

The Warrior Times

Holiday Issue 2015



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Valentine's Day Around the World By JJ Salley

Valentine's Day is a day of love and all things romantic. But let's travel around the world for a moment- you may see some pretty odd Valentine's Day customs.

BRAZIL

On February 14th in Brazil, it's just another day. Instead, they celebrate Lovers Day on June 12. Couples will exchange gifts; single women will sing songs and perform rituals in hopes of finding a boyfriend or spouse.

DENMARK

There is a tradition in Denmark where men and women send pressed snowflakes to each other. The men might also write a short poem to their special lady, including a signature at the bottom of the card written in a code. If the women guess the name of her Valentine correctly, she will receive an Easter egg come springtime.

JAPAN

In Japan, Valentine's Day is the woman's job. She must buy her man-candy chocolates, and maybe even make them herself if the guy is special enough. The man has a chance to show his affection on March 14th (White Day). He might buy her food or jewelry. One cited rule of the day is that the gift he buys her should be three times as expensive as the one he received on Valentine's Day!

SOUTH KOREA

The South Koreans celebrate Valentine's Day and White Day just like the Japanese. However, they do add one more twist. On April 14, all the men and women who did not receive any gifts on either day go to a restaurant and eat black noodles as a symbol of their "mourning." This is known as "Black Day."



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MCEWEN HIGH SCHOOL

Important Dates Spring 2015

January 5	Students Return To School
January 9	2nd Quarter Report Cards
January 19	No School-MLK Jr. Day
February 2-6	TCAP Writing Test Window (11th)
February 6	3rd Quarter Progress Reports
February 11	PLC Meetings (3- 4pm)
February 16	No School- President's Day
February 17-20	TCAP Writing Test Window (9th)
February 19	Parent- Teacher Committee Meeting (6-7pm)
February 23-27	TCAP Writing Test Window (10th)
March 3	ACT for the Juniors
March 9-11	3rd Quarter Exams
March 11	End of 3rd Quarter
March 16	No School
March 17	ACT Makeup Day for Juniors
March 19	3rd Quarter Report Cards
March 26	Parent/Teacher Conferences (3-7 PM)
April 3-10	SPRING BREAK
April 21-23	US History EOC Field Test Window
April 22	PLC Meetings (3- 4pm)
April 24	4th Quarter Progress Reports
April 30	Parent- Teacher Committee Meeting (6-7pm)
May 4-8	EOC Week
May 11-13	Senior Final Exams
May 13	Senior Awards Day (10AM-12PM)
May 13	Awards Day for 9th-11th (1:30-2:30 PM)
May 14	Graduation Practice (8AM-12PM)
May 15	GRADUATION!!!!!! (6-7 PM)
May 18-20	9th-11th Final Exams
May 22	4th Quarter Ends/Report Cards, School Dismissed at 10am for Summer Vacation!

McEWEN HIGH SCHOOL ALMA MATER

On the city's northern border, reared against the sky, proudly stands our alma mater as the years go by. Forward ever be our watchword, conquer and prevail; hail to thee, our alma mater. McEwen High School hail!

MISSION OF McEWEN HIGH SCHOOL

The mission of McEwen High School is to educate, empower, and nurture the whole student academically and ethically to produce independent thinkers who contribute positively to society's progress.

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September Pall Mall Trip

On the 14th of September, 2014, fourteen MHS students, along with Mr. Greene and Dr. Honea, visited Pall Mall, Tennessee at the home site of World War II hero, Alvin C. York.

On Friday morning (after a meticulous four hour drive) the students arrived at the site and watched a short video about York's life before crossing the street to visit York's home. The students were allowed to tour the house as they pleased- they were even given permission to play the York family piano!

After the house tour the students were treated to a picnic, and then taken to visit the P.W.P Greenhouses and a Pall Mall cemetery.

Overall, the students had a wonderful and educational trip!



McEwen FFA

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By Luke Tyler

Our FFA is doing great things this holiday season! Our fruit sale has allowed us to do amazing things for our chapter, and with the additional money we will bring in with our Trivia Night and Meat Sale, most of our State Convention costs will be paid for well in advance! Our Holiday Assistance program had a great turn out this year, and we were able to help a family in need with presents, and many other items that the kids absolutely adored. We want to say a special thank you to all the many that helped us with it! With February right around the corner, we are setting our sights on FFA week (15th-21st) and all the wonderful activities that it brings along with it! We hope to see everyone participating and can't wait to show off our Blue & Gold spirit!

