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Spiro BPA members Bri Walker, Destiny Ridenour, Alicia Clack, Gina Damato, Adonis Wilson, Abby Goins, Jade Cossey, Donnie Bunch, and Jachaire Spring are pictured on their recent shopping trip to buy special Christmas presents for 34 special needs students. (Photo courtesy of Mrs. Judy Parker)

## Merry Christmas!

Our own Spiro High School BPA organization has been busy this fall semester, not only with class work and preparation for contests, but also raising money to be able to provide our special needs students with a special Christmas!

The recent Powder Puff football game with seniors pitted against juniors as well as the silent auction with so many community members donating and purchasing provided part of the funding, completed by a candle sale.

Destiney says, "I felt good about helping out and knowing that these students will be excited about opening more presents."

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## What Age is a Good Age to Start Dating?

By Inspiration Blaine

I personally think 14 or 15 is a good age to start dating. I think you are more mature at that age.

Sam Fernside- "I would have to say 14 or 15."

Justin Raymond- "I think 13 or 14."

Carrisa Ford-"If I had to say an age I would say 14."

Tara Knotts-"The perfect age would be 16."

Madison Lovejoy-"I think 16."

Garrett Cox-"Whenever you want."

Ta'mya Bourne- "I would say 15."

When your parents say-Andon Jerrell

Sandi partain- I would say 15 and 16."

Jeni Smith-"around 13"

Donnie Bunch - "I think around 14 ½ and 15."

Dajun Byes- "I would say about 13."

Ryan Rogers-"I think 15 is a good age."

Lily pettigrew-"I would say 14 is a pretty good age."

Caleb Means-"14 or 15."

Ethan Blankenship-"Whenever your parents allow you to."



## Football Rivalries

By Madisyn Allen

Football rivalries... why do we have them? There are so many reasons.

If you follow football and have a favorite team or teams, then you know that all sports have rivals to play whether it's college, pro, or high school. It gets crazy in rival games... that's for sure. People will be clothed in their favorite team's color and will be cheering and shouting a lot.

How do you know it's a rival game? Well, if you're from that town, then you know by location. It could be the reason for the game, or it might be a conference game. Some games are easily won, and some have big fights. Sometimes, a team feels like they got cheated when others say they didn't. Some teams have the big winning streaks or a losing streaks or some have streaks for how many times they beat their rival. What is the big deal about rival games? For some people, it is a game to prove who is better than the other.



## How Did You Start Doing Something You Love?

By Inspiration Blaine

Something that I love to do is run track. I started running track when I was in the ninth grade. I've wanted to run track since I was in the 7th grade. I just wanted to try something new. So I decided maybe I should just run track to see if I like it. Also my best friend ran track, so I wanted to run with her. I walked up to the coach and told her I wanted to run track, so I went and got my classes switched and then started practicing. When I started running track, I realized how competitive I was and how much I loved competition. I'm a friendly person so meeting new people who run the same events as me is a plus. So it is a really fun way to stay active, and I've been doing track ever since, and I'm glad I tried it.

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## Favorite Christmas Food

By Britney Ford

Trulie: Mac n Cheese and sushi  
 Inspiration: Ham and chicken strips  
 Mrs. Lovell: Dressing  
 Carissa: Peppermint bark  
 Hunter: Fudge and dressing  
 Megan: Rolls  
 Madison Allen: Turkey  
 Bethany: Ham  
 Madison Lovejoy: Cherry Cheesecake  
 Mrs. Jones: Appetizers for Christmas Eve  
 Mr. Phillip: Peanut butter balls  
 Bree: Mashed potatoes  
 Destiny: Peanut brittle  
 Jaxson: Ham or stuffing



