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Watching over East Hickman High School

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EHHS Students Weigh in on Current Events: Terrorism Threat and the 2016 Presidential Race

Terrorism and the United States

The Eagle's Eye staff conducted a survey of opinions concerning students' perception of safety in the United States.

Students rated the likelihood of another significant terror event on U.S. soil.

Student surveys predict:

47% it could happen

31% it will happen

8% is not very likely

14% it will not happen

Recent Attacks

The ISIS' reign of attacks in 2015 includes a wide spectrum of locations. Paris, Libya, Tunisia, Yemen, Tunisia, Cairo, Turkey, Egypt, and most recently Belgium (nytimes.com). The attacks range from suicide bombers with self-made bombs who work alone, to highly planned attacks which consist of multiple people and sophisticated bombs. These attacks took place in just one year; imagine what they could do with more time.

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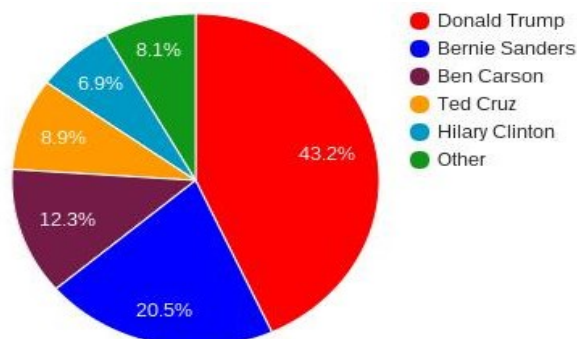
Kingdom and show no signs of restraint. They wish to expel U.S.

Students Forecast Trump's Popularity; Miss the Mark with Sanders in Tennessee

By: Kaleb Gordon

Students feel as if their opinions can sometimes be suppressed. To help the student body be able to be more expressive, the Eagle's Eye conducted a presidential poll to see how the youth of EHHS would vote. The poll was taken on Friday three days before the Iowa Caucus.

The results accurately portray Trump's popularity and resulting presumptive Republican nomination. Sanders takes the lead over Clinton which does not accurately reflect the current position of Clinton as the assumed Democratic frontrunner.



Mock Crash Concludes *Be in the Zone* Campaign

East Hickman High School along with local emergency services and Vanderbilt life flight participated in a mock crash on Highway 7 on March 24, 2016. The purpose of the crash was to bring awareness to distracted



driving among teenagers and others in our community by highlighting the devastating consequences which follow. This coordinated activity was part of the *Be in the Zone* program

sponsored by the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. According to the CDC, distracted driving causes 73% of teen

deaths. One bystander, a resident of Hickman county, witnessed the mock crash as she waited on Hwy 7. She recalled an article from her past that left a lasting impression on her. Her thoughtfulness and concern about teens prompted her to submit the article. Since this article was written, today's teens and adults have many more distractions from technology. The Eagle's Eye appreciates the community response. Thank you for taking the time to share with our students.

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ISIS Demands and Motivation

ISIS, like Al-Qaeda, is a Muslim extremist group. They differ in beliefs from Al-Qaeda, however, in the way that they want territory. They wish to execute their beliefs as a nation, not a group of terrorists. They already rule an area larger than the United Kingdom and show no signs of restraint. They wish to expel U.S. forces from Iraq so they can establish complete Islamic authority, expand the spread to bordering countries, and eventually attack and destroy Israel. (metro.co.uk)

dramatically to match allows them to gain access to younger and more naive audiences.

Worldwide Recruiting

ISIS has increased their recruiting strategy h the social media that follows them. ISIS has upped their recruits by 6,000-plus new members since their air attacks began. The new recruits in Syria include former militants of the al-Nusra Front, an Al Qaeda affiliate in Syria. As for everyone else the horrific beheading videos that ISIS has been releasing at regulated intervals since August 2015 has caused fear to settle in the hearts of others overseas. ISIS is also increasing their recruits through social media which dramatically allows them to gain access to younger and more naive audiences.

