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## Blue Devils Perform at Festival

by Bella Blind

Many students from WHHS fine arts departments participated in the Polk County Arts Festival on Friday April 9 and Saturday April 10.



Armed with their musical instruments, members of Blue Devil Orchestra take the field.

All students who were featured in the event had to audition. The Blue Devils included four chorus students, four improv students, and seventeen orchestra students.

One of these students was Senior Christopher Hostetler, chorus student. Hostetler stated that he has performed in the usual All-County Performance all throughout his high school career and even once when he was in seventh grade, but this year was different.

“My favorite thing about it [the event] was that it was my first time performing this year,” informed Hostetler. “I thought that I was not going to be able to perform this year, so it was nice being able to.”

Sophomore Makila Powell was also a participant in the event; however, she partook in the improv group.

Powell stated that her only complaint was the limited number of people to work with on stage. Despite the inconvenience, Powell stated she enjoyed performing and that her favorite thing was performing with the four other people on the stage.

“It was amazing to get the opportunity to perform,” shared Powell with a smile.

## The SHH Club Makes Big Noise

by Bella Blind

The Students Helping the Homeless (SHH) Club was added to the list of clubs at WHHS this year. The new club launched two weeks before spring break.

“The first couple meetings we discussed the fact that we were a group of people that were compassionate about the homeless here in Winter Haven,” revealed the club sponsor, Jennifer Lenarz.

According to Lenarz, Dave Berry, the head over the Mission of Winter Haven, attended a meeting to discuss and correct assumptions or generalizations made over the homeless community. He also recommended ways to help not only the homeless community in Winter Haven, but ways to help students in need locally at WHHS.

This discussion further motivated the members to take action and complete three goals before the end of this school year. According to Lenarz, these goals include packing homeless bags filled with necessities to pass out to those in need, hosting a drive to collect products, and lastly volunteering at a soup kitchen.

President Cadence Odom was the first to suggest the idea of the club back in February. This junior knew she wanted to “do something to help the homeless community.”

“I have helped out at several soup kitchens before, and loved it,” voiced Odom. “I enjoyed the feeling of being able to help other people who were less fortunate.”

The biggest obstacle of the club, according to Odom, is recruiting members and spreading the word of meeting dates. The club meetings are every Monday at 2:00 after school on Microsoft Teams or in person in Lenarz’s room in upstairs building 35.

“If you are interested in helping the homeless community, please contact me or Mrs. Lenarz,” encouraged Odom. “We are always looking for new ideas for how we can help others.”

This was a new event this year due to COVID-19. It was held at the Chain of Lakes Stadium. It featured visual arts from students in band, chorus, drama, and orchestra from all around the county. The Polk County Arts Festival was a substitute for the All-County performances that take place every year. Since students are required to social distance, this event was an alternative so that students were still able to perform and show off their talents.

“I am proud to say that WHHS has multiple students performing in each of these events,” stated Sabra Hatley, chorus instructor, excitedly. “The arts are strongly supported at WHHS, and we are grateful!”

Orchestra Director Joshua Miller stated that the biggest struggle for the students who performed was that the concert took place at a baseball stadium rather than the Nora Mayo Hall at Florida Southern College.

“Performing at a baseball field is much different than a concert hall, to say the least,” informed Miller.



Seniors Christopher Hostetler, Thomas Bennett; Junior Natalie Williams, and Sophomore Ivy Muller relax before choral performance.



## Senior Graduation Information Meeting

Dear Senior,

Your big day is quickly approaching! There are a few items we need to share with you to help celebrate this important occasion. PLEASE share this with your family members. (If necessary, pin this notice to your clothes, take it home, and put on the refrigerator door!!!!) Be sure your grades are in good shape and See Mrs. Cea to pay all obligations by Friday, May 7, 2021. Remember- graduation is a privilege and our ceremony is a dignified, formal event.

SENIOR EXAM SCHEDULE (Job Shadowing/college visits May 6, 7, 10, 11 with approved form)

Tuesday, May 4 Period 1 (blue)

Wednesday, May 5 Periods 2 & 6 (gold)

Wednesday, May 12 Periods 3 & 7 (blue)

Thursday, May 13 Periods 4 & 5 (gold) Special BDTV presentation for Seniors during 5th period

Friday, May 14 Exam make-ups (Any make-up exams need to be scheduled with your teacher & taken by 2:00 pm – NO EXCEPTIONS)



Class of  
2021

SENIOR TRADITIONAL WALK – Denison stadium THURSDAY, May 20th 8:00 a.m.

Seniors arrive at 7:30 a.m. wear cap and gown walk the field with classmates, parents invited, Seniors park on Denison side & guests park on home side of field

SENIOR AWARDS Drive-Through FRIDAY, May 21st 9:00a.m.-Noon

All graduates requested to participate/decorate cars/Everyone will be receiving something – make every effort to participate!

Graduates with a 3.2-3.4999 wt GPA will receive a gold cord and tassel = honors

Graduates with a 3.5 or higher wt GPA will receive a gold stole and tassel = high honors

Graduates who qualify– will receive community service accolades

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS – VIDEO PRESENTATION -May 20th link to be posted 6:00p.m.

GRADUATION \*\*\*NO PRACTICE THIS YEAR – VIDEO ‘REHEARSAL’ WILL BE SHOWN AT SCHOOL \*\*\*

TICKETS: Each graduate will sign for 4 tickets – tickets are numbered, guests will be seated by RP Funding Center staff in groups of 4 by ticket number. DO NOT LOSE TICKETS - THERE ARE NO REPLACEMENTS OR EXTRA TICKETS!!!! Programs will be distributed with tickets, programs will not be distributed at graduation.

Guests will enter during zone time. They will be directed to sit in their car if they arrive early. Guests will have temperature checked upon entry and are required to wear masks at all times; masks will not be provided. Guests cannot bring bags larger than 6” x 6”. Bags will be checked by security upon entry. RP Funding concession will only be selling water. Parents/Guests who feel uncomfortable attending can livestream event from home. login to [www.polkschoolsfl.com/graduation](http://www.polkschoolsfl.com/graduation)

GRADUATION CEREMONY: Monday, May 24, RP Funding Center, Lakeland (GRADUATION—7 P.M.)

Seniors enter through gates 1 & 2 and plan to arrive by 6:00 pm. Temperature will be taken upon entry. Go directly to EXHIBIT HALL for diploma and lineup. DO NOT BE LATE!!!!

