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9-1-1 Locker Room by Samantha Fant

On February 12, 2013, around 3:10 p.m. the front office at Chelsea Middle School received a walkie-talkie notice from Mrs. Sandy Evers stating, "911 Locker Room!" Within seconds, alarms blared throughout the building, teachers ran, students hid in classrooms, and parents prayed for safety of the school while they were halted in car rider line. What set off this hectic reaction? None other than former student Ryan Matthew Sims. Apart from being a former student at the school, Sims served as a part time employee at the school during the summer. He worked as a janitor, assisting many of the teachers during the back-to-school chaos. Many students and parents were shocked, but none were as astonished as the teachers here at the middle school. Many teachers talk despairingly of how the janitor helped them with heavy furniture. They all seem to agree that the 21 year old Ryan Sims was the last person they would have ever suspected to instill horror, but what

exactly did this former student do? After entering the school, Sims made his way to the girl's locker room. When he arrived, there were currently five Chelsea Middle School girls gathered there. When he entered he shouted, "Everybody get out!" in a voice loud enough to hear from upstairs. As he spoke, he quickly pointed a gun at each individual while turning in a circle. By this time, a school P.E. teacher, Mrs. Sandy Evers entered the locker room and put herself between the pointed gun and the students. Being shielded by Mrs. Evers, the terrified girls ran out of the locker room, and Evers notified the front office of the 911 emergency. Within a matter of seconds a code red alert signaled a lockdown. Luckily, an on duty school resource officer and Mr. William Harper, the principal, convinced Sims to put down the gun and surrender himself. He was taken into custody and charged with five counts of kidnapping and one charge for terrorist threats. His bond was set at \$5,015,000.



CHMS, Mrs. Sandy Evers and one of our custodians, Mr. Adrian Kelley, received recognition from Sheriff Chris Curry for their outstanding bravery and actions during the lock down and following situations.

Fortunately no-one was physically injured, but the emotional injuries will take much time to heal. There is always good to come from every unfortunate event. The good can be seen in the tan uniforms, gold badges, and gun holsters adorning the multiple police officers who now protect the Chelsea staff and students throughout each school day. The good can be seen in tightened security measures, more police officers, and added safety procedures!

The First Pitch by Sarah Prince

Weeks of practice led to this one night. The starting nine players first took to the field on February 19, 2013 for their first game. With the fans cheering them all on, the boys were determined to take the win against their first opponent of the season, Homewood Middle School. Although Homewood played great, the Hornets played better, and came out with the

big win. The final score for the A team was 10-0. Eighth grader Will Shaw states, "The game was extremely fun and I am so glad we are finally starting the season." This game proves that Coach Bright has a very talented group of guys on his team that will be successful during the rest of the upcoming season. The first game is a great start for the

2013 baseball season filled with wins for the ChMS Hornets.



Hit the ground running by Ally Thrasher

The ChMS track consists of 79 very talented 7th and 8th grade runners. 7th graders are: Kaitlyn Avery, Elizabeth Batton, Faith Black, Emma Bunyard, Carter Burleson, Reid Burleson,, Austin Bynum, Jahnari Chisolm, Jacob Foster, Cameron Gage, Laney Gilmer, Clint Glaze, Chloe Graves, Levi Hardegree, Devi Hill, Patrick Howell, Claire Hughes, Coutney Ivy, Jonathan Johnson, Hunter Jones, Brantley Ledbetter, Jesica Lewis, Kelli Lewis, Alec Little, Ally Little, Brayton Lowery, Theo Mangos, Aurora Martinez, Donovan Milligan, Luke Mueller, Rachel Ney, Hope Richard, Mason Roberts, Arielle Rooks, Collyn Sampsell, Justyn Sampsell, Dylan

Sampsell, Dylan Seabolt, Kendrick Simpson, Kenneth Simpson, Tyler Szcudlak, Joshua Teague, Micheala Thoma, Dawson Thornburgh, Mickhaila Timmons, and Cody Walker. 8th graders include: Betty Araya, Lani Bailey, Aaron Davis, Zachary Davis, Hayden Desmond, Gracie Dison, Kayley Dotson, Morgan Dyer, Ryan Eastman, Caitlyn Fortinberry, Paris Greene, Taya Hardnett, Joe Harmon, Alemma Jsmes, Colby Lambert, Alexi Mack, Alex McClain, Grant McCroskey, Cade Pruitt, Zalon Reynolds, Hannah Richey, Morgan "Mo" Robertson, Evans Shaw, Madison Smith, Austin Starworth, Breonna Temple, Tyler Thomas, Chase Thompson,

