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Dear Readers,

I can honestly say that this issue taught everyone on the staff a lot. For instance, we learned that when you are talking about more than one hero you spell it heroes. If you spell it heros, then you are referring to a sandwich. Since we don't write for Subway, you can see how that was a slight problem; let's just say a lot of editing was happening in room B219. I really want to say thank you to everyone on the staff for their hard work, and everyone in Pearl High School who took the time to talk to us or submit pictures. This issue of The Pirate Speaks means a lot to me personally, and I really hope everyone enjoys reading as much as we enjoyed making it.

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The Pearl Police and Fire Department are on The Pirate Speaks list of heroes. Read more about them on page 15.



Firemen on front cover: Allen Elliot, Jay Glenn, Trey Moore, Chief Carl Kibby

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### Getting to Know Mr.Crane

The Pirates Speaks sat down with history teacher, Mr. David Crane, in order to get to know him.

#### By: **Emily Waters**

- TPS: What are some of your hobbies?
- Mr.C: Reading. I love soccer and watching sports on televison.
- TPS:How long have you been a teacher?
- Mr.C: Eighteen years.
- TPS: What made you choose this career path?
- Mr.C: I had a really good teacher in college that turned me on to history and education.
- TPS: Do you feel a lot of pressure knowing that kids think of you as a role model?
- Mr.C: Nope! 'Cause as a Christian we are supposed to live up to the example, but we always fail.
- TPS: What do you enjoy about your job?
- Mr.C: Getting new students every year.
- TPS: Who is your hero? Why?
- Mr.C: Jesus, because He set the example that we should emulate.
- TPS: Who was your hero when you were a child?
- Mr.C: Ryne Sandberg, he was the second basemen for the Chicago Cubs.
- TPS: When is your birthday?
- Mr.C: August 28th
- TPS: When you were a child, what was your dream job?
- Mr.C: I wanted to be a lawyer.
- TPS: What is your favorite food?
- Mr.C: Rib-eye steak.
- TPS: If you were stranded on a deserted island, what 3 things would you bring with you?
- Mr.C: 1.) Bible 2.) Soccer ball 3.)Swiss Army Knife
- TPS: What would you wish for if you had 3 wishes?
- Mr.C: 1.) To be content with what I have. 2.) For people to value education. 3.) For people to do things the way I want them to do it.
- TPS: Where would you go in a time machine?
- Mr.C: The early 1980's in my own life, so I could spend more time with my dad.
- TPS: Is there anything you want to add?
- Mr.C: I think The Pirate Speaks should be on the Internet.







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## Who is Your Hero and Why?

Heroes

By: Hanna Lewis and Madison Byrd

Marilyn Monroe because she is inspirational. Charlee Hatter: Senior

My Mom because she is always there for me and a good role model. *Tyler Scott: Senior* 

Everyday people because they are nothing special, but yet they get up and live their lives everyday and do extraordinary things. Joseph Moore: Junior

My brother because he is a United States Marine. Bella Kyzar: Sophomore

Jesus because he saved me. Chris Guillotte: Sophomore

My brother; he dropped out of school so he could support our family. **Dessiray Cleary: Freshman**  My Mommy because her heart is bigger than her mind. Asklee Ferrell: Junior

Jesus because he will never let you down. *Rebecca Donald: Freshman* 

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## What It

"People are your number one resource," is what Master Chief Willie Lott was taught in the beginning of his climb to reach the Navy's highest rank enlisted. He learned of Pearl from the previous commander, Michael Curry, whom he met while they were both serving at leaders camp. Curry had the opportunity to observe Lott's teaching skills, and Curry asked Lott if he would be interested in the NJROTC position at Pearl High School. Lott said, "I was, and a year later, he called."

Two people who inspired Lott were Master Chief Henry Carrol, who taught him "you sometimes think you are ready for a position, but you have not fully matured," and Master Chief Robert Robinson, who taught him "people are your number one asset." Master Chief said he fully realized the meaning of it all once he made chief. However, it takes more than inspiration; Lott took certain steps that led him in this direction.



He had always been involved in young people's lives, including during high school when he coached city league, which he continued to do while stationed in Hawaii. He said, "I have a knack of connecting with people, young and old." Things were not always easy though.

When frustrations and complications arose, he said, "I knew I was on the right track; it's when it comes easy that you have to be worried," and the whole time he thought of making master chief to make it all worthwhile.



