

# THE ARROWHEAD

## CREATIVE ISSUE

### Being Who You Are By Senior Carly Mill

High school, a place full of blank stares, judgemental comments, whispers, and doubt. Doesn't really seem like an easy to be, does it? It isn't all rainbows and butterflies as we imagined when we were younger. As we get older we become more honest with ourselves, with who we are, and what we believe. You must stand up for yourself, love yourself and what you create yourself to be. You'll have people by your side in this life; in the halls of high school but, I believe the most important one, the one that will always be there is the one looking at you in the mirror. Look at yourself sometime, ask yourself if you're ok. Find things to love about yourself, everyday. We are all different and that's what's beautiful about this world and society. We must understand that we are all different. Next time you're in the halls, hold your head up high and for goodness sakes, love who you're becoming.





“Oh the places we will go”...for the kids

isaacmiller news staff

The Thespian Society members recently put on a show for the elementary kids at Lyter Elementary. The kids got to celebrate Dr. Suess day by watching a play of Sneetches on the Beaches. “We were all sneetches,” said Alyssa Lair when asked what parts the students in Thespian Society had to play. “We did the show on Doctor

Seuss Day as a treat for the kids in the school,” said Sophomore Isaiah Mallery when asked why they performed the show. The kids in the elementary muchly appreciated watching the drama students perform for them. “Seeing the smiles on the childrens’ faces was just amazing,” said Lair when asked what the best part of getting the chance to act for the students.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MRS. CONNOR

Pictured above is the Thespian Society, which recently put on a show for the Lyter Elementary School students to celebrate Dr. Seauss Day. The play that was done was written by Dr. Suess.

New Gap Outlet shoppers have mixed opinions

isaacmiller news staff

In the past few months many new stores and restraunts have moved into the area, but the new Gap outlet has not had as much talk as the other new buildings. Several students and teachers would find themselves at the Gap looking for new clothes to add to their outfits, but with the new Gap mixed feelings come with it. While the Gap store in the mall has been takien out a new Gap outlet, a factory store, has been put in next to Target. “I am very pumped for the new Gap outlet,” said Spanish teacher

Mrs Tammy Morgan when asked how she felt about the new Gap outlet going in. Many factory outlets are known for having more of a variety when it comes to the selection of items to buy. “I seem to have more luck when it comes to the factory outlets,” said math teacher Mrs. Jenny Crawford when asked about why she was glad the facotry outlet replaced the regular store. The prices at factory stores are also known to be lower than other stores. “I always find better prices at factories,” said Crawford when asked

about shopping at the factory stores. Even though many are excited for the new opening, others feel dissapointed at the old store being taken out and replaced. Along with the idea of more variety some belive this also means more quality but less quality when it comes to the product of the store. “It’s the factory-made so that means the quality of the clothes is not as good as the regular stores,” said sophmore Gabri Locricchio when asked why she did not like the idea of a new factory store replacing Gap.



PHOTO BY K. PARKE

Pictured above is the new Gap Outlet that just recently came to the Target complex by the mall. The outlet has recieved mixed emotions from the shoppers.



PHOTO BY J. YOCUM

Sophmore Nate Ripley goes into the new Gap outlet for the first time to look for new clothes. The Gap outlet was recently opened and replaced the Gap store in the mall.

The Band and Chili cook-off heat up

jilliano’connor news editor

Senora Tammy Morgan holds up her prize for placing first in the faculty and staff chili cook off. The cook off, which was held Feb. 26 and was organized by Mrs. April Gavitt, raised \$346 to benefit guidance secretary Mrs. Patsy Schmalhofer, who is recovering from a stroke. “It was a fun time,” said Schmalhofer. “I am so glad I could attend; we appreciate the support from everyone.” Mrs. Ronda Albert placed 2nd, and Mrs. Anne Mussina placed 3rd. The Key Club also held a dress down night to benefit Mrs. Schmolhofer.



The marching band proudly marches down the streets just behind the color guard showing off their beating hearts. The Marching band just recieved notice that they won first place in the Mummer’s Day Parade that was held in August. The band performed the songs: “Happy, Apache,” and “Saturday’s Alright for Fighting. With the band’s new traditional dancing, they wowed the judges and were rewarded with a plaque, which them the best band in the parade.

Getting “Krafty” at states

kendraparke features editor

jilliano’connor news editor

MAHS’s Senior Alek Kraft was given the opportunity to go to State Orchestra, which was held on March 12 through the 14 in Dallastown, PA. Kraft was extremely appreciative of his experience at states. “Competing at States was a big achievement for me,” said Kraft, “It was a big honor for me to play at States my senior year.” Kraft was one of 22 violin players that were chosen to play at State Orchestra. Before going to States, Kraft had to learn a symphony which was an hour long, as well as another piece that lasted for 15 minutes. Once at States he had to perform the pieces in front of a panel of judges who listened to the pieces and judge his performance on his ability to play them.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ALEK KRAFT

Senior Alek Kraft poses, with his violin, at the District Orchestra competition. His extraordinary placement allowed him to participate in the PA State Orchestra.

Although Kraft did not place at States he said “I think I did okay and I could have done better but I put in my best and that’s all I could have hoped for,” said Kraft. This was the first time that Alek Kraft was given the opportunity to go to the state level for the violin. He has been known to accompany many pieces for the school during choir concerts, as well as band, and also plays for The Williamsport Symphony Orchestra. Kraft has been playing the violin for 12 years. His mother is the one who encouraged him to play the violin in the first place, which lead him to enjoy the instrument. He said that he plans to continue to play the violin in college and hopefully afterwards as well.

The school and town of Montoursville takes pride in the success of all students, including Kraft, for excelling in his musical career and representing Montoursville well.



# Arrowhead Staff Editorial

## Bullying makes a lasting impact

Over 3.2 million students are victims of bullying each year, according to [bullyingstatistics.org](http://bullyingstatistics.org). Approximately 160,000 teens skip school every day because of bullying. 71 percent of students report incidents of bullying as a problem at their school. Suicide due to bullying is the third leading cause of death among young people, resulting in 4,400 deaths per year.

Why do people insist on making their "friends" feel bad about themselves?

I've been one of those 160,000 teens that skipped school because of the feeling I get when I walk in a class and hear people whispering about some rumor that was made up from someone who I thought I've been friends with all my life.

People try to give advice like, "You just need to ignore it. It'll go away if you don't give it the attention people are looking for." The best advice I got was, "These people that put you down, aren't going to matter 5 years from now." It was hard to process that at first because I was thinking about having to go to school the next day. However, with each day that passed by, I was able to talk to someone about what was going on and it became clearer that others' opinions don't matter as much as your closest friends or teachers.

Eventually I was able to put it to the side and spend time with my true friends to try and get my mind off it.

It stinks because you can go years thinking that people are your friends, but sometimes it turns out that it's your friends who are the ones putting you down and making these rumors about you. This scenario is not always what people think bullying is.

I rarely see an unpopular kid being bullied by a popular jock. It's not that way anymore. Also, it's not very often someone is bullying you face-to-face. Today, teens will say anything they want over the Internet or just by texting you.

If you're being bullied or know of someone who is bullying, you need to talk to someone. Most of the time the person who's being bullied will be honest and let you know what's going on.

I know that when I was being bullied, I kept to myself until someone asked me what's going on because I felt like if I confided in others they would think I'm looking for a pity party. I promise you that people care and want to help.

