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On Lockdown? BY/Adam Shaul

"I feel more uncomfortable with it. I almost feel trapped," comments Bethany Marnholtz 15' as she shares her opinion on the new security system here at WHS. You may have noticed the new office outside the north entrance of the school, but the new system also includes alarms on every door. In fact, the north entrance of the school is the only public entrance available from 7:35 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. To get into the building after school starts students must present their student I.D. to Mrs. Shull, and all visitors must present some form of photo I.D. to receive a visitor's

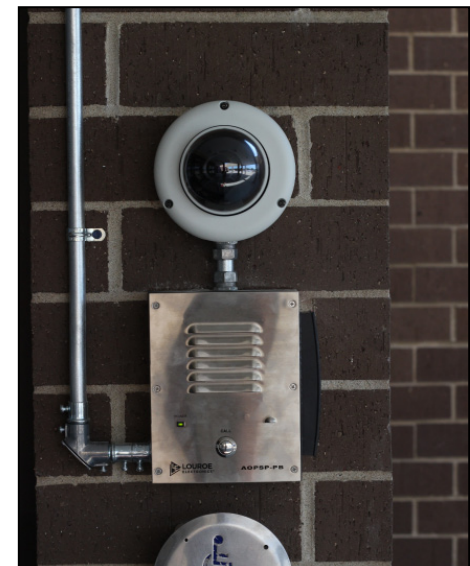
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badge. Students are discouraged from going out to their vehicles during the day and opening doors for fellow students. "We're trying to clean up the system," explains Mrs. Dillingham. "We don't want doors left propped open or students opening doors for anyone."

Agriculture students are allowed to use the southwest entrance of the building during passing period only. Any door left open for more than 20 to 30 seconds will set off an alarm. In addition, a monitor and intercom system will soon be installed at the north entrance doors. The entire system is scheduled to be fully operational in the first part of October.
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safe," says Mrs. Woods. Although some students may feel that the new system is a bit excessive, only time will tell if it is necessary.



The newly installed security system in the school by the front doors.

CLAPS & SLAPS

Slaps to air dryers, we miss our paper towels!

Slaps to modern fashion, put your butt back in your pants.

Slaps to the weather, just stop.

Slaps to penguins, why can't you fly?

Claps to foreign exchange students, thank you for bringing culture to Warrensburg.

Claps to the football team for winning our first game in two years!

Happy Homecoming BY/Kayla Woolen

Once upon a time there was a ball, a Cinderella Ball that is. It was a fancy ball full of elegant boys and girls. Now, in the year of two thousand fourteen, we will recreate the spectacular ball at the Warrensburg High School Homecoming Dance. The ball is October 3rd and will be located in the auxiliary gym. The ball will begin at 9 o'clock sharp and end at 11 o'clock. Instead of your normal and casual homecoming, this year the attire is semi-formal. So ladies, don't forget your glass slippers! The homecoming dance is the perfect occasion to meet your future Prince Charmings and princesses. Before then, the Varsity Tiger Football team will be competing against the Center Yellow Jackets at 7 o'clock in the evening. Before the game, the Warrensburg High School Student Council will be hosting a tailgate from 5:30pm-6:30pm, located at the Warrensburg Middle School parking lot next to the football field. There will be appetizing food at the tailgate party. You don't want to miss out on the wonderful occasion, so come out and enjoy the meal! If you come to all of the homecoming festivities, it is definite that you will live happily ever after!

The Price of Fashion BY/Nisa Adams

I asked my mom for \$100 the other day. She said, "What for?!" with a horrified expression on her face, thinking I was buying some piece of technology, or God-forbid, hardcore drugs. I just needed jeans. It's crazy how expensive simple items of clothing can be. In the 21st century you can't buy a quality piece of clothing for under \$20. It either falls apart after three washes or costs a fortune. Public indecency is illegal; you can't enter most stores without at least a shirt, undergarments, and shoes. Families and individuals with money problems may not be able to afford a \$35 t-shirt or be able to buy a cheap \$7 shirt every week. Finding a quality piece of clothing has become an exciting and unique experience. Why do people buy such expensive jeans? Because they want to flaunt their daddy's money! Brand names, such as Miss Me jeans have made it very easy to show that you've got money; most people know that those jeans are more than \$100. So many stores such as Buckle have extremely over priced jeans. Most start at about \$95. Why is it so impressive for someone to wear clothes that are so expensive? You could buy jeans just like them, but without the jewels and glitter. For some reason, people would rather have sparkles than jeans. So whether you have \$10 jeans or \$125 jeans, just try to keep yourself clothed and hunt for coupons to get down those high prices as much as possible. Good luck on your quality jeans endeavor.



