



# The Tom-Tom

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## And the Winner Is???

By SAVANNAH COLLINS

Sports Queen is an event in which any girl who plays a sport can enter a competition that allows the student body to decide who really deserves a crown for her accomplishments in the sports she plays.

This year, the contestants were Anastey Seal and Tabitha Dykes, who are both seniors and lifelong athletes. Anastey plays softball and is an all-around great player. She likes to help coach the PTO teams at the elementary school, coach soccer, and loves to go to all of her brothers' games and cheer them on. Tabitha is on the Varsity Lady Indians basketball team and plays as the point guard. Tabitha is a great player who has had to miss out on the last few games because of a broken shoulder, but she is always there to cheer her teammates on. These girls were very both supportive of each other during the time that they got to campaign. The night of the crowning, both of the girls looked beautiful! Tabitha wore a very



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2016-2017 Sports Queen, Savannah Hopkins (Escort: Gage Maloney), crowns this year's winner, Anastey Seal (Escort: Walton Collins) pretty floor length red dress, and Anastey was rocking a short, two piece, royal blue dress. Everybody came out to the basketball game that night to see who the winner would be. All in all, both girls are

super athletes who looked amazing, but Anastey got the privilege of taking home the crown.

## Class of 2018 Top Ten Announced

By MS. DRINNON

On Tuesday, February 27, 2018, HCHS made a highly-anticipated announcement: rankings for the Class of 2018. Congratulations to the following students for earning a spot in the Top Ten. The many years of hard work and dedication to excellence it took you to accomplish this haven't gone unnoticed, and we are so very proud of you!

1. Valedictorian, Sarah Hopkins
2. Salutatorian, Amber Estes
3. Brady Ramsey
4. Tori Marion
5. Anastey Seal
6. Tabitha Dykes
7. Tyler Mullins
8. Meghan Holt
9. Savannah Hopkins
10. Dylan Bell

## Spring Break

By LAUREN LINDEN

What are you doing for spring break? One of our fellow classmates, Alicia Seal, will be going to one of the sites where the famous film, *Dirty Dancing*, was produced. The filming took place in Lake Lure, North Carolina and Mountain Lake, Virginia. The Pembroke, Virginia Resort where many of the Kellerman's scenes were filmed hosts regular *Dirty Dancing* themed weekends a few times a year. Some of the activities that the Mountain Lake Lodge in Pembroke, Virginia visitors can participate in during these weekends are dinners, a sock hop, a screening of the movie, a watermelon toss, group dance lessons, and a *Dirty Dancing* scavenger hunt. Just thirty-five miles down the road is Lake Lure, which was the setting for where many of the staff camp scenes were filmed. These are just some facts on how, where and what parts of the film were produced in Lake Lure, North Carolina and Mountain Lake, Virginia. We will be look-

ing forward to hearing about this experience.

During spring break, the Lady Indians high school softball team will be competing in a tournament in Hendersonville, Tennessee that will last for three to four days. Spring break will afford students a plethora of opportunities to engage in for a fun and productive week. Some will utilize this to spend time with family, attend sports events, or simply relax. However, others may volunteer or spend time motivated toward giving back to the community. I would like to encourage you, whatever your plans for spring break are, to practice self-care and reach out to others and give something positive back to humanity. Some activities that you could do during spring break are read a book, have a movie marathon, catch up on homework, spend time with friends, go for a walk or hike, volunteer at the local hospital, visit the elderly people that do not have families, make an inspiration board, spend needed quality time with your family, or prepare a garden.

## TOP Updates

By MR. AUSTIN GREENE  
TOP FACILITATOR

We've had a great start to the semester in our TOP clubs here at HCMHS. Despite the inclement weather, most of our clubs have had multiple lessons on emotions, stress relief, and empathy. These lessons are intended to give students important life skills and play a part in character development. Also, we are very excited to announce that our clubs have started work on a large-scale project for the middle school. Over the course of the next few weeks, each TOP club will be contributing to our community at

HCMHS by putting together enclosures around the playground equipment which will be filled with rubber mulch. This should make the playground equipment safer and cleaner, and it will be something the students can take pride in every day when they go out for recess. We are extremely proud of all the hard work our club members do, and we look forward to celebrating their efforts when they complete the project. A quick reminder! Club members have the opportunity to add hours to their Community Service Learning (CSL) goals in many ways. See Ms. Tiffany, Ms. Amber, or Mr. Austin if you have questions.

## It's ACT Time in Tennessee

By AMBER ESTES

With the Spring ACT swiftly approaching, I, some of my senior classmates who have taken the ACT multiple times, and our principal would like to share some tips and advice with the underclassmen who are taking the test for the first time or seniors who are thinking of re-taking the test.

**Tyler Mullins** (two attempts, highest attempt - 25): "On my first ACT, I studied real hard, and I focused. The second test, I didn't care, I didn't focus, and made worse. So always study hard and try your best. Think about this, you got a twenty dollar bill. Look at it when it comes right out of the printing press. It's worth twenty dollars. Take it and crumble it up. It's still worth twenty dollars. So no matter how much the world throws at you, you are still worth as much as anybody else in this world. So try your best, and you will succeed."

**Dylan Bell** (four attempts, highest attempt - 26): "My advice to all ACT takers is that no matter what score you receive, never settle for something you don't want. I've taken the ACT four times in order to achieve a twenty-five on my math score strictly for the engineering program at UT. Set a goal in your life, and never give up until you reach that goal. Whether it be simple or complicated, anything you set your mind to and work hard for, you'll have it in the end. You may not be number one, you may not be number ten, but at least you can tell yourself that you worked hard."

**Peyton Murrell** (two attempts, highest attempt - 27): "The way I feel about practice tests is that they don't help much. I took one practice test, and I don't think it helped me at all. Confidence is key. If you walk into the test without confidence, there's no way you're gonna score high. Also, time management is important. You want to have ten to fifteen minutes at the end of your test to check on things that you're unsure

about. I'm Peyton Murrell, and I approve this message."

**Sarah Hopkins** (three attempts, highest score - 29): "Ummm...just do your best. Confidence is key. If you don't know it, just pick a letter. Forget about all the 'do what you know' bullcrap, just pick a letter. I pick D. The ACT prep classes help. The earlier you take it, the better."

**Amber Estes** (two attempts, highest attempt - 30): "When I took my first ACT, I studied super hard, I took tons of practice tests, and I thought my whole life was riding in that test. I scored well; I made a twenty-eight. On my second attempt, I took no practice tests, I got about five hours of sleep the night before, and I didn't even eat breakfast that morning. I just wasn't as wired when I took the second one. That time, I scored two points higher. I think that main things are your attitude and your perspective on the test. It's definitely important, but it's not the most important thing you'll ever do. You should always do your best, not just on the ACT."

