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Last Ride

By:Sydnee Haynes

It's that time of the year again where everyone longs for Friday night lights! For some, this is their last season, their last time to hear the crowd cheering for them, the last time to run through the hallways or get everyone pumped up before a big game. One day you will look back on the memories of "what was" and wish you could go back. So let's enjoy it while it's here! Show your school spirit, stand up and yell louder than you ever have! Most importantly be PROUD to be a Bulldog!



Freshman Hacks to Having a Fun High School Experience

By: Brooke Beason

Many people going into their freshman year of high school are nervous and don't really know what to expect. I asked 5 seniors what they wish they would have known going into their freshman year, and below are the best answers to guide freshmen and underclassmen on how to get the most out of high school.

"Don't worry about what you look like everyday" says Sierra Perdue. "Because it doesn't matter if you wear makeup or not, no one is going to care how you looked or dressed when you were in high school."

"I wish I would not have worried so much about what other people thought about me, because it really doesn't matter" Saylor Clark tells me.

"Be as social as possible, and do as many extra curricular activities as you can, because it's the best way to meet new people and talk to people you never thought you'd be friends with," says Hunter Clouse

Finally, Kirwin Horton told me "I wish I would have been more active in extracurricular activities and KTC classes my freshman year, instead of waiting until later on to do it."

Whether you're a freshman or a senior, it's never too late to get involved or change yourself for the better. I believe that it is your own choice if you have a good attitude or a bad one. So if you would like to have a good year and always make the best of it, go into the year every day with a positive attitude and I promise, if you do that you will have the best high school experience possible.

Guy Friends Vs. Girl Friends

By Alexis Harrison

"Guys have friends that are girls because it gives them someone to talk about their feelings with." "Girls have friends that are guys because there is so much less drama." There are many reasons why girls have more guy friends and why guys have more girls as friends. I think boys make the better friend because they do not have as much drama as girls. Girls will be mad at each other for weeks whereas guys will be mad at each other for 5 minutes and get over it.

I asked a few students at my school who they believed were the better friend and here are their responses. Cassidy Means

says, "I believe that the girl is a better friend in the area of understanding what you might be going through, but on a rare occasion, you might find one good guy friend who you can tell everything to and they will not judge you one bit."

Adonis Wilson says, "I think girls do because they are easier to communicate with. I mainly say this because my best friend is a girl." Saylor Clark says, "I think guys make a better friend because I feel that they would give better advice on most things. They are easier to talk to."

Everybody has their own opinion about who they think is the better friend. It mostly depends on who the person feels the most comfortable with. The most important thing when it comes to friends is finding people who you can be yourself around and not having to worry about them judging or talking about you.



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Vocal

By: Alana Loaiza and Micah Thompson

What do people like about vocal? Is it the music, concerts, or the trips? Some people say they like to sing, but others say the spotlight of the concerts shows the true them. The choir puts so much work into their music, and the school appreciates it so much. We asked the choir students what they thought about the new teacher, some of their responses were "she has a good voice, and nice hair, and we are ready for the new techniques she has to offer.

Why do people join vocal? Some say it's the singing, friends, and the music draws their attention. We had the senior vocal star Hannah Tobler answer some questions, and she said vocal is a great experience, and that she has learned how to belt it out in the process. We also asked her what the best part of vocal is, and she said she loves the concerts with the spotlight on her and raising money for my favorite elective. Join vocal for a great experience.



Basketball

By: Sierra Perdue



Basketball season is just around the corner. The cold weather, the sticky floors, the smell of popcorn as you walk in the gym, the exciting moment as a player shoots a buzzer beater, the rowdy row themes, and the competitiveness of the Leflore County Tournament are the things that we all love most about basketball. Basketball season is one of the best and exciting seasons that there is. We asked Coach Gist what his thoughts were on this upcoming season, and he said "I am very excited for this season. I think the boys have improved majorly, and I can not wait to see what they can get done on the court. If their old and fat coach doesn't mess it up for them." If Coach Gist is that excited for the upcoming season, then it must mean that this is going to be a good season for the Bulldogs. So clear your calendars because the first game is November 30th and it will be here before you know it!

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Old Versus New

By: Saylor Clark

"Out with the old in with the new!" That's what you've always heard. Right? Well, in our generation we have been trying to bring back to life the older fashion. What is the "older fashion." Well, Coach Bunch stated, "The big afro with the bell-bottom pants, floral button up shirt, and the platform shoes were back in my time, and I liked the fashion then, but I would never go back to it!" That was in the 70's and some of those trends are making their way back into our generation. The platform shoes are on their way back to us. Just check it out.



Next up, they are the ladies from the 80's, the rockstar look alikes: she is the one and only English III teacher ... Mrs. Maynard and the one who can help you in a sticky situationMrs. Bridges. What's a fashion trend from back in their day? Mrs. Maynard says, "The big hair with 6 inch bangs, big hoop earrings with a leather bomber jacket and the Nike sneakers was what was in style back then, and I see some girls still to-day with the big hair and the Nike sneakers."

In my opinion, some of the fashion back then can make its way to our time now. The jumpsuits and some hairstyles have stayed with our trends today. I would've loved to live back in those glory days, but I would never change anything about today.



BIENVENIDO ESTUDIANTES

(welcome students)

By Hannah Tobler

Spanish Club dues are 12 dollars and had to be paid by September 15th. Your money will pay for a Spanish Club t-shirt and multiple pizza parties. During the month of December, you will get to participate in the annual Christmas party with a gift exchange. Nearing the end of the school year, Mr. Adams is planning on the possibility of taking a trip to El Guanajuato for lunch!

