

# EAGLE'S EYE

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Watching over East Hickman High School

Fall 2015

## Texting and Driving Awareness Campaign

By Angele Latham

With the start of the 2015-2016 school year, students participated in the Be in the Zone campaign lead by Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, and sponsored by The Allstate Foundation and Ford Motor Company Fund and Community Services. Students screaming, shirts flying, hippos rolling—

this was the scene that greeted the eyes of many students in the gym as they were being introduced to the 'Be in the Zone- Turn Off Your Phone' program. The question emerges: What do all of these things have in common? (And are we going to talk about the cape-wearing, blue suited mascot?)

The 'Be in the Zone- Turn Off Your Phone' program is a campaign to raise awareness about the dangers of texting-and-driving. It is run by the student body in conjunction with corporate sponsors. Beginning in 2011, when two Tennessee high schools were chosen to pilot it, it soon took off, now encompassing more than eleven high schools. This interactive program is a welcome front to a growing problem— teen death due to distracted driving.

Car crashes are the leading cause of death among U.S

teenagers, and while the causes vary, texting is a huge problem. In 2011, at least twenty-three percent of crashes were due to cell phones. That's about 1.3 million crashes- *in 2011*. Imagine the number now.

Despite these numbers, seventy-seven percent of young drivers are confident that they can safely text-and-drive. In fact, a recent study shows that not only are so many teen drivers confident in their dangerous skill, but more than thirty-four percent say they text behind the wheel on a regular basis. These numbers only prove how much we need to stand up against this growing trend—a trend of death.

*Please see Texting on page two*



East Hickman High students participate in front of a school-wide assembly.

October 2015 EHHS Texting and Driving Poll	
<b>46%</b> Never text and drive	<b>54%</b> Text and drive
<b>Of the 54% who text and drive</b>	
Seldom 1-2 texts/ month while driving	<b>21%</b>
Occasionally 3-6 texts/ month while driving	<b>22%</b>
Often 6-12 texts/ month while driving	<b>8%</b>
Frequently + 12 texts/month while driving	<b>49%</b>

Let's change the numbers on texting and driving.



## Tennessee Promise

By Alex Thomas and Kaleb Gordon, Staff Reporters

The **Tennessee Promise** is a mentor program open to all students in the state. It was founded by Governor Bill Haslam, as a part of the **Drive to 55** program. The TNP is a government-funded scholarship that is good for two free years of college. It is applicable to any state community college or technical college. The program started with last year's seniors, the class of 2015. It is known as a "last dollar scholarship" meaning it can help applicants afford college as long as they are eligible.

The Drive to 55 program is designed to get more students through college. The actual goal is to get 55 percent of students to graduate college. Drive to 55 is estimated to increase the workforce quality and Tennessee economy. Another subprogram of Drive to 55 is the Tennessee Reconnection which helps eligible adults go back to college and get a degree. The last element of the program is the Tennessee LEAP (Labor Education Alignment Program) which is designed to "eliminate skills gaps in the state in a proactive, data driven, and coordinated manner."

It is free to enroll for the TNP, but there are requirements.

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In response to this need, the B.I.T.Z program was set up. It consists of two parts- the Hospital-based part, and the school campaign. The participants, who are leaders from various clubs, were led through an intensive and interactive, day-long course. This included a trauma presentation, an "injury assignment" that forced students to maneuver as if they had been in a vehicle crash, a mock trauma situation in a very real Emergency Room, and a speech from a speaker who has personally felt the brunt of bad choices. This showed students the true consequences of unsafe driving- and the very real danger they place themselves and others in when they choose to drive distracted.

The next part is the School Campaign. This makes

participants take what they learned in the first part and bring it to their school in a year-long competition. Multiple events have been planned across clubs to engage the entire community in the campaign. The competitions, consisting of Best Campaign and Best Public Service Announcement, are each awarded with cash prizes to first, second, and third places.

Statistics support this effort, showing that campaigns for teens do best when run by teens. In light of the terrifying statistics, this program was made. We hope to reach as many as possible and encourage safe, non-distracted driving, and we hope you join us!

