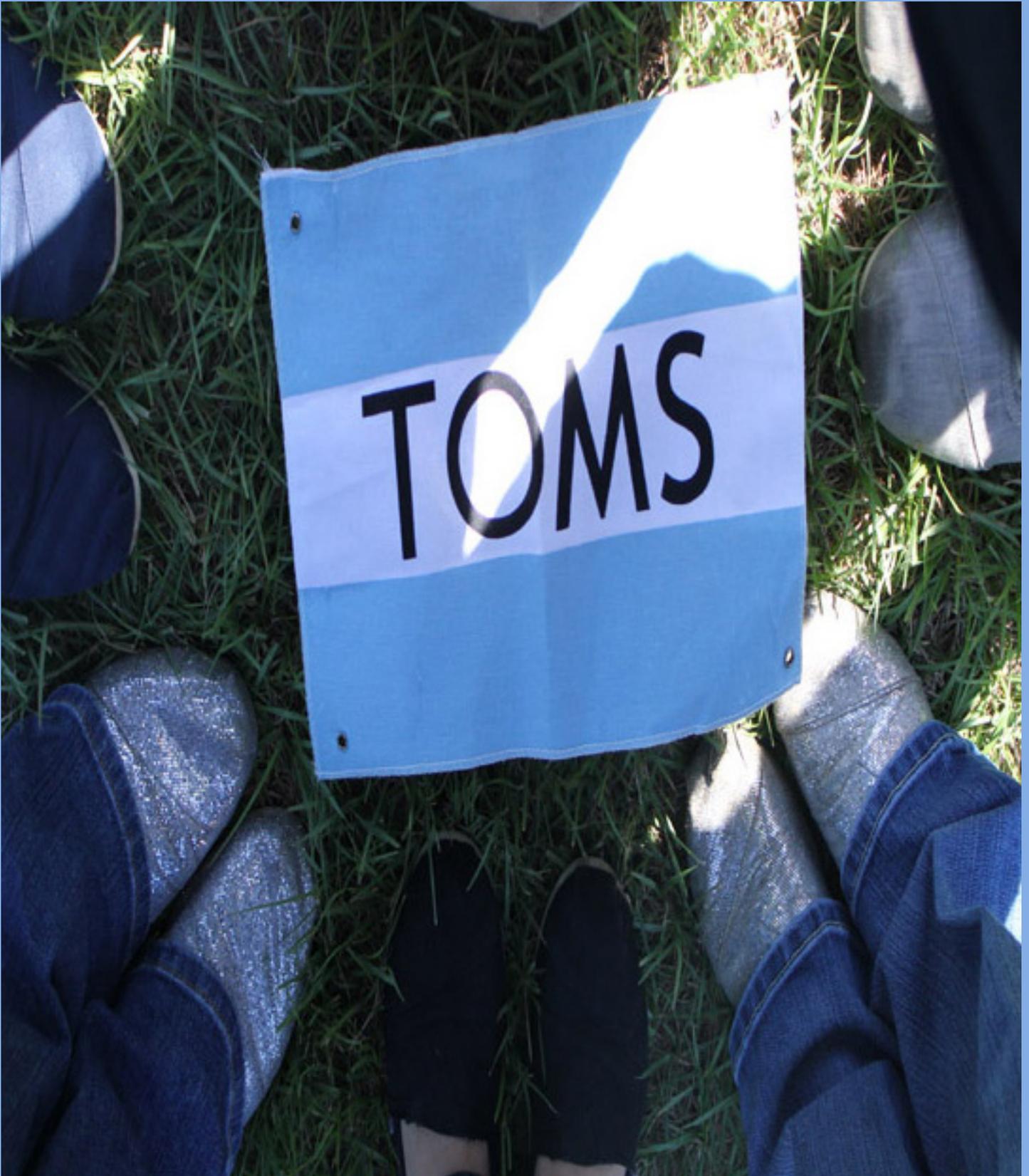


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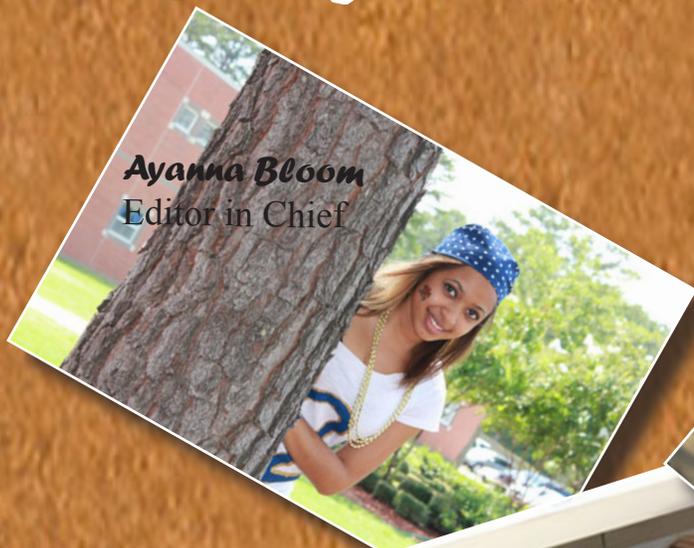
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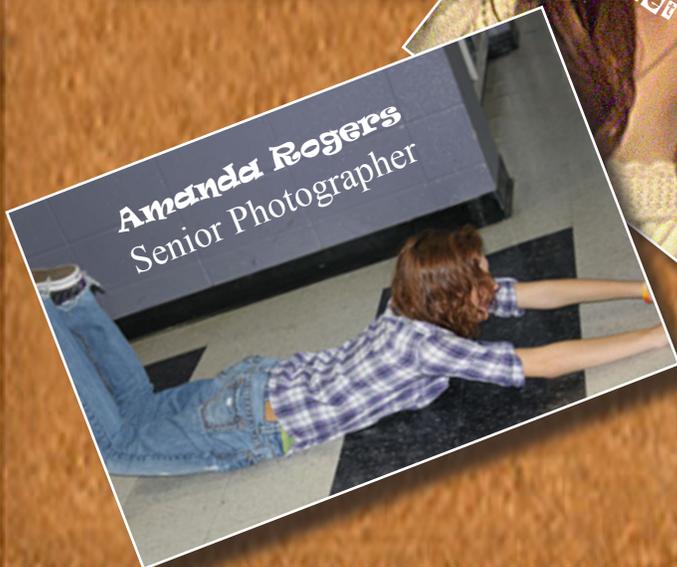
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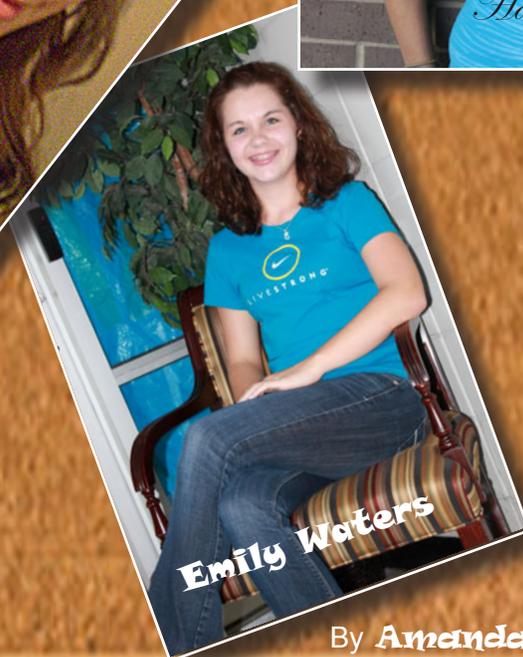
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NJROTC Steps Out to Make a Difference

By **Juliet Ferrell**

Various organizations are stepping out of the halls of Pearl High School and into the community to make a huge difference. One organization, known for its community service efforts, is Pearl's very own NJROTC unit. From Habitat for Humanity to Band competitions, NJROTC cadets fully involve themselves and create an example not only for other students but also for the community of Pearl.

On September 10th, 30 cadets volunteered their early Saturday morning and were involved in a community service project with Habitat for Humanity. These cadets pulled weeds, helped prepare the ground for sod, and laid down sod for three homes in Jackson. After 4 ½ hours, these cadets were done.

