

OPINION

Brotherly Love



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Last Thursday I was trying to get ready for school amidst the fighting and yelling of my brother, Evan, and my sister, Alayna.

Do you realize how hard it is to get ready in the morning with this constant noise in the background?

There's this part of me that wants to go upstairs (my room's in the basement) and stop their fighting.

I guess they don't realize how annoying it gets when they fight every morning, and how unnecessary it is. Just don't do it. What do you get out of making someone cry, Evan?

There's another part of me that just wants to get ready on time for once. My goal is to be ready by 7:30 everyday. I'm pretty sure that has not happened but once this year.

Last Thursday I left my house at 8. That's not 7:30!

It seems pretty ironic how the middle child is supposed to be the "peacemaker" of the house, or so I've heard, yet Evan is usually in the middle of it all. I'm going to peg the middle child as the "troublemaker." It seems to suit them better, and I have heard plenty of kids from here in school that can attest to that.

The other day my family took a trip to Topeka. On the way there Zach and Alayna listened to music through headphones in the backseat peacefully. The minute the van pulled into the parking lot of Walmart they started to fight about God knows what. We were in the parking lot getting ready to go in for Pete's sake!

The worst thing about when Evan and Alayna go at it is when he's done something to make her cry, and you would think he'd laugh and walk away, or whatever bullies do after that, but no — you can hear him in his room, mocking her crying.

So for all of you middle children of your families, grow up, get a new hobby.

It's not cool to pick on your younger siblings, and hopefully someday you'll look back and say, "That was stupid and I wish I wouldn't have wasted my time on doing something so childish."

It's called bullying these days, and it's going to have to stop sometime.

I'm probably going to resort to turning a radio on too loud in the morning. That's better than hearing a bunch of loud, muffled noises coming from upstairs.

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AWARENESS



Ryker Williams attempts to drive a go-cart drunk simulator brought by the ASAP crew.

Organization teaches students about alcohol

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On Red Ribbon Week the SADD club brought in the ASAP Crew which stands for Army Substance Abuse Program.

The idea for this was to make students realize the dangers there are in underage drinking and drug use. There were three different stations for this event.

The first station was the Go-Cart with drunk stimulator, which consisted of driving a go-cart at 8 mph around a track twice. The first lap the go-cart was completely normal and the second lap one of the crew members would mess with the go-cart so it was harder to stay on the track.

The second station was the In Tox-i-clock and Sum it up Cup. This station showed you how much you really drink in one drink and how drunk you could get in such a small amount of time.

Last but not least the Fatal Vision Goggles. With this station you had to put on goggles that showed you what it was like if you had an alcohol level of 2.5. You then had to take nine steps and walk in a straight line and nine steps back.

Junior Holley Sibert said, "It was really hard cause when you looked down it was like your feet were already not going in the direction you wanted them to."

Senior Mikayla Reves said, "The most fun activity of the day was when the two guys did there skit at the Tox-i-clock and Sum it up cup station."

During Red Ribbon Week the SADD club also had a speaker come in. Jared Estes, talks about how drunk driving forever changed his life, and how it showed that drunk driving can impact everybody. Speaker Joe White worked with small groups during school



Sophomore Alex Schmitz tries on fatal vision goggles and tries to walk a straight line. Below: Fort Riley ASAP shows students how long alcohol stays in your body using the In Tox-i-clock.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK | WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST FEAR?

"Spiders, because it's easy to get bit by them."
— senior Travis Comstock

"Being burned by a welding torch because it would be painful."
— sophomore Nick Terrapin

"Being eaten alive because that would be freaky."
— junior Luke Craghead

"Spiders, because they're everywhere."
— senior Brenda Flerlage

"Drowning, because it would be a slow death."
— freshman Mandy Michaelis

"Spiders, because they're nasty."
— sophomore Ciara Centamore

"Being buried alive, that would be the worst way to die."
— sophomore Shane Flach

"The sun coming up and my eyes not opening because I've never been dead before."
— substitute teacher Jim DeSelms

"Something happening to my kids because that's part of being a parent."
— teacher Kathy Hendricks

"Being buried alive because that would be scary."
— junior Ricardo Correa

"Falling into a pit of snakes because they're slimy."
— teacher Roger Alderman

"Heights, because I'll go splat."
— freshman Derek Kilian

FFA competes in horse and dairy judging

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On October 11 the FFA went to a horse and dairy judging contest. The horse judging team placed first out of 20 teams. Sophomore Jayna Flach and freshman Mandy Michaelis tied for fifth and sophomore Halen Hier placed tenth.

On October 13, the conservation district held a range seminar for Wabaunsee High School students. They learned types of grass, weeds, wildlife, soil types and stocking rates.

Freshman Zach Heine said, "I learned that some weeds are good and some are bad," and senior Christina Quathamer said she learned that a cow should eat three percent of its body weight.

"It benefited me because what I learned can be put to use," sophomore Shelby Savage said.

TASTY TREATS

Jello Cake

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Looking for an easy and fun dessert? Jello cake is the way to go. Nutrition facts show that Jello cake has only 199 calories per serving and 7.5 grams of total fat.

Mirja Conrad has been making Jello cake for a couple of years now. "It tastes really good," Mirja's son, Roger Jobs, said. Jello cake is a really simple recipe, and a really yummy one too. Jobs dropped us a recipe. Here's how to make it:

Jello Cake

Ingredients:
1 box white cake mix
3 oz. package strawberry Jello
8 oz. container cool whip
fresh frozen strawberries

Preparation:

Bake cake mix according to package directions.

While the cake is cooling, poke holes all over the top of it with a fork. Mix Jello according to package directions. Drizzle jello liquid over cake. Make sure Jello penetrates all holes.

Pour thawed strawberries over cake. Add whip cream and refrigerate until chilled.

Serve after chilled and enjoy!

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