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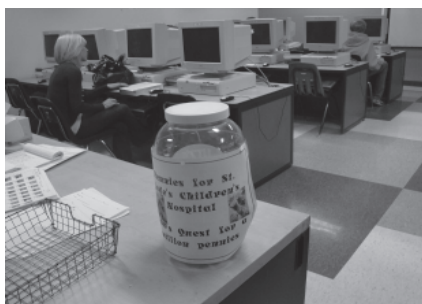
Pennies wanted!



Kayla Wellen
The Burrow

Z100 is having a quest for a Million Pennies as a donation drive with all pennies going to St. Jude's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. St. Jude's provides children with cancer and their parents treatment for free. Some treatments are very experimental and all the treatments are tested at St. Jude's before anywhere else.

We are not the only school participating in this quest. Schools from all over Southern Illinois are also participating. The bucket for pennies and other extra



change is in Mrs. Cockrum's room. When asked if there is an incentive for the quest Cockrum said, "I believe we have all seen the impact cancer has on a family. Any treatment that can help indicate childhood cancer is a step in terminating all cancers." Mrs. Cockrum will be collecting pennies until the end of March. The jar is only half full but Mrs. Cockrum's goal is to have a least one jar full of pennies. Just think, with your extra pocket change you could help save a child's life.

Blagojevich impeachment



Kayla Wellen
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As everyone already knows Rob Blagojevich has been impeached. He is the first governor of Illinois to be impeached and removed from office. According to an interview Blagojevich did on the NBC's Today Show, he thinks of the impeachment as "unlawful and improper." He also said that he was not given a chance to prove his innocence. When he was asked about selling Obama's Senate seat he never exactly answered the question with a flat-out answer. Actually, none of his responses to the interview question were direct answers. Does he even know what he is talking about?

When students were asked what they thought of this situation and how it would effect the state of Illinois, Corinth French said, "I think that our governor Rod Blagojevich deserved what he got. He tried to sell a piece of your senate and he got caught, so he deserves all the



Ex Govenor Rod Blagojevich

punishment he is going to get." Blagojevich will not have a federal trial until April, but it has been said that he will get a great deal of punishment. Amanda Staley stated, "Getting him out of office will only improve the state of Illinois."

Snow days



Cejay Phillips
The Burrow

Many students here at HCSH got very anxious for January 26th, 2009 to come to an end. It was a Monday and the biggest winter weather storm in over 3 years was expected to hit Southern Illinois. When Monday night finally came and the ice began to fall everyone knew the next day would be a snow day. But, little did any of us know we were going to have the rest of that week off as well.

With the joys of snow finally coming this year, everyone was excited to get out and play. Snow angels, snowball fights and sledding are a few of the many favorites. This time the snow was not thick enough to stick in order to make snow balls, so everyone turned to sledding. One of the favorite places to go and sled would be our very own reservoir. Just on the other side of the dam there is a steep hill where ice lined the bottom of the snow. Sophomore Corinth French said,



"A bunch of my friends and I went sledding out at the reservoir. It was a blast!" There were families and friends gathered out there to share the fun together.

Another winter joy is snow ice-cream. Almost everyone in their lifetime has had homemade snow-cream and if they have not, they should. "I love snow ice-cream. It is so much fun to make too," said sophomore Kelsey Klein. If anyone would like to try it out the next time it snows, the ingredients are as follows: 1 gallon snow, 1 cup white sugar, 1 tablespoon vanilla extract, and 2 cups of milk. When it starts to snow, place a large, clean bowl outside to collect the flakes. When it is full, stir in sugar and vanilla, and then stir in the milk. The ice-cream must be served quickly to stay fresh. Enjoy!

Change we can believe in



Lauren Potter
The Burrow

On January 20, 2009 Barack Obama became our new president. This is a very historical event for many reasons. Barack Obama is the first African American president. He did not come from very much in his childhood or background, but he has brought himself up to be a very smart, calm and good natured man. I think that Barack Obama is going to make a very good president because I agree with his views and points on almost everything.

Obama is different than any other president we have ever had because he cares more than any other president we have already had. The presidents in the past only cared about the elderly people and the rich getting richer. We need someone who will stand at our level and help us to lead happy, healthy lives.

Obama cares about the younger generation and what our country will one day hold. I am sure we would all love to go to college at an affordable rate. His inauguration lasted all day long and we watched it all day in our classes. Junior Megan Martin said, "It got really boring watching it in all my classes but I enjoyed being alive when it happened."

His speech was very meaningful to me because he said, "We are all created



Barack Obama

equal, we are all people and we are a united nation." This means to me that he may have hope of finally living at peace. It will be a long, hard road. When Junior Autumn Schram was asked how she felt about Obama she replied, "I wanted Obama to win from the start. I was ready for something new and better, for a change." With that being said, Obama's slogan is, 'A Change We Can Believe In.' I hope Obama is half the president he talks like he can be and I hope he succeeds in trying to get our world out of the mess it has created.

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Hallway complications



Cejay Philips
The Burrow

Many students as well as faculty at HCSH have noticed how crowded the hallways seem to be between classes. With classes getting larger and new students coming in, it might be time for the administration to reconsider the way things are going. There are a few possibilities to make everyone's hallway experience a little easier. The amount of time we have between classes could be changed from 4 minutes to 5 minutes, because even a little time would help. Maybe classes could be dismissed separately, although this might cause some confusion. It would be better than students having to fight their way to class every time they walked out into the halls.