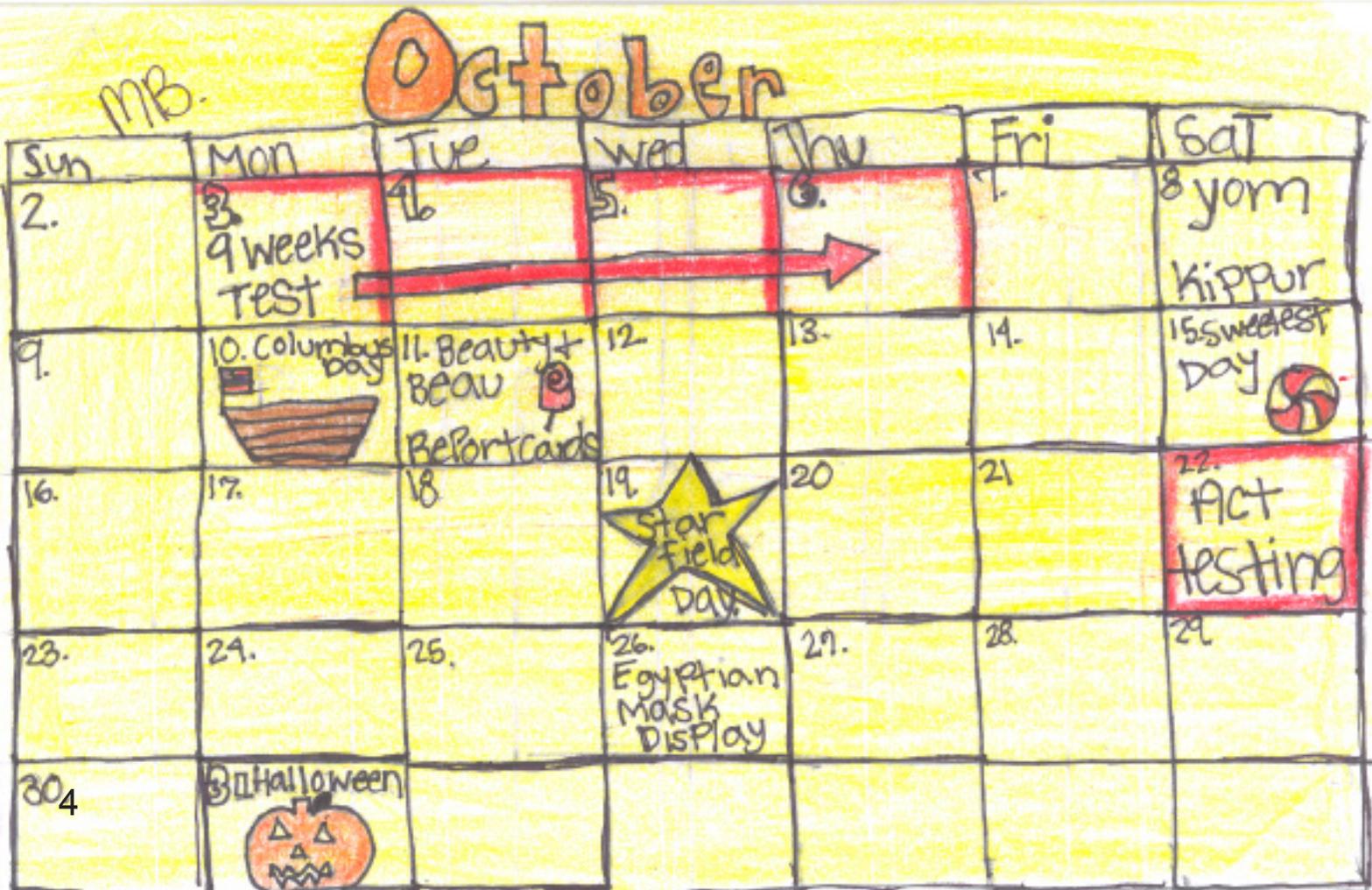
“Doing this project made me feel good because I gave back to the community,” said junior Cody McKay.



(Above): Cody McKay gives back by working with his fellow cadets and Habitat for Humanity.



(Right): ROTC cadets help out by laying sod.



