



Remembering September 11, 2001

By: Makayla Wood



Picture from www.911memorial.org

We will never forget the tragic event that happened nineteen years ago, on September 11, 2001. It was a very surreal moment for everyone. This year it seemed like the tragic event was not really discussed in class or even on the news. Our priorities are so all over the world right now (which is understandable). As a reporter, I just wanted to shine a little light on the event that took place on September 11th, 2001. On this day, 2,977 people died. That is 2,977 people who didn't get to go home to their families. There were 25,000 people injured non-fatally on that day. This tragic day in our American history is remembered by the memories and stories of its citizens. Take a moment to remember lives lost.

The facts of 9/11 are told in newspapers, magazines, and on the news. What we don't hear are the voices of people who lived through it. Mrs. Dvorachek lived and taught in New Jersey at the time.

How did the event affect you?

Mrs. Dvorachek: I lived in New Jersey, and I had students whose parents worked in New York City.

The events affected me deeply during the weeks that followed and for years afterward. The effects took many forms.

Labor Day History

By: Makayla Wood

How do we celebrate Labor Day?

Labor Day pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers and is traditionally observed on the first Monday in September. Labor Day weekend also symbolizes the end of summer for many Americans and is celebrated with parties, street parades, and athletic events.

What president started Labor day?

On this date, President Grover Cleveland signed S. 730 into law declaring Labor Day a national holiday. Since 1882, Labor Day had been considered. By the time it became an official federal holiday in 1894, thirty states in the United States officially celebrated.

Why are you not supposed to wear white after Labor Day?

The "you can't wear white after Labor Day," rule was created to separate the old money elitists from the new money group. For those who had money and could leave the city during warmer months, white was considered vacation attire.

Why is Labor day a Patriotic holiday?

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

sources: @www.history.com

Just one way it affected me was that I stopped traveling on an airplane, and it took years to get back on a plane. My father passed away a month later in October, and I was unable to get on a plane to come home to Kansas. I drove back.

What stood out to you about that day?

Mrs. Dvorachek: That day was the first time our school locked its doors during school hours. Our school was locked-down immediately. Parents started to come to get their children. Everyone was whispering, and the teachers were slipping out of the class when possible to catch a glimpse of the events on a television set up in the teacher's lounge. My son, at his school, was watching the events unfold on a class television. Students in his class had parents that worked in New York or in the Trade Center buildings.

What was your reaction when you heard about it?

Mrs. Dvorachek: I was shocked. I cried, a lot. It was so horrible, I couldn't really wrap my head around it. Thinking back on it now, it is still horrific. It is definitely something in our history that we should never forget. We honor those who died, those who braved the buildings to rescue people, those first-responders, and the families. Even that list does not include everyone who we honor every year - those who died and those who lived to remember and share. It's important to remember.



Senior Spotlight

By Natalie Davis

Photo Courtesy: Debra Meigs

Our senior spotlight this month is Joshua Meigs. He is the president of the senior class and is involved in many activities and clubs. When head coach for football, Chad Raida was asked about Joshua he said "Josh is just an all-around great kid to be around! I'm glad I have had the pleasure to be around him the past 3 years!" Many people look up to Josh as he is a senior captain of the football team, and leads in many other activities.



JET SPORTS

New and Always Improving

By Natalie Davis

“Tick, Tick, Boom!!” say the Lady Jets when they get a kill. This year's team is full of new players, new coaches, and new beginnings. The Lady Jets have been working hard on achieving a win, and the JV, or Junior Varsity, the team has done just that. Varsity has won a set here and there, but have yet to pull out with a full win. So what is a kill? For all of our curious fans, a kill is a spike that is unreturnable from the opposing team. The Lady Jets are on the way up!



Fighting Against the odds

By Natalie Davis

The Altoona Midway Highschool Jets football team has had an exciting, but stressful season so far. With low numbers to play on the field, these boys and their coaches have had spirals thrown at them. Although they haven't won a game yet, the boys who are dedicated, resilient, and not willing to give up, shouldn't go unnoticed. The heart of the team fights on!



Altoona Midway/Yates Center Middle School Football Excitement

By Kyra O'Connor

Altoona Midway/ Yates Center Middle Schools football team has had an exciting season so far, from playing with kids from different schools to having a record of 2-2. When asked about the season, Coach Ron Rice said, “Our boys (both Yates Center and Altoona boys) have done a good job this season so far. They have learned to play as a team, which can be difficult coming from different schools.” Coach Rice also mentioned how much these boys have improved, and how he would like to see them go on playing football.