Many students agree with this such as

freshman Felicia Follmer who said, "I have trouble when I am trying to get to my classes. Everyone pushes and shoves each other trying to get through. It is crazy." Another hallway complaint by some students comes from the sophomores. Almost half of the sophomore class has lockers in the freshman hallway. Although this is not a big deal, it is an inconvenience for many students since almost none of the sophomores have classes in the freshman hall. Having to take the time to walk from your classes to your locker and back to your class can be difficult, especially with the crowded hallway situation. Sophomore Lauren Reyling said, "My locker is in the freshman hallway, and all my classes are in the junior hallway. I have to rush back and forth to my classes just to make it in time."

This problem may not seem bad to some people but to others it makes them dread their time in the hallway instead of talking to their friends and making their trip with ease.



HCSH Hallway

Closed campus



Lauren Potter
The Burrow

All of the students at Hamilton County Sr. High (HCHS) can probably tell you they get tired of the same thing day after day. A lot of the schools around our district have open campus during their lunch period. Some schools even allow you to leave during your study hall period.

HCHS used to have open campus and when students started abusing the privilege they no longer allowed the students to leave. Junior Samantha Riley spoke her opinion saying, "It would be really nice to be able to leave this building during the day. I get so tired of feeling like I live at this high school." I think we should be allowed to leave during both lunch and our study hall periods. The teachers have prep periods in which they are able to leave or do whatever they need to be done which that class period. The ones who are able to drive could easily take themselves home and return to school during their next class.

Lunch is a bigger issue. We have a pretty good selection of food here at the school, but we would have more of a variety around town or at our own houses. Freshman Lacey Rapp said, "We talk about how great of a school we have but every school around us seems to have more fun." The rumors say that the reason open campus was taken away



Give us a break

was because of students doing inappropriate things when they left and even not returning to school. My views on this are that if the students do those things that is their own problem. The smarter students should not be punished for their wrong doings.

I think that if we were able to leave during lunch and study hall a lot of students would try harder on their work because they would not be so dragged down. I know I feel like if I could leave for about an hour a day I would not complain about being so sick of sitting in class. When we are trapped in this building for 8 class periods a day we get sick, tired and frustrated. HCHS should give open campus one more try. I am sure all the students would be thankful enough to try to keep it going.



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1981 killing of Adam Walsh solved

 **Matt Bryson**
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A serial killer who died more than a decade ago is the person who decapitated the 6 year old son of "America's Most Wanted" host John Walsh in 1981, Florida police said.

The announcement brought to a close a case that has haunted the Walsh family for more than two decades, launched the television show about the nation's most notorious criminals and inspired changes in how authorities search for missing children.

"Who could take a 6 year old and murder and decapitate him? Who?" John Walsh said at the news conference. "We needed to know. We needed to know. And today we know. The not knowing has been a torture, but that journey's over." Walsh's wife, Reve at one point placed a small photo of their son on the podium.

The suspect, Ottis Toole, had twice confessed to killing the child, but later recanted.



Adam Walsh

He claimed responsibility for hundreds of murders, but police determined most of the confessions were lies. Toole's niece told the boy's father, John Walsh, her uncle confessed on his deathbed in prison that he killed Adam.

Police said Toole was a long time suspect in the case and that they had conclusively linked him to the killing. They declined to be specific about their evidence and noted that they had no DNA proof of the crime, but said an extensive review of the case file pointed only to Toole, as John Walsh long contended.

Jett Travolta

 **Kayla Wellen**
The Burrow

Jett Travolta, 16 year old son of John Travolta and Kelly Preston died while the family was celebrating New Years in the Bahamas on January 2nd. The cause of death that was listed on his death certificate was dying of a severe seizure disorder, although it is not completely understood why this happened. Further investigating is going on to find a reason for this terrible accident.

Jett was found in the bathroom of the vacation house by a house caretaker. According to John's attorney, Michael Ossi, "A nanny tried to revive him. All attempts were made, but he couldn't be revived." Jett was taken to Freeport Hospital where he was pronounced dead. Jett Travolta suffered from Kawaski syndrome which may or may not have played a role in his death. Kawaski syndrome causes someone's arteries to swell. It is a temporary condition. It usually develops before a child is 5 years of age. Only about nine out of 100,000 children have Kawaski's syndrome. It is not usually associated with deadly seizures especially




Jett Travolta and his father John

with children who have already recovered from it.

Ossi was quoted saying, "Jett has had seizures in the past, but they were controlled. This one couldn't be." Doctors are currently trying to piece together if the seizures were connected to his childhood illness. Some of the doctors believe the SUDEP (sudden unexplained death in epileptic patients) could also be the cause of death. This fact will not be proven until the autopsy results are released, as well as a statement from Jett's primary care giver. Jett was cremated due to his family's religion. In Scientology, the belief is that you are reborn in another body because although your body is not immortal, your soul is. They flew his remains back to their home in Florida, where they will have a funeral ceremony.