3 2 1... ACTION

By **Ayanna Bloom**

“Quiet on set” is actually what a selected group of students will be hearing for the first time. Pearl High School now has their very own digital media class and the teacher may look very familiar to some students. Mr. Michael Brewer previously worked at Pearl Junior High where he taught for two years. This is his first year at the high school, and he is the new digital media teacher.

Although Mr. Brewer is not a professional in the broadcasting world, he applied for the teaching job last spring. “When I heard that they were going to be offering a digital media class I knew that would be something I would be interested in and I wanted to find out more information about it. I have always enjoyed working with technology and I knew this would be right up my alley,” said Mr. Brewer. A 2004 PHS graduate, Mr. Brewer said that the class was not offered when he was a student.

Now students may be wondering just what the broadcasting class is going to be doing, Members of the class assist the Pirate Media Network in broadcasting the Pearl Pirate football games on TV, internet, and radio.

The class plans to create a student news segment at least once a month that will be broadcast to the entire student body. It will inform students of things going on around Pearl High School and their community. The class will be working with some of the latest equipment including cameras, green screens, and editing software.

All in all Mr. Brewer said the students are very excited and eager to learn. When asked what he likes most about broadcasting, he said, “So far I have enjoyed most getting to know my students and working with them in broadcasting student events.”

The students like being able to learn about new technology, help broadcast football games, and meet new people along the way.

“The best part of being in the broadcasting crew is being able to learn about computers and recording,” said sophomore John Adames.

PHS senior Noelle Arender said, “The best part of being on the broadcasting crew is that I get to learn and experience new things. It’s nice to be behind the camera instead of on the field playing or performing.”



Pirates Impact the World!

By **Emily Waters**

Anyone can make a difference. Mrs. Mickie West, a teacher at Pearl High School, is making a difference by moving to Haiti with her family to help better a community. For the past six years, Mrs. West has taught Senior English, Junior Honors English, and served as yearbook advisor.

Since going on her first mission trip in high school, Mrs. West has been on six mission trips in the United States, Brazil, Mexico, Bermuda, Canada, and Haiti. She said, "Loving people and showing them that God's love reaches beyond borders and language barriers are my favorite parts of the mission trips. I am happy to be a vehicle He uses to provide that for people."

For several years, Mrs. West has felt ready to go on a mission trip such as this one. After a devastating earthquake hit Haiti on January 12, 2010, her husband, Tony, a registered nurse who also holds a degree in hospital administration, told her that he wanted to go help. He went to Haiti four times that year. When he left Haiti in April, a couple tried to give him their baby to take back to the U.S. with him; he said no with a broken heart. He couldn't stop thinking about the baby. One night he woke out of a deep sleep; he told his wife that God had said to him, "What good would it do the children of Haiti to adopt just one?" In his dream he had seen a medical clinic, a church, a school, and an orphanage.

West's pastor introduced him to Barbara Gladney, mission team coordinator for Project Haiti at First Baptist Church of Jackson. After West told her about his dream, Gladney showed him two pieces of paper with drawings of the buildings exactly as he had described. So the West family is going to go and help the community. "We will be there until God decides our work is complete," said Mrs. West.

Mrs. West's two sons took the news of moving to Haiti surprisingly well, although there are times when leaving gets a little intimidating. Their oldest son, Jonathan, will be staying in Mississippi to finish college. Jacob, a sophomore in high school, is going with them. Mrs. West will homeschool him. They will have Internet so they will use Skype, Facebook and e-mail to stay in touch with their friends and family. While living in Haiti, the family will not have conveniences such as, grocery stores, English television, soft drinks, and many of their favorite foods. Mrs. West said she is going to miss her oldest son, family, and her church the most.

"People sometimes cannot believe we are actually doing this, but I want them to understand that it's God that is doing this." Mrs. West said, "Only God can change a heart. Only God can put a desire so strong in a person's heart that he or she is willing to give up everything to share His love in a third- world country... and be excited about it!! Only God."



World Changer

By *Mackenzie Bell*

“When I was a little girl, I painted pictures of flowers to give to my teachers to make them smile,” said freshman Hannah Kanengiser. “Now I help others to show God’s love and allow them to see Christ in me.”

Hanna is involved with an organization called Beautiful Feet, named after the Bible verse, Romans 10:15: “How beautiful are the feet of those who share the gospel.”

