



Boyd Middle School

Awkward Valentines

Student share their uncomfortable Valentine's Day experiences

By MELANY POULOS

As we all know Valentine's Day is a day full of love and couples. But of course there are always those awkward occasions like eighth grader Kate Hill knows only to well.

"I had written a letter to a person I really liked and I went to put it in their locker but it was the wrong locker. Once I saw that I just walked away," said Hill.

Wow. That has to be extremely awkward. But another kind of awkward is when you get valentines from not exactly someone you want.

"My best friends Luke and Priestly each gave me valentines asking me out. It was really awkward," said eighth grader Kali Guthrie.

Really must be bad when your two best friends do that. But sometimes

things are downright creepy.

"I got a box of chocolates and a card that said I love you, I want to marry you,"



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Get your GLOW on

Yearbook staff hosts dance Feb. 10

By AMBER BOWEN

Boyd Middle School is holding their very own glow-in-the-black light dance at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, at the Boyd Middle School Cafeteria.

and of course the GLOW King and Queen. It will be an exciting, thrilling and fun dance.

Students will compete in contests, including the limbo, hula-hoop and dance contests. Students will receive a special

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Taylor Ragsdale discusses the STAAR tests on page 2.

Getting to know our classmates, two kids at a time

By **HAYDEN BROWN**

The student spotlight picks out two students that the students don't know much about and tells more about them.

This month we picked eighth grader Michael Spinelli and seventh grader Claudia Lira.

Michael was born in Fairbanks, Alaska, although he is Italian. He loves to play baseball.

"It's fun," he



Michael Spinelli

said.

He said his favorite subject is science because he like doing labs."

His favorite type of music is rap.

Claudia was born in Fort Worth. She likes to play volleyball because she thinks it's fun.

She has a stepsister, Alana. She said her favorite subject is "math because it is really challenging.

Her favorite music is hip-hop because "it is really bouncy."



Claudia Lira

Editorial

8th grade algebra students should not have to take two STAAR tests

By **TAYLOR RAGSDALE**

STAAR tests are right around the corner. Everyone has to take the math, U.S History and Science. However anyone in Algebra must take the math and the Algebra tests.

I don't think it's fair. The eighth graders last year didn't take both, so why should we?

Making us take it is like making the ninth graders take the eighth grade test, because we are in ninth grade Algebra 1.

But I understand the reasoning behind us taking it.

"We should not have to take the eighth-grade test. We skipped eighth-grade math so what's the point of taking

grade Algebra student.

Another Algebra student, Jeffrey Roberts, said, "There is no point in taking the eighth-grade math test when we didn't even take eighth grade math."

"In any career that a person has there will be procedures and/or policies that one may or may not agree with. In the end, we must respect those decisions and do our very best in any situation," said Mrs. Emshoff, BMS counselor.

"The difference from last year to this year is that the eighth graders will have two STAAR math tests, and one of them counts towards their graduation," Emshoff said. "The up side to taking one of the 12 STAAR tests required for graduation is when they are juniors they

Spotlight

Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Spraggens

By **DAKOTA WOLFE and JUDD SMITH**

This month, the Buzz staff interviewed Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Spraggens.

Michele Baker

Q: How long have you worked here?

A: I have worked here in the Boyd school system since October 2001.

Q: What do you do here?

A: I'm the P.E.I.M.S. Coordinator. I am in charge of data entry and up-keep.

Q: What does P.E.I.M.S. stand for?

A: Public Education Information Maintenance System.

Q: What schools in Boyd have you worked at?

A: The intermediate and middle school.

Q: Which has been your favorite school?

A: Middle school by far.

Q: Why do you like Boyd?

A: It's that "out in the country" feel that I love about Boyd.

Q: And your co-workers in the office are?

A: Mrs. Bracey, Mrs. Emshoff, and Mrs. Strange.

Q: Do you have any children going to Boyd?

A: Yes, a seventh grader and a senior.



Michele Baker

Students talk super powers

Seventh graders tell us what they would do with a super power

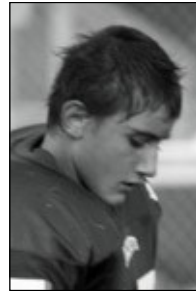
By **LIBBY BRYANS**

If you could have any super power, what would it be?

Would you want to fly? Read minds, or maybe to turn invisible? Well if you ask seventh graders what power they would want, you may get some crazy responses.

Tyler Jenkins: To shoot hot dogs out of my hands! I could eat them whenever I wanted.

Garrett Thompson: I would want to



Tyler Jenkins

be able to see people's farts. That would be pretty awesome.

Kayleigh Pappajohn: To make force fields because no one could hurt me.



Kayleigh Pappajohn

Alexis Maydahl: I would want to be invincible.

Dee Elkins: Super Strength would be cool because you could do whatever with it.

