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# Fall Fun on the Farm



**Drama Club Performs Play**By Katherine Grigg and Caleb Schaefers



By Lizzie Whitley, Abby McKenna and Caroline Hambuchen



Jocelyn Rodriguez sprawls in a corn pit.

Kindergarten and first grade students visited Schaefers' Corn Maze near Mayflower on October 6th.

The children went on a hayride and rode the Corn Maze Express, both of which gave them beautiful views of the Schaefers' farm and the Arkansas River from their seats. They also enjoyed running through the corn maze and gathering ears of corn. Before they left, each child was given a pumpkin to take home with them.

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Brody Mallett plays Peter Hatcher and Madeline Fithen plays Mom (Ann Hatcher).

### **Science Night Held**

St. Joseph school held its biennial Science Night on October 25. Organized by high school science teacher Jim Belote, the evening included presenters from the University of Central Arkansas along with St. Joseph teachers Melanie Kordsmeier, Nicole Gooch, and Charlotte Moix.

Nearly 20 exhibits were manned for students and families to observe. These included engineering challenges, pond water marvels, and a DNA building station. (Continued on page 2)

UCA professor Dr. Kristie Hicks shows Preschooler Andrew Rappold pig organs to understand human ones. Students from the Elementary and Middle School campuses were treated to a performance of "Tales of A Fourth Grade Nothing" presented by the Middle School Drama Club on October 20th. It was directed by Ms. Rosalyn Williams.

"Tales of A Fourth Grade Nothing" is based on a novel written by Judy Blume which is set in a New York City apartment.

Peter Hatcher is a 4th grader with problems. It's mainly his brother, nicknamed "Fudge" who's is always causing trouble. Peter gets a pet turtle and tells Fudge not to touch it. Peter likes Fudge best when he's sleeping. Fudge always likes to mess things up. Throughout the play, the audience sees that Fudge gets all the attention because he's cute and little, making Peter feel like a "nothing".

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Izzy Simon holds a skull from an exhibit where human bones were matched with their names.



Heath Thompson builds a tower.

### Fall Fun on the Farm (from page 1)



Abigail Rehm & Abby Gail Strack



Cy Davis



Enjoying the hayride



Brooke Dumboski & Lucia Molina



Austin McGhee



Adrian Kaufman on Corn Maze Express

### Field Trip Focuses on Central Arkansas History

By Erika Gonzalez and Shelby Shearer



Water was hand-pumped from a well on old cotton plantations. To conserve it, a family might have to use the same tub of water to wash with.



A bag of cotton is weighed to learn what it felt like to drag one while picking in the fields. A bag could weigh 100 pounds or more before being emptied.

The fourth graders and Fr. Tony took a field trip to the Agricultural Plantation Museum and Toltec Mound State Park near Scott, Arkansas on October 11th. The field trip wrapped up the classes' study of Arkansas History.

At the Plantation Museum, everyone learned how slaves and share croppers had to pick cotton by hand. They also saw the equipment used to process the cotton. The students got the chance to pick cotton for themselves and played with a homemade spinning toy like one used in the old plantation days.

After the Museum tour, the class went on a 3/4 of a mile hike among the Indian mounds. One was a burial mound, the second was a ceremonial mound, and the third is where the chiefs of the village might have lived.

The students learned that some of the mounds were destroyed by farmers before they knew of their sacred nature.

The Toltec mounds are considered one of the most impressive archeological sites in the Lower Mississippi River Valley. They were used as ceremonial and governmental areas between 650 and 1050 A.D. Three of the original eighteen mounds are still visible today.



Xavier Stobaugh and Brody Mallett pick some cotton.



A park ranger talks to the students about the historical background of the Indian mounds.