Matthew Valentine, Ashley Williamson, Victoria Vetrano, Nathan Wood, Sam Wright. They have had five out of six track meets against schools from all over the County. According to track member Madison Smith, "Track meets are a great opportunity to socialize with other schools and compete in a friendly competition." They've had a fantastic year, so come out to one of their meets and support the 2012-2013 ChMS track team.

New Delivery by Alexis Bartlewski

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-Mr. Marshall

On the afternoon of March 14, 2013, a special delivery for Mr. and Mrs. James Marshall arrived. The special delivery was sent to Brookwood Hospital. Jessa Leigh Marshall was welcomed into the world at 4:07 pm that special Thursday. Upon arrival, Jessa weighed a healthy 6 lbs and 5 oz.

Mr. Marshall teaches 7th Grade History and leads the Debate Team for Chelsea Middle School. Throughout last week, Mr. Marshall was nervously awaiting

Jessa's arrival, as any expecting father would. The last few days of school prior Mr. Marshall paid special attention to his phone, eagerly anticipating a call from his expecting wife. When that call came they were blessed with a beautiful little girl. Mr. Marshall commented in an email to Chelsea Middle School Staff, that "She is a blessing to the family, and everyone was thrilled about her arrival."

In this picture of Jessa, it shows her beautiful brown hair and closed eyes. We can't wait to

see those big, gorgeous eyes soon! Congratulations, Mr. Marshall!



The New Leaders of the School by Ashton Crihfield



On February 19, a group of strait "A" students were inducted into Chelsea Middle School Beta Club. Eighth graders, who were in Beta Club last year, came to share speeches to inspire the upcoming students. The upcoming members got a certificate and recited the Beta Club pledge, which says that they have to be respectful, caring,

and loyal to their community and their fellow students. They will attend meetings in the Choir Room on the 1st Wednesday of each month. The club will plan with fundraisers for next year. The members have to keep an "A" average. If they receive lower, they will have 9 weeks to bring it up or will be removed from the group.

Savanah Kirchner, an 8th grader, said that, "Maintaining an "A" average is difficult, but worth it to be a part of a prestigious group such as Beta Club." The new inductees are the leaders of the school and have a huge responsibility to uphold for the school.

Field Trip to Discover the Future by Haley Lorimer

As the Chelsea Middle School students transitioned from the first semester to the second, eighth graders changed from Spanish to Computer Essentials and vice versa. On February 22, the second semester Computer Essentials students were privileged to take a field trip to the School of Technology. Dressed in business attire, Chelsea students were shuttled to the School of Technology during first period. Once the students arrived, School of Technology students led our students on a tour of the school. Chelsea Middle School students explored each of the classes the School of Technology offers. For example, in tenth grade students

can attend the School of Technology for subjects such as cosmetology, engineering, nursing and health, as well as many other programs. The tour allowed students to discover the many benefits of attending the Alabama School of Technology. When asked about attending the field trip eighth grader Allison Bailey expressed, "This field trip was a great learning experience to see that students have options to get a head start on a something you want to specialize in later in life." When the Chelsea Middle School students returned to school, they all had a better understanding of what their futures could hold.

Ra-Ra-Ra by Georgia Phillips

On Friday the 8th, 2013, forty-five beautiful and talented 6th and 7th graders tried out for the 2013-2014 Chelsea Cheerleading Squad. When the clinic began on Monday the 4th the girls knew that it would be a challenge, but they all determined to do their best. "I'm so proud of everyone! This season is going to be amazing!" says Brianna Foster, a returner on the new squad. Congratulations to the twenty-two wonderful girls on the new 2013-14 cheer squad.

