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Words of Wisdom from the Class of 2018 Top Ten

By EMMA BOWLIN
By PRESTON HATFIELD

HCHS Class of 2018 Top Ten answer two questions on how they have achieved such an honor.

What or who has helped you achieve this rank in your class?

Valedictorian, Sarah Hopkins, "Although family and friends have given me their unrelenting support and encouragement, my own hard work and determination is what made me succeed in the end."

Salutatorian, Amber Estes, "I've had lots of good people in my life that have helped me along the way, like my mom and some great teachers, but, honestly, I helped myself more than anybody. No matter how many people encourage you, the only way you'll succeed is by motivating yourself and maintaining ambition and drive to achieve your goals."

#3, Brady Ramsey, "My teachers have helped me extremely in achieving my class rank. They have pushed me to be the smartest I can be. They did not let me slack off and helped me to achieve this great accomplishment."

#4, Tori Marion, "My Family has always encouraged me to do my best, and I think that is one of the biggest factors in my success. Their support is irreplaceable, and I will always be so thankful for it. I have also had some exceptional teachers throughout my school career. For example, Pam Greene, Steve Howerton, and Danita Dodson."

#5, Anastey Seal, "My mom is definitely the biggest reason I am where I am. She pushed me so hard when I was little. Now that I'm older, she doesn't have to do as much because I just want to myself. My number one goal through high school was just to be in the top ten, and the top five was just a bonus."

#6, Tabitha Dykes, "It starts with yourself. One has to believe

that he or she can achieve greatness, but more importantly, one has to be disciplined. Forget motivation because it's merely a feeling. Discipline, however is something that lies in one's morals and will take you much farther. So, I thank many people, but I thank myself most of all for overcoming adversity and having enough discipline to not give up and go the extra mile at times."

#7, Tyler Mullins, "To achieve my rank in my class I was helped and pushed by many people to do the best I could in high school. With that said my dad was probably the biggest motivator through it all. All this wasn't done to be in the top 10, but it shows when you try hard you can do something people thought you couldn't!"

#8, Meghan Holt, "Being driven."

#9, Savannah Hopkins, "Studying and my mom. My mom has always pushed me to do my best and make good grades; however, I couldn't have done my best without applying the time to study."

#10, Dylan Bell, "My parents helped me by encouraging me to work hard and strive for the very best I can do. My friends have also been there to support and push me to succeed."

What is one tip you would give to underclassmen on achieving academic goals?

Valedictorian, Sarah Hopkins, "I would advise underclassmen to never give up and to shake off negative thoughts. The finish line often looks miles away, but when you look back, you see how far you've already come and realize the stress and hard work pays off."

Salutatorian, Amber Estes, "Work hard. You may get some things handed to you now, but you won't always have a free pass. Now, in high school, is when you need to start working for things you want, like decent grades, and gaining an understanding of independence. If you want a career one day, whatever that may be, you have to work for it, and you have to have the grades and the smarts to back yourself up. Use your future as motivation to achieve your academic goals because, whether or not you see it now, it matters. It makes all the

difference. Never stop working for what you want."

#3, Brady Ramsey, "I would tell the underclassmen to never give up. Set a goal and do not let anything stand in your way. Be the best person you can be and do the best job possible. There will be people in your life who will doubt you and put you down but ignore them and keep on trucking."

#4, Tori Marion, "Set a goal and never lose your drive. As the semesters pass it's easy to lose motivation, but you gotta push through and stay positive if you want to be successful."

#5, Anastey Seal, "Your freshman year will kick your butt, but power through. No matter how hard the work seems, do it anyway."

#6, Tabitha Dykes, "Being prepared is the most beneficial thing you can do for yourself, not only in school, but in life. This is mostly directed to the Freshmen because it's the time that will shape your future. I also recommend setting up your schedule so that you take difficult classes early and have an easier senior/ junior year."

#7, Tyler Mullins, "My tip ant all about studying, i never studied for any test or anything. My tip would be to push yourself to do the best you could in school. Let yourself wanna learn; always try to become smarter in one way or another. Just have the mine set of "I'm wanting to succeed and make something with my life", and you will achieve anything in life."

#8, Meghan Holt, "If you have a goal, don't quit until you achieve it."

#9, Savannah Hopkins, "Always try your hardest! It's never too early to study. Don't procrastinate."

#10, Dylan Bell, "My advice is to set a goal and do nothing less than your best in order to obtain that goal. Be who and what you want to be. Find your passion and make it happen."

School Shootings

By ALYSSA JONES

The nation is currently in an uproar because school shootings are happening left and right. People are dying almost daily due to tragic events involving gun violence. Schools across America are enforcing new rules and standards to try to prevent these events, but the shootings are only becoming more and more frequent.

Columbine High School was the first wide-known school shooting. This massacre occurred on April 20, 1999, in Jefferson County, Colorado. In addition to the shootings, there was also a firebomb to distract firefighters, 99 explosive devices, and finally propane tanks converted to bombs in the cafeteria. Twelve students and one teacher were killed.

Since Columbine there have been up to 270 school shootings, resulting in the deaths of 141 people. 96 percent of these massacres were committed by white males. On average in 2015, there was 1 shooting a week.