These boys have been putting heart and hard work on the practice field and even harder on the playing field. With Kieran Foster being the leading scorer from Altoona, we asked how he feels about this football season. He said, “It's definitely been hard, but we can all push hard and work/play harder.” Quarterback William Stackhouse says, “The team is having a good season, there still have been times we've lost, but we go to practice and get better every time.”

The only thing that Coach Rice said he would change this season is that he wishes “the boys would work harder in the classroom because they work too hard at practice to not play the game “due to missing assignments or low grades. “They have put blood, sweat, and tears into this game.”

So good luck to the Altoona Midway/Yates Center Middle School football team as they finish their season out and hopefully come out with another win.

Fall Homecoming 2020

By Kyra O'Connor

It's that time of year again, HOMECOMING! I would like to say a huge congratulations to Josh Meigs and Natalie Davis on winning king and queen.



When homecoming queen, Natalie Davis, was asked how she felt about winning,

she said, "I was excited and I think all the other girls looked gorgeous."

Even though our dance was canceled due to COVID, the students still seemed like they had fun dressing up for Homecoming. Thank you to StuCo for putting that on for the students.

Homecoming night is exciting and full of energy. What the audience doesn't get to see is behind the scenes. I asked Natalie Davis and Shia Bennett, 12th Grade, how they felt that night. Natalie said, "I didn't like the attention but it was exciting, I felt fortunate for all the gratitude that was shown towards me. It was stressful leaving practice and getting ready for the night."

This isn't the last homecoming this year, so will you be the next queen or king? I guess we'll just have to wait until winter to find out.

Fall Homecoming 2020 Candidates

Front L to R: Zack Sade, Natalie Davis, Shia Bennett, and Josh Capps

Back L to R: Sophia Willard, Alex Troutman, Josh Meigs, and Sharie Poverlein



Photos by Jada Davis and Courtesy of Debbie Meigs



Fall Senior Night Honors

Our 2020 Graduating Seniors

This year, Senior Night came early and the honorees and their parents walked onto the track for recognition on Friday, Sept. 4, 2020.

Below is part of the Senior Night speech written by Mrs. Sizemore and Mrs. Morton, StuCo sponsors.

Up next, we have senior Football player, **Joshua Capps**. Josh is the grandson of



Rose Dunser. He has been involved in Football and Basketball for 3 years, and Track and FCA for 1 year. After graduating from high school, Josh plans to attend Trade School at Beloit for heavy diesel mechanics and welding.

Our third senior is Cheerleader and Volleyball player, **Natalie Davis**. Natalie is the daughter of Ralph Davis, Terri Davis, and Lea



Chickadonz. She has been involved in Basketball, Volleyball, and Cheer for 4 years, Softball for 3 years, Student Council for 2 years, and Yearbook for 1 year. This year, Natalie is also the President of the Student Council and the Vice President of the Senior Class. After graduating from high school, Natalie plans to attend a Junior college for radiology or massage therapy.

The next senior tonight is Cheerleader and Band member, **Josie Huffman**. Josie is the daughter of Troy and Annie Huffman. She has been involved in Cheer, Band, and FFA for 4 years, Track and Volleyball for 3 years, Student Council for 2 years, and Basketball and Yearbook for 1 year. When asked if she wanted anything special announced about her, Josie said, "I like to think I dance well!" After graduating from high school, Josie hopes to get a dance scholarship to Neosho County Community College to get her associate's degree and then see where life takes her.



The next senior coming out is Football player and Band member, **Joshua Meigs**. Josh is the son of Joshua and Jennifer Meigs. He has been involved in Football, FFA, and Band for 4 years, Basketball for 3 years, National Honor Society, FCA, and served as the 2021 Class President for 2 years, and Track for 1 year. This year, Josh is the Student Council Vice President and the President of the Senior Class. During the COVID shutdown, he taught himself to juggle. Josh has yet to make any concrete decisions about life after graduation. He is considering becoming a game warden, but first would attend a community college, then transfer to Kansas State.



Our final senior this evening is Band member, **Sharie Poeverlein**. Sharie is the daughter of Heather and Earnie Poeverlein. She has been involved in Drama Club for 3



years, and Forensics and Band for 2 years. After graduating from high school, Sharie plans to work a lot and attend Neosho County Community College to see what it is like!

Poetry Corner

I constantly worry
myself about the things
that never were nor will
be in my control
I need to stop.

Raf



We'll never get back
the life we waste
trying to be normal.

Atticus

"Take a shower, wash off the day. Drink a glass of water. Make the room dark. Lie down and close your eyes. Notice the silence. Notice your heart. Still beating. Still fighting. You've made it, after all. You've made it another day. And you

can make it one more.
You're doing just fine."