And if you are the one bullying, it's pretty low that you need to make someone upset and hurt just so you get attention from your "friends." It's not "cool" to bully someone and it's not necessary.

You can tell yourself all you want that you're just joking around but once you see it affecting someone, you need to acknowledge it and stop whatever you're doing before it gets too out of control.



meganstoner  
editor-in-chief

## Through the mind of Megan Don't act like you know, because you don't

Walking through the halls of Montoursville High, what do you see?

Some people would say that they see smiling faces, students bonding with one another, and a beautiful school.

But unfortunately that is not how the school is.

There are cracks in the floor that you can see through, bricks popping out of the side of the building, and an issue keeping the school at a decent temperature so the students and faculty can stay comfortable.

As many people know, the school board has approved a \$35 million construction plan to completely redo the high school, and as many would imagine there is much controversy with the plan.

At the public school board meeting in March, many individuals from the community came and spoke as to why they believe the school does not need to be entirely redone.

One of the major reasons why people are against the new school is because they don't want their taxes to

increase, and I understand that.

I have a job and I know how it feels to lose some of your paycheck to the government.

Another argument that was used was the fact that the school could be "made over" rather than redoing the whole thing.

I'm sure that that is a good idea... for certain schools, but not this one.

Why would we just cover up or hide the problems that will need fixed again in ten more years, rather than just fixing the problems and having a good solid school for fifty or more years?

I understand how those individuals feel like their tax money is being wasted, and that they didn't have half the stuff that the new school will when they were in high school in the 70s...but hello, that was in the 70s.

All of those people who feel like they are right, let me ask you a question.

When was the last time you spent an entire day in the school?

Oh that's right...is was back in the 70s when you went to school.

There are times when classrooms are below 60 degrees, walls that are

falling apart, and once again I say BRICKS ARE COMING OUT OF THE BUILDING!

So once again I question why you would just cover up the problem instead of just fixing it?

I do know that the school does need to be fixed, and \$35 million is a lot, but if you are going to argue against

it, please stay up-to-date with all the facts.

Times have changed since you went to school when this building was actually not falling apart, but please please please do not judge until you have been in the school for more than just the school board meeting.



PHOTO BY M. STONER

The front of the school is one of the major controversies concerning the construction of a new high school building. Many individuals in the community have banded together to try and fight the construction.



elizabethlee  
assistant editor

## Look out, it's Liz! Fraternity and sorority members did not make good choices

Fraternities and sororities have never appealed to me. Probably because if you get that many girls living in one place there is bound to be enough drama to have a reality T.V. show.

Some people love them and I can absolutely see why. Everyone wants to feel like they are a part of an exclusive community.

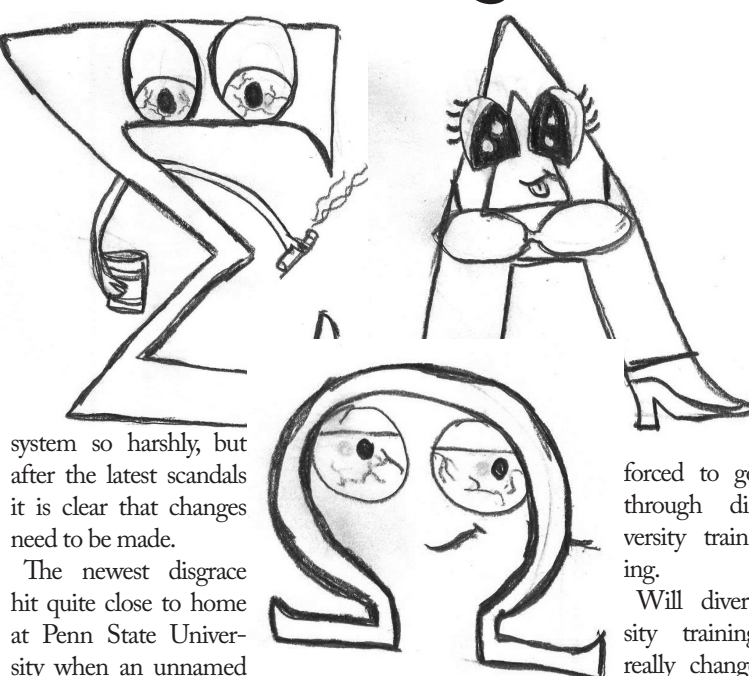
I did, but then I left middle school and found out that being like everyone else was boring and too much work. To me, that is exactly what joining a sorority or fraternity is doing.

They make you prove to them that you are cool enough to hang out with them.

It may be naïve of me, but I like to think that a different applicant wouldn't get a job just because they spent four years living in a different house that I did, and that everyone can make friends without proving how cool they are without being made a fool of.

However, I know the world is far from a wish-granting factory. There is a possibility that I could be passed over for an opportunity just because I was in the wrong clubs, and I may go to college and make no friends. I just like to think that won't happen.

I don't mean to criticize the Greek



system so harshly, but after the latest scandals it is clear that changes need to be made.

The newest disgrace hit quite close to home at Penn State University when an unnamed informant led the police to Kappa Delta Rho fraternity's secret Facebook page. The reason this discovery was so scandalous was that there were pictures of nude and partially nude girls taken when they were sleeping or unconscious.

University of Oklahoma is also attempting to calm the waves made after a video was released of a fraternity singing a racist song. The frat was promptly shut down and forced off of campus with the two leaders facing expulsion.

The frat's national leadership claims that the remaining members will be

forced to go through diversity training.

Will diversity training really change things,

though? Just because you make a

bunch of college guys sit through a class about not being racist doesn't mean they are magically going to stop being racist.

It is the feeling that these organizations create that need to be addressed. More than just education needs to happen. Examples need to be set. Disbanding these fraternities and sororities is only the beginning.

Shutting down the entire Greek system isn't the answer. The positive work that they do for their communities and campuses is tremendous.

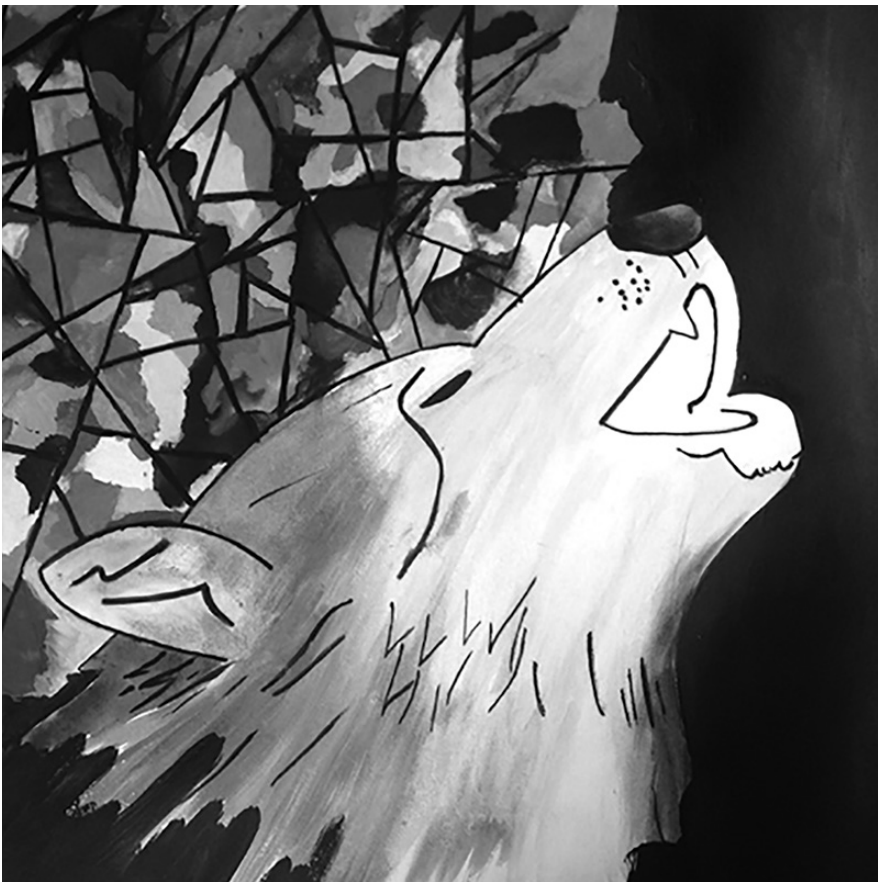
While I will not be rushing to join a sorority next fall, I wouldn't discourage others from doing it.