**A word from our beloved principal, Mr. Greene:** "This year we've made it so that our ACT date is a date just for the juniors. I want to make it a big deal. I want to make it special. I've wanted to make it special for a long time, and now I've got the opportunity to do that. In the last three years, our composite ACT score has grown almost nine percent, which is almost double the growth of any school that surrounds us. We've got a real opportunity here to move from being near the bottom to moving up closer to the top, and we're already ahead of the game. We just have to stay driven, so when people see us they don't think, 'Oh, bless their hearts, they came from Hancock County.' I want to hear, 'Oh, wow, they came from Hancock County.'"

**All Juniors will take the ACT here at HCHS on Tuesday, March 20. We hope that you all enter the testing room with confidence and earn high scores!**



# Silver and Gold

By MADISON HATFIELD

On Friday, February 16, 2018, we met in the gym for the semi-annual Gold and Silver Card ceremony. During this ceremony, students were recognized for their outstanding achievements from the fall semester. Students who earned all A's received a Gold Card. Students who earned all A's and B's received a Silver Card. Gold Card recipients get unlimited free admission to HCHS sports events, and Silver Card holders get to attend five games for free.

Tyler Mullins started off the ceremony with prayer. Andrew Parson, John Ross Wilson, and Dylan Bell entertained the audience with a performance of "Everything Changes" by Staind. Angela Singleton also sang "Over my Head" by the Fray. These students did a great job! Mr. Cantwell gave the welcome to students and parents. He said that he was proud of the students who were being recognized and that he had most students in class and that he knows more students are capable of earning an award. Then he and Mr. Campbell handed out the awards, and each student got his or her time in the spotlight. Jeremiah South ended the ceremony with prayer. As a reward, students who received a Gold or Silver Card got to sign out early and celebrate with friends and family.

## 12 grade all A's

Ashley Bell  
Dylan Bell  
Madison Brewer  
Amber Estes  
Meghan Holt  
Emily Hopkins  
Sarah Hopkins  
Savannah Hopkins  
Victoria Marion  
Ceanna Moon  
Peyton Murrell  
Cheyenne North  
Brady Ramsey  
Judy Rose  
Anastey Seal

## 11 grade all A's

Karlie Bowlin  
Megan Brooks  
Walton Collins  
Leah Harley  
Hunter Holt  
Bailey Hopkins  
Makayla Jackson  
Madison Johnson  
McKinley Johnson  
Chase Jones  
William Blake Jones  
Ryan T. Lawson  
Gage Maloney  
Deana Mathis  
Sarah McCoy  
Breanna Seal  
Erica Seal

Breanna Shults  
Summer Williams

## 10 grade all A's

Joy Emma Bowlin  
Lillian Bunch  
Vivian Dalton  
Kassidy Dean  
Jocelyn Ferguson  
Preston Hatfield  
Joshua Helton  
Lauren Linden  
Isaiah Maloney  
Brandon Meadows  
Payton Neeley  
Jasmine Ramirez  
Parker Rasnic  
Jadon Royston  
Ashley Smith  
Jeremiah South  
Sarah Sutton  
Brooklyn Wilson  
Ellie Yount

## 9 grade all A's

Hannah Cinnamon  
Lanie Dalton  
Haley Greene  
Tyler Harrison  
Sarah Johnson  
Kylie Mullins  
Carolyn Paschal  
Skylar Ramsey  
Cassie Seal  
Keyara Sharp

Gabriel Turner  
Lexie Wilder

## 12 grade A & B's

Lajuan Bell  
Tera Collins  
Cameron Davis  
Allison Hopkins  
Destiny Lawson  
Sarah Moore  
Tyler Mullins  
Haylee Nichols  
Logan Sellers  
Jennifer Short  
Preston Strange  
Austin Surgenor  
David Vice

## 11 grade A & B's

Nathaniel Coldiron  
Terra Cope  
Alisha Dalton  
Jonathan Greene  
Tyler Jenkins  
Macy Jones  
Travis King  
Ryan B. Lawson  
Gage Leabow  
Christopher Marion  
Logan Parks  
Aleigha Petticord  
Patrick Shelton  
Hayden Stewart  
Joshua Webb  
Ethan Wolfe

## 10 grade A & B's

Savannah Collins  
Treybeon Cooper  
Dawn Helton

Jacob Lamb  
Aleigha Neeley  
Brandy Peppers  
Alicia Seal  
Brooke Stewart  
Levi Wilson

## 9 grade A & B's

Morgan Anderson  
Devon Blevins  
Lacie Bohanan  
Kip Collins  
Allie Dossett  
Julian Gibson  
Shayden Gibson  
Makenzie Greene  
Marissa Mabe  
Blake Mahan  
Jaxon Neeley  
Angeleah Poston  
Braden Seal  
Victoria Shepherd  
Gracie Short



Photo Credit: Olyvia Hill

Lanie Dalton, Joce Ferguson, Julian Gibson, and Skylar Ramsey showing off their awards



Photo Credit: Olyvia Hill

Isaiah Maloney and Ryan T. Lawson bring home the gold



Photo Credit: Tori Marion

Dylan Bell and Andrew Parson performing

## State of the Union Address

By ALYSSA JONES

On January 30, 2018, President Donald J. Trump gave his first State of The Union Address. He laid out all of his accomplishments over his past year of presidency in the United States. He told of the many heroes we have found over the past year and spoke of their amazing acts.

Our president spoke of the increase of jobs and the tax cuts that seems to be angering many of the Americans at this time. He included talk of the raise in wages that seems to be affecting many Americans nationwide. He also told of his very controversial immigration ideas. Many believe he plans to include these ideas in his deal with the Democrats concerning the recent government shutdown. It seemed that this agreement may come to an end soon, due to the president speaking of how the Democrats and Republicans needed to come together for the people they were elected to serve instead of separating. Nevertheless, the economy in general seemed to be his main topic throughout his hour and a

half long speech.

Despite the many people angry over this speech, Trump did include some good things in it, such as his many guests that he congratulated on their acts of bravery and success. These special guests included people such as soldiers, veterans, and the everyday people. These people have done many courageous things like save a comrade, honor our veterans, or help our fellow citizens in their time of need.