The most recent school shooting happened in Maryland where a teen boy shot two teens in his high school. It has been reported that the boy was lovestruck on the girl and attempted to kill her in a fit of rage. However, a school resource officer managed to get to the boy after shooting the girl and another boy. It is said that the officer and the boy shot at the same time, resulting in the boy's death. The girl he shot later died in the hospital.

Many schools are enforcing new rules in an effort to prevent such things from happening. Some are no longer allowing backpacks, while other considering metal detectors.



Photo Credit: Diana Hartman, CNN.com

Students protest across the nation in March 24 "March for Our Lives"

A few schools have even switched to clear backpacks trying to prevent these shootings from occurring.

Why have these disastrous events become the new norm? Why has it become a common fear that someone is going to shoot up the school? Spurred by student activists from

Parkland, Florida, where a gunman killed seventeen people in a school shooting on February 14, 2018, students, parents, and teachers from across the nation have begun to demand answers to these questions and have rallied thousands in protest of current gun laws.

The New School Food

By MADISON HATFIELD

You may have recently noticed some tasty new foods in the school cafeteria. I sat down with Hancock County Schools' Director of School Nutrition, Mr. Josh Fleenor to get the scoop on what students and teachers can expect in the coming months.

Q: What are some of the new food menu items that have been brought to the lunchroom? Some of the lunch foods that are new are the pizza, chicken fajita nachos, and chicken alfredo. Some of the new breakfast foods we've had are grilled

cheese sandwiches for breakfast. We also plan on adding a new Dutch waffle to the breakfast menu.

Q: Do you plan to keep improving the meals the rest of the year? Yes, by adding in new things to the menu.

Q: Do you think most of the students seem to have a positive reaction to the changes? For the most part I think that some like getting to try new things and getting away from of the things we've had before. That's why were going to add more food in April and May to see how the students like them.

Hopkins Wins Trip to DC

By MS. DRINNON



HCHS Junior, Bailey Hopkins, recently won first place in Powell Valley Electric Cooperative's annual short story contest. Each year, PVEC gives the opportunity for all juniors who are in our service area to submit a story. There are nine different high schools in the service area, and this year

Hopkins took home the grand prize. As a reward for her efforts, she won a cash prize and will be travelling to Washington DC in June to take part in the Washington Youth Tour. She also has a chance to win a scholarship in the state competition. This trip has been deemed "the trip of a lifetime" by several former HCHS students who won the chance to attend the tour. Congratulations, Bailey! The winning story is featured in this month's *Tribe Vibes*. Read on page 6.

Club News

By EMILY HOPKINS

4-H

- Spots are still available for Fashion and Design Conference and Quilt Camp. Contact 4-H office ASAP if interested.
- Honor Club meeting: April 2nd at 3:15 in HS Cafeteria.
- Sr. High portfolios/record books are due May 1st. Contact 4-H office ASAP if you're interested in doing one.
- Wildlife judging practices will start Wednesday, April 4th at 3:15. Listen to announcements for location.

FFA

- March 26-28 State FFA Convention
- March 27 State Farm Business Management Contest in Gatlinburg
- April 7 State meat judging contest at UTR
- April 18 Regional Envirothon at Claiborne CO. Fairground

Student Council

- Drop off old clothes in good shape to donate to the Lost Sheep Ministry in Ms. Danita's Room 309.

Visual Arts

- On April 6, there will be an SNL skit during school and one after school.

SNL HCHS Style

Fine Arts Club Generates Laughs and Funds

By TATUM SHUPE
By MS. DEB REED

About the Event

Saturday, March 3, was a very special night full of laughter, song, and skits produced by the Fine Arts classes for the purpose of raising funds for our prom. So many people loved it, in fact, that we have been requested by many to do a special encore performance on Friday, April 6 at 7 PM. We will also be performing a few skits that day from 2PM until 3PM for students and teachers. Admission for the 2PM show will be \$1.00 per student. Gold and Silver Card holders will receive free admission. Be sure and tell all of your friends to attend!

--Ms. Reed

On Performing: A Student's Perspective

"The event was fun. It was chaotic at the same time. I was freaking out during it, but on the plus side, it was something I had never done before, so it was awesome. I want to do more like it. There were singers and actors. Man, I can't wait until the



Photo Credit: Sarah Moon

Ms. Reed, Dawn Helton, Cidney Brewer, and Haylee Nichols as the Maharelle Sisters from the Finger Lakes

next thing. It was called SNL aka Saturday Night Live. I sang a song called, 'Riding Free.' I froze up a little but still sang."

--Tatum Shupe

HCHS Students on a Quest for Careers

By MS. TARA MARION

On March 2nd, a group of HCHS students got the opportunity to attend a Career Quest Business event held at Northeast State Community College. They experienced sessions focusing on accounting, auditing, finance, banking, financial planning, human resources and marketing. Each student was also interviewed by a seasoned HR professional in the region. It was a great experience for our students!



Photo Credit: Ms. Tara

HCHS students at Northeast State Community College

HOSA Members Participate in State Competition

HCHS HOSA members, Madison Brewer, Macy Jones, and Dawn Helton

attended the 41st annual HOSA State Leadership Conference. All three ladies studied and practiced very hard to attend this conference. At the Regional Conference, Dawn and Macy placed 2nd in CPR and First Aid, and Madison placed 1st in Home Health Aide.