What I would remind them would be to remember who you are and don't lose that just to join the crowd. What makes people awesome are all of the spectacular things that make them different.

## Have something to say?

Write a letter to the editor or be a guest writer and have your opinion published in The Arrowhead.





Senior Natalie Clees

“The Titanic”

Sophomore Kara Watkins

I was all alone. Sitting there just waiting for something to happen. I have no idea on how long it’s been since I broke off from the rest. Being alone is scary especially when you’re in the middle of nowhere. Just then I heard the roar of something huge. I was more scared than ever, I had no idea what it was. As it got closer I saw that is was a ship, and it was heading right for me. I didn’t know what to do. I couldn’t move. I was in danger. But wait it started to turn, it didn’t matter it wasn’t enough. She hit me. She broke off the bottom part of me, as she screeched with pain I cried. But no one could help me. I sat there watching everyone go crazy because she hit me and is now sinking. All I could hear is the screams of fear from the people on the ship. I felt horrible. This water is way too cold for them to be in. there was nothing I could do to help them. I had to just sit here and watch the sea swallow the ship, people, and everything that was on her with it. After it was all over there were only dead bodies and pieces of the ship floating in the water. But it wasn’t all my fault. It was the ship and the waters fault too. Like people say, the ocean can be a place of paradise or it can be a place of hell.



Freshman Cierra Frantz

“Calling M  
Freshman K

One day, I was sittin  
my mom calling my name  
and started to go downstairs  
before I got to the stairs, so  
parents’ room. It was my m  
that t

“The ‘Necklace’”  
Freshman Sequoia Phillips

There was a depressed girl in my class.  
She’d been this way for about three months. Nobody ever asked her what was wrong, how she was, or anything. One day she came in all excited. Everybody, including the teacher, asked why she was so excited. She told us, “I’m finally going to be putting on my new necklace tonight!” Nobody said anything, just laughed. The next day we came in and she wasn’t there. My teacher broke the news by saying she hung herself. I then realized the “necklace” was a rope.



My Name”  
Kami Miller

ing in my room when I heard  
e from downstairs. I got up  
to see what she wanted. But  
someone pulled me into my  
om. Then she said, “I heard  
too.”



Sophomore Tyler Patterson

“Always Pray”  
Freshman Alena Clary

As time ticked by my heart dropped  
Almost as if it had just stopped  
I stood there looking at the crash scene  
Seeing the grass red instead of green

Hearing screams and seeing the fear in faces  
Oh how I wished I could be in other places  
As I walked over to the ambulance bed  
The paramedic looked at me and said, “Your mother is dead”

My insides collapsed and I fell to the ground  
He caught me as he turned around  
Trying to calm me as I began crying  
But now it was me who felt like dying

As we drove up to the hospital, nothing seemed real  
When I exited the ambulance I just had to kneel  
Was I living? Was I dying?  
And again I began crying

They took me in to the hospital room  
Just walking in filled me with gloom  
It took me back to all the memories in the past day  
My mother hugging me and saying everything would be okay

But everything was not okay!  
She was gone and I had nowhere to stay  
But I just had to calm down and pray  
God would get me through this day

“My Last Days”  
Freshman Sequoia Phillips

I’m lying in the hospital bed,  
A million thoughts are running through my head.  
Will this be my final day?  
Or are all my problems going to go away?

The doctor walks into the room,  
His face is full of gloom.  
Maybe I was overthinking,  
But the doctor was not blinking.

My mother grabbed me,  
Then she fell on her knee.  
She was crying,  
And I was dying.

I felt alone,  
I wanted my home.  
I’m hoping this will be a peaceful death,  
When I have my last breath.



Junior Sarah Neilds



Freshman Isak Fowler



# Running for fun: local races with a twist

maddygorini  
features staff

## The Color Run

Also known as “the happiest 5k on the planet,” the Color Run is a race known worldwide. It is an un-timed race, therefore it is more for fun rather than a race to PR, or break one’s “personal record.”

“It was the funniest 5k I’ve ever done!” said Junior Katie Harlacher, who participated in the race last year.

Runners are recommended to wear all white clothes at the start, and at the end of the race the color powder thrown at them will create a cool rainbow explosion look (The color stains come out).

Different colors are also thrown at participants at every kilometer throughout the run.

A Color Run will be held in State College this year on a date that is to be announced, so they recommend joining the VIP list for details.



PHOTO COURTESY OF KATIE HARLACHER

Junior Katie Harlacher and her sister graduate Alyssa ran the Color Run last year in Roanoke, Virginia. The race is known worldwide and has taken place in 50+ countries.

## Warrior Extreme Challenge

Although the course is only 1.1 miles, this race is called a challenge because includes 11 obstacles, such as smashing ice blocks with a sledge hammer, tunnels, quick sand, swimming in ice cold water, and much more that test the toughest of athletes.

Lycoming College campus Activities Board and intramurals are hosting the challenge on Sunday, April 12.

This year half of the proceeds from the race will go to benefit the Wounded Warrior project.

## The Night Flight

Headlamps, torches and other means of illumination are strongly encouraged in the Night Flight; a 5k or 10k trail race in the dark.

Runners can choose to either run the 5k or 10k the day of the race.

“It’s an easy trail run for beginners” said Mrs. Susan Shoemaker, who has been a part of organizing for multiple Mid Penn Trail Blazers’ races, including the Night Flight.

The race starts at 8:30 on April 4 at Camp Mount Luther in Mifflinburg.

## Smith’s Knob Scramble

Smith’s Knob Sramble is an 8 mile trail race held right here in Montoursville. Along with the Night Flight, Smith’s Knob Scramble is also apart of the Mid Penn Trail Blazers.

The race follows the Loyalsock Trail and it includes steep uphill and sharp downhill. This year, the event will be held on Saturday, June 13.

It is located in Camp Conley, which is off of Little Bear road in Montoursville.

## Zombie Mud Run

The Zombie Mud Run is a combination of zombies, mud, obstacles and running of course.

It is held on the haunted grounds of “Shocktoberfest,” Pennsylvania’s premier haunted scream park in Reading.

