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Watching over East Hickman High School

Winter Edition

Senior Play - *Camp Paradise*

By Jon Pruett

It may have been a week before winter break, but Ms. Cheri Cutelle brought the heat with this year's Senior play, *Camp Paradise*, which was set in the much longed for season of summer. According to Ms. Cheri, she, as well as her band of upperclassmen, had a total of about four months to complete *Camp Paradise* and spent around 1,000 dollars for the rights alone. The play consisted of 24 seniors, only two of whom were male, meaning multiple members of the cast played both gender roles. Cheri said the main problem she encountered was untimeliness (not being on time, not learning lines, etc.). However, she

followed by saying that when the curtains went up everyone pulled it together. Fun fact - *Camp Paradise* did not have a plot or set storyline, the play script and scenes were simply about being at camp.

Ms. Cheri closed by saying that the only thing that matters at the end of the day is that the cast and audience had fun. She said the absolute best part about the play was "seeing the smile on the students' faces." If success is measured by the students' enjoyment in participating in the play, then there is no shortage of success with this year's Senior play at East Hickman.

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2017-2018 Senior Top Ten



L to R Top: Cade Wilson 98.62, Camryn Shanes 98.62 Calvin Tidwell 98.5, Abbigayle Taylor 98.24, Savannah Holt 98.04 Bottom: Jacob Beard 100.96, Dylan Gianakos 100.26, Taylor Krebs 99.96, Tate Kinney 99.33, Gabriel Miller 98.81



Savannah Holt signs with University of North Alabama. The first division one signing in school history.

Career Day

By: Randy Meadows

On February 3, 2018, East Hickman High offered a career day opportunity during the basketball game where students could speak with representatives from local businesses and colleges. The National Guard and Army were presenting stripes and stars beside many well known colleges such as Austin Peay, Columbia State, Johnson and Wales UN, Nashville State, and Lipscomb. Among the participating companies were AES, Agrana Fruit, Clark Container, The Defense Group, and the Hickman Charitable Pharmacy, who were more than happy to give a brief description of their available jobs and services.

AES, or Accurate Energetic Systems, is an explosives company located on the west side of Highway 230 less than 25 minutes away from the school on 1300 acres with a full laboratory and test range. Starting wage is 11.50/hr with incremental pay increases. The company offers 401k benefits in addition to medical, life, dental, and disability insurance with flexible work hours. However, they require individuals who can responsibly assemble some explosive components and carry more than 50 pounds as well as pass frequent and random drug testing. Their facility must be tobacco and smoke free for more

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Foreign Exchange Students

France and Italy

Giulia Panetta

By: Gracie Delaney

Imagine being a teenager and traveling almost five thousand miles to a completely different country. You now have a new family for ten months. Along with a new school, a new culture, new people, new everything. Could you imagine the excitement and fear? Students at East Hickman High walk the halls with a student that has experienced this: Giulia Panetta.

Giulia is from a small town in Italy called Sassuolo. She chose to come to America because she has “always been fascinated by the American culture.” This was a big decision for Giulia to make, but she does not regret it at all.

It was not hard for Giulia to adjust to American culture. She reports that there are not many differences between American and Italian culture. Giulia says that Americans “celebrate Thanksgiving and Italians don’t,” and further says, “The food is very different, too. Before coming here, I’d never eaten Mexican food.”

Other differences in Italy and America include school attendance. Giulia says that in Italy they attend school from 8 A.M. to 1 P.M. but attend school Monday through Saturday which is unlike most schools in the United States.

Giulia’s favorite things about America are her new friends and

the French fries. Giulia exclaims that America’s French fries “are the best thing in the world,” and that she is “totally in love with [them]!”

Not only was adjusting to American culture uncomplicated, but making new friends was, too. “Everybody in this school is so friendly and nice. I’m really thankful for my friends,” Giulia professes. Giulia even claims that the people here are the friendliest that she has ever met.

When Giulia was asked some of the benefits of studying abroad, she responded, “[Learning] about a new culture that is very fascinating,” and also “learning new languages.” Giulia recommends this opportunity, stating that, “Personally, this is the best experience of my life.”

Giulia Panetta

Fanny Maurel



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Fanny Maurel

By: Randy Meadows

It takes courage and a heart for adventure to leave behind all familiar things to travel across the world. Fanny, behind a soft spoken voice, has the courage to not only travel once, but says she will return to the United States again either by scholarship or even through the military.