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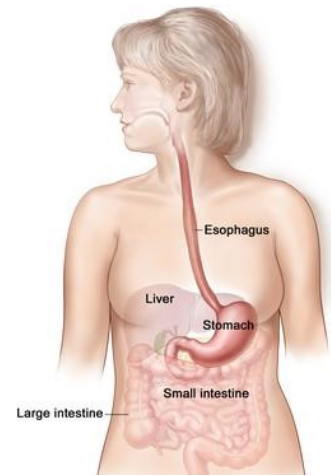
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(EoE) Eosinophilic Esophagitis from Rare to Not So Rare

By:Keele Glory

EoE is a recognized chronic allergic/immune condition. A person with EoE will have inflammation of the esophagus. The esophagus is the tube that sends food from the mouth to the stomach. In EoE, large numbers of white blood cells called eosinophils are found in the tissue of the esophagus. Normally there are no eosinophils in the esophagus. The symptom really vary between age. Infants and toddlers you may notice them refusing their food or not growing properly. School-aged children often have recurring abdominal pain or trouble swallowing or vomiting. Teenagers and adults have trouble swallowing. The esophagus can narrow to the point that food gets stuck. People with EoE normally have acid reflux. I have this and I take omeprazole. Food has not began to get stuck in my throat but they say as I get older my throat will begin to get narrower. I have had three upper gastrointestinal endoscopy and I will have another in eight weeks. Now they are putting me on a no dairy diet. Hopefully when I have the upper GI scope my white blood cells count will be down.



Softball

By Jayden Potter

Our team is built on sweat equity and leadership. On another other note, we're just getting lucky. WATCH OUT-Sydnee Haynes

Our team has exhibited unity this year and formed a great bond with one another. Sometimes though we're just lucky to find the bus so WATCH OUT- Hallie Harper

Our team is always on the hop!! #dontrundry -Hannah Tobler

Our team is one of the luckiest teams I have ever been on. On the other hand, if we start getting unlucky, she can have it. - Sierra Perdue

This year's team is a team that has grown together and been a really special to me. I have had these girls as softball players since they were 8th graders. I am excited to see what the season holds for these girls. #hurryhurryhurry - Coach Gist

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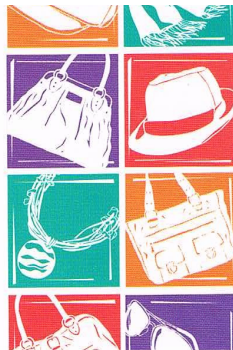
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Redheads Shouldn't Wear Orange

By: Sydnee Haynes

Take it from me, redheads should absolutely not wear orange! When we wear orange it's almost as bad as wearing grey on grey. There are colors that look good on redheads. For an example, yellow. Yellow looks really good with red hair. You also can't ever go wrong with white. When you wear white your hair color really stands out, but it also helps in showing how white you yourself are too. Here's a struggle some people don't know most redheads have. Every year when summer rolls around we have to stock up on sunscreen. We may get a pretty tan for a few weeks, but what you guys don't see is the awful sunburn we had to go through to get this tan. We get one bad burn at the beginning of the summer, that peels, and we start over. After we finally realize we have to apply sunscreen every hour, we start to get tan. Once we get this "tan," if we don't go outside everyday after that it's almost like the tan evaporates, or that's what it seems like. So redheads DO NOT wear orange and DO NOT wait more than an hour to apply sunscreen!



How We Used to Love Vs How We Love Now

By Madison LeFlore



How we used to love. When you saw someone you liked, you took a chance, you got to know that person. You didn't rush into things, you wanted to meet their parents. You saw a future with that special someone, you went on dates to the movies and you didn't want anything else but to be with that person. Nobody made fun of the person you were dating or they didn't make fun of the person you were talking to.

How we love now. You see someone you, like but you are too scared to say anything because you are afraid of what they might think of you. The only time you really talk to them is by texting or talking on the phone. Everyone is afraid that they will get hurt in the end, so nobody really wants to try in long term relationships. People make fun of who you are dating, and it makes you not want to date.

How we used to love VS How we love now is so different. Everyone has different expectations on love. Some want the old school love where you get flowers and go on cute dates and some can't even get a text back. But just because love nowadays is different from love back then, doesn't mean to give up on love. You just have to find the right person that makes love worth it, and trust me love isn't like the movies.

"If you ever drop your keys into a river of molten lava, let 'em go, because, man, they're gone."

— Jack Handey [Deep Thoughts]

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Adonis Wilson is working hard on the homecoming float.



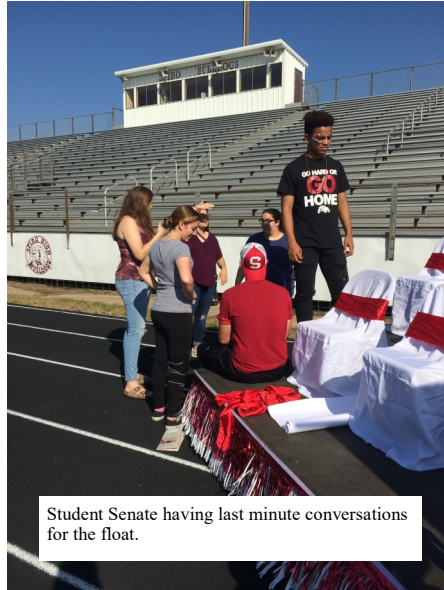
Jeremiah Phillips, Jaxon Rogers, and Jayden Potter setting up the homecoming float.