It is basically a combination of the famous Mud Run and Zombie Run, which are usually two separate races.

Contestants can sign up to be a human or a zombie; prices vary for each. The “humans” in the race wear a flag football belt with 3 flags attached, symbolizing the vital organs; heart, brains and entrails.

The zombies are scattered throughout the race trying to capture the flags, which means the runner’s goal is to finish the race with at least one flag left in tact.

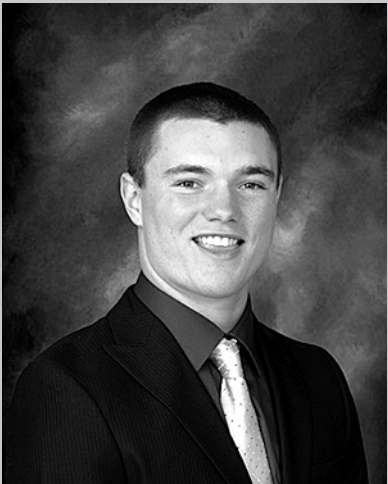
## Hard Core Mud Run

A more local mud run type race is held on the Clinton County fairgrounds on Saturday, May 16. It is a 3-5 mile event that features multiple obstacles to test runners’ abilities.

BOY  
and  
GIRL  
of  
the  
MONTH

The Arrowhead is not responsible for choosing the Boy and Girl of the Month.

# CURTIS BENJAMIN MILLER



**Parents:** Alan and Deanna Miller  
**Birthday:** 5/21/97  
**Status:** In a relationship  
**FAVORITES**  
**Color:** Blue  
**Book:** “Gym Candy” by Carl Deuher  
**Movie:** “Pitch Perfect”

**Class:** Sports Education  
**Pets:** Dog, cat, two bunnies  
**Song:** “Breaking Free”  
**Cuisine:** veal parmesean  
**Describe yourself in one word:** Adventurous  
**Describe your fantasy date:** “Have a nice romantic dinner, and then take Kylie wherever she wants.”  
**Most memorable high school moment:** “Winning the football district title my senior year.”  
**Most embarrassing moment:** “When Nick Russo spilled a slushie all over my back during lunch freshman year.”  
**Activities:** Baseball (4 years varsity), Football (3 years varsity), Basketball (3 years varsity)  
**Plans after graduation:** “Attend Lock Haven University to major in Health and Physical Education.”

*“Curtis is the epitome of leadership. If you would ask me what I want in a leader, Curtis Miller is how I would respond.”*  
-Mr. J.C. Keefer

# ELIZABETH CLISHAM LEE



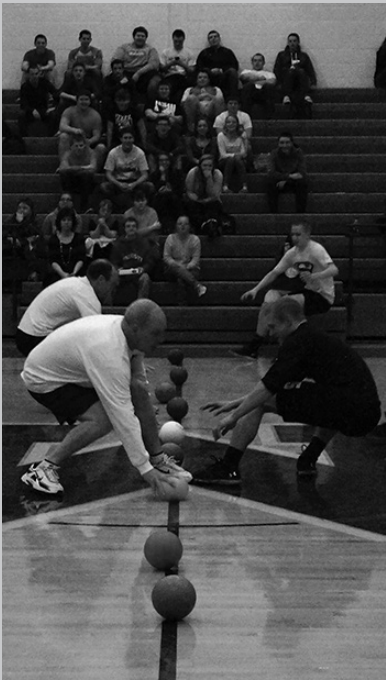
**Parents:** Cole and Suzanna Lee  
**Birthday:** 11/1/97  
**Status:** See Nate Ripley for details.  
**FAVORITES**  
**Color:** forest green  
**Book:** “Witches” by Roald Dahl  
**Movie:** anything directed by John

Hughes  
**Class:** recess  
**Pets:** Firefly, my pet rock and the journalism staff  
**Cuisine:** french toast with whipped cream and fresh strawberries  
**Describe yourself in one word:** quirky  
**Describe your fantasy date:** “A hike to a pretty place and have a picnic. Then a movie marathon with unlimited snacks.”  
**Most memorable high school moment:** “All the 4th deadlines and Chinese food with the spectacular Megan Stoner.”  
**Most embarrassing moment:** “When [Mrs.] Kateria [Nettles] told me if you jump in and out of a puddle really quickly the people around you will get more wet than you, because of displacement. She was lying, needless to say.”  
**Activities:** Key Club (10, 11, secretary 12), Rho Cappa (11,12), National English Honor Society (11,12), Arrowhead Staff (9, 10, photo editor 11, assistant edito 12), Track (9, 10, 11), Cross country (7,8,9,10,11,12)  
**Plans after graduation:** “Attend University of Vermont, major in geography.”

*“E. Lee- She makes good choices.”*  
-Mr. Theodore Barbor



Vice Principal Mr. Chris King and Junior Logan Mckeag race to get dodgeballs after the buzzer sounded to begin the Teachers vs. Students Dodge Ball game on March 18 during flex, hosted by The Arrowhead. The game consisted of 11 teachers and 10 students from the junior class. The juniors beat the teacher team all three times they played.



MAHS happenings  
By Jenny Yocum

Senior Nick Russo hides on and under the stacked high jump pits during the “free play” portion of the Teachers vs. Students Dodge Ball Game, when all student spectators were invited to join the teams to participate in one, big dodge ball game. Students used different gym class equipment as shields and barriers in order to stay in the game as long as possible.



Junior Jillian O'Connor reads to a group of kindergartners on March 13. Several kids from all grades went to Lyter Elementary School to read books that Dr. Seuss wrote to celebrate the famed author.



Students in Math Honors Society sell different kinds of pie during lunches on Pi Day, March 14.



Seniors Gabrielle Young and Tessie Rafferty display the backdrop they painted for The Arrowhead's Candy Land-themed 2nd annual Daddy Daughter Dance. The dance, which is for any elementary-aged girl in the school district, will be held April 18.

Editor's Pick: Confessions of a wannabe runner

kendraparke  
features editor

I will be the first to admit that by no means am I a runner. Hopefully one day I will be, though.

A runner to me is someone that thoroughly enjoys running and does not struggle with the activity on a daily basis.

Running is a hobby that within the last year I have discovered and I actually do enjoy. Some days more than others, of course.

During my runs on the days that I enjoy it a bit less I noticed I have some interesting thoughts. I decided to compile a list of all the thoughts that run through my head. Not all are negative, but most are hilarious, in my opinion.

Running is not just a physical activity but a mental one as well. My thoughts are what keep me going along with the music that I listen to.

Good music is key to a good workout. If I do not have my headphones when I am running then there is no way that I will have a decent time, and one of my thoughts has to do with this.

I hope that those that are beginner runners, like myself, can relate to my thoughts, and my thoughts reassure them that they are not alone in this. Everyone struggles in the beginning and they just have to push through and have self motivation.

Self motivation is key to anything that people do. From running I hope to gain more confidence in myself and set up a healthy lifestyle that I can continue into college and for the rest of my life.