- Anonymous

Poetry Recommendation:

My favorite poetry book is *US* by Kiana Azizan. A deep insight to wanting someone back and loving someone but knowing your self worth and staying strong by how they make you feel.

This book is a great way to get into poetry. Kiana Azizan has written several books and can be found in class libraries.

"Kiana is realistic. She doesn't hide anything from you." - Jada Davis



Jet Fashion Guide

Confused on what to wear? Wishing you knew what is trending right now? Now you have your answer! Introducing our own fashion maven, la Belleza.

My name is la Belleza which is French for beauty, and I'm here to help you feel and look amazing.

I chose this look for this month's fashion article. This is definitely the style for the fall. It's young, chic, and carefree. This outfit purrs confidence.

This outfit is from Gucci. She is wearing a long cheetah print coat, with waist-high blue jeans and a carefree pop of color in the blue green and white bag. The red and black bandana around her neck is from forever 21 and a gold chain necklace completes the look.

Questions? Write to me at newspaper@usd387.org.

Ciao ♥

8th Grade Highlights

By Anna Beckwith

Don't we all just miss our middle school days? I will say I really do miss middle school. I have asked Olivia Goodwin and William Stackhouse a couple questions of what it's like to be an 8th grader this year.

Olivia says her school year so far is going good, and she is very happy to see her friends again. Olivia enjoys band the most because she loves playing the music Mr. Carter picks and she enjoys playing the clarinet.

This school year is pretty hectic with all the viruses going on, but one thing Olivia would change is the block schedule because it confuses her and the classes are longer.

It's that time of the year again for fall sports! Olivia is active in fall sports. She plays volleyball and cheer, but if Olivia had to pick a favorite sport, it would be volleyball. She says, "Volleyball gives me exercise and it's fun to play."

I also asked William Stackhouse a couple questions of what it is like being an 8th grader. William says his school year is going good, and he is glad to be back. William says his favorite subject in school is P.E. because he gets to play lots of games and play kickball. Something William would like to change this school year is the masks policy.

The sports William plays are football, basketball, and track. If William had to pick one sport as his favorite sport, he would pick basketball because he "knows what he's doing." Basketball gives him something fun to do.

William said he is glad to be back in school because home is boring and there was nothing to do besides eat and sleep.

Just listening to them answer these questions makes me want to go back to middle school! Enjoy your 8th grade year!

AMHS Story Corner The Primal Clash of Light and Dark

By: Caden Crawford

As they stood in their dark refuge, the Mancers wondered what they were to do next. The army of Necromancers and wraiths had been killed off. They all knew they had to go to the Dark One's Bastion, but they all knew it was about as good as a death sentence. That was, until Caine spoke up.

"Look, everybody is scared, including me. Yes, it seems very shocking, I get scared. However, look at what we've done, from standing up to Malum, who oppressed dragons, to freeing the King of Skewers, to surviving a year in a desolate waste, ruled by a tyrant, to killing Omega, learning about the darkness, and killing Mendax. We made it a very long way, and I've been afraid every second of it. Now, I ask, was any of this in vain? Have we suffered so much, fought so hard, only to be stopped at the end? No. No, we haven't. And I say this, and only this, if the darkness grows, it WILL spread beyond Kyra. The Cloud Kingdom, far above the ocean, the Crag Kingdom, deep in the depths of hell. It can also spread to other realms, so we NEED to grab our army, take the best equipment we can, and storm this bastion, for Kyra!!

"For Kyra!!" everyone let out a resounding echo.

Everyone was tasked with a job, from making weapons to teaching spells, to simply learning from others. Most jobs were based on a person's magical type, for example, a pyromancer created weapons. Soon, the army became almost twice as powerful in a week, when finally, it was time, time for Caine to ultimately bring balance to the world. At this time, everyone gathered in the palace, ready to go through the portal. Caine volunteered to go first, knowing a horrible monster or trap could be on the other side.

What will happen to our hero, Caine? Stay tuned and read month's chapter

Breakfast for Dinner Anyone?

By Payge Cunningham

INGREDIENTS

1 1/3 c. all-purpose flour

1 1/2 tsp. baking powder

1 1/2 tsp. cinnamon, divided

1 tbsp. granulated sugar

1/2 tsp. kosher salt

4 tbsp. butter, divided, plus more for cooking

1 large egg, separated

1 tsp. pure vanilla extract

1 1/4 c. milk

4 large apples, peeled, cored, and finely chopped (about 5 to 6 cups)

1/2 c. brown sugar



next

DIRECTIONS

Mix flour, baking powder, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, sugar, and salt in a medium bowl. Melt 2 tablespoons of the butter. In a large bowl, whisk to combine egg yolk, vanilla, milk, and melted butter. Gently fold dry ingredients into wet ingredients until just combined, then fold in 1 1/2 cups of chopped apple.