Now, when Master Chief looks back and sees how he attained his position, he sees he is where he wants to be; he has "the job." Master Chief holds himself to being consistent and having a degree of flexibility. He commonly uses the phrase, "Do the right thing," to express some of his central beliefs; and when it comes to his students, he is just as determined.

When it comes to them following their "call of duty," Master Chief has three basic principles of leadership: first, he helps them set their goals; second, he praises behavior and performance whenever warranted; and third, he reprimands poor performance and bad behavior, but never the individual. Through all his pupils, he has truly learned people are his number one resource.

Who are your heroes?

"My mom and the young sailors and students I have come in contact with that have attained their goals."

## Took...

By: KATIE SIMS



"Do the best you can with your God-given talents, and be an optimist and believe things are going to work out well," is what Captain John Lewis says he believes. He also said he believes it was just a matter of "right place at the right time" that landed him in his position at Pearl High School; Lewis retired from the Navy four days prior to the position opening and decided to take it thinking it would be, "a unique challenge and I can pursue my passion for studying history."

He had one main source of inspiration: His dad. Lewis' father was a member of the WWII generation and was an inspiration throughout his life. It was, in a great part, his father that always gave him the inkling that the navy was what he wanted to do; but there were steps he had to take in the beginning.

He went to college; then OIS, Officer's Indoctrination School in Newport, Rhode Island where he received his commission; and it sometimes got tough.

During these times, he told himself, "I'm going to be better at this job tomorrow than I was today," and "Things will always work out," to make all worthwhile. When it was really hard, he had to ask himself, "Is this really worth doing?"

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Today, when Captain Lewis thinks back on how he got here, he thinks it was worth it; and he holds himself to many moral values such as family and religion. He also adheres core principles and values.

He expresses these every time he says "I can do this." He admonishes his pupils to follow these core values: honor, courage, and commitment.

He tells his students two things: "Bloom where you are planted," and "Do the best you can at whatever you are doing."

As he has climbed his way up, Lewis has realized he should do the best he can with God-given talents, and be an optimist and believe things are going to work out well.

Who are your heroes? "The WWII generation, whose sacrifices enable us to live the way we do today."



"I think young girls can look up to her because she's gone through hard times and has still kept herself together. It's like the media is waiting for her to do something wrong, since she hasn't messed up yet." -Ms. Jenny Smíth

> "I'm not a big fan of her." *-Mr. Míchael Brewer*

"I'm not quite sure who she is, I just know that she sings about her boyfriend a lot." -Mr. Richard Smithhart

> "I like her look, I like her and her music. She's alright. She seems sweet." -Ms. Ann DeFoore

"I've heard a few of her songs. She's a pretty good singer, I guess." -Coach Leigh Ann Purnell

> "She's a pretty good role model, she's not as bad as other certain stars out there. Like Lindsay Lohan." -Mrs. Angíe Rawls



#### By: Emily Waters

The Pirate Speaks asked the students of Pearl High School to finish the lyrics to popular songs in their own words.

#### "But they're just afraid of

Bruno Mars: "Something they can't understand."

Tevin McGuire: "Not being accepted." Chase Stacey: "A challenge they can't understand." Edy Paredes: "Roaches"

" Spend all your time waiting for ."

Sarah Mclaughlin: "That second chance."

Ms. Vaughn: "Peace" Larry Stewart: "The right one" Mikki Boyd: "A diploma"

"So I was the one with all the glory, and you were the one with all the \_\_\_\_\_."

Bette Midler: "Strength."

Hannah Kanagiser: "Money." Haylee Cobb: "Pizza." Powell Pearson: "Cows"

"Someday I'll be living in a big ole city,and all your ever gonna be is \_\_\_\_\_."

Taylor Swift: "Mean."

Lauryn Tucker: "Pretty." Jasmin Stevens: "An engineer." Tristen Nugent: "Jealous"

## WHAT IS A HERO?

#### By: Emily Waters

According to Webster a hero is "a man admired for his achievements and noble qualities", but the students of Pearl High School know that a hero is much more than just some man who has a few achievements, practically anyone can be a hero. The Pirate Speaks asked some students their definition of the word hero. The answers were vastly different, yet very similar.

Junior, Tanner Stewart has a very concrete definition of the word, a United States Marine. While other students have a more abstract view, such as Junior Tayler Boggans, who said her definition of the word hero is someone who cares about the wellness of others, and will go out of their way to make sure that other people won't go without what they need.