*“I will stop in 10 minutes...okay, 5 minutes...oh screw it, one more minute and that's it.”*

*“My legs say keep going...my lungs say, for the love of God, STOP!”*

*“I have never loved water so much in my entire life!”*

*“I know I could totally run faster if I didn't have an elephant sitting on my chest.”*

*“Dear shorts, please stay where you are supposed to.”*

*“On a daily basis I ask myself, why am I doing this? Then I remember I actually do enjoy it.”*

*“Those incredible, rare runs when you never want to stop because of receiving a run-*

*“Do I run like a girl?”*

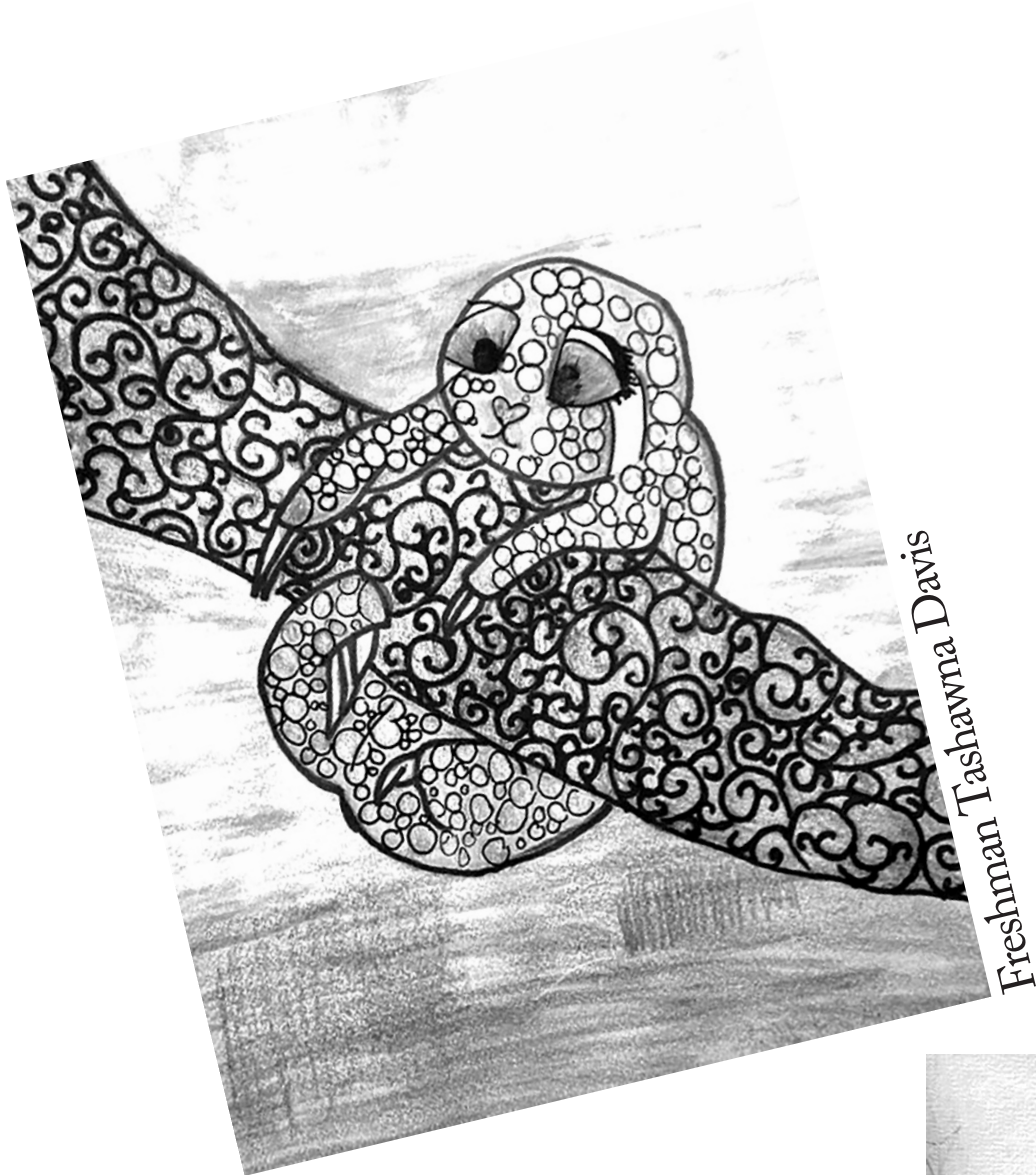
*“Dear chub rub, please do not exist!”*

*Song to run to? “Outsiders” by Eric Church*

*“When you suddenly become a mouth breather.”*

*“No headphones= Nightmare”*





Freshman Tashawna Davis



Untitled  
Freshman Courtenie Young

“I love you, I love you, I love you” I whisper to an empty room and as I repeat it my voice gets louder and louder turning it into a sickening repetitive chant. Slipping from my lips it sounds like a prayer to your empty room and the only god that answers me are the echoes of my sobs but I knew there was no god anyways the day all the good went away. Your mother called me in tears and I should have known because nothing good ever stays with me. I just thought maybe you would stay even if it wasn’t for me but you’re gone and perhaps you thought we would all be fine without you but we’re so far from that unrealistic dream. I remember you telling me that when you died people would cry and miss you for a short while but eventually they would get over it and forget you. Now I think what a sick joke that is because you meant so much even if you were unaware of it. I know I miss you now but I also know I’ll miss you in five months and I’ll miss you in twenty years and I’ll reminisce about you on my deathbed and all the time in between. When I am so happy that my face starts to hurt from smiling and that I cry from laughter I’ll think of how that’s what you would want and I’ll smile and laugh and cry just a little more for you. You should know things won’t be the same without you although I suspect you knew that and figured it would be better but let me tell you it isn’t. I remember your hopes and dreams and you could have fulfilled them I know you could if only you hadn’t wanted to fly so badly. I always planned to take you on a trip to get you away from all of this. We would have taken that plane anywhere (I would have let you pick). Then you learned how to fly all by yourself using just some rope and a chair. You seemed like the type to soar through the clouds but your father told me your feet were only a few inches off the ground. “I still love you” I whisper once more but your room is so damn empty and you aren’t here to hear it anymore.



Miss Venessa Lechler

“World of  
Freshman I

Why do we spread so much h  
each other more than we work v  
is that it’s the littlest of things th  
instead of taking the comment  
same yourself spread some joy  
smile makes all the differen



Junior Areta Updegraff





Miss Venessa Lechler

“The Desk”  
Freshman Alena Clary

Yes I get sat on by a lot of people  
I don’t remember all of them but that one boy  
He comes in clammy and sits  
Very quiet and rarely talks  
I’m always seeing these scrapes on his arms  
And some of them look very red and recent  
There are always boys mocking him  
Saying he’s no good and he should just kill himself  
How could people be so treacherous  
Everyone is worth the same in my eyes  
It got to the point where I could feel cold drops on me  
I knew they had to be tears  
How could they do this? Be so cruel?  
I had no will to stop it or I would  
I was useless  
The next day the boy wasn’t there  
I figured he probably got sick and didn’t come today  
But days past and he still wasn’t there.  
All of a sudden the teacher spoke,  
“James committed suicide last night”  
There were sudden gasps and I could hear sobs  
Look at what those boys had done?  
They basically took his life.  
But what could I do but remember him,  
After all I’m just a desk.



Freshman Kailey Beltz

“The Disaster”  
Isak Fowler

ate? As a society we fight with  
with each other, the pathetic part  
at set us apart. So I propose that  
s made by others and doing the  
and laughter, Making someone  
nce in this world of disaster.



