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Seniors Swap Cars for Bikes

By: Caleb Schaefer



St. Joseph School's Class of 2018 continued a decade-long tradition April 30 by riding bicycles to school. The seniors arrived on campus at 7: 15 a.m. and rode around downtown Conway and the high school campus before classes started.

Service Hours Rewarded



The St. Joseph High School Interact Club, which is affiliated with the Conway Rotary Club, celebrated the 2,579 hours of service to church, school, and community its members volunteered during this school year by having a picnic at Lake Beaverfork on May 1st.

The Rotary Club hosted the picnic and Centennial Bank cooked for the students. They fished and played a variety of outdoor games. Each member received a certificate commemorating the hours they contributed. The top three volunteers were also given special gifts. (More on page 5)

Graduation Day!



More on page 9

Top Seniors Honored



Parker Trussell and Audrey Ferrari received Father Dellert Awards at the Junior/Senior Banquet on May 16. It's the highest honor a senior boy or girl can receive. It goes to the student who best exemplifies such (continued on page 9)

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Multi-Media Class Tours Radio Station

By Emily Hambuchen



(left to right) Radio KLAL-FM personality "Poolboy," Father Tony, Bridget Porcaro, Radio Co-Host Heather Brown, Lillie Tuttle, Stephanie Jeans, Michael Frost, Emily Hambuchen, Clayton Heathscott, Mr. Andy Jones, Luke Williams, and Principal Diane Wolfe.

Purity Rings Distributed

By Caleb Schaefer



Savannah Mooney, Jacob Bailey, and Shannon Trantina display their rings.



A close-up of the boys' ring



A similar view of the girls' ring

Continuing with a school tradition established more than a decade ago, ninth grade students at St. Joseph High school received purity rings on April 19 which they personally designed. The rings were by Brooks Fine Jewelry of Conway and were blessed that morning by Father Tony Robbins.

The rings are worn to demonstrate the students' commitment to abstain from sexual activity until marriage which stems from their teachings

Mr. Andy Jones' multimedia class went on a field trip April 24 to Little Rock radio station Alice 107.7. Morning drive host, Adam "Poolboy" Dunaway gave the class a tour of the studio since he and Father Tony went to high school together at Catholic High and have remained good friends over the years.

After the class completed their tour, it went on-the-air during the "Heather and Poolboy" show with Dunaway and Heather Brown. The students were able to watch as the co-hosts talked which included letting Michael Frost play their Catch Phrase game with them. They also did a Facebook Live segment with a male guest of theirs and Facebook viewers were able to see the class as he was being interviewed.

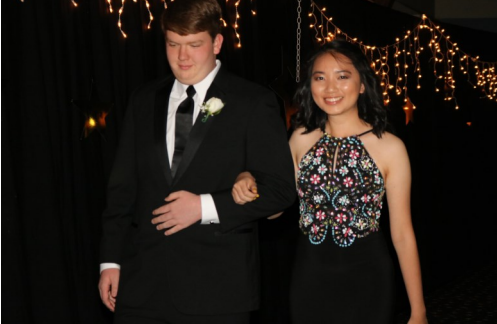
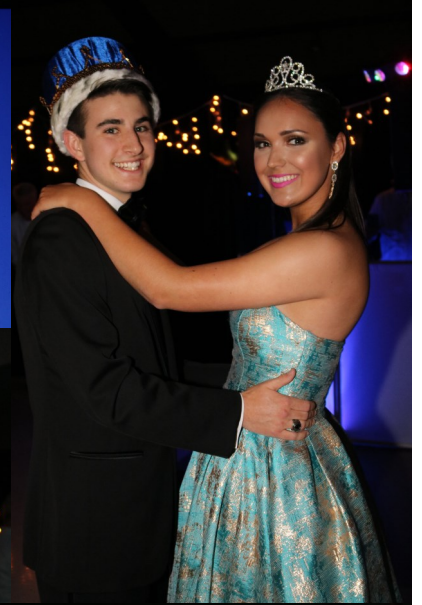
Mr. Jones said his class took this field trip so that "it could look for a new opportunity for digital communications." He said the Doghouse Connect group is primarily a broadcast team, but the trip expanded their horizons and that they were able to see what radio has to offer.

in the school's religion classes. The word "wait" is engraved on the boys' rings. They wanted it to stand not only for abstinence, but for making the right decisions when faced with other life-altering situations. A biblical reference is inscribed on the girls' rings. Proverbs 31:10 makes reference to the truly capable woman. "Who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls."



Dancing Under The Stars

By: Alli Felts & Audrey Ferrari



Art Promotes International Understanding by Lauren Holbrook



Emily Daniels, Bailee Atkinson, and Kyle Hartman display their Mexican-American artwork.



Mattie Elsinger hangs her artwork in the high school hallway.