What to Wear to Homecoming? BY/Karla Woolen

Commonly a majority of people get stressed out on what clothing they should wear to special occasions. But no need to stress. I will help guide you to some ideas of what outfits to consider wearing to Homecoming.

Homecoming is a semi-formal event. It is desired to dress in attire between casual and formal. Semi-formal attire is not like your typical everyday blue jean pants and a tee shirt, but is attire which leans more towards business or formal attire. Business and formal attire for men would include suits, which consists of a jacket, a dress shirt underneath, matching trousers, and topped off with a tie or bowtie.

1. If you aren't the type of guy that prefers suits, there are other options in which you can get the semi-formal look. A pair of nice, unwrinkled dress pants paired with a button down dress shirt would also be suitable for semi-formal attire.

2. For women, semi-formal attire would include a cocktail dress with the length ranging from above the knees to slightly below the knees. Generally, a long evening gown can be seen as too formal for a semi-formal occasion. If your type of personality doesn't involve wearing dresses, there is no need to worry.

3. There are many other alternatives to dressing in semi-formal attire without wearing a dress to the specific occasion. A suitably fitting pair of dress pants and a nice blouse paired with any accessories which fit your personality would fit semi-formal attire exactly as a dress would.

GIRLS

GUYS



My Unusual Job: Nursing Home BY/JenniferHemme

McDonald's, Taco Bell and Subway are all the typical teen jobs. I, on the other hand, have the exciting yet also difficult job of working at a nursing home. This is an unusual job for kids my age. I'm sure most of you are thinking what could possibly be so exciting about a nursing home, but the truth is there are many benefits of working there. Of course there are also some drawbacks to this job as well. There is a very strong bond between the residents and myself, a type of love we feel for each other. When you see someone everyday and have conversations and laugh together, that love just blindly grows. Its just like the love you feel for your family. You don't know where it came from; its just always been in your heart. There's no avoiding the love with this type of job, which makes it all the more enjoyable. So to me I'm not just doing my job, I'm helping the people I care for to have a more comfortable life.

With the benefits of my job there are also drawbacks. One of the most painful drawbacks is death, a very common situation in a nursing home. Residents will pass away. Knowing it will happen doesn't make it any easier to handle. Dealing with death is never easy. I wish I could say that it gets better but it doesn't; the ones you love keep dying and you keep grieving.

When you make such a strong connection with these folks and that bond of love grows, it makes death so much harder to deal with it. The idea that they are no longer suffering and are hopefully in a better place makes these events easier. There are many residents with serious and extreme diseases like cancer, Alzheimer's and more. It's a horrible thing to watch people suffering and in pain everyday. Its almost a relief when they no longer have to suffer with the pain that comes with these diseases.

Yes there are great joys to my job and yes there is a great tragedy. I still love my job and I'm thankful for the lessons it teaches me about life and death. The satisfaction I receive overcomes the loss. I consider myself lucky to have such a unique job.

Heard in the Halls

Just a list of casual conversations heard in the halls of Warrensburg High School.

"I'm sorry, Satan needs me somewhere." "You're out of ink."

"Wipe that cat off your face." "I'm 6ft. of equality."

"Let's start a new plague." "I'm a zebra, stroke my stripes."

"You're stamping like a stupid person right now."

"You can't just grow hair out of the palm of your hand."

"If my eyes had tongues, I'd lick you."

"So Help Me God" BY/AbbieScott & NisaAdams

About a month ago, an atheist airman from Creech Air Force Base in Nevada refused to say, "So help me God" in his oath allowing him to reenlist into the military. Previous to the conflict, he had served in the United States Air Force for 10 years. The anonymous airman is now being given the decision to "swear a reenlistment oath to God" or get out of the Air Force by November of 2014. Below are two opinions on this issue.