Email Mrs. Jaime by Monday, April 19th [Cynthia.Jaime@polk-fl.net](mailto:Cynthia.Jaime@polk-fl.net) if handicapped seating or interpreter will be needed for any of your guests. (Handicapped seating included in the 4 tickets count).

DRESS FOR GRADUATION:

All seniors wear cap and gowns, WEAR CAP WITH TASSEL ON THE RIGHT SIDE, if applicable - COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS, HONOR CORDS, HIGH HONOR STOLE, TOP 10% MEDALS, SUPERINTENDENT’S MEDALLION, NHS PATCH SECURED ON GOLD STOLE and ACCOLADES YOU RECEIVED AT SENIOR AWARDS DRIVE-THROUGH. If you were awarded a gold tassel at the senior awards drive through you are to wear the gold tassel at graduation. No other accolades/awards are permitted.

Girls should wear dresses or skirts, blouse, capris/dark pants. For safety purposes shoes should be low-heeled.

Boys should wear dress shirts, tie, dark trousers, dress shoes. NO JEANS OR SHORTS ALLOWED

Graduates are required to wear masks at all times except when having picture taken with his/her diploma on stage with principal

NO TENNIS SHOES-FLIP FLOPS, ETC.!!! ALTERATIONS TO CAPS, GOWNS, AND FLAGS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED!!!  
IF YOU CHOOSE TO WEAR SOMETHING DIFFERENT AT CEREMONY, YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO WALK WITH THE GROUP!!!

Our ceremony is a dignified, formal event

Graduates are expected to behave in accordance to the Polk County Schools’ Code of Conduct. There will be zero tolerance of any disruption of the graduation ceremony. Any graduate disrupting the ceremony will be escorted from the arena.

CONGRATULATIONS!!! THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!!!

## Congratulations

Congratulations to the boys’ weightlifting team for finishing 2nd in the county and district meet. Sophomore Zane Bowers, Edinio Taylor, and Senior Tyler Martin advanced to the State Championship for Weightlifting on April 24.

Congratulations to Senior Taylor Lingley who started Dancers Inspiring Readers, which collected 358 books for local elementary schools.

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## Congratulations Cont.

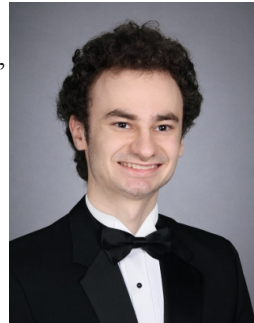


Congratulations to Liberty McKinney for earning an athletic scholarship for bowling to attend Webber International University.

Congratulations to Nicholas Lopez for winning the Silver Garland Award for math and to Philrosen Monfiston Sejour for winning the Silver Garland Award for science.



Congratulations to Junior Deeya Patel for her winning poem "The Struggles of Numbers" which won for best phrase poem in the 11th grade division and to Ethan Thomas for his poem "Egg," which won honorable mention in the 12th grade division of the Polk County Poetry Contest.



## Student Learning Takes Off

by Xithlalic Vasquez

President of the Aspiring Aviators Aero Club, Jonathan Gauthier, and Vice-president, Da'Nyra Richardson have each earned the James C. Ray scholarship for \$10,000. Both aspiring pilots will use the money to pay for their pilot training lessons.

**Trident:** What made you decide to be a pilot?

**Jonathan Gauthier:** When becoming a pilot I looked at a few things: job demand, income, and most importantly satisfaction. The demand for pilots is very high right now as pilots reach 65 years old, the age you can no longer fly airliners. Towards the beginning of your career pilots do not make much, but by the end, six figures is very common. A pilot's office has the best view any job can get, and being able to enter a wide variety of fields is very appealing.

**Trident:** How much time do you spend studying to be a pilot?

**J.G:** On a typical day, you can spend one to two hours studying for the various stages to become a private pilot. I typically spend one hour studying for my written exam, and one hour studying for my practical check ride.

**Trident:** What do you plan to do once you get your pilots license?

**J.G:** Currently, I plan to work for a corporate airline flying for executives and their families. To accomplish this goal, I still must train even after getting my private pilot's license. This training includes getting a commercial license and getting an instrument rating.

**Trident:** What do you like most about flying?

**J.G:** The freedom of flying is indescribable. When you feel the wheels of your aircraft leave the ground, you realize you made that happen.

**Trident:** How did your family react?

**J.G:** My family was very supportive of my interest and desire to get my license. In the beginning they were hesitant, but after a few flights, they felt comfortable with me flying. Personally, the hardest part was telling myself "I got this" and "no matter what happens I'll be safe."

**Trident:** How many times did you apply?

**J.G:** I applied for the James Ray a total of five times. Every month the scholarship opens for anyone over 16.

**Trident:** Do you have anything else to add?

**J.G:** I would just like to say whatever field you want to work in, it's possible and achievable. You will have to work at it, and some days it may feel impossible; but if you focus and stay out of trouble, you can do it. If you want to pursue a field in aviation, join the Aero Club and the class. Central Florida is the home of aviation. You're in the right spot.

## TSA Club Goes Virtual

by Loc Dinh

The TSA, Technology Student Association, competed in their annual state conference this year virtually. The club has also held meetings online throughout the year.

In individual competitions at the TSA State Conference, Senior Joshua Mathews placed second in CAD (computer-aided design) Engineering, and Senior Ethan Thomas was a finalist in Promotional Design.

Seniors Ethan Thomas, Kent Jones, and Gadiel Galloza garnered third place in Software Development. In Webmaster Seniors Ethan Thomas and Loc Dinh, and Junior Louai Jamhour were finalists.

"Organizing TSA was very difficult this year because we had to adapt to an entirely new online environment," said Thomas.

Even with the change in routine, the members of the club performed well in competitions.

"Motivation was a challenge but doing my best made all the difference as I placed second in the state for CAD Engineering and hoping to compete at the national level in June," said Mathews.

## Freshman Wins Future Medical Leaders Award

by Grace Corkins

Freshman Madison Proctor was recently nominated for a Congress of Future Medical Leaders Medical Award. She received the nomination by letter in December. She was nominated for the award by Nobel Prize winner Dr. Capecchi.