The St. Joseph Interact Club and Ms. Christen Reyes' Spanish classes recently collaborated on a project to promote international understanding. The Conway Rotary Club, which sponsors Interact, requires Interact to conduct such a project each year. This was the first time the club approached Ms. Reyes about it. She then devised her own idea for the collaboration.

"The students worked to create a 'mural' representing themes in Mexican-American art and literature," Ms. Reyes said. "In class, they learned about the different ideas regarding Mexican-American and Chicano identity and Mexican-American history." Through viewing different murals painted throughout the United States, as well as the history of how these murals began, they focused on various cultural themes specific to this art form. Some of these themes included love of family, promoting faith, balancing two cultures, pride in indigenous heritage, support for their community, and appreciation of laborers. The students then read the poem "Children of Fieldworkers" by Cynthia Ozuna that shared these themes in literary form. After reading the poem, the class broke into groups to illustrate stanzas of the poem while also tying in other ideas fundamental to Chicano Muralism. Once the students finished creating their posters, they were put together to create their own 'mini-mural'.

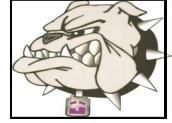
Fun in the Sun by Elizabeth Whitley (continued from page 1)





High School Profiles

Erika Gonzalez and Shelby Shearer



Dane Schreckenhofer

Dane~

1. I'm going to hangout with friends and stay in Conway most of the time.
2. Monsoon Country Girl
3. Prom because it was fun.
4. Mrs. Yrle.



Mason Elsinger

Amy~

1. Going to the beach.
2. Justin Bieber.
3. Homecoming.
4. Mr. Nielsen.



Amy Lambe

Bailee~

1. Go to the beach and spend time with my family
2. Cole Sprouse
3. Going to State for volleyball
4. Mrs. Yrle.



Bailee Atkinson

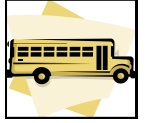
Mason~

1. To go fishing more and make more money
2. Rihanna.
3. Experiencing my junior year and getting ready for my senior year.
4. Mrs. Yrle.



High School Profiles

By Shelby Shearer and Erika Gonzalez



Ryan Davis

Ryan~

1. To make money
2. Blac Chyna
3. Timmy breaking Mr. Nielsen's window
4. Ms. Lutes

Caitlyn~

1. Working with the cows.
2. Cole Sprouse
3. FAC'S class
4. Coach Ross



Caitlyn Simon

Ian~

1. Hanging out with Clay.
2. No comment
3. No comment
4. Ms. Lutes



Clay Shearer

Clay~

1. Going to the beach and hanging out with Ian.
2. Kendall Jenner
3. Everyday in Ms. Lutes' class.
4. Ms. Lutes.



Ian Washum

Cutest Friends

By Emily Hambuchen



Triple Williams and Wyatt Davis

Q: How long have y'all been best buds?
Wyatt: Three year old preschool with Ms. Cathy.

Q: What is your favorite activity to do together?

Triple: Tinkering with our cars and four-wheelers and doing redneck stuff.

Wyatt: Doing anything we can together!!

Q: What is your favorite memory together?

Triple: We made a pizza head gasket once that was really cool.

Q: What are your similarities?

Triple: Well, we are both over six feet. Wyatt and me love tinkering with stuff, four-wheeler riding, and fixing things.

Q: What are your differences?

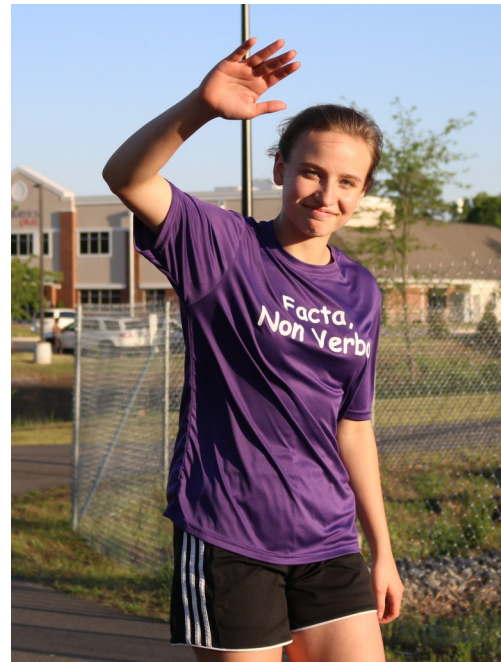
Wyatt: We don't have many differences besides he plays sports and I don't!