(Note: The cape-wearing, blue suited mascot remains a mystery

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One has to fully attend all mandatory meetings. One must also meet the FAFSA (**Free Application for Federal Student Aid**) deadline. Eight hours of community service must be completed for each semester. These eight hours are mandatory and must be completed for the promise.

Community service is required but does not have to be burdensome, even to those who are working. East Hickman senior, Jake Smith, says that Helping Hands offers accessible community service. Another senior, Devin Weston, says one should do whatever he or she needs to do to get it done. The community service component is not a huge time commitment. Just about anyone can do it.

The TNP is a easy scholarship that can make a true difference in a student's life. It does not cost anything to enroll. If one is willing to work for it, then it is to his or her advantage. It is completely worth the little amount of effort it requires. With this, almost anyone can earn a degree.

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## Homecoming Game 2015

### Football 2015-2016

By Peyton Couch, Assistant Editor

East Hickman Eagles' football team had a great experience throughout their 2015-2016 season. The head coach, Frank King, had a few things to say about his team and the season.

The coach stated that he was proud of his team and all of the effort they put into their games.

He also said he remained optimistic throughout this year, as he does every year as a coach.

He expressed his pride for his players executing the plan on the field every time they have a game. The excitement of seeing it all come into play is something

that is very important in each game to the players and to Coach King.

Coach King always looks forward to the improvement of his players each year and always has high expectations.

The homecoming activities and support all had a huge impact on the morale of the players and the students involved with homecoming activities.

Coach King states that he looks forward to each new year hoping it brings improvement to the players and to the success of the games.



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## Starters

By Mikayla Tanner

Readers far and wide, it is time for your next reading adventure! *Starters* by Lissa Price may be the next big dystopian series.

It should be as this book has many elements that will put it in that category. It has the power to get the attention of young readers everywhere.

With a post-war timeline, everyone with the age span from twenty to sixty has been killed or has died due to the conditions during the war. This leaves teens and young children, who are known as starters, with their grandparents, otherwise known as enders, to take care of them. However, there is a little twist. If the starters do not have a grandparent, they are left to fend for themselves. The ones left to

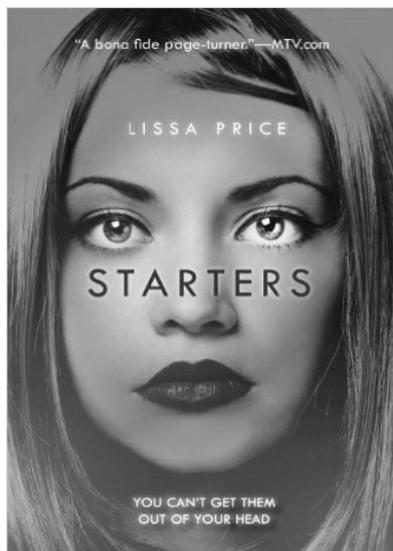
fend for themselves are called the fun. “unclaimed youth” who, if caught, get sent to institutions that are basically prisons disguised as work camps.

There is also a illegal business, known as Prime Destinations, that gives starters the chance to make money by renting out the youth’s bodies to enders who want to be young again. For the starters, it seems as if one is sleeping for the duration of the rental, but in actuality, the body is being controlled by the ender, going to parties, clubs, and any other things they would think of as

fun. While, to the starter, it seems almost harmless, Prime Destinations has other plans. They have come up with permanent rentals where they can buy the body, and the starter would be killed. Callie a starter, who is trying to protect her brother, goes through a last resort decision of signing a contract with the business, but, in a plot twist, her renter is actually one of the good guys who is trying to shut down Prime Destination.

This book is full of action with some romance, too! It never

leaves you bored, and it is very exciting and interesting. An overall great read!



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## Homecoming Dress-up Days!

By Alyssa Crouch, Staff Reporter

Homecoming brings the school together as one. Dress-up days offer a chance to build the pre-game excitement. The theme for this year's homecoming was "The Eagles Strike Back."

