



Career Fair

by Hallie Newell

The juniors and seniors loaded three buses and attended the ROE #21 **Career Fair** on Wednesday, October 25th, at the Marion Pavilion. Students were given a “passport” at the door and received stamps from each potential **employer/college** they visited.

This was an **excellent opportunity** to **explore various careers**, **interact** with industry professionals, and **take steps** in discovering the **right career** for each of them. Thank you to **Mrs. Ryker** for organizing the event for us and to our chaperones Mrs. Cockburn, Mr. Clark, Ms. Gear, and Mrs. Will.



THE GREATEST SHOW ON TURF

by Dylan L. Ellis

Homecoming was mid-October, and it was a fantastic week of festivities. Although Monday was a holiday, Tuesday kicked off with PJ Day, and our Lady Indians volleyball team faced off against Sesser-Valier Waltonville. Freshmen fell in two, JV won in three sets, and Varsity won in two. It was also our Ross Babington Scholarship game, where over \$2,000 was raised to fund the scholarship for five years.

It was a Wild and Wacky/Twin Day on Wednesday with some exciting costumes. The halls were filled with clowns, lions, circus trainers, and more on Thursday for Circus Day. That evening, our Lady Indians faced Trico at the middle school.

Friday was Red and Black Day, and included a pep rally, teacher skit, tug of war, cheers, dances, and class chants! Something new that debuted this year was Powderpuff Football, which went exceptionally well and was entertaining! Fr/Sr vs So/Jr ladies played as the boys coached, and Mr. B and Borg officiated.

The floats rolled in as the Pep Rally ended, indicating it was parade time! It was perfect weather for JCHS fans as they lined the streets, and the drizzle held off until the parade conclusion.

Past players were inducted into our Hall of Fame, multiple class reunions were held, and Friday Night Lights shone on Ralph again as our Indians faced off against the also undefeated Sesser Red Devils. Two undefeated teams, only one winner, overtime, separated by two points. Our Indians were in control for most of the game until Sesser picked up the lead in overtime and ended up winning. Both teams made a great effort! Thank you to our coordinators, Mrs. Schell, Mrs. Gualdoni, and Mrs. Norris, and thank you to our class sponsors, Ms. Gear (Seniors), Mrs. Warren & Mrs. Kelton (Juniors), Mrs. Will (Sophomores), and Mrs. Patrick (Freshmen).





2023 JCHS HOMECOMING COURT



Princess Aarilyn Watson
& Queen Hope Newell

The Coronation was held in the gym, where our homecoming attendants shone. The Queen Candidates were Arista Hill, Riley Kirsch, Hallie Newell, Hope Newell, and Aarilyn Watson. Attendants were Zoe Cullum, Sydney Pietrantoni, Erin West, Taylor Woolard, Mariah Hall, Josie Anastasi, Taylor Johnson, Olivia Mays, Reese Cargal, Aliyna McCoy, and Carlee Rogers. Hope Newell won the honor of Homecoming Queen and Aarilyn Watson Princess. The Coronation went exceptionally well; congratulations to our elegant ladies and their dapper escorts on representing their classes!

History of Thanksgiving

by Keely Hoxworth

William Bradford, governor of the Plymouth Colony for thirty years, helped organize the first Thanksgiving, which consisted of a **three-day feast** to celebrate the **end of harvest** in **1621**. Fifty-three Pilgrims and ninety Native Americans attended the feast. They **played games, sang, danced**, and ate a meal with **deer** as the main course.

Turkey came into play years later during the nineteenth century as a **marketing campaign**. Sarah Hale, who wrote "Mary Had a Little Lamb," became an editor of Godey's Lady's Book. Godey's, as well as other media, filled their pages with beautiful Turkey recipes and menus. Additionally, turkey looks good as a **centerpiece**, is relatively **cheap**, and could **feed a large crowd**.

The turkey wishbone, however, dates back to Italy in 800 BCE, but the wishbone was from a chicken. They would set a wishbone in the sun to dry as people would walk by, **touch the bone**, and **make a wish**. During this period, people believed **birds held divine powers** and could **see the future**. They thought that by touching the **unbroken bone** and **making a wish**, they might see their future.

SENIOR

Spotlight



Kara Banks

Kara plans to go to **John A. Logan** for **cosmetology** and to trade school to be a **diesel mechanic** and own her place for both. She wants to travel to **Georgia** and **Florida** and tells us she loves the **beach**!