At the state conference, they passed

the test to compete for the second round, which is the skills competitive event.

Dawn and Macy placed in the top ten, and Madison placed 4th.

These ladies did their best, and I am very proud of their efforts. They beat many people to place in the slots that they did. The skills that they have learned throughout their duration of HOSA will be very beneficial for their

future.

--Ms. Rhonda Greene, HOSA Advisor



TOP Updates

By AUSTIN GREENE
TOP FACILITATOR

Our clubs have been hard at work since our last update. We're very excited to announce the completion of the mulching project on the middle school playground. Our clubs worked very hard to finish this project, and we are extremely proud of their efforts.



Photo Credit: Austin Greene

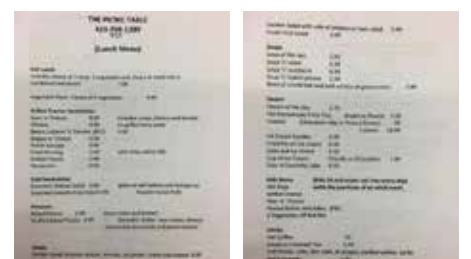
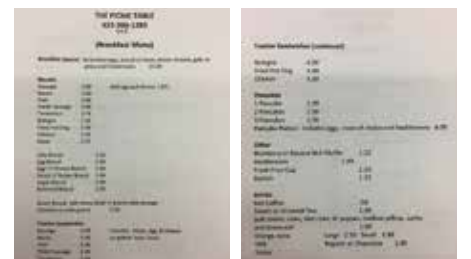
Each group endured multiple challenges (some members were even excited to work in the snow!). Already, we have heard positive feedback from the community regarding the project. Upon completion of the project, the TOP

clubs participated in a reflection in order to provide their feedback and thoughts. As a reward for all their hard work, each club will be celebrating their efforts with a day devoted to fun and excitement. Our facilitators will be making cotton candy and snow cones for each of the clubs to show our appreciation for all that they do. There will be more community service projects coming soon, and that means more celebrations in the future! Thanks again to all of our members for all that they do! As always, see Ms. Tiffany, Ms. Amber, or Mr. Austin if you have any questions.

It's Beary Good!

By ASHLEY SMITH

Recently, the residents of Hancock County have had the opportunity to experience new tastes from the new restaurant in town, The Picnic Table. Located on Main Street next to Civis Bank, The Picnic Table offers many different home-cooked recipes and a daily special. Also, one of our fellow classmates, Jeremiah South, has had the opportunity to work there since it has opened. Check out their breakfast and lunch menus to the right or stop by to try out their food--it's *beary* good!



Spring Break Review

How Did HCHS Students Celebrate Spring Break?

By LAUREN LINDEN

Spring break did not really look like spring. It snowed on Wednesday, but it did warm up and was pretty outside during the weekend. Spring break helped many students get some much-needed rest and helped them relax and rejuvenate. Many people just stayed home and caught up on some sleep, but some people went places and did things with friends and family.

One student, Ashley Smith, went to Gatlinburg for a couple of days with her family and friends. In Gatlinburg, they went to a very big arcade and played tons of

games there. The next day, Ashley and her friends went to Cooter's Place, which is a museum for the TV show, Dukes of Hazzard, and is located on the main strip of Gatlinburg. The museum included details and pictures from the show, putt-putt golf, and go-karts. They were allowed to ride the go-karts, which went really fast. Along with her family and friends, Ashley said that the museum was a really fun experience. The rest of the time they were in Gatlinburg, they swam in the pool of the hotel they were staying at, watched a lot of things



Photo Credit: Jenn Wallen

THE LADY INDIANS SOFTBALL TEAM SPENT THEIR SPRING BREAK IN HENDERSONVILLE.

on Netflix, and they also ate at Olive Garden and Bennett's Barbeque. There was a place that claimed to have low-calorie biscuits and gravy. "Overall it was awesome. Yes! I would love to go back." Ashley commented on her experience.

During spring break, the Lady Indians Softball Team went to Hendersonville, Tennessee, for a tournament that lasted from Wednesday to Saturday. The team played against teams that were triple A schools and competed well to be the only single

A team to compete in the tournament. The team received loads of practice and experience by competing with triple A schools. The Lady Indians also got to meet new people, learn new cheers, and bond more as a team. The Lady Indians also got to explore The Gaylord Hotel and Opry Mills Mall that was not very far from the hotel that they stayed in. The Hendersonville, Tennessee, tournament was a great learning experience for the team and made us grow closer together.

My Top Ten Favorite Makeup Products

By ANASTEY SEAL

Because I am constantly asked what my favorite products are, I decided to share a list of my top ten favorites! These ARE in a specific order from most necessary for an everyday face. Most of these products can be purchased at Walmart or even the Dollar General! I hope that this helps on your next shopping trip!

- 10 Colourpop Precision Eyebrow Pot (I use shade Bangin' Brunette) \$6
- 9 Coty Airspun Powder (Shade Translucent) \$5.97
- 8 Morphe Contour/Highlight Sponge \$7
- 7 Physicians Formula Butter

- Bronzer (Shade Bronze) \$14.99
- 6 Soap&Glory One Heck of A Blot Primer \$14
- 5 L'Oreal Voluminous Lash Paradise Mascara (Blackest Black) \$9.99
- 4 Colourpop No Filter Concealer (Shade Fair 5) \$6
- 3 Wet N Wild MegaGlo Highlighting Powder (Blossom Glow)\$4.99
- 2 Kat Von D Tattoo Liner (Shade Trooper) \$20
- 1 Maybelline Big Shot Mascara (Shade Baddest Black) \$7.99

Spring Word Search

April flowers bring May showers. How many flowers can you find? (The words are hidden across, down, diagonally, and backwards.)