The 6th graders are Peyton Davis, Megan Kay Myers, Rachel Hitson, Katherine Hoffman, Bella Bass, Aleigh Grace Griffin, Taylor Stafford, Sutton Arnold, Chandler Davis, and Skyler Poling. The new 7th graders are Hannah Proctor, Caroline Crawford, and Gracie Bradford. The 7th grade returning cheer squad members are Brianna Foster, Lauren Bowles, Hannah Knuckles, Anna Bailey, Sierra Thompson, Erin Wallace, Alyssa Thompson, Ally Thrasher, and

Lauren Simmons. Have a great Season! All the girls are looking forward to a great season ahead with their new coach, Ms. Hayden Hamrick. Ms. Hamrick is a 6th grade teacher and she is thrilled to be able to continue as Head Coach after taking over mid-season last year.

"To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here."

You Better Bring Yourself by Faith Sibert

"FBLA is having a bake sale, you better bring yourself!" The Future Business Leaders of America at ChMS have had a very successful year so far. The bake sale they held was a very important fundraiser going towards field trips, t-shirts, and donations for charitable organizations. Together FBLA raised about six-hundred dollars in funds. The bake sale was held every Thursday

after school in the gym lobby, with long lines of students waiting to buy a yummy snack. Everyone loved buying home-made brownies, cookies, rice crispy treats, cakes, and many other delicious baked goods from our very own FBLA members. Seventh grader Riley Coyne says, "Their cookies were very scrumptious and freshly made." Thank you for helping FBLA raise a lot of money to bene-

fit themselves and others by buying baked goods! Don't forget, "You get two cookies for a dollar; those prices will make you want to holler!!!"

5-6-7-8 by Hannah Dawson

5, 6, 7, 8... is all these dancers and majorettes are chanting as the intense week of tryouts is in action. All participants work diligently to perfect their technique to possibly become part of the 2013-2014 Starlets and Majorettes. To be a part of the team girls must first endure a week of stressful, yet exciting clinic, where they learn each dance and combination

to prepare for Friday's tryouts. Seventh grader Lauryn Bower when asked about tryouts states, "Although I did this last year the nerves still come back." The dance team and brand new majorette sponsor Mrs. Nivens is full of excitement to witness the upcoming talent at tryouts. We are pleased to include the names of all those who made the teams in this article for

you. The 2013-14 Majorettes are Ashley Bean, Chloe Herbert, Emma Moore and Claire Odom. The 2013-14 Starlets Dance Team members are Olivia Adams, Sophie Barron, Lauryn Bower, Elisa Britton, Madison Goodwin, Emma Harvey, Leanna Hudson, Kylee Palmer, Madeline Rigdon and Kirkland Thomas. Congratulations ladies!!



Is it over yet? by Lauryn Bower

Studying immensely until they were ready for their 9 weeks exam, most of the students at Chelsea Middle School were very stressed about the final testing for the quarter. Since this was their third time taking exams, most of the students were happy when their work paid off. "I felt very prepared for these exams and they seemed to be longer than the others. " said

Alexis Bartlewski after coming back from spring break. All of the students were invited to celebrate their completion of the quarter at the faculty and student softball game. The excitement on the students' faces was evident when the final bell rang for the day. "The last few minutes of the Friday before spring break was exciting. I got a lot of hugs from my friends, mostly girls! I had to say goodbye to them, but I was still excited for spring break!" Jonah Moore said this before his departure for their

vacation away from the work. All of the work of the students paid off showing in their above average grades.



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Sliding Home by Olivia Moody

The Lady Hornets softball team hit the field with a bang on Thursday, March 7th to play their last home game of the season. Playing hard, the girls came out strong and immediately gained the lead over Columbiana. Chelsea finished up with a compelling win, ending the game with a run rule of 10-0. Cheering fans and encouraging coaches got the team fired up, and the students carried that spirit

out onto the field until the end of the game. After the game, the seventh graders surprised their eighth grade teammates, who had just played their final game on the home field. Each seventh grade player provided an eighth grader with flowers and a special note as a goodbye gift. Eighth grader Kathyne Shoop said, "This was definitely a night to remember! The game was loads of fun, and

everyone made it so special!" Leaving their home field grinning, the Lady Hornets absolutely loved the big surprise, and the win made the night all the better. Even though the last home game is over, the Lady Hornets still have plenty of games left and plan to win every game they play.

