

# Things like this happen only **ONCE**in a lifetime

Open this book and it won't be hard to see that the same things as years past, happened yet again.

But they didn't happen like this.

After all, you hang your college flag in the Senior hallway only **INCE**You get accepted to perform at MMEA **INCE** 

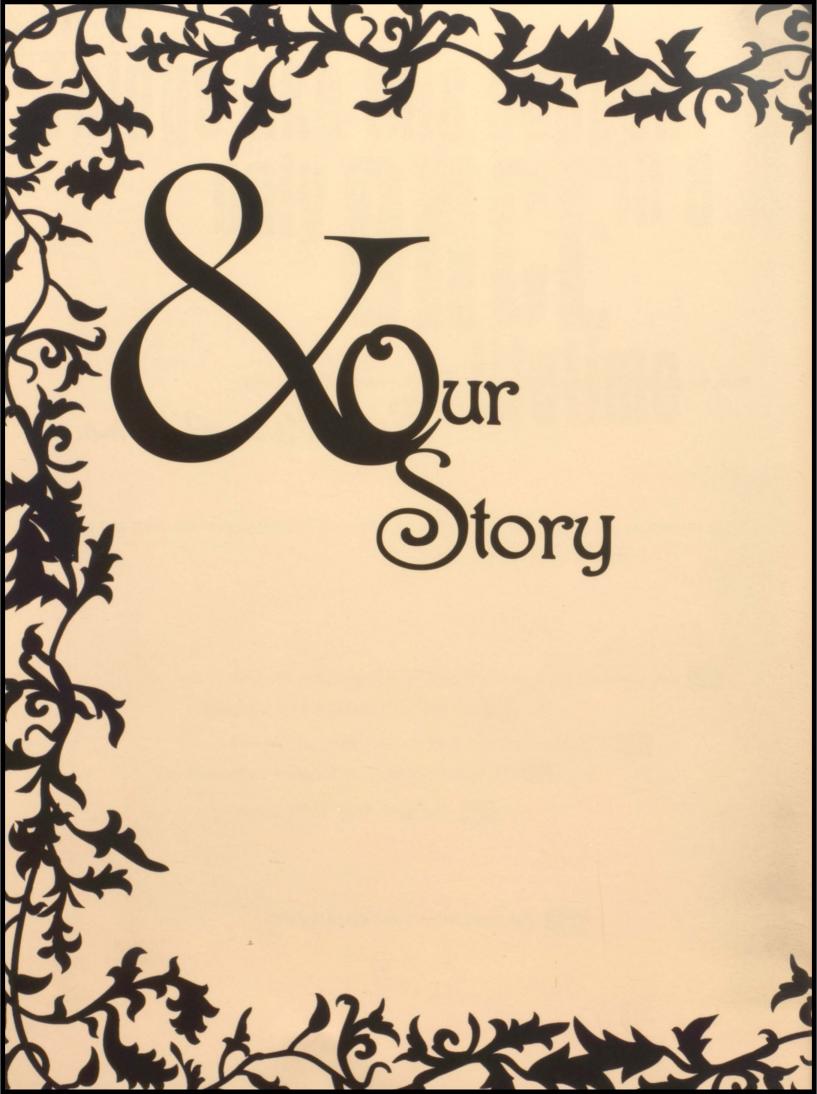
You paint a homecoming banner as a sophomore only **ONGE**You blow up potassium & water in Chemistry only **ONGE** 

You're called "fresh meat" only INCE

You get to walk across that stage only

Sure, the same thing happens every year, but it happened this way only

Once Upon A Time...





aka: "the best four years of your life"

**LANGONG!** it is actually the biggest learning experience of your life **← RIGHT** 

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Chemisty will consume your life

PLEASE STOP asking me what I want to be

Junioritis is a thing

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your group of friends is a lot smaller

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why am I still here?

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS "the future is out there"

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# FRESH19MAN

it is not anything like you see on T.V

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don't walk in packs and don't cry.

if you do not put your full effort into your classes, you will soon regret it.

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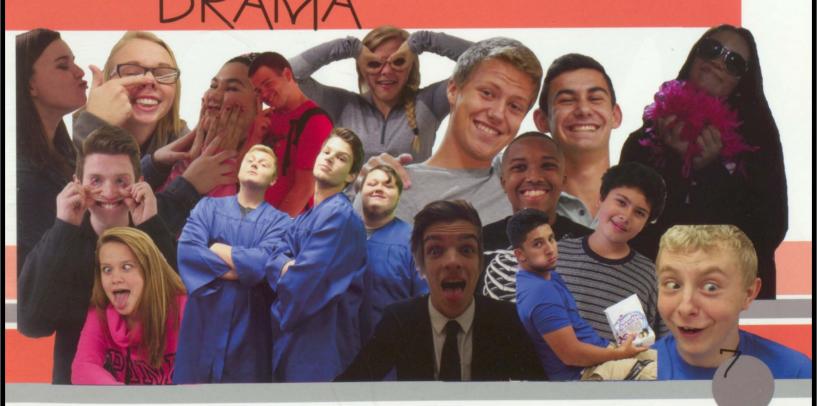
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# the lights

With fresh faces and new objectives, change was a prominent factor for the football Wildcats this season yet returning lineman David Ortega, junior, explained that "new players bring a lot to the team and us returning players improved due to the effort put in over the summer."

The season kicked off with a critical match up between the Wildcats and the Trinity Titans. Prior to the game, Coach Sargent, new head football coach, reminds his hardworking players that they have spent many hours preparing for this game, both sweat and time have been put into this--he is ready and they are ready; now all they have to do is go out and take it.

Senior Wildcat DeRenzo Blanks takes the first touchdown of the game leading the team to their confidence and heating them up to play on.

The game really got interesting in the fourth quarter, with two yards to go until the first down. Trinity ran the ball.

Senior Austin Buchheit tackled Trinity's running back, preventing them from obtaining the first down they sought. Later on in the quarter, Wright City needed a first down to score and quarterback Andrew Pfuhl threw a corner route to senior Troy Muse who caught the ball and acquired the first down setting the Wildcats up to score.

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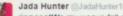
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Every team member high-intensity game and out. Troy Muse and attention to offense with gains; Austin Buchheit took control on defense stopping an player in his way; Kyle Tuepker rushed the ball and set the team up for scoring drives.

The Wildcats fought their entire way through, bringing home a tight victory of 20-18.











Sophomore Austin Haffner, transfer student from Warrenton High, has had his fair share of moves. "I have moved 17 or 18 times, usually they are for five or six months at a time." But he doesn't seem to mind it too much. "I like to move around a lot I am the type of guy who likes to be on the move." The transfer to this new school wasn't too difficult for the Wildcat though as "so many people from Wright City came from Warrenton or hang out there on weekends so I felt pretty comfortable on my first day." Fun fact: Austin has actually lived in Hawaii

and says out of his many moves, it was his favorite. "Before school on Mondays and Fridays my dad would take me to the beach, I would get back just in time for a shower before school." Ausitn keeps his eyes on the future with set plans and high ambitions "I like this school because the teachers are more involved in our learning, I used to be a troublemaker; this year I plan on applying myself. I am looking at things more positively and trying to take a different path." It is not surprising that this traveler has future travel plans of his own. "I plan on moving to Hawaii after

graduation to live with my cousin who used to be in the Air Force." Wright City High school is always accepting of their new members and many students join clubs and sports to help ease the transition. "I would play football again this year but, I have back problems and the doctor told me it wasn't the best idea, I was the receiver and substitute for defensive line." As many of us know, Warrenton is Wright City's rivalry. No need to fret-Austin has joined the Wildcats full heartedly and even says, "Wright City has a better football line up."

# hat is the most embarrassing thing that happened to you during summer break?







Once I was swimming and I jumped off a diving board into the pool. When I landed in the pool, my swimming suit top came up over my head. There were a lot of kids around."

-Sophamore, Hanna Galeazzi

# What is the most embarrassing thing that happened to you as a kid?







\*Once at a dance recital, our costumes were raisins and we danced to "Héard it Through the Grape Vine." I began to slip and a dropped into a middle split. I was unable to get up the rest of the performance and had to sit there until the aurtains closed. Once they were alosed. I yelled for help and the audience heard me and loughed. Business Teacher, Mrs. Taylor

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Brian Emst @MEmstWC #onceatwc Sonny Pogue ripped his jeans while doing lunges in @MrErnstWC 's class.



Ms. Cearley @dmcteacl .
#OnceAtWC #APLit went outside for a fire drill on tornado drill day

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The thrill of the game isn't experienced only by those on the field. For members of the Blue Crew, their Wildcat Pride runs through their veins and out their megaphones in support of our student-athletes. Beginning at the tailgates and ending with the last play. Blue Crew cheers loudly throughout volleyball and football games.

For Michael Ogborn, senior captain of the Blue Crew. it all started his sophomore year when he saw the 20 13-14 Blue Crew leader controlling the crowd. Now, in his last year of high school. Mikey gets the crowd rowdy by starting chants and providing horns and noisemakers for other members of the Blue Crew.

Orew member Taylor Almond explains she enjoys being a part of the spirit section because "no matter what happens in the game, we support our team."

As for the future of the Blue Crew upon graduation. Mikey says, "I want someone to come into the Blue Crew next year and take charge. We are the change that is being made." Mikey hopes that the Blue Crew will only continue to get better as people follow the example he has made.



















tough game against both Trinity Catholic High School and Orchard Farm High School, while the Wright City varsity volleyball team is 1-0 after they played Bowling Green.

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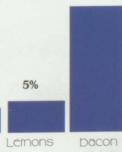


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# FRESH MEAT



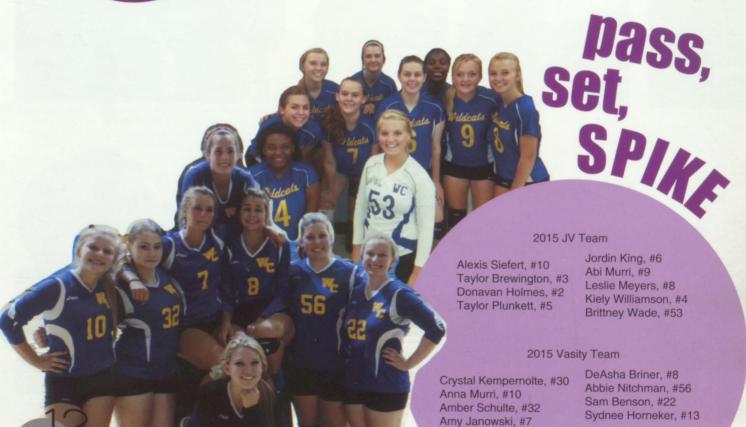
"High school is so much different from middle school. In high school, there's more work that we do at a faster pace. Adjusting to the amount of homework and fitting it into my schedule with sports has taken some time to get used to. I was super nervous to start high school, but I was excited to meet new people. It hasn't been too bad." -Riley Heiliger

Melina Campbell is a freshman that is new to the Wright City School District. She says, "The teachers here at Wright City are much better than my teachers from previous schools. They help you set goals for yourself to help you succeed. I actually felt comfortable enough to talk to people of the first day of school."





Freshman Michael Durand is new to the school district. Michael says, "I like high school better than middle school. Even though high school is harder, at least we get more freedom and we get to pick some of our classes. My brother Joe used to go here and my brother Jacob is a senior here. Jacob, my brother, kind of helped me adjust. Sean Pfuhl became my friend, which also helped a lot."



## Would YOU rather?



#### Live forever with a boring life or die young with an exciting life?

"I would rather live forever, but have a boring life. I am a laid back person. I enjoy watching TV and doing absolutely nothing with some friends. Living forever would be so cool to see how the world changes over time."--Senior Megan Melton

#### Be able to travel to the past or see into the future?

"I would want to travel to the past. I could experience historical events and see the world as it was in different time periods. I could learn so much and use my current knowledge that people didn't have in the past."--Junior Zach Stewart

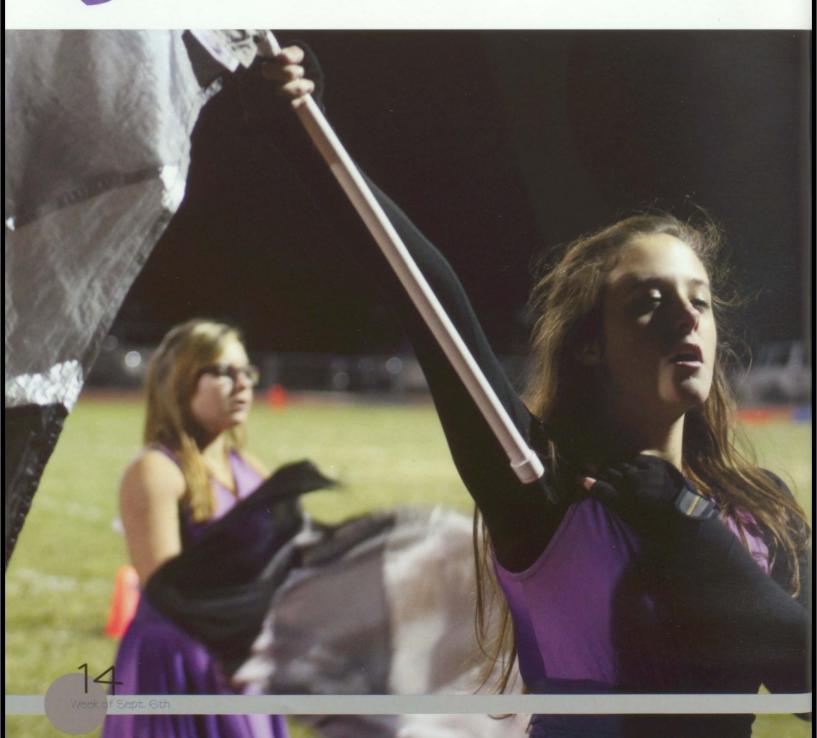


Over the summer, it is necessary to go swimming or to the beach--get a break from school to just relax for the next two and a half months. Where others go to parties and live summer up, Arthur Ludwig, Jake Mueller, and Nick Mueller go on a savage "Man vs. Wild"adventure. Fondly called "Ruffin' It", the wilderness adventure rivals a story-book epic.

wilderness adventure rivals a story-book epic. The camp begins in the Mueller's backyard with just the trees for scenery. The adventurers trek just beyond the nearly forty acres of land toward a wooded area. Their destination provides the seclusion from neighbors and amenities that they seek. After the journey they establish their base about a mile into the woods. "We were never scared of anything out there," Jake claims. "Although, one night there was a firefly flying about, but none of us knew what it was. Then, Nick got up and just darted toward it, barefoot, to find out. Pretty brave of him if you ask me." The boys are only allowed to bring a few items at a time. These items include: matches, a tarp, clothes, and themselves. One year, Arthur told Jake that he looked like a "Vietnam War soldier." Ever since then, the theme of survival camp has been Vietnam. This Ruffin' It lifestyle has been going on for the past two summers. Arthur came up with the idea for a crazy one full day and night trip. His favorite memory about the trip was wrestling with Jake, over a flashlight, in the dirt at three in the morning without their shirts on. This was just so Arthur could restart the fire that Nick accidentally put out. Arthur says that he really loves when they sit up and just talk about absolutely anything and everything. Yet, Jake interrupts with, "Last trip, Nick and I stayed up talking about weird philosophical things and aliens. All the while, Arthur had no input at all and was just trying to sleep."

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# BACK IN THE OFINGS THINGS



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on the field.

Sweat drenches the boys as they fight all the way to the end winning against Bowling

Green 14-0. The win exhilarates the crowd-Wright City now boasts the title of a 3-1 record.



committed heart will search for a solution. The undecided

heart searches for an escape." This quote holds true for all Color Guard members including seniors, captain Tiffany Mozee and Emily Hurd (pictured left). Constantly looking for ways to improve and sync up with the music more

naturally, these girls practiced their five routines day and night since June. The twirling and spinning of the flags isn't

the only thing practiced on these long nights. This season's four field routines involve more body and dancing which

meant the girls had to put in much more work to improve their flexibility, agility, and over all muscle memory.

Whether working in a group choreography, separate by flags and rifles, or solos, the attention to detail reflects in the flow

"When confronted with a challenge, the



XIn honor of 9/11. Blue Crew members wore red. white. and blue to cheer on their Wright City Wildcats football team against Bowling Green.

&Abbie Nitchman leaps to get one of the nine blocks of hers against the Valley Park Hawks, who the

who the Lady Wildcats sweep in two tough matches



"I think Suicide Prevention and I think Suicide Week is important because Prevention Week really emphasizes that."

-Kailyn Gudermuth

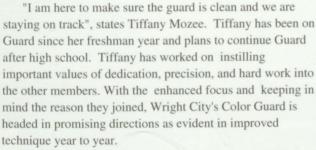
"I think Suicide Prevention Week is important because I don't think people realize how often these situations occur" -Leah Yossen

With a sharp exhale. Tiffany
Mozee's breath floats visibly in
front of her as she catches her
flag after the perfect toss.





& Sophomore. Lanie Smith tossed her flag up. and even with multiple flips in the air she never lost focus. With no hint of nervousness in her face. Lanie flawlessly caught her flag and continued on to twist the flag between her fingers and hit the pose.



