

BULLDOG SPIRIT



Have a blessed Christmas

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Needy Children Helped

By Joseph Murphy



(Left to right) Noah Decker, Amber Tran and River Ferrari hold Christmas gifts for foster children.

Students in Ms. Theresa Lute’s 7th , 9th, and 11th grade religion classes are providing Christmas gifts to underprivileged children through a faith-based organization known as CALL or “Children of Arkansas Loved for a Lifetime.” which trains foster parents of children who’ve been victims of abuse or neglect in Faulkner County. Its mission is to “ educate , equip and encourage the Christian community to provide a future and a hope for children in foster care in Arkansas.”

St. Joseph students are buying gifts with money collected from a recently held free-dress day fundraiser and an annual grant the school receives from the Robert and Mary Margaret Taylor Foundation that supports evangelization efforts.

Our school’s involvement in this project began 19 years ago under the guidance of the late Stephanie Shachmut who taught religion here for many years. The local children receiving these gifts are referred to as “Stephanie’s Angels.”

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School Displays True Meaning of Christmas



St. Joseph School was represented in the Conway Christmas Parade on December 10 with a nativity scene float. It was sponsored by the St. Joseph Alumni Association. (SJAA)

This was the second time SJAA has sponsored a float, and it intends to carry on the tradition. “Our goal as a school, and as Catholics (more on pg. 3)

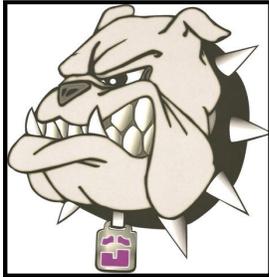
David Beck as Joseph and Breanna Woodson as the Holy Mother, Mary.

Cyber Café Welcomes St. Nicholas



Old St. Nick paid a visit to our Cyber Café on December 6 before he began his world-wide journey on Christmas Eve. Free Christmas cookies were offered and hot cocoa was on sale. This group of students took time between bites to pose with our renown visitor.

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Olivia Pruett, Abby McKenna and Kaitlyn Shockley are happy to wrap presents for the underprivileged.



These students show more of the Christmas gifts going to foster children in Faulkner County with the help of CALL. Also seen here are Mr. Jeff Shachmut, whose late wife, Stephanie, started the project nearly 20 years ago, and Ms. Els Strickland, a CALL volunteer who picked up the presents for delivery.

Club Rings In The Season Of Giving



Interact Club members Piper Mullaney and Alexis Roach.

The Salvation Army's red kettles have been around for more than 125 years. Between Thanksgiving and Christmas they raise millions for programs that provide food, shelter, rehabilitation, disaster relief and more for people and families in crisis.

St. Joseph students have been volunteering as bell ringers for a long time, and this year several Interact Club members braved cold temperatures outside the Kroger store on Salem Road to raise money for the Salvation Army's worthy causes.

Emily Daniel and Aaryanna Janowiecki also did their part to help.





Emily Flake, Abigail Covington, Holly Detten and Madison Beck (not pictured) are a Choir of Holy Angels. Jordan Hoelzeman is the young girl along for the ride



Nick Davanzo and Riley Hoyt as shepherds.



Rachel Prall as the Angel Gabriel



Gabby Hathaway as another Holy Angel.



Brad Vandivere, Nick Royal and Hunter Trussell as the Three kings.

Christmas Parade (from pg. 1) and Christians, should be to remind the people of Conway to always keep Christ in Christmas,” a spokesperson wrote.

A new tradition with this year’s float was to choose a senior girl to portray the Holy Mother, Mary. Breanna Woodson was chosen based on her willingness to serve, her humble and quiet nature, and her reverence for the Holy Family. Going forward, the Alumni Association will assess the students of the Senior Class and vote for the young lady who best embodies the qualities of Mary. She will then be asked to portray her for the SJAA float.



The Alumni Association nativity scene float



Members of Our Bulldog Band and Santa Claus

Chemical Reactions Created by Will Zinno and Emily Hambuchen



Audrey Ferrari demonstrates her chemical reaction



Rachel Prall and Joanie Elsinger duplicate the experiment



Lauren Holbrook creates a polymer.



Caroline Hambuchen gets a little carried away with the food coloring.

Honors students in Mr. Belote's chemistry classes were recently given an assignment in which they designed and demonstrated chemical reactions. "They had to explain exactly what was happening and what was being made," Mr. Belote said.

Audrey Ferrari decided to create a volcanic-like eruption using a lemon, baking soda and dish soap. This was not like some of the experiments younger students do combining diet soda and Mentos mints. "The Mentos thing is not a chemical reaction," Mr. Belote said. "It's a physical reaction where you dissolve carbon Dioxide, and it all escapes at once. It's spectacular but not a chemical reaction."

Audrey and those students who were duplicating her experiment combined baking soda and the citric acid from the lemon. That released carbon dioxide out of a compound. It was combined chemically in the baking soda and a CO₃ converted over the reaction to release CO₂ as a new compound. The dish soap held the carbon dioxide in and made bubbles out of it. Without the soap, the gas would just escape and would never be seen.