Chip It by Trey Hamilton

This March, the 2012-2013 Hornet Golf Team was selected. These elite few include 8th graders Justin Coman, Jena Weichman, and Sarah Rabenau, along with 7th graders Justin Collins, JP Lynn, Jordan Plunkett, and Reese Pridgen. These golfers are required to meet after school at Cross Creek Golfing Range to practice a few days every week with head coach Mrs. Brown, along with going to a variety of meets and tournaments. "From what I have seen so far, I know that we have a great team. There is a wide range of skill and development on this team," says 8th grader Justin Coman. Their 2013 schedule is listed below, so be sure to come out and support your Hornet golf team this year!

2013 Golf Schedule

Date	Opponent	Course	Time
3/11	Columbiana	Eagle Point	3:40
3/12	Helena	Bentbrook	3:30
3/25	Helena	Eagle Point	3:40
3/28	Columbiana	Magnolia Meadows	3:30
4/9	John Carroll	RTJ-Par 3	3:30
4/10	Calera	Timberline	3:30
4/15	Conference Tournament	Bentbrook	3:30

Sprouting Styles of Spring by Madison Smith

As flowers begin to bloom, what will you strut through the halls? Top trends are sure to bring spring fever. Having trouble brainstorming fantastic ideas for this upcoming warmer weather? Here's some help! Styles girls are rocking include bright colors, sheer shirts, cute sandals, and monogrammed t-shirts. Guys enjoy strutting trends like polo shirts, khaki shorts, bright sneakers, and colorful socks. "This season is one of my favorites. I love shopping at Francescas, Lotus Boutique, and Ditsy Daisy!" expresses 8th grader, Kayley Dotson. For unique outfit ideas observe the pictures provided in this section. So, hang up your Patagonias, put away your Uggs, and paint a masterpiece look for you this spring season!

Left: Peyton Golden sports a cute patterned sheer top and tall leather boots...a great choice for this season!

Right: A fantastic style for this spring season would be a bright loose-fitted top, rolled jeans, and Sperrys, just like Haley Boltler rocks in this picture!



Left: Working a white polo and khaki pants as popular spring style is Dylan Sampsell!

Right: A fun spring style we see is bright shoes, and school spirit sweatshirts just like what Christian Pruitt trends here!



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Yearbooks will be passed out during lunches on Friday, May 10, 2013...if you didn't order a yearbook and are interested in purchasing an extra one, they will be on sale on a first come, first served basis. Bring \$40 to Mrs. Nivens' classroom before school any day May 13-17. There is a limited supply of extra books, so don't forget.

National Competition by Lauren Mims



Starting out February right, the dance team packed their bags and headed to Disney World to compete in Dance Team Nationals on February first. After Arriving in the sunny state of Florida, the Starlets were welcomed by the friendly staff of the Caribbean Beach Resort. Later Friday night, the dancers and Coach Michelle Nivens visited the park Magic Kingdom and stayed for extra hours until eleven o'clock. The girls then met early Saturday morning to practice for a competition later that night. Catching a break after their tough practice, the Starlets headed to Animal Kingdom to eat breakfast with the characters Minnie, Mickey, Goofy, Daisy, and Donald. The dancers returned to their rooms to apply performance make-up, pull hair into tight buns, and put on costumes. The Starlets danced their

hearts out on stage, and placed seventh out of eleven teams. Free for the rest of the night, the dancers split up and headed to the several different theme parks of Disney. Waking up early Sunday morning, the dancers met for practice again to prepare for their kick performance to come later on that day. Many dancers decided to stay at the resort to rest and kick back before their next competition. After a day full of relaxation, the Starlets arrived at the ESPN World of Sports to compete their kick routine. With fierce precision and power, the starlets finished their kick routine and placed fifth in the nation in the high kick category. When asked about performing at nationals, eighth grade returner Ashton Carihfield stated, "While on stage I felt a rush of energy as I performed full out in front of the entire nation." The

next day, the Starlets enjoyed exploring other parks and riding rides all day long. Exhausted and worn down, the dancers returned home Tuesday to share stories of their wonderful experiences with everyone.