## Top Christmas Activities

By: Megan Ford

Number one would definitely be to go look at the Christmas lights in the area  
 Nest would be to binge watch Christmas movies all day  
 Make some popcorn garland as decoration  
 Make Christmas cookies. You can make them in shapes like a Christmas tree or a snowman and it would be very fun to decorate  
 Make a gingerbread house and decorate it with tons of different candy  
 Make some homemade Christmas ornaments  
 Go to a Christmas festival (if there is one in the area of course)  
 Get some old clothes/toys and donate them to a charity so that other little boys and girls can have a great Christmas too  
 Do a cookie swap with some friends  
 Go ice skating (if it's anywhere in the area)  
 These are all great activities that you can do during the holidays when you're bored

## Favorite Songs

By Trulie Oudomparamy

"What's your favorite song?" can be a tough question to answer because many people think they have to come up with their ultimate favorite song on the spot. Some people have one specific song that just comes to mind right away and has

always been their favorite for the longest, while others just have a song they recently discovered and have been listening to for a little while. I have too many favorite songs, but the one I have been listening to the most is Bittersweet by Crush.

Most people hate to be asked this question, but I asked anyway. Lol.

Brittney Shockley- Save Me by k.michelle  
 Brooklyn Gist- thank u, next by Ariana Grande  
 Jaxson Rogers- I Want It That Way by Backstreet Boys  
 Britney Ford- Anything by Pentatonix  
 Mrs. Jones- This Is Me- Keala Settle (*The Greatest Showman Soundtrack*)  
 Bree Buffington- Color Sky by Monster Rally  
 Destiny Ridenour- You Say by Lauren Daigle



## How Does Music Help People?

By: Bethany Tobler

There are so many different reasons for listening to music. It can help you get through a lot of things. Some music can help you cope with things, calm down, or not to get sad. Some people I know listen to music to help them feel confident, or to get in a better mood. Also, they listen to help block out all the people. Especially when they go on a road trip or even just ride a bus in the morning. In my own opinion, I listen to music because it helps me focus and ignore all the bad things going on. Like right now. I'm listening to music to help me write this article. Music is a way to be me or to think about everything. It just helps me be in my own world, so I can think on my own. I listen to music every day almost non-stop. Music can almost help with everything you go through every day.



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## Phones

By-Destiny Ridenour

Can you live without your phone?

How important is it to you?

"It's my baby. It is a part of me." -Kaity Buller

"I could live without it. I just use it for SnapChat." - Breanna Hartsfield

"I couldn't live without my phone. I feel like I would be missing some tea." -Bree Buffington

"I could live without it. It's not too important." -Brittney Shockley

"I just couldn't live without dank memes." -Ely Riggs

## Favorite Vine Quote

By: Bree Buffington

Trulie Oudomparamy: "uhhh lemme get a McPick 2".

Destiny Ridenour: "Do you wanna see Uncle Cracker or no?"

Britney Ford: "yasssss"

Breanna Hartsfield: "It's an avocado... thanks"

Lily Pettigrew: "hi, welcome to Chili's"

Presley Kindrix: "These are my Crocs"

Crayton Zaragoza: "I smell like Beeeeeef!"

Ta'mya Bourne: "Hurricane Katrina More like Hurricane Tortilla"

Shianne Musgrove: "Hey did you happen to go to class last week?" "I never miss class."

Lisa Vincent: "...And they were roommates!" "Oh my God they were roommates."

# Vine

## Top Christmas Toys of 2018

By Megan Ford

Barbie Dream House playhouse  
Imaginext Jurassic World Jurassic Rex

Hatchimals HatchiBabies

New Bright RC 1:10 Scale 4x4 Radio Control Trail Buster

L.O.L. Surprise House

Lost Kitties Blind Box

Peppa Pig Fun Fair

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## Why I Like the Holidays?

By: Bethany Tobler

I like the holidays because I like it when all my families get together and celebrate and laugh together. I have to go to two different Christmases because I have my mom's side and my great grandma's side of the family. So I get a lot more presents when I have two, but that's not why I really like it. I like hearing everyone laugh and talk about what they got and seeing the little kids smile and talk about how cool their toys are and how many presents they got. Also I like hearing some funny stories from the adults.