Junior Bryce Bower



Junior Nicole Weisser

“The Uniform”  
Junior Danielle Kline

From dawn to dusk,  
I absorb the life of a soldier.  
With the blood and salty sweat,  
I am stained with the soldier’s sacrifice.

Covered with soot and dirt,  
I am what keeps the soldier from getting hurt.  
From many miles within my tread,  
I am what keeps the soldier from being dead.

Although my stitching gets ripped around,  
I promised the soldier that I’d never give up.  
I’d never give up on him nor her.  
I am the soldier’s best friend.

I am the courage and strength  
That always has his back.  
I am his bloody and emotional snot rag  
With many tears and blood that has fallen.

Although the soldiers sacrifice may come to an  
end,  
When it is time to retire me,  
I will not be forgotten,  
Neither will my best friend.



Senior Kayelyn Ivey



Students perform music on their own

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The school's musical students excel in more than just school oriented clubs like chorus or band.

Some enjoy playing music on their own, or in other clubs. Students like, Freshmen David Chubirka, Chloe Taylor, and Junior Calen Snyder play in the Uptown Music Collective.

Senior Jason Bomboy plays guitar and sings on his own, and has done small gigs at venues like diners and cafes.

The Uptown Music Collective, is a club that has performances in various venues including Brandon Park or The Community Arts Center.

The concerts feature covers of famous songs that the students can pick to perform.

The club teaches children, adults and everything in between.

Many local bands have roots in the club, like Clouds Makes Sounds and Clyde Frog.

Snyder thinks that performing

music outside of school allows students to be more creative with what they perform and how they perform.

"I enjoy performing at Uptown rather than with the school because Uptown offers more variety," said Snyder. "I like rock music and Uptown allows me to perform it."

Freshman David Chubirka sings and plays guitar for Uptown.

Chubirka said he plays exclusively for Uptown because it's much more fun, and its a great place to be creative and learn more about music than just playing in your school.

Bomboy plays in the school's band and independently.

He has his own YouTube channel where he can record himself doing guitar and vocal covers. He wants to pursue being a music producer in the future.

Whether a student plays in the school band, independently, or both, there is plenty of local places to be creative and successful with music.



Freshman David Chubirka plays guitar at an Uptown Music Collective show.

Turning the pages with Tori: Student authors pen novels

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Taylor Akers: "Passing Butterflies"

Senior Taylor Akers wrote and is still writing a novel, "Passing Butterflies."

It has a post-apocalyptic setting that takes the reader through a journey with five character trying survive and find themselves, Akers said.

Akers started the novel the summer going into to her sophomore year.

"It was a boring summer so I took a walk and decided that I'd write a book," said Akers. "I'm still working on it, but I finished the first manuscript within three months."

At age 15 Akers was searching to get "Passing Butterflies" published, but she was turned down various times due to her being too young.

Eventually a company wanted to publish her book but wanted roughly \$8,000 right off the bat. Akers didn't follow through with it but "Eventually plans to be published," she said.

Akers is constantly writing, if not for her AP Literature class, then for The Arrowhead. She has been in Journalism for four year now and took Creative Writing with Mrs. Alissa Martin her sophomore year.

Akers plans on continuing writing, if not in college, then for a hobby.

"I'm hoping to minor in Creative



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Senior Taylor Akers wrote and is still working on her book, "Passing Butterflies". Akers plans on getting it published in the future.

Writing, but if not I'll continuing writing in my free time," she said.

Abe Deacon: undecided title

About a year ago Sophomore Abe Deacon started writing a book, and as of now it is untitled.

It's about a group of four teenagers who have reincarnated throughout time time. Many famous or revolutionary people have been their previous lives, an example being Galileo.

Every time they reincarnate, they acquire a supernatural ability, like reading minds or telekinesis.

Characters Amy, Penny, Rory, and Caleb always seem to find each other in strange, rather uncanny ways.



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Sophomore Abe Deacon is in the middle of writing a book "Elements Reincarnate". He enjoys writing, but plans on doing other things with his life

They are constantly being chased by an anonymous group of people who have been out to kill them for good through the millenia.

Deacon aspires to finish his book and continue to write more. He wants to do other things in his life, but he plans on getting published one day.

Deacon is inspired by writers Dan Brown, J. R.R. Tolkien, C.S Lewis and Brandon Mull.

Check out Taylor Akers' novel "Passing Butterflies" in the library.

ARTIST PROFILE

JASON BOMBOY

Q: When did you start doing music?

A: I really got into in 7th grade. It looked cool.

Q: What bands have you been in?

A: I was in The Gnarly Peaches with Jacob Erb and Caleb Cipolla

Q: What school activities do you participate in musically?

A: I am in band, choir, jazz band and select ensemble choir.

Q: Who is your role model(s) musically?

A: Jimmy Page. He's a fantastic guitar player.

Q: How many instruments can you play?

A: Nine. I can play the guiar, bass, vocals, ukulele, slide whistle, trombone, ocarina, kazoo and the recorder.

Q: What is your favorite song/band?

A: "Black Dog" by Led Zeppelin.

Q: What motivates you to continue creating music?

A: I just like doing it. It comes naturally.



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Q: Have you ever considered Uptown Music Collective?

A: I did but the price is really high and I never considered scholarships.

Q: What are your plans after high school?

A: I'm hoping to go to college for music production and business.

Q: What are your current plans?

A: I'm actually trying to get a band together. It's nothing serious, a few friends just jamming, but the metaphorical gears are turning.

Review of a new album, imagine that

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Hailing from Las Vegas, Imagine Dragons has quickly become a recognizable band.

Songs like, "Demons," "Radioactive," and "It's Time" have filled radio stations around the country. These specific songs, released on the 2012 album, Night Visions, were only the tip of the iceberg.

The indie-rock/alternative band released its new album, "Smoke and Mirrors," Feb. 17.

Featuring the song, "I Bet My Life," for the anticipated film, "Chappie," Imagine Dragons radiated energy in this album.

Starting off with "Shots" and "Gold," I automatically fell in love with the unusual sound. Being used to the original sound of Imagine Dragons, emotional indie rock vocals with a blast of bass, I was taken aback by their latest album.

The catchy songs like "I Bet My Life" and "It Comes Back to You" contrasted heavily with the full-blown rock singles "Gold" and "I'm So Sorry."

Being a fan of

Imagine Dragons since the 2012 single "It's Time," I found the new album strangely refreshing.

In an interview with MTV, lead singer Dan Reynolds spoke of the new album before its release.

"We [Imagine Dragons] embraced a lot of hip-hop influences with Night Visions, but I think the next record will be more rock-driven. It's too early to say, but there is some weird stuff going on in these songs."

And weird it is! A melodic, creative jumble of rock, electronic and clean vocals certainly makes "Smoke and Mirrors" stand out in the indie rock genre. I can only imagine what will be next for Imagine Dragons!



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"Smoke and Mirrors" reached number one on Billboard Top 200 despite it's early release in February. The album has sold over 195,000 copies in digital and physical format.



ATHLETES of the MONTH

The Arrowhead is not responsible for choosing the Althletes of the Month.

MARISSA FOLK

Q: What are your goals for the season?  
A: To PR and break the discus and the shotput school record again.

Q: Why did you start playing your sport?  
A: I wanted to try a new sport.

Q: What motivates you on the field?  
A: Mine and others' expectations, and helping my team.