“The person who influences me the most is the high school girls’ intern at my church,” said Hannah. “She teaches a weekly bible study, holds me accountable and keeps me grounded.”

Hannah has been on several mission trips, and she has helped make home repairs with a group called World Changers (students who go around the state and help others).

She said, “When I help people it doesn’t satisfy me, I just hope Gods kingdom will be advanced.”

Hanna said, “I didn’t want to start helping people learn about God until I was saved because to teach people about God you have to know him.” She started going on these missions because she didn’t want to be selfish and not share what she knows about him.

Hannah wants to be a missionary and a motivational speaker. She wants to go to Mississippi College to major in public speaking and minor in Religion. If she could pick one place to go out of this country it would be Guatemala because she wants to speak Spanish and it was just planted in her heart. She sells t-shirts and saves the money and puts it toward a trip to Guatemala. Hanna said, “Everything I do is for the glory of God.”

“When I was a little girl, I painted pictures of flowers to give to my teachers to make them smile.”



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Russia comes to PHS

By Hanna Lewis

Sounds of Russian music have come to Pearl High School, thanks to our very own Pearl "Pirate" Band. The band's show consists of "Russian Christmas Music" by Alfred Reed, *Fire of Eternal Glory*, and the finale, from "Symphony #5," are both by Dimitri Shostakovich. The Russian-themed show is both different and harder than what the band has done in the past. Mr. Cannon explained why by saying, "We decided we got tired of doing rock or movie music, and we felt we should educate not only the students but the audience on serious music. So we picked this because of its excitement and intensity."

Mr. Cannon went on to say, "When talking about the Pearl Band, they need to be playing music and doing drills no one else can do. We are just exploring our limits right now."

Band members agree that the show is definitely harder than in the past but that they enjoy it. Sophomore Trish Thornton said "It's awesome just a lot of work."

As they do every year, the Pirate band used their slogan "Excellence through Perseverance" to fully achieve mastery of the show. This phrase is not just a saying for the Pirate Band but a way of life by both band members and directors.

Mr. Cannon said, "it's not just a band saying it's a life lesson... It means that you are giving one hundred percent of your best every day."

RUSSIA COMES TO LIFE: Members of the "Pirate" band begin the first song of this years Russian-themed half time show during the Pearl vs. Northwest game.



RUSSIAN DANCE: Lauren Strong and Jordan Harper practice the Russian-themed color guard routine.



EXCELLENCE: Drew Lafontaine, Seth Romines, and Ladarius Carter practice a visual for the show late Thursday night before the Pearl vs. Northwest game. Photos by Hanna Lewis.



BREAK FROM SERIOUS: Danielle Powe, dressed in her Russian garb, takes a moment to laugh before becoming once again focused to walk onto the field for the half time show.

What's your car's name?



Keira Sutton, Junior
Her car: Altima
The name: Tweety B.
Why: cause she loves
Tweety bird

Amanda Rogers, Senior
Her car: Black impala 2001
The name: Wilma
Why: Short for "will my car
start today?"



BRANDON EHRHARDT, JUNIOR
HIS CAR: MAZDA
THE NAME: THE TANK
WHY: IN ANY WRECK, OR ACCIDENT,
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OTHER CAR ALWAYS DOES.



Ms. Ann DeFoore, Teacher
Her car: Dodge Van
The name: Bubba Sue
Why: It's big, red, and just
couldn't give it a feminine name.



By Haley Blair

Pirates Love

By *Ayanna Bloom*

“Cinderella is proof that a pair of shoes can change your life.” In the case of TOMS shoes, however, the life that is changed could be a child in a third world country. In the past 5 years, a new fashion trend has swept the nation. TOMS shoes are worn by celebrities and everyday people like adults, kids, girls, and even guys.

Blake Mycoskie, the founder of TOMS, traveled to Argentina in 2006 and found that the children there had no shoes. Wanting to help, he created the TOMS shoe brand. His idea was with every pair of TOMS purchased he would give a pair to a child in need, an idea he called “one for one”. Mycoskie later returned to Argentina that year and along with him were family and friends. Together they delivered 10,000 pairs of shoes all made possible by TOMS customers.