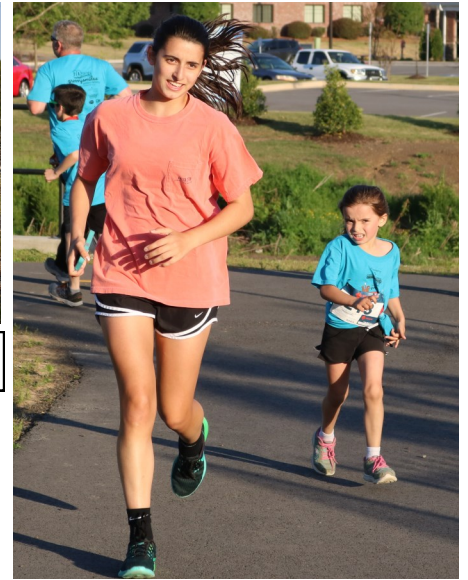
St. Joseph Remains Dominant in Kid Run by Gracie Keathley



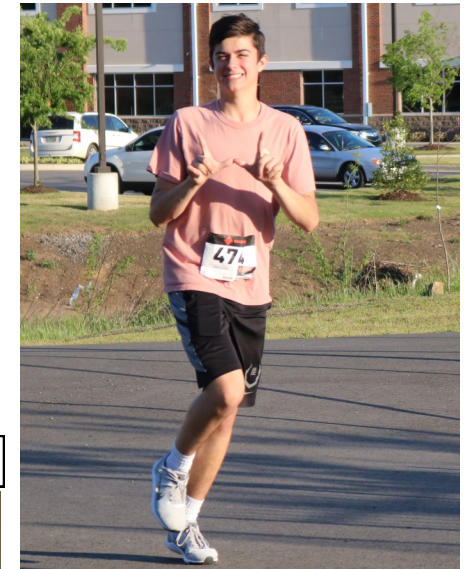
Chloe Skinner and Ashleigh Mallett



Kinley Thessing



Elizabeth and Alyssa Chandler



Cameron Martin



Ms. Vandivere receives facsimile check from Conway Regional staff and Sunny the Squirrel.

The 10th Annual Arkansas Kid Run was held April 27 near the Conway Regional Health and Fitness Center .

Once again, for the 9th consecutive year, St. Joseph won 1st Place in the competition by having the most participation with 350 runners. A cash prize of \$2,500 will go towards the purchase of athletic equipment.

St. Joseph's involvement in the run, which promotes physical activity and wellness for children, was organized by Physical Education teacher Karen Vandivere.



Overview: Overall, there were countless choices on the menu, and we decided we would eat there again!

Alli's Review:

I have always loved Indian food so it was only right that for our last review we decided to go eat at an Indian restaurant. There were a lot of menu choices, but I had no idea what any of them were so I decided to just help myself to the curry buffet. I got the Chicken Tika Masala and I must say I was very pleased. It had enough spice to give your mouth a burn, but it wasn't overpowering and it was filled with flavor. On the side, I had garlic naan and it was pretty good. It was a little bit more doughy than the other kinds I have had before. The atmosphere was dark and it wasn't very busy, but it was a great time spent with even greater company. The staff was also very friendly. I will definitely go there again. My overall rating for "A Tour of India" is 4/5 bones.



Audrey's Review:

For our last restaurant review we decided to take (what I considered) a risk, and I was pleasantly surprised! I was not sure what most of the menu choices were, so I took the buffet route. My favorite option was the Chicken Tika Masala. This was a chicken curry, and it had plenty of heat. However, it was just enough, so the other flavors were present and not burned out. The garlic naan (a type of flat bread) was delicious and amazing with the curry sauce. In addition, the staff was very helpful and friendly.

I give them 4/5 Bones.



Winner:

This has been a wonderful year of trying out new and old restaurants, but our forever favorite will be On The Border. This will be the restaurant of the \$25 gift card, and the winner is Michael Frost! He was the only one to fill out each form and did so pretty accurately!

Junior/Senior Banquet (con't) qualities as honesty and intelligence and who is also a person of faith who sees God and respects Him in themselves and in others. The award is named after a former pastor who served St. Joseph Church for 14 years during the late 1950s and early 60s.

Many academic awards and scholarships were also presented. The Senior Class had scholarship offers of \$1,768,458.00. They accepted \$800,958.00.

Ian Martin and Parker Trussell were both awarded the \$60,000 Schedler Honors College Scholarships at the University of Central Arkansas (UCA). Audrey Ferrari and Olivia Huett are each receiving UCA's Distinguished Scholarship and University Scholar grants totaling \$46,000. The US Army ROTC program is giving Michael Frost a \$46,000 scholarship at UCA. Julia Hambuchen is getting UCA's Excellence Scholarship for \$28,000 while Lauren Holbrook has been given UCA's Achievement Scholarship for \$24,000. Brent Yrle is receiving both the UCA Distinguished Scholarship and the Arkansas Governor's Distinguished Scholars Award. Together they're valued at \$74,000. There were many others too numerous to mention.