After immeasurable hours, it is finally game day. The applying of makeup, doing of hair, and suiting up in uniform and they're finally ready to show off the time and effort they have put into making sure every twist and twirl is just right. The drum cadence marks the opening of the show. Flags raise, the band's chimes signal the fluttering of flags through the air.

As trumpets slightly roar, the performance is in full swing. A common mistake of non-band members is grouping the band performance and the guard performance as one. Though the guards' moves compliment the music, they have full routines that are separate and individually display skill that is takes a special passion to acquire. Yes, commitment takes a lot, but when you devote this much passion into an activity, commitment comes naturally. These girls aren't just Wright City's color guard. They are the "sisterhood of the traveling flag."



With a twist, twirl, and a toss all you can see is a yellow flag subtlety fluttering through the air, adding the perfect visual compliment for the crescendo in music. As you watch the flags spin through the air, it is hard to not be mesmerized by this under recognized form of art.



WCHS... still watch Disney
Channel are vegetarians/ vegans 14% drink energy drinks before school own iPhones

For have allergies say Sleeping Beauty is their favourite princess have a paying job have never been stung by a wasp have not attended WCHS their full high school experience love the smell of gasoline

22% sleep with their socks on

do not have a Facebook 100 currently have braces are an only child 10% do not live with their parents
14% say green is their favourite colour do not have their own rooms







Finding Alaska

With each school year that rolls around, comes new students. Most of which come from the town next door or even a distant county around the state. For junior globetrotter Austin Shaw, or as you may know him, "Alaska", distance was quite the triumph. Traveling all the way from Palmer, Alaska, he had his eyes set on Wright City High School for their great band and sports programs. Moving isn't rare for Alaska with his father being in the military and all. He has lived all over the southern states from Louisiana to Georgia, and then made the trek all the way to Alaska.

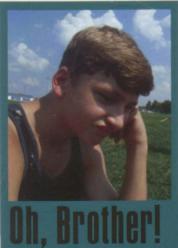
Alaska has a wide variety of talents. He's a jock who plays baseball and hockey, a band geek who can really rock both the trombone and bass trombone, not to mention steel drums too, and over all, he is a computer nerd. Alaska loves to spend his time designing blueprints using on what he calls "a very complicated program," AutoCad. He can use it to design buildings, or his favorite hobby, model airplanes. One of the biggest things that sticks out about Alaska is his optimistic personality and his passion to always press on, because he knows that, no matter what life throws his way, it will make him "smarter and wiser."

A few years ago me and Joey were sitting in band, and if you know Joey at all, you know he does **not** talk. He is the quietest person and hearing his voice is a rarity that should olease you. Anyway, we were sitting in band, right, I was goofing off, and Joey started *cracking up*. Like he would not stop. Then Ms. Huber comes up and screams at me for being too loud, even though it was Joey.

Billy Pohl, freshman

"We were on a bus to an away basketball game, so to pass the time I played some games on my phone. You know, like those impossible games that came out straight after flappy bird in that same style? I was playing one of those where a box jumps over spikes or whatever, and Billy covered my eyes. Completely dark, couldn't see. But I continued playing anyways and kept going and I got pretty far."







## Banana-grams

"My mom used to write me little messages on my bananas when she would pack my lunches. One time she wrote samething along the lines of "don't forget about your monthly visitor". Everyone at the table could see, and it wasn't exactly the sweetest motherly message she could've given me. Definitely not what I was expecting."

- Courtney Lawson, senior

"Last year my brother, Alec. and I were driving home, right after getting our fresh cuts. We were just jammin. listening to some fire tunes. On our way, we hit a three-way stop. Ou light was green, so we started pulling out into the intersection and this guy decided to run his red light. He almost boned

the car, but his us soon enough to where he just hit the front-right tire. Alec had to get stitches above his eye, and I was lucky enough to just have seatbelt-burns. It was definitely a memorable night -Drew Lamparter, soohomore

# What're ThoOoose?

From crocs to muck boots, ugly for questionable) shoes have been alorified by the UrbanDictionary phrase "what're those?" Coined in 2011, the phrase gained steam this summer because of a video that went viral on social media. Wearing a pair of shoes that others would consider ualy almost sets yourself up for mockery.

Justine Harrison, junior, says, "I think the whole 'what're those phrase is truly irrelevant. I mean it is very funny and catchy, but when you see, say it all the time and people say it too much, it gets kinda out of hand."

"What're those' is funny, but also very disrespectful. Some people don't have the money to buy great shoes and that isn't fair to them," says Abbey Jaspering.

Like all trends sparked by social media this phrase will eventually be a matter of fleeting history. In the meantime, lace up your sneakers or slide on your slippers at your own risk. You never know who is lurking to cast a "What're Thoooose?" your way.











1. Devon Holmes rocks a pair of brand new Lebron 12s. "I've been trying to collect a pair of shoes from each basketball player's shoe line and I decided to start with Lebron James."

2. Kenzie McMullin rocks a pair of red, white, and blue Birkenstocks on 9/11 to support her country at the football game on Friday night

3. Ms. Cearley wears a pair of blue and gold Toms that she found marketed as UCLA Toms, "which is wrong because they are Wright City Wildcats Toms. 4. Mrs. Bessie models a pair of Wonder Woman converse in support of her favorite childhood

5. Matthew Kinealy says "I wear these shoes every day because they're comfortable. They're my favorite pair of shoes

































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A tough player doesn't see only failure and success, they see the journey of becoming a better player though rigor and small, consistent gains. The Lady Wildcats may not have had their best season, but Brooke Vossen clarifies that "Without Coach Ross' sarcasm and him pushing us to our potential, the season would've been the worst to end our senior year." The girls have played with Coach Ross since their freshman year and have always looked up to him. He has really influenced their lives and helped all of the girls figure out what they want to pursue in life. Ross was also inspired by these girls with growing tears in his eyes wishing them the best.



# Left, Right, Left





Wright City High School's marching band hosted the seventh annual band competition on September 26, 2015.

Although the Wright City Wildcats Pride Marching Band could not compete because they hosted the event, they performed for the rest of the schools.

The competition started with a parade that began at Wright City Middle School and ended at Wright City High School. The schools then had to compete in an indoor drum line competition, an indoor guard competition, and a field competition.

Fulton High School walked away with the highest score in the parade and the victory in indoor guard. Warrenton High School claimed the highest scores in field performance and indoor drum line as well as winning the overall competition.

#### **Colors Out**



Red: no pink: get outta here it's purple: nuh-uh yellow is where it's at." No matter your color or your class, it was evident that this homecoming week was going to be a good one Monday morning when you walked through the doors. Freshmen. sophomores, juniors, and seniors alike strutted their class pride by coming together in color. "1-6." echoed through the hall to show the underclassmen who's boss. Senior dominance reigned and their unification earned them 1st place to start off spirit week.

& Grab your skirts, flip-flops, and sunglasses, but instead of hitting the waves let's hit the books!" Wildcats got to live-out summer one last time before the chill of autumn took full affect. Once again, seniors took first place, followed by luniors.





sophomores, and then freshmen. That may happen during most spirit weeks, but Hawaiian day was one of a kind.

# STAND Out











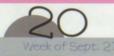


year may already seem give students a chance to where students get to be stands out during this dressing up for a full cans to the Student in their pride even if or covering yourself in pep rally rolls around. takes to be victorious. of 2016 is crowned the though the other just pushes them to try all, it's only

see which will come

While the summer may be fading away, the school year is in full swing. Students are finally getting back to their daily routines and teachers aren't hesitating to crack down on the rules. Although the school year may already seem give students a chance to where students get to be stands out during this dressing up for a full cans to the Student

that means dressing in full-out, tacky Hawaiian gear your classes' color. Finally, the widely anticipated The final chance to prove your class has what it As the pep rally comes to an end, the Senior Class winners and earns the spirit football, and even classes leave in envy, that doesn't ruin their day; it harder and go even more "all-out" next year. After a year that classes battle it out in a series of events to out on top.



# Spirits Out

& Do you have any face paint? Let me borrow your bandana!" These are just a few of the priority questions during the most anticipated spirit day: Blue and Gold day. As you walk in the doors you immediately enter a sea of blue and gold. Fully drenched in the school's colors. students across the grades prove that this spirit day isn't simply about the class spirit. It's about Wildcat Pride.

#### **Characters Out**



# GAME TIME

"DUB-C, DUB-C!" Wildcats have high spirits as representatives of all grade levels gather in the student section of the bleachers, ready to cheer the team to a victory. The crowd--a flood of pink--stands ready to yell in pride; the team--a flood of blue--line up for the kick-off. With a blow of the whistle, the game springs into action. To start the action, Senior Austin Buchheit brings Van Far to a halt with a power tackle. The momentum moves the Wildcats forward and brings the Blue Crew to their feet. Play after play the boys in blue give the crowd something to cheer. 4th and 10 and Buchheit once again comes up with a huge stop this time with Junior David Ortega by his side. This stop turns possession over and Wright City is now on Offense. The boys have a run: Andrew Pfuhl crosses the line of scrimmage, passes the ball to Junior Dakota Phillips who is wide open. The pass to Phillips is complete and brought down in a tackle at the 6 yard line. Andrew Pfuhl hands the ball off to Senior DeRenzo Blanks who then successfully gains five yards. Shortly after, Pfuhl finds Senior Troy Muse who is open in the end-zone...

TOUCHDOWN! Play in the second half continues as strong when a block from Sophomore Joe Phillips ensures an opening for DeRenzo Blanks to complete a 35 yard touch down, securing a Wildcat lead. Toward the end of the game Wildcats maintain lead because of players like Sophomore Jacob Diveley who makes a huge stop in the 4th quarter for second and 10, getting the tackle for a loss. Though the Cats finished the first half down, the boys rallied back in the second half and take the game winning 44-18.

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catherineelisa6 @jakeholstein108 is for sure my #mcm! Can't believe you're leaving in less than two months, I'm going to miss you like crazy... Love you darling

### **#ManCrush Monday**

How do you cure the Monday blues? Attractive men. It works every time. Everyone posts pictures of the boys they've been crushing on so scrolling through your Instagram feed will be sure to cheer you up.





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## #Transformation Tuesday

Let's face it, you're getting hotter. Puberty is just about over and you're proud of the outcome. And to let everyone know just how much better you are now from what you pace were, you show them the difference.













## #ThrowBack Thursday

Take it back a few days weeks, months, or even years. People share their favorite memories with their best friends. It's really just an excuse to post all those photos you forgot to, so now it won't seem as too late.





### #FlashBack Friday

Reminisce on those happy moments that happened vnce upon a time. This is basically the exact same thing as #ThrowbackThursday but it's on a Friday.

#### #WomanCrushWednesday

It's not fair for just the men to be appreciated, so to celebrate the week being halfway over, everyone posts about the girls they love.



# Senio Night

On October 8th, we celebrated five varsity seniors playing their final high school volleyball season. This was the girls' last home game. The Lady Wildcats took on the Bowling Green Bobcats in two sets, winning both. "Winning senior night was definitely my best memory from high school volleyball. The baskets and gifts we received were super sweet," Abbie Nitchman reminisced with a smile on her face.

The night was filled with emotions; laughs were exchanged, smiles all around, and tears were shed. "I think the thing that I will miss the most about high school volleyball is the friendly competition. I'm a very competitive person, but I enjoy sharing the court with the people I trust," said setter Sam Benson. For libero Sydnee Horneker, the game has helped her realize what family and friends feel like, and see the importance of teamwork and friendship.

Amber Schulte has realized some of the same things Sydnee has because the thing she will miss most is the team bonding with her high school peers, "You get to know the other girls and how they play."

Sydnee Horneker and Amber Schulte have both chosen to further their volleyball careers by continuing to play in college. Sydnee has been accepted to play for Lindenwood University-Belleville, and she will also be joining their lacrosse team. "Yes, I'm going to miss high school volleyball, but I'm excited to have the opportunity to play in college." Amber plans on playing for Hannibal LaGrange University as a setter. She is excited because volleyball is a thrilling part of her life she just can't give up. "College is a much higher level and all of the girls are there for the same reasons."

These five came to the court every game and give it their all for each other. They're more than a team; they're a family. A winning season with the teammates they love was the perfect reward for all their hard work and dedication.





Sophomore Jaime Malta traveled to Medjugorje,
Bosnia on a pilgrimage to see the Apparition of the
Virgin Mary. Jaime went with a family of five and
four other individual travelers like himself. The
people who joined Jaime were complete strangers
but they all got along easily. Jaime's favorite part of
the whole experience was climbing Cross Mountain
(pictured to the right). "It was peaceful and it gave us

time to get to know one another." By the end of the journey they came to knowing each other as friends. "My mom's friend told me I should go. She wouldn't say why, but that I would figure it out when I got there," Jaime recalls. And he definitely figured that

thing out but he refuses to share the specifics. "It's something you have to experience for yourself because it's such a life-changing, spiritual enlightenment," adds Jaime.

#### Pilgrimage

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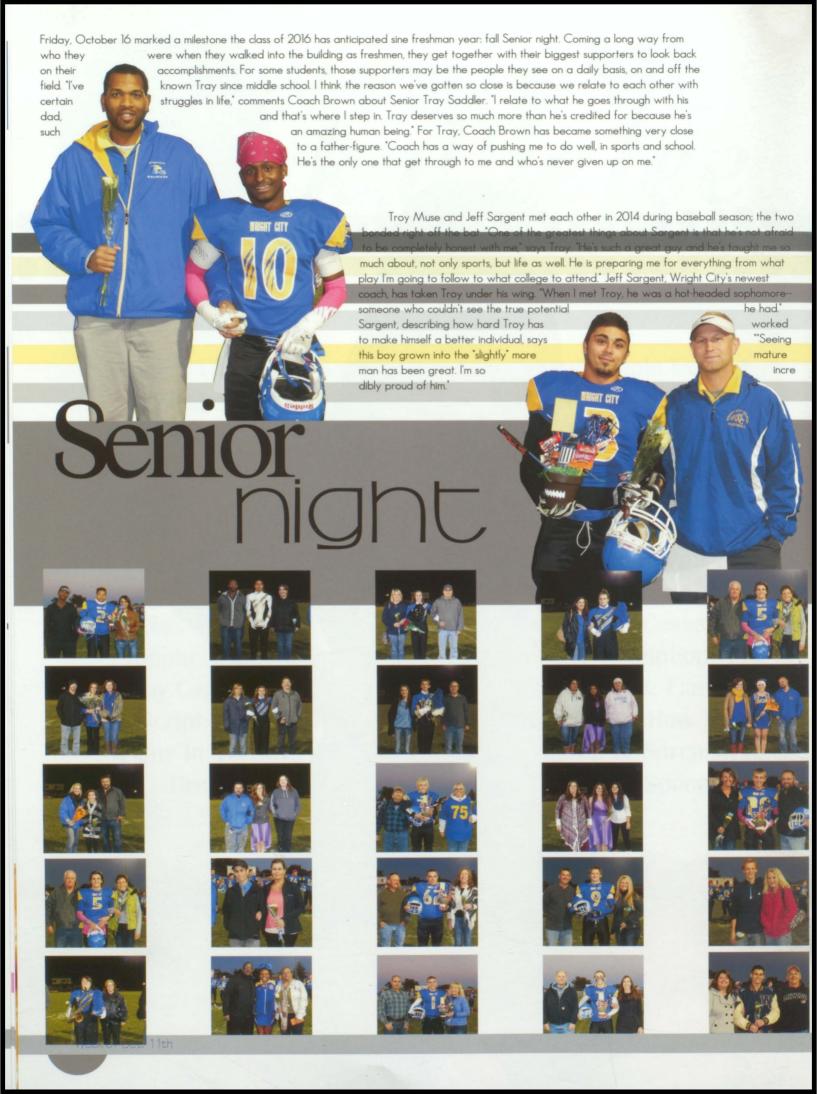
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Mac N Cheese & God & Twitter & Having People Explain
Things For Me & My "nephew" R.J. & Punny Jokes &
Thanksgiving & Baseball & Simple Dates & Useless Facts &
Gap & Root Beer & Dairy Queen Blizzards & Drake & Making
Solutions & Avoiding Excuses & Priscilla Presley & Sometimes
Darce & Swimming & My Freckles & Dancing Badly & 9.17.13
& Quitting Things & Tux & My Momma & Pub Staff &
Pomeranian Huskies & Hamburger Helper & Sneezing & Hard
Candies & Strawberries & Awkwardness & Corn Casserole &
Frappuccinos & Morgan Freeman's Voice & Headphones &
Jeremy Camp & Elephants & Yogurt & Senioritis & Flannels &
The Script Radio & The Book 13 Reasons Why & "How To Lose
A Guy In 10 Days" & When Darcy Messes Up & Sarcasm &
Driving Trucks & Not Embracing The White Space







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Mr. Raney, Mr. Ernst 46%

Mr. Wells 19%

Mr. Schaffer 4%

Mr. Lowe 2%



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8 % Ms. Huber, Mrs. Chizman

62% Ms. Cearley

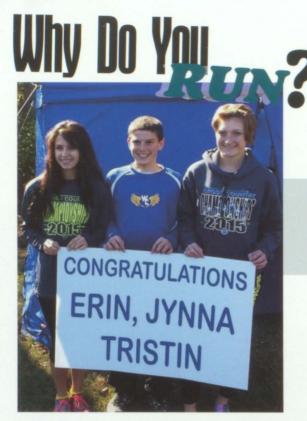
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Through-out the ever-changing course of high school, it's very important to have something, or someone, who is constant. Someone who is there to calm the storm, no matter what chaotic events are occurring in your life, even when you feel like you're drowning. For Kayla Billings, that constant is her mother. "Being without a dad, and having multiple different men come in (and out) of my mom's life, it's been nice having someone who's always there." With Kayla and her mom, it's not only their looks that are similar, but their personalities as well. "We're very-much alike. Which helps us most of the time, but can also hurt us, we're definitely not afraid to butt-heads."

