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One-Act cast and crew present "The Struggles"

by Madyson Paseka

The one-act cast performed the play "The Struggles" four times this fall. The play was about a girl named Megan suffering from ADHD and dyslexia. The title referred to the struggles inside her head, which were voices that constantly told her what to do and what to think. Throughout the play, Megan learned coping strategies and ultimately used her "struggles" to her advantage.

The first performance was the home show at the high school on November 6th. A week later, they placed sixth at the Crossroads Conference in Cross County on November 14th. On November 15th, the members performed their play at East Butler with David City High School and Aquinas Catholic High School at the Butler County Arts Council. Twelve days later, the team performed at districts in Nebraska City.

The director, Miss Johnson, reflected on the season, "My favorite part of being in charge of one-act is that I get to work closely with

students in a different way than I see in the classroom. Looking toward to next year specifically, I have a bit of a challenge because I am losing a ton of senior leadership. Erin Barta, Brooklyn Jones, Levi Belew, and Cristian Hofpar will be leaving the acting side while Morgan Osmera, Roxanne Bergman, and Lucas Morgan are leaving the crew side of the play. I hope I have as much luck finding a great script for us to produce next year. I plan to keep watching other successful programs and using their tricks because that's been slowly increasing our production values over the years. This year, we received many compliments on our makeup and choice of simple but effective costuming—ideas that I took from watching other shows."

Senior cast member, Brooklyn Jones, commented on the changes made between performances, "Between dress rehearsal and the home show, we didn't change anything besides adding gloves to

our costumes. After conference, the judges suggested we to change the levels in scenes and the execution of how some actors or actresses would say their lines. We also changed transitions and the music and sounds that went along with the transitions. After doing this, it benefited us at districts." She added, "My favorite part of being a part of one-act was being surrounded by the people there because they want to be there and are fun to be with."

The cast and crew were awarded two scores of excellent and one score of superior at the conference tournament, to finish in sixth place and one excellent and two superiors at districts for a final placement of fourth.



The best of both worlds: ag ed and industrial tech

by Editorial Staff

When Mr. Palensky began teaching at East Buter, he introduced industrial tech to the students while also teaching ag classes. The school board questioned which program that East Butler should continue with and came to the conclusion to have both. The school board decided that East Butler needed to continue the ag classes and the FFA program and therefore would have to fill both of the curriculum positions.

Having two programs can raise questions on where each one will be taught. Nothing is set in

stone, but the Ag based classes will most likely take over in the classroom and use the greenhouse for horticulture. Where as the Industrial Tech classes will be held in the shop.

The school and school board chose to have both programs so the school would be able to offer more courses for the students, such as animal science—animal science was not taught this year due to having one teacher for both ag and industrial tech courses. This also allowed the school to be able to offer opportunities for students that would like to use tech classes as a way to focus on

a certain career path. If a student were to choose welding as a career, then the student could take advantage of the industrial tech courses to learn more about it.

At the end of November the interview process began and the administration interviewed five applicants. There is sure to be more information on the potential Ag teacher in the near future.



The Black Friday craze: a look back and a current view

by Madyson Paseka

Whether they participate in the annual event or not when people hear the term Black Friday, they immediately know what is being talked about.

Originally, “Black Friday” was used to describe a financial crash of the United States’ gold market in 1869. Jay Gould and Jim Fisk worked to buy as much as they could of the nation’s gold to try to drive up the price to sell for profits. On a Friday in September, everyone went bankrupt and sent the stock market fell 20%.

Many stories and myths have been told about the rationale behind Black Friday, but there is only one true story. During the 1950’s, people went into

Philadelphia for the Army-Navy football game the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The people going to the game would go into the city on that Friday before, shopping and travelling around the city. Philadelphia police used the term “Black Friday” to describe the Friday full of shoppers and tourists. The police also had to work long hours because of the crowds and traffic.

Today, many stores are “in the red” and operate at a loss, but on Black Friday they went “into the black” by earning a profit on the day after Thanksgiving because shoppers spent a lot of money for gifts for the holiday. In 2011, Walmart began the “Black Friday creep” by opening their doors on Thanksgiving Day instead of

waiting for the Friday after Thanksgiving Day.

Some have tried to change the name to “Big Friday,” but it hasn’t caught on. By the 1980’s, Black Friday spread throughout the United States. Today, the one-day sale event has turned into a four-day sale event; Black Friday, Small Business Saturday & Sunday, and Cyber Monday. Some businesses also open their deals on Thanksgiving Day.

In 2017, 174 million people shopped during the Black Friday weekend. Fifty-one percent of United States internet users shop online on Thanksgiving. In 2016, three billion dollars was spent for online purchases.

Wrestling team ready to take down the season

by Cody Heise

It is the time of the year where the mats are rolled out, the heat is turned up, and the whistles begin to blow. With a total of ten wrestlers, the team is looking forward to the season.