Lauren Holbrook came up with another demonstration. It showed how a small unit of molecules can be linked together to form a polymer or synthetic plastic. Her experiment displayed Polymerization, which is how plastics for all sorts of things are created. Lauren mixed borax and Elmer's glue. Water was added, along with food dye to give the polymer color. After all the elements were mixed, the polymer was molded into the shape of a ball.





Faculty Funnies

By Gabby Hathaway



Cool Karz

By Wyatt Davis



Aiden Lambe's 2004 Toyota Four-runner



TOYOTA

Bulldog Spirit: How many girls can she fit?

Aiden: Nine

Bulldog Spirit: What's the fastest you've ever had her?

Aiden: Had her doing 90 last week .

Bulldog Spirit: Any Extras?

Aiden: Just recently did a V10 swap in it. Mileage dropped by 60 percent. Now she's no longer my grandma's Grocery getter.

Stats
Year/Make/Model: 2004 Toyota Four-runner Sport
Engine: 4.0L V6
Drivetrain: 4WD
HP/Torque: 245 hp/ 282 ft-lbs
0 to 60: 8 Seconds
0 to 100: N/A





High School Profiles

By Caleb Strack and Joseph Murphy



Daniel Lee Kordsmeier

Daniel~

1. Mashed Potatoes
2. Cowboy boots
3. Went to my couch
4. Earth Day

Amber~

1. Cream style corn
2. A car
3. Branson, Missouri
4. Christmas



Amber Brigler

David~

1. Not HAM. It's turkey.
2. A new baseball glove
3. Went to grandparents' house
4. Christmas

1. What's your favorite Thanksgiving food?
2. What's the favorite gift you've ever received?
3. Did you go anywhere for Thanksgiving?
4. What'd your favorite holiday?



Staton Holbrook

Staton Holbrook~

1. Salad
2. Clothes
3. Went to Grandparents' house
4. Christmas



David Beck



High School Profiles

By Joseph Murphy and Caleb Strack



Kyle Hartman

Kyle Hartman~

- 1. Turkey
- 2. My dog
- 3. No
- 4. Christmas



Nicholas Brorman

Natalie Ross~

- 1. Ham
- 2. One Direction concert tickets
- 3. No
- 4. Christmas



Natalie Ross

Ryan~

- 1. Pumpkin pie
- 2. A gun
- 3. Grandma's house
- 4. Christmas

Nicholas~

- 1. My mom's homemade green beans
- 2. My phone
- 3. Went to the Welter's house
- 4. Christmas



Ryan Davis

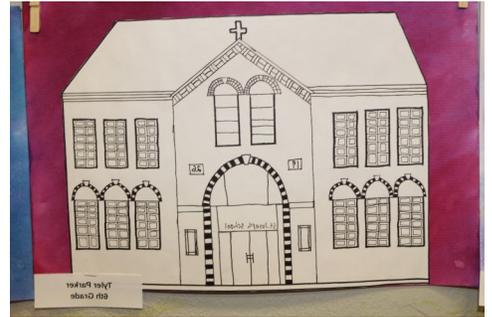
Alumni Walk Down Memory Lane Gretchen Carden



2005 graduate Daniel Hiegel slides a stairwell railing as he did years before.



A front view of Spiritan Hall facing Harkrider Street.



Drawn by Tyler Parker

Spiritan Hall, the two-story brick building that housed a wide range of St. Joseph School children for nearly three-quarters of a century, will be coming down in the near future to make way for a new multi-purpose facility. A memory walk through Spiritan Hall was held November 27th so former students could rekindle memories before demolition work begins.

The structure got its name from the Spiritan order of Catholic missionary priests, also known as the Holy Ghost Fathers, who founded St. Joseph Church and School in 1879. They remained here until 2010 when Diocesan priests took over.

Spiritan Hall was built in 1926 on the spot where a wooden parish building had stood before it burned down. Up until that time, the school only went to the eighth grade. Another grade was added each year after the new building opened. By 1930 the school went to the 12th grade. A separate high school was dedicated across the street in 1951, but Spiritan Hall continued to serve younger



The back side of Spiritan

students for another 50 years. It ceased holding classes there after the 2001-2002 school year but was used for meeting space and dramatic productions until very recently.

Because of the building's long history, art teacher Shannon Chamoun asked her 6th grade students to draw Spiritan Hall as an architecture project. A sample is seen upper right.



Alex Kordsmeier, Class of 2009, leads the way to the old 2nd floor classrooms.



The walls behind the stage in Spiritan Hall are scrawled with names and quotes left by seniors over the years who appeared in the annual Senior Plays performed there.

There are probably as many memories of Spiritan Hall as there are bricks used to build it. Several were solicited for an upcoming article in 501 Magazine. Here are some of them:

“There was a juke box in the hall, so if anyone had money to put in it we had music at lunch. We also had church socials in the hall, and the teenagers and adults would dance to the music from the juke box.”—Ms. Hilda (Bruich) Nahlen. Class of 1943

“Classmates were assigned to clean blackboards, dust erasers, and sweep classroom floors each day.”—Ann (Nahlen) Gunderman, Class of 1947

“The ‘Hall’ of the school was our school family activities center. It had a stage on one end and a basketball hoop on the other. Several functions were held there including school plays, graduation exercises, 4-H meetings, p.e. exercises, prom dance, and various other events.”—Richard Halter, Class of 1948