Code Adam

 **Brandi Cahill**
The Burrow

There has been a drastic change in the way many big stores are run since the death of 6 year old Adam Walsh, the son of John Walsh, host of "America's Most Wanted."

In 1981 Adam Walsh was in a Sears department store in Florida and was kidnapped. Then later found murdered. Since this kidnapping many department stores, retail shops, shopping malls, supermarkets, amusement parks and museums participate in the Code Adam program.

Code Adam is an internationally-recognized "missing child" safety program in the United States and Canada. Legislation enacted by Congress in 2003 now mandates that all federal office buildings employ the program. Wal-Mart along with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) and the departments of several state Attorneys General, has offered to assist in training workshops in order for other companies to have the program. Companies that do implement the program generally place a Code Adam decal at the front of the business.

Employees at businesses that have Code Adam are trained to do all of the following six steps:

1. If a person reports that a child is missing they have to give a detailed description as to what the child is wearing. All access to doors and



Code Adam

windows are locked and monitored, no one is allowed out of the building.

2. The employee goes to the nearest telephone and pages Code Adam, and describes the child's physical features and clothing. As told to do so employees monitor front entrances, & other employees begin looking for the child.
3. If the child is not found within 10 minutes, law enforcement is called.
4. If the child is found and appears to have been lost and unharmed, the child is reunited with the searching family member.
5. If the child is found accompanied by someone other than a parent or legal guardian, reasonable efforts to delay their departure will be used without putting the child, staff, or visitors at risk. Law enforcement will be notified and given details about the person accompanying the child.
6. The Code Adam page will be canceled after the child is found or law enforcement arrives.

Obama's chosen cabinet members

 **Kaitlin Webb**
The Burrow

President-elect Barack Obama has begun to choose the members of his cabinet. There are 15 cabinet positions that need to be filled. Obama is half way there. Obama wants to find a diverse group of members ranging from Democrats and Republicans to Independents and Green Party members, from males to females, and from blacks to whites. He believes this diversity will greatly benefit the United States and its struggling economy. The following names listed below are the names of the officials Obama has chosen so far.



President-elect Barack Obama

Cabinet

- Ambassador to the United Nations Susan Rice
- Attorney General Eric Holder
- Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel
- Commerce Secretary Bill Richardson
- Defense Secretary Robert Gates
- Department of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano
- Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Daschle
- National Security Advisor James Jones
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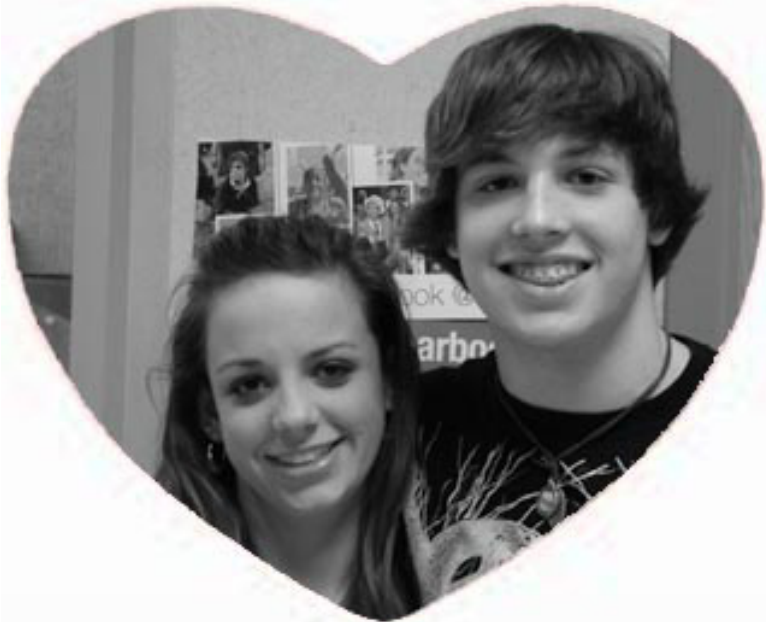
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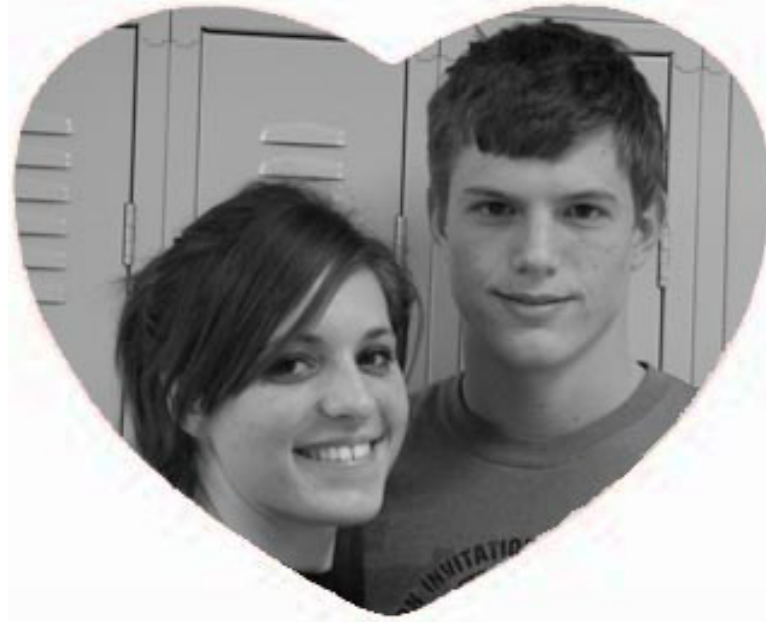
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**Freshman Aaron Cravens & Junior Kayla Wellen**