She explains that when she first flew here, she imagined there would be high rise buildings and nice houses everywhere, but found that Hickman county didn't quite live up to that American dream. She may not have seen what she expected, but explains that really no place in America would do it justice. Aside from it not being a metropolis at every corner, she says that in France almost every house is brick, while here there is a surprising amount of trailers. However, she was glad to have experienced our small town because "there are just so many different cultures [and places] here [in America]." She says she really likes it here, feeling that her personality is better suited to American society than French.

She noted a few cultural differences, especially with Christmas and New Year's Eve. Compared to France, America has very extravagant Christmas celebrations, but quite the opposite for New Year's Eve. She was really overwhelmed by the amount of gifts and things they did for Christmas, but on New Year's she felt that something was missing.

But celebrations aside, she says that "it's a bit weird that they

put ice in drinks all year, even during winter. They fill the cup all the way up with ice." Another thing she found quite amusing was that "Knives are everywhere, on belts, in pockets, in bedrooms, but very strangely not on the table at dinner."

Above everything else, she praised the military and said she would love to enlist. Though she did worry about some health complications, she really hopes she could join if she didn't partake in a study abroad program. When inquired as to what really appealed about a military profession to her, she states, "I like the strength of it. It's very powerful, and I respect that."

Her host family, to her, seemed to be like an ideal American household. They took her to visit the home of Helen Keller among other things, and intend on taking her to visit Las Vegas, Nevada and the Grand Canyon later this year, for which she's very excited. She may get to see the big city she expected after all.



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Girls' Basketball

By: Elizabeth Gordon and Lexie Larkins

This year's seniors on EHHS's Lady Eagles Basketball team started off their final season with three winning seasons behind them. The team continues to make school history with a fourth winning season.

The Lady Eagles currently are 15-12 as the season comes to an end. Placing 6-3 in their district and runner-up in the 21st Annual Smoky Mountain Christmas Tournament. The girls place third in the teams within their district.

After their flourishing start to the season, they suffered a five game losing streak, but continued to work hard to rebound. Head Coach Simmons states, "We got off to such a great start early that when adversity hit and we started to lose some games, that it took us a little longer than usual to rebound from it. However, we have made adjustments that we believe will help us through the later part of this season and in tournament play." After district games started back up, they made adjustments and triumphantly came back.

Being a successful team is not easy work. The ladies give extra time and effort into basketball, whether it's extra practice or learning new plays. Before games, the ladies have a routine they use to prepare. Coach Simmons relates their routine before a game, "We pride ourselves on doing a lot of preparation for each game. Our team watches film, develops a scout, and then implements offensive and defensive schemes

that we feel will give us the best chance to win each and every night."

Senior Savannah Holt also states their diet during and before the season changed tremendously to assist the team. She comments "We've actually worked with a nutritionist since the preseason and it's helped a lot with preparation and overall health of the team."

Not only have the girls accomplished many things and overcome milestones as a team, but seniors Savannah Holt and Alli Crumpler have also achieved personal milestones as well. Savannah Holt is the first ever Division I basketball signee in school history (University of North Alabama).

Alli Crumpler will also depart as the all time leader in assists, steals, and minutes played in program history.

Some of the girls have also accomplished things such as individual plays in-game that perhaps signified the winning of a game, or the overcoming of teasing. Annisa Saleh drained a 3-pointer in a game against Waverly after "the Waverly Coach told his player to back off because she couldn't shoot," Savannah states. Coach Simmons also states that one particular play that stood out among others was Savannah Holt's "buzzer-beating 3-pointer" which signified a win against Livingston Academy in the Semifinals of the Smoky Mountain Christmas

Tournament, and the moving forward of the team to the championship game in the tournament.

As their season begins to come to a close, Coach Simmons reflects on the change in attitude throughout the season, "I wouldn't say that it has. We have a veteran team led by five seniors who have been playing this game for a long time. They understand what the coaches expect of them

Boys' Basketball

By: Lexie Larkins

The season concluded with a 7 - 7 record in Class AA Region 6, District 11, but overall 11 - 16 record. Although the boys faced some setbacks, they remain optimistic for the next season.

Senior Fisher Newcomb acknowledges, "We didn't start the way we wanted to, but we've continued to work and trust the process and we've improved because of that." Although the Eagles experienced a difficult start to this season, Head Coach Wharton reveals that he still wants his boys to be a championship team.

The boys, relentless in their efforts, continued to put forth their best performance as the season came to an end. "We had our ups and downs, but we continue to play hard every game," discloses Fisher Newcomb. "We spend a lot of time going over plays that we run in our games."

