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Boys Basketball



JCHS BASKETBALL BEGINS

BY DYLAN L ELLIS

The JCHS basketball team kicked off the 2023-2024 season in late November by competing in the Goreville Invitational Tournament. They opened conference play over Trico on December 8th. Over Christmas break, the team will compete in the Cobden Christmas Tournament. The team will also play host to several area teams in mid-January during the Arrowhead Classic.



Girls Basketball



Girls basketball also began their season this fall. So far, the team is 5-4 overall and 1-1 in conference. The girls have worked hard this season up to this point. The team played in a Thanksgiving tournament at Herrin this year and placed 4th out of the six teams competing. This tournament is one of the more difficult tournaments for girls basketball. Most of the teams that are in the tournament are big 3A schools.

However, this tournament helped our team get stronger and be able to play bigger schools. The team is super excited for the rest of the season and what it will bring as it continues.

-Hope Newell

SENIOR *Spotlight*



Brianna Wells

Brianna's favorite show is *The Rookie*, and she can't live without Cody Johnson's music. Her favorite memories are cheering underneath the Friday Night Lights.

She will attend Mississippi State University to study Criminology and hopes to travel to the Dominican Republic. She danced competitively for 13 years and even competed in New York City.

She is Captain of the Cheer Squad, Vice President of the Senior Student Council, Secretary of the Business Club, and a National Honor Society member. She was voted "Most School Spirited" by her peers.



Hallie Newell

Hallie's favorite show is *The Vampire Diaries*, and she can't live without her friends and food. She recently signed with SIC to continue her education and play softball with her sister, Hope.

She would like to travel to the Maldives, and her favorite high school memory is being in Mrs. Will's yearbook class. She tells us she wears glasses. She is on the volleyball and softball teams and is a part of the Student Council, Yearbook Club, Business Club, Newspaper Club, and Pep Club. She was voted "Best Dressed" in senior favorites.



Hope Newell

One of her favorite memories in high school was going to state for softball in her junior year. Her favorite show is *The Rookie*; she can't live without her phone. She wants to go to a place with a beach and become a kindergarten teacher. Hope's favorite color is blue, and she loves to hang out with all her friends.

She is part of the volleyball, basketball, and softball teams, Educators Rising, Yearbook, Business Club President, and Student Council. She was also voted "Most Athletic" by her classmates.



Riley Kirsch

She can't live without Doritos, specifically the Flamin' Hot Limon flavor, and her favorite show is *Shameless*. Her favorite memory is walking down the stairs during passing periods, and she does not like mayo.

She plans on pursuing a degree in marketing and being a real estate agent. She wants to travel far from Johnston City and is in the Art Club, Business Club, Newspaper Club, Student Council, and Pep Club.



Carsyn Clark

Carsyn can't live without her phone; her favorite show is *Gilmore Girls*. She plans to go to college and become rich, and she wants to be able to travel to Paris. Her favorite high school memory is when she went to state for softball her junior year.

She won Math Team State her sophomore year and is part of volleyball, basketball, softball, Student Council, Business Club, Math Team, and ACES. She was voted "Most Opinionated" in the senior favorites.



Ryley McPhail

Her favorite show is *Desperate Housewives*, and she can't live without Buffalo Wild Wings with Kylie. She wants to attend college to become a nurse and eventually get her Master's Degree. She wants to travel to a beach, not in the US.

Her favorite high school memory is when Waylon almost let the trailer run over her during her junior year of float building. When she was three, an amber alert was issued for her.

She is a part of HOSA, Educators Rising, Business Club, Math Team, ACES, Golf, Basketball, FFA, Student Council, and National Honor Society. She was also named "Biggest Flirt" in senior favorites.

