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From Monroe to Europe

BY: JESSE WETHINGTON & ADAM SASSER



This past summer, 27 students from Monroe High School traveled to Europe for 14 days to experience something brand new. The trip was led by Mrs. Chernovol (German teacher) and Ms. Alexander (Spanish teacher, and also included additional parent chaperones. While in Europe they visited Spain, France, and Germany as well as the Alps. Aiden Chapel, a junior in German III was one of the students who went on the trip. He shared that the plane ride from Atlanta to Spain was 9 hours. They students were encouraged to rest by their teachers as both teachers are experienced travelers and understand the impact time change can have on you. However, he decided to watch all three Men in Black movies instead.

While in Spain, the group was able to visit Barcelona, Madrid and even see a flamenco dance. They visited museums, La Sagrada Familia, Park Guell, and the beaches of the Mediterranean Sea. While here Spanish students were able to practice the language.

When they arrived in France the language was more difficult as we do not have a French class at Monroe. But, students were eager to explore and see the country. They visited Paris and saw the Eiffel Tower, some of them even going up in the tower. Other highlights in France were the Arc de Triomphe, the Louvre, the beauty of Arignon, and splashing in Siene. Many students and chaperones on the trip loved trying food at the French cafes and embracing the culture. Other students learned that DoorDash is worldwide and they could order McDonalds in Europe!

In Germany Aiden says he and his classmates could carry on some conversations with people but not very well. While in Germany they went to Heidelberg, a Holocaust memorial, Munich, many castles and museums and the Alps Mountains. Mrs. Chernovol and Ms. Alexander shared how proud they were of our students for the way they behaved and enjoyed every minute of the trip and each others' company. Students who attended the Europe trip say it was one of the best, if not the best, experience in their lives so far.

FYI

- If you are planning to park on campus-even for 1 period. **YOU MUST PURCHASE A PARKING PASS.** Passes are \$40 and **all prior year school fees** must be paid. Application forms are available on the Principal's Bulletin.
- Make sure to check your email and progress book daily to keep with with events and grades.
- 1st Quarter ends Oct. 13th
- Fall Break Oct. 14-17
- **Cap Gown Announcement Orders taken**
Wednesday October 5, 2022 from 7:00AM - 7:45AM

WELCOME TO HORNNET COUNTRY

BY: MADDIE AUGSBURGER

MHS has welcomed a number of new faculty and staff members this school year. We wanted to take the time to introduce each of them.



Mrs. Kelley Dudleson

joins the Monroe Local School District this year as the school's new District Attendance Truancy Officer. Before coming to Monroe she was working in our neighboring district, Middletown. The reasons for coming to Monroe is because this is home for Mrs. Dudleson. She also likes how the smaller town feels, and getting to know the students and staff. She says Monroe has lots of big opportunities! When asking what she is looking

forward to starting this new position she said, "I look forward to helping students and families understand the true gift of a free and appropriate public education that many people around the world do not have access to unfortunately." Mrs. Dudleson is a proud mom of four boys who have all graduated from Monroe and are now all grown up. She also has four grandkids so far! Everyone wish Mrs. Dudleson good luck and welcome her, as she strives to help the students and families of Monroe!



Mrs. Annie Diefenbacher-Thies

is another is another new face at Monroe High School this year, but not in the district. She in joining us from the primary world as a paraprofessional. Mrs. Diefenbacher-Thies has worked with kids, of all ages, most of her life. Prior to starting at Monroe, she was a stay-at-home-mom for 6 years. Before that she owned and operated a childcare center which at one time cared for 125 children. She also worked for Houston Early Learning Center for a few years.

Monroe because like many other in the building, she lives in Monroe and her children go to school here. She has two kids in the middle school and one in first grade as well. When she isn't working she loves to take pictures, go creeking, and take care of her family's many pets! She says the best part of school so far as been getting to know the staff and students. Make sure to give Mrs. Diefenbacher-Thies (or Mrs. D as she goes by here!) a warm Hornet welcome the when you see her in the halls or your classroom.

THRIVE IN THE HIVE

Peyten Hargraves

BY: CALEB WILSON & PATRICK PETERSON



The ACT (American College Testing) can be quite stressful and when it comes to checking what score you received; many people are hoping for a number close to the top. However, Peyten Hargraves did what others would hope to achieve, scoring really well across the board. After his third attempt Peyten's composite score rounds up to a perfect 36. He admits that he worked hard to score well.

Students know Peyten as "that smart kid," but he is still a teenager too.

Peyten enjoys going home playing

games and relaxing. He is the team manager for the boys soccer team, works for Culvers, and would tell anyone to learn to drive stick.

His suggestion is focusing on topics you struggled with from the first test and then starting there. Since math was what kept his score down, he took practice tests and read "Intro to ACT" and when it came time to take the test he had his trusted #2 Ticonderoga pencil that he has kept for roughly ten years now. He got a lot of sleep and made himself a three egg omelet with cheese.

Peyten is applying to colleges like Case Western and Carnegie Mellon, he is planning on majoring in Computer Science. No matter what he does Peyten is definitely thriving in the hive.