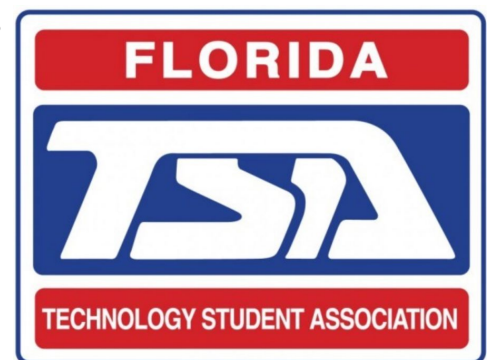
Proctor intends on going into psychology but says that may change. "I only know for certain that I would like my profession to be one in healthcare."

Proctor received an email stating that she had gotten the award and it will be shipped to her in May. The award has provided her with a clear idea of the direction she is taking her life. Besides the practical information learned within the congress, she also gained a sense of what interests her. Listening to the guest speakers describe their studies left her feeling as though she needed to do more. She gained strong inspiration and confidence from this experience.

She added, "To anyone also pursuing a medical career: Apply for the Congress of Future Medical Leaders. While many of the delegates come from nomination, you can also apply to become a delegate. It is worth the time you will spend and is a wonderful learning experience for all involved. I hope more people can learn about the program and pursue their dreams of advancing medicine."



Madison Proctor ponders her future medical career.





# MEET THE STAFF!

Senior **Loc Dinh** became co-editor-in-chief for the Trident this year. During his three years of being on the Trident staff, he has enjoyed covering stories because he gets to know what's currently happening and is able to relay that information to other students. At school, his favorite memories took place during sophomore year, when he had taken Mr. Cooper's U.S history class with a group of friends. His favorite school subject is math because it's most related to the career he wants to go into, finance. Next year, he will study at the University of Florida.

Outside of school, Loc has many hobbies. He enjoys listening to music, such as Indie and RNB, watching TV especially Asian TV shows like Chinese Dramas and K-dramas. He also swims and does archery. His favorite childhood memory is visiting Vietnam in fifth grade after moving to the U.S.

Freshman **Luci Lippelgoos** joined the Trident staff this year and managed to be a fantastic reporter while dealing with Cambridge workload and sports. She participated in the school's indoor and beach volleyball team and water ski's for fun. Luci even made her way into the Guinness Book of World Records for a water ski record with her friends.

This year she enjoyed being a reporter with her favorite story being her in-depth on safe driving which she worked on with fellow Freshman reporter Ty Nguyen. While she enjoyed the various class personalities and Ms. Schubeles's funny antics, she also enjoys art and has decided to take art next year for fifth period instead of journalism, alongside more Cambridge classes to get more credits.

"I'm going to miss everyone. We made a nice friend group and family. I'm also going to miss all the fun stories we told each other," Luci said with a smile on her face.

Junior **Bella Blind** has been on the Trident staff for the last three years and is ready for her senior year. This year on the Trident staff Bella took on the role of co-editor-in-chief. Her favorite stories she's written this year include her review on the best place to go get Boba tea and her story on Key Club. Her favorite part about the fifth period journalism class is learning new writing skills, talking to people, and learning more about her school. "I look forward to writing for the Trident next year," said Bella.

Along with writing for the Trident, Bella enjoys hobbies such as painting, drawing, and playing music. She plays instruments such as the piano, viola, and the ukulele. While balancing Cambridge classes and other hobbies, Bella still finds time to run track for WHHS. With senior year approaching, the idea of college lingers. While the field she would like to go into is still unclear, Bella would like to go to UF (University of Florida) after graduation.



Freshman **Ty Nguyen**, who plans to return to the Trident staff next year, has been a great addition to this year's staff. Her favorite story to write was the Halloween editorial because it was the first story she wrote for the Trident.

Ty spends her free time reading comics and collecting posters. She also enjoys listening to music with some of her favorite artists being Clairo, Dua Lipa, EXO, BTS, and SEVENTEEN. Showing her originality, Ty writes her s's starting from the bottom and says the most memorable experience in her life was her birthday two years ago when she visited Disney World for the first time with her family. "I couldn't stop smiling the entire day."

She looks forward to finding the path or career she wants to go into during her time at Winter Haven High School.

Despite returning to the Journalism class midway through the first semester, Journalist **Grace Corkins** has become a great addition to the Trident staff. This sophomore is currently in her second year of journalism. As well as writing, Corkins enjoys hanging out with friends and playing golf. Even though history is her favorite subject, Corkins enjoys journalism. According to Corkins, her favorite thing about the class is "the fact that it feels like a family. It's a very loving environment to be in every day." Writing is a creative outlet for this journalist, and her favorite story that she has written this current year is *2020: A Year Like No Other*, a review over the year 2020, from issue 2. Corkins's fondest memory of the class was on the first day of her freshman year. She stated that she met Aaliona Williams, a recent graduate of WHHS, and her kindness to Corkins made her feel less terrified. Corkins eagerly revealed that she plans to return to the class next year. Her future goal in the class is to hold the position of the business editor. She also hopes to learn valuable skills that will benefit her in the future.

Journalist **Cas Hendron** joined the Trident staff for the 2020-2021 school year as a senior. Hendron serves on the Trident staff as the distribution editor. It's her responsibility to make sure every student and staff member gets a free copy of each issue. She stated that she enjoys being on staff because "it's a fairly easy class and there's a lot of freedom in our assignments." Hendron's favorite story that she wrote was the Drama Club Improv Show story from issue one. Hendron plans to go to Polk State next school year to study criminal justice.

Meet **Xithlalic Vasquez**, the Trident's copy editor. Her job on the staff ranges from writing stories to editing the final layout of the newspaper and creating captions or what is called "outlines" in the journalism class. She's a senior who has been on the staff for three years. "Being a writer inspired me to join the Trident staff," said Xithlalic. She also went on to say that being on the staff helped improve her grammar and influenced her writing style. She is the author of the creative story that has appeared in each issue this year as one continuing story. This was the first time that the Trident published an original story as a series. Outside of school, she's focusing on the next step of her education and her writing.

In her free time she watches anime, does origami, solves puzzles, learns different languages and of course writes creatively.

**Erik Clemons** is a senior on the Trident for a second year. Erik has a brilliant eye for photography, so he has been the photography editor for the year.