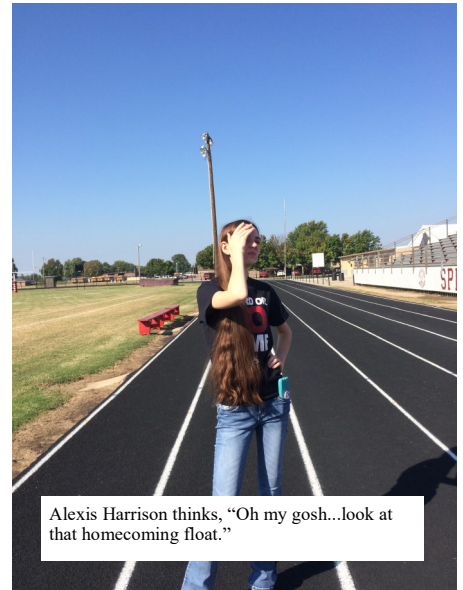
Jayden Potter having fun in the sun.



Tanner Schmuck, chillin' on the float!



Student Senate having last minute conversations for the float.



Alexis Harrison thinks, "Oh my gosh...look at that homecoming float."

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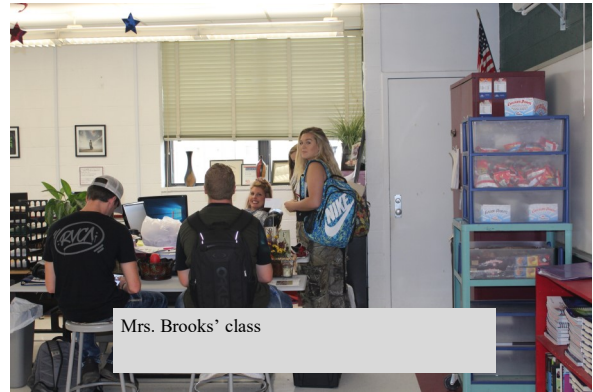
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The band gets ready for contest on Saturday.



Mrs. Brooks' class



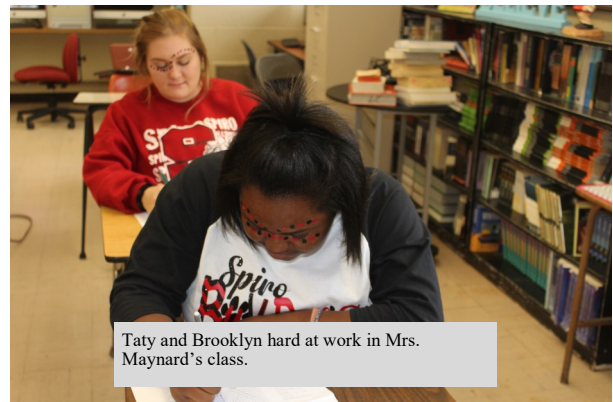
Cedric and Clouse are delivering snacks to the classes.



Alana patiently waiting on the machine with hopes it will not take her money.



Mrs. Gist's geometry class learning about angles.



Taty and Brooklyn hard at work in Mrs. Maynard's class.



Sparkly Saylor shows off her school spirit. Makeup by Hannah Tobler and Kyrar Rogers

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BPA

By: Jaden Jones & Abby Smith

We interviewed Mrs. Jennifer Brooks, Spiro H.S. BPA advisor, and asked her questions we have all wanted to know about BPA.

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What does BPA mean to you?

BPA means opportunity to grow as an individual and to prepare me for college and career

What's the best part about BPA?

Serving other through community service such as Christmas for special needs children and helping in the fight against childhood cancer

Why do you like being the advisor over BPA?

I like helping students learn life skills that help them be the best they can be.

Musicians Just Trying to Be Themselves in the Real World

By:Alana Loaiza

Who do music supporters think are inspirations?

There are many types of music in the world, but what type are the ones that really stick out to people? How are these inspirations influencing the community? Is it for better or worse? How do the musicians deal with the attention?



An enormous amount of musicians are being forced to produce music that doesn't show who they really are. So many artists are having break downs because society only wants to see what they want. A lot of musicians are acting out because society tells them to be themselves, but when the musicians try, society discourages them. This can cause musicians to go into depression. There are also many people that are getting judged just by the type of music they listen to. Why does society need to know or wear certain things in order to prove they listen to the musicians? People also feel as if some musicians aren't being heard.

How do people feel about social media bashing musicians because of their features or mistakes made? Well Blake Dedmon stated, "rock on dude ...haters gonna hate." Dajun Byes said, "they're just jealous of what they haven't accomplished." I did surveys over what people think about if this generation's inspirations will last forever, majority of the people said no, but why is that, do they think this generation is going down hill? I asked Carson Cotie to give me a quote that helps people understand musicians emotions. She said "All the pressure is on them and they have to make music we like or social media destroys their confidence." So yes it's hard to be a musician in the real world.



How to Do Well on Tests

By Sierra Mahar

Before going to class and taking a test, one of the first things to do is be prepared. A teacher will always appreciate their students when they go to class with paper and a pencil because it makes a big difference, and it leaves a good impression of you. You should always study the night before a test. Studying can make a huge difference in your grades, and if you do good then why stop? Showing up early for a test can help you by getting your nerves out if the test is big and important. Work hard and have

the effort to do good while taking your test but think about your answers. Encourage others to do good and help them if they are having any problems, and if they aren't, then you are still a good person, and this will make you feel like a better person.

When the word test comes to some people's minds they think negative. In that case, they wouldn't study which means bad grades and failing. Cheating can also be involved when getting careless sometimes to get free time to talk and sit by friends. If you didn't study the night before, and you cram the information in before the test, it isn't healthy for you if you want a good grade. Getting a good breakfast in the morning before the test is a good idea, so you won't have to worry about it.

In most cases, a lot of people feel like they can pass a test without studying but honestly people have the idea they can pass this way, when in reality, they are having the wrong thoughts. Studying can determine their future and how much they want to do good in life. Slacking shows your family and teachers that you are not focused enough and thinking about your future. Futures are everything and how we might see our lives after

What I Wish I Knew Before My Senior Year

By: Hailey Mendoza

Starting my freshman year of high school, I just assumed I would eventually learn the information for life that I needed as time went on. And while I did, I wish I would've just know it a little sooner.