The first day of homecoming was named "Awake from Hyper-sleep." The students dressed in their pjs. Although everyone did great in participation, the people who especially stood out due to the effort they put into their outfits were Brooke Nolen and Jessica Matheny. They wore robes and huge curlers in their hair.

The second day of homecoming was called "Come to the Dark Side." The students were to wear all black. The person who put plenty of effort into his look was Corey Woodard. In the beginning of the day, he was wearing black eyeliner on some places on his face; unfortunately, before his look could be completely captured by the camera, he had wiped it off.

The third day of homecoming was designated as "Galaxy Day." The students were to wear anything space related. The people that went above and beyond were Mr. Mathis and Mr. Scruggs (aka J and K) wearing suits like the movie *Men in Black*.

Marcy Hartman, who had many braids in her hair, wore cool space makeup. Alexis Holt wore a Star Wars dress. And lastly, Isaac Peek doubled as a Stormtrooper.

Thursday, the fourth day in the dress-up competition, was named "The Day of the Council". Students wore nice clothing. No one particularly stood out this day because everyone looked nice!

Friday was a busy day for everyone, so no pictures were taken of students; however, all the students showed their class and school spirit by wearing the assigned class colors. When the numbers participating were tallied, the Freshmen class won the dress-up portion of our Homecoming Week activities!

*Pictures of Spirit Week located on pages six and seven.*



## Inside the Scoop (Neck Dress)

By: Adonnis Simon, Staff Reporter

Journalism reporter, Adonnis Simon, experiences one of the homecoming activities firsthand as he transforms from a football player to a homely-coming queen. His participation is as follows:

It was awkward with all the attention, especially since I was wearing a sparkly, purple dress (and I am also a football player). So, when does a football player wear sparkles and heels? It was an off day for all of us just to have fun and enjoy the homecoming activities with all many things to do for entertainment. There was an activity that asked for a male

volunteer to dress up like a woman and compete for the title of "homely-coming queen." It was not that bad even though dressing up like a girl is frustrating. Horrifying, actually! The homely-coming queen candidates sported dresses and makeup. It was a different experience, but I can see why it is so important that we tell girls that they look really beautiful because it is pretty difficult to dress up! It takes a great deal of effort to dress this way and feel good about yourself, especially when you have to parade in front of the whole school! Even though the day ended with me losing to an upper classman, I sure did strut my stuff very well. (cue music for "I'm Every Woman")

**"It takes a great deal of effort to dress this way and feel good about yourself..." Adonnis Simon**



# Homecoming Pep Rally



Photos courtesy of the Yearbook staff

## Drama...and competition!



Adonnis Simon as "Shedonnis" for the freshmen Homely Coming Candidate

Luc shows off some muscle for his Homely Coming performance.



Demontae Springer wows the crowd as Watt R. Mallone !



Calvin Tidwell " I Will Always Love You"

## Dress-up Days in Spirit Week



## More Spirit Week...



## Our Homecoming King and Queen



Brandon Galbreath and Lacey Russell are crowned king and queen.



Mr. Mathis and Mr. Scruggs team up as "Men in Black" to fight off the extraterrestrials!



Corey Woodard rocks it on "Wear All Black Day."

# Homecoming Concert



Photos courtesy of the Yearbook staff



## Blood Means Hope

By Lena Mayberry, Staff Reporter

The Red Cross provides over forty percent of the nation's supply of blood. Twenty percent of the blood donated to the Red Cross is supplied by high school blood drives. You don't need a special reason to give blood; you just need your own reason. Some of us give blood because we were asked by a friend. Some know that a family member or a friend might need blood some day. Some believe it is the right thing we do. The Red Cross supplies blood for patients in nearly 3,000 hospitals and transfusion centers across the United States.

Donating blood is an active way of helping others and society as a whole. On Tuesday September the 22nd EHHS held one of its annual blood drives. Individuals working the blood drive and donating blood were generous enough to answer a few questions.

