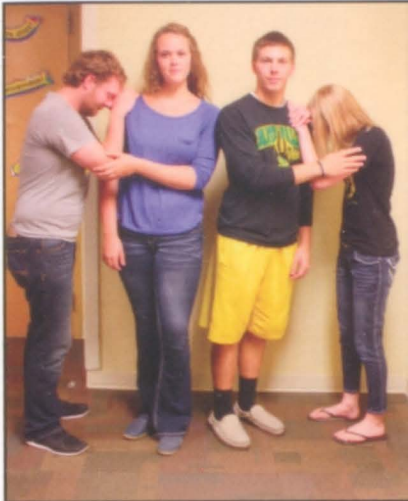
Most Likely to Win an Olympic Medal

Nolan Sponseller & Cara Hoffman



Best Friends for Life

Cynthia Stamberger & Alicia Carnes



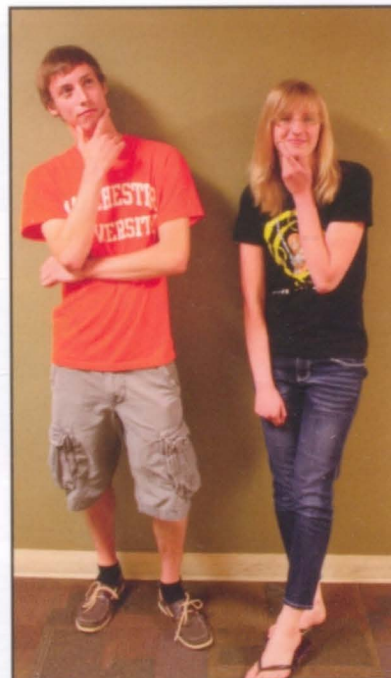
Best Shoulder to Cry on

Sara Alexander & Ben Shriver



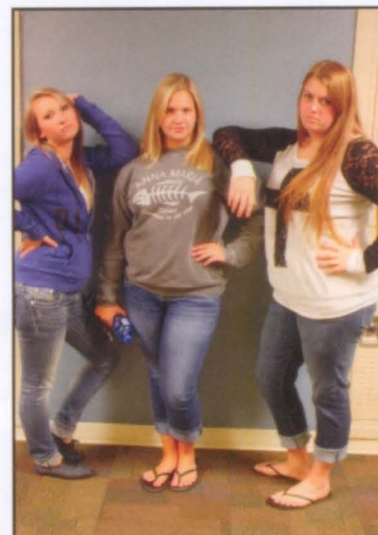
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Derrick Cunningham & Kelsey Eckert



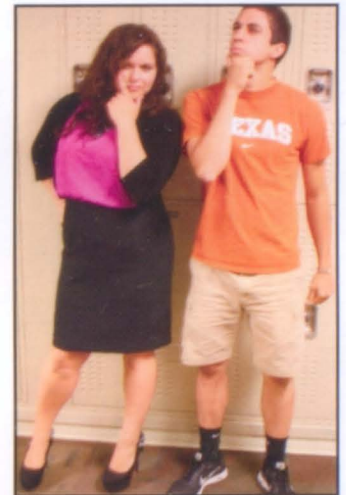
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Brandon Maull & Liz Shepherd



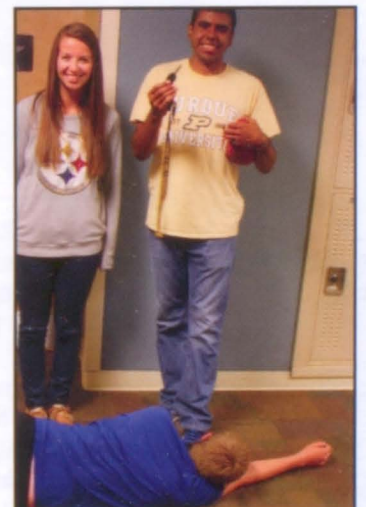
Most Likely to be on a Reality Show

Sofie Boganwright & Cameron Castle



Most Likely to Take Over the World

Cynthia Stamberger & Nolan Sponseller



Most Likely to Kill a Pedestrian

Robyn Dunnuck & Juan Baca



Wes Backus



Scott Bibler



Dugne Burkhardt



Brittoni Bush



Deb Day



Kirk Doehmann



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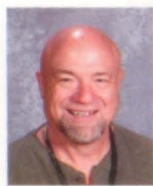
Debbie Johnston