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|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| BEGONIA | DAISY | IRIS | NARCISSUS | ROSE |
| CARNATION | FOXGLOVE | JASMINE | ORCHID | SUNFLOWER |
| CROCUS | GERANIUM | LILAC | PANSY | THISTLE |
| DAFFODIL | GLADIOLUS | LILY | PEONY | TULIP |
| DAHLIA | HYACINTH | MIMOSA | POPPY | VIOLET |

Create Your Perfect Prom Look

<https://www.lolipromdress.com/products/666-4100>



Dress

This would be a good style for prom of 2018 because it has a fitted bodice which highlights and accents your curves. The bottom gives a sense of fun its flowy and functional. The lace through the top also gives a sense of elegance.

<https://www.etsy.com/listing/261796590/swarovski-crystal-women-pointed-toe>



Shoes

Dazzle in these Swarovski Crystal Women Pointed Toe Shoes Sparkly Heels. At \$185, they are definitely a splurge.

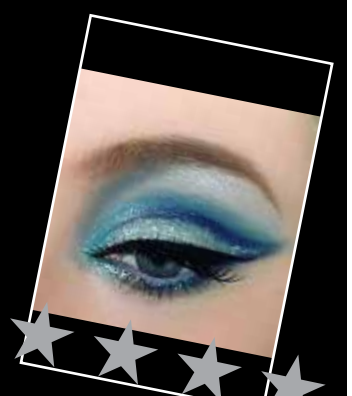
<https://www.amazon.com/Crystal-Rhinestone-Necklace-Earring-Wedding/dp/B074FXMHW9>



Jewelry

This jewelry would be good because it catches the eye and you want to stand out and be an individual. Just be you.

<https://www.pinterest.es/pin/816981188622301529/>



Eyes

Blue eyeshadow isn't just for Queen Elsa--stand out with this dramatic look.

Spring Flavor

By Hanna Kerley

Grape Salad



Photo Credit: Spicy Southern Kitchen

- Ingredients:
- 1 8oz. Package softened cream cheese
 - 1 cup sour cream
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 2 tsp of vanilla
 - 2 pounds of seedless red grapes
 - 2 pounds of seedless green grapes
 - 3 tbsp of brown sugar
 - 3 tbsp of chopped pecans

Directions:
Mix: cream cheese, sour cream, sugar, and vanilla. Then mix in grapes and pecans. Sprinkle brown sugar over the top.

Cookie Dough Truffles

- Ingredients:
- 1/2 cup of room temperature butter
 - 3/4 cup of brown sugar
 - 2 cups of all purpose flour
 - 2 tsp of vanilla extract
 - 14oz. Sweetened condensed milk
 - 1 cup of mini chocolate chips
 - 1 cup of pink, blue, purple, and white candy melts

Directions:
Mix butter, brown sugar, flour, vanilla, milk, and mini chocolate chips. Shape out cookie dough out on a cookie tray and chill in fridge. Then melt candy melts in a bowl take dough out of the fridge. Cover dough with chocolate and put it back on the tray then drizzle some chocolate on top and enjoy.



Photo Credit: WineandGlue.com

Zucchini Bread

- Ingredients:
- 3 eggs
 - 1 cup of oil
 - 2 cups of sugar
 - 3 cups of grated zucchini
 - 3 cups of flour
 - 1 tsp of cinnamon
 - 1 cup chopped walnuts
 - 1 tsp vanilla

Directions:
Mix well and bake in 2 loaf pans at 350 degrees for 1 hour.



Photo Credit: Simplyrecipes.com

Softball March Madness

By EMMA BOWLIN

On March 2nd and 3rd the Lady Indians softball team opened their season in Johnson City at a Play Day. The Lady Indians showed great improvement over last season in a 12-4 win over Science Hill and a 1-0 loss to University High. The Lady Indians also traveled to Oneida on March 10th for a second play day. Finishing the day with a 3-2 win over Cumberland Gap and a 2-0 loss to Oneida the Lady Indians continued to show promise of a good season to come.

On March 5th the Lady Indians scrimmaged the Washburn Pirates at home. Falling short of expectations the Lady Indians lost 3-7; however, on Monday March 19th the Lady Indians pulled through their first district game with a win. After three hours and seven innings the Lady Indians came out on top with a 17-10 victory over the Washburn Pirates.

On Monday, March 19th, the Lady Indians softball team traveled to Washburn for their first district game. After a week of tough losses in Nashville, the Lady Indians were ready for a win.



Junior, Bailey Hopkins

Photo Credit: Jenn Wallen

After losing the scrimmage to Washburn on March 5th, the Lady Indians needed some redemption. Down 4-3 after the first inning, the Lady Indians did not give up. Putting up 6 runs in the second inning and only allowing 3, allowed the Lady Indians to take the lead 9-7. The Lady Indians never gave up

the lead, exploding again in the seventh inning and putting up 5 more runs and only allowing 1 the Lady Indians won their first district game 17-10.