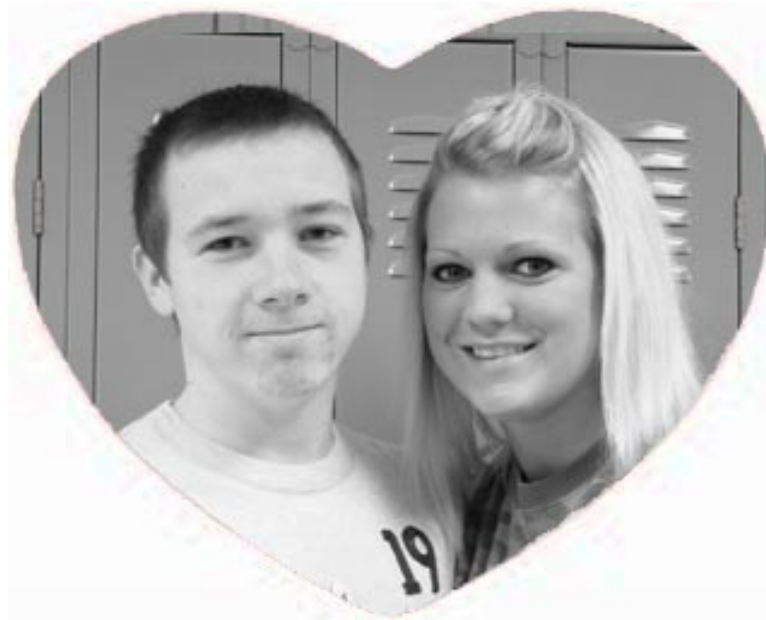
Junior Kayla Wellen and freshman boyfriend Aaron Cravens have been dating since December 19, 2007. They met at a basketball game just a few months before they became a couple. When they are together, they enjoy spending their free time watching TV, going to the movies, and just being together. This year for Valentine's Day, Kayla and Aaron plan on going out to eat.

**Sophomore Natalie Anselment & Junior Justin Webb**

Sophomore Natalie Anselment and junior Justin Webb met each other by going to school together and they have been dating for 5 months now. They enjoy spending their free time as a couple just hanging out with each other and watching movies together. For Valentine's Day Justin has a basketball game so Natalie is going to his game and then they just plan on hanging out afterwards.

**Junior Justin Barnard & Freshman Brittany Wheeler**

Justin and Brittany met about 4 years ago and have now been dating for almost 2 years. They like spending their free time together just hanging out and watching TV. They sometimes go out to the movies or to eat. When asked about their plans for Valentine's Day Brittany said, "We won't get to hang out very much, and the rest is a surprise for me."


**Senior Alexis Griesemar & Senior Jacob Denham**

Lexi and Jake have been going to school together since their sophomore year. Lexi said that they met in Mrs. Teffertiller's class where they dated for about a week. Lexi and Jake have now been dating for almost two years, their anniversary is March 10th. When asked about how they usually spend their free time together, Lexi said, "We usually sit at his house (sometimes mine) and watch TV. We go to the movies and out to eat. In the summer we ride four-wheelers and do a lot of fun stuff together." Their plans for Valentine's Day are to go out to eat and see a movie. Lexi said they plan to spend the day together. Jake has a game that day, but they will still make it fun.

**Custodian Jaime Knight & Teacher Ms. Allen**

Ms. Allen and Jaime were introduced through a friend. For their first date, Ms. Allen said that they, "went to dinner and a movie and they just hit it off." On December 12th 2008, Jaime went over to Ms. Allen's house at about 11 p.m., and then at exactly 12:01 Jaime called her over by the Christmas tree, got down on one knee and proposed. They have set their wedding date for July 4th, 2009. For Valentine's Day they plan on going to dinner then going shopping for their wedding.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

 **Jacob Haas**
The Burrow

For many years we have celebrated Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday every year, but when did this holiday start? It actually began in 1983, 15 years after King's death, when President Ronald Reagan passed the bill making King's birthday a federal holiday. But this was not the only attempt to make King's birthday a holiday. In 1979, an attempt to make it a holiday failed when it first came to the House of Representatives. While all states now observe the holiday, they did not celebrate it long ago. Many people opposed the idea. Instead, several states gave it different names. For example, in Utah it was called "Human Rights Day" until the year 2000 when it was finally changed to Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Martin Luther King Jr. Day is even celebrated outside of the US. In Hiroshima, the mayor holds a banquet as an act to unify the city's call for




The King giving a speech

peace.

For most people however, it means that children get a day off of school and for some people it means a day off of work. In 2007, about 33% of employers gave the day off. The Seattle Times said, "He has been dead longer than he had lived." This is true because he died at age 39 and it has been 41 years since then. The Seattle Times also said, "But what an extraordinary life .it has been." Indeed it was. He had managed to improve civil rights and equality for people of all colors.