The holidays are that one time that I can have my entire family together. Also, I see all the little kids get to play together. Other than this time of year, I don't get to see many of them. I get to see my step dad and my step aunt, and it's always really fun. This year we are playing dirty Santa, and I am so ready for it to. I just love the thought of my family all together.

## The Heart Shape

By Madisyn Allen

In Mrs. Maynard's junior English class, students created ornaments and had to write a paragraph explaining their creation. I created a heart for my ornament. To me, home is where the heart is. A heart is love and peace. The heart means family, friends and just being together—watching movies together and going to see family in other states. Hearts also stand for the love of God for Christmas. The heart is knowing that we are far away from each other but that we will always have each other no matter what distance there is. Hearts stand for the laughing and smiling at the good memories that we make, drinking hot chocolate on a cold day just after being outside having a snowball fight to where we are watching the polar express to decorating the Christmas tree to the hanging of decorations on the wall to decoration our doors. We live, we love, and we laugh. I may have divorced parents and family far away, but we love and share our hearts with each other. The heart is something special. Christmas is about whatever you want it to be, but to me it is love and family and being together for a special day... like your birthday, it is special.



## Christmas Movie Suggestions

By Hunter Robinson

This is a comprehensive list of the best of the best Christmas movies ever, and a must watch list if you haven't seen any of these.

Elf - This movie is really funny, and has a lot of really stupid comedy, but it works well.

Polar Express- Everyone and their mother has seen this movie. It is probably the most popular Christmas movie, and it's a great cartoon.

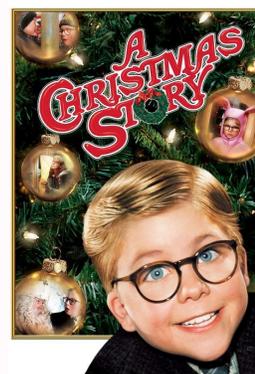
National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation- This is a slightly older Christmas movie that is a very, very funny and inappropriate,

A Christmas Story- I am only putting this on here because of how much I hate this movie.

The Grinch- The number one Christmas movie of all time. This is so horribly funny, and it's a true classic.

Home Alone- We all know Home Alone. It's a good movie.

It's a Wonderful Life - Everyone in high school is going to watch this movie in Mrs. Maynard's English. It is a great movie but isn't funny.



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## Favorite Thing about the Christmas Holiday?

By Inspiration Blaine

The Christmas holiday is great because you get two weeks out of school. I also love watching Christmas movies and drinking hot chocolate. You also get to spend time with your family. It is also fun to decorate. I asked people what their favorite things about the Christmas holiday is.

Tara Knotts- "Watching the grinch."

Jade Cossey- "Wearing fuzzy socks, while drinking hot chocolate and watching many Christmas movies."

Azrael- "Hot cocoa."

Sam Nester- "Listening to old Christmas songs."

Brooklyn Gist- "Everything! The food, gifts and hanging out with all my friends and all warm watching Christmas movies."

Presley Kindrix- "Being with family and eating the limited edition white fudge Oreos at Walmart."

Kiana Jones- "Presents and cookies."

Brionna Porter- "Definitely spending time with my family and friends!"

Zach McCann- "Opening presents, spending time with family and eating food."

Skylan- "My favorite thing about the Christmas holiday is family gatherings and listening to Christmas music."

Samuel Fernside- "I love the food. :)"

Macy Jo Hall- "Wearing onesies and getting presents."

Brooklyn Dotson- "Watching Hallmark movies and drinking hot chocolate."

Shyann Holbrook- "Watching Hallmark movies and drinking hot chocolate and being cuddled up with my boyfriend."

Mrs. Lovell- "I like the great food and visiting with family."

Gerriah Evans- "Getting presents."

Cooper Garris- "Christmas tree cakes."



## Favorite Christmas Memories

By: Bree Buffington

Brooklyn Gist: My favorite Christmas memory is when my niece was born a week before Christmas. Little baby snuggles for Christmas!