Joshua Lozano



Micah Lukens



Doug Makula



Noemi Malagon



Melanie Mason



Jan Mills



Darren Parker



Lisa Paxton



Debbie Potter



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Diane Sheetz



Cami Shriver



Jeff Shriver



Jason Smith



Lindsay Smith



Eric Sorensen



Mark Williamson



Katie Wine



June Yazel



Debra Zawlocki

The 2013-14 staff poses for a photo as part of a goodbye gift to principal Kirk Doehermann. Doehermann left for a position in Whitley County Consolidated Schools, which was closer to home. He had been principal at Valley for eight years.

Photo by Elizabeth VanMeter



1. Ag. teacher Lisa Paxton, building trades teacher Wes Backus, Burket Educational Center teacher Micah Lukens, and English teacher Melanie Mason attempt to build a spaghetti tower that will be taller than the rest of the other groups. This was part of a collaboration exercise at the beginning of the year.

2. Assistant Principal Jon Hutton, choir teacher Mark Williamson, science teachers Crystal Heckaman and Josh Lozano, and English teacher Lois Buss create a plan before starting to build their tower.

3. Special needs teachers Debbie Johnson and Cami Shriver and science teacher Josh Lozano dance to Aretha Franklin's "Respect" to introduce their presentation to fellow staff members.

4. Counselor Scott Bibler, band teacher Janell Riner, English teacher Doug Makula, and Spanish teacher Kris Walker perform at Valley's Got Talent. This was the band, The Fi-Nites, last performance.