Brylee Ward: I would want a super punch!

Peyton Gittings: I would want telekinesis. It would be fun to move stuff with my mind.

Cheyenne Rose: To control time.

Ethan Estes: I would want X-ray vision, because then I could see people's hearts.

Taylor Partin: To be able to turn into a lion so I could eat people I didn't

like.

Sarah Terry: The power of shape shifting because you could be anything you wanted to be.

Heaven Rogers: To eat and not get fat or full so I could just keep eating.

Lindsey Thorpe: To have super speed so that I could call everyone else slow.

Reece Jordan: Laser eyes so I could blow stuff up.

Shaylee Smith: The power to control animals.

Taylor Hensley: Seeing into the future.

But one student didn't want a super power at all.

Perry Hicks: I would want infinity wishes so I could do anything I wanted and they would never run out of wishes.

So now that you have heard all of these pretty unique super powers, what



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said eighth grader Hailey Kennedy.

A similar thing happened to eighth grader Abby Hoch.

"I got a valentines card and had all this stuff like I really like you and I was kind of like oh," said Hoch

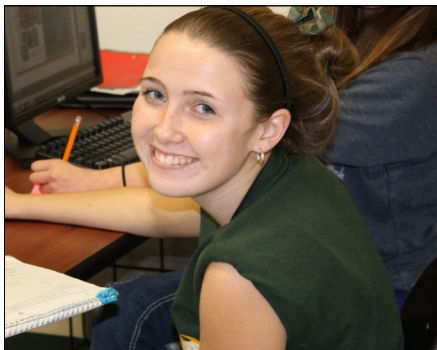
By far the most awkward story was told by Destiny Bejaran.

"In 4th grade I didn't have any Valentines so my dad brought Snickers. One of the boys said, I want to marry your daughter. My dad took the candy back and was like, you're not going to marry



won't and got his candy back," Bejaran said.

Amazingly awkward and funny. Even for a day mostly filled with love, it



Clockwise, from top left

DRESS UP - Dorie Jolly has some fun with dresses.

SAY CHEESE- Melaney Poulos

ART- Colten Bruce hard at work painting

BASKETBALL- Cheyenne Partin shoots a free throw in a basketball game against Peaster.

PAINT- Olivia Howard painting in art

ART- Garrett Woodruff

JOURNALISM- Amber Bowen working hard in journalism

PEEK-A-BOO- Brittany Hatley hides her face from the camera

WORKING HARD- Adam Harkness



Basketball moves on to track

Jackets prepare to show their speed

By **DESTINY BEJARAN**

It was a long season for basketball, but everybody still had fun. But, it's time to move on to a new season now. The first track meet is Feb. 20.

"Track involves a lot of running, but I'd like to do long jump because I don't like running," said Peyton Gittings. "My goal for track this season is not to fall and hurt myself."

Claudia Lira's goal this year is to win every track meet.

"I think it's fun and it's a good opportunity to build up your leg muscles," Lira said.

Isaac Vang said that "track is awesome!" He would like to do 100-meter run. That's the first person I've heard to like track being mandatory. His goal this track season is to be almost the fastest.

Doesn't everybody just like jumping? So does Yvette Cardona.

"I like track, because I'm able to do hurdles," Cordova said. Her goal this season is to get first place.

Hector Alcivar thinks track is a lot of work. He would like to do hurdles or the 100-meter run. His goal this season is to work on agility.

Brylee Ward thinks track is a good strength builder. Her interest is shot-put, discuss and long jump. Her goal this year is to be able to run a long distance without her inhaler.

David House likes track. He wants to do 800-meter run, "because I can run fast," House said. His goal this year is to get in shape.

I like it so much, because you get to run, and you have to pace yourself" said seventh-grader Kayleigh Pappajohn. "I want to run a short distance, but really fast."

Taylor Partin said she's never tried track before.

"I'm not that fast, but I would like to do shot-put and discus, because I'm strong so I'd think I'd be good at it," Partin said. "I don't think track should be mandatory though, because if I had the option I probably wouldn't. My goal this season is to do my best."

Yearbooks for sale

The journalism class is selling 2011-2012 yearbooks.

Yearbooks are \$20.

Yearbooks will be delivered in mid-May.

Order forms are available from Mrs. Bourgeois and are also in the middle school office.

Buy photos from this football season

By **STAFF**

The journalism class is selling discs of football and cheerleading pictures for \$3.

The eighth-grade disc contains more than 200 photos taken by journalism students during football season.

The seventh-grade disc has 190 photos.

The cheerleading disc has more than 60 photos.

Discs may be purchased from Mrs. Bourgeois or from a journalism student.

Yellow Jackets track schedule

Date	Meet	Time
Monday, Feb. 27	Paradise	3:30 p.m.
Monday, March 5	Alvord	3:30 p.m.
Monday, March 19	Ponder	3:30 p.m.