Hannah Hurst: When me and Ethan were walking under the mistletoe, and my mom said "Now you guys got to kiss!" and me and Ethan were both disgusted.

Cheyenne Irvin: I got tickets to see my favorite band in concert.

Britney Ford: I really don't know

Mr Adams: When I was 7 or 8, I woke up to find a green bicycle underneath the Christmas tree, and I was so happy.

Mr. Smith: When I was a kid waking up on Christmas, opening gifts, and spending time with my family.

Mr. Allcorn: It seems to be when I was about 8 years old and found an electronic football game as a present.

Caleb Dolan (AKA Mr. Dolan): My favorite Christmas memory is when me and my siblings woke up on Christmas morning and my little brother Sam received a miniature motorcycle and the first time he rode it, he crashed it into one of our cars and scraped up his legs.

# How Competitive are You?

By Britney Ford

- Jaxson Rogers: Very
- Soloman Smith: Very
- Megan Ford: A little bit, not really
- Bree Buffington: 100%
- Kaity Buller: Very competitive
- Destiny Ridenour: Yes, I will probably get aggressive if someone beats me
- Trulie Oudomparamy: Pretty competitive
- Hunter Robinson: Giirrrrllll, I'm very competitive
- Inspiration Blaine: Very
- Mrs. Lovell: Yes, I will stomp you to the ground
- Carissa Ford: Not at all
- Bethany Tobler: Not really
- Madison Lovejoy: Very competitive
- Mrs. Jones: It depends on what it is. I don't like to lose.



# Unscramble The Words!

By: Destiny Ridenour



- ansat: \_\_\_\_\_
- srpnete: \_\_\_\_\_
- ycnad: \_\_\_\_\_
- rete: \_\_\_\_\_
- rsta: \_\_\_\_\_
- oyj: \_\_\_\_\_
- mylfmai: \_\_\_\_\_
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## Your Experiences with Severe Weather?

By: Megan Ford

I have had a few experiences with severe weather such as a really bad tornado when I was younger and just the other night when there was really bad wind. I've never really had any experiences with bad snow or a blizzard. The people in Oklahoma get a big variety of weather during the year. We sadly haven't gotten any snow in quite some time and I'm hoping to get some this winter season.

## What Old Television Shows Would You Bring Back?

By Trulie Oudomparamy

Many T.V. shows have come and gone, including our favorites. Here are a few of the classics.

Will Shackleford- Drake & Josh  
 Ely Riggs- Chowder  
 Peiper Rogers- Wizards of Waverly Place  
 Raven Kenner- Drake & Josh  
 Hannah Hurst- Zoey 101  
 Presley Kindrix- The Suite Life of Zack & Cody  
 Mrs. Maynard- Little House on the Prairie  
 Olivia Bridges- Fairly Odd Parents  
 Matthew Finley- Phineas and Ferb  
 Cheyenne Irvin- That 70's Show  
 Tylor Perry- The Proud Family  
 Jachaire Spring- Friends  
 Laken Corley- Codename: Kids Next Door

## Teenage Sleep Habits

By Hunter Robinson

The truth is, you're probably tired right now. Teenagers are really bad at sleeping and have a very bad tendency to stay up late, more than likely on their phone. Why is that? What's up with that? You have probably stopped reading at this point because of just how tired you actually are. Even if you are still reading you definitely didn't notice that I said "are" twice in the last sentence. So what I am going to ask people is "how many hours do you sleep?" and then create an average.

Britney Ford: 5-6 hours  
 Mrs. Lovell: 6.5 hours  
 Megan Ford: 7 hours  
 Trulie O.: 5 hours  
 Mrs. Jones: 6 hours  
 Madison Lovejoy: 7 hours  
 Kaity Buller: 5 hours  
 Bree Buffington: 10 hours  
 Destiny Ridenour: 7 hours



And the average is: 6.5 which is half an hour away from healthy amount of sleep so try harder.