SENIOR

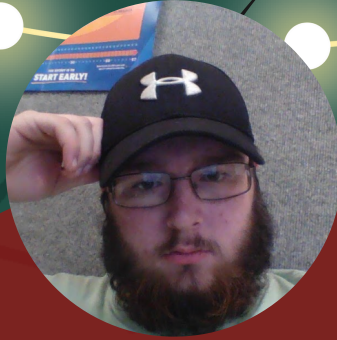
Spotlight



Max Price

One fact about Max is that he has pigs. His favorite show is *Full Metal Jacket*. After high school, he plans to become a land surveyor, have his farm, and travel to Knobel, Arkansas.

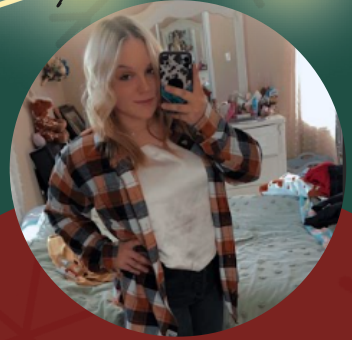
His favorite high school memory is P.E., his junior year. He is also on the golf and fishing teams and works on a farm in his spare time.



Landon LaFollette

He can't live without caffeine; his favorite show is *One Piece*. He plans to be a marine engineer and wants to visit Japan. His favorite high school memory is the first D&D session in Game Club.

A random fact that he tells us is that cutting bones with a saw or grinder smells like freshly opened corn chips. He is a part of the Gaming Club.



Talyn Frick

Her favorite show is *Fuller House*; she cannot live without her family. She plans on going to Rend Lake for their Culinary Arts program, and she wants to be able to travel to Colorado.

Her favorite high school memory is a toss-up between Borger's English 101 and Mrs. Morgan's Spanish classes. She loves to cook and is on Volleyball, Student Council, Business Club, EYPC, and Newspaper Club.



Gavin Abernathy

A random fact about Gavin is that he lived in Africa for a year. His favorite show is *Phineas and Ferb*; he can't live without burgers. He wants to go to college for civil engineering, find a promising career, and live a comfortable life with his family.

He wanted to travel to South Africa, and if he had enough money, he'd take his family to Europe. His favorite memories in high school are those in math class, specifically when they were not learning math.

Aside from that, he is on the Scholar Bowl, Math Team, Student Council, National Honors Society, ACES, and Golf. He was voted "Most Likely to Succeed" by his classmates.



Haleigh Motsinger

Her favorite show is *All American*. She can't live without her phone and money. She plans to go to college and get her EMT and paramedic degree.

She wants to travel to Florida and lay on the beach. Her favorite memory is being in Mrs. Kosco's class. A fact about Haleigh is that she works in a coffee shop.



John Ladd

In his plans after high school, he wants to be a welder. His favorite show is *Mickey Mouse Clubhouse* and he can't live without money.

He wants to travel to Texas and his favorite memory in high school was his 3rd-hour P.E. class Junior year.

He is also blind in his right eye and he is also a part of FFA. He was voted "Worst Driver" by his classmates.

New Year's

PREPERATION

BY RILEY KIRSCH

AS 2023 HAS FLOWN PAST, NEW YEARS IS ABOUT TO SWEEP US BY OUR FEET BEFORE WE KNOW IT. I'M HERE TO HELP YOU PREPARE FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR AND IDEAS ON WHAT TO DO ON NEW YEARS EVE.

PREPARATION

★ CLEAN UP YOUR LIVING SPACE

NO ONE WANTS TO GO INTO THE NEW YEAR FEELING THE SAME. CLEAN UP YOUR SPACE SO THAT YOUR MIND CAN ROAM FREE.

★ CREATE YOUR GOALS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO ACHIEVE? WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS WITH SCHOOL? ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT GETTING A NEW JOB OR WORKING ON YOUR SELF CARE?