Trump concluded his address by telling how our people are ones to prosper and strive. He said that America is a place where the heroes are part of the present not the past. We honor our past heroes with monuments but the biggest monument is the living one, the Capital. These heroes are the American people in their everyday lives, surviving and reaching for success. Trump made sure to state just how important our everyday acts are in his concluding words. He showed how every little action matters in the big picture of things.

## Seniors Explore Career Options

By MS. TARA MARION

On Wednesday, February 21st, 20 seniors got the opportunity to visit and tour Meritor manufacturing facility; and Tennessee College of Applied Technology in Morristown, TN. At Meritor, which is a "premier global supplier of integrated systems", students witnessed the various and multi-faceted components of the production process. As modules and components used in the transportation and industrial sectors were produced, students were informed of the multiple career options that exist in the industrial sector; and the importance of safety in the workplace. After a pizza lunch break, students made a short trek to TCAT where they were greeted with tour guides that led them around campus, informed them of TCAT's educational program offer-



Photo Credit: Ms. Tara

Seniors visiting Meritor facilities, and allowed them to visit classrooms to speak with instructors. A big thanks to Meritor and TCAT for providing a great experience!

## HOSA Climbing Their Way Into State

By EMILY HOPKINS

After taking the regional placement testing online at HCHS on December 8, 2017, the following students placed to compete at the regional conference at Carson Newman on February 7: Madison Brewer, Breanna Shults, Deanna Mathis, Macy Jones, Dawn Helton, and Olyvia Hill. Madison Brewer will be competing in the Home Health Aide competition, and Macy Jones and Dawn Helton will be competing in the CPR/First Aid competition at the state level on March 26-28 in Chattanooga. Congratulations, ladies, and good luck!!



Deana Mathis, Olyvia Hill, Macy Jones, Breanna Shults, Dawn Helton, Madison Brewer, and HOSA sponsor, Rhonda Greene, representing HCHS at the regional conference

## Club News

By EMILY HOPKINS

### HOSA

- HOSA had a blood drive on February 27.
- HOSA is selling doughnuts \$8 a box for glazed, and \$10 for chocolate glazed, jelly filled, and creme filled. See a HOSA member or Ms. Rhonda to order by March 5.

### 4-H

- Spring All-Star Conference is March 9-11
- 4-H Congress is March 18-21.

### Yearbook

- Yearbooks are now \$60.00. The last day to order a yearbook is Friday, March 30.
- Spring Individual photos and baseball/softball team and individual photos will be taken on Thursday, March 22. \*SPRING

INDIVIDUALS - Spring Individuals are a BUYERS ONLY program. Students may prepay online or bring order envelope with payment on picture day.

### Student Council

- Student Council will be having a clothing drive next week for Lost Sheep Ministry. You may drop off clothes in Ms. Danita's room or in the lobby during break. Monday--Shirts; Tuesday--Pants; Wednesday--Jackets; Thursday--Socks and Shoes; Friday--Misc.

### Table Tennis Club

- Meets Monday and Wednesday after school. Any high school student is welcome to join.



## Spring Fashion

By ALICIA SEAL



[https://www.ae.com/women-ae-cold-shoulder-ruffle-sleeve-dress-blush/web/s-prod/1399\\_2247\\_107?cm=sUS-cUSD](https://www.ae.com/women-ae-cold-shoulder-ruffle-sleeve-dress-blush/web/s-prod/1399_2247_107?cm=sUS-cUSD)

This dress will be a fun look because of its flowy and functional, it also gives that hint of spring with the flower print.



<https://www.peacocks.co.uk/lds-hat-felt-floppy-tie-band-c438eb.html>

This is a cute hat to be wearing because it's fun, and it's also practical because it shades you from the sun.



<https://www.target.com/p/women-s-nara-lace-up-ballet-flats-black-5-5-mossimo-supply-co-153/-/A-50318929>

This is a good look because it's a neutral color, and it will work with more than one outfit for the spring and summer.



[https://www.ae.com/women-aeo-layered-necklace-choker-gold/web/s-prod/0482\\_5924\\_709?cm=sUS-cUSD](https://www.ae.com/women-aeo-layered-necklace-choker-gold/web/s-prod/0482_5924_709?cm=sUS-cUSD)

This layered necklace is the perfect accessory to complete your look.

# Prom Hair and Makeup Tips

## How to look fab for the big night

By ANASTEY SEAL

Prom season is upon us. Every girl and her sister is rushing to find the PERFECT dress. The boys just think we are being ridiculous for starting so early. So to help all you ladies with hair and makeup, I have listed a few makeup and hair tips. Hope these help!

Face first! For prom, you don't want to look too overly done up. If you do not usually wear makeup, you need to do a trial run beforehand. You definitely don't want to get it done on the day of prom and hate it. That just makes for a miserable day and bad pictures. I wouldn't recommend any crazy, exotic

colors. Either a neutral-toned smokey eye or a dark colored smokey eye would work for most. Lipstick can range from a light pink to a deep red; the bolder, the better. Face makeup should accentuate your natural features, not cake them up.

Be hair or be square. The perfect hairstyle definitely depends on your dress. If you are wearing a dress that has a high neckline, it would be best to keep it up. If your dress is strapless, it would be better to wear it down. To the right is a neckline/hair-style guide:



## Recipes To Satisfy Your Sweet Tooth

By HANNA KERLEY

### Chocolate Dream Dump Cake

#### Ingredients:

1 box of chocolate cake mix  
1 can of cherry coke  
1 can of chocolate frosting  
1 can maraschino cherries (drained)  
Chopped nuts (optional)

#### Directions:

Mix in the soda, cake mix and cherries in a bowl and pour in a cake pan. Bake as directed on the box and cool. Frost and put chopped nuts on top and enjoy.



[www.thecardswedrew.com](http://www.thecardswedrew.com)

### Red Velvet Cake

#### Ingredients:

1 ½ cups of sugar  
2 eggs  
1 cup of buttermilk  
2 tsp of vinegar  
1 10 oz. red food coloring  
½ cup oil  
2 ½ cups of flour  
2 tsp of baking soda  
2 tsp of cocoa  
1 tsp vanilla  
1 can of cream cheese frosting.

#### Directions:

Mix the sugar, oil, and eggs in a bowl until creamy. Then add the flour and buttermilk until completely combined. Next, add the cocoa and food coloring. Finally add in the baking soda, vanilla, and vinegar. Bake at 350 for one hour. Cool the cake and then frost and enjoy.

