

BULLDOG SPIRIT



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Advent Begins



Sophomore and altar server Elizabeth Chandler lights the first candle on the Advent wreath December 3rd.

The Advent season officially began at St. Joseph Church the weekend of December 2-3 with the lighting of the first of four candles set in the middle of a holiday wreath.

Advent means “coming”, and the candlelight symbolizes the impending arrival of Jesus Christ, “the light of the world,” contrasted with the darkness of sin.

Three of the four candles are purple or violet, signifying penance, while the lone pink or rose-colored candle represents rejoicing. As Elizabeth lit the first “Hope” candle at the 8:00 am Mass, Father Raj simultaneously blessed the Advent wreath.

Local Veterans Honored

By Carsten O’Dwyer



Parker Trussell reads “Table of the Lost Soldier” for Veterans Day.



The high school’s Interact Club organized a Veterans Day service on November 10. Several veterans from St. Joseph Parish and the surrounding community attended.

The program included several readings, including the History of Veterans Day, A Poem to Our Veterans, and The Sullivan Ballou Letter. Members of the Bulldog Band played “The Star-Spangled Banner” and a musical salute to all the military services. Soloist Kaitlyn Shockley sang “Heaven Was Needing a Hero,” and there was a demonstration of “The Table of the Lost Soldier.”

Our school’s Family Career Community Leaders of America Club (FCCCLA) also provided refreshments.

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Winning Peace Poster Chosen



Emily Berumen with her 1st Place Peace Poster above her right shoulder.

Eighth grader Emily Berumen drew the winning poster to represent our school in the annual Peace Poster Contest sponsored by the Conway Evening Lions Club. This year’s theme is “The Future of Peace.”

Students between the ages of 11-13 were eligible to participate. Lions Clubs around the world have been sponsoring an International Peace Poster Contest for 30 years. It encourages young people worldwide to express their visions of peace.

“The girl in my poster represents peace, and she’s spreading it to those behind her,” Emily said. Her entry has been entered into District Competition

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Father Raj blesses the Advent wreath.



In the Woods

By Caleb Schaefers & Timmy Coney

- **Duck Seasons~**
- **Nov. 18-26, 2017**
- **Dec. 7-23, 2017**
- **Dec. 26, 2017-Jan. 28, 2018**
- Duck daily bag limit – 6, which may include no more than 4 mallards (2 hens), 3 scup, 3 wood ducks, 1 pintail, 2 redheads, 1 canvasback, 1 black duck, 1 mottled duck. If not listed, up to 6 ducks of a species (including teal) may be taken.
- Coot daily bag limit – 15.
- Merganser daily bag limit – 5, which may include no more than 2 hooded mergansers. Possession limit for ducks, coots and mergansers is three times the daily bag limit.
- **Dec. 2, 2017 and Feb. 3, 2018**
- On these days, youths 15 and younger may harvest ducks, geese, coots and mergansers. Youths who have completed a hunter education course must be accompanied by a mentor 18 or older. Youths who have not completed a hunter education course must be accompanied by a mentor 21 or older. Mentors may not hunt, but may call waterfowl. Shooting hours and bag limits are the same as the regular duck and goose seasons. Youth hunters can hunt on wildlife management areas 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset these two days. General WMA hunter use permits are not required for youth hunters.



Caleb shot six ducks last year, on his farm in Lollie, AR.



Cutest Friends

By Emily Hambuchen & Jensen Kordsmeier



Natalie Ross and Chloe Detten

Q: How long have y'all been best buds?

Natalie: I would like to say since the womb but sadly only since 8th grade.

Q: How did you meet?

Chloe: When I came to St. Joseph. We were in Ms. Lieblong's class.

Q: What is your favorite activity to do together?

Natalie: We love to play soccer together and hang out.

Q: What is your favorite memory?

Chloe: When we go up to Fayetteville to hang out with and see our friends.

Q: What are your similarities?

Natalie: We both have blonde hair.