In another medium bowl, using a hand mixer, beat egg white until stiff peaks form. Fold egg white into batter gently with a rubber spatula until just combined.

Make apple topping: in a small saucepan over medium heat, melt remaining 2 tablespoons butter. Add remaining apples, brown sugar, remaining 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon, and a 1/4 cup water. Cook, stirring occasionally, until apples have softened and mixture is jammy, 10 to 15 minutes.

In a large skillet over medium heat, melt 1 tablespoon butter. Pour about 1/4 cup pancake batter into pan. When little bubbles appear, about 1 to 2 minutes, flip and continue cooking until both sides are lightly golden. Repeat with remaining batter, adding more butter to pan as needed. Serve pancakes topped with apple mixture.

Jet Horoscopes

Aries: This is a month to step back, and relax. Regroup, and then go with the flow, this is your month

Gemini: Look around, the trees slowly preparing for the winter, the nice breeze through your hair. This is the month to reflect on the beauty of life.

Leo: You have worked really hard, and now it is time to reap your reward. It may be a debt, or something you want to get, but you finally have the money for that one thing you need.

Libra: You will find your special someone, whether it be crush, or someone you're in a relationship with, and spend time with them. Be grateful, and remember to make the most of the time you spend together.

Sagittarius: This is a month of completion, and fulfillment. Many parts of your life will come together, piece by piece.

Aquarius: You might be seeing a new thing you want, or a neat movie you'd like to see, but this month, all your attention is shifted to cash. You may not be the materialistic type, but this month, all your motivation goes to money.

Taurus: You might yearn to travel, but with everything going on, you may find yourself getting cabin fever. Stay vigilant though, we can make it through this together.

Cancer: You may feel you have to get away from your home base, perhaps your family had plans in September. Whatever it is, your plans will occur, just more short distanced than originally thought.

Virgo: This is the month of your birthday, but it's time to think about your partner, be it spouse, or steady love. Later, however, it's time to think about yourself.

Scorpio: This is a different month for you, it will be filled with romance and adventure. You've worked hard, and right now is the best time to make a move to relax and enjoy yourself.

Capricorn: Right now is a confusing time for you, with lots going on at home, and needing to help a friend or family member. You may feel like you need time off, desperately, however, stay vigilant, as it will get better soon.

Pisces: This month is a good turning point for you. It may be something you've held up hope for, and it completely paid off. You worked hard on it, and it's time to take some down time.



Ask Ms. Keisha

Dear Mrs. Keisha,

This year, 2020, has been CRAZY so far and with all the time we had in quarantine, I've begun to rethink a lot of things. Things like where I want to go to college, what I want to be, and who I want to be. Honestly, with everything going on in life right now I just don't know what to do anymore. Any advice?

Hopefully,
Lost Meaning

Dear Lost Meaning,

It's okay to not know everything all the time. Life itself is crazy and can switch up on us at any time. You might have heard someone say that purpose fuels passion, however, I think that it is quite the opposite. I think that your passion fuels purpose because if you're not passionate about something, why are you doing it.

So find something you're passionate about and pursue it. Find something you love doing and do just that. After you've got that one thing all figured out, then you can look at your options and decide where you want to go. However, when it comes to who you want to be, the only person who can help you with that is yourself. My suggestion is to be true to yourself.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Keisha

Have questions about school, life, or dating? Write Ms. Keisha at newspaper@usd387.org

Movie Review

Mowgli

Alaura Maple

The movie Mowgli is a Jungle book remake. It is rated a PG 13 movie and it was released in 2018 to Netflix. Although the movie is a remake it is quite different from the original. The Jungle Book was more calm and humorous, but Mowgli is a very intense



and thrilling movie. So if you're looking for an intense and interesting movie to watch, Mowgli's a good one