GT Nominations

Nominations for BMS students to be tested for the Gifted and Talented (GT) program will be accepted through Friday, March 9. Testing will be done prior to the end of the school year.

Forms are available in the BMS office.

By **AMBER BOWEN**

You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching TV.

It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.

Almonds are members of the peach family.

Los Angeles' full name is "El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de los

Angelas de porciuncula." It is 3.63% reduced of size.

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

Hippo milk is pink.

Ice cream is Chinese food.

Turtles can breathe through their butts.

Smelling (not eating) green apples and bananas help you lose weight.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

Staff spotlight ...

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Q: What's your favorite place you have visited?

A: Definitely Colorado.

Q: And, our signature question, what is your favorite color?

A: Green!

Charla Spraggens

Q: What college did you go to?

A: Texas Tech University

Q: What is your favorite color?

A: Red, I guess. I don't really have a favorite color.

Q: How long have you been teaching?

A: 30 years

Q: Have you taught any other subjects?

A: Sixth-grade social studies and reading, world geography, world history and U.S. government and economics.

Q: How would you describe yourself with one word?

A: Shy!

A: Hiking in the mountains near Oway, Co.

Q: Who is your favorite person from the history that you teach?

A: Abigail Adams

Q: What are your favorite merits of this person?

A: Her husband was away from home so much, Abigail had to raise the children, run the farm and take care of business mostly on her own. She was very smart and often advised John Adams on decisions he made in the Continental Congress and later during his presidency.

Q: Who is your least favorite person from the history that you teach?

A: There are too many to name but from the time period I teach I would choose Benedict Arnold.

Q: Who is your favorite president?

A: George Washington

Q: What merits do you admire them for?

A: Washington was a man of integrity. He did not speak fame and glory



Charla Spraggens

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best dancer and best hair.

Entry to the dance is \$3 per person. The yearbook staff will sell glow sticks, bracelets and necklaces prior to the dance. Students will also have the opportunity to add additional neon colors to their shirts at the dance.

Remember to wear things that glow in black light, such as white cotton and neon clothing and shoelaces.

Two tests ...

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and everyone else will be taking four."

The majority of students disagree with taking the test. But in the end we must respect the decision.

This is a very controversial topic in BMS right now. I think the best thing we as students can do is just agree to disagree with the decisions made.

STAAR test dates

Tuesday, March 27

Eighth-grade math; seventh-grade writing, day 1

Wednesday, March 28

Eighth reading; seventh writing, day 2

Tuesday, April 24

Seventh math

Wednesday, April 25

Seventh reading

Wednesday, April 26

Eighth science

Thursday, April 27

February 2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30 Breakfast: breakfast pocket Lunch: chicken spaghetti and Gold spirit day Ball vs. Tolar here at 5 p.m. here at 4 p.m.	31 Breakfast: skillet frittas Lunch: country fried steak	1 Breakfast: sausage and egg biscuit Lunch: pepperoni crispito	2 Breakfast: oatmeal and toast Lunch: Chick on a bun Spring picture day	Breakfast: Lone Star Lunch: corn dog NFL Jersey Day
6 Breakfast: breakfast pocket Lunch: chicken spaghetti and Gold spirit day Ball vs. Tolar here at 5 p.m. here at 4 p.m.	7 Breakfast: skillet frittas Lunch: country fried steak	8 Breakfast: biscuit and sausage Lunch: nachos	9 Breakfast: cinnamon toast Lunch: turkey sub Dress in Neon Day 7-9:30 p.m.—GLOW hosted by BMS Year	Breakfast: Rich's hot Lunch: Sloppy Joe Dress in Neon Day 7-9:30 p.m.—GLOW hosted by BMS Year
13 Breakfast: Tony's breakfast pizza Lunch: chicken parmesan Six weeks exams—social studies Clives	14 Breakfast: Eggstravaganza Lunch: Asian glazed chicken Six weeks exams—science Valentine's Day	15 Breakfast: pig in a blanket Lunch: cheese tostada Six weeks exams—math	16 Breakfast: skillet omelet Lunch: chicken and dumplings Six weeks exams—English/ Language Arts	Breakfast: Tony's cin Lunch: chili burger Green and Gold Sp End of six weeks
20 Breakfast: pancakes and sausage Lunch: spaghetti with meat sauce nt's Day	21 Breakfast: Apple cinnamon muffin Lunch: chicken tenders	22 Breakfast: breakfast croissant Lunch: chili con carne with beans	23 Breakfast: skillet omelet Lunch: meatball sub	Breakfast: Lone Star Lunch: hot dog on c
27 Breakfast: breakfast wrap Lunch: ravioli with bread and Gold spirit day meet at Paradise	28 Breakfast: French toast Lunch: meat loaf	29 Breakfast: Tac-Go Lunch: Frito pie	1	