Why donate shoes? Many children in developing countries do not have shoes, which could put them at risk for catching diseases, getting cuts and sores, and even not being able to attend school. TOMS has many giving partners worldwide who help out in the countries and communities that receive TOMS shoes.

The giving partners order the sizes the children need in their community so that every child has shoes that fit. They don't stop there though. TOMS is aware that children grow all the time, so they provide shoes for the kids as they continue to get older to make sure that they can stay healthy and in school.



Kellen Turner



Alexis Bridges



Melissa Keebler

Their TOMS

TOMS also has a very creative idea called Shoe Drops. Shoe Drops is where the staff and volunteers can go to other countries and actually place shoes on the children's feet. According to the website, many of the people who go on these Shoe Drop missions actually go on to start their own non profit organizations. The very first shoe drop took place in Argentina, but since then drops have been in places like South Africa, Ethiopia, and even right here in the United States.

Based on a Pirate Speaks' poll, *eleven teachers* and *thirty eight students* own *one hundred and eleven* pairs of TOMS shoes. Think about how many pairs have been donated from across the country.

People give many reasons for buying TOMS. They like their look, comfort, and most of all their cause, and some people don't have just one pair.

Have a passion for something like this? To learn more about TOMS shoes, log on to the TOMS website at www.toms.com, and get help with creating a campus club, and spread the word about the TOMS cause at school. People can even intern for TOMS too.

TOMS shoe brand also has t-shirts, boots, heels, and now sunglasses. TOMS are truly little things making a big difference.



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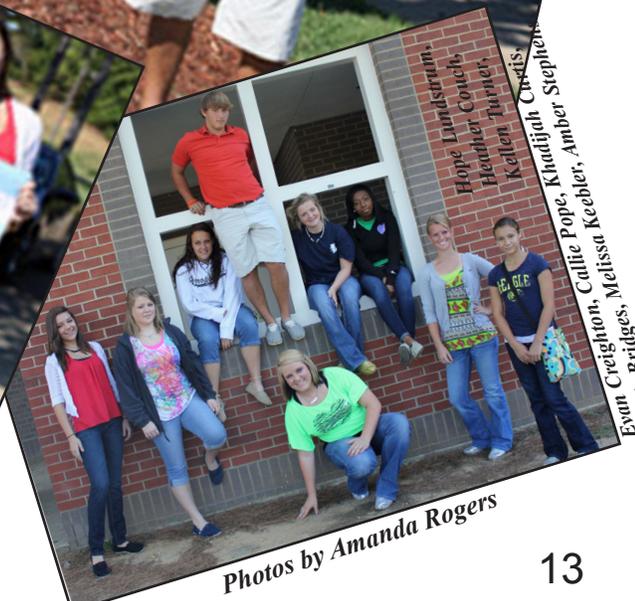
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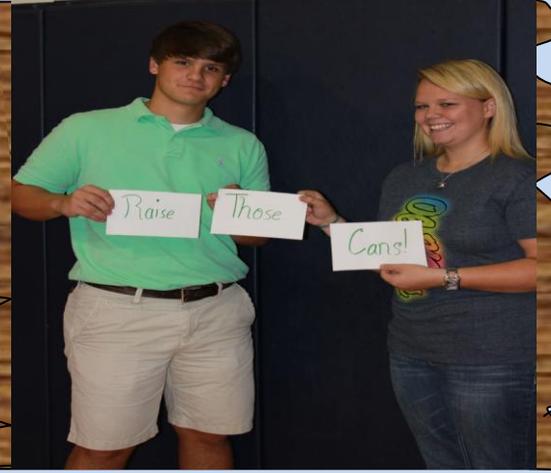
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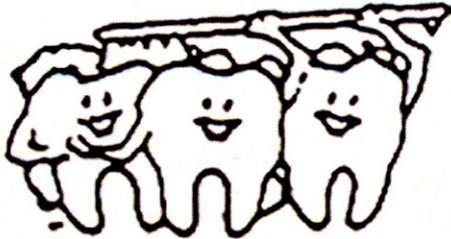


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A: "Normal bumps life throws at you... What doesn't kill you... Makes you stronger."

Q: "What are your talents/interests/hobbies?"