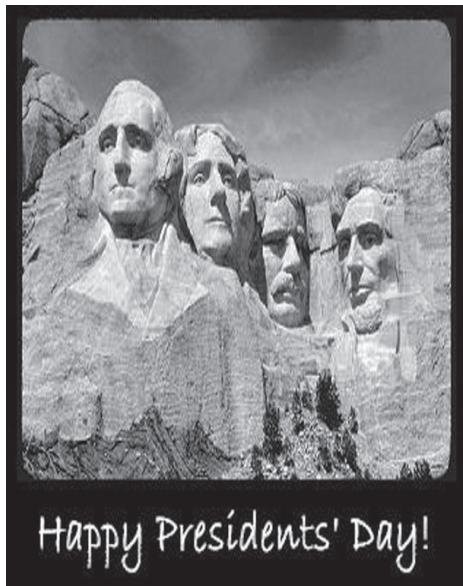
President's Day

 **Brandi Cahill**
The Burrow

Many schools in America use the days leading up to Presidents' Day to educate the students about the history of our past Presidents, but the main focus is on Washington and Lincoln.

George Washington's birthday is a holiday that is celebrated in the United States on the third Monday in February. The holiday used to always be celebrated on Washington's actual birthday, February 22. But on January 1, 1971, this federal holiday was shifted to the third Monday in February by the Uniform Monday Holiday Act. Though this holiday was not celebrated on his actual birthday, it was still known as his birthday up until the late 1980s when the term "Presidents' Day" began its public appearance.

Today this holiday has become well-known as a day in which many stores have sales, especially car dealers. Until the late 1980s businesses were universally closed on this day, as they are for Memorial Day. Also, some schools, which used to close for a single day for both Lincoln's and Washington's birthday, now often close for the entire week (beginning with the Monday holiday) as a "mid-winter recess". For



Happy Presidents' Day!

example, the New York City school district began doing so in the late 1990s.

The federal holiday, Washington's Birthday, honors the accomplishments of the man who has been referred to, for over two centuries, as "The Father of his Country". Celebrated for his leadership in the founding of the nation, he was the Electoral College's unanimous choice to become the first President; he was seen as a unifying force for the new republic and set an example for future holders of the office.

Foundation dinner follow up

 **Deborah McKinney**
Hamilton Memorial Hospital



Hamilton Memorial Hospital under renovation

The ninth annual Hamilton Memorial Hospital District Foundation Dinner was held Saturday, November 22nd in the gymnasium of the Hamilton County Senior High School. Sponsorships and ticket sales and donations from this year's dinner totaled an astounding \$65,475. Funds will be used to acquire new ER equipment for the hospital expansion project now underway. This year's record attendance of 300 dinner guests were entertained throughout the evening by the "Big Band" sounds of the Jerry Ford

Orchestra. HMHD Chief Executive Officer, Randall W. Dauby reminded attendees that since the inception of the Foundation in 1999 and the first dinner held in 2000, many positive changes have occurred throughout the community; including the creation of the Hamilton County Schools Foundation, the building of Kid's Kingdom, the impending opening of the supportive living center, the current expansion of the hospital and the efforts underway to open two coal mines. "We have a lot to be thankful for," said Dauby.

History of Valentine's Day

 **Jacob Haas**
The Burrow



Across the country, on February 14th millions of people are exchanging candy, flowers and gifts, but what does Valentine's Day come from and what does it really mean? This is what Breanna

Brock said, "I have no idea where Valentines Day comes from." This holiday has both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. The Catholic Church also celebrates the Saint that gave this day its name. St. Valentine has many stories and legends leading to perhaps why we came to celebrate this holiday the way we do. One of the legends says that Valentine was a priest who served Rome during the 3rd century. The Emperor at the times was Emperor Claudius II. Emperor Claudius II believed that unmarried young

man made better soldiers than men that were married and had families. So, he passed a law denying marriage from any young men that could possibly serve as a soldier. The priest Valentine did not believe this was right, so he married young lovers in secret. When Claudius found out about this he ordered St. Valentine to be put to death.

Another legend suggests that Valentine actually sent the first "valentine" greeting. That while he was in jail in fell in love with the jailor's young daughter and wrote her a note right before his death. At the end of his note he signed, from your Valentine. It is unknown exactly where this holiday started and how St. Valentine started, but it is clear that he was a heroic and romantic person.

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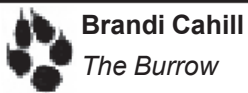
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Madagascar 2: Escape to Africa



Brandi Cahill
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What would it be like to go to the wild? Well this is the question that the characters in Madagascar asked themselves before making their great escape to the island Madagascar. The main characters consist of Alex, the lion, Marty, the zebra, Gloria, the hippo and Melman, the giraffe.

Come Madagascar 2, these animals take another wild adventure to Africa. The crazy penguins that escaped from the zoo as well, find and fix an old broken down plane. Then make themselves the pilots and fly to Africa. Here the animals

discover many things about themselves that they never would have figured out if they would have stayed at the zoo in New York. Alex once had a life in Africa as a wild lion; a life that he never knew about and discovered by mistake. Gloria thinks she falls in love but later realizes that she had someone that loved her long before their safari. Marty who once thought he was a unique zebra finds a herd of zebras who talk and act just like him. As for Melman, he discovers that sickness is all in his head.