One thing I would recommend is studying for the ACT, the ACT website only allowed two free vouchers to be used before you start paying that 48 bucks out-of-pocket. So don't waste these chances thinking you have an infinite amount of vouchers. Morgan Shaw recommended a website called Prep Factory, which from my experience is completely free.

Another piece of advice that I wish I would've taken, is to not worry about what others think. I spent my entire freshman and sophomore year caring about how others perceived me. It wasn't until the end of my junior year when I stopped caring.

I'm also going to stress that being top in your class is great... yeah, when you don't have a job. Don't have a job and expect to take honors English, physics, chemistry and a college math class. You'll absolutely either fail or stress yourself so much and barely pass with an A. I would know, I've done things like this before. I'm not saying it can't be done at all, but cut down some hours at work if you do.

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Bullies

By Micah Thompson

Why do you think people are bullies?

Bryce Williams - "because they think they are stronger than others"

Paige Perry- "because people think they are better than other people"

Gavin O'Hara- "they feel the need to bully kids that are most popular"

Brayden Hanna- "so many people make fun of them and they think they can get more popular"

Karoline Davis- "the least people look different and think they look good"

Tavrie Stieffel- "they think their life is perfect, so they make fun of other people"

'Brennan Porter- "people should say nice things to them"

'Samantha Roeder- "makes people feel like they're important"

SPIRO BULLDOGS FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

By: Hannah Tobler

Friday Sept. 1 Roland Home 7:00
Friday Sept. 8 Muldrow Away 7:00
Friday Sept. 15 Stigler Away 7:00
Friday Sept. 22 Eufaula Home 7:00
Friday Sept. 29 Wilburton Home 7:00
Friday Oct. 6 Hugo Away 7:00
Friday Oct. 13 Valliant Home 7:00
Thurs. Oct. 19* Antlers Home 7:00
Friday Oct. 27 Panama Home 7:00
Friday Nov. 3 Hartshorne Away 7:00

SPIRO BULLDOGS JV FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Tuesday Aug. 29 Rowand Away 5:30
Monday Sept. 11 Panama Home 5:30
Monday Sept. 18 Heavner Away 5:30
Tuesday Sept. 26 Stigler Away 5:30
Monday Oct. 2 Eufaula Home 5:30
Tuesday Oct. 10 Wilburton Away 5:30
Monday Oct. 16 Panama Away 5:30

Coach Bunch is going into the season with a winning mindset. He expects to improve the record from last year and make it deeper into the playoffs. One problem that has yet to be solved is the kicking situation. He said, "Our players lack experience with the kicking technique that you get from soccer, so replacing Andre is difficult and is still a work in progress." Even though, as of right now, the bulldogs lack a kicker, Coach Bunch is confident in his team and is ready for the season to begin. The game on Thursday, Oct. 19th could possibly be changed to Friday, October 20th due to the fact that it is fall break. Andre will forever be in our hearts, "Once a bulldog, always a bulldog" said Coach Bunch.



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Sierra Perdue's Top 20 Favorite Books (Not Ranked)

1. *Twilight* by Stephenie Meyer. One of my favorite books is *Twilight*, and do not get me wrong, the movie is good too, but the book is beautifully written and super detailed.
2. *I'll Give You the Sun* by Jandy Nelson. *I'll Give You the Sun* is one of my favorites because it comes from a girl's point of view and a guy's point of view.
3. *Between Shades of Gray* by Ruta Sepetys. This is one of my favorite books but it is equally one of the most heartbreaking books I have ever read. It is also very realistic.
4. *Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys. This book is a companion to *Between Shades of Gray*. Nothing is the same in the book, the characters are different but this book is just as beautiful and heartbreaking.
5. *The Fault in our Stars* by John Green. ***SPOILER ALERT*** If you're a teenage girl, you probably have already read this book, and know that John Green is one of the best authors out there even though he loves to make us develop an attachment to a certain handsome character and then kill them off right before our very eyes. Besides the fact that this book made me cry harder than I ever have, I have reread this book at least 10 times because of how amazing it is. B-rad recommends this book also.
6. *Thirteen Reasons Why* by Jay Asher. This book is one of the best books I have honestly ever read. This book makes you face the realities of high school, and it makes you actually think about what you say or do to people and it also makes you realize that suicide is a bigger problem than you think.
7. *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls. If you are reading this far into my list, you have most likely realized that I often read books that are about or result in tragedy, but this is an actual memoir of a woman's poverty-filled life.
8. *Saint Anything* by Sarah Dessen. *Saint Anything* is honestly a book that left me thinking about it at least a week after I read it. It is a sad book, but at the same time it is a book about friendship and romance.
9. *Stolen* by Lucy Christopher. This book is so great! It is about a girl who gets abducted and taken into the desert. It has one of the biggest plot twists that I have ever read!
10. *Eleanor and Park* by Rainbow Rowell. This is one of the most epic love stories that I have ever read. Equally funny and romantic, this is a book that I have read over and over again. This book also leaves me thinking about it after I read it each time.
11. *The Crank* series by Ellen Hopkins. These books are very intense, and very devastating. It's about Ellen Hopkin's daughter and her struggle to get over her addiction of drugs.
12. *Panic* by Lauren Oliver. This book is super intense. It's about a secret game that is also dangerous that the graduating seniors of the high school class play. Throughout the book they are given challenges and scored by what they do during, whoever wins at the last bit gets thousands of dollars.
13. *Safe Haven* by Nicholas Sparks. This is one of the best love stories I have ever read. It's not too sappy, and it also has a little intensity and action about it too. But if you aren't into crying, you probably shouldn't read this one.
14. *Hate List* by Jennifer Brown. **THIS IS A MUST READ!!!!!!** This is such a good book! I literally could not put it down from the time I started it. I finished it the day I got it. It is about a girl and her boyfriend who secretly make a list of the people that they hate, and then one day he takes it upon himself to actually try to kill everyone that is on the hate list.
15. *This is Where it Ends* by Marieke Nijkamp. All there is to say about this book is that it is a super heartbreaking book about a school shooting.
16. *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky. This is a book about a depressed outcast, who comes together with some of the weird people of the school. It is a super good story about friendship, hard times, and romance.
17. *Looking for Alaska* by John Green. ***SPOILER ALERT*** So like I mentioned before, John Green likes to kill everything that is good in life basically. But this is a book about a boy falling in love with the girl he can't have, friendship, and heartbreak.
18. *Flowers in the Attic* series by V.C Andrews. As a kid, I loved to read, and when I was around 12, my grandma gave me these books one by one. And if a 12 year old can get into them, they are obviously good. The book is about a woman who leaves her children in her mother's attic and their life after.
19. *Can't Look Away* by Donna Cooner. This is an eye opening book about how social media and bullying can take a toll on anyone's life, even the people that are popular.
20. *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie. This is a funny, and sad story about a kid who decides to move off of the reservation and to an all white school. He has to deal with the racial comments and actions and learn how to overcome them throughout the book.