Government Response

Another factor that plays a large role in the war on terrorism in general is the handling of the issue by politicians. How our government looks at and addresses the situation determines how informed the people are. Over the past year, ISIS has made many attempts to get our government’s attention and to scare the American people. The boldest action ISIS has taken to demonstrate its power was the attack on Paris, yet some of our major political figures still do not see ISIS as a threat. Previously, the threat was underestimated, compared to a “JV team,” in the oft-played reference. Now, political figures are taking the ISIS threat very seriously.

April Texting and Driving Poll	
69 % never text and drive	31 % text and drive
Of the 31 % who text and drive	
Seldom 1-2 texts/month while driving	22%
Occasionally 3-6 texts/ month while driving	22%
Often 6-12 texts / month while driving	17%
Frequently + 12/ month while driving	44%

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The day I died was an ordinary school day. How I wish I had taken the bus! But I was too cool for the bus. I remember how I wheedled the car out of Mom. “Special favor,” I pleaded. “All the kids drive.” When the 2:50 bell rang, I threw all my books in the locker. I was free until 8:40 tomorrow morning! I ran to the parking lot, excited at the thought

Cont. Mock from page 1

of driving a car and being my own boss.

Free!

It doesn’t matter how the accident happened. I was goofing off--going too fast. Taking crazy chances. But I was enjoying my freedom and having fun. The last thing I remember was passing an old lady who seemed to be going awfully slow. I heard a deafening crash and I felt a terrible jolt. Glass and steel flew everywhere. My whole body seemed to be turning inside out. I heard myself scream.

Suddenly I awakened; it was very quiet. A police officer was standing over me. Then I saw a doctor. My body was mangled. I was saturated with blood. Pieces of jagged glass were sticking out all over. Strange that I couldn’t feel anything.

Hey, don’t pull that sheet over my head! I can’t be dead. I’m only 17. I’ve got a date tonight. I’m supposed to grow up and have a wonderful life. I haven’t lived yet. I can’t be dead.

Later I was placed in a drawer. My folks had to identify me. Why did they have to see me like this? Why did I have to look at Mom’s eyes when she faced the most terrible ordeal of her life? Dad suddenly looked like an old man. He told the man in charge, “Yes, he is my son.”

The funeral was a weird experience. I saw all my relatives and friends walk toward the casket. They passed by, one by one, and looked at me with the saddest eyes I’ve ever seen. Some of my buddies were crying. A few of the girls touched my hand and sobbed as they walked away.

Please--somebody--wake me up! Get me out of here! I can’t bear to see my mom and dad so broken up. My grandparents are so racked with grief they can hardly walk. My brother and sisters are like zombies. They move like robots. In a daze, everybody! No one can believe this. And I can’t believe it, either. Please don’t bury me! I’m not dead! I have a lot of living to do! I want to laugh and run again. I want to sing and dance. Please don’t put me in the ground. I promise if you give me just one more chance, I’ll be the most careful driver in the whole world. All I want is one more chance.

Please, God, I’m only 17!

Van Buren, Abigail. “For Teenage Drivers: ‘Please, God, I’m Only 17.’” *Chicago Tribune*. 26 Aug 1985. 5 May 2016.

ACT Statistics

By: Taylor Mayberry

The ACT is a huge compilations of tests for high schoolers across the country to determine college admission. Tennessee students study day and night for the big test and prepare themselves for the long hours of reading question after question.

Tennessee stats show that over the past few years the scores continue to rise tremendously. With advancements in test preparation, students have a much higher chance of scoring a higher in each respective category. These tests are made ascertain ability and drive the students to high academic expectations.

In Hickman County, students are prepared year round for the test in the spring. Over the previous two years, the grades increased by .3 points from 18.1 to 18.4.

Seniors who wanted to retake the ACT in February were transported by bus to a testing location. Mrs. Dick accompanied the group and said she was happy to see the initiative and drive displayed by the students. Many scores were improved by this additional effort.