For some, it is their first time touching the mat and for others they may never again be able to lace up the shoes and approach the mat. They have just one season to prove themselves and make a statement.

Practice started for the team on November 12 and

they immediately began to learn the techniques they need to compete. They also started to build strength and condition themselves to increase their stamina, which is needed to last six minutes on the mat. The wrestling team got their season off to a fast start as they opened the season on November 29 at a triangular and had their first tournament on November 30.

The team is tired of the daily grind of practice and are ready to take on the season. Every wrestler's goal for the season is to make it to state,

which is very realistic for this group.

The team lost three wrestlers from last year's team but they have been replaced with five new members. This year's team fills the weight classes from 106-145, which will allow them to be more competitive in duals.

There are three seniors this year who don't know when their last time on the mat will be but they hope it is at the state tournament with the opportunity to bring back

Tiger Bots collaborate to help astronauts' sleep

by Cody Heise

At East Butler, the school has a group of young individuals that is known as the Tiger Bots. This group is full of kids in grades 4-7 who are outgoing and eager to learn.

For those who don't know what a Tiger Bot is, it is another name for the First Lego League which is a team activity where organizers give the students a challenge that they have to solve. This year, the problem was space and how astronauts are not getting enough sleep when they are up there. An astronaut is under a lot of stress when they are in space and they need to get the

adequate amount of sleep so they can focus on the importance of their mission.

The Tiger Bots decided to design a sleeping bag that is warm, comfy, and feels like a person isn't in space. When the group presents this to the judges, they have to worry about something called core values, which are rules they have to follow. During their search for information, they talked to Clay Anderson from Nebraska. He helped them so they could design a good enough sleeping bag to have potential.

The reason they chose the sleeping bag is to help the

astronauts sleep better. They went to a school board conference to demonstrate their ideas.

Another activity they do is with robotics. In their events, they have a robot with different attachments that are used to complete a certain task. Every task is challenging and has a time limit. The robots are used to race other teams, and each team is scored on their times and how well and smoothly their competition went. They will be working to improve their ideas and get their robot to work smoothly and perform better.

by Brooklyn Jones

The Lady Tigers began their 2018-2019 basketball season on November 12th. The girls are excited for the season and have been working hard learning new plays to prepare for the season.

Madison Helman, a senior, excitedly expressed her thoughts on the upcoming season, "We have a lot of experience coming back. I think we will have a good season and everyone is ready to work." Helman also noted her team goals, "I would like to see the team improve their skills and reactions on the court. I would also like to see us qualify for state."

As an incoming freshman, Allie Rigatuso explained her fears and expectations for the team, "I am scared of everything, it is a new experience, but I think we will get pretty far with a new

coach and there are some pretty great players."

The girls will be under instruction with a new head coach and assistant coach. The head coach for the team is James Kriz and he is joined by assistant coach Melissa DeWitt. The coaches are just as excited for the season as the girls are as expressed by Coach DeWitt, "I look forward to working with all the girls and helping them be the best team they can be. I think we will have some great experience coming back from last year and I am really looking forward to the season."

Coach DeWitt was an assistant coach for the East Butler boys last season alongside head coach Greg Jahde. There are a lot of differences between boys and girls basketball on how the game is played. DeWitt comments on

how these differences will affect coaching, "One difference will be different personalities between boys and girls, I feel it will be easier for me to connect with the girls. Another difference will be the pace of the game, I feel boys play a faster and more physical game than the girls do."

James Kriz, who started his first year of teaching at East Butler, is the head coach for the Lady Tigers after being an assistant coach for the boys at Humphrey for ten years, "I'm excited to be taking over a program that I know is successful and has expectations and to have control over the program as a head coach." The girls have been working hard in practice over the month on new offenses and a new aggressive style.

East Butler basketball prepares for another season

by Brooklyn Jones

The East Butler Tigers basketball team is back and ready to start the season. The Tigers don't have any returning seniors, but they do have a few returning junior and sophomores ready to step up and carry the team.

Jaden Rhynalds is coming back this season as a junior. In the past he has been an effective component on the floor and now is in the position where the underclassmen look up to him. Rhynalds commented on how he thinks the team stands as well as his own personal goal for the team, "I think the team stands pretty well this season and having a few kids

back that have experience helps. My goal for the team this season is to win more games than we lose."

Incoming freshman, Jackson Bergman, talked about his biggest concern coming in for his first season, "Adjusting from junior high basketball to high school basketball is my biggest concern." Although it can be a bit nerve racking, Bergman has high hopes for the team this year, "Well, we lost a few seniors from last year. I think it will be a bit tough, but we will be okay."

Along with the incoming freshmen the team is also

welcoming a new assistant coach. Chris Palensky, who is the new industrial tech teacher has joined the Tigers for his high school basketball coaching experience. According to Palensky, he does have experience coaching at the junior high level, "I look forward to getting to know the boys and working with them."

The Tigers started their season at the end of November.