This movie is recommended for children and adults of all ages that love funny and crazy animal adventures. Madagascar 2 is rated PG for some mild crude humor.



Melman, Marty, Alex, Gloria, King Julian, and the Penguins

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The Curious Case of Benjamin Button



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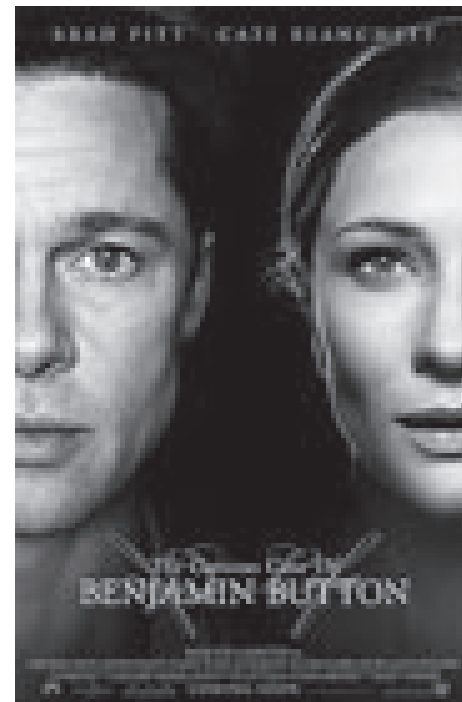
What would it be like to grow younger? That is the question asked by many in the classic story of Benjamin Button. The movie was based on a 1921 short story written by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Benjamin Button is played by Brad Pitt, and Daisy, the woman he falls for, is played by Cate Blanchett.

On November 11th, 1918 Benjamin Button was born to a family as normal as any but with the limitations and characteristics of a 90 year old man. Since Benjamin's mother dies shortly after giving birth, and his father was discouraged by his child's appearance, he left Benjamin on the front steps of a nursing home.

As said, Benjamin begins to grow younger rather than older. He is raised by Queenie, an African-American woman who works at the nursing home where his father dropped him off. In 1930 Benjamin meets a girl named Daisy, and although both are close to the same age, Benjamin still looks 70 years old while Daisy looks like she is seven. The two of them fell in love instantly after meeting, but the differences in their appearances kept them from being together.

When Daisy was 23 years old, she traveled all over the world as a dancer, and after an accident in Paris, Benjamin went to be by her side. Daisy had been hit by a car while walking across the street. When Benjamin showed up at the hospital, Daisy refused to be with him and said she never wanted him. A few years later, Daisy shows up on Benjamin's door step. Benjamin's father came back into his life, and at this time Benjamin looked as if he was in his late 40's.

Daisy and Benjamin buy a house together. When Daisy tells Benjamin she is pregnant, he is afraid that their child will turn out just as he was when he was born. When their beautiful daughter was born



Brad Pitt and Cate Blanchett

healthy, Benjamin realized that he was finally where he belonged. As years passed and he grew younger, Daisy grew older. Benjamin realized that their love could never last as long as he had hoped, because Daisy could not raise him and their daughter.

Benjamin decided to leave their home, and put enough money in a trust fund so the two of them would have plenty of money to survive. He left to travel the world. Twelve years later Benjamin shows up at the dance school Daisy owned to see her, and at that time she was 52 and he looked 18. That was the last time Daisy and Benjamin saw each other until a nurse at the nursing home where Benjamin grew up called Daisy and said that they needed her to come see Benjamin. He then looked like he was 7 years old, but had the mind of someone in their late 80's. Benjamin had alzheimers and did not know where he was or who anyone was. Daisy had to take care of Benjamin until he died as a baby in her arms...



Sarah Dessen



Cejay Phillips
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Sarah Dessen is unlike many authors of the twenty-first century. Her books are filled with the joys and heartaches of being a teenage girl. There are seven books in the series. Each book is about a different girl in a different situation and the events that make her realize who she is. Sarah Dessen was born in Illinois in 1970, but she grew up in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Dessen said, "I've been writing, in one way or another, for as long as I can remember." Both of Dessen's parents were professors at The University of North Carolina, where she now teaches a creative writing class.

The seven books Dessen has written are as follows: That Summer, Someone like You, Keeping the Moon, Dreamland, This Lullaby, The Truth about Forever, and Lock and Key. Each book in the series ties into another in many different ways. They are all located in the Northern part of Illinois in or near the town of Lake View. Some of the things the girls go through are break-ups, abusive rela-

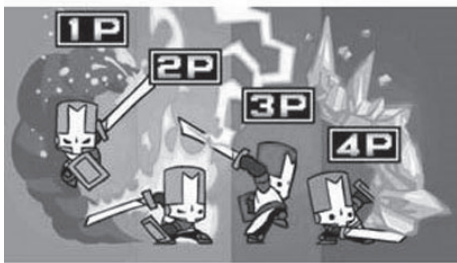


Sarah Dessen

tionships, abandonment, the loss of loved ones and being a teenage mother. Dessen said, "In high school, I was lucky enough to have a big group of girlfriends that have really inspired a lot of the stories in my books."