Q: What is your favorite MAHS sports memory?  
A: Breaking the school record in shotput on my last throw of the season.

Q: What is the number one thing to remember while performing?  
A: To stay relaxed and realize not every throw is perfect.

Q: What is your favorite part of the sport you play?  
A: It is a team sport but also individual.

Q: How do you mentally prepare yourself before you perform?  
A: Listen to music and relax with friends.

Logan Koser

Q: What are your goals for the season?  
A: Throw over 50 feet in the shotput.

Q: Why did you start playing your sport?  
A: My sister got me into it my freshman year.

Q: What motivates you on the field?  
A: My teammates.

Q: What is your favorite MAHS sports memory?  
A: Talking to Lindsay VanNess at practice last year.

Q: What is the number one thing to remember while performing?  
A: Don't think about it too much and just throw.

Q: What is your favorite part of the sport you play?  
A: The freedom we have at practice. The harder you work the better you'll be.

Q: How do you mentally prepare yourself before you perform?  
A: I listen to music with Ben Cerney.



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Alek Kraft, winter sports make MAHS proud

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Senior Alek Kraft broke the school's swimming record for the 200 Individual Medley, or IM. "I felt really accomplished after beating the 200 IM record because it was something that I had been working towards all year," said Kraft. The 200 IM is Medley swimming. Medley swimming is a combination of four different swimming styles: backstroke, butterfly, freestyle, and breaststroke, into on race. He was also apart of a 400 meter relay that consisted of Seniors Dexter Shearer, Nevan Schulte, and Sophomore Tyler Deters. The relay team placed 6th overall in the district championships.

The team will be losing seven seniors this year: Carly Mill, Staci Shoemaker, Cayln Alexander, Alek Kraft, Dexter Shearer, Nevin Shulte, and Allison Chapman. Other winter sports also ended their seasons successfully. Girls' basketball competed at the state level after 15 years of not going. Sadly, they lost 53-43 to Minersville. Wrestling also had a great season. Juniors Ben Cerney, Keith Batkowski and Garrett Hoffman competed at the state level. Batkowski placed 6th and Hoffman placed 8th. Freshman Gavin Hoffman also competed at the state level, placing 6th.



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Seniors Nevin Shulte, Alek Kraft, Dexter Shearer, and Sophomore Tyler Deters pose with their bronze medals. The team won 6th place in the 400m relay.

“Wood ya’ look at that!” Let’s Support all Sports

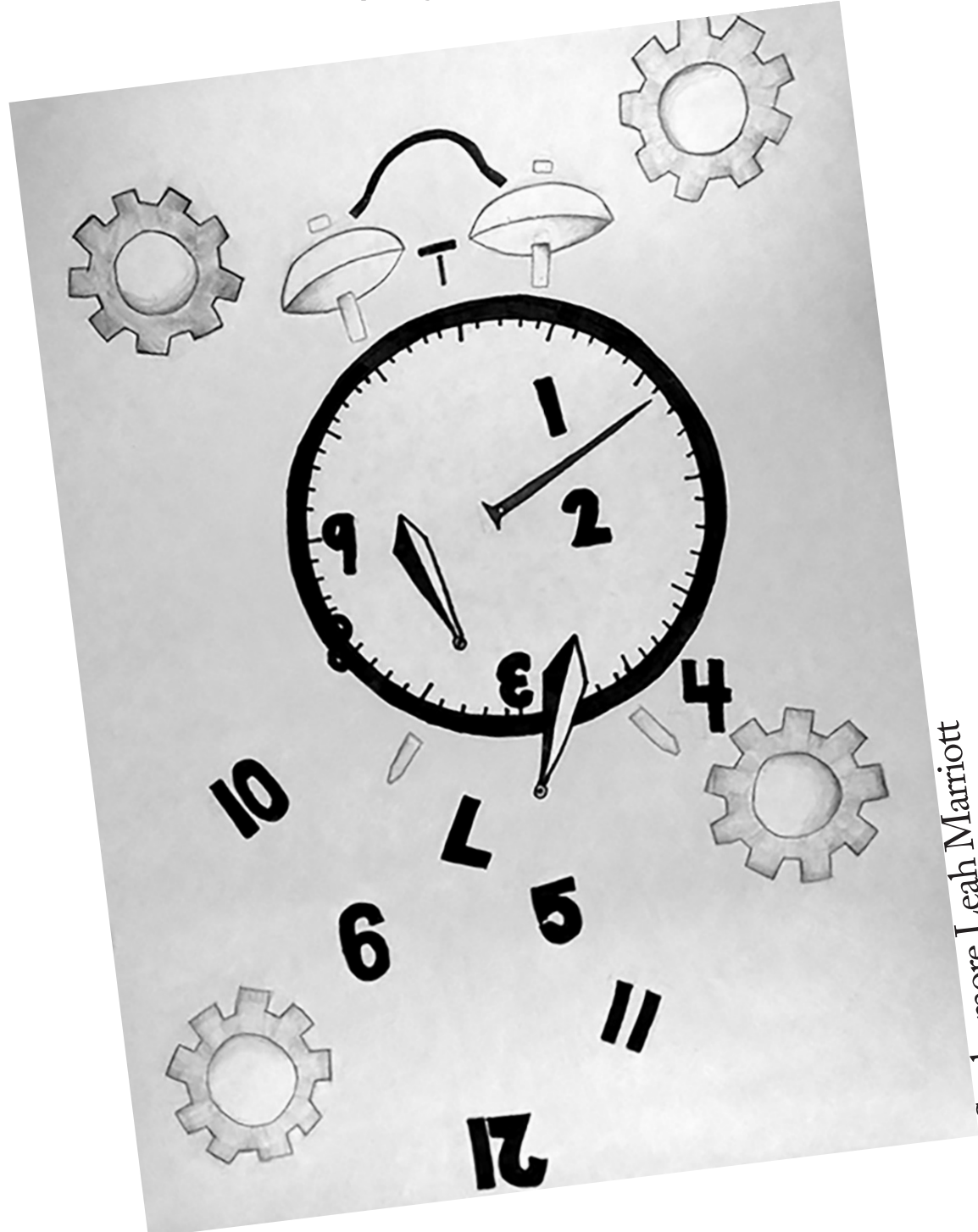
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Sports in Montoursville are known for being successful and if they're not, they aren't known much at all. Specifically, everyone loves girls' soccer and basketball, wrestling, and especially football. If your team isn't successful and district competitions like one of those, then it tends to go rather unnoticed. Participating on the popular teams is great, but it can be a bit of a surprise when you go from girls' soccer season to the swim team. I have always played soccer and have become accustomed to large, loud student sections, especially for big games. Student sections add so much excitement and energy to the games. When I swam this year for the first time, I experienced what it was like to be on a team that gets little to no recognition on a regular basis. Everyone would get super excited when just a few friends stopped by to check out a meet. Of course, not everyone wants to watch a swim meet. I know they are not nearly as exciting as a district football game. However, it is still nice to feel support from your peers. I have friends on other teams that deal with the same struggle. Both



tennis teams rarely have fans besides parents at meets, and the same goes for the cross country and softball teams. The love of football in Montoursville is especially apparent. Not that it is a bad thing, but it can definitely outshine other teams and school organizations. Last year when the editors of The Arrowhead were soliciting ads to pay for the newspaper to be published they heard excuses like "We already donated to the football team." It can definitely be frustrating for students not into football or athletics in general. So, just remember that everyone has "their thing" and it always feels great to be supported. This spring, go somewhere you wouldn't normally. Go to a track meet or a tennis match or the spring musical and cheer on your fellow classmates.