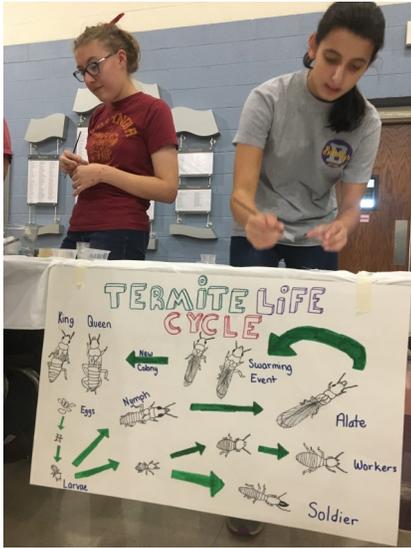
Q: What are your differences?

Natalie: Hers is fake and mine is real.

Have a Great Christmas Break!



Science World Explored



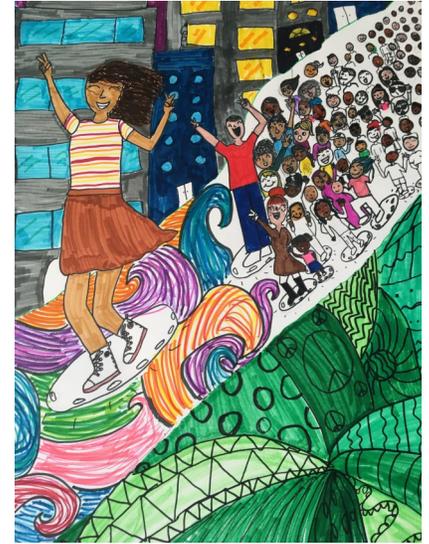
Katie Grigg and Elizabeth Chandler show how termites use chemicals in their bodies to mark trails from food to their nests. A pen with red ink containing such a chemical (pheromone) was drawn and the termites followed it.



Lukas Welter uses an air vortex cannon which creates doughnut-shaped air vortices that can blow out a candle if accurately aimed.

Peace Poster (from page 1)

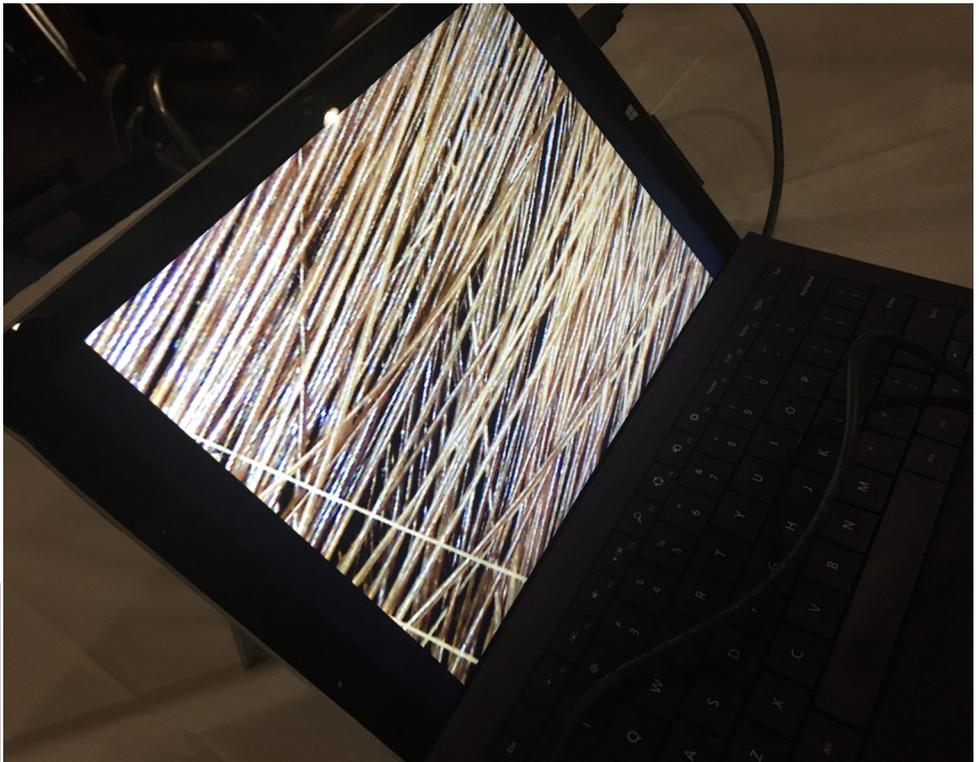
for possible consideration at the State Level. The International Grand Prize Winner receives \$5,000 and a trip to a special awards ceremony.