Castle Crashers

Jacob Haas
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The cover art for Castle Crashers

One of the latest games to hit the Xbox Live Arcade is Castle Crashers. This game is becoming very popular for those who play online on their Xbox 360s. Castle Crashers is a side-scrolling, beat-em-up game where you play as one of four knights trying to save some princesses from various villains like barbarians, thieves, monsters, etc. There are plenty of unlockable characters in Castle Crashers such as several of the villains that can be defeated in the game. The game has 4-player multiplayer and 4 player co-op, allowing you and your friends to play the game together or against each other and have some fun. There are also two mini-games in Castle Crashers. The first one is "All you can eat quaff", a button-mashing minigame where your character must eat as much food as possible. The second minigame in Castle Crashers is the Arena mode, where you must

defeat wave after wave of enemies.

This game has been given great reviews in several gaming websites and magazines such as gamespot.com where the review for the game said that it was, "The greatest game on the XBLA so far." IGN.com said, "This is a must have game." The game has also been praised for its replayability, addictive gameplay, great artwork, and comedic scenes found throughout the game. The game has also won several awards in many game websites and magazines. It appears that Castle Crashers may be one of the most ad

Movie review: Taken

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Taken

The latest movie thriller to come out is Taken, starring Liam Neeson. Originally, this movie came out in France in early 2008 but finally got a release in US and UK theaters on Jan 30, 2009. The story is about Byran Mills (played by Neeson), a divorced, retired CIA agent who must travel to the dark underworld of Paris, France to rescue his kidnapped daughter and her friend. Mills manages to find out where his daughter and friend are. Once he reaches there however, the friend is found dead by a forced drug overdose. He manages to capture one of the kidnappers and forces to reveal where his daughter is. Byran finally kills the bad guy, finds his daughter and rescues her. Byran returns his daughter back to the US to reunite with her mother, Lenore (played by Famke Janssen).

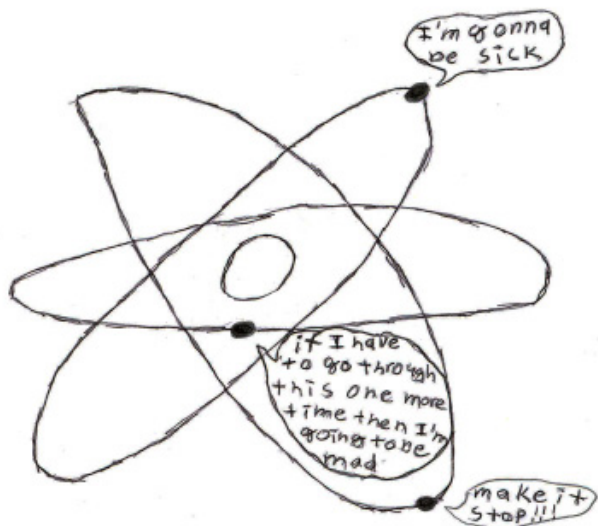
The movie has gotten great reviews so far. In the review of the movie for the Washington Post, Neeson was praised for his acting and it was mentioned in the review that he is "an actor criminally underused in Hollywood." The tagline for this movie fits the

movie perfectly, "The time for revenge has come." Byran is not about to let the kidnappers get away with what they had done that easily. He has to use his talents as a CIA agent to get the info from villains. These talents require force. If you are looking for a good action movie to watch, then try Taken.

COMICS

By: Sean Fitzpatrick

The Life of an Atom



A senior art student tells her story

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Senior Gabrielle Martin has been doing art since her 7th and 8th grade years. When asked the question, do you enjoy doing art? She replied, "Its more of a passion, art is an expression to the inner soul. It leaves you free to express all emotions." She also said, "Art is not something that can be perfect because each view is different."

Mrs. Fries she said, "Gabrielle is meticulous in her work and the results show in craftsmanship." She also believes that art will be a great haven for Gabrielle to return to time and again.

Janet Martin said, "Gabrielle has a bright future but only if she keeps her mind going in the right direction. Gabrielle is one of the few students who have taken every art class that Hamilton County High School offers." Gabrielle hopes she will be able to take her art to the next level.



Drawing by Senior Gabriell Martin

Ted Broyles

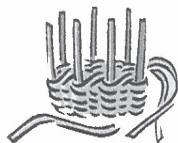
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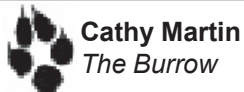
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Junior varsity coach



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This will be the second year for Coach Haile to be with the Lady Foxes JV team. Coach Haile said, "I have worked with some good groups of girls who work hard." He believes that the JV team has improved since last year. They are eight in zero. The girls have more confidence this time they work hard and they are getting better everyday. He has enjoyed working with both of the coaches that he was under. He said, "I learned a lot from them." The JV Lady Foxes are A. Winemiller, A. Zachman, E. Moreton, K. Knight, S. Scott, L. Ojala, J. Gray, M. Niekamp, N. Anselment, F. Irvin, and W. Craddock. Haile said, "The girls this year are working very hard. The fans have helped to keep the girl's spirits up when in the game and we hope that they stay this encouraging further down the road." Haile said, "If they continue to work hard and pay attention so they can learn, the future wins will be bright for the Lady Foxes Basketball team. Haile said, "I would like to stay coaching the girl's team as long as I can." Many of the girls think he is funny and a good coach. Most of

them said that Coach Haile treats them all equal. The Moreton sisters said, "He treats us equal, but he likes to pick on us a lot." Ali Zachman said, "He is pretty awesome." Sarah Scott said, "Coach Haile and Coach Winemiller do not pick favorites. Everyone gets a fifty fifty chance." The girls hope that both of these coaches stay because they are what coaches should be.