### **Drama Club play** (from page 1)

The play's cast included:

Peter ... Brody Mallett Narrator ... Bryce Mallett Mom ... Madeline Fithen Fudge ... Ethan Loynachan Dad ... Bryce Mallett Mrs. Yarby ... Lindsey Morrison Mr. Yarby ... Leif Westmoreland Sarah ... Cherokee Jones Jennie ... Harley Campbell Ralph ... Kayden Kordsmeier Nurse ... Ann Harvey Dr. Brown ... Josie Jackson Vicki ... Laiken Keathley Jimmy Fargo ... Kayden Korsdmeier Sheila Tubman ... Olivia Keisling Janet ... Ella Crowder Ms. Vincent ... Ceci Hiegel Ms. Denburg ... Addison Chaote Cameraperson ... Lauren O'Dwyer

The backstage crew included:

Dr. Cone ... Jillian O'Dwyer

Director ... Rosalyn Williams Stage manager ... Anne-Marie Welter Set Designer ... Rosalyn Williams Set Technician...Vince Porcaro Costume Designer-Allie Evans Makeup Designer-Bailey Pope Prop Master.. Amelia Erstine Sound Technician...Jadyn Travis

Second graders performed "The Saint Museum" for Kindergartners and 1st graders on October 31st. The Saint Museum consisted of each 2nd grader being assigned a saint. They each had a month to prepare a description of their saint and would then perform it on the 31st. Each student also dressed up as their saint to make their performance more realistic.

The purpose of having the younger students watch the 2nd grades' performance was to encourage each little one about the certain qualities it takes to become a saint and influence them to maybe one day become one.



Fudge rides on a tricycle for a commercial.



Fudge scares Mrs. Yarby by dressing up as a dinosaur and sneaks up on her after being sent to his room.



Birthday party time!



Peter tells the audience about his mother and brother.

### Saint Lesson Given by Second Graders By: Elizabeth Whitley



Ms. McMillan's class dresses up as saints for the day!



Adeline Bailey, Sydney Chambers, and Amaya Garay dress as their Saints!



All Saints Day





### PreK Plays In Schaefers' Pumpkin Patch

By Emily Hambuchen and Jensen Kordsmeier









Elijah Bailey



Janet Williams



Hampton Williams



Eli Harness



Michael Remetic



Oscar Sick and Grandmother Nancy Hall



Millie Ussery

# **Heavy Equipment Demonstrated**

By Lauren Holbrook and Marley Spradlin





On October 12, Nabholz Construction paid a visit to St. Joseph Middle and Elementary School students. They were shown many pieces of construction equipment and were even allowed to sit or climb on some of the vehicles.

"We just wanted to show the kids some of the machinery we've been using on the new building under construction," Nabholz Procurement Process Coordinator Sarah McMillian said. "We were wanting to get them more excited and show them how each machine works and what goes into completing such a big project."

All of the kids seemed to really enjoy the hands on activities and demonstrations. The crane seemed to be a fan favorite for many of the students. They all enjoyed seeing the crane being moved and even lowered to the ground.



### **Middle School Profiles**

By Lauren Holbrook, Olivia Huett, Marley Spradlin, and Abby Mckenna





**Allie Evans** 

### Allie~

- 1. I don't know yet
- 2. I like doing math
- 3. Desserts
- 4. I don't know



**Owen Hartman** 

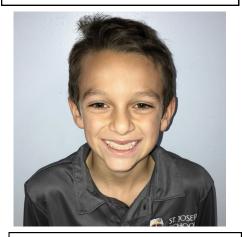
### Xavier~

- 1. St. Andrew
- 2. Doing Lab
- 3. Turkey
- 4. I don't have one

- 1. What are you planning on dressing up as for All Saint's Day/Halloween?
- 2. What is your favorite part of school so far?
- 3. What are you looking forward to eating on Thanksgiving?
- 4. What is your favorite Halloween movie?