Fourteen of St. Joseph's 29 seniors were recognized as Honor Graduates. These are Anna Claire Bailey, Audrey Ferrari, Michael Frost, Caroline Hambuchen, Clayton Heathscott, Lauren Holbrook, Olivia Huett, Aiden Lambe, Ian Martin, Abby McKenna, Carsten O'Dwyer, Spencer Pope, Brianna Wells, and Brent Yrle.

Another eight seniors received Awards for Excellence from President Donald Trump based on their grade point averages and ACT scores; Anna Claire Bailey, Audrey Ferrari, Caroline Hambuchen, Julia Hambuchen, Olivia Huett, Ian Martin, Parker Trussell, and Brent Yrle.



Deacon Papini blesses the graduates.



Emily Hambuchen receives her diploma.

Leadership Torch Passed On Ring Day by Staton Holbrook



Girls Attend UCA Science Conference



(above) Eighth grade girls Ashleigh Mallett, River Ferrari, Olivia Pasierb, Megan Garrett, Sadie Lopez, Emily Berumen, and Sydney Pham at UCA’s STEM conference. (right) Girls hear keynote speaker Ms. Raye Montague.



Seven St. Joseph 8th grade girls attended the Girl Power in STEM Conference at UCA on April 26. They were escorted by Counselor Kristen Piraino.

The conference was an opportunity for them to gain hands-on experience and learn about careers related to science, technology, engineering, and math. They interacted with female professionals and current UCA students to develop a greater understanding of their own potential and power.

The girls were encouraged to pursue academic excellence in their high school and college years and were provided a “college day” experience. Girl Power in STEM aims to empower girls at a time in their life when they tend to lose interest in science. “Eighth grade is a pivotal age, when girls internalize negative stereotypes that discourage academic achievement and face increased peer expectations and social pressures,” a conference document stated.

Retired professional engineer Ms. Raye J. Montague, who worked in U.S. Navy ship design, was the group’s guest speaker.



River Ferrari visits with a pediatrician who lets her try out a stethoscope.



One of the sessions the girls attended involved bird watching and logging what they observed onto an e-birds website.

A Trip Back In Time



For the first time in recent memory, graduating seniors took a ceremonial walk through back to the Elementary and Middle School campuses on May 14. They were greeted by students and teachers with rounds of applause.

Cool Cars "Friends"™ Edition

By: Timmy Coney



This is the cutest group of "Friends"™ around and what makes them even more cute is their cool cars. So to begin this lets get started with talking about these cuties.



These group of "Friends"™ have been together for three years. They've seen the good times and the troubling times, but they have always managed to stick together. These are some great role models for our school, and we encourage all of you students to one day look up at this group of "Friends"™ and say "I want to be just like them."

We show you all how an actual true friendship is supposed to be, and if you ask me this is how it should be, because you cannot ever beat this type of friendship that is as great as this one.

So once again, everyone in St. Joseph High School, all of you students, please take your time and don't just flip to the next page. Read this and it will change your view of a true friendship once and for all. Thank you all for your time, and Go Dogs.

(Left to Right) You have **Logan Kennedy** with his 2012 Jeep Patriot 2-wheel drive (2wd) with a Cummins motor which he calls "Gary Winthorpe." **Zach Royal** with his 2007 2(wd) Chevrolet Suburban with a 6.2 vor-tec, he calls it the "Friends"™ Mobile Country Boy." **Staton Holbrook** with his 2001 4x4 Dodge Cummins, Staton calls it "Silver Flash." **Timmy Coney** with his 2010 Chevy Silverado 4x4 with 5.3 vor-tec with a complete 4-stage nitrous set up, he calls it "Silver Bullet." **John McKenna** with his 2000 GMC Sierra 2(wd) with a twin turbo set up, and he calls it "Zaytoven." **Ryan Davis** with his '95 Chevy Silverado 4x4 has a blower set up, this thing is one mean green nasty machine, and he calls it "Bessie." **Lukas Welter** with his 2004 Chevy Tahoe 5.3 big block. He calls it the "Pook Wagon." **Jacob Hofherr** with his '97 Ford F-150 4x4, and he calls it "OI' Blue." **Jack Briggler** with his 2007 Honda CR-V AWD, and he calls it "Cute Boy."

How many "Friends"™ can y'all fit in your cool cars? **Logan Kennedy** says he can fit all of them.

Zach Royal says he can fit 10 including the trunk.

Country Boy **Staton Holbrook** says he can fit five and about six in the bed.

Timmy Coney says he can fit 10 plus some more on the way.

John McKenna says he fit can six. **Ryan Davis** says he can fit four friends in his truck and even more in the bed with left over room for some more boys. **Lukas** says he can fit all of the friends in the "Pook Wagon." **Jacob** can fit five friends legally and 10 friends illegally. **Jack** says he can fit all the boys he wants in his car.