B O Y S



By: Eran Davis

The 2014-15 basketball season has been really tough for our Warriors this year. As you know each and every year our boys face tough teams throughout the district. They have faced all of their opponents with Warrior pride by putting up a fight with each team they have played, with the reputation of always playing hard. As the season progresses on they have made many improvements as a team, but they still have a challenging rode ahead of them. The Warriors are continuing to work hard and are trying to make this season one to remember.

B A S K E T B A L L



SENIORS

James Park	4
Logan Stewart	5
Nick Curtis	12
Cody Hobson	14

JUNIORS

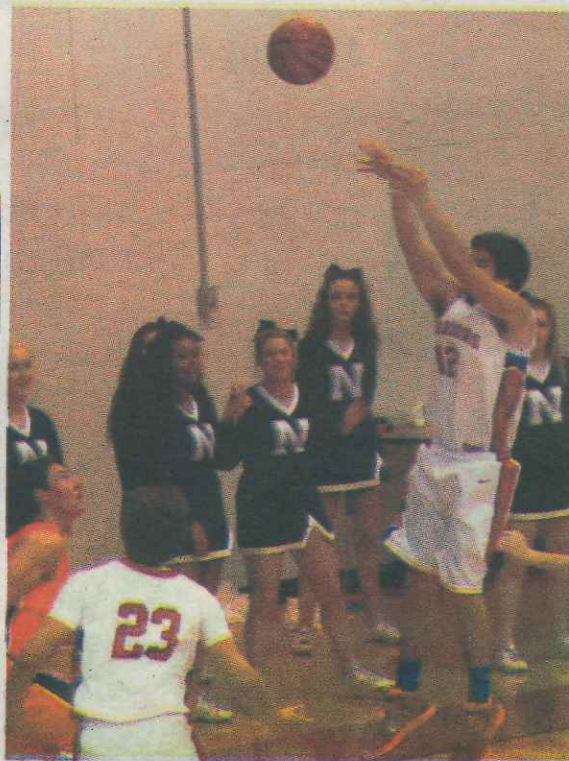
Tyler Zell	33
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SOPHOMORES

Ethan Soule	22
David Lutz	15
Justin Perry	21
Noah Nance	35
Noah Ross	32
John Mullinicks	13
Andrew Mullinicks	55

FRESHMAN

Jonathan Lutz	23
Braden Tummins	11



Girls Basketball

By: Maddie Long

The McEwen Warriorette basketball team has had a decent year so far with a 12-3 record. The girls play with heart and determination every game. As a team, the Warriorettes have decided to dedicate the rest of the season to Coach Harvey Mize due to his recent health issues. This 2014-2015 basketball team has a stronger bond than past years and plans to use this for future victories. The Warriorettes' biggest downfall this year is defense, but as the season progresses, there is only room for improvement.

SENIORS

Lauren Hutchinson #44
Tori Smith #10
Bethany Tomlinson #4

JUNIORS

Lexie Edwards #21
Maddie Long #5

SOPHOMORES

Kaitlin Crump #30
Kelcie Donaldson #34
Scarlett McClurkan #54
Taylor Petty #12

FRESHMEN

Abri Henry #14
Paige Sanker #15
Erica Yearout #22

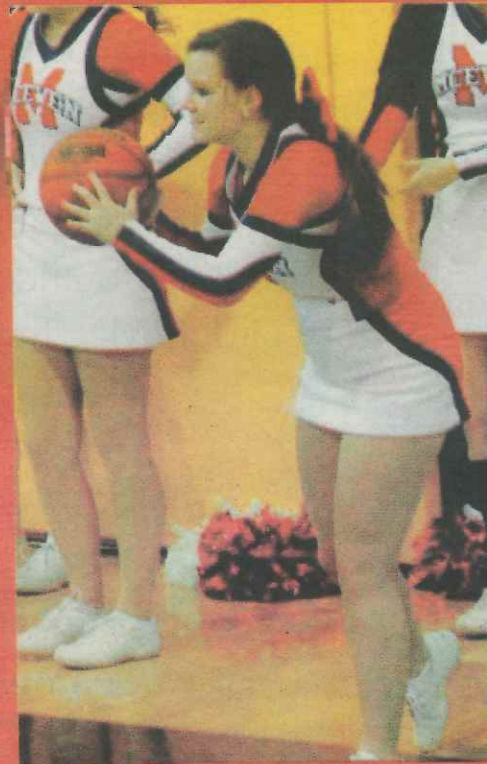
Manager: Eran Davis



Cheerleading

By Hailey Long

Although football season is over, cheerleading goes year round as we cheer for both football and basketball. The end of football season was tough for our cheerleaders but we always have a fresh start when basketball starts. We're always excited to support the boys' and the girls' basketball teams! We've got some awesome stunts and ideas ready for our pep rallies! We've really had great leadership this year from our four senior cheerleaders. They've really helped us pull through this year and we're all excited to see what they have planned for our basketball senior night!