With the chants and cheers that come with senior night, also bring tears and bittersweet trips down memory lane. It's a shocking moment for, not only students, but parents as well. Realizing that this is potentially the last year they get to spend with their children in their current roles can definitely bring on the water works. Some parents may have other kids, anxiously waiting for them too flee the house, However, for some parents, like those of Tyler Eads, he's the last child in the family. "My mom tried to tell me all day, she wasn't going to cry," he laughed, "She was horribly mistaken within the first five minutes." With tears in full-stream, Tyler's mom and dad made their way across the field arm-in-arm to wish their youngest well as he moves forward in life.

27 Through Oct. 17th



"I find it fun and it relieves stress from everyday life. When I'm **running**, my mind goes blank and every thought or worry washes away. When I think I'm going to give up, I think of Coach Wright screaming 'It's 90% mental and 10% physical!' I don't think I could thank Coach Wright or Balvin enough for believing in me."

"I run to keep in shape for baseball and because I honestly think it is fun and enjoyable. Medals and going to state inspire me to run. When I think about giving up, I imagine that medal waiting for me. I think about how my parents, coaches, and teammates are counting on me. While I'm running, I just think about keeping a steady pace and crossing the finish line."

"Running helps me clear my mind and focus. It also keeps me in shape. Staying fit, my great team, and coaches inspire me to run. While I'm running, I just think about the race and placement. When I feel like giving up, my team and coach are great motivators. Most of all, I remember the urge to win and that I don't want to be passed."

& yourstory

"Hunting isn't just something I do; it's who I am." Sophomore Wyatt Rohan hunts just about anything that walks or flies. His family kills enough deer to get them until the next season. Back straps are his favorite deer meat treat. To him, the best part is getting to spend time with his dad and good friends. Wyatt uses both aun and bow; however, he prefers a bow. "Bow is way better. You have to be a better hunter to kill anything with a bow," he said. "When I see a deer, my heart immediately starts speeding up. Especially when it's close in distance." He was eleven years old when he shot his first deer and said he will never forget how it happened. Reminiscing, Wyatt said, "It wasn't big at all, but it was just such a rush." His favorite hunting memory was when he shot the speckle belly pictured on the right. "We weren't even done setting up decoys when two geese came out of fog right on top of us. We were all scrambling to get in our layout blinds and load our guns. Speckle bellies never come through this part of Missouri during their hunting season. When I saw that they were specks, my heart almost came out of my chest. We came up out of our blind and my calls got hung up on my gun. I couldn't shoot at first and I was so mad. When I finally got my calls out of the way, the second one was about 70 yards away. That is very far for a shotgun. With my first shot, he dropped dead. I will never forget that."



# One Time I...

"drove to the top of Pikes Peak" in Colorado with my family. It was a cool thing to see." -Garrison Walsh "was riding on my golf cart with my friends and we ran over a tree in my yard. We tried running it over again the other way to make it stand back up. It made it worse."

-Leslie Meyers

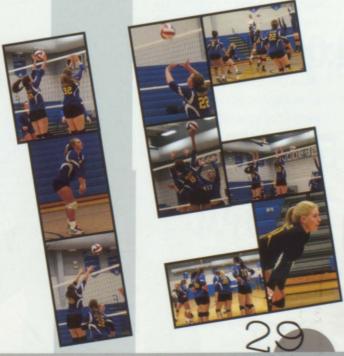
"was at a basketball lock-in, running down the hall in fuzzy socks. It was pitch dark and I slipped and fell into the lockers." -Macy Evans "heroically
jumped off of a cliff to
save my mother. I'm just
kidding. My mom and I went zip
lining and we had to jump off a
200ft cliff. I wouldn't jump; so,
my mom just pushed me off."
-Collin Schlapper



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"Volleyball is an easy sport." Those five words infuriate any experienced player. Jammed fingers, floor burn, skinned knees, and bruises all come with playing volleyball. The intensity, adrenaline, and competition keep these athletes striving for more. The Lady Wildcats clawed their way through the 2015 season to come out with a record of 16-10. Despite their extremely successful season, Varsity fell to Montgomery County at Districts in a battle of three sets. Coach Baker comments, "After you play a team two times, it's very difficult to repeat that for a third time. I think we tried some new techniques that weren't quite ready to be used yet." In contrast to the disappointing run at districts, two seniors walked away with something to celebrate. Sam Benson and Sydnee Horneker got selected for first team all conference and first team all region. Below varsity, the JV team pulled through to have a winning season as well. Ending her second season as a volleyball coach, Coach Moore anticipates a solid return next fall. "I've already seen how most of the girls play. Now it's time to take that skill and push it to something greater.



6:00 A.M.
"I wake up early to get ready for school."

7:15 A.M

"I get to school and go into World History with Mr. Ernst and mess around.

9:16 A.M.

"I go to my favorite class, Intro to Business."

"I eat lunch and then head back to Algebra to struggle.

"School lets out and my big brother takes me home.

"I eat a snack, unwind, and get on my laptop to do homework lusually for Intro to Business)."

out with my family

I draw and do some more

homework."

"I get everything ready for the next day and I go to bed."

6:00 A.M. "I wake up and turn on the tv to channel 170 to watch spongebob."

6:13 A.M.

"I put on my shower cap and I get into the shower.

6:35 A.M.

"I get my change of clothes for basketball and I make myself breakfast."

7:03 A.M.

"I leave the hou and go to school."

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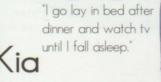
"I go to basketball practice and lose a few carbs."

"I go home and eat snacks while my mom cooks dinner. I go into my room and lay down on my phone for a little while."

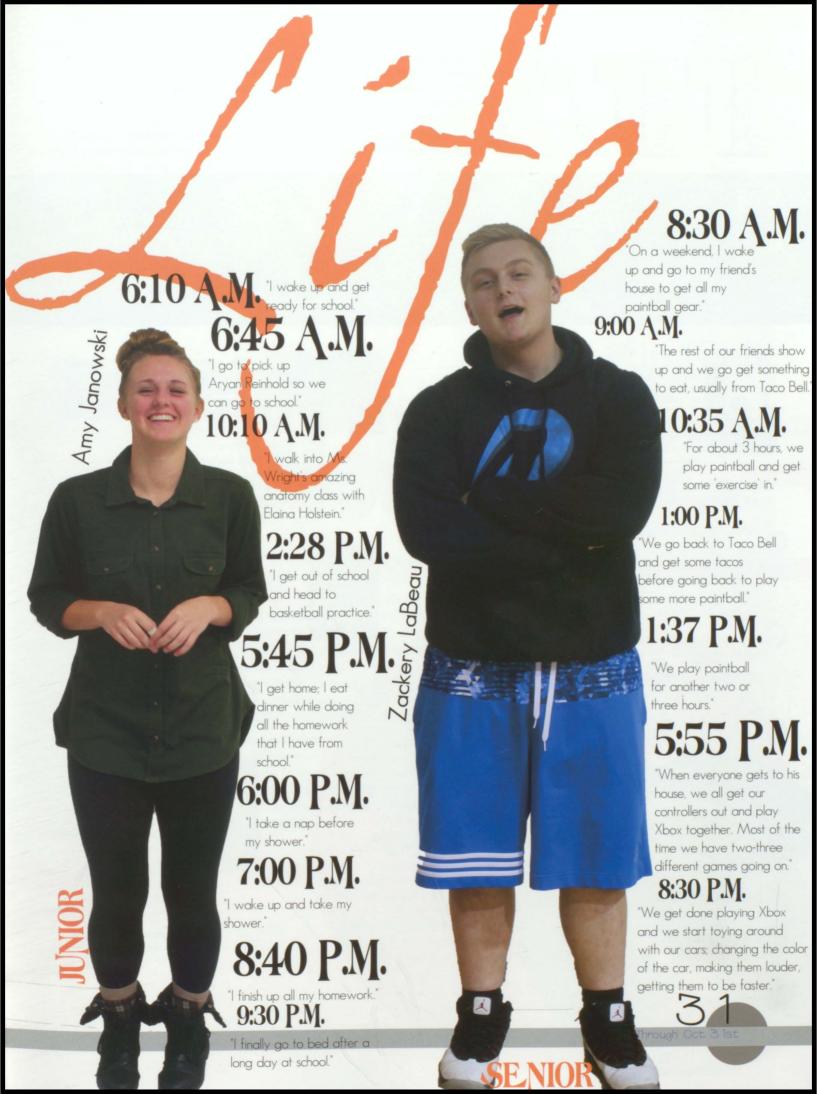
5:50 P.M.

"I take a shower, get out, and then go to the kitchen table for some yummy dinner."

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Thirteen members of the Wright City FFA Chapter attended the 88th Annual National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. They traveled down with Wentzville and Wesville-Middletown FFA members. A total of 45 students between all three chapters traveled together. Their agenda consisted of motivational speakers, career and college expositions, educational tours, and entertainment.

Another addition to all of this was that they were able to enjoy a Jake Owen Concert at the KFC Yum Center after taking a tour of Louisville Slugger Museum.





Sophomores Skylar LaMora and Abi Murri traveled to Maine over the summer to visit family. On the way, they went to The Statue of Liberty, Lake Eerie, Old Orchard Beach, and Niagra Falls. "I would love to go back and spend more time with my family. Everywhere we visited and passed through was just so pretty. The super long car ride with the rest of my family was not fun at all though," Skylar commented.



History teacher Ms. Steinhoff has traveled to Spain, London, Italy, and Trinidad. The Caribbean's food and scenery made it her favorite place to visit. It was a completely new culture and new way of life to her. She even learned to speak Trini. Ms. Steinhoff visited the Leaning Tower of Pisa, Venice, and Abbey Road in

London. She also had the opportunity to climb to the top of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. The trip made her appreciate life and everything available to us in the United States more.

Zach
Sida's
Story
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The word "vacation" typically paints the picture of a relaxing getaway, free from the stress of everyday routines. During Zach Sida's summer vacation; however, he and his boy scout troop put their physical and mental strength to the test when they

climbed the Sangre de Christo
Mountain range of the Rocky
Mountains in New Mexico. He
might have not been sitting
poolside surrounded by palm trees,
Zach enjoyed his trip up Philmont
in the Rockies. "It was definitely
difficult, but really exciting once it
was all said and done. I'd do it all
again," he cheerfully stated.

Spanish teacher Mrs. Brooks has traveled to Iceland, England, Ireland, Italy, Costa Rica,

The Bahamas, and Canada. Her favorite place was Italy; she spent the most time there and felt like she was part of the culture instead of just a tourist. Canada, however, was the most beautiful in her opinion. Italy changed her perspective on life. From her experiences, she learned that Italians are very connected to the world. They believe living comes before accomplishing a task or goal.



Senior Javier Gonzalez has visited Guadalajasa, Jalisco to see family he hasn't seen in awhile and to enjoy himself. It changed his life because it made him a MAN but that is TOP SECRET. Not everyone can become a man like he did. He heard multiple languages, saw different style churches, and went on a three hour hike through the hot and humid dessert. "It was more relaxing think you think," Javier explained.

"We had a lot of fun, but it's nice to be home. We were all exhausted," stated Mckenzie McMullin.

Their Thursday began at 7 am attending the Opening Session of Convention and listening to motivational speaker Dr. Rick Rigsby, a professor at Texas A&M University. Michelle Obama also made an appearance via skype during their sessions. "It was definitely one of the best trips I've ever had for FFA, and I made some amazing memories that I'll hold onto for the rest of my life," exclaimed Zach Sida.

This year's National FFA Convention was attended by a record breaking attendence of 65,129 FFA members and guests from all 50 states. FFA is the largest leadership organizational gathering

from across the country.



# Traveling the World

Traveling gives us the opportunity to disconnect from our regular lives. You get to forget your problems for a few weeks and for ONCE pause your life for an adventure of a lifetime. That bad day is behind you, and you fall in love again. Maybe it was a visit to a new restaurant that did it or a smile from a stranger. A trip to another state or another country or even a planet. Wherever it may be, it somehow changes your life. That small or big adventure could be the chance you get to see yourself from a different perspective. And that ONE place just takes your breath away in that single moment. Wherever you are, you are blown away by how incredible it is, whether it is beautiful or different or even overwhelming. You are taken aback by everything you see in front of you, and you can't believe you've finally made it.

#### Fun Facts of November

- NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL POMEGRANATE MONTH
  - PRESIDENTS HARDING & POLK BORN NOV. 2ND
- 3 'BLOOD MONTH' TO SAXONS TO SACRIFICE ANIMALS TO GODS
  - PEANUT BUTTER LOVERS 4
- NOV. 3RD IS HOUSEWIFE
  - I LOVE NACHOS DAY IS NOV. 6TH
- WORLD TOILET DAY IS NOV. 19TH
  - NOV. BIRTHFLOWER IS THE (
    CHRYSANTHEMUM
- MONTH NATIONAL ADOPTION
  - MOST SERIAL KILLERS ARE BORN IN NOVEMBER

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### Afuture of service

Veterans day is a time to thank those who have and who are serving, while keeping in mind those who plan to.

Jake Holstein, future Marine, vacillated back and forth between military branches until he saw a poster that stated 'There's no easy way in... That's why they send the Marines,' and from that point, Jake has been working toward joining the Marine Corps. Jake signed on July 17th, 2015 and will graduate early in order to go into basic training on December 27th, 2015. "I was ecstatic when I finally signed to go into the Marines because I finally made my dreams come true."





"I have always **dreamed** of becoming a soldier. My aunt joined not too long ago and that pushed me along to go into the military as well," explains Kirstin Douglas as she talks about her future with the Army. Kirstin signed on April 7th, 2015 and has already completed basic training over the summer of 2015. She says the main reason that she chose the Army was for "better educational opportunities," and the "variety of jobs to choose from in the Army."

## Future?

"I've always known that I wanted to work with cars, it runs in the family. I knew when I signed up for vo-tech I

wanted to work in auto-collision nothing has changed." For Junior, Hunter Klemp the exciting hands-on work allows him to jump right into his

and gain the skills it will take to carry out his future career. "Absolutely everything is hands on," Hunter continues

to explain, "for example, I have been working a lot with tractors lately." He then elaborates on his specific auto focus "There is another class for auto-mechanics, though I am more interested in body work, I know that option is there for me if I change my mind. But, this is what I want to do."

"I like art a lot, and hands-on projects seemed like the right educational path for me." Junior Tommi Clynes takes graphic design classes at vo-tech."I chose it because not only do I want to be Successful but it offers me so many different opportunities; it is so much more than just designs. My goal is to become interested and really learn my way around graphics. I've been told what a great career it can be.

and withmate goal is to be successful.

and with vo-tech's mature atmosphere I think I'm on the right track." Currently Vo-tech's graphic design program makes all of the school's t-shirts and Tommi says that made her want to do something along those lines when she's older.



"I have been building things all my life; it was part of my growing up. I have always just wanted to work in construction."



Michael McLaren, Junior, chose the construction enrollment available at votech. "Everything is hands-on: that's the best way to learn this skill. Currently we are building a house." With these learning opportunities, Michael knows that he has a

future set for himself. "I am not worried about running out of work. There are so many different specialties in construction, and I am learning skills to help me with all of them. I like building things, but there are other options like heavy machinery too."



### Land of the Free Brave

& Austin Shaw, 11, fills the room with teary-eyed listeners as he explains the pains of growing up in a military family. With the reading of his essay, he gives his peers a new perspective on how to riate the men and women who serve



"To be a veteran is to take a leap of faith and risk your life for your country." -Alyssa Aubuchon '17

& Honoring Our Vets
Similar to schools all across America, Wright City High School takes time from tests, assignments, and the craziness of everyday life to recognize those who fight for our right to enjoy these opportunities in educational advancement. Every year, Wright City High selects students who have written essays that describe this gratitude to read their pieces at our annual assembly. These essays are not just routine; they are made special by the unique Story or sentimental value that each student pours into them. Junior Austin Shaw was one of the students selected for this year's reading. In his essay Austin spoke of his father (an Air Force Reserve Veteran) and the sacrifices he has made to protect our freedoms. He spoke about all the things his father had to miss out on as he grew up, and as the emotion grew in the essay, it grew in the audience. One could feel a blanket of gratitude for this Veteran fall over the entire gymnasium. Though vital, the reading of essays is just one of the ways Wright City

honors our Veterans. Students in boys and girl scouts also had a chance to take part in the ceremony by assisting in the placement of the colors; our choir led us in song with the singing of the Star Spangled Banner; Ms. Hambach led a group of her students around to hand thank you cards out to the Vets that were able to attend the assembly. It is easy to get caught up in the everyday luxuries we experience as Americans, but it is important to keep in mind those who enable this right.