“What Would You Like to Get Out of Your Senior Year?”

By: Jayden Potter

I would like to make countless memories with my best friend Jayden Potter - Sydnee Haynes

This school year I want to get a million dollars - Jaden Jones

Graduation. - Hailey Mendoza

I wanna get hot and rich - B Sizzle

I want to go to state in softball - Sierra Perdue

I would like to graduate!!! - Keelie Glory

I want to make more memories - Cedric Cobb

To be top 20 of our class- Cameryn Callahan

I want to become prepared for college- Heath Finley

To be the best football player ever- Hunter Clouse

To become the next Coach Bunch of the Spiro Bulldogs (guys guys)- AJ Johnson

To become a great nurse -Abby Moore

To finish beauty college and do hair - Aspen McAlister



Graduation

By: Abby Smith

I, as well as the rest of the class of 2018, have one thing on our minds... graduation. It is a huge life event that will come sooner than we expect. Towards the end of my freshman year I couldn't wait to graduate and get out of high school. I'm excited to graduate and move on to the next chapter of my life, but I find myself not wanting to graduate and leave the friends that I have had for years behind. I've asked a few seniors this year on their perspective of how they feel about graduating. This is what they had to say. "I want to graduate but I don't want to be an adult or be out of my comfort zone. High school is where I feel safe, but I'm kind of looking forward to stepping out into the world," Saylor Clark states but Jaden Jones says, "I am sad, but I'm so ready to leave high school."

Whether you're the person who can't wait to leave high school or the person who doesn't want to leave, graduation is coming, so make the most of this year and look forward to what the future holds.



25 Outrageous Laws

By: Saylor Clark

Alabama: You may not have an ice cream cone in your back pocket at any time.

Alaska: Moose may not be viewed from an airplane.

Arkansas: Dogs may not bark after 6 PM.

California: No vehicle without a driver may exceed 60 miles per hour.

Colorado: It is legal to challenge a police officer, but only until he or she asks you to stop.

Connecticut: It is unlawful to walk backwards after sunset.

Delaware: Alcohol may not be served in nightclubs if dancing is occurring on the premises at the same time.

Florida: It is considered an offense to shower naked.

Georgia: Members of the state assembly cannot be ticketed for speeding while the state assembly is in session.

Hawaii: All residents may be fined as a result of not owning a boat.

Idaho: A person may not be seen in public without a smile on their face.

Illinois: The English language is not to be spoken.

Indiana: Baths may not be taken between the months of October and March.

Iowa: A man with a moustache may never kiss a woman in public.

Kansas: Pedestrians crossing the highways at night must wear tail lights.

Kentucky: A woman may not buy a hat without her husband's permission.

Louisiana: One could land in jail for up to a year for making a false promise.

Maine: You may not step out of a plane in flight.

Maryland: It's illegal to take a lion to the movie.

Massachusetts: Snoring is prohibited unless all bedroom windows are closed and securely locked.

Michigan: A woman isn't allowed to cut her own hair without her husband's permission.

Minnesota: It is illegal to sleep in the nude.

Mississippi: If one is a parent to two illegitimate children, that person will go to jail for at least one month.

Missouri: Single men between the ages of twenty-one and fifty must pay an annual tax of one dollar (enacted 1820):.

Spiro High School: It's illegal to chew gum from under a desk from over a week ago -Coach Gist



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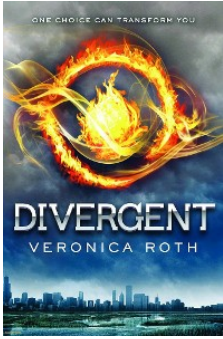


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Books vs. Movies By: Alexis Harrison

Do you remember the time when the *Divergent* movie was coming out and everybody was excited to go see it? I remember reading the series in seventh grade, and I could not wait to see the movie. The books were great, so of course I had very high expectations for the movie. I liked the movie, but I think the books were a lot better. I believe that the books are usually better than the movies because they go

into more details. Also, if you wait to watch the movie, you will not get to have that opinion if you think that the movie was better because you did not give the book a chance.