This year, teachers and student peers have worked diligently to prep Juniors for the test which they took on April 19th. Students are awaiting results

New to School: Mrs. Allison Matney

By: Lena Mayberry

1) Tell me a little bit about yourself.

I graduated from UTM, and I played tennis at Bethel University. I am married to Jamison Matney, who graduated from EHHS. I am a Christian, and I was the intern at the Church of Christ Student Center at UTM.

2) What interests do you pursue outside the classroom?

I love to play sports. I help coach the girls' soccer team. I also spend a lot of my time outdoors playing disc golf, hiking, and going on picnics. I love doing devotionals, and I attend church regularly.

3) Why did you decide to go into the teaching profession?

I use to play "school" with my sisters, and I made sure I was the math teacher. My little sister became very advanced in math because I spent so much time teaching her all of the skills I was learning in school (she is now an accountant). I love the art of teaching.

4) Did you experience any benefits or disappointments which you did not foresee when you first became a teacher?

I did not expect to be so tired every day! I thought I would leave at 3:30 ready to go have fun, but I have been going straight to bed.

5) What has changed the most since you began teaching?

I have become much more patient. Yo have to be to be a teacher. My husband is certainly

happy about this as well because my patience at school has expanded to home.

6) What has been the most difficult and also the most rewarding parts of teaching?

Probably getting kids motivated for the future. So many of my freshmen don't have a clue what they want to do after high school, so it is hard to get them to realize how important Algebra is for them. The most rewarding part would be how I get to do what I love every day. It is challenging, but it is worth it.

7) What are some highlights

about working for EHHS?

Probably having a water gun fight with the girls' soccer team during conditioning, teaching the students about how interest



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Senior Play

By: Alex Thomas

The senior play, Cyrano de Burgershack, was performed right before Christmas break. In this play a horrifically ugly Cyrano(JJ Hopper) fell in love with a beautiful Roxanne(Brenna Graves). She, however was in love with Christian(Alex George) who is in absolute love with turtles. Strangely, it didn't end up like a horrible cliché mess.

Cyrano, who looks like his face was stuck in a vacuum cleaner, is a poetic teen who works at the Burgershack. He is terrible around girls, and looks toward being single forever.

JJ Hopper(Cyrano) stated that the best part was “actually performing it” in spite of the six-inch long, awkward plastic nose!

Roxanne is a fencer who is a childhood friend of Cyrano. She also happens to be the love of his life, although she doesn't know it. She is almost literally a princess ripped out of a fairytale. Unfortunately, she has fallen in love with another. She is completely head over heels for Christian.

Christian is the “new kid” in the play. He is incredibly shy and only capable of showing love to his turtles. Roxanne falls for Christian and Cyrano gives him

poetry to recite to Roxanne. Eventually, Roxanne catches on and after several songs they eventually fall in love.

Brenna Graves stated her favorite part of the play “being silly while simultaneously being productive.” All of the actors expressed their enjoyment in



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Girl’s Basketball

By: Try Sanlin and Randy Meadows

This past season for the East Hickman High School girl’s basketball team has been full of hardships, dedication, and passion, but after all that the Lady Eagles endured, it resulted in great success. They have managed to win 18 games, which is a program record for now, finished third in this district, and advanced into a regional tournament. They are very proud of these victories, as they were well earned, to quote Coach Simmons, “It takes a lot of dedication and commitment to be a part of the Lady Eagle’s basketball family.”

They had wins, but they didn’t achieve them easily. They are a young team with eight of their twelve players being underclassmen, and only one senior, making it harder to get around other teams. Along with that, one of the best players

suffered an ALC injury in only the third game. Torn ligaments don’t recover quickly, and this caused a whole change in the way the team operated. “We look at each other as family,” says Coach Simmons, and any family has their squabbles; however, the team has managed to overcome most of these differences, and are able to address them more maturely than they have done in the past. Coach Simmons expresses that he is proud of them for this achievement.