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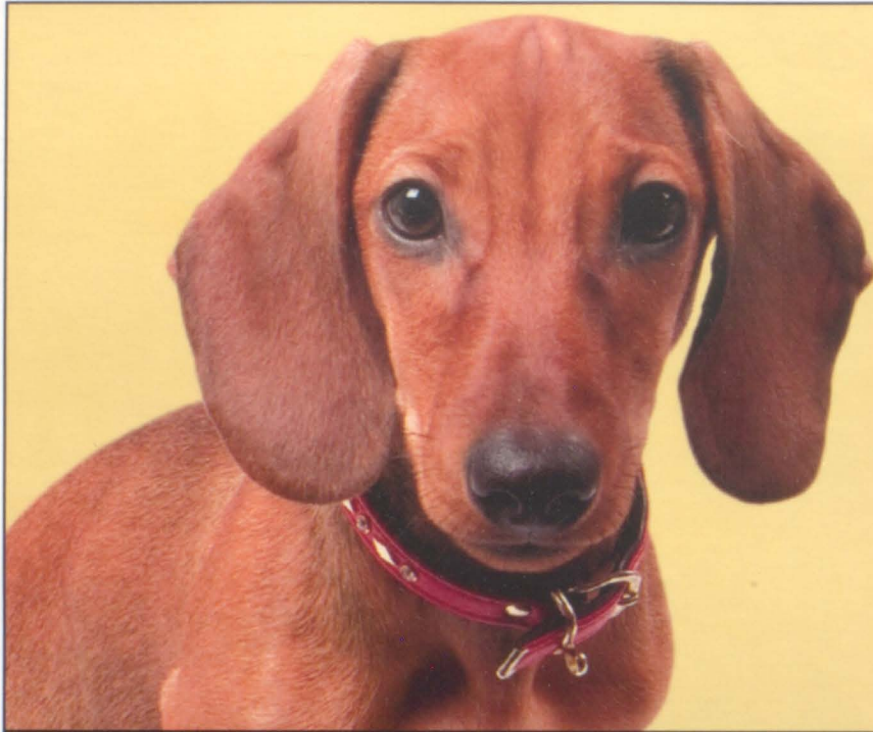
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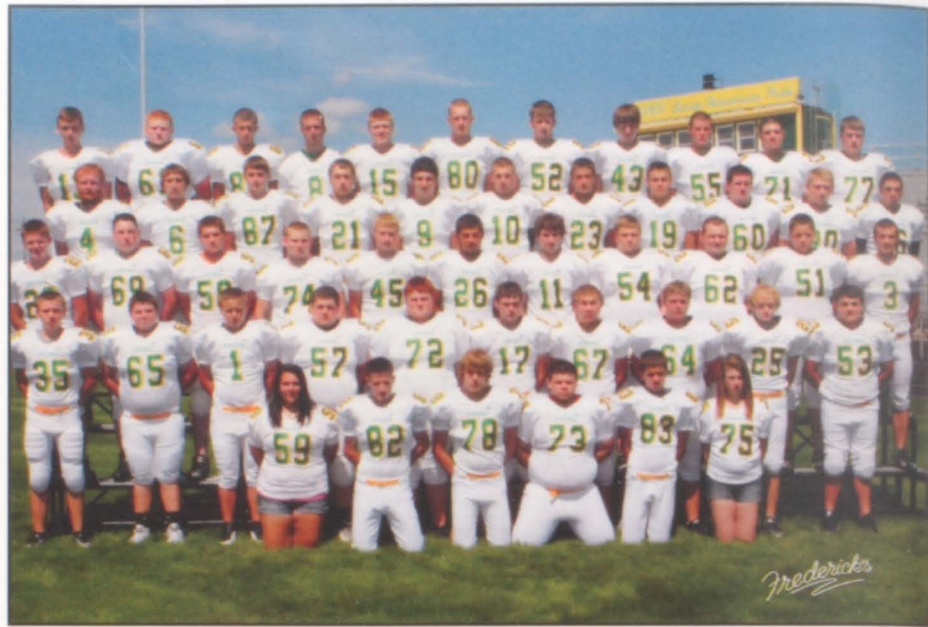
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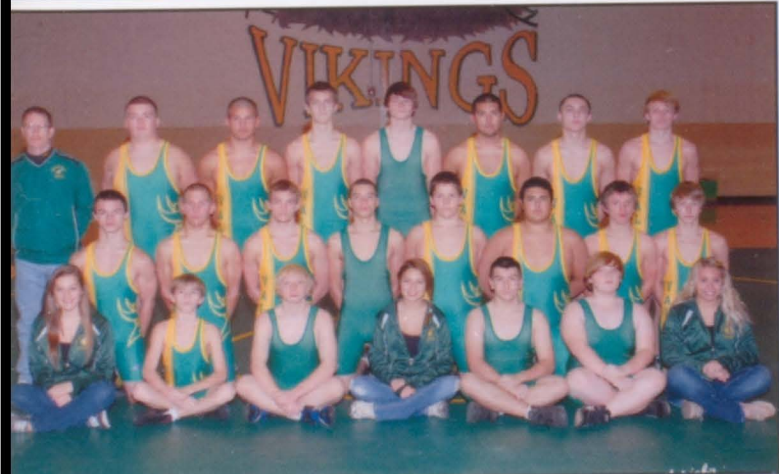
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Doehrmann and senior Juan Baca pose for a selfie for the Runic Review student newspaper's selfie contest on Doehrman's last day.

Photo illustration courtesy of Juan Baca



Seniors Alicia Carnes and Tyler Presson pull Doehrmann into the classroom during Political Economic Studies to grab a quick selfie for the contest.

Photo courtesy of Alicia Carnes



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Scan the QR code or go to the link to watch Doehrmann's fairwell video.