Coach Haile

Benton Invitational Tournament



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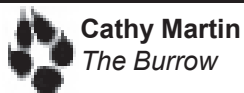
Every year our Varsity Boys basketball team and cheerleaders travel to Benton for the Benton Invitational Tournament. But they are not the only ones who look forward to this eventful week. Teams from Cairo, Pinckneyville, Carlyle, Okawville and Benton all participate in this tournament. But the players are not the only ones that look forward to the B.I.T., several Hamilton County Fox fans show up to show their love and support for our team. Anyone from brothers to sisters, moms to dads, boyfriends to girlfriends and even classmates show their Foxes pride by doing anything from wearing T-Shirts with the players' name and number to just simply showing up and cheering



Jacob Denham waiting for a free throw

amongst the rest of the crowd. This year the Foxes took on Pinckneyville as their first match and lost to them by only 5 points, then came back and beat Cairo 63-65. Friday, February 23 we played against Okawville and defeated them in overtime. On Saturday there were two games played, one against Carlyle and one against Benton, the Foxes were able to beat Carlyle but lost against the Benton Rangers.

Trap Team



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This year will make the second year that Hamilton County High School has had the trap team. Mr. Payne has high hopes for the team this year. When asked what his plans are for this year he said, "I wasn't the team complete at several shoots and keep getting better." Even though the roster for the 2008-2009 seasons has not been made yet it is already increasing. This will only add to the good titles that they won last year such as the team of Jordan Brown, Zac Miller, Joseph Rush, Logan Karcher, and Caleb Miller who snagged the 3rd place title at the state shoot. Junior Michael Webber said, "The trap team is one of the greatest things that have ever happened to this school."

They still have plenty of time to practice because their events do not start until March. Then they will be shooting the 2nd Satur-

The shooting has started



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The Trap team is the sport that many of the high school students have been waiting for. At seven o'clock on February 3rd 2009 the shooting director Chad Payne and the

day of each month, at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex in Sparta. Some people think that more promotion is needed "They need more attention because I have never even heard of them before", said Senior Linda Wheeler. Mr. Payne is not alone in coming up with good teams. He had a lot of help from Gary Nelson and Bob Heflin. Junior Brian Terry said, "This is an awesome sport and I hope that it will be a sport for along time." Terry also said, "I hope there are more people who try out and that we get more fans."

Head coach Gary Nelson had a meeting to find out what will be going on this year for the trap team.

Some of the members are extremely happy because they just found out that some of them might be on national TV hunting turkeys. There are some new faces on the team. The two new assistant coaches will be Justin Hood and Todd Tracy.

New coaching job



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There is a new face on the Hamilton County Lady Foxes Basketball team. Coach Clint Winemiller had previously coached the boys for many years. Winemiller said, "I was a little scared at first because it has been a long time since I have coached girl's basketball." As the athletic director he has a lot on his hands.

The girls seem to like him. The team said, "He is more out going and fun." Molly Hathaway is one of the two seniors on the team. Hathaway said, "He is a wonderful coach." Bethany Anselment, the other senior on the team, said, "I like the new coach and I think he is funny and wonderful."

The team has been through a lot of change with the new coach. Some of the team members can see that this coach has more confidence in the girl's team. They believe that they have won more games and have done



Coach Clint Winemiller

better. Many team members believe that it is nicer to have a coach that backs you up rather than a coach that puts you down. Many of the girls are hoping that he comes back next year.

Foxes boys basketball



Kayla Wellen
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The Varsity Boys Basketball team is having a fairly good season. They are currently 11-4. The varsity team is made up of the following players:

- #10 Adam Rubenacker
- #12 Jacob Denham
- #14 Clint Hopfinger
- #20 Kane Smith
- #21 Jalen Heil
- #22 Robert Rubenacker
- #23 Shane Williams
- #25 Adam Irvin
- #30 Brandon Webb
- #31 Seth Thomas
- #32 Shelby Williams
- #33 Tyler Reyling
- #35 Justin Webb
- #40 Aaron Cravens
- #45 Jeff Stewart
- #50 Duke Griesemer



Seth Thomas blocking the shot while Brandon Webb, Justin Webb and Kane Smith ready themselves for the rebound

- #51 Steven Lemmons
- #55 Brandon Biggerstaff

They have lost games to Harrisburg, Meridian, Eldorado and Woodlawn. They have won against Goreville, Anna-Jonesboro, Carmi, Vienna, Fairfield, Eldorado, NCOE, Herrin and Johnston City. Please support our basketball team by attending games and cheering our athletes to victory.

Boys Varsity Basketball

February Schedule

F	Feb	06	Vienna	6:15	H
S		07	@Nashville vs Marissa	3:00	A
T		10	Fairfield	6:15	A
F		13	Carmi	6:15	A
S		14	Black Diamond Tourney	6:15	A
F		20	Johnston City	6:15	H
M		23	Regional	TBA	A

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