Newcomb credits their success in games to playing as a whole rather than playing the games single-handedly, saying that "The greatest moments

both on and off the court. We have great character kids who perform well in the classroom and stay out of trouble, which makes coaching this group much more enjoyable."

Also, Savannah Holt states the five seniors this year have taken charge of having a more "now or never" attitude about the season as they realize this is their final year as Lady Eagles and basketball players for some.

occur when we work together and play as a team instead of individuals." In fact, Coach Warton noticed that the team's attitude while playing has turned to a more positive and winning attitude in more recent games.

Despite the challenges that the Eagles encountered, their season, thus far, warrants some memorable plays. Newcomb relates, "Kiyon Sowell had his first game dunk in a victory over McEwen." In one particular instance of the Lewis County match-up, Coach Wharton says of his response, "I remember jumping up. I didn't even know I could jump that high." In this game, the Eagles needed a play to win the game. With less than a minute left in the game, they decided to run a play called House. Fortunately, that play allowed the Eagles to get the basket. Afterwards, the Eagles secured their win with a free throw shot, leaving the Eagles with a three point lead over Lewis county at the end of the game.

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than safety concerns. AES is an equal opportunity employer who will hire anyone capable of getting the job done and doing it well. Call them for more information at (931) 729-4207.

Agrana Fruit, found on 1 Atys Way in Centerville, is responsible for processing, inspecting, and packaging the fruit found in bakery and dairy goods that one sees everyday. Positions start at around 12 dollars an hour. There is no age or education standard and employees will receive paid uniforms in addition to standard work benefits such as 401k and insurances. Call them at (931) 729-7120.

Clark Container, in Lyles, melts and forms the plastic wrap found on most of the items used by people daily. From toilet paper

to plastic plates, they print flexographic wrapping in eight colors. They currently have a few students from East working at their facility, among them is Dawson Caven, who was attending the presentation. Phone their main office at (931) 670-4400.

The Defense Group doesn't offer many job opportunities due a limited need for employees. Their main building is only two building over from the high school; here, they package parts with printed manuals for the construction of government contracted machinery. They package and ship the parts for naval ship motors, helicopter rotors and everything in between. Springs, coils, blades, and much much more. Despite the lack of job

opportunities the company had a very interesting presentation with many models and display pieces.

The Hickman Charitable Pharmacy is a subsidiary Saint Thomas Health located on 150 East Swan Street, Centerville. They offer the Dispensary of Hope program for the less fortunate, giving them to opportunity to receive free or reduced cost medications, prescriptions, and samples according to income. The pharmacy did not offer information regarding job opportunities but came to advertise their service to the community. Call (931) 729-6798 for more information.

EHHS would like to thank all of the representatives and their respective organizations for participating in the program

to help students see local opportunities and broaden their view of the workforce. Although some of the companies did not offer jobs, they gave a better outlook on the industries and potential occupational paths for students.

Many who attended were unaware that there were separate companies for packaging and wrapping products; these processes may have otherwise gone unconsidered.

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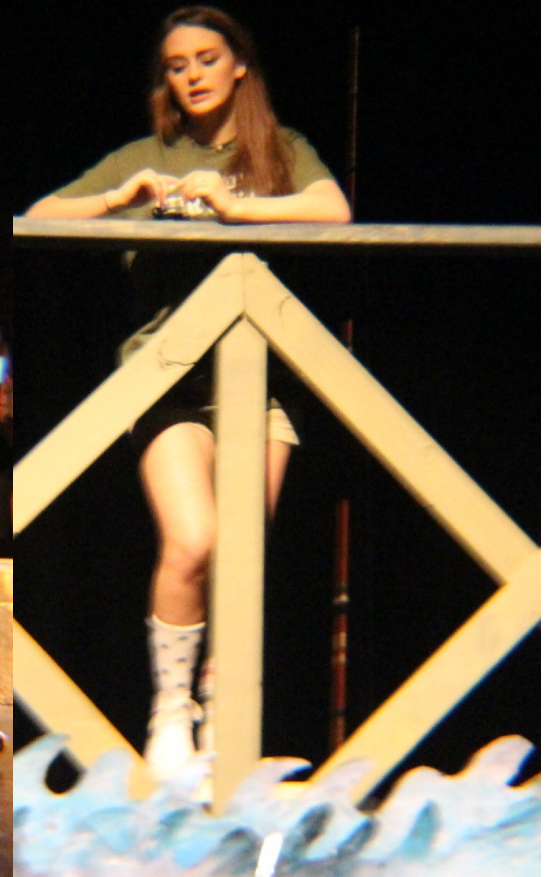


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STRANGER THINGS

By: Leah Tidwell

The return of *Stranger Things* with its second season made all types of watchers' worlds turn upside down with excitement, yet an array of mixed fillings. It embodies the magic of season one that fans love and enjoy; however, many disappointments arose after people finished watching the Netflix original show's second installment.