Her **favorite memory** is in **Mr. Goodley's class** when she didn't let her sister forget that she beat her in dodgeball for a week. She **loves** to work on anything **diesel-related**, going to **steam shows** and **derby races**. She goes **hunting** and sometimes **fishing**. She won "**Most Country**" in her class.



Mollie Curry

Mollie's **favorite memories** include nights at **Ray Fosse**. Her plans for the future are to enlist in the **Air Force** and travel to Italy. Mollie can't live without ramen noodles and her favorite show is **Grey's Anatomy**.

She plays **basketball** and she's on **Educators Rising**. A random fact is that she was born deaf. She won "**Best Gamer**" in her class.



Keaton Fort

Keaton's **favorite high school memories** include all the games he's played underneath the **Friday Night Lights** during the fall. He can't live out without his **friends** and **sports**.

He plans to go to college to study **pre-chiropractic** and he would love to travel to **Hawaii**. He tells us that he is an **amazing golfer**. Not only does he play **football**, he also plays **baseball** and **basketball**. He won "**Most Athletic**" in his class.



Kailor Durham

Kailor can't live without **hunting**, and his favorite movie is **Cars**. He doesn't plan on traveling after high school but plans to graduate from the **Rad Tech Program** and have a good job.

His favorite high school memory is **Trunk or Treat**, his junior year. He has **more natural hair than most everyone**. He won "**Best Vehicle**" in his class.

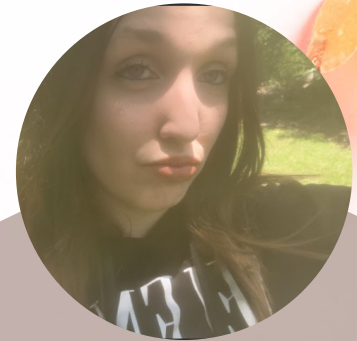


Hunter Rorer

His favorite TV show is **Forged in Fire**; he can't live without his **cars, trucks, and family**.

He loves racing at the **racetrack**, and he plans to stay home after graduation. His favorite high school memory is all the **football games**.

Hunter can **identify a vehicle based off of its firing order**.



Olivia Hatfield

She can't live without her **family**; her favorite show is **Cobra Kai**. She plans to become a **therapist** or **teacher** and **wants to travel the world**.

Her favorite high school memory is when she and her classmates ate waffles and drank soda in **Mr. Watts' class**. She likes to **run**, and **walk**, and a random fact is that **hot water will turn into ice water faster than cold water**. She won "**Most Shy**" in her class.

SENIOR *Spotlight*



Megan Hanks

Megan can't live without her **family** and **friends**; her favorite show is ***Supernatural***. She plans to be a **teacher** or a **hairedresser**.

She wants to travel everywhere. All of the **off-campus lunches** are host to some of her favorite memories. **Fruit loops are all the same flavor**, and she is a part of Educators Rising, Business Club, and Art Club.



Libby White

Her favorite show is ***Jane the Virgin***, which is on Netflix. She can't live without **money** and she plans to go to **college** and settle down with a **hypoallergenic dog**.

She plans to **travel everywhere** and her favorite high school memory is **P.E. her junior year**. Her favorite color is **green** and she is in Business Club. She won "**Most Likely to be Late**" in her class.



Lillyan Drumm

She likes any show or movie related to the **horror genre**. She can't live without **cheese** even though she is **lactose intolerant**. She plans to work with **youth** in the field of **psychology** and travel to **Southern California**.

Her favorite high school memory is **Class Wars** in her sophomore year. She is in Art Club, the **Vice President** of the Educators Rising, and the Business Club. She won "**Most Clumsy**" of her class.



Kylee Leinicke

Her favorite show is ***Gilmore Girls***. She can't live without her **phone** and she plans to get a **nursing degree**. She wants to travel to a **beach**.

Kylee's favorite high school memory is **cheering** junior football season. Her favorite color is **pink** and she is on the Cheer Team and HOSA. She won "**Best Smile**" in her class.



Jude Beers

Jude wants to travel to **Washington**. His favorite high school memory is going to **State** in **wrestling** during his junior year.

He participates in football, wrestling, FFA, Math Team, ACES, Business Club, Student Council, and National Honor Society. He was also named "**Most Unforgettable, Most Talkative, Best Smile, and Biggest Flirt**" in the senior favorites competition.