Ten Fun Facts About Thanksgiving

By Maddie Long and Eran Davis

- In the US, about 280 million turkeys are sold for the Thanksgiving celebrations!
- Each year, the average American eats somewhere between 16-18 pounds of turkey!
- Californians are the largest consumers of turkey in the United States!
- Thanksgiving Day is celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November in the United States!
- Although, Thanksgiving is widely considered an American holiday, it is also celebrated on the second Monday in October in Canada!
- The heaviest turkey ever raised was 86 pounds, about the size of a large dog!
- Turkey has more protein than chicken or beef!
- Turkeys will have 3,500 feathers at maturity!
- Male turkeys gobble; hens do not! They make a clucking noise!
- Commercially raised turkeys cannot fly!

The Warrior Times Presents... How To: Hallway Traffic

By Samantha Burns

“Stop, slow, GO! Left lane, right, alternate route.” These aren’t just terms used for driving; they can be used in our own halls! As many of you have noticed by now, the halls are packed from wall to wall with people squeezing their way to class. Frustrating, right? Well, for all of you fed up or just completely lost on what to do, here are some tips.

Number One: DON’T JUST STAND THERE. Get what you need and GO!

Number two: keep to your side. Don’t know which is which? Easy. Go with the flow. Find a channel and just keep swimming.

Number three: take alternate routes. Instead of everyone piling up in the middle stairwell, try using the sides. Plan your route ahead of time, scheduling for locker stops and bathroom breaks.

Follow these tips and not only will you get to class on time, but you’ll avoid being trampled along the way.

MHS BETA CLUB

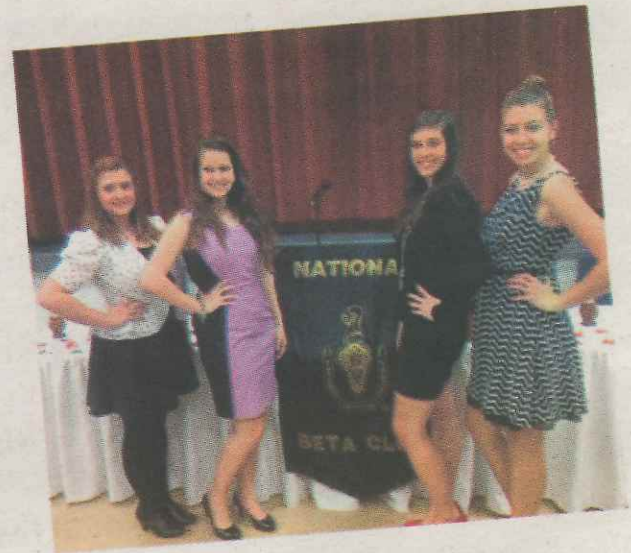
Beta Club Induction
by Mackenzie Stewart

Being in Beta Club is a true honor as a high school student. It is something that is not easy to accomplish, but the benefits are completely worth it. Mid-September finally arrived and it was time for the Senior Beta Club members to deliver invitations to the upcoming members of the Junior class. This was a very special day for our members, and some of the invitations were even delivered by Seniors getting down on one knee to invite the Juniors. November 6th arrived and it was time, at last, for the 28 new members to officially be able to call themselves Beta Club members. Everyone arrived looking sharp for the much anticipated induction ceremony that was successful as every year.

The Beta Club would like to thank the sponsors, senior members, newly inducted members, and the proud parents for making the whole endeavor so wonderful. We have some absolutely great kids to work with this year and are so excited to see what the second semester has in store for the MHS Beta Club.