Full view of Emily's poster.



Ashleigh Mallett tries out a bionic eye that magnifies images 200 times onto a TV screen. In this case, she sees what the hair on her head looks like under magnification.



Science Night was held October 25 in the cafeteria. Students and parents were able to view upwards of 20 exhibits ranging from physics experiments to engineering challenges. More than half of the presenters were professors and students from the University of Central Arkansas while the others were St. Joseph faculty members. Mr. Jim Belote organized the event.



Bulldogs on Wheels

by Caroline Hambuchen & Lizzie Whitley



Spelling Bee Winners Named

By Jensen Kordsmeier



Ashleigh Mallett, Olivia Pasierb, and Scott Massa

The Junior High Spelling Bee was held November 16th. "There were 12 classroom winners who studied hard to prepare for it," teacher Alicia Yrle said. "It was our longest competition yet."

Eighth grader Ashleigh Mallett won 1st Place by spelling the word "bowler". Eighth grader Olivia Pasierb won 2nd Place, and 7th grader Scott Massa was in 3rd.

Both Mallett and Pasierb move on to the Faulkner County Spelling Bee January 13th. Mallett won that Bee in 2015 when she was in the 5th grade. Massa will be an alternate.

The trophies, ribbons, and cash prizes awarded at St. Joseph were made possible by the Class of 1967.

Owner of car: Christian Charlton

Q: What kind of car?

A: 1985 El Camino SS

Q: What's the highest speed you've gotten it to?

A: 100 mph on the way to Bryant

Q: What is the name of your car?

A: Betty

Q: What is your best adventure?

A: The farthest I've ever gone with Betty was to Choctaw.

Q: How did you get this car?

A: My Dad brought it home one night, we had been working on it for a year and a half. It was for my birthday!

Q: What kind of motor does Betty have?

A: 305 motor

Q: What is your favorite part about Betty?

A: I love the classic body style!



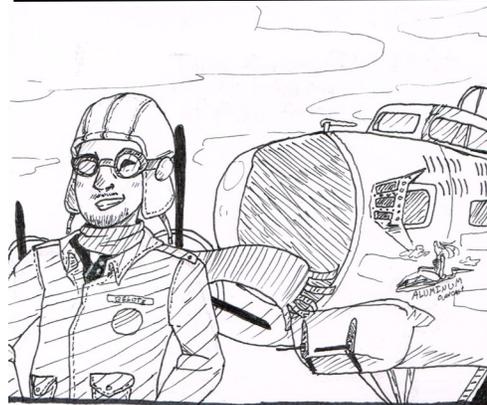
Faculty Funnies

By Leah Miller

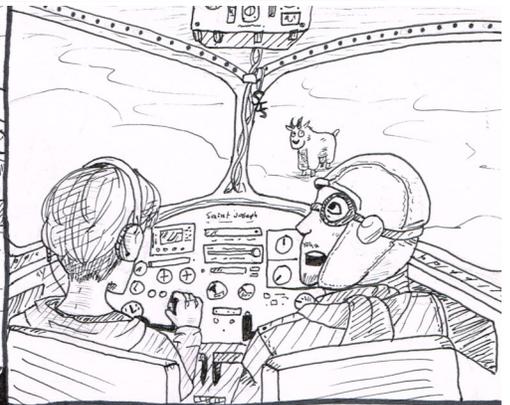
Featuring: Mr. Jim Belote



Aidan Lambe got this 8-point buck during Thanksgiving break.



My first flight on a vintage flying fortress!!



Say, What's a Mountain goat doing up in a cloud bank?

History Class Recreates Ancient Olympics by Triple Williams

Ms. Karen Davis' World History classes recently engaged in an Olympics of the mind in conjunction with their study of ancient Greece. Since the Greeks created the Olympic games, Ms. Davis decided to engage her students in an Olympic-like event.

The classes were divided into four groups: Spartans, Athenians, Argives, and Corinthians. After an opening procession, they competed with each other in several games. These included music appreciation (humming nursery rhymes), art appreciation (Pictionary), and boxing. The latter weren't real fisticuffs, but a game of memory in which the Olympians were given items in a box and a short time to examine each and write them down.