"I like taking pictures for the staff," said Erik. He also enjoys writing stories and the "energy" of the staff. In his free time, he enjoys gaming and working on cars, along with investing in stocks. Some of Erik's favorite additions to the paper include the story about the front office display as well as some features for aerospace. After graduation he hopes to go to trade school to become a mechanic or work in cyber security.



## Where Have all the Seniors Gone?

by Ty Nguyen

Upon my arrival to school, I had noticed something off in the hallways. The hallways and classes seemed a bit emptier, and I couldn't help but wonder why.

I checked the date on my phone, and it was only March 30, the Friday before spring break. Then it dawned on me, where are all the seniors?!?

Senior Skip Day is a day seniors choose whether to come to school or not.

On this day, they do all sorts of things, from just sleeping in and relaxing at home, hanging out with friends, to even going to Disney World.

Some students believe that this day is a great

opportunity for seniors to step back from school and be able to hang out with each other for one last chance before graduation separates them. Also, that it's a fun day that all seniors should take part in.

"I think it's a nice way to 'award' seniors for their four years," stated Senior Vivian Cai. "It's a nice little break for us from stressing about school, graduating, work and college."

Some underclassmen have expressed that seniors are lucky to be able to skip school and that it's unfair



that they also don't get an off day; however, the day is not an unexcused absence.

Senior Skip Day has been a part of senior year for years, so some teachers have mixed feelings about this "holiday."

"I think Senior Skip Day has always been a neat tradition. However, they need to think about when they schedule the day so it's really a day for the kids to enjoy and not impede any of their learning," said Mrs. Carifi.

The underclassmen, however, hope to be able to experience it themselves.

Until then, they'll just have to wait like the past seniors have throughout their high school years.



## A Not So "Bright" Future: An Editorial

by Luci Lippelgoos

For many Florida students the idea of college relies heavily on hard work during their high school years in order to qualify for the Florida Bright Futures scholarship. The Bright Futures scholarship covers 75 to 100 percent of a student's college costs depending on what level of the scholarship they qualify for, but what would happen if this award is taken away from hardworking students?

A controversial Senate bill regarding limitations on the Bright Futures scholarship was recently passed despite many who oppose it. Senate Bill 86 will leave Bright Futures dependent on leftover money from the budget each year. By not having a consistent amount of money to hand out each year in scholarships, families will be left unable to rely on Bright Futures as they have in the past.

The bill states that the scholarship will only be handed out to students going into majors which lead to jobs. Pursuit in knowledge majors as well as liberal arts majors will now not be eligible for the scholarship.

What will keep Florida students in Florida when many colleges out of the state could be a better financial fit? The bill could end up having an adverse effect and could lead to fewer students who stay in Florida to pursue education and employment.

Will limiting the amount of money given out as well as which majors one is allowed to go into be beneficial to Florida's schools and students? I say no. Politicians should not darken our "Bright Futures." By May first this proposed bill has not passed.

## V.O.C - What advice would you give your freshman self if you could go back in time?

"I would probably tell myself to go out more, make time to do things like go to games or out with friends to keep my sanity and to stop procrastinating." - **Ariel Thompson**

"I'd say to actually study for those bio tests." - **Joshua Mathews**

"In high school, focus on the things you're passionate about and would like to pursue later in life." - **Nicholas Lopez**

"Don't overwork yourself, and have some fun along the way." - **Michael Palacios**

"I would tell myself to not leave assignments till the last minute."

- **Molly Koos**

"I would tell my young self to take one step at a time." - **Philrosen Monfiston Sejour**

"I would say that your underclassmen years are just as important as your upper and working on developing a good work ethic is the best thing you can do for yourself." - **Vedant Patel**

"I would say not to procrastinate at all, even on assignments that won't be graded on accuracy, because extra practice is vital. Also do not stress too much about grades." - **Kara Scarbrough**

"Slow down and enjoy it because you think it'll last forever but four years go by in a flash." - **Mark Jarrett**

"Get all your credits done as soon as possible and do collegiate." - **Emily Johnson**

"Take in the moment because you'll never be in that position again."

- **Kennedy Chambers**

"Don't rush through it because it goes really fast." - **Becca Mack**

"Be confident in yourself and your skills with everything you do and don't be too hard on yourself." - **Haley Pittman**

"Don't stress over your homework so much." - **Vivian Cai**

"I would tell myself that four years is a lot shorter than you think, so have fun and be lighthearted as much as you can." - **Madison Sawal**

"Don't worry about how you appear to others because there are plenty of people that like you the way you are." - **Alexander Nguyen**

"Make great test scores if you want to have a certain teacher and ask for help if you do not understand a problem that's going to be on a test." - **Desean Harris**

"I would give the advice to not care what other people think about me so much and to really focus on school, because freshman year helps you a lot later on in high school."

- **Cheyenne Robertson**

"Focus on what's important now if you don't focus on the right things you'll set yourself up for failure." - **Daniel Franco**

"Join JROTC and study more." - **Clayton Minix**

"To do better from the beginning because I slacked off at the start." - **Noah Baker**

"Seek guidance help, study more, and take classes that would help." - **Luz Lopez**

"Do my Ms. Hunt work." - **Asier Arambarri**

"Keep it up and don't get addicted to Mountain Dew." - **Seth Jones**

"Don't procrastinate because staying up late to finish your work in the morning is not worth it." - **Bradley Meyer**

"Enjoy it while you live it, it goes by fast and you'll regret the choices you didn't make." - **Jadyn Knox**

"Do more things that scare you." - **Savannah Hooks**

"Focus on your grades. Grades matter all the years you are here." - **Chance Trinklein**

"Save your money, don't spend it on dumb things." - **Holly Smith**

"Don't worry too much, people aren't as focused on you as you think." - **Christopher Hostetler**



## Goodbye Messages to the Seniors

**Dear 1st-period Environmental Management,**  
It's been a pleasure seeing you all first thing in the morning. Thank you for pushing yourselves every day!

*From, Mrs. Archambault*

**Dear 5th-period Environmental Management,**  
I couldn't ask for a better group to share lunch with. Thank you for all your help with our service projects this year.

*From, Mrs. Achambault*

**Dear 4th period AS Chemistry,**  
As my first group of AS chemistry students, you all are the best! Thanks for your unwavering patience and understanding.

*From, Mrs. Archambault*



**Dear Mrs. Hatley Seniors,**

Never stop making music - whether you're singing or playing an instrument! I've so enjoyed our time together. For some of you, it's even been four full years!! Blessings! Keep singing!