HOSA students from EHHS (pictured to the right), Alli Crumpler, Jayden Malugin, and Lexi Tidwell, along with others, worked the blood drive.

### What job do you have in the blood drive?

Alli: I hand out juice and snacks to volunteers who gave blood along with anything else they might need.

### Have you ever given blood before?

Alli: I'm not old enough. To be able to donate blood, you have to be at least 16. But I plan to donate as soon as I am!

### What do you like most about being able to help out in the blood drive?

Alli: For the most part, it's fun and inspiring to know you're helping people in need.

EHHS student Zach Oldham donated blood at the annual blood drive.

### Is this your first time donating here at the blood drive? If not, how many times have you donated?

Zach: No, this isn't my first time at the blood drive. Today is my fourth time to donate.

### Were you nervous the first time you donated?

Zach: Yes.

### On a scale of 1-10 how nervous were you?

Zach: 4, sort of uncomfortable.

### Why do you give blood?

Zach: Mrs. Redding encouraged me.

### Will you continue to donate blood when you're out of high school? When Mrs. Redding isn't encouraging you?

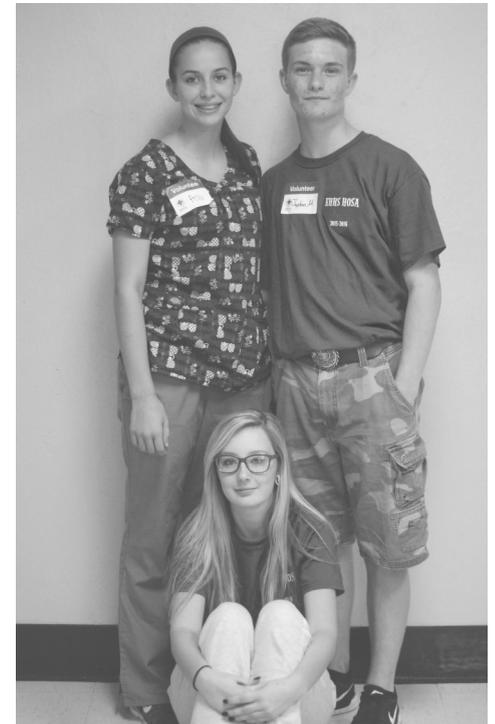
Zach: Yes.



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## Cross Country

By Randy Meadows, Staff Reporter

East Hickman's cross country team made it to the TSSAA state meet at The Steeplechase in Nashville. The cross country team's recent success was impressive by all means since making state is not exactly a simple achievement.

Commenting on the team as a whole, Coach Dickson said, "We had a great season—I'm really proud of all of my runners." The coach said these words with great enthusiasm, and it was obvious he was really happy with the outcome of this season and his runners. Though he said the improvements of this year compared to last year weren't that drastic, they did have a really great season. They won many medals,

made it to state, and overall had their best year in the history of the school.

He said that they did well in the state meet and that the team should definitely stay motivated and ready to get out there again next year. When asked if next year's conditioning would be more tedious and vigorous or if he had any plans to make things different as opposed to previous years' practice, he replied, "We'll try to start earlier, and then try and keep steady throughout the season. I feel like we had a good training regimen this year, and we should just keep to it other than some minor tweaks."

He said that the team was a really good group of runners, and though he hated to see some of his senior runners leave this school year, he was hoping he would

have some good guys to step up next year in their place. He made it clear that he was generally not enthused to see any of the senior class go; however, he wished them luck, and he couldn't hold them back forever.

Finally, as a shout-out to his runners, he had one thing to say... "I couldn't be more proud of you guys."



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## Metal Gear Solid V The Phantom Pain Review

By Peyton Couch

After being in a coma after nine years, the legendary soldier known as “Big Boss” awakens. As Big Boss, you must re-build your military base from the ground up, using all his skills, mastery of weapons, and stealth action. You are given a massive open world, ranging from Afghanistan to Africa.