US Army Reserve Logan Douglass

BY: DYLAN GUBA & JACK GILLHAM



Logan Douglass is a senior at Monroe High School. Most people have probably seen him performing on the football field during halftime with the Monroe Hornets Marching Band. Logan has recently decided to follow in his dad's footsteps and he has enlisted into serve in the United States Navy. Logan plans to be a nuclear submarine technician while with the Navy. Once his

contract with the Navy is complete he plans to go to school to get his bachelor's degree in business management and also become an automotive technician. After Logan graduates in May of 2023 he will soon be starting his honorable journey as a part of The United States Navy July 18th, 2023.

Creative Corner: Hudson Capito

BY: MRS. FRYE & ZOE JOHNSON



Hudson Capito is a senior here at MHS known for her red curls and creative energy. Spoiler Alert: the red isn't her natural color...however we can all agree that it suits her perfectly! Over the course of her four years in high school, Hudson has dabbled in every area of creative arts. She has taken art classes, is in the chorale choir

has participated in many shows with the Monroe theater, such as Alice in Wonderland, and is on the journalism staff.

Creativity comes naturally for Hudson as her dad was an Art major in college. She would love to do something with art when she graduates as well, though she is unsure what that will look like. She has always loved to draw and doodle and make spaces her own. One of her favorite ways to be creative is to personalize her spaces with digital art, such as creating themed designs for her phone wallpapers. She also uses fashion as a way to express herself and she surrounds herself with creative people.

Currently, Hudson is a Starbucks barista, but her dream is to work at a coffee shop in Italy one day. It sounds like the perfect gig for someone who loves to wonder and create and enjoy life the way Hudson does!



An Interview with the Monroe Mascot

BY: JORGE BAUTISTA CRUZ & FRANKLIN VELASQUEZ VENTURA

Monroe fans are all buzzed about the remerging of the Hornet. He hasn't been very active since the Covid shutdown, but this season is back and better than ever! We have stolen the student who we bee-lieve is the man or woman behind the mask for an exclusive interview. It takes bravery putting on an entirely new persona in front of hundreds of people, determination to stay in the suit due to hot temperatures inside the suit, and creativity to come up with new cheers.

What are some of your favorite parts of being the mascot?

Some of my favorite parts are having front row seats at football games and always getting high quality pictures and high fives

How did you become the mascot?

I reached out to Silverman asking for the mascot to be back and he was on board, so I had to go to cheer practice for 4 weeks

Is there anybody you trust or who can help you out?

I had to get a trusted guide

Who is the person who helps you out?

His name is Aiden Chapel.

We have noticed that the mascot is considerably tall. Could you give us an estimate?

Around 6'2

How do you feel about children coming up to you?

Children they make me terrified, they're terrific to get to know, but absolutely terrifying



Senior Spotlight: Alex Bemis

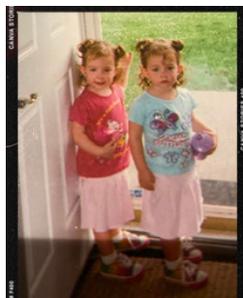
BY: HAILIE PETERS

Alex Bemis has been attending Monroe since kindergarten. Recently Alex committed to Gannon University to further his academic and athletic career. He plans on going into sports management because he has had a love for sports since he could remember. Alex will miss the bonds he has created with fellow students and teachers the most. His favorite memory from Monroe was breaking Monroe's triple record for baseball.



HORNET STORIES: Terin & Jessa Minnich

BY: ABI MONTGOMERY



Growing up, everyone at one point or another probably wished for a built in best friend. Well, lucky for freshmen Jessa and Terin Minnich, they were born with theirs! Terin and Jessa say that although they are pretty different from one another, they still get mixed up several times a week. They stress that, even though they love being twins, they always strive to be their own unique individuals outside of their identical faces. They do spend practically all of their time together and even share friends, and the same voice. They say their parents always did a great job of making sure they had their own things and never called them "the twins" or "the girls" so they would have their own identity. Terin and Jessa say they can sense what the other is feeling and can finish each other's sentences. Sometimes things get frustrating, like starting over with teachers who do not know them, but being twins and best friends is so special to them. The best year was sixth grade when they were actually in class together. They have yet to pull a big switcharoo on people, but would love to one day switch places and see who noticed!

Boys Soccer: TUESDAY SENIOR NIGHT!

BY: AUSTIN SIMS & ALEX ZEPEDA



Come out and support the boys soccer team as they honor their seniors and continue their push for the league title.

Ethan Volk- Defender. After high school Ethan is going to continue running his lawncare business and be and an entrepreneur

Robert Duckworth-Defender, follow his YouTube account @Legendaryallstars!

Alex Zepeda- Forward, He started playing for Monroe during sophomore year, and has always played offense.

Travis Hendricks-Midfielder, He is a one of 3 team captains for Monroe's varsity soccer team

Jack Gillham- Defender, He is another one of the team captains; he also plays baseball for the school.



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