### Owen~

- 1. I don't know
- 2. Science
- 3. Turkey
- 4. I don't know



**Xavier Stobaugh** 

### Claire~

- 1. I don't know
- 2. Playing on the playground
- 3. Mac and Cheese
- 4. Hocus Pocus



Claire Magie



# **Elementary School Profiles**

By Lauren Holbrook, Olivia Huett, Marley Spradlin, and Abby Mckenna





Emily~

- 1. I don't know yet
- 2. Cursive writing
- 3. Turkey
- 4. I don't know



Isaiah Stobaugh

# **Emily Nabholz**

### ~Max

- 1. Baseball player
- 2. Seeing my friends
- 3. Ham
- 4. I don't have one
- 1. What are you planning on dressing up as for All Saint's Day/Halloween?
- 2. What is your favorite part of school so far?
- 3. What are you looking forward to eating on Thanksgiving?
- 4. What is your favorite Halloween movie?

### ~Isaiah

- 1. Black Panther
- 2. Playing on the playground
- 3. Mac n Cheese
- 4. I don't know



- 1. I don't know
- 2. Recess
- 3. Turkey
- 4. Goosebumps



**Max Longing** 



**Ayden Skinner** 

### **Girl Scouts Have Active Troop**

By: Katie Grigg

There are 29 girls from St. Joseph Elementary and Middle Schools in Girl Scout Troop 6827. Their Scout Leader is Ms. Karen Ferrer.

All Girl Scouts promise to live by a code that includes the Girl Scout Promise and Girl Scout Law.

### Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try: to serve God and my country, to help people at all times, and to live by the Girl Scout Law.

Girl Scout Law
I will do my best to be
honest and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring,
courageous and strong, and
responsible for what I say and do
and to
respect myself and others,
respect authority,
use resources wisely,
make the world a better place, and
be a sister to every Girl Scout.

The St. Joseph Troop consists of the following divisions:

**1st Grade Daisy Girl Scouts:** Abby Crowder, Emily Jones, Grace Tucker, Edith Ramirez, Andrea Tanner, and Maggie Allison.

## 2nd Grade Brownie Girl Scouts:

Brileigh Choate, Lola Jackson, Josie Travis, Lily Allison, and Hana Tran.

### **3rd Grade Brownie Girl Scouts:**

Chaysey Singleton, Cadence Valentine, Anna Nabholz, London Dunaway, Kate Burgess, Karleigh Kaufmann, and Sophia Scholz.

### 4th Grade Junior Girl Scouts:

Addison Choate, Amelia Erstine, Josie Jackson, and Izzy Simon.



Mr. Eric Duvall from the Faulkner County Office of Emergency Management speaks to the Girl Scouts about disaster preparedness.

### 5th Grade Junior Girl Scouts:

Anne-Marie Welter, Jadyn Travis, Ella Crowder, Keirsten Nutt, and Cherokee Jones.

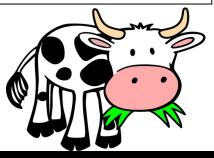
**6th Grade Girl Scouts:** Carolina Ferrer and Abbey Brewer

### Farm Day Shenanigans

By: Marley Spradlin

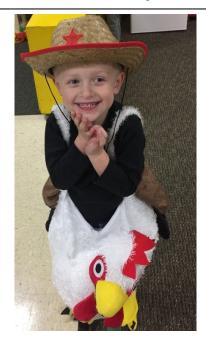


The Preschool had Farm Day on October 31st. The children dressed as farmers or farm animals. Seen here, left to right, are Fernanda Navarro, Mason Mitchell, Cooper Johnson, Ella Kate Johnson, Olivia Strack, and Hampton Williams.





The Scouts are working on receiving a CERT patch. The girls also made cards for firefighters in Florida who did search and rescue in the Florida Keys after Hurricane Irma. They will also be assembling boxes to send to them as well as Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands.



Oscar Sick dressed as a chicken.



Elias Valadez, Grady Strack, Elijah Rehm, Rider Brown-Craver, and Isabella Berumen.