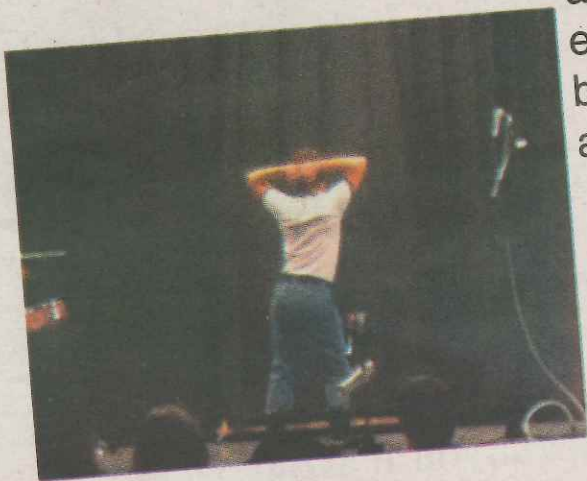
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Vice President: Amanda Little
Secretary: Kimberly Rye
Treasurer: JJ Salley



Beta Club Talent Show
by JJ Salley

This year's Beta Club Talent Show was a big success, as usual. We had a variety of acts that were all very entertaining to watch! Tori Smith and Amanda Little (President and Vice President of the Beta Club) hosted the event as two exuberant emcees, keeping the energy flowing throughout the whole show. They even changed their outfits to coordinate between acts! From several singing acts to one vibrant dance routine (feat. Napoleon, bottom left) there were definitely many fits of laughter among the crowd. The award for Most Entertaining went to Phil Hamilton for his exquisite dance routine, and Most Talented landed in a tie between guitar acts by Trevor Rachford (feat. Jamie Lyle) and Jamison Murphree.



Leo Club



By Allison Bohanon

For the past few months, Leo Club members have been volunteering for community service hours. For example, we are planning a trip to a daycare. Members will interact with the children and help them with a fun project. For the new members, we are planning on having a luncheon soon. This luncheon will be for both new and old members. The new members will also be receiving their pins.

If any Leo Club members have any ideas about other community service projects we can do throughout the year, please consult our sponsors, Mr. Moore or Ms. Jehnzen.

FBLA



By Kayla Sager

Our FBLA chapter has been filled with holiday cheer after receiving the gift of giving. A few weeks before the Christmas holiday, we teamed up with Humphreys County Chamber of Commerce to participate in the Christmas Parade that took place in Waverly. There were so many of our members dressed up as famous characters, such as Scooby Doo and Olaf the Snowman. Throughout the day they took pictures, as well as interacted with the younger children who were absolutely thrilled to see their favorite characters right before their very own eyes.

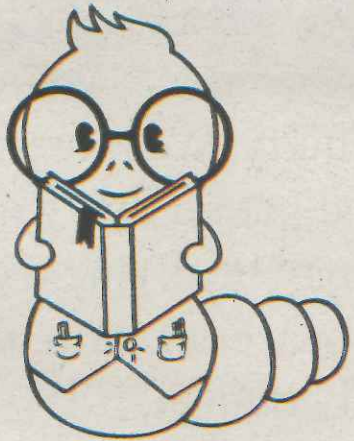
After another holiday season has come and gone, we are ready to begin the intense preparation process that will bring us success in the regional and state competition. Every single member came back from their holiday break ready to compete, and win, in their upcoming event. Each year our FBLA chapter has so much to brag about when it comes to our members' success, and it looks like this year will be no different.

Looking into the near future, we expect to hold our dodge ball tournament that always seems to bring out the inner competitiveness in all of us. This is also a great way for our chapter to raise money during the expensive school year in a fun way.

MHS Book Club

By Kimberly Rye

There's lots going on in the McEwen High School Book Club this semester! After a successful profit from the club's annual Halloween Dance last October, the members have saved enough funds to go on their annual field trip!



If any of you underclassmen are regretting not joining Book Club this year—don't fret! Just make sure that next fall you head down to the library to ask our wonderful librarian, Mrs. Simpson, if you can join the MHS Book Club!

Art Club

By Julia Leegan

Thanks to the artistically talented students in the MHS Art Club, our school's classrooms have never looked better. Art II and III have done a phenomenal job of adding personality to each and every classroom. Art I students have also been creating some amazing pieces. The color scheme paintings they completed look great, and we are looking forward to seeing more breathtaking pieces from their upcoming oil pastel projects.



Making Our Own Christmas Miracles

By Makenzie Stewart and Julia Leegan
Inspired by Mr. Ross

What is the cause of a miracle? Is it some strange magic in the universe, or a supernatural phenomenon that we will never fully understand? Many people believe that there are many different reasons for your average, everyday miracles. However, it has been brought up to society that we, as human beings, create our own miracles.