Coach Simmons explains that the biggest issue with actual gameplay they have had is being consistent. He continues that in past years, shootings and rebounds have been a problem, so they practiced them intensely; however, this caused a problem in other areas. They lacked in much of the offensive area, which cost

them some points— and games. However, Coach Simmons makes the statement that “this season we plan on increasing our practice time,” and that he will incorporate

mentally), but rewarding,” says Simmons. This team understands the hard work, passion, and commitment that is required to be one of them; thus, the school



more strength and offensive training in order to make the girls “a more solid and poised team.”

One must “realize that playing high school basketball is tough (both physically and

gives them our utmost respect.

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Senior Play—Cyrano de Burgershack



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Basketball



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Baseball and Softball



The Eagles have the most season wins in school history!



Softball photos courtesy of Michele Griggs.



Austin Jennette waits on first.



Lane Cole poised for the catch.



Brooke Nolen throws a powerful pitch



Cole Keller winding up his pitch

EHHS Welcomes
Coach Pence

By: Peyton Couch and
Taylor Mayberry

Brian Pence now takes on the role of training, teaching, and of course, coaching the new and old players into this new season. The first question asked was what brought him to be a football coach in the first place. Pence had some strong words to say on the subject including statements such as “Football is life.” He told us that there is nothing he’d rather do, mainly stemming from when he was a child, growing up around the sport had a huge



effect on him. Coach Pence states that his motivation in becoming a coach was purely love of the sport. He went on to say that football mainly “shaped his character.” Coach Pence says he looks forward to the new year and season of coaching and teaching the new players and gives his best wishes to the players.

Envirothon Team First in Several Categories

By: Leanna McCaleb



One hundred and eleven teams topic was invasive species, tied competed in Tennessee and out for 1st in wildlife, and placed of those, then qualified for state. 3rd in aquatics. They had great We placed 5th overall in the time at Clide York 4H center state competition. We finished and ate lots of good food. We 1st in current issues where the hope to be back next year.

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Star Wars 7: Review

By: Peyton Couch

It's been a long time since the galaxy far, far away has been on screen...until now! *Star Wars 7* has just been released in theatres this past December drawing in 1 billion dollars in just twelve days. Some have stated that is just due to fanboys and fangirls flipping out over this, and to be honest, that's exactly what makes *Star Wars* so great.

This phenomena has taken the film industry by storm with sequels to movies being about twenty years too late. This was the main question that most fans and movie watchers had about it, whether it would just be another wasted sequel, or a chance at gold. Luckily, for all the fellow fans in the universe, this movie holds its own as an amazing galaxy-themed adventure.

Going back to its roots as a franchise, this movie wastes no time getting knee deep in action. Within the battle on Jakku, the main planet of this movie, (there are several), Kylo Ren and his new storm troopers wage a battle

to conquer the galaxy.

This movie has several great nods to the classic *Star Wars*, but it feels a little too much like a carbonite copy of *Star Wars 4: A New Hope*. However, this doesn't change the flow of the movie in any means. In fact, it gives the viewers a nice contrast to the prequel trilogy. With the original cast, the familiar setting, and all the action views know and love, *Star Wars 7* gets a much deserved 7/10.



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Students Conduct Survey Assignment

By : Victoria Anderson and Makayla

The Intro to Business teacher, Mrs. Morgan, explains that the goal of the assignment was to get students to be able to "learn how to research the market."

She then stated that she had printed out fifty of each survey. Around 150-200 people had taken the survey.

There were various questions asked on each survey. "Each pair of students came up with their own subject that they wanted to survey, so the questions were very very different according on the survey," Mrs. Morgan said. The topics of the surveys ranged from soccer to student health and even to Donald Trump. She also included that other parts of the

assignment were that the students had to "research other similar surveys done and compare their results."

She explained that "the worst complication was finding enough students to do the surveys without interrupting classes."

When asked what she wanted to say about the assignment her reply was that "It turned out better than I expected," she continued on to say that, "It was very informative and our results were similar to those of other national surveys, for instance, what the students were going to do when they got out of high school."