Doehrmann shakes senior Nolan Sponseller's hand after announcing that Sponseller had just won the Lilly Endowment Scholarship.

Photo courtesy of Melanie Mason

ReLOCATE

After working as the principal of TVHS for eight years, Kirk Doehrmann, accepted a position as the Director of Business Operations for Whitley County Consolidated Schools, which meant he'd be working with the budgeting and accounts for the corporation.

On March 18 Principal Kirk Doehrmann informed the students, on my big campus, that after graduation he will be resigning. Doehrmann has been principal for eight years, and he has just finished his Education Specialist Degree (ESD) this past fall. The degree is needed to become a superintendent in the State of Indiana. Doehrmann's biggest goal is becoming a superintendent. His new job will be the Director of Business Operations at Whitley County Consolidated Schools (WCCS).

"Doehrmann was the first principal to hire me on and give me a chance. If not for him I wouldn't have the opportunity to be the teacher I am today," Health and Physical Education teacher Brittani Bush-Garbers said.

There are many reasons Doehrmann decided to move up to this new job. One of the biggest reasons he took the job was because it was closer to his home in Columbia City. For the past eight years he has been making a 32 mile trip one way

to school. The new job is only three miles away from his home. Doehrmann's daughter, Kathryn, will also be a senior at Columbia City High School, which is part of the WCCS corporation. This job will provide the next step to becoming a superintendent.

"He always smiles and asks how your days going and really generally cares," senior Cynthia Stamberger said.

Before coming to Valley Doehrmann was an associate principal at East Noble, and then he was an assistant principal at Elm Heights. When the position for principal at Valley opened up Doehrmann came to the open house at the school. According to Doehrmann the teachers and administrators really made him feel like this was a good place to be. He felt like he developed as a leader over his years as principal.

"It has been really rewarding to see students grow through four years and see them graduate," Doehrmann said.

Story by Zac Capps



Doehrmann and freshman Maci Jaberg post for a selfie for the Runic Review student newspaper's selfie contest on Doehrman's last day.