At the conclusion, scores were tabulated and winners were announced. The Spartans were the winners in the 2nd period class, and the Argives were the winners in 6th period.



Team Argos prepares to give their anthem.



Spartan Wyatt Davis throws the discus.



Spartan Parker Trussell throws the javelin.



Spartan Aidan Lambe plays trashketball.

Seniors Become Halloween Horrors

by Brent Yrle

The seniors at St. Joseph High School have been reading Mary Shelley's nineteenth century gothic novel, "Frankenstein." in Ms. Kathleen Gueringer's English class. She enticed them with extra credit if they would dress up as Frankenstein's monster for Halloween. The seniors also took part in this activity to educate the masses about some of the misconceptions about the story created by various Hollywood renditions. Some of these misconceptions include the monster's green skin, the metal bolts out of its neck, and Victor screaming "It's alive!"



Clayton Heathscott and Marley Spradlin's renditions of the monster.



Ian Martin also dressed as Victor Frankenstein's creation.



High School Profiles

by Chloe Kordsmeier



Wyatt Davis

Wyatt~

1. Deer Season
2. Going to Branson
3. A tool kit
4. Graduation and getting out of high school

Mattie~

1. The hot chocolate and Christmas music
2. Staying home and spending time with my family.
3. A tooth brush
4. My sister in-law having her baby



Mattie Elsinger

Jacob~

1. Whats your favorite part about the Christmas season?
2. What are you doing over break?
3. What is the weirdest Christmas present you've ever received?
4. What are you looking forward to most about 2018?

1. Christmas
2. Staying home and seeing family
3. A Barbie doll when I was 5
4. Senior Year



Julia Hambuchen

Julia~

1. The cookies
2. Probably nothing
3. A little water tornado toy
4. Graduation



Jacob Hofherr



High School Profiles

by Chloe Kordsmeier



Timmy Coney

Timmy~

- 1. Spending time with family**
- 2. Going skiing**
- 3. A Michael Myers mask**
- 4. Starting a new year**



Kati Dumboski

Kati~

- 1. The food and being with my family**
- 2. I'm going to be lazy and hang with my family**
- 3. A lighter**
- 4. Summer**

Max~

- 1. Christmas at my Grandma's house**
- 2. Deer hunting**
- 3. A boat paddle**
- 4. Getting to meet people and do new things.**

- 1. What's your favorite part about the Christmas season?**
- 2. What are you doing over break?**
- 3. What is the weirdest Christmas present you've ever received?**
- 4. What are you looking forward to most about 2018?**



Max Simon

Noah~

- 1. Going to my Aunt Paula's house**
- 2. Probably stay home**
- 3. An ugly sweater my grandma made**
- 4. Watching my favorite seniors (Chloe, Emily, Abby, Lauren, and Olivia) graduate**



Noah Decker

Spanish Class Celebrates Mexican Culture

By Shelby Shearer and Erika Gonzalez



Spanish classes set up the altar for *Dia Del Los Muertos*



Jacinta Murphy baked special bread for Day of the Dead.



Caleb Hiegel and Caitlyn Simon setting up the altar.



Drew Lewis, Piper Mullaney, Alexis Roach, Maria Casavechia and Lillie Tuttle at the project's completion.

St. Joseph High School Spanish teacher Cristen Reyes had her classes explore Mexican culture October 31-November 2nd by having them commemorate *Dia Del Los Muertos* or Day of the Dead. It's likened to the Catholic Church's All Souls Day when those who've passed away are remembered.

The people of Mexico believe that heaven opens on those days and souls of the dead return to Earth. Relatives offer food, drink, and even toys on special altars known as *ofrendas*. The living and the dead are thought to share meals together.

Ms. Reyes' students created an altar just outside the high school library. They placed photographs, religious symbols, and decorated skulls called *calaveras* on the altar. Jacinta Murphy even baked a special bread known as *pan de muerto* for the occasion. It's often decorated with white frosting to symbolize the image of twisted bones. "Altars try to turn sad images of death, such as skulls, into something celebratory and beautiful," Ms. Reyes said. "By creating colorful designs and patterns it shows that death is not to be feared, and that the lives of those lost should be celebrated."