Indians Baseball Scoreboard

| Date | Opponent | Score |
|------|----------------|--------------------|
| 3/9 | Bell Co. | 9-8 (W) |
| 3/13 | Cumberland Gap | 1-20 (L) |
| 3/16 | Rye Cove | 0-4 (L) 2-3 (L) |
| 3/19 | J Frank White | 8-9 (L) 9-5 (W) |
| 3/26 | Cosby | 10-6 (W) |
| 3/27 | Cosby | 10-0 (W) |

Congratulations to the Indians on their wins over Cosby--Two in a row!

Lady Indians Receive Grant

By EMMA BOWLIN



The Lady Indians and their coaches receive a generous matching fund from Modern Woodmen Agent.

On Friday February 16th the Lady Indians softball team held a fundraiser for a matching \$1,000 Modern Woodmen grant. They sold barbecue dinners for \$6. All of the girls worked packing and delivering 70 dinners to the high school and

over 200 others to local businesses. The Lady Indians received the check Thursday March 22nd and plan to put it toward lights for the field. Also, the Lady Indians softball team would like to thank the EMS for allowing them to use their building.

Indians Baseball

Meet the 2018 Indians Baseball Team



Back Row: Braden Seal, Brandon Burton, Dylan Bell, Shawn Delph, Peyton Murrell, Preston Hensley, Isaac Williams, Parker Rasnic, Coach Michael Willis,

Front Row: Morgan Anderson, Grady Denim, Branson Delph, Tyler Mullins, Javen Delph, Logan Sellers, Treybeon Cooper, Landon Kephart



Back Row: Parker Rasnic, Shayden Gibson, Sam Tabler, Isaac Williams, Kameron Davis

Front Row: Braden Seal, Gabe Turner, Raleigh Rimel, Morgan Anderson, Javen Delph, Morgan Fleenor, Tyler Gibson, Treybeon Cooper

Featured Players

Featured Players are nominated by coaches based on outstanding games or highest stats.



#20 Madison "Rock" Johnson went 5-5 at bat against Washburn and made some great catches in the field.



#4 Makenzie Hensley pitched two complete games against Washburn and Northview Academy to pick up the wins on the mound. She had an earned run average of 1.08 in those two games.



#10 Anastey Seal went 3-3 at bat against Northview Academy with great catches in the field.



#00 Peyton Murrell pitched 11 strikeouts in the Rye Cove game.



#5 Tyler Mullins has been first to bat and is doing well at getting on base.

For The Love of Family

By LAUREN LINDEN

The well written novel, *My Sister's Keeper*, by Jodi Picoult, is a heart wrenching, inspiring, and emotional filled book. The author does an amazing job explaining the life of a girl, whose sister has cancer and has to continuously fight for her life. Jodi Picoult is a world-renowned author whose books incredibly encourage readers and give them inspiration. Picoult uses real-life experiences and things she has been through to inspire her writing. This novel is very detailed with the points of view from many different people. *My Sister's Keeper* teaches readers a lesson that is, no matter what happens in life continue to live your life to the fullest capacity you can, while bringing tears to eyes. I encourage you to read this extraordinary book.

In the novel, Picoult writes about a young thirteen-year-old girl named Anna Fitzgerald who wants to gain medical emancipation from her parents. Kate, Anna's sister, was diagnosed with a rare blood cancer before Anna was born. The doctors had told Kate's parents that Kate was in desperate of a cord blood transplant, but the Fitzgeralds' older son, Jessie, was not a match to give the cord blood, so Brian and Sarah decided to have another child that would be a perfect match for Kate. Throughout Anna's thirteen years of life, she had countless procedures

to help her sister feel better and live an easier life. This time, Anna would have to give more than she ever had before, which was a kidney. Kate's kidneys were shutting down from all the treatment and strain on them. Anna decided that taking a kidney was where the line needed to be drawn, so she used all the money she saved up to get a lawyer and filed for medical emancipation. Anna did not have it easy after she filed for medical emancipation from her parents, for her mother was very angry and thought she was just doing it for attention. Anna just wanted to have a real life instead of being her sister's donor for the rest of her life because in being her sister's donor she already had to give up some parts of her life. Anna thinks, "There is way too much to explain-my own blood seeping into my sister's veins; the nurses holding me down to stick me for white cells Kate might borrow; the doctor saying they didn't get enough the first time around. The bruises and the deep bone ache after I gave up my marrow; the shots that sparked more stem cells in me, so that there'd be extra for my sister... The fact that even now, a major decision about me is being made, and no one's bothered to ask the one person who most deserves it to speak her opinion." Will Anna get medical emancipation? What happens to Kate? You will just have to read the book for yourself to find out.

Hugh Jackman, Zac Efron, and Zendaya?? Oh my!

By ANASTEY SEAL

I am not a huge movie-goer. However, this is a movie I made time for. Of all the shows and movies I have seen recently, mostly on Netflix, *The Greatest Showman* takes the cake. It is loosely based on how the famous P.T Barnum started his circus. A man with a big imagination and an even bigger drive to get what he wants starts out with just a little showroom of miscellaneous, unique objects. This movie was full of bright objects and AMAZING MUSIC!! Definitely the best soundtrack of a movie in a long time. I would definitely recommend this movie to anyone who loves a good musical! Also, check out the soundtrack (pictured right) to hear all of the amazing songs.