"To these individuals, it means 100% dedication to their country and the recognition of a certain beauty that awed all of our veterans. Her name is freedom." -Anna Murri '17

### 1) What kind of hag are you most likely to have?

A) A cool graphic book bag big enough to hold everything

- B) A big sports/travel bag
- C) A well-used, sturdy canvas bag
- D) A basic laptop or messenger bag

#### 2) How often do you clean out your bag?

Al Never. I stuff everything into my bag and just forget about it

- B) Once a month, just when it becomes too much to handle
- Cl 2-3 weeks, I don't want to get too overwhelmed.
- DI Every week, I don't need to be unorganized

### 3) What kind of books do you have in your bag?

A) A fictional fantasy novel, what we're reading in English, and my math textbook

- B) Just notebooks
- C) Whatever books I need for my classes
- DI Anything history, sometimes a cool sci-fi novel

### 4) How many notehooks/folders do you carry around in your hag?

Al 3-5. Enough to use one for every 3 classes I have

- Bl 2-4. Just for the important classes
- Cl Just 2. Once they're full I get a new one
- DI 6-10. One for any possible task in life

### 5) How many pens/pencils do you keep in your hag?

A) 1, 1 just pray I never lose it because it gets me through the day.

- Bl 2, One for the day, and one in case I lose the first
- Cl 8-10, so that I always have one on hand.
- DI 10-12, people are always taking them from me!

### 6) Do you carry around personal hygiene products in your bag?

Al My deodorant, in case I get the "stinkies" from gym.

- BI A LOT! Kleenex, chapstick, hairspray, a hairbrush, and perfume
- Cl Yes, anything I need for emergencies
- DI No, I know how to stay clean. But I do have my Star Wars collectibles

# What's Work

If you answered... mostly A then you are most like freshman male Matt Neeley. You never throw anything away from your book bag just like Matt. He even still has the syllabi from the first day of school and those school photos you probably should've shown your parents in case they wanted to order them. You see no need to keep unnecessary things on you like extra pens and pencils and keep just the essentials

like deodorant for after gym.

Hyva answered...mostly B then you are most like sophomore female Zve Pezvld. You hardly throw anything away from your book bag. You might even have that math assignment that was due

2 weeks ago. You make sure you've always got the essentials needed for school. You've even got all of you personal items needed to stay fresh and cool.

If you answered...mostly C then you are most like english teacher Sara Ressie. You try to keep your bag clean and organized (for the most part.) You've got just enough notebooks and folders to get through your day, and enough pencils to last you the week (hopefully). You carry just enough extra for emergencies, but nothing unnecessary.



If you answered...mostly D then you are most like history teacher Rrian Ernst. You always make sure your bag is neat and organized, because you don't need the extra

clutter. You keep your paper supplies limited, but your pencil game strong since you know there are pencil thieves around every corner. While you don't carry person hygiene products,

you've always got a spare Star Wars calender.



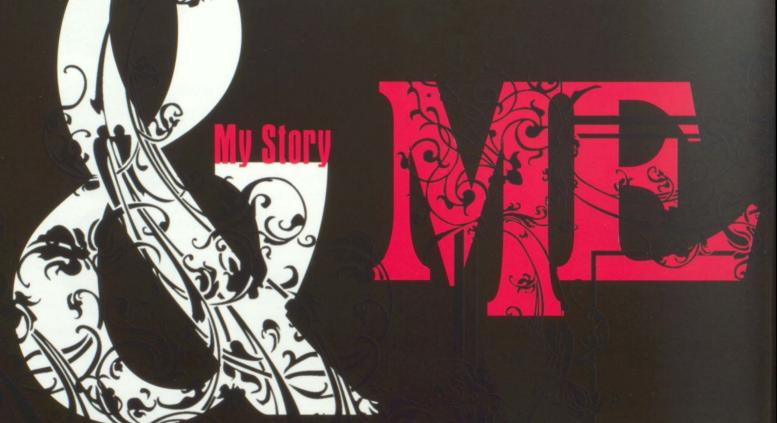
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#OnceAtWC @yunggma pulled day-old Wisconsin cheese curds out of her backpack during #aplit and threw them away in disgust



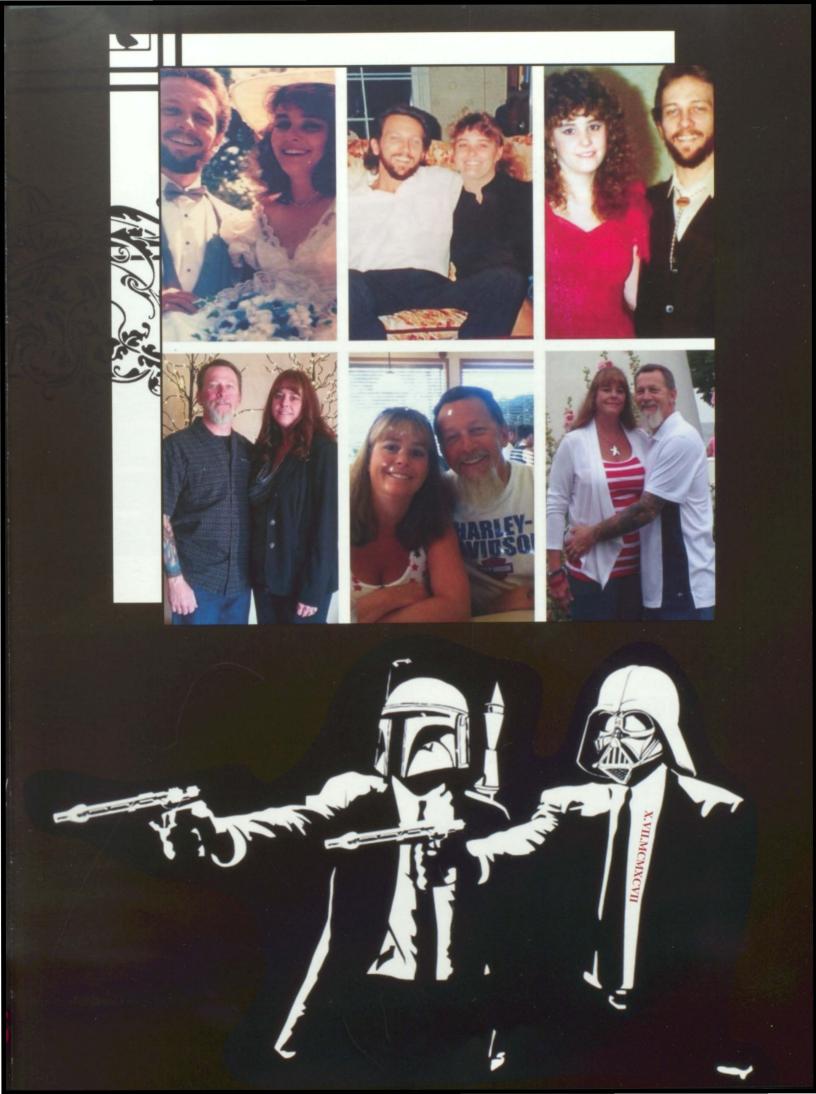






Shayne and Dawn Windels & Heather Windels & Uncle Fodd & Lynyrd Skynyrd & The Beatles & Queen & AC/DC & Mac Miller & Wiz Khalifa & Strange Music & Fech N9ne & Hairstyles & Flat-Brim Hats & Panama City Beach & Colorado & Grandparents & Sarge & Woody & General Hospital & Three's Company & Vinyl Records & Xhox & School & French Fries & Cheesehurgers & Supra & Floorlaying & S-10's & Long Drives & Subwoofers & Money & Time

Garrett Shayne Windels



if you could speak another Language, which would it be?

chinese 15%

spanish 21%

French 34%

german 30%

Which country do you want to visit?

36% england

13% Japan

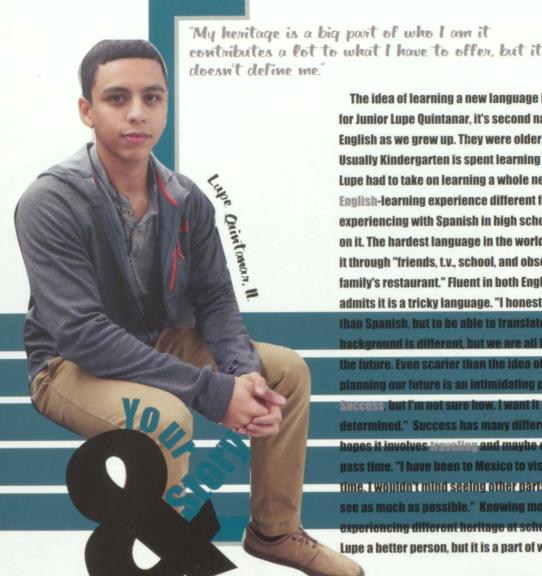
16% madagascar

30% braziL

5% greenLand

### STU-Dendous notidaySpirit





The idea of learning a new language is overwhelming to many, but for Junior Lupe Ouintanar, it's second nature. "All of my siblings knew English as we grew up. They were older and helped teach me." Usually Kindergarten is spent learning your ABC's or counting, but Lupe had to take on learning a whole new language. What makes his English-learning experience different from what you might be experiencing with Spanish in high school is Lupe just had to pick up on it. The hardest language in the world to learn, and Lupe conquered it through "friends, t.v., school, and observing customers at my family's restaurant." Fluent in both English and Spanish, even he admits it is a tricky language. "I honestly think I am better at English than Spanish, but to be able to translate is pretty great." Sure his hackground is different, but we are all headed in the same directionthe future. Even scarier than the idea of learning a new language, planning our future is an intimidating part of being a junior. "I want Success, but I'm not sure how. I want it more than anything- I am determined." Success has many different definitions, but for Lune he hones it involves travaling and maybe even working out, his favorite pass time. "I have been to Mexico to visit my family. We go weeks at a time. I wouldn't mind seeing other parts of the world too. I want to see as much as possible." Knowing more than two languages or experiencing different heritage at school and at home don't make Lupe a better person, but it is a part of what makes his story.

### "A World of Possibilities.



us are stuck and staying in our home others are bound and determined to go far. For

freshman Jason Long. that's as far as Australia. "Well, you see, I plan on becoming a big-time orthodontist." he beautiful while I do it.

Living in the high-speed and high-tech world of 20 16, we learn, and are influenced a lot by. television. For sophomore, Eva Randazzo, the widely-known crime scene investigation show Bones, has influenced her choice of occupation,

her education and becoming a anthropologi st" | want something and what my favorite



the Earth. One freshman Remi bioinformant, which

ects plants and ultimately makes the Earth a greener and better place. "It's a very rare job to go into, but I don't want to be someone who just sits in an office all day. I want to make a difference.

Band performs their annual Christmas concert. Usually, the band plays Christmas music. This year, however, these students have been working vigorously to prepare for their MMEA (Missouri Music educators Association) concert that will take place in January and decided to use this opportunity to practice for the event. The Christmas concert on December 6th was used as additional preparation for the concert as well.





"Being my first time taking the ACT, I am nervous, but also excited. I'll know what to expect for the next time I take it. I've been studying and have book full of practice tests. Ms. Cearley told me her son scored a 22 when he was in 7th grade. So if I get lower than a 22 I'll be pretty upset. I want to score at least a 25 on this first test. I would like a final score of 27 to get a scholarship wille University.

-Junior

nna Murri



"I am less nervous this time because I know what kind of questions are asked and how everything is set up. I have taken the test before and know what to expect. This time, I want to do better on the man and mading portions. I have been working with Ms. Cearley to improve myself in the reading section. The reading comprehension really makes you focus and pay close attention to all of the directions. I am hoping to score at least a for the college I want to go to."

-Senior

hase Jones



"This is my first time taking the ACT test. I'm taking this test just to get my foot in the water to know what to expect and what to study for when I take it in the spring again. I'm worried be nt to do good, but whatever happens happens and I can always retake again. A perfect score would be really nice, but, realistically, I want at least a That is the average score. This first time is a trial. I'm hoping for the spring test to be my last test. However, I know I'm a perfectionist so I will take it until satisfied with my score. I just want to know that I am doing the best that I can

-Junior

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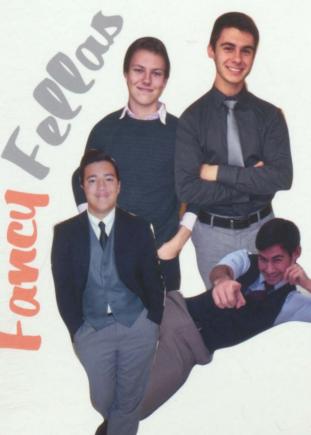




OnceAtWC sonny was drinking milk and looking at funny pictures at lunch and spit all over me and @Drew\_Lamp

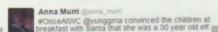






Walking through the halls, you see many students in sweats with blankets wrapped around them. A few guys, however, have decided to spruce things up a bit. It all started when Arthur Ludwig was elected class president on a Wednesday last year. He decided as president that he should dress nice the next day, which was a Thursday. After dressing up that day, he thought, "Why not just dress up every Thursday?" That's exactly what he started doing. Pretty soon, the Mueller Brothers, Nick and Jake, joined in and the trend caught on.

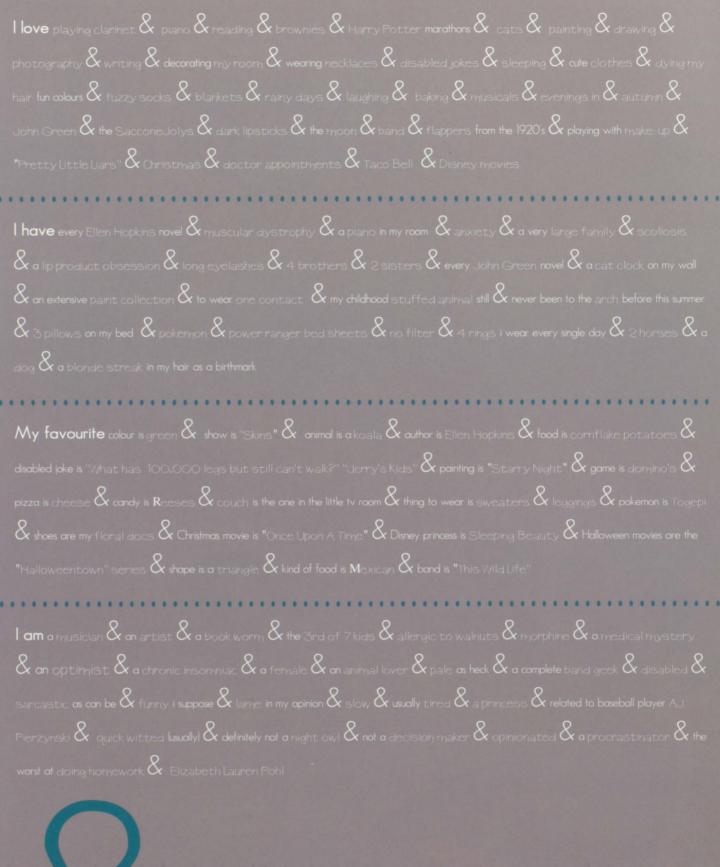
Currently, there are about ten guys that participate with them. Arthur likes sweaters. Jake always wears a tie and dresses the most formal. Most of the guys choose to wear a nice dress shirt, a sweater, or both. Now, to up the ante, Zach Stewart chooses to dress up every day.



blair waldorf \* @tlannaHolstein

#OnceAtWC @javierq2111 made me listen to Spanish music and told me he's taking me to a "Mexican party so I can learn to dance







Liz Dont

### festive raising It was teacher versus teacher for our first ever Tacky Thursday 2016 Extravaganza. The Junior class and teachers teamed up for Tacky Thursday to raise money for our senior prom. Wearing their tackiest Christmas sweaters, the teachers battled it out to see who could fill their stocking with the most "tacks" dollars. The tackiest teacher of all was Mr. Raney, coming in first by a landslide of \$113.86. Placing second was Ms. Cearley with \$78.39. And finally, with just enough tack to make the board, Mrs. Chizmar placed third with \$65.64. Many teachers contributed toward this fun crazed Christmas outing and raised an overall amount of \$490.16.



What are your feelings towards coming to realization that you have a doppelganger?

"Stage One was denial. I felt that she was an evil twin that was out to one up my Christmas spirit. Of course, acceptance was stage two. I realized I have made the same facial expressions as her daily. Then I learned that I need to embrace it all. Maybe wear elf costumes in my spare time."

Q: Do you believe that Zooey Deschanel looks like you or is it that you look like her?

"Obviously she took the stein look. There is only one Ms. Steinhoff in this world. All the others are wanna-be. It all is based of a matter of importance. She is an actor and I am changing lives in AP Government."

Q: Favorite Will Ferrell movie and why

A: "Anchorman. I used to watch it once a week when I was in middle school. Definitely not appropriate for a sixth grader. My favorite part was when Jack Black punted Baxter off the bridge because Will threw a burrito at him."