Hope Hoffard

Hope can't live without her **animals** and her favorite show is ***Supernatural***.

She plans to be a **Pre-K teacher** and she hopes to **see the world** and travel to **Georgia**. She likes **tattoos** and she is in **choir**.

Women Making History in a Male-Dominated Sport

by Dylan L Ellis

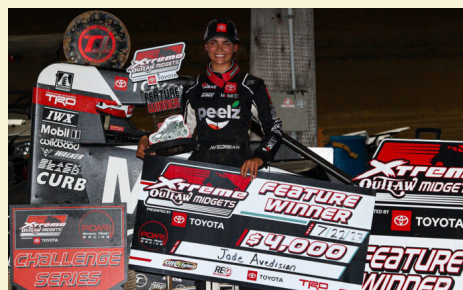
Motorsport and sports of all types are primarily, if not completely, **male-dominated**, with very few women being a part of them. In the case of motorsports, it is not just a bunch of men turning left, right, or both. Names that come to mind are **Jade Avedisian**, **Taylor Reimer**, and **Hailie Deegan**, who are currently competing in the **higher levels** of motorsport. On October 14, one driver wrote her name in the history books. Jade Avedisian capped off her season by racing with the **Xtreme Outlaw Series** presented by Toyota by grabbing her first-ever **National Midget Series title**, making her the **first female ever to win a national midget series championship in motorsports history**. Avedisian is not the first female to make motorsport history in the last few years.

A few weeks ago, 15-year-old **Kayla Roell** made history by becoming the **first female to win a Non-Wing 410 Sprint Car Championship** in the United States at Tri-State Speedway in Haubstadt, Indiana. Kayla is also the **first female to win MSCS Rookie of the Year** and the first to win an MSCS championship in the same year! Former MSCS announcer Jason Adams, who was in victory lane with Kayla, says, "It was special to be a part of it." Another name that comes to mind is **Kaylee Bryson**. She became the **first female to qualify for the A-Main at the Chili Bowl Nationals** in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and this year, she became the **first woman to win Rookie of the Year in the USAC Silver Crown Series**. Jade Avedisian is a **talented driver** and the talent she has helped her win her **first national series championship**, especially after the up-and-down season she has had up to this point. She will inspire all young girls who look up to her and say, **"I want to be just like her!"**

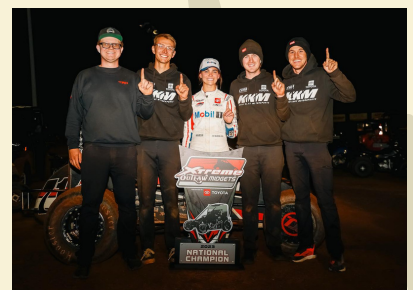
Jade's season with Xtreme is **impressive**, with 29 starts, five victories, 16 top 5s, and 26 top 10s. Jade says that when she signed with KKM (Keith Kunz Motorsports) in February 2023, she aimed to win races and ultimately win a championship. Both of those **goals were accomplished** this season. Jade looks to defend her title less than a year from now in the Xtreme Outlaw Series presented by Toyota Championship Finale in 2024. This proves that all women can go on to do great things no matter the industry. **Always take every opportunity you are gifted**. If Jade can become the first woman to win a national midget series championship, **you can do anything you set your mind to!**



Jade's first win of 2023 at the Southern Illinois Center, Du Quoin, IL, March 2023
Jordan DeLucia Photo



Jade's second win of 2023 at Southern Illinois Raceway, Marion, IL, July 2023
Chase Prather Photo



Jade in victory lane after winning Xtreme championship at I-44 Riverside Speedway, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, October 2023
David J Biro III photo

VETERANS DAY

by Erica Hinkle

Veterans Day is a federal holiday in the United States, annually on **November 11**. On this day, we **honor all who served in the military**. This day came to be after World War I when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919. However, fighting ended seven months earlier when an armistice between the **allied nations** and Germany went into effect on the **eleventh hour** of the **eleventh day** of the **eleventh month**. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is widely known as the end of “**the war to end all wars**.” The first celebration using the name **Veterans Day** occurred in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1947. You can **celebrate and honor your veterans** by visiting a **museum**, **thanking someone who served**, **supporting a veteran-owned business**, or **sending a card**.