Still Faithful to America

Two hundred years ago the government was created by white, rich, and religious men. This is one of the key reasons why "God" is a term so enveloped into our society today. They did a great job creating our government, sure, but just because they think that we should have God in every aspect of our life does not mean we need to. They also had slaves, so should we just do everything they did? No! Change is necessary as time goes on. People need change to evolve and become better as a whole. There is freedom of religion in the constitution for a reason, and there should also be a distinct wall between church and state. A large issue at the moment is Hobby Lobby denying employees birth control. There are also organizations run by a strong Christian, such as Chick-Fil-A, which closes on Sundays. These things are all okay, since individual people who do have the right to freedom of religion run them. What is not okay is allowing religion to intervene in things that are solely controlled by the government, such as gay marriages and religion in the military. Since this man only skipped the few words "So help me God" and still took the rest of the oath, then he should still be allowed to reenlist. This man is still willing to lay down his life for his country and pledge himself to the United States and our military. He had served in the Air Force for 10 years, previously. Just because this man does not believe in a god should not make him unable to enlist again. Actually, the Air Force is the only branch of the military that makes you declare your faithfulness to a god. He is still giving up his time and possibly his life for our country. Even though he does not pledge himself to a god, he should be able to pledge himself to America. For Freedom is what America is about... Isn't it?

Still Free to Believe

Two hundred years ago the government was created by our Founding Fathers, men who did believe in religion, but that's not news to anybody. Because these men believed in religion, part of the reason we declared our independence was lack of religious freedom. This is the reason why "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof" (translation: we have freedom of religion and the Congressmen can't take that away) is the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. Now some say that since our Founding Fathers were so religiously oriented, governmental things such as the Pledge of Allegiance and the dollar bill have God in them. Times change, though, and the government needs to stop pressuring this. Yes, times do change, and that is why we have amendments to the US Constitution. That is why we have the amendment that guarantees us Freedom of Religion. No one is forcing us to believe in anything. A man was rejected reenlistment to the Air Force because he crossed out the words "So help me God" in his oath. What needs to be understood is that this airman was not rejected reenlistment because he doesn't believe in God; he has the right to believe what he believes, and no one can punish him because his beliefs are different. He was rejected reenlistment because he refused to take an oath that airmen have been taking since the United States Air Force was created. No one is questioning the airman's loyalty to our country. We all believe he's loyal; I mean, he went through military training, and that stuff is seriously difficult. The issue here is that he won't take the oath as it is written. He needs to stick to tradition like the thousands before him and say the words written by his superiors. After all, America still respects its superiors and traditions, doesn't it?

A Year In America BY/CassieSlana

When opportunity knocked for Italian foreign exchange student Benedetta Feraboli, she answered the door. "I was nervous," she remembered, "I didn't know what I was going to do, but I knew that I would have to try my best to create a new life." She journeyed to the United States from Cremona, Italy, "I was excited for the opportunity to go to a foreign country because I knew it would be a great experience." But getting to America wasn't a walk in the park.



Feraboli explained that she had to "have multiple interviews and get exceptional [grades] before she was even selected to participate in the program." When the day finally came for Feraboli to leave, "it was super difficult. My mom tried to hide that she was crying," she said, "but I knew. I was very sad, but it got better when I boarded the plane and was on my way."

After almost eighteen hours of travel, Feraboli finally found herself in Missouri. "I went to pick up my bags, but one of them didn't make it," she said, "They eventually found it and sent it to my house." Following the baggage dilemma, she still had an hour and a half drive before she was able to meet her host family, and host sister, Monique Corona.

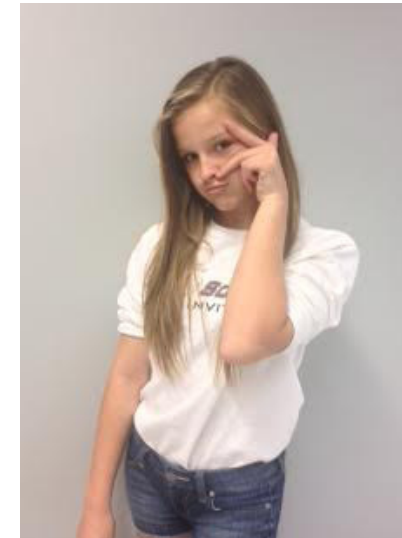
On their drive to our small town, "there was so much green, and no places for good shopping!" Some may wonder how she even ended up in small-town Warrensburg, Missouri, and when asked, she smiled as she replied, "I didn't get to choose!"