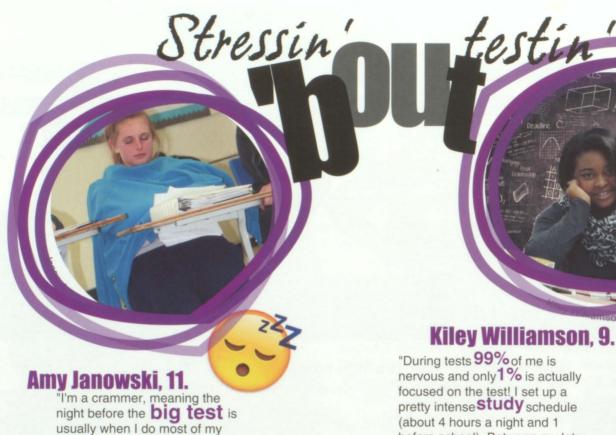
#### Steinhoff's favorite scene from The Anchorman.







47 Week of Dec. 19



"During tests **99%** of me is nervous and only **1%** is actually focused on the test! I set up a pretty intense study schedule (about 4 hours a night and 1 before school). Between my late nights and the stress because of these **tests** finals week was defeating, but I am still figuring out ways to study for high school tests. Hopefully next year will be easier."

studying. Due to the cramming, I

do stay up late and I don't really

eat breakfast. All of that going

against me though, I still feel I

did really well on all of

my finals."



finals week is literally the nightmare before Christmas (2)





Jada Hunter @JadaHunter10

So stressed about finals... Running on about 3 hours of sleep...



#OnceAtWC Mrs. Bessie said when she dies she wants her ashes shot at the Kardashians 😂 😂



Elizabeth Lopez @lilo 0021

1 final down, 5 more to go

































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Finals make me wanna drive off a cliff

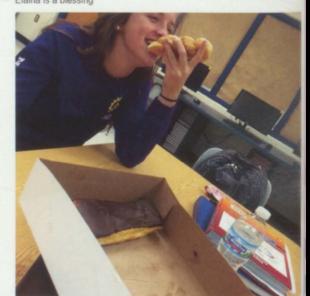
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"Happy finals week" Elaina is a blessing





"Have you ever been on vacation?" "I have been to London."

"Do you have any hidden talents?"
"I can sing."

"What is your proudest accomplishment?"

"My music. I played Violin. I played at Powell Symphony Hall." "If you could choose to do anything for a day, what would

it be?" "Go to Times Square's New Year celebration in New York."

"What is your dream career?"

"Ultimately I would love to be a professional singer, but I am open to anything related."

"Who is the most influential person in your

life?" "My older brother Danielmy role model."

"How long did you take Dance?"

"I took ballet for about nine years."

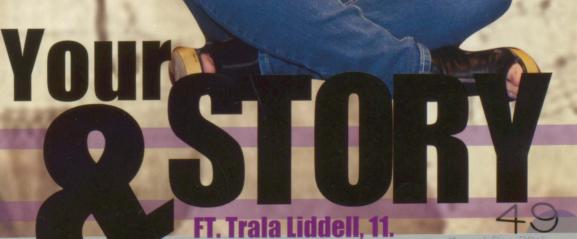
### Fun Facts:

& Trala paints as a hobby.

&Trala is third oldest of seven.

& Trala's favorite ice-cream flavor is Vanilla.

& Trala said if she had to eat one food for the rest of her life it would be Mac n Cheese.



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How did you ring in the New Means al PAARTYY!!!

- b) With a New Years Kiss.
- c) I slept through it.

### How many resolutions do you have?

- a) Just 1, don't need to go overboard and set myself up to fail.
- b) 3-5, hopefully I'll follow through with at least 2 of them.
- c) Why wait til the New Year to make a change?

#### Will you miss 20 15?

- a) So much, I don't want it to go.
- b) It had its ups and downs, but this year will be better.
- c) No. I can't wait to forget about it.



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# In with the New Year

"Make New Year's goals. Dig within, and discover what you would like to have happen in your life this year. This helps you do your part. It is an affirmation that you're interested in fully living life in the year to come.

Goals give us direction. They put a powerful force into play on a universal, conscious, and subconscious level. Goals give our life direction.

What would you like to have happen in your life this year? What would you like to do. to accomplish? What good would you like to attract into your life? What particular areas of growth would you like to have happen to you? What blocks, or character defects, would you like to have removed?





What would you like to attain? Little things and big things? Where would you like to go? What would you like to have happen in friendship and love? What would you like to have happen in your family life?

What problems would you like to see solved? What decisions would you like to make? What would you like to happen in your career?

Write it down. Take a piece of paper, a few hours of your time, and write it all down - as an affirmation of you. your life, and your ability to choose. Then let it go.

The new year stands before us. like a chapter in a book. waiting to be written. We can help write that story by setting goals."

Melody Beattie



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# Got Talen



Tommy Junte



he plays guitar

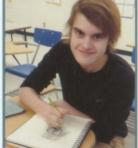
Shawnee McDonnell she sings

he dances

Michael Ogborn

### Inspire your Heart with Art





Sean Pfuhl



Dancing, singing, playing musical instruments, and doing well academically and athletically are all popular talents. Senior Abbie Nitchman and freshman Sean Pfuhl have great artistic ability. Sean has been drawing since he was really young and it's

stuck with him all these years. His strong suits are cities and

landscapes. He enjoys drawing popular cities such as: Chicago, New York, and Seattle. Sean said his favorite piece that he has ever done is the city collage pictured on the left.

Abbie believes that painting is the easiest way she can express herself. She prefers painting over anything else, specifically painting outer space. "It's hard to keep the contrast and keep the brightness of the stars, but when I can maintain

that balance, it is super fun." One of her paintings of outer space is hanging up in the Missouri School Board building in Columbia. Abbie is extremely proud of that painting and considers it her best work.



Abbie Nitchman







Jonas Stailey & Sean McDonald

Taylor Brewington, Ms. Cearley, & Kailyn Gudermuth

# Get Your Head in the Game

The varsity boys and girls basketball teams each had tournaments this week. The boys' and girls' tournaments were both in Clopton.

The boys lost the first game against Monroe City. They came back in double overtime in the second game against Winfield. Then they fell to Wellsville in the third game. Senior Tray Saddler commented on the second game with, "I was fully confident that we would win. I had faith in my team."

The girls fought hard, but fell to Monroe City and Louisiana in the first and second games. Speaking about the tournament overall, sophomore Jada Hunter said, "We came out good in the first half of the game against Louisiana, but didn't continue it in the second half. I think we could've pushed ourselves a little more and we should have kept our heads up."



Tray Saddler

53 Jah Jan. 9th

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#OnceAtWo



"For a long time I have been dealing with something called Turrets syndrome. My mom started to notice that I was twitching and making noises which was not normal for me. Then when we finally went to the doctor he told us I had something called Turrets syndrome. Which for me is earth-shattering, for instance I already have Autism and I thought that was good enough. For awhile I felt like I was never going to be normal again or that I was going to be the outcast. After all of my group prayers with my small group [church group] and all of my medication, and the many times I have prayed to God myself I now believe my Turrets syndrome is gone." Sophomore Andrew Trollope talked about his battle and how he overcame it through his belief in his faith recently on a video posted by his Church. When asked about it, Andrew will tell you, without a doubt he believes God himself gave him the strength to overcome his Turrets. His battle with Turrets and Autism may be a part of him, but do not define him. In fact, Andrew even believes that they enable him to think in a unique way and he says "I think the way that I think allows people to like me for who I am. I am able to just be silly and be myself while not being nervous with people." Andrew is determined and knows exactly what he would like to do with his life, even as just a sophomore. Entering the film industry is a dream of his and he

explains that "even just looking at the screen and realizing that you could look like a hero in as little as an hour and a half." He explains how amazing this is to him. "You can create all of these stories and visuals and all of those components that make up a good movie. What I am wanting to do with film, simply put, is make people laugh, think about the impossible, and just appreciate the life they have been given if even for that short moment. I want to act, write and direct." Clearly very ambitious and tech-savvy, Andrew also, in his free time, creates different games using Power Point software. This set of skills and his hobbies involving music set Andrew up to be successful throughout high school and onward. Anyone who has any kind of conversation with Andrew will not be able to deny his drive and love of life itself. He could not have said it any better, "It is just awesome to be alive." Simplistically put, that one statement perfectly displays the type of person Andrew is and just how wonderful he and his story actually are.



Andrew Trollope expressing his thoughts on a particular musical piece to his choir teacher Mr. Oberlin.

### Driving... "I was with Raelynn Taylor, and mid-jam to

Fergalicious I slammed on my brakes.

Raelynn's smoothie went all over her and she smacked her head on the window.

- Brianna Meyers, 11.



 $\mathbb{R}$ "I was out with my friends for a day of shopping, we drove past a group of guys in a really nice Camaro. We had our windows down blasting Fall Out Boy and they had the same song on. At the stoplight he were parked right next to each other. They rolled down

their windows and we sang to each other the entire duration of the light. Sadly, we never saw them again!" -Macy Evans, 11.

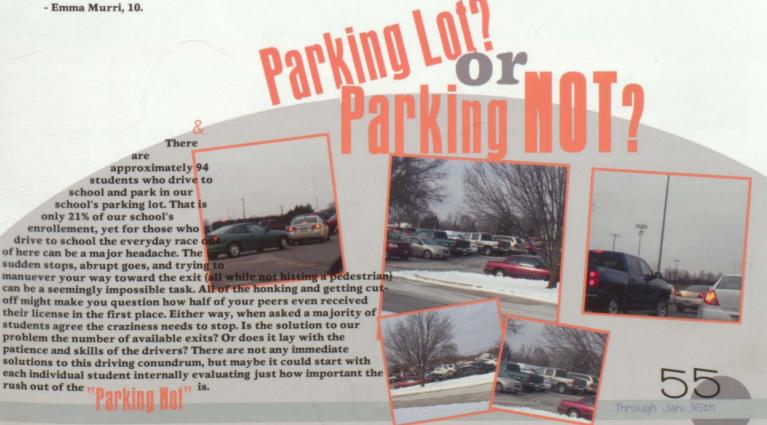


"I was in the Taco Bell drivethru with Alexis Siefert. She decided to hand me her money in all change. As I was trying to

hand the lady at the window the money, I accidentally picked my foot up off the brake. I quickly tried to push the break back down, but instead slammed down on the gas. We went flying forward. I put the car in reverse so I could get Lexie's food and the lady had dropped all of the change, so I had to get out of the car and pick it all of the change.'

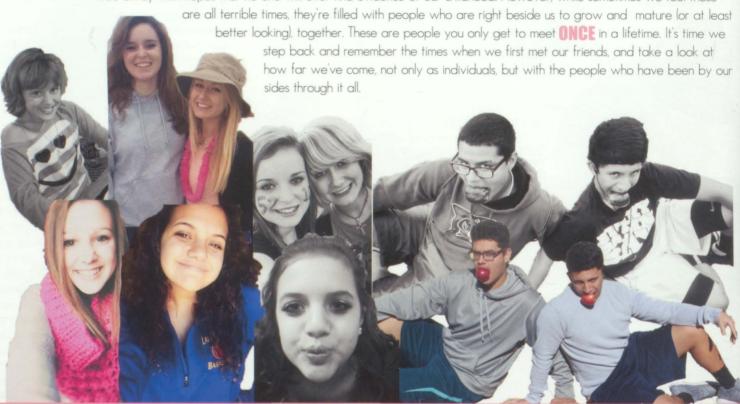
was on my way to the river house. I let my friend talk me into gunning it while another friend was on my tool box. I did, and he flew off into what we thought was a mud pit of water. Turns out, it was pig poop, mud, and water sitting on top of it. The guy and I are still very good friends...he's just waiting for a time to get me back."

-Clayton Sharp, 11.



# We're of TOGETHER

that means through everything. All the ups and downs. After all, these are the people we've known since Pre-K. And let's face it, anything before middle school, or the dark days as some call it, was rough. Those are the days we try to hide away with hopes that no one will ever find evidence of our childhood. However, while sometimes we feel these



### **Getcha' Head in The Polls**

How did the students of Wright City High rate the cast of High School Musical?



# Baby, it's Outside

How did the students of WC spend their first snow day?

Watching Netflix, sleeping, and staying inside 54%

Working 10%

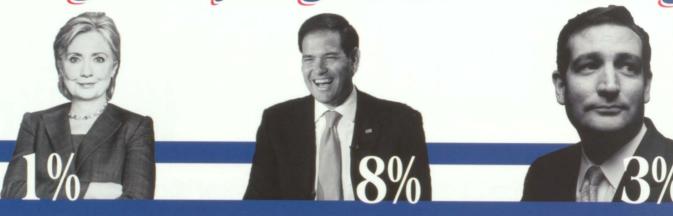
Spending time with family and friends 32%

Studying 4%



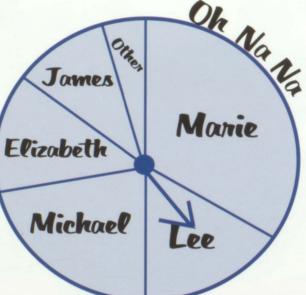
Even the cast of High School Musical underwent their own "Throwback Thursday," when the cast came together for a ten year reunion on January 20th, 2016. They reminisced over their first big movie they made together, explaining how it was a **ONGE** in a lifetime opportunity. This goes to show how even after ten years, people can still come together and look back at the memories made together.

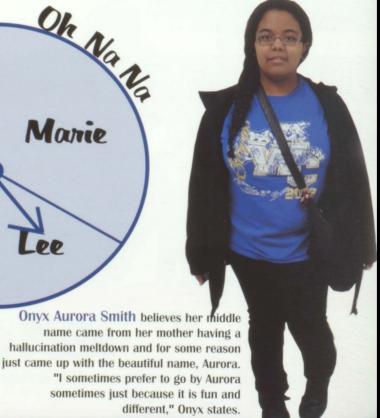
### Wright City High School's Voting

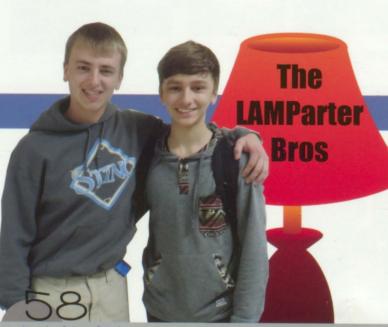


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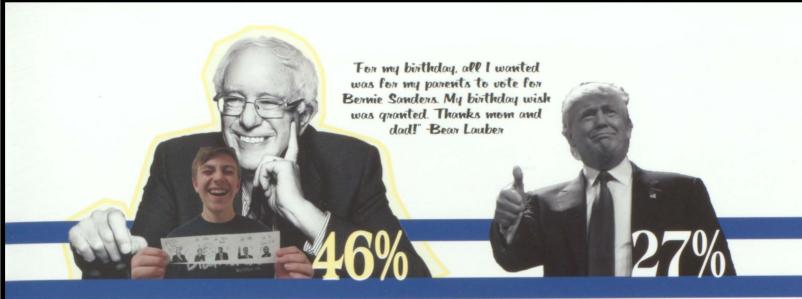
Sometimes we try to live up to our names. And sometimes we try to run away from them. But could your name be so awfully common you want to SPIN for a new ONE? Starting with names like Marie and Michael to something drastically crazy like Demez and Suezette, your name is a crucial factor in developing your sense of self being, keeping or changing your name brings out YOUR STORY.







Not only do they have a piece of furniture for a last name, but they also share the same initials. It all started with their mother, Donna. Her middle name is Marie. Alec and Drew's parents decided it'd be cool if every one had the same "ML" initials. So, Donna Marie Lamparter, Alec Michael Lamparter, Andrew Michael Lamparter, and their younger sister Carlie Marie Lamparter. Maybe these two boys can keep the trend going with their special names.



Growing up, senior Crystal Kempernolte had an unusual way to experience things. She always believed she had some sort of second personality but didn't realize that her beliefs would come alive. One day, her father decided to tell her that her name "Crystal" wasn't her real name. Her mother had named her Michaela Lyn Blum and Crystal's father had no idea she even existed. After some time, racing through states to reconnect with Crystal's birth mother, her father found out about Crystal and wanted an explanation of why he never knew his daughter. He then took custody of young Michaela and changed her name because he honestly thought it was god awful. "I would've ended up changing it too because it is a ratchet name," Crystal says. Without her grandparents in her life and especially her father, Crystal could've lived a completely different life. ONE even she couldn't picture because she rather not think about having such an ugly name for being such an outgoing person.

\*(Ma-kae-la)

"I'd rather stick with Crystal over Michaela any day." -Crystal Kempernolte



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GAMES

# BEGIN







# Blue & Gold



This year's courtwarming spirit games was nothing short of interesting. Classes battled it out to see who would take the spirit ball. There were loads of cheering, and a lot of class spirit. Classes like the seniors and sophomores even made signs showing their class spirit. This years event's were human bowling, mummy wrap, tug-of-war, and knockout. Each of the games were close, but there could only be one winner of the 2015-2016 courtwarming



....and this year's winners were the class of 2017-the juniors!



#### MONDAY















& Royal Court

While the court warming games were underway, Wildcats stop during halftime to wait anxiously to find out who's going to be crowned court. This years winners were Wyatt Rohan and Nina Noltkamper for prince and princess who were crowned by returning winners McKenzie McMullin and David Ortega.