### Classic Chocolate Pie

#### Ingredients:

1 ½ cups of sugar  
¼ cup of corn  
¼ tsp of salt  
3 cups of milk  
4 egg yolks  
2 tsp of vanilla  
1 ½ cup of chocolate  
2 tablespoons of butter  
2 pie crusts

#### Directions:

Heat the sugar, cornstarch, salt, milk, and egg yolks in a saucepan. Once it is cooked to a pudding texture, add in the rest of the ingredients. Pour into your pre-prepared pie crusts and chill until completely cooled. Enjoy!

## Senior Spotlight

By TORI MARION

As the days draw closer to May 26th, heart rates rise, laughs flow, and nervousness begins to sink in. The class of 2018 is preparing their goodbyes for Hancock County High School. Soon our tassels will be turned and paths will divide. So, we decided to sit down with Senior Austin Nichols to discuss his future plans and goals, as well as reflect on the past four years he has spent roaming these halls.

Q: How would you describe your high school experience in one word?  
Austin: Unique.

Q: When you look back on all your accomplishments over the past four years, which is your greatest?  
Austin: Honestly, it has been establishing a religious connection that I had never experienced before.

Q: You've faced some trials and tribulations throughout this journey. What advice would you give to people who are perhaps going through

the same struggles?

Austin: Everything is temporary.  
Q: Are there any songs, books, or movies you would suggest to the readers?

Austin: *The Debt Bomb* by Tom Coburn and *The Operator* by Rob O'Neill.

Q: You plan on joining the Marine Corps after high school; what drives you to do this?

Austin: We must acknowledge what's worth protecting.

Q: What is the grossest thing you've done at HCHS (e.g. licking a floor, licking a rat, etc)

Austin: Probably holding a dead mole in my mouth; mainly because it had a rotten smell and taste.

Q: Who has been your favorite teacher and what was the best lesson you learned from him/her?

Austin: Robert Davis who taught me that humanity is not equal.

## Horse History

By TATUM SHUPE

A brief description of where our horses came from and how we use them today

Spanish horses were brought to North America when Columbus came on his second voyage. Horses of all sizes can be used for anything. Ponies can be used for teaching people how to ride, and bigger horses, such as thoroughbreds, can be used as racing horses. Some, such as Clydesdales, can be used to pull wagons and do heavier work. The rest of the horses can be used for show jumping, dressage, barrel racing, and many more things. The Tennessee Walkers can be used in light steeplechases, dressage, and barrel racing. Now, there

are some wild horses, but people train these 100 days to turn them into working horses. Shetland, Highland, Icelandic, Dartmoor, etc. can be used as school ponies or lesson ponies. They are used to help teach people how to ride clean and how to take care of the horse or pony. At a camp I went to, it had horse riding, and we would groom and hoof pick them first before we saddled them and rode them in a little arena. It was fun. We got to trot and do these very, very light obstacles.



Dressage  
[keyassets.net](http://keyassets.net)



Show Jumping  
[halefieldstud.com](http://halefieldstud.com)



## Pre-season Interviews with Lady Indians Softball Seniors

By EMMA BOWLIN

### Savannah Hopkins

What is one personal goal you have set for yourself this being your senior season?

- Well I want to hit a homerun, but I don't know if that's going to happen.

What do you expect from the team this season?

-Win some ball games!

What is your favorite memory on the field?

-My favorite memory is when I tripped over my own two feet and landed on first base.

### Destiney Lawson

What is one personal goal you have set for yourself this being your senior season?

-One goal I have for this season is to bond and connect more with the team. I have always been the odd one out and I would like to change that this season.

What do you expect from the team this year?

-I expect the team to be like a family to me this year.

What is your favorite memory on the field?

- One time I hit the ball and forgot to run. I just stood there and watched them field the ball and throw me out.

### Anastey Seal

What is one personal goal you have set for yourself this being your senior season?

- One goal I have set for myself is to push



Photo Credit: Jenn Wallen

Seniors, Savannah Hopkins, Destiney Lawson, and Anastey Seal are ready for their final softball season.

through hard times. There will be games where things are off, but that doesn't mean it will be every game. My biggest enemy on and off the field is me, my goal is to play through that.

What do you expect from the team this season?

-I expect my last season to be the best. I would love to win districts and play on from there. These girls are my sisters, and I want to

see us go far.

What is your favorite memory on the field?

- My favorite memory, so far, is when we beat Washburn at home. The girl that was up to bat had hit to me the whole game, and I was really on edge about her being up to bat. Her count was full and Hensley let the pitch go. She struck her out and I bet I jumped 5 feet I the air. I was so happy.

## Baseball Seniors Pre-season Thoughts

By ALICIA SEAL

(Q) 1. What inspires you to play baseball?

(Q) 2. How do you think this season will go?

**Preston Hensley-1.** I like how intense it is and I like how it gets rough at times. I just like playing my best in the worst situations.

2. I think it's gonna turn out real good. Our velocity has increased and we have a lot of good players that just came in.

**Logan Sellers-1.** To get better at sports, also to follow on to go to college.

2. Good we have a lot of good payers and a strong team.

**Peyton Murrell-1.** It's my passion for baseball, I love the game, I love how it makes me feel. It makes me feel like I'm doing something to help inspire others.

2. I think we will do pretty good. I see us going to regionals at least.

**Tyler Mullins-1.** Just seeing my brother out there play. I wanted to be like him.

2. I think it will go pretty good. I haven't really seen our players but I have a lot of confidence.

## 2018 Baseball Roster

### VARSITY

Tyler Mullins  
Shawn Delph  
Peyton Murrell  
Preston Hensley  
Logan Sellers  
Landon Kephart  
Grady Denim  
Brandon Burton  
Branson Delph  
Treybeon Cooper  
Isaac Williams  
Parker Rasnic  
Javen Delph  
Braden Seal  
Morgan Anderson

### JUNIOR VARSITY

Treybeon Cooper  
Isaac Williams  
Parker Rasnic  
Javen Delph  
Braden Seal  
Morgan Anderson  
Shayden Gibson  
Raleigh Rimel  
Tyler Gibson  
Sam Tabler  
Gabe Turner  
Morgan Fleenor  
Kameron Davis

## 2018 Softball Roster

### VARSITY

Anastey Seal  
Savannah Hopkins  
Destiney Lawson  
Emma Bowlin  
Sarah McCoy  
Madison Johnson  
Madison Garland  
Addison Fleenor  
Bailey Hopkins  
Makenzie Greene  
Lexie Wilder  
Makenzie Hensley  
Lauren Linden