Donating By The Numbers



Megan McWilliams brings a box of stuffing on the first day of the Reverse Advent Calendar food drive.

High school Religion teacher Theresa Lutes developed a creative, fun way to celebrate Advent this year while donating to those who can use some help during the Christmas holidays.

Ms. Lutes' students are adapting "The 12 Days of Christmas" song to organize an Advent calendar that's running for nine days instead between November 29 and December 11. They're also starting at the end first, so on November 20 they began by asking for nine boxes of stuffing, followed the next day by eight cans of broth, then seven cans of green beans and so on until they reach one bag of Christmas candy on the last day. Other items include cranberry sauce, canned corn, black-eyed peas, and breakfast boxes. All were to be delivered to the Soul Food Café Mission at Conway's First Nazarene Church on December 11.

"The idea is to focus on generosity, not quantity," Ms Lutes said. "No one student has to bring more than one or two items. The collection is by class, not by individual."



The Power of Mapping Learned
By Staton Holbrook



Collin Coney records data onto the Survey123 app of a headstone in the St. Joseph cemetery.

Ms. Karen Davis' 8th grade GIS class had Dr. Stephen O' Connell from UCA come and give the class a brief tutorial on the use of web-based Geographic Information Systems to collect and manage spatial data.

The most straightforward form of Spatial data is address or map coordinates (latitude & longitude). The class used the two apps, Survey123 and Collector, to record the information they gathered. The app automatically adds the information to an online map.

The GIS apps mark the location of landscapes such as tree species, buildings, and markers.

Overview: Two words..... SO GOOD!

Alli's Review:

I ordered the heavenly Chicken Enchiladas with sour cream sauce! OMG! I was just so good! We also had the delicious salsa along with the guacamole and cheese dip for our appetizer, and it was just so good. I am very OCD with my food, and I have to have dessert at the end of every meal. Due to this, I ordered the most delicious brownie topped with ice cream and chocolate sauce. Like, it was just so soooo good! If you can't tell On The Border was a huge hit!



Audrey's Review:

We started out with the salsa, cheese dip, and guacamole. It was all absolutely delicious, and went perfect with the wonderful steak fajitas that I ordered. The service was extremely nice, and they made sure we enjoyed our meal! I will definitely go back and expect to be just as pleased as I was this time.



Want a chance to win a \$25 gift card to our favorite place to eat? Scan the QR Code for more information!



Teacher Flies in Vintage Aircraft by Emily Hambuchen



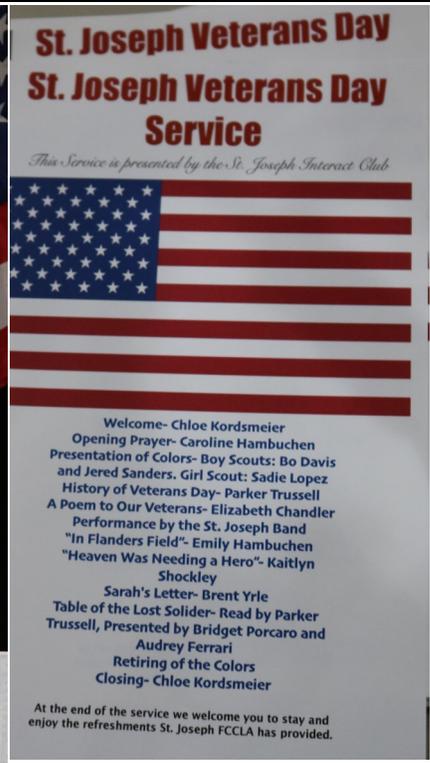
Mr. Jim Belote with the vintage B-17 bomber on which he was recently a passenger.

Science teacher Jim Belote., an Air Force veteran who recently learned to fly a plane himself, fulfilled another dream on November 11. He took a ride on the type of bomber used by the US Army Air Corps against German industrial and military targets during World War II.

The B-17 was first built in America during the late 1930s and helped turn the tide against Nazi Germany. The B-17G model that landed at the Conway's Cantrell Field over Veterans Day weekend came off the assembly line in 1945 but did not see combat. There are less than a dozen of these type planes in U.S. flying status today, and this one is owned by the Experimental Aircraft Association. It was brought here to promote aviation and to honor the WWII veterans who flew ones like it.