Being Smart is Cool! Trivia Fun Facts

The Fascinating Duck-Billed-Platypus

By Caden Crawford

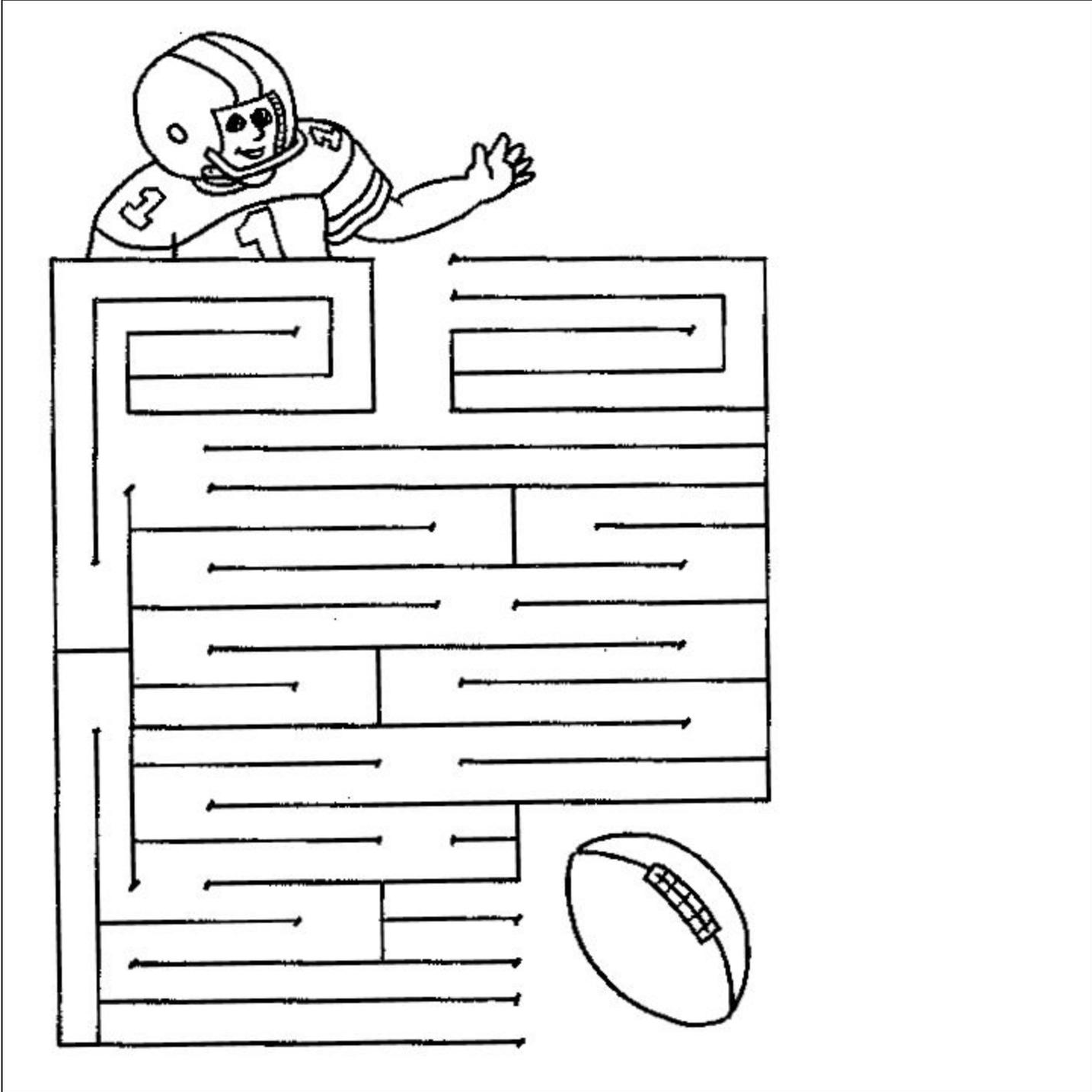
The platypus is probably a name we all heard before, however, did you know there is much more to this little creature than being the Lunchables mascot? Discovered in 1798 by Captain John Hunter, he originally thought it was a hoax and sent a pelt and sketch back to Britain. The platypus lives in eastern Australia near aquatic environments where it lays eggs and hatch its young. Platypi are the only mammals to lay eggs, and the male will defend the eggs with toxic spurs.

Platypi are very fascinating creatures and the species have been around for a very long time. In fact, according to livescience.com, "Scientists found the 250-million-year-old fossil of a prehistoric "platypus" in China's Jialingjiang Formation." Having a beaver-like body and tail with a beak similar to a duck, the males have toxic spurs while the females produce milk and lay eggs. It is one of five still existing species of *monotremes*, or mammals that lay eggs instead of live births. In 1799, the first scientists to see a preserved body of platypus thought it was a fake. They thought it was really several animals stitched together.

Predators of the platypus are humans, birds of prey, foxes, and feral cats. Thanks to a wide variety of predators, the platypus is endangered, so we must do everything to help these odd little animals. However, one must wonder, if a platypus produces milk and eggs, does that make them a portable source of omelettes?

Okay. Just joking on that one. But, come back next month for new trivia facts.





Ready for a maze? Let the challenge begin!

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