### JUNIOR VARSITY

Makenzie Hensley  
Bailey Hopkins  
Emma Bowlin  
Makenzie Greene  
Lexie Wilder  
Addison Fleenor  
Lexi Linden  
Molly Shockley  
Adriana Sexton  
Allie Dosset  
Gracie Short  
Cassie Seal  
Olyvia Hill

HCHS BASEBALL 2018	
3/9 BELL CO. (V) AWAY 5:30 (SCRIMMAGE)	
3/10 GRAINGER CO. (JV) AWAY 1:00	
3/13 CUMBERLAND GAP (V & JV) AWAY 4:00	
3/16 RYE COVE (V) "DH" AWAY 3:00	
3/19 JFW @ LMU (V & JV) AWAY 4:30	
3/23 TWIN SPRINGS (V) "DH" AWAY 3:00	
3/24 CLAIBORNE CO. (JV) (2 GAMES) TBA	
3/26 "COSBY" (V) HOME 5:00	
3/27 "COSBY" (V) HOME 5:00	
3/29 RYE COVE (V) "DH" HOME 3:00	
4/2 "WASHBURN" (V) AWAY 5:00	
4/3 "WASHBURN" (V) HOME 5:00	
4/5 THOMAS WALKER (V) "DH" HOME 5:00	
4/7 MARYVILLE CHRISTIAN (V) "DH" HOME 1:00	
4/9 "JELICO" (V) AWAY 5:00	
4/10 "JELICO" (V) HOME 5:00	
4/13 BATTLE OF BOARDS TOURNNEY (V) AWAY TBA	
4/14 BATTLE OF BOARDS (V) AWAY TBA	
4/15 "GREENBACK" (V) AWAY 5:00	
4/17 "GREENBACK" (V & JV) HOME 6:00	
4/19 HARLAN CITY (V & JV) HOME 6:00	
4/21 UNAKA (V & JV) AWAY 5:00	
4/23 PROVIDENCE ACAD. (V) HOME 4:30	
4/26 CLOUDLAND (V & JV) AWAY 4:00	
4/27 PROVIDENCE ACAD. (V) AWAY 4:30	
4/30 UNAKA (V & JV) HOME 5:00	
5/1 CLOUDLAND (V & JV) HOME (SENIOR NIGHT) 5:00	
5/3 GRAINGER CO. (JV) "DH" HOME 4:30	

Hancock Co. High School 2018 Softball Schedule			
Date	Opponents	V & JV	Time
3/3	Tournament	V & JV	
3/5	Washburn Scrimmage	V & JV	4:30
3/6	Thomas Walker	V	4:30
3/8	@ Pigeon Forge	V & JV	5:30
3/10	Play day		TBA
3/14	Tournament		TBA
3/19	@ Washburn	V & JV	4:30
3/22	Northview	DHV & JV	5:00
3/26	Thomas Walker	V & JV	4:30
3/27	West Greene	V & JV	4:30
3/29	@ Jellico	V & JV	5:30
4/2	Cherokee	V & JV	4:30
4/3	@ Cherokee	DH & JV	4:30
4/6	@ Cumberland	V & JV	5:00
4/10	Washburn	V & JV	4:30
4/12	@ Greenback	DHV & JV	5:00
4/16	Cosby	V & JV	5:00
4/20	Jellico	V & JV	5:30
4/23	@ Cosby	V & JV	5:00
4/27	Cumberland Gap	V & JV	5:00
4/30	@ Thomas Walker	V	4:30
5/4	District Tournaments		TBA
5/14	Regional Sub Finals		TBA
5/16	Regional Finals		TBA
5/18	Sub State		TBA
5/22	State Championship		TBA

## Basketball Season Comes to an End

By PRESTON HATFIELD

On Thursday, February 15, 2018, the Hancock County Indians took on the Washburn Pirates in their first district tournament play. The Indians were looking to be the first team in almost 15 years to win 20 games in a season. With this win, it could make the Indians end that drought. Coach Evan McCoy and Nolan Campbell have done an amazing job of changing the culture of the Indians basketball team. Coach McCoy praised how much of a team we are, and how we never give up. He described how the team moves the ball really well, and is so unselfish. The Indians beat the Washburn

Pirates 47-44, and the Indians moved on to take on the Greenback Cherokees. The Indians are now 20-8.

On Friday, February 16, 2018, the Hancock County Indians took on the Greenback Cherokees in the district semifinals. With this win, the Indians would move on to the district championship. In the regular season, the Indians split with Greenback with one win and one loss. The Indians fought hard during the game, and forced the game to overtime. In fact, the game went into two overtimes. The Indians gave all they had and it was a nail biter. Unfortunately, the Indians lost by a score of 66-67. The Indians were set to face the Jellico Blue Devils on Tuesday, February 20th, in a consolation game, which resulted in a win for the Indians 70-49.

On February 24, The Indians faced the Sullivan North Raiders in the Region 1-A Quarterfinals. Unfortunately this was a season-ending game for the Indians. Coach, Evan Mc.Coy says, "Indians led through 3 quarters tonight, just ran out of gas in the 4th. So thankful and blessed to have coached a wonderful group of young men! Indians finish up the year with a 21-10 record."

## Lady Indians Basketball

By MS. KRISTY CANTWELL

The month of December was a hard and trying month for the Lady Indians. Three starters were

out due to sickness and injuries; however, it gave three freshmen an opportunity to hit the floor and gain some much needed experience and build confidence. After falling to every opponent in December, January and February proved to be very different. With everyone, but one, back and healthy, the Lady Indians were ready to play. They managed to pull off 7 wins, with one being a huge win at Jellico. However, the Lady Indians fell short in the district tournament, falling to Jellico 34-35. Coach Cambell and Coach K are very proud of their team. They fought through and battled a lot of unforeseen injuries and sickness this season. These ladies are already looking forward to what next season holds for them.

### Indians Basketball Scoreboard

12/15/17	@Claiborne	W	59-56
12/19/17	@Cumberland Gap	L	37-63
12/27/17	Red Bird, KY	W	60-47
12/29/17	Sullivan North	W	60-54
12/30/17	Volunteer	W	70-66
1/5/18	Berean Christian	W	70-48
1/9/18	@Washburn	W	70-50
1/19/18	@Providence Acad.	W	68-54
1/22/18	Greenback	W	57-50
1/23/18	TSD	W	72-30
1/26/18	@Jellico	W	69-55
1/27/18	Claiborne	W	69-64
1/29/18	Cumberland Gap	L	45-59
1/31/18	@Clinch	W	78-52
2/2/18	@Berean Christian	L	57-60
2/5/18	Thomas Walker	W	73-60
2/6/18	@Greenback	L	42-54
2/9/18	@Cosby	L	37-78
2/15/18	*DT Washburn	W	49-46
2/16/18	*DT Greenback	L	65-66
2/20/18	*DT Jellico	W	70-49
2/24/18	*RT Sullivan North	L	50-63

\*DT=District Tourn. \*RT=Regional Tourn.