*From, Mrs. Hatley*

**Dear Cambridge Teachers and Seniors,**

Four years have flown by, but every year has been packed with great memories. I wish you guys the best, and I hope everyone accomplishes whatever they put their minds to.

*From, Loc*

**Dear Chase Walden, my 1st Grandson,**

You have always been the apple of our eyes. Your Poppy and I love you so much. He would be so proud of the young man you have become. Love you, forever.

*From, Gammy (Mrs. Walden)*



**Dear Haley Musgrove,**

There's something about a truck.

*From, Mrs. Moore*

**Dear Seth Jones,**

Goodbye, good luck, and stay off the Mountain Dew.

*From, Mrs. Moore*

**Dear Xithlalic Vasquez,**

Go forth and write.

*From, Mrs. Moore*

**Dear Schubele Seniors,**

As you go through life, remember that a smile makes a difference, even if you're wearing a face mask. Thank you for all the smiles you gave me!

*From, Ms. Schubele*



**Dear Chase Walden,**

The halls of WHHS won't be the same for me, without you here. I will miss our morning rides...10 years of memories! Love you, son!

*From, Mommy (Mrs. Walden-Pena)*

**Dear Class of 2021,**

I wish you all luck and happiness and success as you embark on this new chapter in your lives!

*From, Ms. Ross*

**Dear Liberty McKinney,**

Wishing you LOTS of strikes bowling for Webber! Good luck, your yearbook family will miss you!

*From, Mrs. Jaime*

**Dear Makhi Smothers,**

Best wishes in wherever your life's journey takes you! Your yearbook family will miss you!

*From, Mrs. Jaime*



**Dear Noah Baker,**

Good luck with whatever you decide to do in your future! Your yearbook family will miss you!

*From, Mrs. Jaime*

**Dear James Owens,**

Best wishes with all your plans for your future! Your yearbook family will miss you!

*From, Mrs. Jaime*

**Dear Isabel Jaime,**

Congratulations, we are SO proud of you! WHHS will not be the same for me without you here! I will miss you like crazy, but I know you are off to bigger and better things! Good luck at U.F!

*From, Cindi*



## Goodbye Messages Cont.

**Dear, Class of 2021,**

To my Senior babies...I have watched y'all grow and mature and I am excited to see how you'll impact the world! Be Great!!

*From, Mrs. Walden-Pena*

**Dear Reiter Williams,**

To my son whom I will miss greatly while you are away at college. I'll miss our lunches together and seeing you every day on campus, I love you!

*From, your mother, Gina Williams*



**Dear Mrs. Keep's Kids,**

I am proud of you for all of your hard work, determination, and perseverance this year! Be Smart, Be Brave, and Be Amazing!

*From, Mrs. Keep*

**Dear Savannah Hooks,**

Thank you so much for all of the help you've given me in theatre and for being a great friend!

*From, Cameron Weeks*

**Dear Deaven Sinnett,**

I'm so proud of you! I always knew you could do it!! Be blessed in life, and do your best. Love you!!

*From, Mrs. Kendrick*



**Dear Class of 2021,**

You have had an unusual senior year. Please know that we would have wanted your senior year to be normal. Your class will never be forgotten. I wish all of you a future filled with happiness and joy!

*From, your principal, Gina Williams*

**Dear Mrs. Carifi's Seniors,**

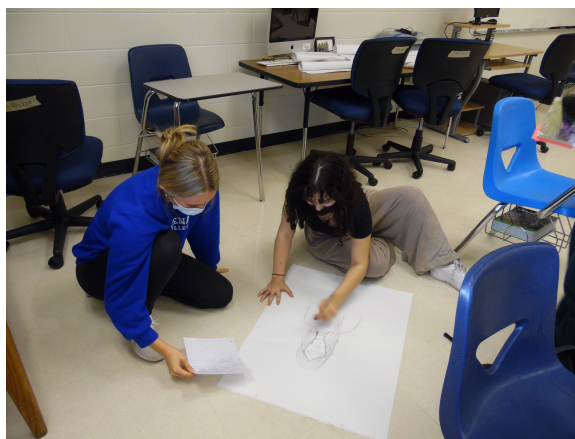
Congratulations! I know you all have worked so hard in my class; It will pay off in college. Have fun and make good choices!

*From, Mrs. Carifi*

**Dear Senior Class,**

Seniors, you have proven that you can do anything! I know you will use this strength of character and perseverance to be successful and positively impact those around you. We will miss you and wish you all the best!

*From, Mrs. Reineke*



**Dear 1st, 2nd, 6th, and 7th**

All seniors: I hope you have a wonderful summer, a great graduation, and a wonderful future. It has been an awesome year teaching you all.

*From, Mr. Brown*

**Dear 5th period,**

I've only had 3 of you this year, but it has been great. Thanks for bringing a unique and positive atmosphere to the class. Do well on your test and have a great summer!

*From, Mr. Brown*

**Dear Senior Class,**

Congratulations to the class of 2021! We are so proud of you all and can't wait to see what your future holds!

*From, Ms. Jordan*

**Dear Vivian Cai,**

Vivian, I'm going to miss you so much when you leave for college. I'll hear your voice upon the heavens when you do. Still, congrats! You're the best senior ever!

*From, Ty Nguyen*

**Dear Vivian Cai,**

Hi Vivian! Congrats on graduating from this place. LOL. Whoopee! I'm going to miss you when you move to Tampa. Love ya.

*From, Elizabeth Nguyen*



**Dear Vivian Cai,**

To the coolest person ever. I'm gonna miss you so much when you leave. Don't forget about your most favorite annoying person. Love you very much! Haha.

*From, Mandy Nguyen*

**Dear Vivian Cai,**

Dear Vivian Vi-Tam Cai, congratulations on graduating, You're my favorite senior in the whole entire world. No one will ever compare and live up to you.

*From, John Paul Nguyen*





## Goodbye Messages Cont.

**Dear Romeo Allee,**

You did it!! I knew you could. Be great, bless, and do you!! Love you!!

*From, Mrs. Kendrick*

**Dear Cas Hendron,**

I'm so incredibly proud of you! You're going to do amazing things in college and I'm going to miss you so much. I love you! Do great things!

*From, Kylie Dowdy*

**Dear D'Andre Clarke,**

CONGRATULATIONS DRE! I wish you the best life has to offer and can't wait to hear of your continued success. BIG HUGS!