I asked a few students around my school whether they thought the books or the movies in general are better, and here are their responses. Hannah Gilliam says, "I like the book better. Every single time. The movie makers always try to change the book, and they always mess it up. Also, in books, it lets you get more involved in the characters world and you leave yours behind for awhile." Morgan Shaw says, "I personally like to watch the movie rather than read the book. I can fully grasp the concept through a movie, better than I can through a book. I love to see action instead of reading it. Plus, you can go and eat popcorn, and who doesn't love popcorn?" Kirwin Horton says, "Personally, I prefer a book. The reason I read a book before I watch a movie is because I get to create my own picture. I get to imagine what the setting, characters, and certain images are perceived. After I read the book, I watch the movie and get to see what other people's perceptions look like and compare them."

Some people like the movies better because they do not like to read. Some people like the books better because they think books go into more details. Whenever you read the book, you get to see what changes are in the book and the movie. I think you should at least give the book a chance before you say that the movie is better.



Kickin' It Old School

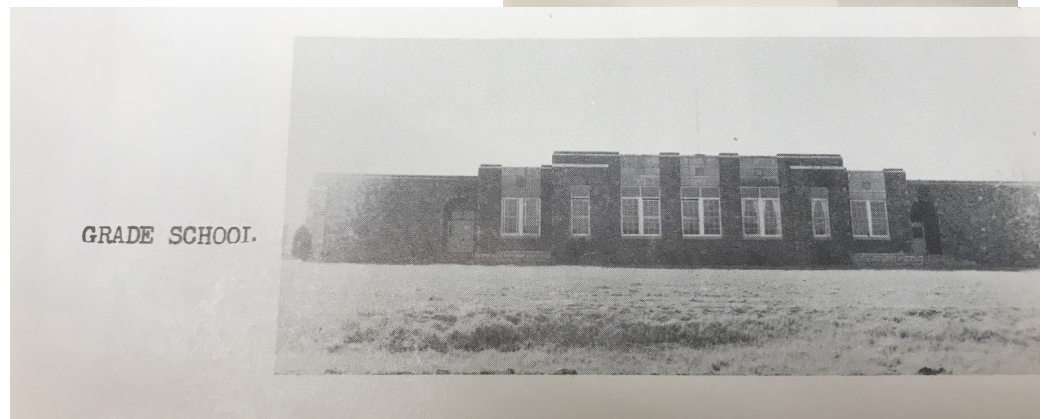
By: Jaden Jones

What Spiro High School looked like in 1948.



What Spiro Grade School looked like in 1948.

Just looking at these old pictures made me realize how far we have come along, and I am thankful we did.



The Fair

By: Madison Leflore



I love the fair. It's a lot of fun riding the rides. I really like riding the ride at night because the whole place is lit up like a Christmas tree, you can see all the pretty lights at night. If you really want to go to the fair but your parents won't take you, you don't have to worry. You can get a chance to go with the school. All you have to do is be in Mrs. Nelson's class or in a Ag class. Here are the following things you will have to do if you want to go to the fair with Mrs. Nelson or Ag.

For Ms. Nelson:

You have to have your dues paid.

You have to sell cookie dough. You have to make a blanket or pillow.

For Ag:

You have to sell sausage, bacon, or chicken.

You have to have fifty bonus

You can not be on the failing list.

If you're not really the type that likes riding rides, but you still want to go to the fair, you are in luck. There are other things to do at the fair beside ride rides. You can see bands play. You can play different games and win prizes. You can watch different shows perform, and you can see all the cute fair animals. The fair has some ups and downs, and I am not talking about rides. There is one good and bad thing about the fair, the good is that you can, of course, ride rides which is always fun, but the bad thing is the lines. Sometimes those can be too much. I asked Sierra Mahar, Madison Lovejoy, and Jaden Ross what they think about the fair and why. These are the answers I got.

Sierra Mahar says, "The fair is what I look forward in the year and get most excited about. It is exciting to go with friends and genuinely laugh and have a good time."

Madison Lovejoy says, "I like it, because it's a fun way to hang out with friends and ride rides." "Also it's close by so you don't have to drive a long way."

Jaden Ross says, "I feel like it is a fun thing to do with friends. It helps us bond and get our adrenaline running from the rides."

Music

By:Alana Loaiza

How does music connect to people on personal levels? Friedrich Nietzsche quoted "Without music, life would be a mistake." Did you know happy/sad music affects how our neutral faces appear? Music affects people in a different variety of ways. There are different opinions about the enormous varieties of music. For example i asked a question about what people thought of music today majority of them said it was trash or horrible.

How does music make people feel? Jeremiah Phillips said it "motivates him to keep going." Carson Cotie stated, "Music gives me new ideas to sketch so i feel inspired". Why do we like music? Shay Durham said "you understand it on a personal levels that most people can't reach". Music is a talent that some people have but some don't. Carson also said that "I've always been more talented in musical areas,it's more fun and easier to decipher time signatures and different instruments also sometimes the singers are hot!

How is the community reacting to the music? They act out and do things that people think is trending, but in reality it is annoying and in my opinion people need to grow up! People feel as if music is the best solution for studying. I like how music brings people together. Others say to make friends. Music matters for many reasons.



Why You Should Get Involved In School

By Hailey Mendoza

When someone says to get involved, what do you think of? Can you possibly think of anything negative? I cannot. By getting involved in our school you not only better it for yourself, but for your fellow classmates. Who do you think decorates the halls? Other students. How do you think our school would look if we didn't decorate at all? Would you like it better? I for one, wouldn't.

You see, by doing others a service you show yourself and everyone around you that you're capable of being a servant leader. You stand out on your resumes and college portfolios. For instance you can join FCCLA and help with the canned food drive to feed our community and other surrounding communities. Or maybe you'd prefer joining BPA and contributing to the Special Olympics. In an organization, almost everything you do will affect others around you in a positive way.