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



Fall Activities

by Aliyna McCoy

The cold weather has arrived! Are you wondering about some fall activities you could do with friends and family? I have compiled a list of activities just for you!

- Carve a pumpkin
- Make caramel apples
- Bake an apple pie
- Jump into a pile of leaves
- Have a bonfire
- Decorate your house
- Go for a walk
- Roast pumpkin seeds
- Take fall photos
- Go on a hayride





Why Homework should be Banned

by Keira Hayden

Have you ever sat at your kitchen table with your parents, trying to do your homework? It is not a fun experience for most people. Homework can cause **unnecessary stress** for both the student and the parents/guardians; therefore, **homework should be banned**.

To begin with, trying to do well on an assignment outside of school takes up most, if not all, of a student's **free time** that they could be **socializing with friends, cleaning their room, helping their siblings, and communicating with their parents/guardians**. Instead, they are **continuing their eight-hour school day** into the night. It **consumes a student's life**. The **parents are affected**; after working all day, they come home and put on their teacher hat while still caring for the house, cooking, their other children, and rest from the day. Perhaps the parents **do not understand the material**, which could cause **tension in the home**. It is possible that the child does not have a parent/guardian who is **willing to help** them.

Homework also affects a child's **mental health**. Healium says, "The pressure to perform academically and meet homework expectations can lead to heightened anxiety levels in students." Additionally, in a study by Stanford, "students in high-achieving communities who spend too much time on homework experience more **stress, physical health problems, a lack of balance** and even **alienation from society**." Surely, adolescents should not be under so much stress that they develop physical and mental health problems, especially when some can be **long-term** or **lifelong**! Anxiety can lead to **depression**. According to Nemours Kids Health, "untreated anxiety disorders can make it hard for students to get school work done or study. It may **affect their relationships** with peers and teachers, too. In some cases, students with anxiety disorders **miss many school days**, or they may **avoid school altogether**."

Anxiety and depression can cause **isolation** from society, leading to physical and mental health problems. Quoted from the Centers For Disease Control and Prevention, "Depression increases the risk for many types of physical health problems, particularly **long-lasting conditions** like diabetes, heart disease, and stroke." Another symptom of depression is **suicidal thoughts**, which anyone should not risk.

Others may not agree with me, arguing that homework gives additional practice from the classroom material. Homework helps teachers understand how well their students comprehend the material and teaches students to take **responsibility** for their part in the **educational process**, but this can also be achieved with in-school assignments. **The benefits of homework do not outweigh the disadvantages**. The stress homework causes should not be pushed aside or ignored. If we want to keep our students healthy, we should **reduce the factors**, such as homework, that cause mental health issues and make it easier for them to continue their school work **healthily**.

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Art Spotlight: Ava Simmons

by Dylan L Ellis

Ava is a talented artist and has been interested in art for **as long as she can remember**. When she was younger, she used to watch her **sister draw**, fueling her interest in art. She learned the **basics of drawing** from her sister; she was her **biggest inspiration** and **still is**. In high school, Ava has taken Ceramics, Art 1, Art 2, and Art 3 and is currently in Advanced Art and Art Appreciation. Her favorite thing to do in art is **draw portraits of people**, each time trying to **improve on her technique**.



Remembering Our Friends

by Olivia Slinkard

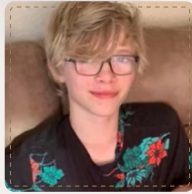
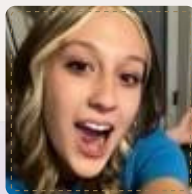
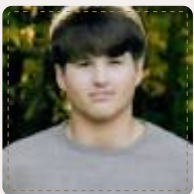
Automobile accidents have taken the lives of many of our peers this school year. We want to remember our friends and help our communities heal as we continue to mourn. Please continue sending your thoughts, prayers, and love to the family and friends of all involved.



Noah Tackett (age 14)



Coleton Foley (age 17)



Landon Agnitsch (age 16)

Joecy Padavic (age 15)

Bradley Williams (age 17)



Trunk or Treat

by Hallie Newell

The high school Trunk or Treat moved uptown this year. Student Council students could decorate their vehicle trunks and pass out treats from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. The evening was cool and windy, but there was a huge turnout! Our students and sponsor, Mrs. Gualdoni, did a fantastic job making this annual event a continued favorite tradition of JCHS.