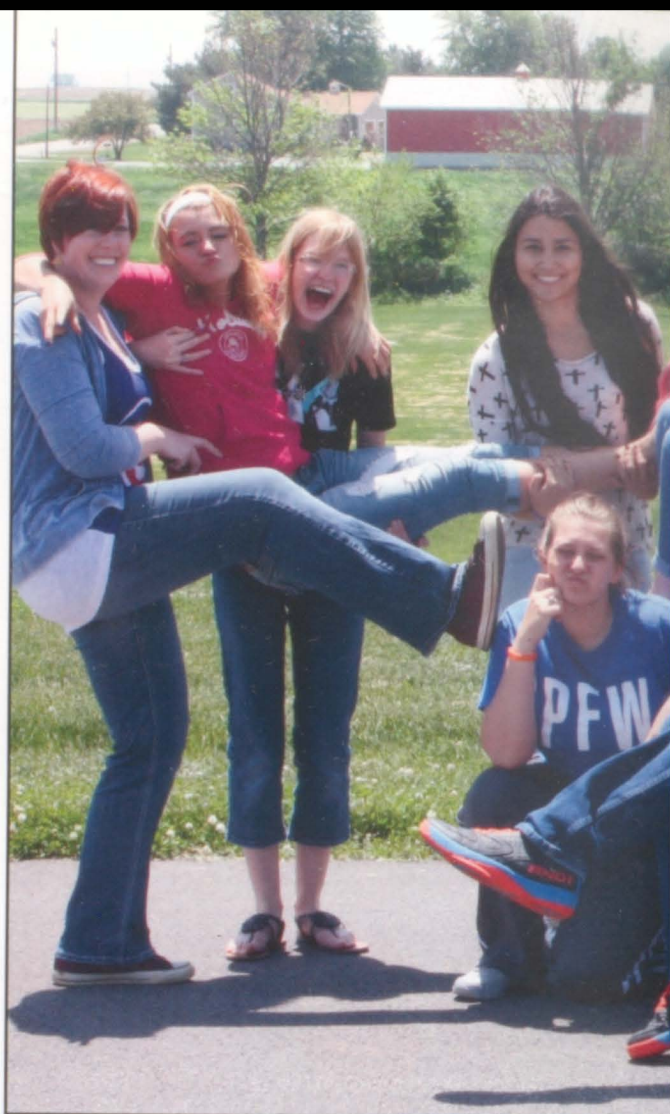
Photo by Maci Jaberg

Members of the student publications staffs pose for a goofy picture on the last day of school. The only staff member not pictured is senior Tarek Moussa, who returned to Germany in December.

Photo courtesy of Aric Shafer

The student publications staffs pose with awards they won at Ball States Journalism Day. The newspaper staff won a total of four awards while the yearbook staff brought home three. In the fall the yearbooks staff also won two awards at the 2013 Indiana High School Press Association convention. This was the Runic Review's first time competing.

Photo courtesy of Melanie Mason



Colophon

What DEFINES this year's yearbook & newspaper?

Saga yearbook, volume 39, was produced by the yearbook staff at Tippecanoe Valley High School in Akron Ind. and was printed by Balfour Publishing Company in Louisville, Ky. The account was serviced by representative Abby Klug and account executive Jessica Youngpeter.

The 2013-2014 yearbook contained 100 pages and sold 171 copies for \$45, \$50, \$55 each. The theme, ReDefine, was developed by junior Catherine Leadford, sophomore Zac Capps and freshman Jenna Schultz during a Balfour staff retreat in August. The 8 1/2 x 11 cover features a gloss hard cover and Smyth binding. All pages were printed in full color on 80# paper stock. Fonts used throughout the book include Ballardvale, Status, Olympia-Heavy, Olympia-MediumCord for all copy, headlines, sidebars and captions.

The book was created using StudioWorks on Acer Iconia tablets and HP Compaq desktops, and was submitted to the publishing plant online. Student portraits were taken by Lifetouch Photography. Athletic team shots were taken by Frederick's Photography.

The Runic Review newspaper was created using WordPress hosted on Dreamhost servers. Newspaper students used Windows Movie Maker to produce all multimedia pieces. Students on both staffs took photos using a Canon Rebel XL digital SLR and Olympus point-and-shoot cameras.

Senior Autumn Deniston "comes in like a wrecking ball..." during a newspaper vs. yearbook lip sync contest. The newspaper staff performed "Call Me Maybe" by Carly Rae Jepsen, but they were still unable to beat the yearbook staff.

Photo courtesy of Melanie Mason



Freshman Josie Forney, junior Catherine Leadford, and seniors Alyssa VanMeter and Cora Warstler pose for a quick photo outside.

Photo courtesy of Aric Shafer





Student Publications Honors & Awards

Ball State Journalism Day

Runic Review newspaper

Honorable Mention Website Overall

Excellent Photo Story

Honorable Mention Multimedia Storytelling

Excellent Column or Commentary

Saga yearbook (for 2013 book)

Honorable Mention Traditional Design

Superior Personality Feature

Excellent Yearbook Overall

Indiana High School Press Association Conference

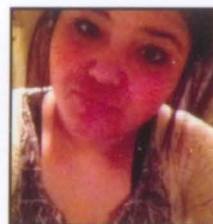
Saga yearbook

Third Place Yearbook Sports Photo Div. 1

Honorable Mention Overall Theme Div. 1

2013-14 Student Publications Staff

**I'll work on the publications,
but first . . . lemme take a #selfie**



Alyssa VanMeter
Runic Review EIC



Catherine Leadford
Saga EIC



Cora Warstler
Social Media Editor



Zac Capps
Staff Reporter



Josle Fomey
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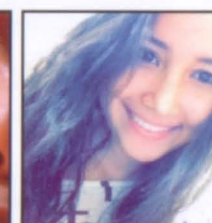
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Kaytie Shilling
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Jenna Schultz
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Morgan Thomas
Staff Reporter



Biranna Willard
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Autumn Deniston
Staff Reporter



Elizabeth Shepherd
Staff Reporter



Melanie Mason
Adviser



Students from Spanish teacher Kris Walker's class provide feedback to students in Spanish teacher Noemi Malagon's class.