Viewers had varying opinions on multiple concepts and components of the season. *The Verge* had people cover these specific reasons in an article: surprise elements, certain episodes, new characters, and the future of the TV show.

One reviewer states, "While all the same familiar faces were back for round two, I couldn't shake the feeling that the second season was lacking by comparison." Many of the reviewers of the website seemed to share this opinion, feeling that the the second installment didn't match up to season one. Audiences on other social platforms appeared to give very similar opinions as well.

New characters were added onto the storyline; this brought up a whole new topic discussion. A fellow *The Verge* reviewer said that the scenes in which the newer characters were placed in truly didn't need them. Additionally, a *Verge* reviewer comments that he "found the other characters frustratingly

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thin." These new additions were seen as fill-ins compared to the show's leading characters, leaving viewers unsatisfied and grasping at straws for more information.

"Chapter Seven: The Lost Sister" caused controversy among fans. Quite a few people stated how this episode's tone didn't fit in well with the tone of the other episodes, even how it somewhat created an entirely different storyline. It had failed to smoothly come into play compared to the other eight episodes of the season.

While the negative responses were magnified, *Stranger Things* season two was still watched and enjoyed by millions of people. *TVLine* provides, "A total of 15.8 million people watched the first episode of *Stranger Things*' second season during its first three days of availability."

As *Stranger Things* Two came to a close, many questions were left unanswered. The website *Insider* discussed some of the questions left by season two such as 'Will Eleven go to real school with the rest of the kids? Can she actually have a normal life?' and the big question 'What will the Mind Flayer (the antagonist) do next?' Hopefully these questions will be answered next season, which is expected to release in sometime between late 2018 and 2019.



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Why Students Don't Read

By Madison Lilly and Leah Tidwell

Reading was a common and endless past-time for older generations, it's shaped our culture both old and new, from classics like *The Great Gatsby* to modern hits like *The Fault In Our Stars*. But according to an article by *Nashville Public Radio*, nearly half of the teen population has stopped reading for pleasure altogether.

The question presses, why have people stopped reading? Students asked shared their views and opinions:

Faryn Matney states "Students don't have time to read for pleasure because of all the homework our teachers give us. There are not enough hours in the day." Homework tears away at a students time, and generally, this leaves them wanting to do anything but read.

Devlin Sheppler says "I stopped sleeping to read. I think students don't read because they don't have time. Students have poor time management skills and never have free time." Despite many feeling like there's not time and understanding their peers, some still find time to read by giving up other pastimes, or in this case, even sleeping.

When Demetria Worley, a geometry teacher, was asked the same question as the students, she simply stated "Sloth." Many teachers feel like students are simply lazy. Some say it is a product of technology.

However, the fact that many students have such quick and easy access to the internet is a definite perk. A study

by the Office of Adolescent Health in U.S. Department of Health and Human Services conducted a survey in 2014 and 2015. The results revealed that 94% of teens who have access to the world wide web go online daily, in many cases, for no less than two hours a day.

Research by the *Kaiser Family Foundation* states that children ages 8-10 spend 5 and a half hours, ages 11-14 spend 8 hours and 40 minutes, and 15-18 year-olds spend just under 8 hours on screen media. With devices such as, laptops, cell phones, game consoles, and Netflix at the tip of their fingers, students don't see the appeal of reading books. Imagination is replaced with physical imagery, putting more strain on the eyes than the brain.

Christy Dressler, the librarian at East Hickman High, shared her opinion when asked about her perspective on the subject, stating, "I don't believe there is one. Some people don't like to read, but they just haven't found the right books to read."

Although Ms. Dressler states that she doesn't believe that reading is declining, she does acknowledge that some students don't have the time to read. The amount of kids reading texts or random articles online may make up for the lack of actual books read.

Physical book sales in 2017 fell 3.6%, so while there is some decline, it seems that online sales have made up for it by a landslide. The amount of people reading hasn't seemed to falter, despite common belief, but the

presentation has. With people spending so much time online, it seems that people are more likely to read now than ever before. Years ago, access to books was more difficult than access to the internet is now. The real question, is the material we read now as educational as it was before?