1. "The Greatest Show" Hugh Jackman, Keala Settle, Zac Efron, Zendaya
2. "A Million Dreams" Ziv Zaifman, Jackman, Michelle Williams
3. "A Million Dreams (Reprise)" Austyn Johnson, Cameron Seely, Jackman
4. "Come Alive" Jackman, Settle, Daniel Everidge, Zendaya
5. "The Other Side" Jackman & Efron
6. "Never Enough" Loren Allred
7. "This Is Me" Settle
8. "Rewrite the Stars" Efron & Zendaya
9. "Tightrope" Williams
10. "Never Enough (Reprise)" Allred
11. "From Now On" Jackman

Top 10 Cartoons

By AMBER ESTES

In the last issue of *The Tom-Tom* I promised you all a list of awesome cartoons. For this list, I am admittedly biased because I think old-school cartoons, or the ones I grew up on, are way better than modern cartoons, with a few exceptions, and I would go so far as to participate in a medieval joust or battle royale to defend my opinion on this. I have pulled cartoons all the way from the early 20th century to just about a decade ago. This was not easy! The following animated shows are in no particular order.

Top 10 Cartoons That Made Your Childhood Awesome (even if your childhood sucked):

- Ben 10
- Spongebob Squarepants
- Tom and Jerry
- Looney Toons
- Ed, Edd, N Eddy
- Courage the Cowardly Dog
- Danny Phantom
- Scooby Doo
- Teen Titans
- Adventure Time

Honorable Mentions:

- Code Name Kids Next Door
- The Grim Adventures of Billy and Mandy
- Rin and Stimp
- Regular Show
- Cow and Chicken
- Avatar the Last Airbender
- The Adventures of Jimmy Neutron, Boy Genius
- Literally anything on Boomerang network

The New Old School

By AMBER ESTES

Some people say that rock n' roll is dead, that it has been replaced by autotune and EDM. Most of the rock bands from back in the good ol' days have long since stopped making music, and many of the members of rock bands from back in the day have passed away, likely because they overindulged in SDRnR. We have lost big names like John Bonham, Jimi Hendrix, Jim Morrison, and many, many others. The great voids that their deaths created in the world of music culture have been filled by artists who can play three chords on a guitar and somewhat carry a tune on a good day. I used to resonate with those people who think real rockers are of a dying breed. I used to think, No one makes music like that anymore when I would listen to Pink Floyd, The Who, Cream, and other classics. However, one day in Dr. Marion's anatomy class, my friend Tori excitedly invited me over to grab an earbud and check out her latest Spotify discovery. That day, I heard Greta van Fleet for the first time. I believe now that the rebirth of rock n' roll is upon us, and I could not be happier.

Greta van Fleet is a band of four young men, not much older than us high schoolers. The band was formed in 2012, and their closest work to an actual album, a double-EP titled *From the Fires*, was released in November of 2017 and has been snowballing critical acclaim and popularity from all corners of the US. In the CD store where I work, we literally cannot keep this EP on the shelves. One thing that has made Greta van Fleet so explosive in the music industry is that their sound bears a striking resemblance to that of one of the greatest rock n' roll bands of all time--Led Zeppelin. The band is influenced by many artists, spanning the entire spectrum of music genres and decades, and, although the guitarist, Jake, has admittedly studied Jimmy Page intently, their likeness to Led Zeppelin was unintentional. The vocalist, Josh, has been closely compared to Robert Plant, but he also assures fans that his voice is all his own and was only discovered in an effort to stand out in his high school band. Nevertheless, the band has managed to produce music that sounds as though it has been ripped straight from the 1960's and 70's, and fans of old time rock n' roll and psychedelia cannot seem to get enough of Greta van Fleet.

The EP, *From the Fires*, contains eight tracks, all of which will completely rock your ____ off. Track six, "Highway Tune," was actually released as a single in the band's earlier days but has become Greta van Fleet's greatest trademark. Each song is completely different; the EP is cohesive, yet it does not run together. No tracks get lost on this CD, which is a beautiful thing. The EP begins with "Safari Song," which is an absolute masterpiece. First, Jake lays down a totally tasty lick on the guitar followed by brain-melting howl from Josh. The drummer, Danny, kicks in with this gut-busting drum intro, and, finally, the bassist/keys guy, Sam, drops a thick, smooth bassline. Believe me when I tell you that this intro (and the rest of the album) is ABSOLUTE PERFECTION. Within the first ten seconds of the EP, listeners can instantly feel the essence of pure, wholesome rock n' roll music--the stuff that we usually have to travel back in time to find. The energy from "Safari Song" is maintained throughout the EP, even on tracks that start out slower. These guys do not let up; each song highlights every instrument used, and they all complement each other so marvelously. The amazing guitar riffs are only topped by the impeccable solos. The drum fills keep your head banging and toes tapping. The rhythm of the bass is uncontested. The keys are close to godlike, and Josh's voice cannot be beaten. Every facet of this album is completely masterful; I have no critiques whatsoever. My vocabulary is legitimately not extensive enough for me to accurately describe to you how amazing this EP is and how much it means to me to feel an actual resurgence of the music that we refer to today as "classic" rock.