Just imagine if Santa Claus were real, and such a miracle actually existed; a holiday with no lists, no shopping, no bills, no shipping costs, and on Christmas morning the miraculous appearance of presents that find the right balance between desire and a sort of disciplinary justice. Imagine the world not just laying down arms, ending war, but ending the cause of that war. The ways in which we dehumanize each other will vanish, and in their place will be goodwill and the deeds that create it.

Sadly, no matter how much we wish for such miracles, they must all be done by us alone. We must do the shopping and pursue the equity. We must be the ones who end the violence and hatred that we seem to thrive on. The message may be divine, but the work that lies ahead, finding peace on earth and goodwill towards others, is wholly human. It is wholly our own. Christmas miracles may be strange phenomena, but by changing our perception of what a miracle truly is, we will see that they are all around us.

New Year's Traditions

By Kayla Sager and Allison Bohanon

PRESENT SWAPPING

- Gifts of gilded nuts or coins marked the start of the New Year in Rome.
- Eggs use to be exchanged by the Persians.
- Early Egyptians traded earthenware flasks.
- In Scotland, coal, shortbread, and silverware are exchanged for good luck.

LOUD AND PROUD

- In ancient Thailand, guns were fired to frighten off demons
- In China, firecrackers routed the forces darkness
- In the early American colonies, the sounds of pistol shots rang through the air
- Italians ring church bell
- The Swiss beat drums
- North Americans sound sirens and party horns to bid the old year farewell

FOLKTALES

- On New Year's Eve, kiss the person you hope to keep kissing.
- If on the night New Year's Eve the wind blows south, then the New Year brings warmth and growth new year a lamb.
- For abundance in the New Year, fill your pockets and cupboards.

RAISE YOUR GLASS

- The pop of a champagne cork signals the arrival of the New Year around the world.
- Wassail, the Gaelic term for "good health" is served in some parts of England.
- Spiced "hot pot" is the Scottish version of Wassail. It's customary to drink a glass or two at home before sharing with neighbors.
- In Holland, toasts are made with hot, spiced wine.

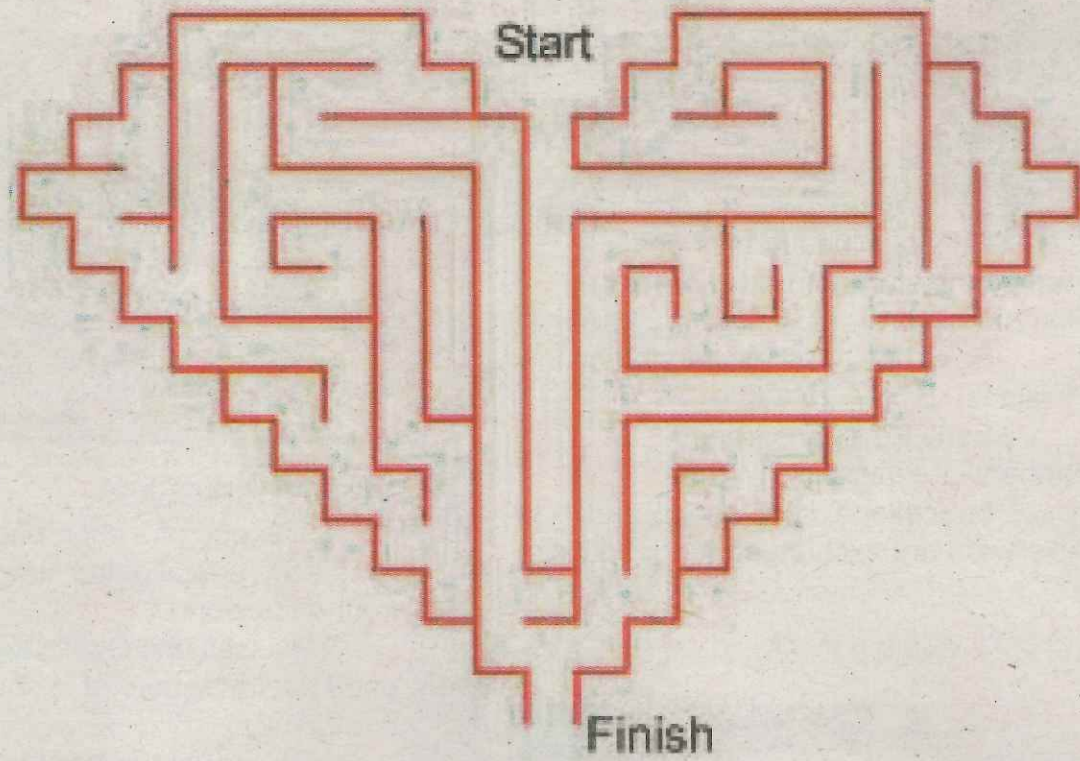
EAT SOME GRUB!