### Lady Indians Basketball Scoreboard

12/15/17	@Claiborne	L	35-52
12/19/17	@Cumberland Gap	L	27-63
12/27/17	Volunteer	L	29-65
12/29/17	Cherokee	L	25-54
12/30/17	Sullivan South	L	29-64
1/5/18	Berean Christian	W	51-37
1/9/18	@Washburn	L	47-55
1/19/18	@Providence Acad.	L	37-66
1/22/18	Greenback	L	39-41
1/23/18	TSD	W	57-28
1/26/18	@Jellico	W	47-36
1/27/18	Claiborne	L	37-51
1/29/18	Cumberland Gap	L	30-52
1/31/18	@Clinch	W	55-29
2/2/18	@Berean Christian	W	37-31
2/5/18	Thomas Walker	W	64-32
2/6/18	@Greenback	L	39-60
2/9/18	@Cosby	L	54-61
2/12/18	*DT TSD	W	59-27
2/14/18	*DT Jellico	L	34-35



# Bloody Good Album

By AMBER ESTES

Wow, I am finally reviewing an album that was recently released rather than an oldie that has been out for decades. Other than Greta Van Fleet's epic EP *From the Fires* (which you can probably expect to read about in our next issue), I have not gotten into much "new" music lately, so this album came as a pleasant surprise to me--a nice break from the usual copycat, already-been-done-a-thousand-times albums that pile up on the shelves of record stores (and, more prominently, the folders of online music sites). My most recent CD score is the album *Wizard Bloody Wizard* by Electric Wizard, and, let me tell you, this record is something else.

I had never really taken a great interest in the band before; I had listened to a couple of their older albums, like the classic *Dopethrone*, but I just never really took to them the way I do lots of other bands, prematurely pushing them to the back of my mind. However, when I first saw *Wizard Bloody*

*Wizard* on the "New Releases" shelf in FYE and began hearing several great recommendations for it, my interest was peaked. Upon my purchase of the album,

I promptly popped it into my CD player, and, in an instant, I felt as if I had transcended into another dimension.

*Wizard Bloody Wizard* was released in November of 2017, and it is the band's ninth studio album. The sound of the doom metal band is riddled with sludge, heaviness, and auditory hallucinations, if you will have it, and, on this album in particular, the sound is really something of psychedelic, macabre majesty. The album sounds like a glorious mixture of Uncle Acid and the Deadbeats and the all-powerful Black Sabbath. It is quite obvious that the band has definitely been refining their sound over the years.

The vocals especially are so clean and sharp on this album, whereas, in the past, they seemed

to sound a bit muffled to me on different occasions. This is a nice contrast to the low and slow riffs and classically doomy drums, and it provides for a rich sound. The instrumentalism is spot on. The riffage is smooth yet grimey at the same time, and I definitely appreciate the fullness that it gives the album. There is a lot of classic doom in the drums, and they provide dark rhythms that inch along throughout the album like a stalker in the night (I'm sorry. That's pretty grim, but I felt compelled by the nasty spirits of Electric Wizard.) I would be a fool to forget about the bass on this record. I find it is all too easy for the soft, deep tones of the bass to disappear during a song, but Electric Wizard really seemed to highlight the instrument on *Wizard Bloody Wizard*, with riffs that cut through the rest of the sounds to make their presences known. Not only does this album appeal to doom and stoner fans, but because of the band's evolving sound, it also appeals to hard rock and heavy metal fans.

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Electric Wizard stayed true to many of their usual themes: the occult, witchcraft, horror films, and the works of the great H.P. Lovecraft.

Each song on the album is very primal and reaches into listeners' animalistic instincts and the darkest corners of their minds. The album as a whole embodies classic traits of the genres the band upholds, and each of the mere six tracks are very distinct from one another. My top three picks from this album would be the tracks "Wicked Caresses," "Necromania," and, the best of all, "Mourning of the Magicians." I appreciate this album for its balance and mind-expanding qualities, and I highly recommend it, especially to metal fans who may not yet be turned on to such sub-genres. *Wizard Bloody Wizard* is truly a remarkable piece of work. It will captivate you, it will mesmerize you, and it will drag you out of this life and into the next.

## Top 10 TV Series That Will Make Your Life Better

By AMBER ESTES

We as Americans waste too much of our time watching crappy television. Sitting at home on the weekend watching daytime cable just might possibly be the greatest waste of time that we as people have to endure. Below, I have provided you, my friends, with a list of the "Top 10 Greatest TV Series of All Time" that you can watch on demand with Netflix, Hulu, your favorite online television company, or DVD. I promise you that each of these series will bring you great joy and happiness and will inevitably improve your quality of life.

*\*Important note: This list is in no particular order. It would be much too painful for me to attempt, let alone the fact that it would be an impossible feat.*

### Top 10 TV Series That Will Make Your Life Better:

- It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia (TV-MA)
- Trailer Park Boys (TV-MA)
- Rick and Morty (TV-MA)
- American Horror Story (TV-MA)
- Teen Titans (TV-14)\*
- Twin Peaks (TV-14)

- The Office (TV-PG)
- The Andy Griffith Show (TV-G)
- Drake and Josh (TV-Y7)
- Spongebob Squarepants (TV-Y)\*\*

### Honorable Mentions and Still Very Awesome Shows:

- Impractical Jokers (TV-14)
- Seinfeld (TV-PG)
- Parks and Rec (TV-PG)
- That '70s Show (TV-PG)
- The Golden Girls (TV-PG)

In the future, I will publish a "Top 10 Cartoons" list, so if you did not see one of your favorite animated programs on here, you might catch it next time!

\* Watch the original 2000's series, not the trash version that has been reproduced since 2013.

\*\* Seasons one through seven are the best and the most relatable for our generation.