Many student do have an interest in reading don't but know where to start. *Goodreads.com* lists the three best books this year as *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas, *Turtles All The Way Down* by John Green and *One Of Us Is Lying* by Karen M. McManus. Furthermore. Ms. Worley has "binder" of books for any student, from the avid reader to the beginner, who could use a heads up on a selection of reading materials.

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Decline In Education Majors

By Madison Lilly

School plays a huge part of childhood. Sometimes it can be the friends one makes or sometimes it can be the teachers one has, but what will happen when all the teachers are gone?

In the last couple of years, states have had an alarming decline in education majors. An article written by *NPR (Nashville Public Radio)* discusses the states where the decline in education majors over the last few years has rapidly changed. In California, the enrollment in teacher education programs has decreased by 53% over the last five years, New York has decreased by 40% in the last four years, and North Carolina has decreased by 20% in the last three years.

The reason these declines are so confounding is because North Carolina, California, Texas and New York have previously had the highest education major graduates in America. In a recent study by Inside Higher Ed, it shows that majors in education dropped in 1997, but up until 2007 it remained mostly steady until 2008 when education took a big drop and still declines every year. The main question is why education has declined so rapidly. The change in teaching morale, expectations and standards, poor resources, and fewer students being able to meet the expectations definitely play a part in decline of teachers.

Teaching in America is much different from other countries in the world. In the U.S.A., primary, secondary, and

special education teachers earn an average of \$54,740 per year. In other countries, like Luxembourg, teachers salaries begin at at 73,700 euros (79,920 USD) and more experienced teachers earn on average 128,200 euros (138,920 USD) this makes Luxembourg at the top of the earning list. However, Luxembourg has the second highest per capita income in the world.

In the words of *The Atlantic*, "The U.S education system is mediocre compared to the rest of the world." *Politifact* states that America is ranked 17th in educational performance out of 40 countries, 27th among 34 Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) countries and 36th among 65 overall in Mathematics, and 20th among 34 OECD countries and 28th among 65 overall in Science.

But the question remains, what does the teacher problem in America have to do with the rest of the world? In China, Greece, Turkey, and South Korea, teachers are in the highest level of society and highly respected. In the countries of Finland and Singapore, they produce the best and most successful students. In America, it has been questioned whether teaching is a professional job, and teachers may not always be treated with the respect they deserve. American students are commonly viewed as average or lower educated than other countries; these views could affect students wanting to pursue a degree in education. Teachers

play an important part of society: They prepare students for the future ahead and show them the way to success. Many states have taken measures to encourage students to pursue education. According to *The Atlantic*, in New York state, where the education majors have greatly declined, high schools have started programs, hoping to

inspire students to pursue a degree in teaching. Many states encourage students to obtain a degree in education so that schools and education overall can remain healthy and successful.

Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.

-Malcom Little

Ordinary Things EHHS Students Can't Do and Extraordinary Things They Can

Can't spell	Can't take a pill
Can't swim	Can't climb a rock wall
Can't snap	Can pop shoulder out of joint
Can't whistle	Has double jointed thumb
Can't ride a bike	Can whistle using fingers
Can't say caterpillar	Can fit 30 grapes in mouth
Can't try new food	Can fit whole fist in mouth
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Blackout Poetry

By Gracie Haynes

Things Changed.

Suddenly.

I'm screaming
the top of my lungs
but for some reason

I can't.

I am crying.

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Suddenly

I see everything

My Life,

My Family,

Time,

Color.

I see

Me?

I died because of

Our story...

*Taken from "Crash", a short story

What is Blackout Poetry?

Blackout Poetry is when an artist takes a previous work and blacks out, or marks through, the words they don't want to use. They take points of interest until they have created a new work entirely from words found in another work. Students were asked to do this using the most recent Fall 2017 issue.

Short Story: "Broken Blood"

By Anonymous

I stared down the hall, staring down into plain darkness, voices began flooding the hall. That voice....that voice....the voice of a dead man or at least supposedly dead. Empty whispers and empty words -- the same as when he was alive, but suddenly the voices stopped, the halls fell quiet. I continued to stare into the darkness - the void, an old friend and yet a new enemy. The void still calls to me, it still whispers - he still whispers. The whispers turned into screaming "James! James!" a woman screamed. My breath hitched with each scream, my

brain pounded, my very soul blackened; the screaming stopped. I gazed down the hall as a figure suddenly outlined in the darkness.

"James," a masculine voice

said.

"Father," I whispered.

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- Mark Twain

- Steve Rogers/Captain America