★ START AN "END OF THE YEAR REVIEW"

REVIEW THE CHALLENGES YOU HAVE FACED. WHAT IS SOMETHING POSITIVE THAT HAS HAPPENED IN 2023? FOUND A NEW FAVORITE BOOK? DID YOU MAKE IT TO THIS POINT IN THE YEAR WITH AT LEAST A PART OF SANITY INTACT? (IF NOT IT'S OKAY, WHAT LESSON DID YOU LEARN WHILE LOSING IT?)

NEW YEARS EVE

WHAT SHOULD I DO THE NIGHT BEFORE THE NEW YEAR?

AFTER YOU'VE CLEANED, DECIDED GOALS, AND GIVEN THE YEAR A CRITICAL REVIEW, YOU NEED TO RELAX.

★ GO SPEND TIME WITH YOUR FRIENDS

★ WATCH THE BALL DROP

★ POP SOME SPARKLING WATER BEFORE HEADING HOME FOR YOUR CURFEW

★ AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST...
BE
SAFE!



**FINAL EXAMS
(AND STUDY TIPS)**
BY ERICA HINKLE

Starting December 15th, final exams will commence. We will have our seventh-hour exam on Friday the 15th. The first, third, and fifth-hour exams are on Monday the 18th, as well as an hour open-campus lunch and a 2:00 pm dismissal. The second, fourth, and sixth-hour exams are on Tuesday 19th while following the same lunch and dismissal schedule. Make-ups for exams are on Wednesday the 20th, and on that day, there will also be an 11:30 dismissal, which will lead to Christmas break. Finals can be nerve-racking, but they don't have to be. Here are some tips that can help you make this easier.

Teachers may give out study guides for final exams. These contain material that will be on the exam; knowing this, they are great things to study and learn. You can use previous worksheets to help find the answers to the study guides, which leads me to my next study tip: using notes. Studying notes is a great way to help you learn the material for your exam. They contain everything you previously learned in class. Flashcards can be made from these notes. Flashcards help you memorize words or phrases.

Using a planner or daily to-do list can help you stay organized and on top of all your work and can help you make time to study. If you need clarification about the material, asking your teacher questions is always helpful.

To keep a fresh mind before your tests, you should go to bed early the night before and eat a healthy and filling breakfast the following day. Reducing stress can help you mentally and physically for these exams. Self-care can be helpful, including exercise, listening to music, being with friends, or reading a book.

Although exams are daunting and anxiety-inducing, it will be a breeze if we put forth a good attitude. Good luck, students!



Hope & Hallie Newell

Hope and Hallie Newell both signed with SIC to play softball! Congratulations, ladies!



Young Talent to Win Big in Tulsa?

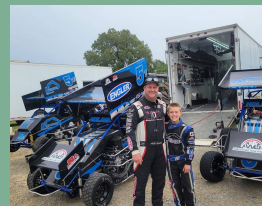
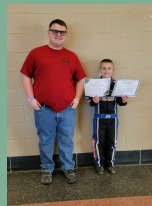
by Dylan L Ellis

You might think that only adults and teenagers drive race cars, but you will be proven wrong. There are kids as young as five years old driving race cars; this proves that the phrase "start them young" is a fact!

One such driver is Eli Holden. Hailing from Princeton, Indiana, the 10-year-old driver races locally in Southern Illinois as EHR (Eli Holden Racing). EHR's confidence and determination to win races have not stopped since a tragic fire destroyed their shop, racecars, go-karts, and tools a few years ago. Eli has had a tremendous comeback, winning over 50+ races from the day the fire struck to today. He has had the most success in his Junior Sprint, which he named Dolly, winning 95 races since beginning racing in 2019. He has won four Jr Sprint championships and DirtRacingNews Driver of The Year three times (he also became a DRN Master Class member on December 9, 2022). He has stats across the board, but what is his biggest goal? To win the Tulsa Shootout in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The Tulsa Shootout is often called "the Super Bowl" of micro-sprint racing and is also home to the Chili Bowl Nationals, which is held in mid-January. Over one thousand cars from all corners of the country flock to the Tulsa Expo Center to earn a chance to win the coveted Golden Driller trophy. The 2022 Tulsa Shootout saw over 1700 entries, breaking the previous record of over 1300 in 2020. People say the prize money doesn't matter; the trophy matters. The Shootout is held the week after Christmas and is among the most grueling motorsports races. Lots of long 12+ hour days, flaring tempers, and frustration. It's lots of hard work - but in the end, if you win the Golden Driller on championship night, it's all worth the time, effort, and money you put forth.