"It was an experience of a lifetime," Mr. Belote said. "We were able to access all areas of the plane except the ball turret on its belly." The ball turret gunner had to be very short and thin to crawl into that space, and a hatch was closed behind him.

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(Top Left) Emily Hambuchen reads “In Flanders Field” during the Veterans Day service November 10. (Bottom Left) Scouts Bo Davis, Ashlyn Cleary, Sadie Lopez, and Jared Sanders present the colors. (Middle) River Ferrari helped Bridget Porcaro set up the “Table of the Lost Soldier.” (Right) Official Program



Interact Governing Board (left to right): Olivia Huett, Chloe Kordsmeier, Lizzie Whitley, Lauren Holbrook, Emily Hambuchen, and Abby McKenna

Wreath Sales Benefit Service Clubs
By Lizzie Whitley

The St. Joseph Interact Club, in conjunction with the Conway Rotary Club, recently completed a Christmas wreath sale. The club members sold 161 of the Noble Fir wreaths to friends, relatives, and church parishioners. The proceeds from the sales will benefit Rotary and Interact Club projects which include youth programs, scholarships, and ending polio worldwide.

Club members Elizabeth Chandler and Katie Grigg each sold 20 wreaths, which entitles both of them to \$25 gift cards provided by the Rotary Club.

The Rotary Club hosted a pizza party at Larry’s Pizza on Dec. 6 as a reward for selling 100 or more wreaths. There were 47 Interact members who qualified to attend the party. The Club earned over \$800.

Quiz Bowl Lull Ends

by Michael Frost



Sponsor Karen Davis practices with members of the Quiz Bowl team.

Quiz Bowl competition has come and gone at St. Joseph. The last time we had a team was in 2014, but thanks to new sponsor Ms. Karen Davis and a group of student volunteers a new team has been formed.

Student participants include Kati Dumboski, Julianna Ferrer, Katie Grigg, Julia Hambuchen, Chloe Kordsmeier, Sarah Massa, Natalie Ross, and Brent Yrle.

Quiz Bowl is an Arkansas Activities Association-sanctioned competition in which teams from across the region and state go head to head answering questions for points in all areas of knowledge. These include history, literature, science, fine arts, current events, sports, and popular culture.

“Mr. Richard Walter (the retired counselor who last sponsored a team) tried to resurrect Quiz Bowl for a few years but there was never enough interest shown,” Ms. Davis said. “Since a volunteer coach was needed, I felt I had the time to give. We were able to get enough people to sign up, so we are now officially a team!”

Ms. Davis indicated the team would start slowly and gradually build a strong team. It will only compete in one tournament besides the Regionals this year, but it hopes to gain confidence and experience with time.

The team meets every Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. where it practices answering questions and buzzing in. Actual competition will begin sometime in January.

K-9 Corps Demonstrates Techniques

By Emily Hambuchen



Conway Police Officer Matt Edgmon along with his K-9 Corps dog.

Representatives from the Conway Police Department came to St. Joseph High School on October 25 in conjunction with the school's observance of Red Ribbon Week. The latter began in 1985 in honor of a slain Drug Enforcement Agency special agent from California and became a national event in the 1990s.

Officers Rick Shumate and Matt Edgmon came to talk to the student body about the drug abuse epidemic as it applies to opiates and other hard drugs. They also brought their K-9 Corps dogs and demonstrated how they're used to search for drugs and chase down criminals.

The students enjoyed learning about the K-9 Corps and asked many questions about how the dogs are trained, what breeds are commonly used, and if they can be treated as pets.

came back on Sunday to show his wife, Beverly, the plane. “We climbed through, and she was able to see it all,” he said. “I was also asked to help ‘turn the props’ to get the engine ready.”

B-17 Flight (from page 9)

Mr. Belote's flight was on Saturday. Father Tony Robbins, who also flies his own plane, and Mr. Keith Wolfe, a retired airline pilot and husband of Principal Diane Wolfe, both went up on Friday.

They all flew over Conway, Lake Conway, and the surrounding countryside. Mr. Belote also



Mr. Belote relishes his time as a “waist gunner” on the flight.

Spirit Week Ends With Homecoming Dance By Gracie Keathley