Usually, I am able to provide you with my favorite tracks from an album when I review it, but, in all honesty, I love *From the Fires* so much in its entirety that picking favorites would just be an insult to the incredible art that is burnt into this EP. "Highway Tune" is the track that gained Greta van Fleet their ticket to fame, so I suppose that would be a good place for listeners to start. Right now, I truly believe *From the Fires* is the best new music available, and I highly encourage everyone, especially young people who may not be very well exposed to such music, to give this EP a listen. You will not find anything better. I promise.

Fortnite's Popularity Explodes

By TYLER LEE

Fortnite is a game that was originally released on July 25, 2017. The game was centered around exploring an open world, finding supplies, crafting and surviving against hordes of monsters but in early 2018 the game was changed. After the *Fortnite* developers realized that their game wasn't receiving as much attention as they were expected they released a full access free-to-play battle royale game mode to focus more people in. At the time of the battle royale release another game, developed by Bluehole, *Players Unknown Battleground*, more known as *PUBG* was insanely popular and featured the same 100 player battle

royale idea that *Fortnite* uses. However with catches being that *PUBG* was expensive as opposed to *Fortnite* being 100% free-to-play, this caused *Fortnite* as a good alternative to people who couldn't afford the steep price of \$29.99 on all consoles. Unexpectedly, *Fortnite* exploded in popularity as streamers that stream live videos of the game on streaming platforms such as *YouTube* and *Twitch* began streaming *Fortnite*. *Fortnite* now has more players than *PUBG* or any other similar battle royale game. In conclusion, *Fortnite*'s popularity is very well known and has had up to 3.4 million concurrent players.

April Birthdays

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| August Baker | 4/3 |
| Jordon Kornewald | 4/6 |
| Cassidy Seal | 4/7 |
| Breanna Seal | 4/9 |
| Robert Hipshire | 4/12 |
| Chloe Yount | 4/13 |
| Lanie Dalton | 4/15 |
| Brian Collins | 4/17 |
| Makayla Collins | 4/17 |
| Shayden Gibson | 4/17 |
| Leah Harley | 4/17 |
| Austin Seal | 4/18 |
| Joshua Boldon | 4/20 |
| Gabriel Holt | 4/21 |
| Sarah Johnson | 4/24 |
| Kolby Greene | 4/25 |
| Joshua Scott | 4/25 |
| Alexis Winstead | 4/25 |
| Harley Gillis | 4/26 |
| Sawyer Anderkin | 4/30 |

REAL TALK

By ANASTEY SEAL

The older I get (I say that like I am 70) the more I see how unimportant some things are. There are so many little things that I used to put above truly important things, and to think of that makes me sick. For instance, sometimes going to see your loved one in the hospital is more important than being at school. There will always be another day to catch up, but there are only so many precious moments with that person. Basically, what I am saying is to prioritize. Don't assume that there will be more time with someone you love because there could very well be no more time. I am not telling you to skip school to lay home in your bed and not talk to your family and call that quality time. I am talking about genuinely important things, like a family outing or cookout. Figure out what is important, and then make sure it actually is.

Poetry Corner

One of Nature's Beauties
By COLEMAN ELDRIDGE

A blooming flower
is like a beauty tower
The flowers seeds a nice aroma
The sweet smell wakes me from a coma
The beautiful petals are like colorful medals
It's one of nature's beauties
It just appears so peacefully
How many stories can a flower tell
It's not just the sweet smell
But rather a story to tell
Of a peaceful flower blooming

Electric Cooperatives: Beyond the Wires

The following story won first place in Powell Valley Electric Cooperative's annual short story contest.

By BAILEY HOPKINS

Lathan was always interested in his grandfather's job as an electrician. Since he was able to walk, Lathan ventured out with his grandfather on his assignments during summer breaks and sat in the company truck, in awe at his ability to climb the light poles and how cool he looked in his hard hat. "I want to be just like you, Grandpa," Lathan would say after his grandfather would return from his duties. His grandfather would always laugh and take him to get his favorite ice cream at the local parlor, where they would sit and talk about everything under the sun. This became a summer tradition that Lathan never grew tired of.

As years would pass, Lathan's inquisitiveness about electricity grew into something more than just a mere memory of his childhood and his grandfather. As a junior in high school, it was time for Lathan to begin planning for college and a career. As part of his life skills class, he and his peers were assigned a project intended to help the students become more aware with career options. Lathan was instructed to pick a career to that of his interest and create a report for his class to provide a better understanding of that career. Instantly, Lathan knew which career he would choose. In fact, he planned to attend an electrician college the following fall semester of his senior year. "This will be easy," he thought. As Lathan scanned the list of information he would need to complete his report, he then realized that it wouldn't be that simple. He would need to provide a historical background of the career, all aspects of responsibility of the career, and how the career contributes to society. Lathan was never educated farther than his grandfather's daily pole climbing. He would

need to do lots of research and interviewing to gather all the information he needed. And who would be a better person to ask than his grandfather?

Lathan's grandfather retired five years prior to Lathan's second half of high school. Old age had caught up to his young spirit and made it clear that he wasn't able to put his body through so much physical activity. This led to his leaving the company. When Lathan walked through the door, his grandfather was laying in his old recliner with a newspaper covering his face; he must have fallen asleep reading the comics.