FCCLA's Endeavors - Success

By: Hailey Mendoza

FCCLA this year has been a success, with the freshman fun day a success, the early bird being a tasty treat for all members, and the bake sale for those affected by hurricane Harvey. If you haven't already, I would strongly suggest that you should join FCCLA, the dues are \$16 and the last day to pay them is September 9th. You get to attend many things, like extravaganza, rookie camp, Cluster, and Nationals. With all of these trips so many sight-seeing opportunities are available. Personally I have been to Indianapolis, IN; Denver, CO; and Nashville, TN. This is just with me being in FCCLA from my sophomore to senior year.



Public Speaking

By Sierra Mahar

Most people have the fear of public speaking. Some people come natural with being able to give a presentation without hesitation. An interesting fact is that John F. Kennedy, Bono, and Elvis Presley had openly admitted their fear of public speaking. You can always find ways to get over that fear and there are seven ways it can be done easily. The steps will be broken down and short as possible throughout the article.

The number one thing to do is to stop trying to be a great speaker. You need to feel comfortable and relax to connect with the audience. The second thing to do is to stop trying to be perfect. When you do make a mistake, no one cares but you. Number three you need to visualize. Visualizing can help because all great of all walks have the power of visualizing. The big four is practice makes good. Your goal isn't to be perfect, but to be productive.

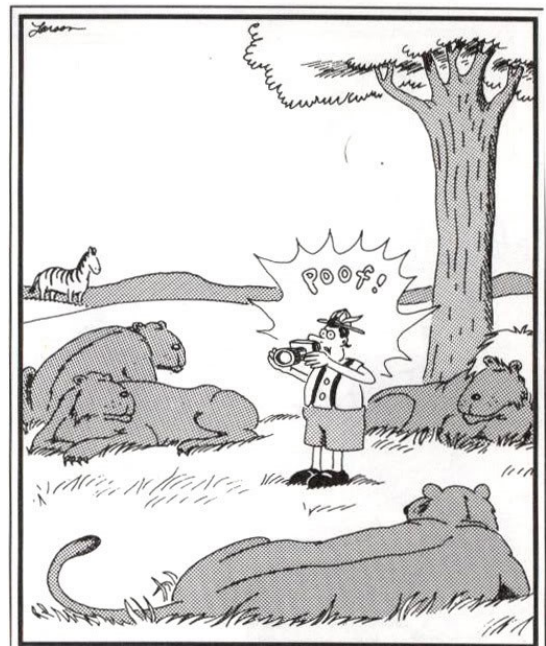
The fifth is the more personal one and that is where people like to hear about other people, about success, tragedy, and constant humor that happens everyday. Number six is to Inspire. You can achieve this by talking about yourself a little, but make the main focus on your audience and how it'll benefit them. Last but not least number seven is the one to build up anticipation. Keep your presentation short and have them wishing your presentation was a little longer. The fear of public speaking is also called Glossophobia. People actually only hear about 20% of what the speaker is presenting. The other 80% internalize visually.

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Sierra Perdue's Top 35 Favorite Songs

1. All the Small Things- Blink-182
2. Dark Necessities- Red Hot Chili Peppers
3. Jealous- Labrinth
4. Drops of Jupiter- Train
5. Slow It Down- The Lumineers
6. Waiting for Superman- Daughtry
7. How You Remind Me- Nickelback
8. Enter Sandman- Metallica
9. This Is Gospel- Panic! At The Disco
10. I Miss You- Blink-182
11. Under the Bridge- Red Hot Chili Peppers
12. Misery Business- Paramore
13. Death Of A Bachelor- Panic! At The Disco
14. 1985- Bowling For Soup
15. Sugar We're Going Down- Fall Out Boy
16. Dance, Dance- Fall Out Boy
17. Teenagers- My Chemical Romance
18. Basket Case- Green Day
19. I Write Sins Not Tragedies- Panic! At The Disco
20. Sweet Child O' Mine- Guns N' Roses
21. My Own Worst Enemy- Lit
22. The Middle- Jimmy Eat World
23. Numb- Linkin Park
24. Lips Of An Angel- Hinder
25. Bad Girlfriend- Theory of a Deadman
26. Bring Me To Life- Evanescence
27. Can't Stop- Red Hot Chili Peppers
28. I Hate Everything About You- Three Days Grace
29. Kryptonite- 3 Doors Down
30. Headstrong- Trapt
31. The Good Kind- The Wreckers
32. Paradise City- Guns N' Roses
33. Welcome To The Jungle- Guns N' Roses
34. 23- Jimmy Eat World
35. Chariot- Gavin DeGraw

"Everybody knows me for my music," says Sierra Perdue. "I like every kind of music."



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Would You Rather Bungee Jump Off a Bridge or Go Over a Waterfall in a Kayak?

By Jayden Potter

Definitely, go bungee jumping. Because, if you went off a waterfall on a kayak, you would most likely die. -Cory Rodgers

I would rather bungee jump off a bridge. Because, you will come back up to the bridge, if you go off a waterfall you could probably drown. -Peyton Upchurch

I would rather bungee jump off a bridge, because it would be fun and you would have more support to stay safe. A kayak you could just fall out of and drowned. -Bryten Sebo

I would rather bungee jump because it is safer -Hunter Williams

I would rather go bungee jumping because there is more safety and you could die going off the waterfall in a kayak. - Conner Rodgers

I would bungee jump off a bridge because its fun and I would have a lower chance of dying - Matthew Finley

I would rather jump off a bridge bungee jumping because at least I would be strapped into something. - Keelie Glory

I would rather bungee jump - Brooke Beason



Hitting the Snooze Button: Do or Don't?