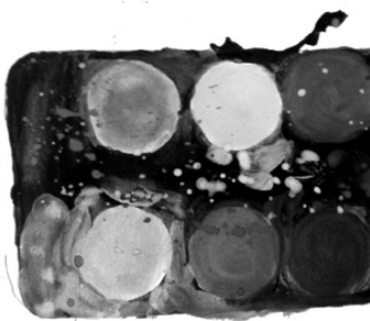




Sophomore Leah Marriott

“Our World of Irony”  
Freshman Karina Dangle

Isn't it ironic how this world is so ironic?  
How you're just soaring through the sky on a rollercoaster thinking that you've got life figured out, yet you haven't reached the loop.  
How you're running the marathon of life, when suddenly you get confused and you stop running.  
You think that you have all the questions in life answered, but then you come across the question "What is my purpose in life?" and yet you leave it unanswered.  
Isn't it ironic how we are told to be ourselves, yet we can't even dress the way no one else does.  
How we are afraid to show our small eyes, without realizing how sparkling they can really be.  
How we can't step out of the bubble we live in without the fear of getting popped.  
Isn't it ironic how The Declaration of Independence says that we are a free nation, yet we are slaves to fear and sin.  
How Abraham Lincoln said that everyone is created equal yet some are smarter or stronger than others.  
How we are said to be beautiful in our own way, yet we are afraid of the variety between us.  
Isn't it ironic how people counting their last breaths would die for one more, yet others decide when they take their last breath.  
Isn't it ironic how people who live in scraps would have worn that piece of clothing that you didn't want because it was too inexpensive.  
How we wash down the drain a cup of water that could have been life to others, and yet that never crossed our minds.  
Or how we complain about our hair, yet people with no hair can look prettier than some.  
Isn't it ironic how people with two eyes can pity the blind yet the blind can see a world full of compassion, forgiveness, and love better than we can.  
Isn't it ironic how when the bell rings, from my poem, you won't remember a thing and yet you leave this room with the question "What's my purpose in life?" still unanswered.







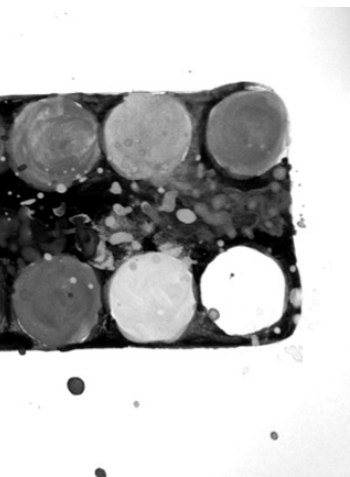
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Freshman Rachel Cortright



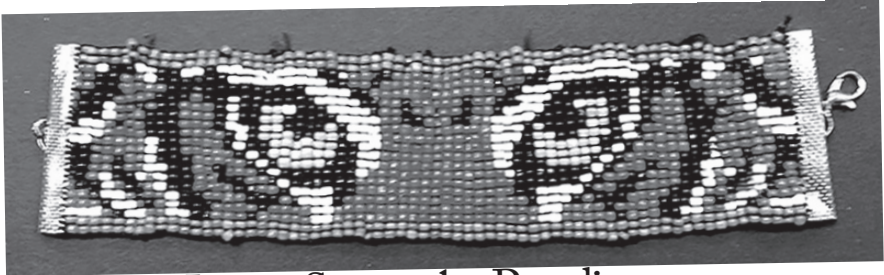
Senior Michala Swoyer

“Excerpt from I ‘Heart’ You”  
Freshman Emma Pentz  
I was used to my mom getting hurt or having broken bones. Something was always wrong. From the time she fell down the stairs and broke a few bones and the time when she fractured her elbow when she was taking my dog outside and slipped on ice. The hospital staff could be our second family. But one incident was the worst day of my life. The thought of losing my mom was the worst feeling ever.



Sophomore Fiona Salvatori





Junior Samantha Paradis



Junior Elissa Stine



Log splitter, Senior Brandon Conboy



Sophomore K

When I Was  
Life was too  
But then I grew up and  
People got sick my

But daddy told me everyth  
Everything changes j  
And then dad  
He didn't h  
He sat in his chair with

I didn't understand what was happ  
Nothing ever ma  
And by the time I was  
He was up in heaven an

I sat in my room cr  
I turned my head and saw a no  
That's when I realized that  
But I'd still do anything

A year went by thing

Daddy looking down, I'm do  
Every now and then p  
I feel the tears coming bu

You see I'll never forg  
He was one of a kind,  
Now he's in a better place  
My dad, he was the insp



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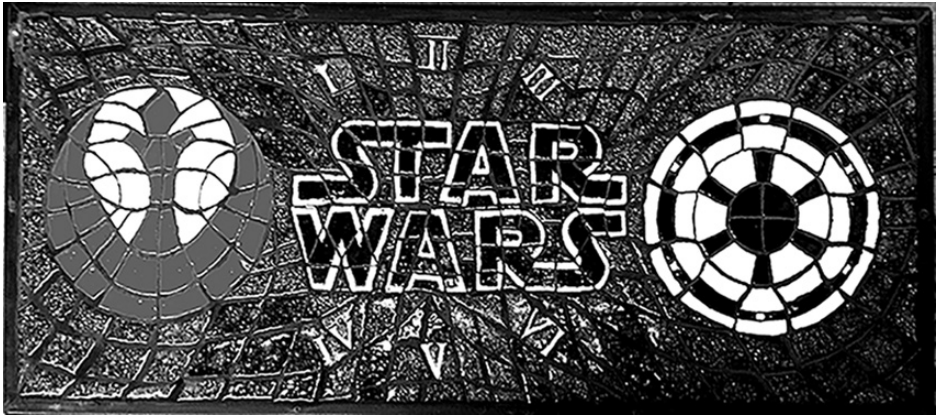
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ing the things I said I would  
people bring him up  
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get him, he's the best  
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e, and I have to move on  
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Seniors Kyle Lewis, Hunter Nolan, Dexter Shearer



Freshman Cierra Bird



Senior Noble Woodhead



Junior Jason Klepper



C-100's students show off their art skills

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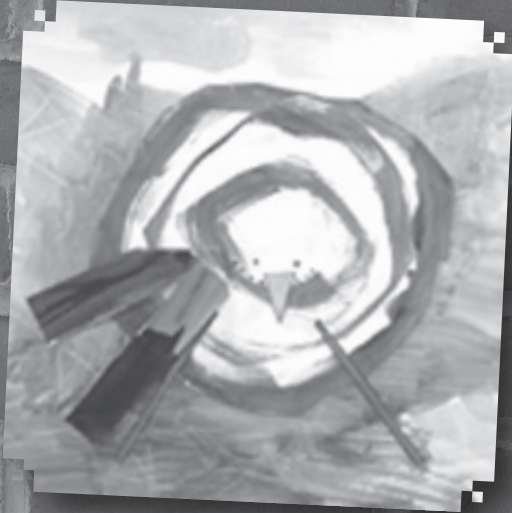
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