Sophomore Alex Blanton says, "A hero is someone who does things for others." Being a hero doesn't necessarily have to just be about saving lives. It could just be someone who volunteers regularly at an animal shelter or someone that gives blood. Even donating your old clothing to places like Good Will and other thrift stores is heroic.

A child's definition of the word hero is very simple. Santa, their favorite cartoon character, their parents, or anyone who would sit down and spend time with them is their hero. Even though the students of Pearl High School are no longer children, multiple students said that their hero is their mom. Junior Alyson Smith said, " My mother is my definition of the word hero, because she survived cancer."

Webster may be correct, but he doesn't know the half of it. The Pirates Speaks encourages you to go out and be somebody's hero.



On Monday, November 12 the entire student body assembled in the PAC, to honor our veterans. Mrs. Angie Rawls, choral director, organized the event. PHS raised \$800.00 for the USO, which will buy calling cards for our soldiers.

Photo by: Emily Waters





Our Teachers are our Heroes Mr. Jeff Spears, Mrs. Lia Ochoa, and Ms. Ann DeFoore suited up in their capes (and fancy lab coat) to represent our super teachers. Photo by: Emily Waters



**American Pride** 

Tanner Stewart happily stands next to the flag pole, showing his support for our nation. His definition of the word hero is a U.S. Marine. Photo by: Emily Waters



Key Club's Pancake Supper Key Club hosted their annual pancake supper in the beginning of November here at PHS. Read more about Key Club on page 16. Photo by: Ms.Merri McCoy



#### **Pink Glove Dance**

Pearl High School competed in the Pink Glove Dance video competition, and we won first place in the school division. We won \$500.00 to donate in honor of breast cancer awareness. Photo provided by: Mr. Michael Brewer



## Even Heroes Have Heroes

#### By: Hanna Lewis

Even the heroes have heroes, and usually they do not consider themselves to be heroes. Pearl Fire Chief Carl Kibby is one of these heroes, in 1994 he even received an award for saving the life of an elderly female



Chief Kibby sits at his desk. He has been fire chief for four years and is also an associate instructor at the fire academy.

citizen from a house fire. However he said "If anybody is a true hero it's the families that allow us (firefighters) to do what we enjoy doing."

Chief Kibby also said that the most heroic things he has ever seen are the troops in Afghanistan, his fellow firefighters, and the police officers and firefighters of 9-11 that continued to return into the Twin Towers to save others.

But why did Chief Kibby become a firefighter if not to be a hero? He said "It was a calling ... as soon as I could walk I would run to the window every time a fire truck went past the house." The Chief has also worked as an EMT and has had several other jobs, which is not uncommon for firefighters. He said "Most of us are multi trained in things like chemistry, EMTs, or structure rescue. We aren't just fire wise."

For Pearl Police Captain Tim Sarrett, it is an honor for people to consider him a hero and motivates him to work harder for the city. He said, "I consider myself a servant more than a hero."

Captain Sarrett, who grew up in Pearl, believes that there is no other community like this one. He said, "If you were to cut both wrists, I would bleed blue and gold. I am a Pirate and always will be." He also stated that the Pearl Police Department as a whole tries to make Pearl a better place every day, and he hopes that a another day like the one in 1997 never happens again.

When asked who his heroes were he answered that his grandfather and dad were big role models that supported him through his military and police careers. He said, "My dad was the example that I always wanted to be."



Captain Sarrett stands by his police truck. He graduated from Pearl High School. His son Sam Sarrett also attends Pearl.

But Captain Sarrett also looks up to other people, ones that are just like him. He said "Anytime that a person is willing to put their life on the line for another person, mainly a stranger they don't even know (that is a true hero) and I have no regrets on being able to do that on a daily basis."

#### Helping Hands By: Carrie Brower

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#### **Beta Club**

Beta Club is an organization led by Mrs. Victoria Walker and Ms. Mindy Waldrop. "Beta Club begins a tradition of service in youth and raises awareness of local community needs," said Ms. Waldrop. Some of the major volunteer projects Beta Club is doing this year are helping the Center for Violence Prevention, Blair E. Batson, the school nurse, and Parenting Center. A project Mrs. Walker has always wanted to do is help with PTCRC. "I believe it is important to start the habit of giving back early in life. If you think 'How can I help someone else this month?' then your life will always be full of giving," Ms. Waldrop said. Beta Club is about service and giving back to the community.