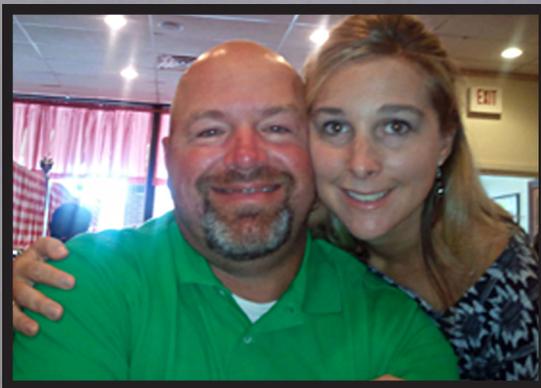


A: "I enjoy cooking with my fiancé (Matt Rowan)."



Q: "If money were no object, I would..."

A: "Remove all world hunger. Also, I would help illiterate children around the globe."



Q: "What about you might surprise our students and help them recognize that you are a 'real person'?"

A: "My husband asked me out on our first date in the hallways at the Pearl Junior High between classes."



Q: "What about you might surprise our students and help them recognize that you are a 'real person'?"

A: "I love rock music- indie rock, Arcade Fire, The National, Interpol, Silversun Pickups, and Brand New."

... About Your Teachers!

August - October....

Sports Zone

By Amanda Rogers



Clockwise from top left:

-**Brandon Massey**, a junior, hopes to achieve new records for this year's swim team. Photo courtesy of Mrs. Edwards.

-Freshmen, **Alexis Ware**, starts off her first year of high school as a member of Pearl High School's Lady Pirates Volleyball Team. Photo by Sheri Carter.

-**Kirby Wixson**, senior, with his game face on, after Pearl beat Brandon yet again with a score of 27 to 20. Photo by Sheri Carter.

-Freshmen, **AK Pitman**, Lady Pirates Softball Player, practices for an upcoming game. Photo by Amanda Rogers.

-Junior dancer, **Sommer Rivers**, looks on as the Pearl-Brandon game begins. Photo by Amanda Rogers.

-**Alyssa Wilmoth**, senior cheerleader, looks out into the ecstatic crowd of Pearl High School upperclassmen at the spirit week pep-rally. Photo by Amanda Rogers."

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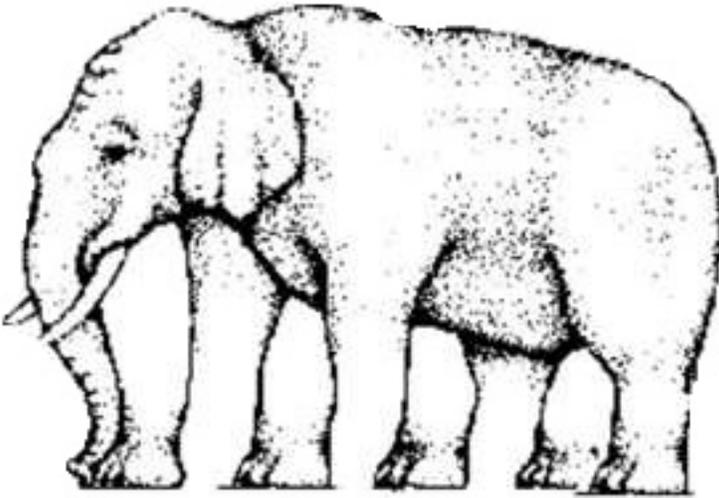
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*How many legs
does the
elephant have?*

*I Spy with my little
eye....
pirate, animal, face,
bulldog, mask*



Pictures from Spirit Week 2011

Did you know?

- *Approximately 70% of Earth is water, but only 1% is drinkable.*
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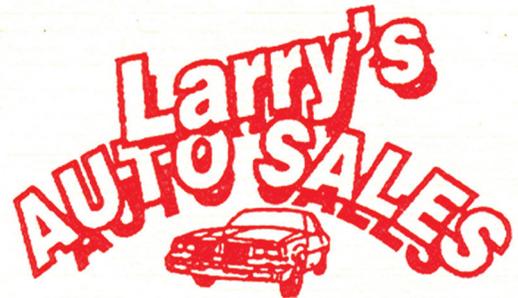


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