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The Conversation Challenge: Find out the answers to five of these questions

Would You Rather...?

By: Charis Waters

Have you ever wanted to talk to someone but did not know how to start the conversation? Or have you ever just wanted to learn about one of your friends without being too creepy? Well, “would you rather’s” are a terrific way to do just that. These silly questions are a great ice breaker, and a good way to get to know someone without being imposing.

Physical

Would you rather be really hairy or completely bald?

Would you rather be tall and fat or short and well built?

Would you rather eat healthy or exercise regularly?

Would you rather be super strong or super fast?

Would you rather lose half your hair or lose half your hearing?

Would you rather look weak and actually be strong or look strong and actually be weak?

Money/Job Related

Would you rather be poor and work at a job you love or be rich and work at a job you hate?

Would you rather work really hard at an interesting job or slack

off at a boring job?

Would you rather take a guaranteed \$100,000 or a 50/50 chance at \$1,000,000?

<http://www.conversationstarters.com/funnywouldyourather.htm>

Miscellaneous

Would you rather live one life that lasts 1,000 years or live ten lives that last hundred years each?

Would you rather have a dragon or be a dragon?

Would you rather never be able to speak again or always have to say everything that is on your mind?

Would you rather be able to read or be able to read minds (but be illiterate)?

Would you rather be able to speak fluently every language in the world or be the best in the world at something of your choosing?

Would you rather be in prison for five years in solitary confinement and be rich or not ever go to prison and not ever become rich?

Would you rather change the past or be able to see into the future?

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Working Students Survey

By: Courtney Chavis and Robert Hedrick

Have you ever wondered how many high school students have a part time job? Well

we did so we decided to conduct

a survey and hand it out to all of the seniors. We had six

basic questions that asked them about how they feel about having a job while in school and

if it affects their education. The questions were: 1.) Do you have a job? 2.) Do you have a

full or part time job? 3.) How many hours do you average per week? 4.) Do you feel that

having a job has an effect on your education? 5.) Do you feel that working now will benefit

you in the future? 6.) On a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being not important to 5 being very important,

how important is it to have a job while in high school? Here are our results.

Based off of our findings, we were surprised to find out that 67% of our high school

seniors hold a part time job. Surprisingly the majority of those seniors work on average

between 21 to 30 hours per week. We were expecting a much lower number because of the

stereotype that teenagers are lazy. A majority of these seniors also feel that having a job in

high school is moderately to very important. 83% also believe that working now will benefit

them in the future. .

Survey results:

Q1: Yes– 67% No– 33%

Q2: Yes– 56% No– 44%

Q3: 10 or less– 36% 11-20– 15% 21-30– 36% 31-40– 9%
41 or more– 4%

Q4: Yes– 40% No– 60%

Q5: Yes– 83% No– 17%

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Shawn Clouse- "Drowning"



Taylor Mayberry- "Jack"



Taylor Mayberry- "Jay"



Senior Superlatives

Most Country:

Jason Taylor

Lindsey Cook

Best Personality:

Melissa Wade

Hunter Atomanuk

Most Athletic:

Jacob Stone

Brooke Nolen



Most School Spirit:

Jessica Matheny

Daimeo Springer

Most Memorable:

Hunter Harrington

Ally Ferguson



Most Adorkable: Lani Bruinsma and Caleb Collins



Most Likely to Succeed: Brenna Graves and Zach Oldham



Most Likely to Change the World: Patrick Latham and Kyla Hanner



Most Dependable: Brandon and Sarah Galbreath



Most Talented: Angele Latham and Isaac Peek



Best All-Around: Wade Matney and Brooke Couch

Senior Class Top Ten



Left to right: Brenna Graves, Sarah Galbreath, Lani Bruinsma, Emily Griggs, Jessica Matheny, Top: Brandon Galbreath, Brooke Couch, Kirsten Truman, Angele Latham