## This Month in Music

By TORI MARION

I am a music enthusiast. I love everything about it. I love the feeling you get when the first key of a piano is played and when a guitar riff runs a shiver down your spine. Last month I was touched by Brandi Carlile's new album by the way, I forgive you. Every heart moving lyric is kissed with poetic genius. Later this month George Ezra, who sings the hit song "Budapest", will be releasing a new album titled *Staying at Tamara's*. To say I'm pumped is an understatement. Not a folk fan? Fear not, former American Idol winner and country music artist, Scotty McCreery will be releasing his fourth album *Seasons Change* on March 16th. For those Metal/Hard Rock lovers Godsmack and Shinedown are both landing new

albums next month! If March has you feeling a little melancholy try out Spotify's "Melancholia" playlist, featuring artists such as The National, Bon Iver, Fleet Foxes, Joan Baez, and Leonard Cohen. Not feeling like a moody teenager? How about Spotify's "Country Rocks" playlist? From Kid Rock to Chris Stapleton this playlist has all the best of modern country jammed into an hour and half of pure listening pleasure. Rap fan? I got you, Drake's new EP *Scary Hours* which features two killer songs, "Diplomatic Immunity" and "God's Plan", is taking over the charts! Hopefully this is a taste of an upcoming album.

## Everything Happens for a Reason

By LAUREN LINDEN

The book, *The Hiding Place*, by Cornelia Ten Boom, describes the hardships and troubles that people went through during the Holocaust in the 1900s. This inspiring nonfiction novel allows readers to know all that the Ten Boom family went through during the holocaust. This book encourages the people who read it to never give up the fight, no matter how hard life is or how mean people have been. It tells them to keep fighting because there is always a light at the end of the tunnel. The Holocaust was a very terrible and horrible event that Jews and many other groups of people had to experience. Despite the tragic experience that the Ten Booms had, Cornelia never gave up and continued her amazing life after she was unfortunately involved in the holocaust.

In the early 1900s, when Germany had just invaded Holland, where the Ten Booms resided, the Jews were forced to be in concentration and extermination camps. Cornelia, along with her two sisters, her brother, her father, and her father's coworkers, was part of a secret group of people that helped Jews get to a place where they would be safe and away from all the mean Germans. Some Jews stayed with the Ten Booms in their large house that had a watch shop in the bottom room of it. Eventually, the German soldiers and police officers got more strict and began to raid people's houses

who were believed to be helping Jews stay safe, so a secret group of people helped the Ten Booms prepare for when a real raid happened. Soon, the whole Ten Boom family was arrested for giving the Jews a place to stay instead of letting them be put into awful camps. Cornelia faced many hardships before, during, and after her and her family was arrested, but she did not let her hardships stop her. In her book, Cornelia Ten Boom writes, "And so I discovered that it is not on our forgiveness any more than on our goodness that the world's healing hinges, but on his. When he tells us to love our enemies, he gives, along with the command, the love itself" (Ten Boom 248). She continued to put her trust in Jesus because she knew that everything that she went through was for a special reason. After the Holocaust, Cornelia became the owner of a rehabilitation center for the people who were mentally scarred during the holocaust, and she also spread the love of Jesus throughout the world. She would go all over the world sharing her story inspiring everyone to trust in Jesus through all of their problems and trials. For thirty-five years, millions of people have seen that there is no pit so deep that God's love is not deeper still through Cornelia's testimony and the "The Hiding Place." I strongly encourage you to read this great book!

## Upcoming Events at HCHS

SATURDAY,  
MARCH 3, 2018  
HCHS SNL

7PM, Dennis Greene Memorial Gym, New High School  
A Prom 2018 Fundraiser  
Sponsored by local merchants, businesses and individuals. Tax Deductible! All proceeds go to PROM 2018, 'An Evening at the Palace'!

HCHS Junior Class presents Prom 2018

Saturday, May 12, 2018



## An Evening at the Palace

TICKETS ON SALE

February 12-16, Valentine Special 2 for \$30.00

February 19-March 2 1 ticket for \$30.00

March 5-March 30-1 ticket \$45.00

April 2-April 30-1 ticket \$60.00

No tickets will be sold after April 30



# Staff Spotlight

By SAVANNAH HOPKINS

This month's interview will be with Ms. Brooke Drinnon. *The Tom-Tom* would not be possible if it were not for her, and she deserves so much recognition for what she does. Ms. Brooke recently did something that many of us dream of doing: she took a trip to a foreign country. She travelled to Thailand. Lets see what she has to say about her trip!

## How was your recent trip to Thailand?

It was incredible--truly surreal! Being there was like being in a completely different world. We spent two whole days flying (one there and one back), and the time difference is twelve hours, so that was exhausting, but it was completely worth it. Once we got there, every day was an adventure.

During our stay, we visited many ancient (and some modern--see The White Temple in the photo to the right) temples, which are elaborate, ornate, and impressive for their architecture alone. During these visits, we got to learn about the Buddhist religion and the history of Thailand, which was all very interesting.

And of course, one of my favorite parts of traveling is trying out the local cuisine. The food in Thailand is delicious. Busy markets and street vendors are everywhere, so it's like sensory overload. The markets

are filled with colorful and fragrant fresh fruits (like mangoes, dragon fruit, star fruit, melons, pineapples, and bananas), vegetables, herbs, fish, meats, and so many out-of-the-ordinary things (like the fried crickets and worms I tried!). We even took a Thai cooking class and got to learn how to make some original Thai dishes.

While we were there, we traveled around the country quite a bit. We visited four cities in different parts of the country: Bangkok, Kanchanaburi, Chiang Mai, and Chiang Rai. All of this traveling allowed us to try out the many different modes of transportation Thailand has to offer, which was a lot of fun. We took boats, trains, planes, buses, tuk-tuks (motorized three-wheeled taxis, named for the sound their engines make: "tuk-tuk"), rickshaws (carts pulled by bicycle), the Skytrain in Bangkok, and Songthaews (which literally translates to "two rows" in English. Basically, a small pick-up truck which has two rows of seats in the bed for passengers to sit on, and some passengers stand in the center).

The whole experience was so diverse. We explored rivers, mountains, and waterfalls, fed monkeys and elephants, and enjoyed the hustle and bustle of the country's largest city, Bangkok. If you ever get the chance to visit Thailand, DO IT.

## Did you leave with a whole new perspective?

Definitely. I already loved traveling, but this trip made me realize how much just how much more traveling I want to do. There is so much out there that I haven't seen or experienced yet! This trip made me realize that every day can be an adventure. I would encourage everyone to get out and explore, even if it's just here at home.

I also appreciated meeting people from all kinds of cultures and hearing about their lives and experiences. We met many Thai people, and also lots of other travelers from all around the world, so it was nice to be introduced to new ideas and different perspectives.

I gained a new perspective on teaching as well. We got a chance to visit a village school in northern Thailand, and the elementary students there were being taught Chinese and English. Just imagine that for a moment--students as young as first grade learning two foreign languages at one time! I definitely think there is more we can do here to enhance our worldview/knowledge.