By: Abby Smith

You may think that hitting the snooze button repeatedly on a morning when you need a few extra minutes of sleep won't do any harm, while this is a reasonable accusation, scientist have proven this statement wrong. According to scientist your body has a sleeping cycle. During this cycle your body alternates between two stages which are "light sleep" and "deep sleep". Your body begins to reboot itself about an hour before you actually begin to wake up. Scientists say that hitting the snooze button can reset your brains sleep cycle which will in turn only make you more tired than you were before the first alarm went off. So next time you consider hitting the snooze button on your phone or your alarm clock, think twice about it, according to scientist hitting the snooze button does more harm than it does good.



School

By Micah Thompson



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What I like about school is that it gives me something to do instead of sitting at home doing nothing. And I get to learn something new every day.

Our school is a great place to learn. My favorite part is getting to meet the foreign exchange students from around the world. Seeing all my friends and learning new things is another.

Should High Schoolers Have a Nap Time?

By Keelie Glory

I believe high schoolers should get a nap time after lunch. Some kids need to sleep before they have after school activities. Some kids have work at night, and they do not get to their house until late. Also students that play a sport do not always get to bed at a decent time. Some get up at 6:30 am to get ready for school till 12 pm or even 1 am with no naps, and then they have to get up at that same time every day and go to bed at that time most nights.

Yearbook by Saylor Clark and Alexis Harrison

What are the perks of being in yearbook? By taking this class, you will get to experience a bond with your classmates, take pictures, and tell the story of how the year went. A lot of people love looking at the yearbook, but they do not know the hard work that is put in to create it. We believe that there are many opportunities and friendships that can come out of taking this class.



We asked a few people what they liked about yearbook, and here are their responses. Kyrah Rogers says, "I like being in yearbook because Mrs. Maynard is really nice, and I like the people in my class." Carli Matthews says, "I like being in yearbook because I have known Mrs. Maynard my whole life, and I feel comfortable around her and my classmates." Jaden Brown says, "Being in yearbook has opened up new opportunities for me. I have made friends and been more outgoing since I've been in yearbook. Mrs. Maynard makes everyone feel comfortable and included."

Whenever people think about the yearbook, they probably do not realize that there is even a class for it. It takes a lot of time, determination, and dedication to put everything that has happened in the yearbook. Stories are told each year about what trends were popular during that time. You will get to know everybody because you are always going around selling yearbook ads or taking pictures for several events. We believe that there are many opportunities and friendships that can come out of taking this class.



Spiro Baseball!!

BY: Sydnee Haynes

This upcoming season could be one full of surprises from young inexperienced players and potentially outstanding play from varsity veterans. I believe these young men will show this school and community what they are about. Watch out. D.J. Gist!

This season I hope to do my part and be the leader I am expected to be on the team.

I am going to put in the work to do my part. It should be a great season for all of us. -Bradlee Chronister

This year we have a young core of underclassmen and a great group of senior leaders. With all the tools we have this season we should be a really fun team to watch. Watch out. -Dylan Ridenour

This baseball season will be the last for some, and a start for others, but in the end we will all join together and give all we have for one another each and every game to represent and defend the name of the Bulldogs. -Cade Blankenship

Facts about Spiro that you may not know about.

By: Jaden Jones

Spiro was developed as a railroad station in the early 19th century, the railroad access attracted the Skullyville residents.

The population in 1900 was 543.

The Spiro Post office was established in 1898.

Spiro Oklahoma was named after Celia Spiro an Oklahoma Banker.

Band

By: Sierra Mahar, Madison Leflore, & Hannah Tobler

Band is a great way to meet new people and to make new friends. You can play pretty much anything you want and if you want to be in band but don't want to play an instrument, you can join color guard. In color guard, you can spin a flag and learn different dance routines. You get to go to every football game and you get to perform at halftime. Color guard also performs at some basketball games. Band gets to perform at different things other than football games.

Here are some words from our fellow band people. We asked freshman Alana Loaiza some questions, as well as Carson Cotie, freshman, and Mrs. Cumpton, teacher. Here are the questions we asked and the answers we got.



Alana's answers:

Question 1: Are you ready to perform this year?

Alana's answers: "Yes, I am looking forward to the football games and the pep rallies." "I know all the flag work so the halftimes should go good for me."

Question 2: What is one thing you would tell someone if they were thinking about joining color guard?

"It's fun but you have to keep up with the work, or you will look bad on the field. There's good and bad times **but try to stay out of drama** and be sure to not cause it."

Carson's answers to the same questions:

Question 1: Are you ready to perform this year?

Answer 1: "I am ready to be on the field performing."

Question 2: What are you most looking forward to in band this year?

Answer 2: "Performing Seven Nation Army every Friday night."

Question 3 : Do you feel comfortable?

Answer 3: "I feel confident I will do well and I am comfortable doing it."

Question 4 : What is one thing you would tell someone if they were thinking about joining band?

Answer 4: "Make sure it's what you want."

Mrs. Compton's questions and answers:

Question 1: What are you most looking forward for this year?

"I'm looking forward to see the band grow in ability and confidence. After in Washington, D.C. this past May, the confidence level has already grown. Hopefully, as they become more confident, the public will hear a stronger/ louder band in performance."

Question 2: How do you feel about the band size?

"For our size of school, our current band numbers are at a comfortable level. I think we are finally on an upswing in numbers, and the future looks positive for the band."

Question 3: Do you think the students are ready to perform on the field?

"I guess we'll find out this Friday night at the first ballgame. I think they'll be ready. They had a great performance this past Saturday at the NWA Nationals Baseball pre-game, which was an excellent opportunity to shake off any nerves. We've been having good rehearsals, so yes, we will be ready."

You should definitely join band or color guard you never know you just might like it. If you have any questions don't be afraid to ask any band member or color guard member.