This year's king and queen were Trey Sadler and Sierra Davis, crowned by returning queen Kallie

### &The Game

One thing the Wildcats are always prepared for is getting hype for home basketball games. Especially ones like homecoming and court warming. This year

both teams faced Silex High School. Both games were close but the boy came out on top with 57-40, while the girls walked fell behind with the score of 39-52. That didn't stop the Wildcat hype, though, ready to dance the night away at the court warming dance later that night.











#### Favorite School Lunch

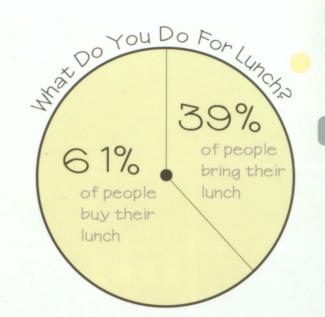
pizza 29%

cheeseburger 11%

chicken 37%

salad 11%

other 12%



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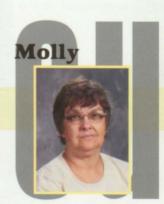
It all started back in the middle school cafeteria. A table full of boys traded their lunch with each other everyday. Garrett Windels, Tray Saddler, Troy Muse, Tyler Brittain, and Chase Jones are now seniors and have strayed away from that daily tradition. However, two of the boys, Garret and Tray, still continue to trade lunches every day. Garrett brings Tray fruit snacks, brownies, and whatever other snacks that he has. Tray gives Garrett the food and milk from his school lunch tray. They never miss a day of trade.

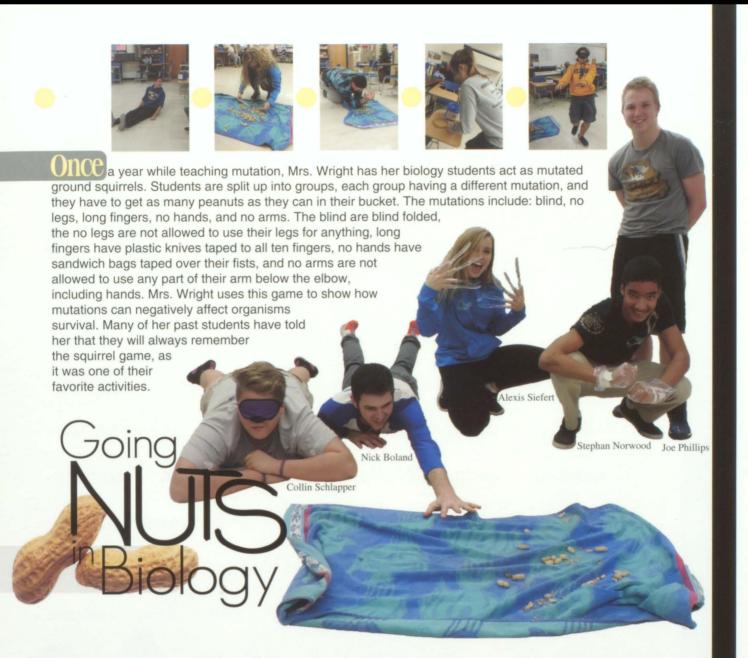
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### "One...Two...Three...WORK!"

"Are you ready for our game today?" Freshman Keith Dierker is always excited on game days. He warms up with the basketball team before games and during half time. Keith has formed numerous friendships with many of the basketball players as well as with Coach Brown. "Keith is a great inspirational player. He's such a sweet kid. He is always ready and pumping us up." He has never played basketball before, but was very eager and enthusiastic about playing this year. Keith is always there keeping the boys' spirits up. "You know what we say. One... two...three...WORK!"







dogs & pizza & sweatpants & fuzzy socks & fall & Cardinals baseball & George Strait & fishing with my best friend & naps & baking cookies & strawberries & laughing & boots & volleyball &hoodies & dancing & shopping & Grey's Anatomy & brownies & watching sunsets & math & softball & green beans & white roses &hot wings & looking at old pictures & my eyebrows & my hed & long sleeves & pink & twix & late night drives & bonfires & hot chocolate & blankets & going to the 200 & solving problems & my Grandma Pat's dumplings & kids & family & friends & May 10th, 2013 & I am the #1 procrastinator & I listen to country & rap & I eat my pancakes & waffles with only butter, no syrap & I have been to the Mall of America & I used to wear leggings under my jeans when I was 5 &I'm great at arguing & I hate Chinese food & I'm stubborn & impatient & I would like to pursue a career in accounting or nursing & I'm super indecisive & I love my life & that is my story.

#### WCHS FBLA MEMBERS WHO QUALIFIED FOR THE STATE **COMPETITION:**

Computer Game & Simulation Programming: Abbie Nitchman Tyler Eads, and Tiffany Mozee

Management Decision Making: 1st Place: Emma Murri, Maddi Webb, and Skylar LaMora

Cyber Security: 4th Place: Abbie Nitchman

3D Animation: Tyler Eads, Tiffany Mozee, and Javier Gonzalez

1st Place: Kailyn Gudermuth 2nd Place: Emilee 3rd Place: Emma Murri 4th Place: Taylor Almond

Network Design: Garrett Windels and Sabrina Koetter

Economics: 2nd Place: Sabrina Koetter

Entrepreneurship: 1st Place: Taylor Plunkett amd Lupe Quintanar

Community Service Project: Kailyn Gudermuth, Emma Murri,



Agribusiness: 1st Place: Arthur Ludwig

Computer Problem Solving: 2nd: Tyler Eads

**Tyrel Curtis** 

Tyrel's high school activities include:

# 4's District and Pressy

**Kyle Christopher** Kyle's high school activities include

Trey Saddler Trey's high school activities include: Football, Basketball, and Track.

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Winter Edition ft. Boys

### SENIORnight

Winter Edition ft. Girls









# WILDCATS

#### Kayla Billings

Kayla's high school activities include: Football and Basketball cheer.
Kayla plans to attend Saint Charles Community
College and then transfer to pursue her career in the health field.

#### Catherine Noltkamper

Cate's high school activities include: Football cheer, Basketball cheer and Band.

Cate plans to attend Missouri Western State University to obtain a degree in Marketing.

#### Sydnee Horneker

Sydnee's high school activities include: FBLA, Art Club, Volleyball, Basketball, Lacrosse, SADD, Class Office, Earth Club, and NHS. Sydnee plans to attend and play lacrosse for Lindenwood-Bellville University and major in accounting.

#### Sierra Davis

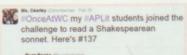
Sierras's high school activities include: SADD, Marching Band, Concert Band, Choir, Football and Basketball Cheerleading, Volleyball, Singing National Anthem at home games, and she won 2016 Court Warming Queen. Sierra plans to go to the University Of Missouri-Saint Louis to double major in Music and Music education.



Savannah's high school activities include: Softball, Basketball, Track, SADD, FFA, and she is a twelve year Girl Scout. Savannah plans to attend and play softball for Central Methodist University and become an elementary teacher.







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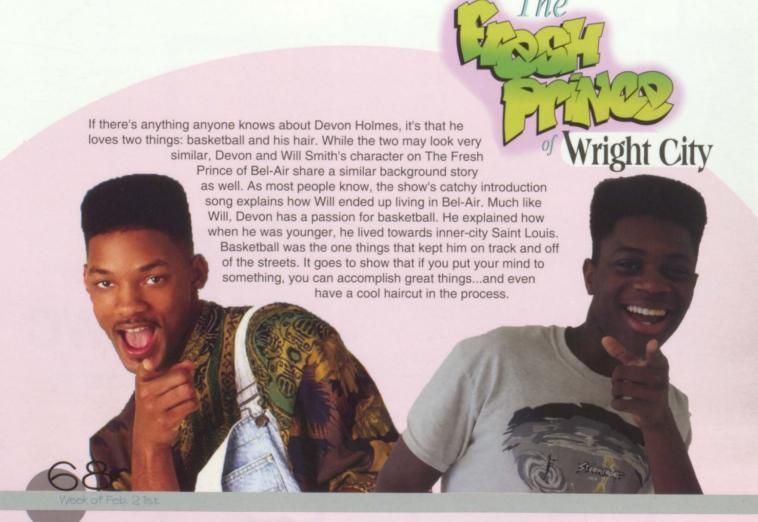
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### Until Next Season



The 2016 Basketball Season has come to an end. This season was a slight struggle for the girls and boys, but they can all look at it as a learning experience. Coach Ross said that the girls' biggest struggle was consistently keeping the play at a high pace. However, they improved game by game and worked better as a team by the end of the season. Sophomore Abbey Jaspering said, "If we played as a team from the start, we could've had a better record. I'm happy about the girls who decided to play though." Senior Savannah Bridges said that she will miss, "the memories with all the girls and having fun getting yelled at by Coach Ross." In Coach Brown's opinion, the boys struggled the most with the consistency of quarters. One quarter they would play great, and then the next would be a little more rough. They worked the best down the stretch with sharing the ball. During their five-game winning streak, four players averaged double figures: Tray Saddler, Tyrell Curtis, Devon Holmes, and Kyle Christopher. Freshman Romeo Cotton learned, "Sometimes you have to pull a Tray Saddler; that means be a ball-hog." Senior Tyrell Curtis said that he will miss the team and the environment the most. He said, "We could've done way better, but not everything happens your way and you just have to look toward the future." Both teams just have to push themselves to improve next season.





"Gymnastics has always been a huge part of my life. Training my body to become and stay flexible and fit was tough. My nerves would build up, so I would listen to my music to calm me down. While doing my routines, I would forget about everything else and focus. After, I felt large amounts of anxiety on how well I scored or what the results would be. The nerves were the worst, but they never stopped me from doing the sport I loved."

### Erica Leonard



\*\*Once\* in a while, I have a bad day at golf. I have trouble driving the ball off the tee box, getting on the green, or even putting the ball in the hole. Everybody has days like that sometimes. You feel like you're slowing the rest of the group down and you just want to go home. When that happens, I just remember to breathe and focus back in. If I get frustrated, I can't let it affect me on the next hole. I have to look at every hole like it's the first I've played that day and look at every swing with a positive attitude.



"In the beginning of the school ball season last fall, I struggled a lot with my hitting. The adjustment from the pitching in select softball to the level of school ball pitching was a challenge. The speed difference was a big factor, as well as the accuracy of some pitchers. I took some practice to be patient, wait for the right pitches to get a hold of and change my bat speed. However, but the middle/end of the season, I was back with my consistent hitting."

### Remi Taylor



\*Once during the championship hockey game against Fort Zumwalt South, we got to the final game and lost by only one goal. I was so upset because we lost to a team who was not as good as the previous teams that we beat."

### Ben Vogt



\*Once, my team had a lacrosse game against our rival team, the St. Dominic Crusaders. We came out on top, scoring the first two goals. They caught up quickly and then it was back and forth until the game ended at the sound of the loud buzzer. We were tied 8-8 and went into 3 minutes of overtime. When I jumped up to get the ball, I came down an my ankle the wrong way. I heard a couple pops and then I couldn't stand back up. It began swelling, bruising, and hurt a lot. I was out for the rest; of the game. We had to play with only 10 girls and last 11-9. We lost a game we were capable of winning and I had to sit and watch it all go down."

Sydnee Horneker



"Our last JV home game against Valley Park was a difficult. That was the first game that my buddy Hunter got to play with us. We were neck and neck with them throughout the entire game until the final minute. We were down by two points and we took three shots to attempt to win, or at least tie, the game. We missed all three shots in the final seconds. It was a tough loss, but a good come to end the service.

Cameron Cole



\*Once in a tournament, I had to play with shin splints and a stress fracture in my foot. I used to get shin splints a lot and the stress fracture was a minor one, but it still hurt pretty badly. I had to go through several games playing mid-field, the position that runs the most. At half time in the championship game, I switched to goalie because I really couldn't run anymore. I believe we ended up placing second in the tournament. It was painful, but worth it.

### Anna Bowman



"To be honest, the worst moment, to me, while playing volleyball is when the team doesn't get along. When we start fighting and having terrible attitudes is when we stop playing like a team. I don't think anybody actually realizes how badly it hurts our performance as a team."

### DeAsha Briner



\*Once I had to play in a football game against Trinity with a torn hamstring. They were one of the toughest teams we had to play; we never beat them. I didn't want to let my team down. I really wanted to win , since it was my senior year, I told coach to just tope it and I'd be fine. It was one of the worst feelings. Every time I ran I could feel it feel it tearing, but I just gave it my all. I had over 120 rushing yards with 2 touchdowns.

### DeRenzo Blanks



\*\*Once my cheer team went to a competition in Ohio for a summit bid. A summit is an invitation-only event in Orlando that only 2% of cheer teams in the world go to. While competing, all we needed was a .4 to win, which we accomplished. We went to the awards and the team announced for the bid was not us. It was a D2 team, meaning they couldn't receive it. We were crushed. The experience of losing something that was rightfully ours hurt so bad. However, at our next practice, the competition apoligized and gave us what we deserved."

### Alyssa Anhuchon



"Struggling on the pitcher's mound is really difficult for me. When I start pitching a lot of balls and walking people, I get frustrated. I just have to take a deep breath and imagine that it's just me and the catcher. I have to remind myself to just have fun."

### Tristin Riley



\*Once, I ran the two mile in the rain at the Hallsville meet last year. The weather was cool, but perfect for running. Then the rain started just as my race was about to begin. I left our dry tent to go run it and I was soaked before it even began. I was dreading it because I hadn't had to run that lengthy of an event before and it definitely wasn't ideal. As if that wasn't bad enough, the rest of the meet was cancelled as soon as my race finished. But I did make it through it, even if I was sooking wet.\*

200 Pezold

#Athlete Drobs



# A Day in the Life of a 4 year old

They were born in February 2000 yet sophomores Jada Hunter and Zoe Pezold could technically be considered the youngest in their class. In fact, they are younger than the students currently in Kindergarten. These sweet sixteens happen to share a birthday with a day that only occurs every four years: Leap Day. 2016 was one of the few years that have a February 29th and coincidently enough, Jada and Zoe got to celebrate their quadrennial birthday together. It must be helpful having another 4 year old in your grade to help you through the tough toddler times. "I didn't really understand that my birthday was that unique until probably elementary school when learning about calendars. Until then, I considered my birthday just like everyone else's," explains Zoe.



"My favorite part of having a Leap Day birthday is I can be considered the youngest in my group of friends. When people learn I have a Leap Day birthday, they usually have a lot of questions about how and when I celebrate because it's so unique."

"I like having a Leap Day birthday because I get to have two birthdays. It's always funny when someone asks how old you are because they don't believe how young you actually are. The worst thing about it is I don't get to have a real birthday every year like everyone else."

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### Games

1. Carcassonne

2. Blokus

3. The Princes of Florence

4. Battle Line

5. Taj Mahal

6. Aladdin's Dragons

7. Battle Cry

8. Castle

9. Fairy Meat

10. High Bohn

11. Java

12. Janga: Truth or Dare

13. MLB Showdown

14. The Sims

15. X-Men trading car game

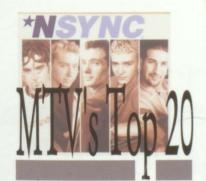
16. Dragon Ball Z collectible card game

17. Thunder on South Mountain

18. Warangel

19. Myths and Legends

20. Citadels



- 1. Bye Bye Bye//NSync
- 2. Shape Of My Heart//BackStreet Boys
- 3. Oops, I Did it Again//Britney Spears
- 4. Real Slim Shady//Eminem
- 5. Come on Over (Baby) Christina Aguilera
- 6. Thong Song//Sisqo
- 7. Make Me Bad//KoRn
- 8. It's Gunna Be//Nsync
- 9. Back That Thing Up//Juvenile
- 10. If Only//Hansen
- 11. Rollin'//Limp Bizkit
- 12. Show Me the Meaning of Being Lonely//BackStreet Boys
- 13. Lucky//Britney Spears
- 14. Forgot About Dre//Dr. Dre ft. Eminem
- 15. She Bangs//Ricky Martin
- 16. What A Girl Wants//Christina Aguilera
- 17. Adam's Song//Blink 182
- 18. Say My Name//Destiny's Child
- 19.American Bad A\*\*//Kid Rock
- 20. From the Bottom of my Broken Heart//Britney Spears

1. Sweatbands 2. Tall Tees 3. Trucker Hats 4. Streaky Highlights 5. Livestrong Bracelets 6. Popped Collar Polos 7. V-neck T-shirts 8. Low Rise jeans 9. Juicy Couture Sweat Suits 10. Puka Shells 11. Ruffle Skirts 12. Platform Flip Flops 13. Camouflage 14. Dresses and Jeans 15. Baby G watches 16. Uggs 17. Hollister 18. Jeans with no waistband 19. Belts 20. Scrunchies

### Bucket=2016

0	This year, I want to
	WORK OUT & GET FIT Lizzie Lopez
	GET A'S IN BOTH MATH CLASSES Uack Simon
	THROW A NO-HITTER ON VARSITY Michael Holmes
0	GO ON A CRUISE Megan Melton
	GO SKYDIVING Garrison Walsh
	BUNGEE JUMP Amanda Buchheit
	VISIT COLLEGES Taylor Mueller
0	GO PARASAILING Koltin Goldsmith

















### "I have..."



"been to the Rocky

Mountains in

Colorado with my

uncle." -Romeo Cotton



"met the CNO of the navy, the highest ranked man. He gave me a challenge claim, a coin to carry around for honor." -Raelynn Taylor



"stuck scissors in an outlet and got shocked.