*From, Mrs. Fleming*



**Dear Asier Arambarri,**

It's been a pleasure to have you on A-Team all these years! Wishing you the best out in the real world :)

*From, Mrs. Thomson-Marin*

**Dear Nicholas Lopez,**

Way to go making it on the All County Academic Team last year! It's been a pleasure to have you on A Team. Go forth and enjoy exploring the rest of the world :)

*From, Mrs. Thomson-Marin*

**Dear Ethan Thomas,**

From Spanish 3 to A Team, it's been a pleasure working with you. Best wishes for your life beyond WHHS :)

*From, Mrs. Thomson-Marin*

**Dear Senior Class of 2021,**

Congratulations! You made it through a difficult year. You can do anything. Best of luck.

*From, Ms. Barnett*

**Dear Schubele's A Level Literature Class,**

Thank you for taking the "road less traveled" and sticking with me for two years! Don't be a "Rachel" and remember to keep reading.

*From, The Schube*



**Dear Hannah Penka,**

Happy Graduation to our Hannah Banana! Your smile will light your path forward :)

*From Mrs. Thomson-Marin*

**Meine liebe Deutsch Schüler, Sebastian Merrihew, Bryson Govey, Max Sachs, Garrett Dibling, Mark Jarrett, Griffin George, Loc Dinh**

Wie schön dass du geboren bist, ich hätte dich sonst sehr vermisst! Glückwünsche zum Schulabschluss (Happy Graduation)! Tschüs und macht's gut :) Es war toll.

*Frau Mrs. Thomson-Marin*

**Dear Class of 2021,**

Go out into the world and make yourself proud! Happy Graduation!

*From Señora Thomson-Marin*



**Dear Claudia Kleine,**

Felicidades! Happy Graduation! It's been an honor to have you on A Team. You brought out the best in your teammates. Best wishes in all that comes next :)

*From Mrs. Thomson-Marin*

**Dear Molly Koos,**

It's been a pleasure watching you grow as a person and A Team player. We wish you the best in your future endeavors. Feliz Graduación :)

*From Mrs. Thomson-Marin*

**Dear Loc Dinh,**

From German 1 to German 2 to A Team all four years :) It's been awesome seeing you grow up. Happy Graduation! Wishing you the best for life after WHHS :) Glückwünsche! Tschüs und macht's gut!

*From Mrs. Thomson-Marin*



**Dear Our Seniors,**

We've enjoyed the four years with you. We are proud of you. You will be missed.

*From, The Erbs*

**Dear, Rebekah Corkins,**

Thank you for being my big sister and always being there for me in your own way. I know you'll do amazing next year whether you go to SEU or Cosmetology school. I love you Becks and good luck!

*From, Grace Corkins*

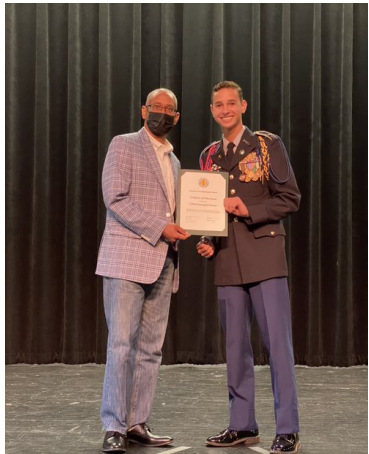


# What’s New with the Blue Devil Battalion?

by JROTC Cadet Janessa Thomas; JROTC PAO

## Awards Night

Held at the conclusion of every school year the JROTC programs hosts in annual awards ceremony where our Army Instructor (AI) and our Senior Army Instructor (SAI) recognize exemplary cadets and those who devote their time and energy into the program. Awards recognized range from those that include academic excellence, superior cadet, raider team, drill team, color guard, and an array of other awards that appreciate all our cadet's challenging work and determination in not only bettering themselves but also improving the program. This year due to Covid-19 our normal ceremony was not able to be held at the end of the last school year. This year the blue devil battalion was grateful for having Miss Phoebus, SSG Nieves, SGM (R) Rudy Carter, LTC Kevin Reeves, SFC Ronald O’bryon, and SSG Triana for presenting awards on behalf of the organizations in which could not be in attendance due to Covid-19 restrictions and guidelines.



Cadet Remington Parker receiving the Vietnam Veterans of America Certificate and Medal.



Ryan Whitt receiving the Marine Corps Association (MCA) Plaque.

## Food Drive

The Blue Devil Battalion is always striving to play a role in the community and are eager to land a helping hand when presented with the opportunity. Most recently our cadets help participate in a food drive in which they assisted in the distribution of donated goods to those in need and seeking aid.



Edwin Lugo and Alyssa Slipcevic helping load a car full of goods.



3 Cadets enthusiastically participating in the food disruption after school.

## Pencil Work- Word Puzzles

For this pencil work, one must decipher the hidden messages in the word puzzles. For example, if the puzzle were "JET" then the message would be "Jumbo Jet."  
Answers are on page 12.

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## Creative Corner

### Paranormal Busting: Home of the Blue Devil

by Xithlalic Vasquez

(continued from issue 3)

Slowly, everyone turned to look at Vidal. Luci and Abyd stepped back, hearts racing.

“This is your obituary page,” Tansa calmly said.

Vidal felt her body go numb as it shook. “That can’t be, I’m alive!”

Tansa turned the yearbook towards the others. There was no mistaking it, she was the girl on the obituary page. Her name and even birth month and day were exactly the same. Even the slight scar on the tip of her nose was present, though hard to notice at first.

“I guess you guys found out too early,” Tansa calmly shut the book. “I kind of hoped you would go a few years without realizing,” Tansa said as he slid the book back in its spot.

“What are you talking about?!”

Luci, the usually composed girl, shook clutching her hand to her chest and breathing erratically.

“This has to be some weird sort of reincarnation or something!” Abyd tried to reason. “Hey, hey, you’re fine.” He tried to comfort Vidal who had fallen to her knees despite his trembling voice.

“I can’t be dead!” Tears poured down her face as she trembled. “I’m not! I’m not! I-I have an apartment!”

Tansa sighed. Last time, it had been Abyd who found out. Perhaps he should invest in photoshopping and get rid of the evidence. It had been over a hundred years and one way or another, a club member would always find out the truth, typically through the documentations.