## What was your favorite part of the trip?

That's a difficult question. I really enjoyed learning about a different culture and seeing so many new things and meeting so



Photo credit: Ms. Drinnon

## WAT RONG KHUN "THE WHITE TEMPLE" OF CHIANG RAI, THAILAND

many nice people (and of course eating all of the delicious food).

## What struck your interest in starting *The Tom-Tom* back up?

With the help of a couple of my teachers (shout-out to Ms. Deb Southern and Mr. Bobby Keaton!), we started a school newspaper when I was in the seventh grade. It was called *The Unexpected*. I learned a great deal from that experience and had so much fun doing it that it really influenced the rest of my academic career. Then, in high school, I was editor of *The Tom-Tom*. The time I spent working as a student journalist are some of my best memories. I was never very athletic, so that limited my extra-curricular opportunities. I was, however, always

a reader and a writer, so I jumped at the opportunity to be on the newspaper staff.

When I returned to HCHS to teach, *The Tom-Tom* wasn't in production for a few years. This made me sad because it's such a cool way to share our school's culture and happenings, and I also think it is important to have something to offer students who are interested in reading and writing.

I've been so happy with the reception of the paper and so proud of the work that students like you have done in bringing it back, Savannah. Thanks for interviewing me!

## REAL TALK

This is your wake up call, not your breaking point.

By ANASTEY SEAL

In life, we all have our downfalls. Some moments when we lose what is really important and set our sights in the wrong direction. These times usually occur after a life-changing event. Why do we do this? Why do we let ourselves fall down the rabbit hole? If we never fall down, how would we know how to stand up? Without things knocking on our backs, we would never know the triumph of overcoming these things. Sometimes what we think should be a 10 on a pain scale is really a 5. The repetitive, "It could always be worse," is annoying, but so very real. No matter how bad we think it is, there could always be a tsunami ready to destroy everything. So yes, there will be some real, raw pain for a little while. You need to keep going. You have to keep going. There is a reason that this is happening and your world is quaking. This is your wake up call, not your breaking point.

## Birthdays

By SAVANNAH COLLINS

### February

Jacob Roark	2/1
Tyler Gibson	2/2
Harlee Walington	2/2
Timothy Bell	2/4
Joshua Helton	2/4
Mekinley Johnson	2/6
Anastey Seal	2/9
Hayden Stewart	2/9
Ceanna Moon	2/10
Jonah Heck	2/11
Cidney Brewer	2/13
Hunter Holt	2/13
Tyler Maloney	2/16
Grady Denim	2/17
Haley Greene	2/17
Jackson Collins	2/19
Kameron Davis	2/19
Karlie Bowlin	2/21
Cody Perry	2/22
Blake Trent	2/22
Erica Seal	2/23
Morgan Fleenor	2/25
Candice Kinsler	2/28

### March

Alissa Vaughn	3/4
Jim Shepherd	3/6
Aleigha Pettiecord	3/9
Braydon Baker	3/14
Alicia Dossett	3/14
Angel Hamilton	3/14
Tatum Shupe	3/15
Destiney Lawson	3/17
Rusty Stewart	3/17
Tara Riggs	3/18
Haylee Nichols	3/19
Weston Dickens	3/20
Andrew Coots	3/30

## Jokes

By HANNA KERLEY

Police: \*knock knock\*

Me: Who's there?

Police: Police!

Me: What do you want?

Police: To talk.

Me: How many of you are there?

Police: Two.

Me: Talk to each other.

"Knock knock"

"Who's there?"

"Daisy"

"Daisy who?"

"Daisy me rollin', Them haters..."

## Notes From Guidance

- All seniors need to check in the office for new scholarships.
- March 5-9** WSCC Spring Break for all Dual Enrollment students
- March 8** 3rd 9 week ends
- March 13-16** Spring Break
- March 15** 3rd 9 week reports cards go home
- March 19** Parent-Teacher Conference 3:00-6:00
- March 19** WSCC information meeting at 6 for Dual Enrollment Students. This will be after Parent/Teacher Conferences. Drawing for door prizes to students that attend.
- March 20** ACT for all 11th graders. Please be well-rested, present, and bring a photo ID. (ONLY 11th graders come to school)
- March 22** Mandatory meeting for Tn Promise @3:30 in Library
- March 30** No School (Good Friday)
- March 31** WSCC Scholarship due. Online at WS.EDU
- April 5** New student orientation WSCC. Register online ws.edu. Students will meet with advisors and establish a schedule for Fall. Additional dates are April 14, April 16, May 8, May 21, and May 30. These dates are for the Morristown Campus. The Tazewell Center will also have dates: April 24, May 22, and July 17.
- April 12** Career Quest at ETSU (11th & 12th graders)
- April 16** EOC Spring Testing starts with English I, II, and III. Also, U.S. History

## Table Tennis

A NEW CLUB ON CAMPUS  
By MADISON HATFIELD

Table tennis, also known as ping-pong, was a sport that started in Victorian England. This sport was played by the upper class. Table tennis has also been an Olympic sport since 1988. The first table tennis match to occur was in the 1880's. Later on, the name ping pong began to describe the game better. Then, the score would go up to twenty-one points, and now, it only goes to eleven. The game is now played by more people, not just the wealthy. It has now developed itself into a common game. When playing ping pong the ball must hit each side of the table once. If the ball hits on the opponent's

side twice it will be the paddler's point. Basically, the ball is played until the ball bounces a second time. This year, students here at Hancock County High School have started their own ping-pong club. To tell you more about it I have decided to interview the coach, Jacob Watkins.

Q: What inspired you to start the table tennis club?

A: When I first found out there wasn't one I was upset because it would be the only sport I'd want to be a part of and I thought other people might feel the same way.

Q: How many members are there?

A: Currently, the members are: Jacob Watkins (Coach), Madison Hatfield, Angeleah Poston, Autumn Moore, Carl Shultz, Darren Collins, Levi Wilson, Isaac Williams, and Josh Helton.

Q: When will practice be?

A: The practices will be on every Monday and Wednesday until 4:30.

Q: Do you expect the membership to grow?

A: Honestly, If we can promote ourselves and properly show that the sport is more than just "ping pong" I believe we will grow.



Photo Credit: Ms. Drinnon

SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF THE TABLE TENNIS TEAM AT AFTER-SCHOOL PRACTICE: ANGELEAH POSTON, AUTUMN MOORE, JACOB WATKINS, MADISON, HATFIELD, AND HANNA KERLEY