It was during social studies class in eighth grade." -Marcus Pherigo



"swam with sharks.
I actually swam with
dolphins, but they're
close enough" -Alexis
Fast

Freshman Taylah Gurley, or Tay, moved to Wright City all the way from Cape Cod, Massachusetts. "My grandma lives here and I really just needed a fresh start; Wright City seemed like the perfect place to go. I had to fly on two different planes here by myself. I was super nervous. Wright City is much smaller than my old school. Everyone here is also a lot nicer and welcoming. I had to really make an adjustment and find out who I could hang out with. On my first day, I got lost a lot; Tyrell had to show me where biology was and I didn't know how to get to the buses. I'm actually really social. I play basketball and I joined track when I came here. I feel like I fit in better in Wright City."



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Jada Hunter &









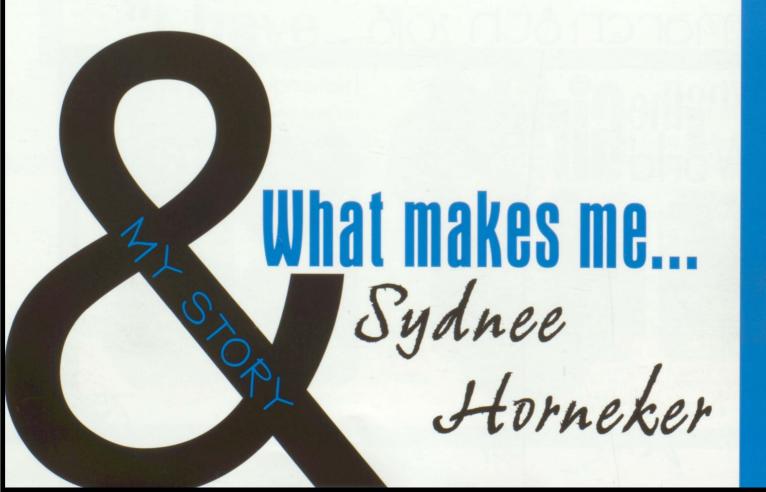








National Working





I play volleyball lacrosse

I like sushi gribs

Llike rap, country & metal I like cats & turkeys

My favorite colors are Tiffany Blue Ruby Red

My best friends are Kailyn & Caylin

I love crocs

Muck boots

My favorite subjects are math



my family means the world to me

Darcy Cearley



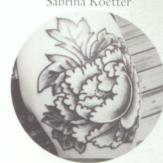
CJ Palmer



Emily Huber



Sabrina Koetter



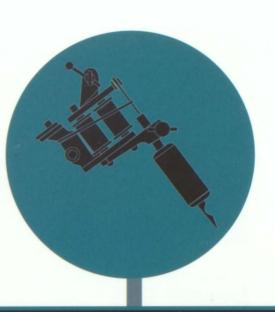
Cameron Whaley's little brother, Evan, was born without an immune system in the early 2000's. Medical advancements had not been made yet to save him, so he sadly died at only four months old. To honor and remember him, his family got tattoo's of his name. Their mother was the first to get his name tattooed; she got Evan's initials in a heart on her back. Soon after followed his father. Cameron and Evan's dad was always really good at art so he drew up his own design of a rose with a heart and a sash in front displaying his name. Cameron always imagined following in his parents footsteps and getting his little brother's name on his body. He got his father's artistic gene and when Cameron felt he was a good enough artist, he drew his own design. Cameron never got to know what it's like growing up, always complaining about his siblings, like he constantly hears around school. But he does get to say that he always has his brother with him, never gone.

Courtney Timm's first year teaching here at Wright City she had her first child. She and her husband were so excited to be having a little girl. Mrs. Timm knew she would love Laurel more than anything in the world, but she didn't expect Laurel to become her whole world. To honor her daughter, she got Laurel's name tattooed on her arm, along

with her hospital footprint and her birth date. "Why not have my whole world on my arm?" Mrs. Timm is pregnant with her second child this year, which she knows will be a baby boy. No sane mother would have one child's name on their body and not the other, so Mrs. Timm plans on getting the same tattoo of her son's name, footprint, and birth date on her other arm.

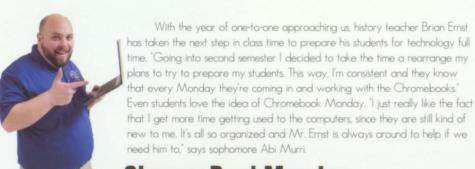


# body art







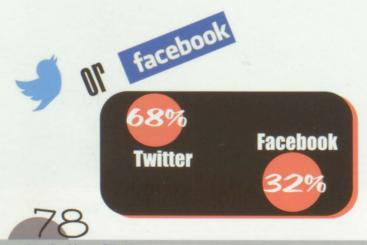






#ChromeBookMonday

### #This = That







With floor

explains C Freund, Sec Stailey rep be on Snap

With the age of technology in the palm of our hands, it's no surprise that a major trend floating around Wright City High School is one that stemmed from gaming and Youtube. FaZe is a group of gamers who compete on various levels of different

games for not only bragging rights, but loads of cash as well. The gamers play
Call of Duty and Counter Strike: Global Offense, both first-person shooter
games. There are tournaments in which the guys compete to win as much as
ten thousand dollars. Some members of FaZe Clan have extremely popular
YouTube channels to showcase their gaming abilities and lives as gamers. The
members also welcome fans submissions. "I think the the reason we all watch and

love FaZe Clan so much is because it's so easy to relate to and gives us hope that our hobbies could potentially be something we could do for a living," explains Collin Schlapper. Schlapper, along with Anthony Freund, Sean McDonald, Drew Laparter, and Jonas Stailey rep FaZe Clan everywhere they go, whether it be on Snapchat, at the pet store, or at the mall.







The Google definition of computer programming is "the craft of writing useful, maintainable, and extensible source codes, which can be interpreted or compiled by a computing system to perform a meaningful task," and while most people think of computer programming as just another past time, senior Joseph Milner sees it ass an art and his future. "If I were to break down computer programming, I would describe it as the human anatomy." He states that the codes are much like the muscles and the bones of the body, our structure. Without those, we'd have nothing to hold us together. "The images and art to go with the codes are like the skin and every little detail that makes up you."

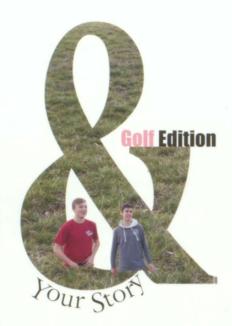
When it comes to the future, Joseph has it pretty figured out. \*One of the interesting things about computer programming, is that you have limitless opportunities to pursue.\* He explain how, if you have any experience with computer programming at all, jobs are much more willing to hire you. As for straight out of high school, Joseph plans on going to community college to gain even more knowledge on codes, then attending a business and hopefully getting a an internship and helping develop codes of all types.

So what is it that drives Joseph to continue to succeed in programming? "Well you see, it's like when an author gets a review. When it's bad, you work harder until you get the results you want. But when you do get that good review, it's an indescribable feelings of joy.





plays golf when he gets the chance and his best 18-hole game was a score of 80. Every golfer has their own hole-in-one story, "Imagine this..." Bear begins, "I am playing a Par 3 hole and starting about 40 yards away from the hole. There are woods on both the left and the right of me and the wind was blowing pretty strong. On top of all that, I had to hit the ball over a hill in order to meet the hole on the other side. The only indication I had to where the hole was, was Griffin's head popping above the hill as he jumped up and down. Feeling that the odds were against me, I just took a swing. All of a sudden, I hear 'dude it's in' and I hear my ball clunk into the hole. I ran to go see it and sure enough, I had just sunk my first hole-in-one.





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Senior Chase Jones, started playing baseball when he was 4 years old and plans to continue playing in college after high school. "I am going to St. Louis Community College in Meramec. I am going on A+ tutoring money and will play baseball for them for the next two years." Chase explains that he loves the competition of the game and that it "drives me to constantly improve." Chase says that though he plays on a summer team (St. Louis Redbirds), there is an undeniable bond between the boys who play for WCHS. "It is just like family - ya know? We see each other every day during school then practice for a couple hours every day after." With such a strong bond on and off the field, the boys are bound to experience some pretty unforgettable memories. "Freshman year, we were playing North Callaway. I was on JV at the time and playing playing short stop and Kyle Tuepker was playing third base. It's in the middle of a bat, we're playing in the field, and I look over at Kyle and he's pulling Kit-Kat bars out of his back pocket. He just kept eating them, and threw the wrapper out on the field when he was done. I will never forget that."

Jason Long is a freshman who started playing baseball when he was five years old. Jason has played on many summer teams, but says that playing on the high schools team is "a lot more fun." He says, "the team has chemistry and I am really excited to play this season. It is cool to see different talent all come together, I think it will be a good season." Jason says that he hopes to be able to continue playing baseball in college even if that is a couple years away. For Jason it is the love of the game that keeps him going he says the competition and just being able to play is the best part, "I just love it." Jason plays catcher and 3rd base and talks about how much he thinks he will be able to enjoy the season by "playing with people that he has played with before and already has a foundation to build off of."



Week of Man. 27th

FAVORITE THING

Being Outside
27% The Smell in the Air Playing Baseball Playing Soccer 3%

Playing Soccer 3%

Flowers 500

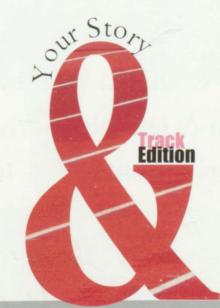
And Soccer 3%

And Soccer 3% The Weather 20% The Rain

10%

"I have been on track since seventh grade. I just wanted to try it...I had no idea I would end up falling in love with the sport." Sophomore James Leech is a hurdle jumper and anyone who has ever seen him run can tell just how much he enjoys the sport by the smile on his face. "It is hard to say just what my favorite memory is, I just have so many" explains James, "but if I had to choose I would say it was the meet when we were in Hallsville." James goes on and describes how nothing too special happened but it is his favorite because "it was **constantly raining**-it would not stop, everyone was, soaking wet. Regardless of the rain we were all having a really great time." James is excited to see what this school year's season has in store for him.







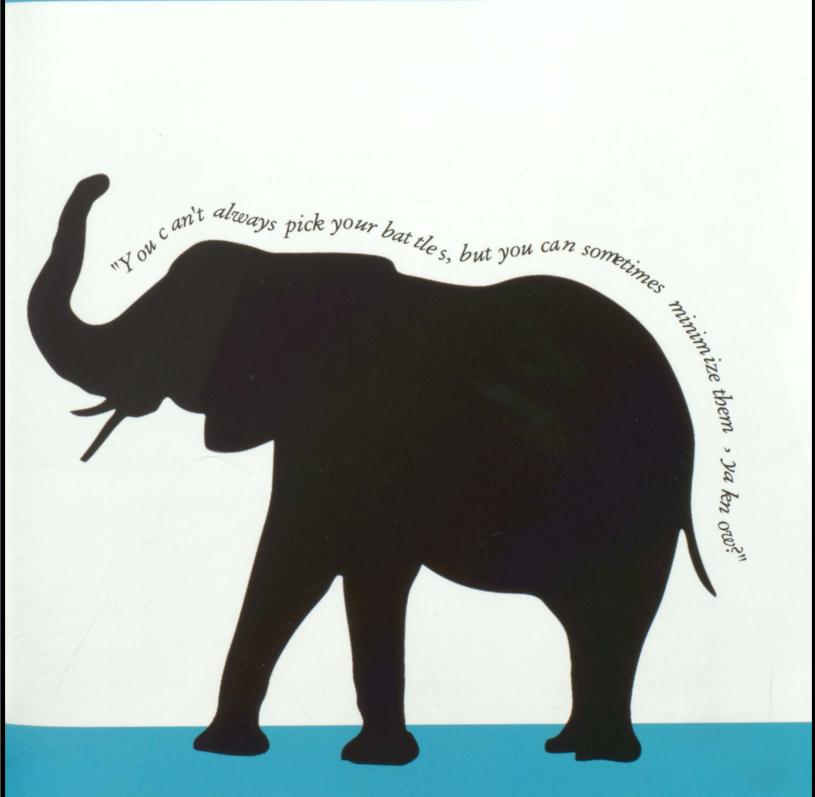
"One thing I will never forget... I was throwing shot-put and we were at Lutheran St. Charles for a meet. Little did we know, we were not there alone. We soon found out there was a **Snake in the rocks**. As we all kind of came to this realization this kid named Kody from Ochard Farm picked up the snake and checked it at a tree. Really, he saved everyone's lives that day." lives that day.

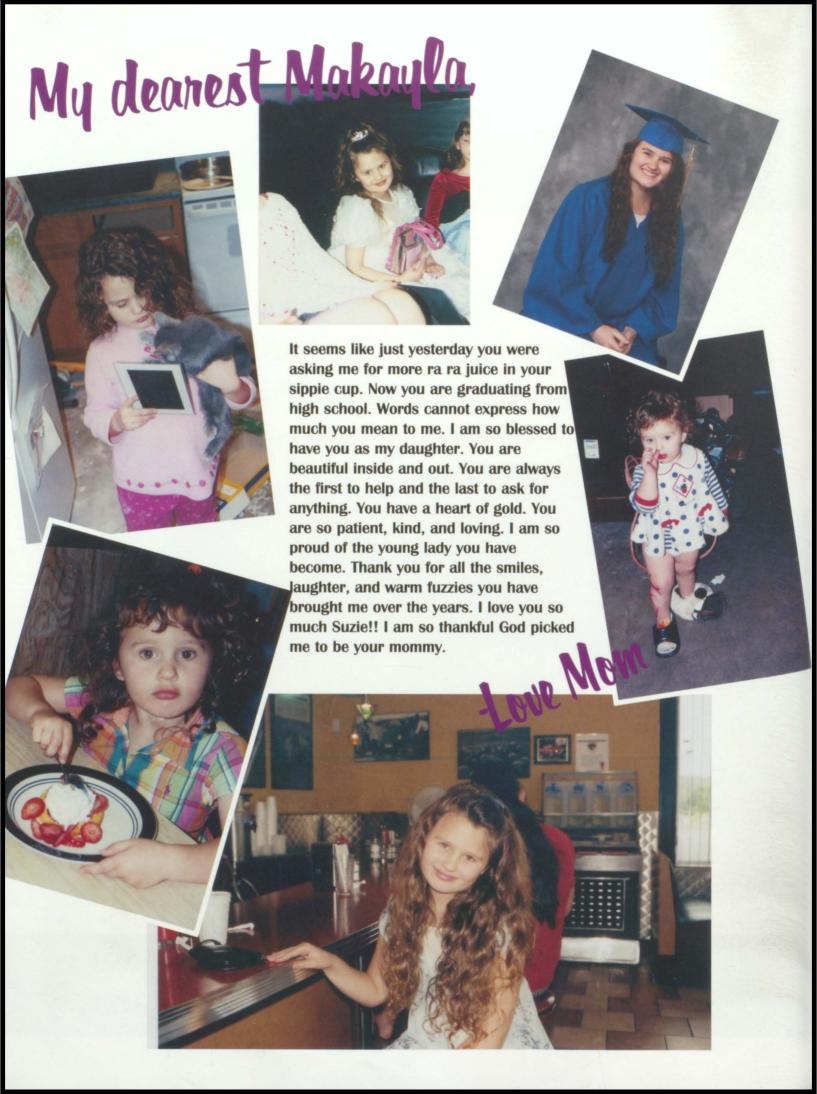
Kyle Christopher, a senior on track, Kyle Christopher, a senior on track, has been throwing shot-put and discus since his freshman year and can throw over 140 ft. for discus. Kyle explains that he remembers when he broke his personal record, "We were at state, and at the time my personal record was about 129 feet. Since you can throw 4 times each round I was always trying to beat what I had just trying to beat what I had just thrown. So I tried and tried again and then threw a 136 ft. Which is only 2 ft. away from the school record." Whether almost losing his life via snake attack or basking in a great accomplishment, Kyle Christopher has definitely

left his print on Wright City High School Track and Field.

## What makes me... Taylor Almond

sweaters & cats & lotion & writing & Bath and Body Works & concerts & traveling & books & bath bombs & inspirational conversations with Mr. Ernst & twitter & baking & pub staff & music & laughter & rain & baseball & Drake & hot chocolate & mint & candles & Kallie Cundiff's singing & naps & Disney Movies & long hugs & hot showers & recliners & boots & fuzzy socks & flowers & getting my nails done & fall & batman & beaches & coffee & Chinese food & blankets & Queen Cearley & the zoo & Scooby Doo & late night drives & elephants & spontaneous adventures & love stories







Megan,

From the time you were born we always wanted the best for you, and for you to be the bright, beautiful woman that you have become. We are so very proud of you. We hope you follow your dreams and stay so beautiful inside and out. We are so very proud of you! you truly are our greatest gift. We love you Megan.

Love always, Mom & Dad



### Kallie Lee,

Inever saw it coming: I never imagined it would be this rast, and now that it is here, a tea comes to my eye.









my Little girl is not a baby, and I am so proud of her you are smart, beautiful, and full of life and Love, always stay positive, everything you do is going to be amazing.