Big Boss is being faced with several enemies, from power mad conspirators, to even ones with “supernatural” abilities. Only by building your base and gathering materials will you be able to survive this war. The game makes the importance of building your base evident from when you first visit the base. It starts off as a small platform strut, but as you gather more materials it will gain in size, and staff.

They give you things from the fulton balloon to the support choppers to help you bring men and women soldiers back to help you. As you gain higher ranking soldiers, your stats such as Development, Combat Unit, Medical Unit, and others, will get higher ranks. Weapons, soldiers, and materials can all be found in the two huge open worlds. Afghanistan and Africa both serve as very fresh and beautiful landscapes to explore and scavenge from, in terms of what

you find and just how well it’s designed.

The freedom of how to tackle the literally hundreds of missions in this game is outstanding. The game leans more toward stealth rather than the run-and-gun technique, but both methods are possible, and both have their own mechanics to each.

The key to getting through the game is, as previously stated, building your base up to develop more items. If you try to run into late missions with development level one equipment, you’ll have a rough time.

The mechanics of this game are beautiful, as are the graphics, but when it comes to story terms, it’s very sparse. If you are a hard-core Metal Gear series fan, then you will know that the story drives the game, and is even notorious for having some of the longest cutscenes ever seen. The dispute between the game company that makes this series, Konami, and the series director, Hideo Kojima, caused them to fire Mr. Kojima, causing the game’s story to go mostly unfinished.

Where there is an ending, there isn’t much backing it up during the game. This game lacks the stunning cutscenes and amazing cinematic moments that we all grew to love from the previous games. As to where this angers and frustrates several people, most

will agree that the gameplay makes up for it, though we all still crave the story it misses.

In total, this game comes in for me at a “solid” 8.5/10. The gameplay is a visual and

mechanical masterpiece, but the story just drags it down. I do believe you will be greatly pleased with this game product in spite of the poor storyline. Definitely a good buy.



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# Students at East Hickman High School— Experiencing Cultural Diversity Through Travel and Foreign Exchange

## Around the World in Katie Ways

By Jon Pruett, Staff Reporter

This past summer an incoming freshman, Katie Lester, traveled to Europe where she visited England, France, and Italy.

Katie was chosen to go to Europe by a teacher in the middle school because of her leadership skills and educational know-how.

When it comes to anticipation, Katie's mind went wild— she stated, "I started thinking about all of the things that could go wrong," and what she thought of goes from the plane being hijacked to the plane just crashing altogether. In total, both the departing and returning flights together lasted about twelve hours and were in the exquisitely detailed words of Katie Lester, "Fine."

Traveling to a far-away place can sometimes give a feeling of being uneasy, but traveling to a far away place alone, now that takes bravery. Katie stayed in Europe for nineteen days which is about six to eight days in each country. Could you imagine staying in a place without the spoils of home?

We asked Katie what she thought was the biggest difference in Europe and America. She said the dining experience. Katie said even the less expensive restaurants were very fancy. She stated, "All the tables had sparkling water, orange juice, and tap water, and if you ask me we could use some more of that pizzaz over here."

Another interesting thing Katie was able



to participate in was a "home stay." A home stay is when one resides in the home of volunteers who take in visitors to the area. Katie said she enjoyed this experience, and it shows the hospitality of local families.

When asked, Katie described her trip in four words. She said, "Charades with google translate." Consequently, she enjoyed visiting England because there wasn't much of a language barrier.

Katie said while driving around Europe she felt a feeling of "peacefulness and openness," as if the town was welcoming her. All in all her experience rates a five out of five stars, and even though she was sad to leave this new-found, far- away place, she was certainly ready to come home.



## Colombian Foreign Exchange Student — "Juan" of a Kind at EHHS

by Charis Waters, Staff Reporter

Who is Juan Pablo Estupiñan Orozco? Juan, as many people know him, is a sixteen-year-old foreign exchange student from Cali, Colombia. Juan decided he wanted to be a foreign exchange student so he could have more opportunities to learn English. Juan said that the hardest portion of learning English is listening.