## How Would the Presidential Campaigns Change if the Voting Age Were 13?

By Madisyn Allen

How would it change? It would change a lot because kids would change the drinking ages from 21 to 18 and would want less school and would want to legalize certain drugs. The only thing is that not a lot of kids at 13 know a lot about politics and would probably just go with what their parents or guardians.

I think that the voting age should just stay at 18 because when you're a legal adult, it affects you more because kids don't own a house or have to pay bills. Kids and teens don't always make the best decisions, and I think the presidential candidates should try to reach out to the younger kids and teens and try to explain what that are trying to do for the U.S.

# Most Memorable Meals

By: Bethany Tobler

I have a lot of memorable meals and actually, most are around the holidays. Every year when Thanksgiving comes around or Christmas, my aunt goes and gets these funny games for us to play. Mostly it's the kids who play the most, but we do get the adults in on the game to play with us.

My aunt had my grandma whom we call "Momo." Well, we were at the mall and my grandma wanted to go to the candy store and get candy because she can hardly have it because she is a diabetic. Well, she saw the game my aunt wanted her to get for after we eat at Thanksgiving. So the entire time when we were eating, we were laughing because of the faces that we were going to make up when we got a bad tasting jelly bean in the Bamboozle game. So after we finished eating and everyone had a jelly bean, my grandma grabbed one, and it was like dead fish or soured milk and she almost threw up and her face was like all cringed together because of how bad the taste was that was in her mouth. It made my entire day.

This year my little cousin told his mom...my aunt...that he brought a game for everyone to play. It's where you strap a blue band around your head and then someone puts a card on it and you have to guess what it is. It can either be an animal, thing, or food. Well my aunt's boyfriend got a donkey and we told him it matched his personality, and he kept guessing and guessing...finally the time ran out and he had seen what it was and died laughing at it.



## It's a Wrap!

Spiro BPA students shopped and then wrapped presents for our local special needs students. They enjoyed this project and are all excited about the students receiving these gifts.

(Photos courtesy of Mrs. Judy Parker)



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## What Christmas Means to Me

By Britney Ford

Hunter- Spending money on friends and family  
 Trulie- Realizing things, having fun, and eating turkey  
 Destiny-Being happy because its the best time of the year  
 Megan- Presents  
 Mrs. Lovell- Family and friends  
 Jaxson- Spending time with friends and family  
 Inspiration- Spending time with my family  
 Bree- Its a good time to enjoy life and eat food  
 Soloman- Spending time with friends and family  
 Madison- Spending time with family and friends  
 Bethany- Being with family  
 Madison Lovejoy- The love of friends and family, Christmas lights, and God  
 Mrs. Gist- The birth of Jesus  
 Mr. Phillip- Love, family, and sharing



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Santa, present, candy, tree, star, joy, family, lights, coco, snow, stocking, merry, reindeer, sleigh

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## Santa Letters from Seniors...

By Destiny Ridenour and Hayden Harrison

As we finish up our last first semester in high school, most seniors want graduation for Christmas. Many are experiencing senioritis right now, but teachers say they are still pulling through and showing good behavior and a good attitude.

Dear Santa,  
I would like a car, a laptop, an iPhone, and a free education. —Inspiration Blaine

Dear Santa,  
Please give me good grades in school. —Hayden Harrison

Dear Santa,  
Hey! Thanks for being real. You have given me hope! Please leave me money for Christmas. —Destiny Ridenour

Dear Santa,  
I would like good grades and to be successful. —Deontei Braggs

Dear Santa,  
I want a smart TV. —Breanna Hartsfield

Dear Santa,  
I want truck parts. —Blaine Morton

Dear Santa,  
I want a new truck. —Tag Tackett

Dear Santa,  
I need mullah. That is all. —Zach McCann

Dear Santa,  
Pizza. I need pizza. —Jacelyn Wright

Dear Santa,  
I want new boots. —Jessica Roeder

Dear Santa,  
A free ticket to go wherever. —Silvia A.



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