Along with being an avid shopper, Feraboli also has a passion for volleyball. "The team has made me feel at home," she remarked about the season so far. "I love volleyball, so I decided to continue. I didn't understand [some of the terms] at first, but after a few weeks, it got a lot better." Feraboli plays the position of middle hitter, and leads the junior varsity team in kills.

Feraboli is excited for the American opportunities of city shopping, making lasting friendships, and maybe even receiving a scholarship to attend college in the United States for economy and fashion. Feraboli said, "This is an experience that makes you grow up. [I think] if it's hard when you start, just go ahead and see how it turns out." In the short time she has been here, she has made friends, harbored new experiences, and started on her journey to build a new yearlong life here in America.

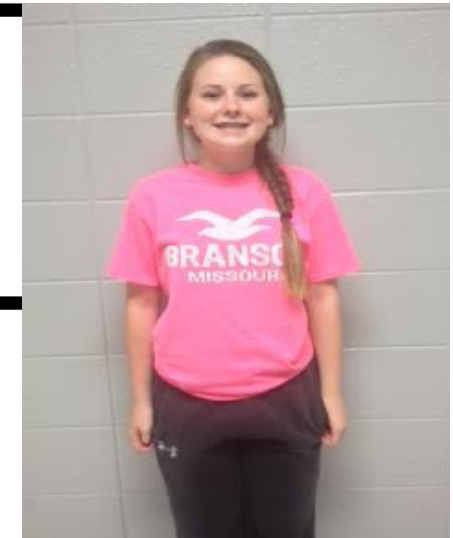
Question of the Month BY/JordanMilne

What do you dislike most about the opposite gender?



"When guys are jerk, smelly, have bad breath, and don't know how to dress"

-Mikayla Lowe 17'



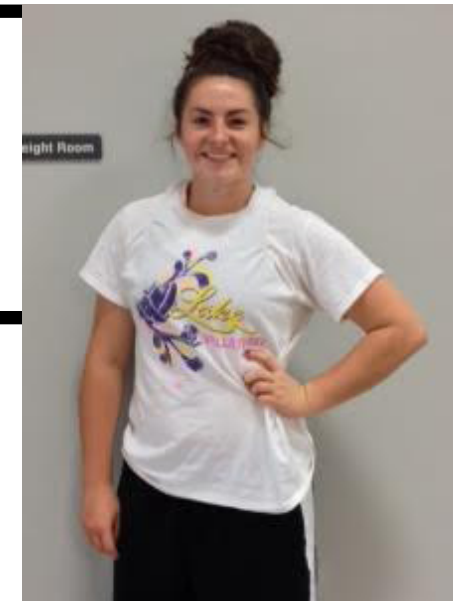
"When guys don't ever say who they like and when they keep things in."

-Lucy Blecke 18'



"When guys are full of themselves and when an attractive guy is gay"

-Amanda Taylor 15'



"When guys say ball is life"

-Morgan Wilhite 16'

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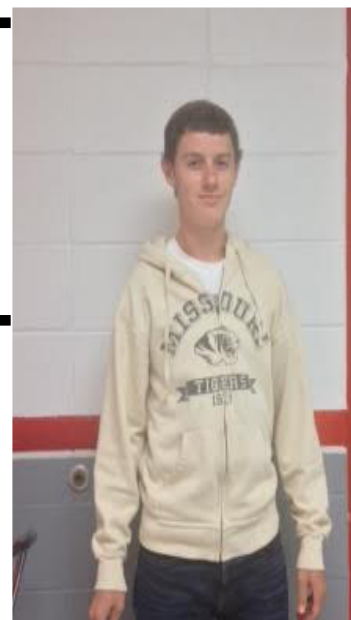
"When girls have mood swings and hold grudges"
-Chance Riddle 17'



"When girls are needy, and when its the time of the month"
-Marquette Wilhite 18'



"When girls act dumb to get attention"
-Dustin Dye 15'



"When girls are too in detail and have mood swings"
-Brett Ballard 16'

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