#### "Let Us Lead By Serving Others"

#### Key Club is an organization that helps out in the community and within the school by doing volunteer work. Ms. Merri McCoy has sponsored Key Club for the past 4 years, with the assistance of Mrs. Carol Lee. "Key Club is inspiring. I enjoy sponsoring Key Club because I get to see all the kids volunteering their time to help people," said Ms. McCoy. A project Ms. McCoy has always wanted to help with "Horses for Handicap." Some major volunteer projects Key Club is doing this year is working with the Special Olympics and Mustard Seed. The goals of Key Club are to provide service to the community and school, and the enrichment of personal ideas.

#### What are ways you have always wanted to volunteer, but never had the opportunity?

"I wish I could go to the soup kitchen on Thanksgiving to help feed the hungry." -Mrs. Worrell

> "I wanted to travel to another country and help those hurt by a natural disaster." -Brandon Ehrhardt, 12th

"I've always wanted to donate and volunteer at a dog shelter." -Stacy Carey, 10th

> "Feed the hungry and homeless people." -Allie Killebrew, 12th

"Help feed the people who are hungry" -Isiah Brown, 9th

> "I want to go to Africa and give them the help they need to live their everyday life" -Josh Manning, 11th





**1.** Smile- A simple smile can brighten anyone's day.

- 2. Hold the door- If someone's hands are full, help them out and hold the door open. Even if their hands aren't full, you can still lend a helping hand.
- **3.** Brrr- If someone else is cold, and you aren't wearing your jacket or you were considering taking it off, be friendly and give them your jacket to keep warm.
  - **4.** "Help me!"- If you catch somebody getting bullied by another person, don't just keep walking. Do something about it! Speak up and help them out, they need you whether they know it or not.
- 5. Growling stomach- If somebody has forgotten their lunch money, and you have an extra few dollars for that ice cream you've been craving, be the nice guy and give them some of your cash so they can eat.
- 6. I didn't bring a pen- If somebody's in your class, and they start asking for something to write with, be kind and let them borrow a pen. You never know if it'll be you next, desperate to get those notes copied.
- 7. Keep it down- If somebody is talking and the teacher is staring at them, trying to get the point across for them to be quiet and they don't seem to notice, politely inform them that they shouldn't be talking at this moment.

8. I lost my pencil- If you happen to see somebody's belongings fall out of their bookbag walking down the hallway, whether a pencil or a piece of paper, be courteous and tell them about it right away. Picking it up for them would be even better.

9. What homework?- If somebody is a forgetful person, and every class period they show up without any work because they simply forgot, send them a quick text the night before asking them if they've done the work yet. You might be saving somebody's grade.

10. Rough day- Finally, if somebody seems to be having a bad day, whether because they seem grouchy or because they seem like they're just tired of life and school, give them a sincere compliment and start a pleasant conversation with them. You might be the brightest part of their day.





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## Helping...A Choice

#### By: KATIE SIMS

While other students are chatting and zipping through the halls on their way to bravo, Leah Means is heading towards one small but significant step on the ladder to her future career as a teacher.

How did she first get involved in helping Mrs. Cindy Felder? Leah said, "I am best friends with Jaycie (Felder); and last year, I went in there with her and decided I wanted to start coming everyday."

Since then, her parents have looked into the educational courses for this type of progam in colleges; Leah said, "They think it's pretty cool." Leah is now enrolled in Teacher Academy where she is observing elementary teaching strategies and gaining knowledge about the program.

When she was young, Leah started helping others through ministries; and she says she gets a warm and fuzzy feeling from the experience. In helping others, Leah said, "I have learned I have it better than some." She has also realized the best part, for her, is satisfation and the worst is that it can be hard sometimes. Leah has also realized how easily she can connect with people through helping them.

Leah has begun the long climb towards her future career through helping others.

If you had the chance, what would be one thing you just had to do to help others? (The skies are the limits.)

"| would open an organization where special people could come together and just hang-out."



Leah Means and her mentor, Mrs. Cindy Felder, stand in Mrs. Felder's classroom getting ready for a "fun and exciting" morning.

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Why does It take a pirate s long 20 learn the alphabet?

Answers: 1. Zour name 2. When it peaks pour interest. 3. Counterfeit Money 4. Mecause he is always stuck at C!

### "Heroes are made by the paths they choose, not the powers they are graced with."

- Brodi Ashton, Everneath