Photo courtesy of Amber Cochran



Principal Kik Doehrmann and Spanish teacher Noemi Malagon pose for a photo. "I felt nervous about next year, the unexpected, what's to come," Malagon said. Doehrmann left in mid-April to assume a new position at Whitley County Consolidated Schools.

Photo courtesy of Amber Cochran



Sophomores Allyssa Weber, Kadin Sebastian, and Nick Railsback as well as senior Branigan Bahney perform the musical "The Wizard of Oz".

Photo by Liz Shepherd

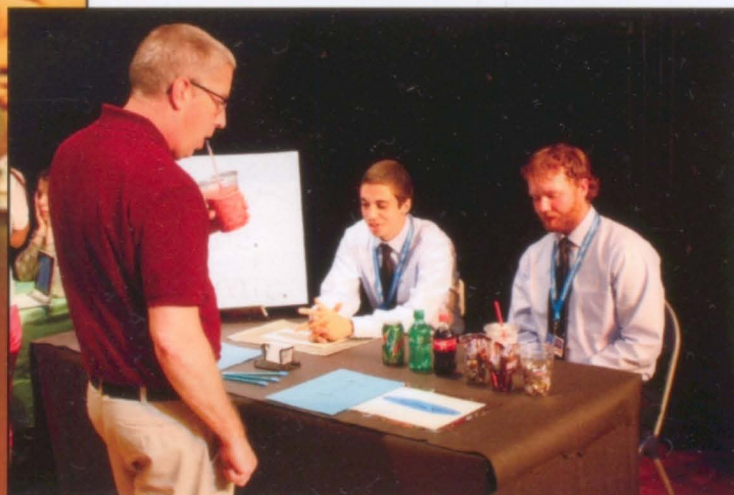
ReDEFINE

Creative. Athletic. Determined. Faithful. Dedicated. Proud. Loyal. Unique. Passionate. Strong willed. Committed. Athletic. Supportive. Plugged In. Talented. Distinguished. Responsible. These are the words the yearbook staff chose to define each section of the book. Words the students believed defined the school. However, these are only a small fraction of the words that could be used to define the students, staff, faculty, and administrators as well as the members of our community. Throughout the year these words changed, shifted, disappeared, and reappeared in new ways. They meant something different for each member of our small world. These words defined what it meant to be a Viking, and just like every moment of every day Valley changed this year. Innovative. We introduced new technology. Adaptive. We tried new instructional methods and worked to improve the traditional classrooms we've already known. We overcame sports injuries and academic obstacles. Collaborative. We worked together to gain new insight and new experiences. This school year teachers, administrators, community members, and students alike *redefined* what it meant to be a Viking.



Valley band students practice before a basketball game in the band room. "band, when I think about it, I think about music and instruments. I may not be the greatest saxophone player but I still play and learn everyday about music," freshman America Baca said.

Photo by Tarek Moussa



Teacher Dan Franklin talks with seniors Josh Tucker and Nolan Sponseller. Tucker and Sponseller created a business as part of the Young Entrepreneur Academy and were showing off their hard work during the trade show.

Photo by Zac Capps

Freshman Jacob Irwin smiles for a photo during a hay ride through Doud Orchards. The special needs students took a field trip in the fall to pick apples.

Photo by Autumn Deniston

Juniors Kaytie Shilling and Danial Bean pose for a picture with history teacher Jeff Shriver and principal Kirk Doehermann at prom. This year prom was held in the Fort Wayne Botanical Gardens.

Photo by Makayla Ruiz