- Irish enjoy pastries called bannocks.
- Apples dipped in honey are a Rosh Hashanah tradition.
- The tradition of eating 12 grapes comes from Spain.
- In Swiss homes, dollops of whipped cream, symbolizing the richness of the new year to come, are dropped on the floors (and are allowed to remain there).

NEW BEGINNING!

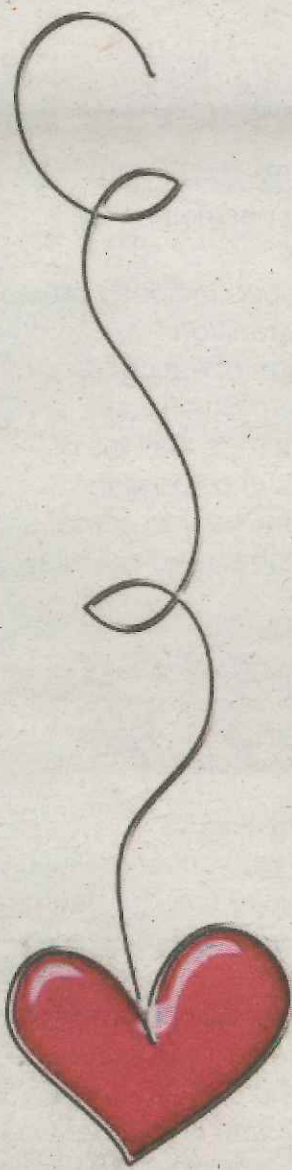
- Jews who observe Rosh Hashanah make time for personal introspection and prayer, as well as visiting graves.
- The practice of making New Year's resolutions are said to have begun with the Babylonians as early as 2600 B.C. and is another way to reflect on the past and plan ahead.

It's all fun and games....



Happy Valentine's Day

- Candle Light
- Cards
- Chocolate
- Cupid
- Date
- Dinner
- First Kiss
- Memories
- Movie
- Pink
- Poem
- Proposal
- Red
- Romance
- Roses
- St. Valentine
- Sweetarts
- Teddy Bear
- True Love



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Chicken Scratch NY

10 Fun Facts About Valentine's Day

By Lauren Hutchinson

1. Nearly 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are purchased each year, making it the second largest seasonal card sending time of the year.
2. In Finland, February 14th is known as Ystavanquiva, which translates to "Friends Day." They spend the day celebrating their best friendships.
3. In the Middle Ages, girls and boys drew names from a bowl to see who would be their valentine. They wore this name pinned on their sleeve for a week. Ever wondered where the term "wear your heart on your sleeves" comes from? Well now you know!
4. February 14th was officially declared St. Valentine's Day by England's King Henry VII in 1537.
5. Physicians in the 1800s commonly advised their patients to eat chocolate to calm their pining for lost love.
6. The first box of chocolates for Valentine's Day was produced in the late 1800s by Richard Cadbury.
7. More than 35 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolates are sold on Valentine's Day each year.
8. Only 27% of the people who buy flowers for Valentine's Day are women, leaving 73% of the purchased flowers in the hands of men.
9. 15% of US Women send themselves flowers on Valentine's Day.
10. The signature "Your Valentine" originated from a card sent to a jailor's daughter from Bishop Valentine. He was jailed for going against the wishes of Emperor Claudius II. He didn't want Roman men marrying during wartime, so Valentine performed secret weddings. For this he was jailed and executed.

McEwen High School Romances and Bromances

By Tori Smith

Since we have been in elementary school we have learned the importance of being some ones Valentine. Back before things got complicated and expensive, boys gave girls teddy bears or that cliche box of dollar chocolates. But now since we have grown older girls dream of roses and diamonds. February 14th is a day to embrace the ones you love and treat them just a little bit more special. Throughout McEwen High School you will find many couples, but here are a few that stand out.

Romances

Bromances

Logan Tummins and Sadie Foor



David Lutz and Kaitlin Crump



James Park and Maddie Long



James Park, Landon Parchman, and Ryan Young



Luke Tyler and Wesley Durham

McEwen High School's Most Eligible Bachelors and Bachelorettes

By Kimberly Rye

Looking for a Valentine this year? Well, McEwen has quite a crop of single little pringles this year. Let's take a look at all of McEwen High School's eligible bachelors and bachelorettes.