ILOUE YOU Love, Mamma Bear

Sydnee,

We are so proud of all your hard work and accomplishments. Good Luck in the next chapter of your life.

Love You Always, Mom, Dad & Kyle

Stuco Officer: 12 FCCLA: 9, 10 Class Officer: 11, 12 SADD Secretary: 12 Art Club: 12 Earth Club: 12 Women's Select Choir: 10 Basketball: 11, 12 Lacrosse: 9, 10, 11, 12 Captain: 10,11,12 MVP: 11 Volleyball: 9, 10, 11, 12 Captain: 11, 12 MVP: 11 Academic All State:11 Emo All Conference: 11, 12 2nd Team All District: 12 1st Team All Region: 12



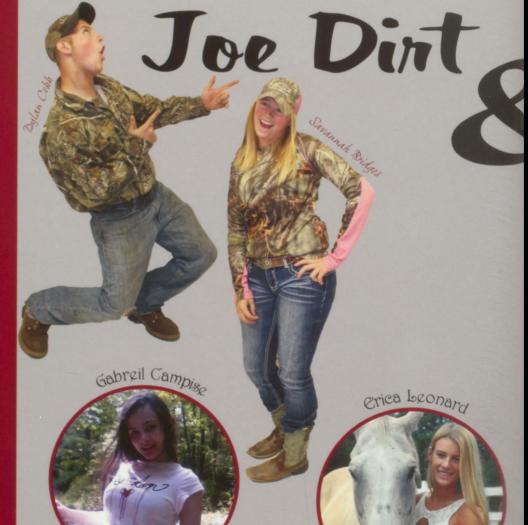


"Blame it all on my roots, I showed up in boots!" - Garth Brooks



"Fly high; never die."





Gabreil Campis



"It always seems impossible until it's done." - Nelson Mandela



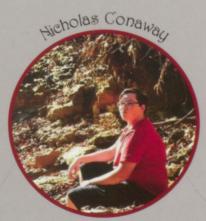


"I let the dogs out

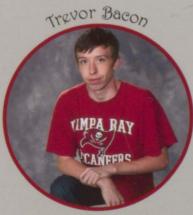


"Life always offers you a second chance. It's called tomorrow."

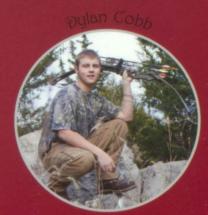




"Life has no remote. Get up and change it yourself."



Everything is better with a side of bacon."







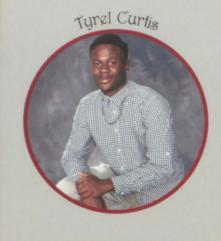




"What's done is done. What happened, happened. The past is the past. I can't change it and neither can you. So get up and move on."



"Strong women wear their pain like stilettos. No matter how much it hurts, all you see is the beauty of it."







CU Palmer

Garrett Windels



"Enjoy it. Because it's happening." -Stephen Chbosky Makayla McMullin



"Be yourself no matter what. Some will adore you and some will hate everything about you. But who cares? It's your life. Make the most of it."

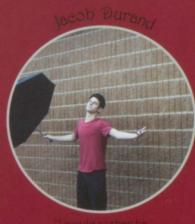
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"Master gave Lindsey a diploma...Lindsey is freeeeeeee!"

# Rayla Billings

"Hannah Montana says that nobody is perfect, yet here I am."



"I would rather be sleeping."

### Dn.

Doolittle

Alexis Fast

over the opinions of shrimp!"



"Mermaids don't lose sleep



"Don't settle for mediocre. Push forward and achieve great goals"



"Pain is weakness leaving the body. Let your rind believe and your body will follow."



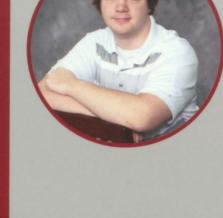
some Sweet N Low" -... Childish Gampino





"Do what you're supposed to do and don't do what you're not supposed to do. It's the secret to life."

-My Dad



Tuler Richardson

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"Same."
- King Landy

# Loud as an elephant

&E

Quiet as a mouse



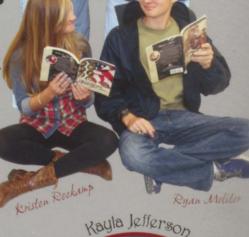


"Keep sihaina.



Rollin Goldsmith

"Don't blink."



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"I don't have a senior quote."



"They told me I could be anything...so I became a squid!"



Aicholas Muelle,

"I lost my mood ring: I'm not

# Steph Cunny 82

Mia Hamm



Kyle Tuepker

Sam Benson



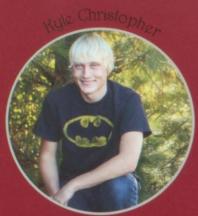
"High school is when you start to realize who really matters, who never did, and who always will."



"Be soft. Do not let the world make you hard. Do not let the pain make you hate. Do not let the bitterness steal your sweetness."



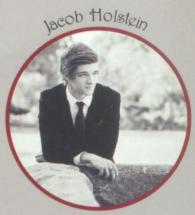
'Tell me I can't and then watch me work twice as hard to prove you wrong."



"MR. SPEAKER !!!!!!!!"!

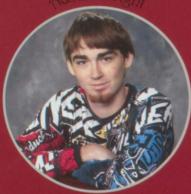


"I cannot graduate unless you say, 'I am satisfied with your education." -Big Hero 6



"A life fought for others is a life worth living."

### Austin Wright



"Some times you find yourself in the middle of howhere, and some times in the middle of howhere you find yourself."

### Thrift Shop



John Vanpell



"You're only given a little spark of madness. You mustn't lose it." - Robin Williams

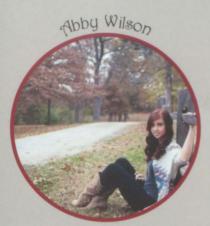
### Sierra Davis



"Two wrongs don't make a right, but three lefts do."



"All your life you meet people
who only want to break you
down. Forget them. Stand
strong with the people that build
you up." Mark Fischbach





Brooke Vossen

"I'm submitting my senior quote from the deer stand. Wish me luck."





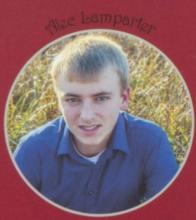
"You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself in any
direction you choose."

- Dr. Seuss



"There may be people that have more talent than you, but there is no excuse for anyone to work harder than you do"

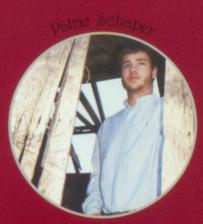
- Derek Jeter



"I use a nightlight. Not because I'm scared of the dark, but because the dark is scared of me," - Chuck Norris



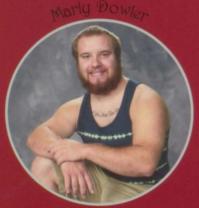
"Be somebody who makes everybody feel like a somebody" - Kid President



"Once you eliminate the impossible, whatever remains, no matter now improbable, must be the truth." Sherlock Holmes

# Tyler Brillain

"Keep on, Keepin' on'



"You better cut that pizza into 4 slices because I don't feel like eating 6."



"Life is about the journey, yes, but where you and up matters as well."

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### Marina Shaw



"Enjoy the little things in life because one day you will look back and realize they were the big things."



"The whole of life is just like watching a film. Only it's as though you always get in ten minutes after the big picture has started, and no one will tell you the plot, so you have to work it out yourself from the clues." -Terry Pratchett

### Feminist

# Robby Kramer

"Your work... JUSTDO IT! Don't let good grades be dreams."



"It's the oldest story in the world. One day you're seventeen and you're planning for someday. and then quietly. without you ever really noticing, someday is today, and that someday is yesterday, and this is your life." -Nathan Scott.

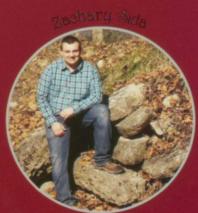
One Tree Hill

Hope Reid



"While physics and mathematics may tell us how the universe began. they are not much use in predicting human behavior because there are far too many equations to solve. I'm no better than anyone else at understanding what makes people tick. particularly women."-Stephen Hawking





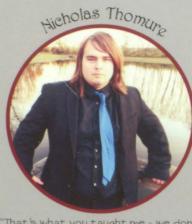


Courtney Lawson

"Nobody can keep you from following your dreams."



Life can only be understood backwards but it must be lived forwards." - Soren Kierkegaard



"That's what you taught me - we don't have to accept destiny or Des Tiny. We can create our own future. all of us. We have the power to rule our lives

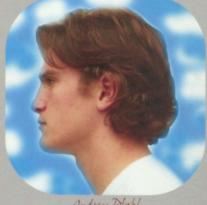






# Willey Stake We just have Use it" -Dan MILLEY STAKE Drake

Alexis Fast



Andrew Pfuhl





"I know education is important but biceps are importanter. Bud whatttt!"

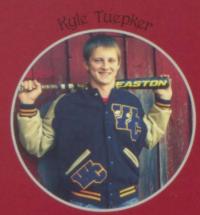
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"Raise the wadges. You have nothing to loose." - MAlex



"Sports are cool but my brother Jeff Sargent is cooler."





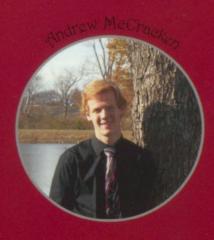
"You might as well try to change the stars! For if he believes enough, a man can do anything."



"No." - Rosa Parks



"Enjoy It You're screwed afterwards."







ponovan Mozee

"A winner never quits."

# Class of



Champayne Hunler

Garrett Windels

"Don't rely too much on anyone; even your own shadow leaves you in the dark." - Aaron Dontez Yates (Tech N9ne)

### Catherine Elisabeth Noltkamper



We love you beautiful girl. Always remember to show others that beauty is from within.

Mom, Dad, Nina and Clair

"No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and fight for your dreams."





if I could give you one thing in life, I would give you the ability to see yourself through my eyes. Only then would you realize how special you are to me.



Love Always, Mama and Chad



It has been awesome watching you grow into such an awesome young woman! We love You!

Be cox tent with what you what vi rejo ce there is nothing lacking, the whole world belongs to you -Lao 42n RAY Story
What makes mediankett?

1 love cotts & butterscotch & lemons & vicks vapor rub & pomegranate flavor & fireplaces & early bed times & disney movies & baking & movie sound tracks & hugs & warm blankets & birds & babies & mornings & fluffy pillows & winter & taking pictures & family dinners & dressing up & perfume & candles & dark curtains & sunburnt cheeks & cookie dough & cheerleading & warm sunlight when it's cold outside & quiet & making people laugh & winter scarves & the smell of shampoo & Christmas at my grandma's & The sound of baseball on to & cinnamon rolls & corny jokes & barnes and noble & philosophy soap & haircuts & clothes & structure & health class & stability & my sister's laugh & rainy days & planning things & my mom's lasagna & white sheets & the color grey & my dad's hugs & the sound of wind & the Anne Frank movie & new sweatpants & surprises & giving people gifts & fuzzy socks & warm boths & soft hair & laughing with my boyfriend & the smell of Dove soap & egg nog & bath and body works & sleeping outside in summer & sassy comebacks & my grandma's gooey butter cake & cold breath in the air & the smell of cough drops & being at home & lozu Sundays & christmas music & ice cream & smiles.

### **Juniors**

Aaron Allen Samantha Apple Alyssa Aubuchon Colby Baxter Josue Berry

























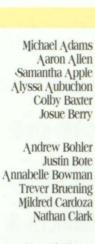


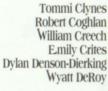














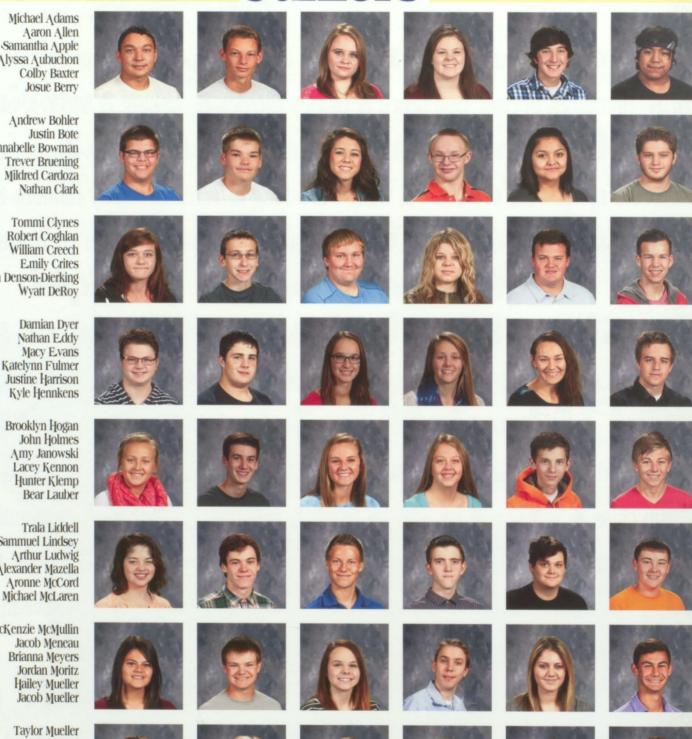






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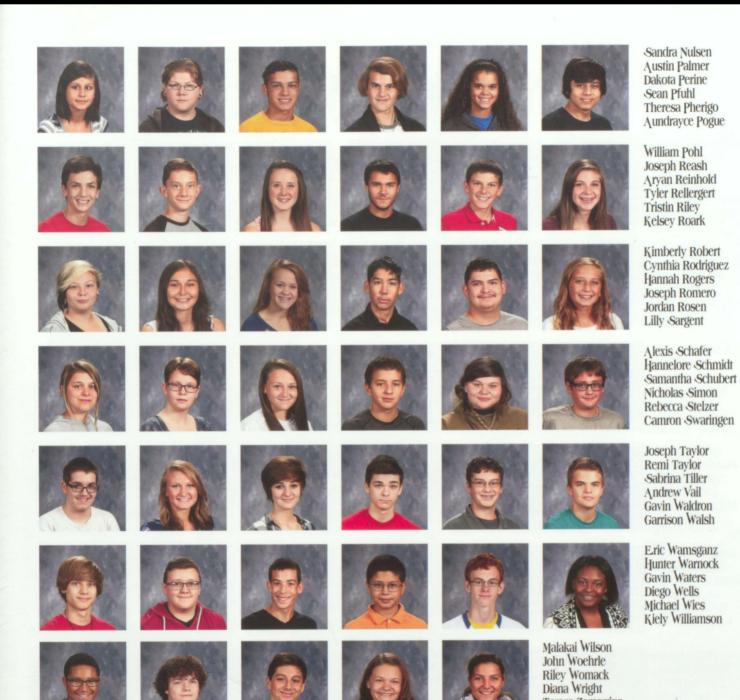








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# Jasming Thomas











#### Jasmine,

We watched you grow up into a beautiful, sweet, smart, caring and very determined young lady. Just always remember "You can do whatever you put your mind to."

Can't wait to see what your future brings! We are so proud of you!

#### Love Always,

Mom, Pad, Abby, and Allison



### ANDREW,

I don't know where time has gone but I can't wait to see where it takes you next! Remember who you are, where you come from and where you want to go. Fight hard and stay grounded. Remember, the sky is the LIMIT! We are so proud of you.

> Love. Mom, Dad and Sean



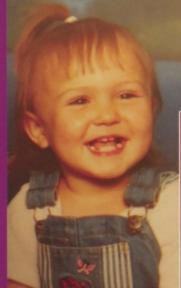


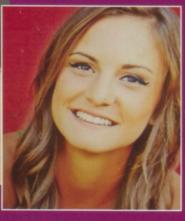


#### Brooke

We are so proud of you!

Love Mom & Dad









So many great memories!



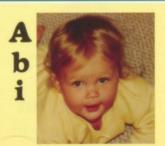
Go do great things!



Zac,

So proud of you! Love you so much.

Mom



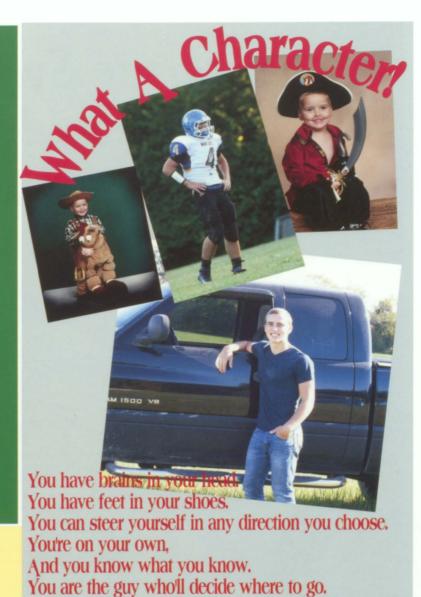
We can't believe that it's over and done.

It has been quite an experience and a great deal of fun.

We really don't know what you will do, but hope that all your dreams come true!

Gram & Grandpa and the rest of the gang!





-Dr. Seuss

## Wishing you continued success!



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YOUR story

**YOUR**anding

this is your

Once Upon A Time

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