“I wouldn’t say you’re dead,” Tansa said as he walked to another shelf and slid out another yearbook. “You’re not alive though. Forty years ago, when you first gave me your soul to remain on earth, I told you that you wouldn’t be dead per se, but you’re not alive either.”

Luci stumbled back, crashing into a box on the ground.

“You weren’t joking about the soul to become a member,” Luci gasped.

Tansa smiled, “Of course not.” He flipped through the yearbook of 1960. “Though the pizza was, well...” He let out a bitter laugh.

“I can’t be dead! My mother is alive and well!” Abyd shouted.

Tansa cleared his voice, “You mean this voice?” He questioned in an eerily well-done impression of a middle-aged woman. “It’s not hard to provide automated responses when you have said the same things for sixty years. Mirages are also a specialty of mine.”

Tansa, without lifting his eyes from the yearbook, easily avoided a punch from Abyd, even after sixty years, the taller always attacked with the same punch. Abyd turned to swing once more, but Tansa tossed the yearbook in hand before going to another shelf and pulling out the yearbook of 1940.

“Who are you? This can’t be the afterlife,” Luci whispered.

“Ah, for eighty years you’ve always asked that. And whenever I answer, you scream like crazy before I erase your memories,” Tansa said as he turned the yearbook around. “So I won’t tell you this time, but you’ll figure it out anyway.”

Vidal wept uncontrollably. Abyd came crashing down with his face staring up at him in the yearbook. Luci stared at her picture and silently cried as she looked into Tansa’s eyes. Then, as though she had been burned, Luci’s eyes widened.

“You’re Sa-”

Her body fell limp and her eyes closed, as did Vidal and Abyd did the same. Tansa sighed as he lowered his hand that had snapped them all into a sleep-like state. He walked over to Vidal and rested her head on his thigh as he held his hands over her head.

“Let’s see, let’s make you a member already since *he* gets to be the newcomer. You’re moving up the ranks to vice president. I’ll give you a schedule too but make you write composite notes, it takes too long to grade your stuff.” Tansa paused, a small smile coming to his lips, “Let me give you your original interests and favorite memories back since you won’t need a reason to come looking for our club again.”

Tansa smiled sadly as he removed his hands from above her head. He hated pizza but seeing Vidal enjoy her favorite food from before he altered her memories brought back her old smile. That smile made him forget everything which was heaven from his hell.

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“Woah, I didn’t know there was room here,” The pizza delivery boy said as Tansa was getting the exact change.

“I keep telling Tansa to fix our door, but he never does,” Vidal said with a slice of pizza already half-eaten in her hand.

“Say, what club is this?” The boy asked. “I’m still new to the school and this area.”

“We’re the paranormal club. Would you like to join? We’re kind of an exclusive club,” Tansa said.

The pizza boy smiled, “Sure, I’m Ed Liv. Is there a fee?”

Tansa smiled, “Oh, just your soul.”

“And pizza, but you have that covered!” Vidal shouted from next to Abyd.

The other two members rolled their eyes at the overused joke they felt like they had heard it a hundred times.

“Sounds fun. I won’t be able to make it to this meeting since I still have work, but I can come next time,” Ed said.

“We’re supposed to go to an abandoned and haunted pizza place three streets away,” Vidal said. She smiled as she reached for another slice, “Imagine, ghost pizza.”

Luci rolled her eyes and turned to Ed, “We’ll bring all the equipment so just bring yourself.”

Ed nodded, “Cool, I’ll be there.”

Tansa smiled with his eyes on Vidal who chewed happily, “I know you will!”







Winning backhands come easy for Junior Harli Fountain.

## Girls' Tennis Serves Aces

by Xithlalic Vasquez

The girls' tennis team placed 2nd in East Polk County in early April. Sophomore Caroline Jarrett advanced to the East/West finals.

The girls built a record of 7-4 this season under Coach Drew Ireland. The team consisted of five varsity members: Senior Megan VanRyswyk, Juniors Harli Fountain, Hannah Jackson, and Lauren Thompson, and Sophomore Caroline Jarrett.

They practiced two to three times a week, typically between Monday and Thursday.

To prepare, "Our coach will feed us balls and we rally back and forth together before games," said Caroline Jarrett.

The girls have faced difficulties because of covid with some members quarantined and missing matches.

"It's easy to maintain distancing in tennis, and there isn't any physical contact," stated Coach Ireland. "The biggest change for us is taking the time to get temperatures every day."

Despite having to miss some of the matches, the girls have enjoyed their season while striving to be the best they can be.

"I really enjoy being up at the net and volleying," said Caroline Jarrett.

Of the five varsity members, Megan VanRyswyk is the only senior and after the season, she plans to "study for my exams

then go to UF."

The other girls plan to keep practicing for next year.

Coach Ireland watched the team "grow as friends, support each other, improve our game, and have fun!"

"Our team is awesome. They play hard and give their 100% every day," said Coach Ireland.

## Boys' Baseball Battles Back

by Loc Dinh

After being quarantined and facing multiple challenges in the season, the Boys' Baseball team conquered districts beating Haines City.

"We are trying to battle COVID issues, and after coming back from quarantine everyone needs to get back in the rhythm of things," said Senior Myles Willard.

Senior Mark Jarrett stated his own concerns with the team being consistent enough due to COVID and quarantine.

The team's record by mid-April was an even 10-10 when they hoped to make a run in the playoffs.

"We have a good group of guys who love coming to the field every day, and it's been lots of fun this season to work with them," said Jarrett. "We have had a bunch of ups and downs but we want to win districts and move on in playoffs."

## Girls' Track Runs the Field

by Bella Blind

Although the girls' track team has an average of about ten to twelve girls who participate in meets against teams twice that size, the team has made a big impression this season.



Speed is of the essence for Freshman Jordyn Frazier at this George Jenkins meet.

The team has had to dodge many obstacles including limitations of the number of teams participating in meets, losing teammates, and having enough girls able to run in an event.

This year Coach Brian Donohue, more commonly known as Coach B, became the head coach. He was the only coach for the majority of the season until Coach Glen Evelyn joined the team.

The biggest obstacle for Coach B this season has been learning how to coach independently.

However, Coach B eagerly stated, "It's been a really good season and the future looks really good. We have a really young team and for this being my first time as a head coach, this is the best team to have."