Freshmen



Jonathan Lutz

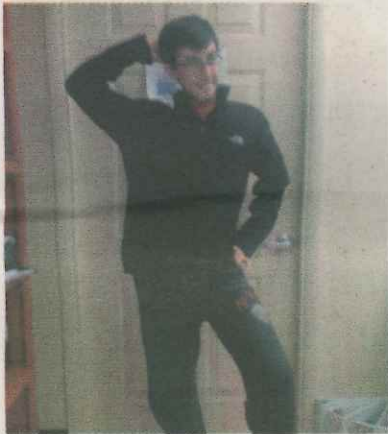
Jonathan Lutz is a fifteen-year-old bachelor who enjoys sports, reading, and looking at his reflection. He's looking for a girl preferably with red hair, around five feet tall, and lots of freckles. Bonus points for green eyes.

Mya Hodges

Mya Hodges is a fifteen-year-old bachelorette who enjoys movies, couches, and food. Snatch her up quick, fellas- this pringle won't be on the market for long.



Sophomores



Hunter Warfield

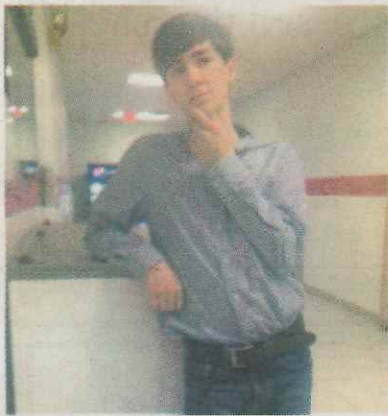
Hunter Warfield is a sixteen year old bachelor who is looking for a lady who is smart, but funny. Not too tall, but not too short. Tough, but not tough enough to beat him up. Extra brownie points if you have a knack for killing spiders.

Annabelle Garcia

Annabelle Garcia is a fetching single sophomore who is looking for a man who's funny, handsome, and enjoys long, romantic walks to the refrigerator.



Juniors



David Massie

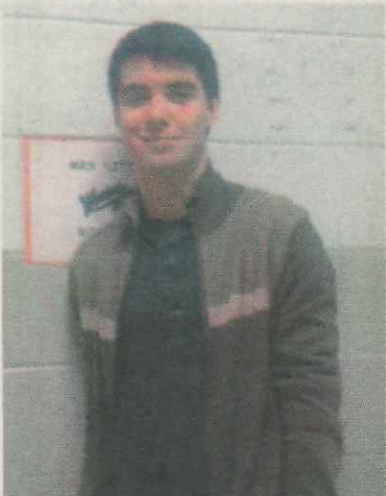
David Massie is sixteen going on seventeen and is perfectly content being single as a pringle. However, he is interested in having a companion to discuss pop culture, snuggle, and watch Doctor Who with.

Faith Martin

Faith Martin is a lovely lady who is looking for an intelligent gentleman with a good sense of humor. Interested clients may apply for consideration.



Seniors



Ben Mosley

Ben Mosley is a class bachelor who is looking for a lady with awesome style and good taste in music. If you're interested, ladies, make sure you aren't too clingy and can't do as many push-ups as him.

JJ Salley

JJ Salley is an eighteen year old pringle who likes sports, but is not afraid to jump onstage and sing her heart out. Requirements for her bae include: access to a prince costume and ability to randomly break out into song/dance.



Ask Annette

Guess who's back again, Warrior Times readers! It's me, Annette; your shoulder to cry on and McEwen's best matchmaker! If you read our last issue, Bookworm Cinderella and High Maintenance Man were feeling discouraged about their lonely love lives, and lamented their sorrows to me. You'll be happy to hear that after figuring out their true identities, yours truly got them together just in time for Valentine's Day! This month I've had another letter of longing from a single little pringle. Let's see what I can do to help him out.

Dear Annette,

There's this girl in my class who's really smart- possibly even smarter than me! (If that's even possible, which it totally IS NOT.) She makes me absolutely sick. She's all cute and funny and clever. Everyone in school loves her... including me. But how could I love someone who challenges my intelligence? How could I live with the embarrassment? My friends would make me a laughing stock! Please help me, Annette. I really want to ask her to prom.