Eli has attempted to pick up the biggest trophy of his life for the last couple of years. In 2022, at the Shootout, he started on the pole, dominating the race, until bad luck struck and his engine locked up. He received a DNF. This year, the goal is to pick up the Golden Driller. Knowing that Eli is "the best in the nation," according to Kyle Busch, this is Eli's year to win the big prize. The stats he has back up that statement. If he does, this will be the biggest trophy of Eli's career thus far.



Football Season 2023

Hallie Newell

*INDIVIDUAL HONORS ALL-CONFERENCE BLACK DIAMOND

Honorable Mentions:

- Blake Peters, Jr.
- Jace Weaver, So.

2nd TEAM

- Cannon Ashmore, Jr. SKILL
- Riley Randolph, Sr. OFFENSIVE LINE
- Brennan Cargal, Jr. LINEBACKER

1st TEAM

- Ben Morgan, Sr. SKILL
- Jude Beers, Sr. OFFENSIVE LINE
- Brody Little, Sr. OFFENSIVE LINE
- Diego Garza, Sr. DEFENSIVE LINE
- Evan Sanders, Jr. DEFENSIVE LINE
- Keaton Fort, Sr. LINEBACKER *DEFENSIVE

Captain

- Nolan Causey, Jr. DEFENSIVE BACK
- SICA All-South Academic All-State
- Jude Beers, Sr.
- Keaton Fort, Sr.
- Diego Garza, Sr.
- Ben Morgan, Sr.

*RECORD 9-2

Scores-

- JC 32 Christopher-Zeigler-Royalton 12
- JC 52 Edwards Co 6
- JC 38 Eldorado 0
- JC 36 Fairfield 14
- JC 46 Flora 6
- JC 58 Hamilton County 16
- JC 2 Vienna-Goreville 0 (Forfeit)
- JC 28 Sesser-Valier-Waltonville 30
- JC 30 Carmi/White County 6
- JC 16 Auburn 8 (PLAYOFFS-1 ST ROUND)
- JC 18 Breese Mater Dei 27 (PLAYOFFS-2ND ROUND)

*STATISTICAL LEADERS

- LEADING SCORER Evan Sanders 82 Points
- LEADING RUSHER Ben Morgan 77 Carries/730 Yards
- LEADING RECEIVER Nolan Causey 7 Catches/236 Yards
- LEADING PASSER Keaton Fort 13-22/334 Yards, 5 TD's
- ALL PURPOSE YARDS Nolan Causey 838 Yards: 561 Rushing/236 Receiving/41 Return
- HIGHEST OFFENSIVE LINEMAN GRADING OUT Jude Beers
- LEADING TACKLER Ben Morgan 73 Tackles
- SACK LEADER Jude Beers 3 Sacks
- INTERCEPTION LEADER Ben Morgan 3 Interceptions
- HIGHEST DEFENSIVE LINEMAN GRADING OUT Diego Garza
- “PANCAKE” AWARD Riley Randolph 47 Pancakes
- MOST IMPROVED PLAYER Kegan Baltzell
- ROSS BABINGTON COACHES AWARD Diego Garza



JCHS Art at SIU

by Dylan L Ellis



Some of the art made here at JCHS will be displayed at the SIU Art Museum in Carbondale until the end of December. Art 2, 3, and Advanced Art traveled to SIU to learn more about legacies, which is a part of a lesson taught by pre-service teachers at SIU.