One thing he misses most is his friends and family back home. Juan finds his host family

and American food the most interesting things about his stay in the United States. One of his favorite foods from America is chicken tenders. Juan's favorite subject in school is U.S. History because it is a new history for him to learn. Juan's favorite color is black, and some of his favorite hobbies are playing the guitar, practicing judo, and playing volleyball.

Juan has a twin brother who is also a foreign exchange student in Michigan. Juan plans to stay until May 26, 2016 then intends to move back to the United States after some time.

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# Anime

By Taylor Mayberry, Editor

Kon'nichiwa! Japanese cartoons, also known as anime, have been around since the early twentieth century.

In 1910, the first people to animate anime were Oten Shimokwa, Jun'chi Kouch, and Seitaro Kitayama. They were known as the fathers of anime. Their first successful animations- 'Momotaro no Umiwashi' and 'Momotaro: Umi no Shinpei', were made during World War 2.

Ever since they made the first animes, people began to grow more and more into making them. Now, in 2015, over half of the world enjoys watching anime produced in Tokyo, Japan. There are anime conventions, also known as MTAC, that sell merchandise and entertain people with cosplays from their favorite shows.

Some well-known animes that most people recognize and view are 'Dragon Ball Z', 'Black Butler', and 'Soul Eater'. Those people who watch anime frequently are known as otaku.

The top ten of the most watched animes in America are:

- 1)Dragon Ball Z
- 2)Neon Genesis Evangelion
- 3)Cowboy Bebop
- 4)One Piece
- 5)Fist of the North Star
- 6)Death Note
- 7)Samurai Champloo
- 8)Last Exile
- 9)Saint Seiya
- 10)Full Metal Alchemist

For those girls that enjoy romantic anime, here are the top ten:

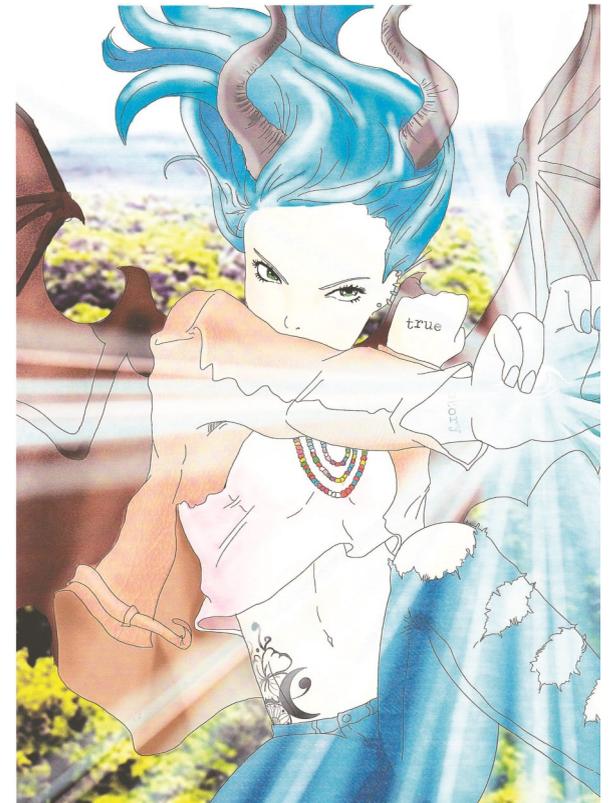
- 1)Clanned/ Clanned After Story
- 2)Lovely Complex
- 3)Toradora
- 4)Kaicho Wa Maid Sama
- 5)Kimi No Todoke
- 6)Ookami Shoujo to Kuro Ouji
- 7)Ouran High School Host Club
- 8)Ore Monogatari
- 9)Say I Love You
- 10)Skip Beat

For those who enjoy anime, check these out and explore their crazy adventures. Fall in love with the story lines and embrace the impact on life.

## Students displayed their talent and creativity through a Manga Art Contest!



Second place—Andrea Shelton



First place—Angele Latham



Third place—Skyla Adcock

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