Desperately Yours,
Brainwashed Brainiac

Dear Brainwashed,

Aww, Brainwashed! That is so sweet, even if you don't think so. You obviously totally dig this girl, right? Who cares if she's just as smart as you? Heads up: lots of girls are smart!! Your friends should be totally chill with her if you're really into her. If not, then you might need to seek out some new companionship. The most important thing to remember is that you really care about her, and I'm sure she'll feel the same way if you put your feelings out there. Go ask her to prom! All of the Warrior Times Staff fingers are crossed that she'll say yes!

Sincerely,
Annette

Does no one seem to understand you? Are you hunting for a bae of your own? Do you have teen angst? Do you just need someone to talk to? Send a letter to me, Annette, and I'll see if I can be of any help. You may even see my responses right here in the Senior Issue of the Warrior Times! See you later, Warriors!

Advertisements

ADVISOR APPRECIATION

Our desire as the Warrior Times newspaper staff is that each person in the community find something of interest in our school paper. We work to provide you with exciting, amusing, and informative material concerning many aspects of McEwen High School. However, we acknowledge we cannot achieve our goals alone. We would like to thank Mr. Joe Greene and the FFA for advising the newspaper and providing us with the means to produce it efficiently.



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High Schoolers Learn about Ag Careers

Nathan Rudgers pointed to his tie, featuring the famous farm couple in the American Gothic painting. That image, the farmers with the pitchfork, no longer fits today's agriculture, Rudgers told about 200 high school students on Thursday.

Rudgers, the former state agriculture commissioner from Pavilion, was among the panelists during a Harvest Festival at Genesee Community College. Rudgers now works with Farm Credit as a business consultant.

In the 1990s, many farmers didn't steer their children to careers on the farm, he said. Commodity prices were so low farmers were going out of business or barely eking out a living.

But Rudgers said agriculture is in a new, more dynamic era, with soaring crop prices, surging demand for the products and a technology revolution in equipment and seeds.

"We are in the agriculture century," Rudgers told the students. "There will be tremendous opportunities because there will be a lot more mouths to feed." Farmers will have to drastically boost their output in the coming decades, as the world population is projected to jump from 6.9 billion people in 2010 to 9.5 billion in 2050. Locally, farmers are working fertile land that can't be outsourced to another country.

"Agriculture is a land-based business and land doesn't leave," he said.

GCC hosted students throughout the GLOW region for the discussion about careers in agriculture. The college in recent years has pushed to connect more local high schoolers with careers in the area's leading industry.

Some of the students have grown up on farms and are well-versed in the potential careers. Andy Underhill, a junior at Elba with a farm background, said he is considering a career as a dairy nutritionist.

He sees a career in agriculture as a fun vocation. He said he isn't afraid to work hard and he knows many of the jobs pay well.

Oliver Ewell from Pavilion works on his uncle's farm, milking cows. He was encouraged by Thursday's ag career expo, which showed a breadth of careers, either directly on the farm or in support of those operations.

"There are more jobs you can do and you don't necessarily have to live on a farm," he said.

James Kingston, manager of the Monroe Tractor in Batavia, started his career working as a food inspector, and then joined the Soil and Water Conservation District in Orleans County, working with several environmental initiatives, from cleaning ditches to mapping drainage tile. He was a field crops specialist for Cornell before joining Monroe Tractor.

He told students about the widespread use of computers, satellites and other high-tech equipment in operating today's tractors and farm machinery.

Mike Stanyard, field crops specialist, shared about his passion for insects and helping farmers combat the pests' damage to crops. Tristan Zuber also discussed her job as a dairy processing specialist with Cornell, working with food processors, especially the new yogurt plants in Batavia.

Another panelist, Jerry Boltoldo, works with local dairies as specialist with Cornell. He grew up outside New York City and worked as vet. He didn't have a farm background growing up.

Rudgers said farms would be willing to hire local residents without an ag background.

"If you show up and show enthusiasm and a willingness to be there, they're not going to turn you away," Rudgers said. "Good producers figure out how to use that talent."

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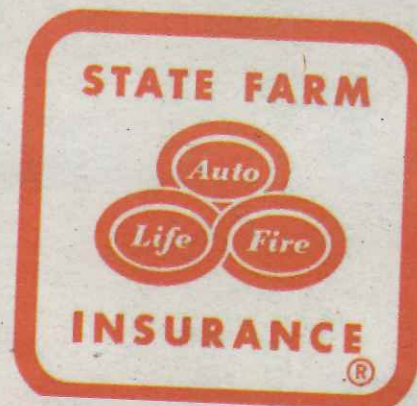
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