This is Coach B's third year coaching track in Florida, and his first year as a head coach. Previously, he had coached for four years in Michigan.

"What I like more in Florida, compared to Michigan, is the intra-school comradery," stated Coach B.

"All competitors are one family even though we all wear different colors. We support each other. That doesn't exist in Michigan." Coach B chuckled when he joked, "Up North, the last thing you want to do is

talk to the other team. It's like talking to the enemy."

One star member of the team is Senior Joy Perry. Perry participated in the javelin, discus, and shot put. She has placed at least eight times in her events. According to Perry, she has placed first about five times this season. Her favorite event to participate in is javelin.

Perry won the district competition for both shot put and discus. For the region, she placed fourth in shot put and second in discus.

Perry encourages females of all shapes and sizes to join the track team. "Bigger girls shouldn't be scared to do track."

One new addition to the team is Freshman Dreana Simpson. Simpson has been running track ever since she was four years old. Throughout her years of running, she has participated in all types of events; however, her favorite events to run are the 800 meters, 400 meters, and relays.

According to Simpson, she has placed second twice in 300 hurdles, first in the 4 by 4 relay, fifth in the 800 meters, and eighth in the 1600 meters (one mile) this year.

This year, seven girls qualified for regionals.



Strong pitching led to a district championship for the Blue Devils.



Senior Joy Perry prepares to propel her javelin forward.



## Lady Blue Devils Pound Sand

by Luci Lippelgoos

Training multiple times a week in the sand, the new girls beach volleyball team has been improving and developing over the past few months. The majority of this new team have never stepped foot on a sand court, yet they have been successful due to the guidance and training from coach Gretchen Hand, who also coaches college volleyball at Webber International University.

This season has been very successful for our Lady Blue Devils as they have faced schools such as Montverde, Lakeland, and Foundations High School.

“I am very proud of our Blue Devils. In our first season we’ve had wins and are learning from losses,” said Coach Hand, “We are a very young and new team. I am confident that we are laying down a strong foundation for a bright future.”

In Beach volleyball teams consist of two players, each seeded according to the level of play. The number one seeded team of Sophomore Tori Martin and Junior Jess Vazquez have gone 4-2 this season.

“My favorite part of the sport would probably be everything from serving to the energy that is created between my partner and I,” said Martin.

The fourth seeded team consists of two new players who had never played beach volleyball until this year. Freshman Lani Kemp and senior Emily Johnson have been working together this season and developing as a team.

“My favorite part of the season has been just learning more about beach volleyball. Since this is the first year I have ever played, I am so excited I was given the opportunity to play on the team,” said Kemp.

These new players have learned everything this year from simple defense to a faster and more aggressive offense.

“I have improved by learning how to cover the entire court with only you and your partner,” said Kemp, “by splitting the court and communicating to help each other with where the ball is going.”

## Boys’ Tennis Powers Through the Competition

by Loc Dinh

Even with obstacles such as quarantine, the boys’ tennis team continued to earn wins. The team consisted of Seniors Asier Arambarri, Jack Barbaret, and Nicholas Lopez; Freshman Colin Lopez, Sophomore Dashill Warren, and Junior Gunnar Gardner. They were just inches away from being county champs this season, placing second in the Polk County East Championship.

“The best part of our team is our brotherhood and how we all play well together. It’s always fun,” said Arambarri.

Even as COVID-19 halted the matches of some players, the team stuck together well and worked hard while creating a strong bond.

“My greatest obstacle has been COVID,” said Arambarri. “I have been quarantined twice during the season, and I have missed one-third of my matches.”

Brothers Colin and Nicholas Lopez won the Polk County East Doubles Championship the day before the team placed second in the county.

“We aspired to become champions of our side of Polk County, and we accomplished this goal,” said Nicholas.

With the team captains, Nicholas Lopez and Asier Arambarri alongside Senior Jack Barbaret graduating, Coach Pat Miller wants to finish the season strong.

“I hope to prepare the team to pass the torch from the seniors to younger players,” said Coach Miller. “Making it far in the district and regional tournaments is also a goal.”

## JV Softball Team Plays Hard

by Grace Corkins

The girls’ Junior Varsity softball season ended the week before Spring Break. This year their biggest competition was Lake Region High School, according to Sophomores Alyssa Slipcevic and Haley Tanksley. Slipcevic played catcher, first base, and outfield. Tanksley played shortstop.

Slipcevic stated, “My favorite part of being on the team is that I get to meet people from different parts of the school.” Her goal this season was to make new friends and have fun.

Tanksley’s favorite part of playing was “getting to be competitive, meeting new people, making new friends, and having fun.”

Slipcevic added, “Sports aren’t ever just about winning; it’s also about getting to make connections, giving it your all, and having fun.”

Slipcevic mentioned how this season was affected by Covid-19.

“After one of our coaches got Covid, we got our first three games canceled and practice stopped for about two weeks.”

## Softball Team Hits a Home Run

by Ty Nguyen

The Blue Devils’ Softball team began their season in mid-January and since then, have won many games. On March 30, they won against Hardee in a 10-0 blowout.

“The season has been doing pretty good. We’re a young team, and we’re starting to play together in some of our last games. We’re doing much better as the season moves on,” said Coach Steve Ricks.

Coach Ricks’ goals for the girls involve them staying out of trouble, making good grades and moving on in life, such as those planning to attend college. He also hopes that he would be able to help the girls with their personal goals as well.

“I feel like my team is a very talented team, and my coaches are great at what they do,” stated sophomore Mariah Dawkins.

The biggest obstacle for the team was covid.

Covid has affected their recruitment, especially for those who are new to the school. Also, in the beginning of the season, a coach tested positive for the virus. As a result, the team had to quarantine for nearly two weeks, missing out on four games.



Sophomore Tori Martin kicks up the sand for her jump serve.



## Answers to Pencil Work: Word Puzzles (pg9)

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| 1. Think outside the box       | 4. Scrambled eggs        | 7. One in a million  | 10. Man overboard | 13. Heads over heels           | 16. The ball is in your court |
| 2. Blood is thicker than water | 5. The last Straw        | 8. Quit following me | 11. Microscope    | 14. A big fish in a small pond | 17. Underpants                |
| 3. Multiple choice             | 6. Six feet below ground | 9. Jack in the box   | 12. A Big idea    | 15. Little sister              | 18. Bigfoot                   |