"Grandpa, wake up!" Lathan said as he nudged him in the arm. His grandfather slowly and groggily woke from his sleep.

"Hey, son. What's going on?" his grandfather asked as he folded his newspaper.

"I'm doing a project and I need your help,"

"Okay, what's it about?"

Lathan gave his grandfather the list of details needed for his project. "I'm writing a report on Electricians," he confirmed. His grandfather put on his glasses and read the list. Shaking his head, he offered Lathan a seat in the chair beside of him.

"So, you need to know all of this stuff about electricians, eh? Well, I'm your guy. I was one of the first employees of Hayden County Electrical Company. You better grab a notebook and pencil,"

Lathan did just that.

"Long ago, only larger cities had access to electricity. In rural areas, like our little town, electricity was not practical. However, in 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Tennessee Valley Authority Act. This is a federal agency that provides river navigation, flood control, and electric generation and economic development in the Tennessee Valley. In a few years,

rural areas would have access to electricity. You got that so far?"

"So what you're saying is, people like us could have electricity back then and big cities could? That's not fair." Lathan confessed as he finished the sentence he was currently writing.

"I know, and that's why FDR gave us the TVA. Between 1935 and 1948, twenty-three electric cooperatives were formed by Tennesseans to bring electricity to small towns like Hayden County. Today, 71% of Tennessee's land mass is provided energy by Tennessee's electric cooperatives. One in three Tennessee homes have electricity."

"That's interesting."

"The main goal of today's co-ops has always been the same: provide safe, reliable, and affordable energy. The co-ops are owned by the consumers they serve and operate as not-for-profit businesses."

"What does that mean?" Lathan asked.

"This means that consumers are their priority. They are committed to improving lives in their communities. However, there's more to these co-ops than keeping the lights on. They recruit businesses and investment and help members operate their homes and businesses more efficiently."

As Lathan finished his notes, the realization of how important electricity is hit him hard. The job his grandfather done for many years was so much more than climbing those poles.

"Wow! Thanks for all of this. There's so much more to this job than I thought. I'm really glad I chose this career to present in my project. Listening to everything you know about electricians has definitely broadened my interest for this field. I still want to be just like you, Grandpa."

Notes from Guidance

By MS. DEBORAH GIBSON

- April 12, Career Quest for 11th and 12th grades - Career Fair at ETSU for all Juniors/Seniors. 9th and 10th grade will take the Pre-ACT at school.
- April 16, Walter State Community College orientation for registered Seniors. Please bring your driver's license.
- April 17, U.S. History EOC - 1st block and 5th block - Essay (45) minutes
- April 18, English I, II, and III EOC - Essay (85) minutes
- April 19, Knoxville News Sentinel's Academic Achiever Dinner - A dinner to recognize the top 5 in the Senior Class @6pm



HCHS students and teachers are preparing to begin TN Ready Testing. The first test is April 17.

- April 20, Make-Up Testing for EOC
- April 23, English I, II, and III. Part 2 (50) minutes
- April 24, Algebra I & II and Geometry - Part 1 (35) minutes
- April 25, U. S. History - Part 2 (45) minutes
- April 26, English I, II, and III. Part 3 (50) minutes
- April 27, Make-Up test for EOC
- April 30, English I, II, and III - Part 4 (45) minutes

NRF Certification Training Funnies

to Be Held at HCHS

SNEEDVILLE, Tenn. --The Tennessee College of Applied Technology has joined the Upper East Tennessee Human Development Agency and Insight Education and Training Center in Johnson City to offer free National Retail Federal (NRF) certification training the week of April 2.

The training will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Hancock County School Field House, 2700 Main Street. A hiring event will be held at the conclusion of the training.

Free textbooks and lunch will be provided to participants. The initial class will be limited to 24 applicants on a first-come, first-served basis. Additional classes will be offered if there is a sufficient demand, officials said.

Led by instructor Mike Cummings of Insight, the NRF training includes retail fundamentals, communication and teamwork, problem solving, customer service, inventory tracking and payment procedures. A

timed exam will be held on the final day of the training for NRF certification.

Dean Blevins, president of TCAT Elizabethton, said "It is critical that individuals have necessary job skills for a successful career. The NRF certification training is being offered on a complimentary basis to strengthen the employment base in the region." Funding was made possible by a grant from Appalachian Regional Commission.

To register for the NRF certification training, contact Cummings at the Insight Education and Training Center, telephone 423-926-6777, Jennifer Greene @ 423-300-3368. Registration will also be held on the first day of classes.

By HANNA KERLEY

Q. What do you call a sleeping cow?
A. A bull-dozer

Q. Where do cows go on a first date?
A. To the moooooooovies

Q. What do you call a cow you can't see?
A. It's camouflaged

"Knock Knock."
"Who's there?"
"canoe."
"Canoe who?"
"Canoe you help me with my homework?"

"Knock Knock."
"Who's there?"
"Dozen."
"Dozen who?"
"Dozen anyone want to let me in?"

"Knock Knock."
"Who's there?"
"Harry."
"Harry who?"
"Harry up, it's cold out here!"
"Knock Knock."
"Who's there?"
"A herd."
"A herd who?"

"A herd you were home so I came over!"