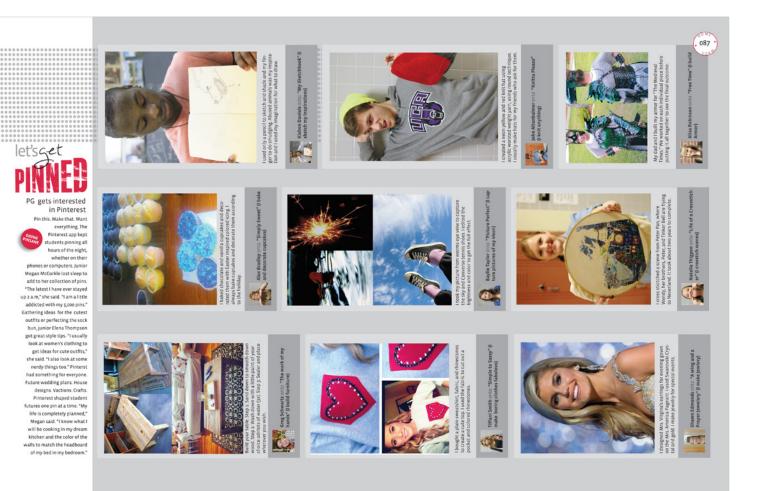


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THE HAWK (2013) PLEASANT GROVE HS TEXARKANA, TX

LET'S GET PINNED PG gets interested in Pinterest

Pin this. Make that. Want everything. The Pinterest app kept students pinning all hours of the night, whether on their phones or computers. Junior Megan McCorkle lost sleep to add to her collection of pins. "The latest I have ever stayed up is 2 a.m," she said. "I am a little addicted with my 5,000 pins." Gathering ideas for the cutest outfits or perfecting the sock bun, junior Elena Thompson got some great style tips. "I usually look at women's clothing to get ideas for cute outfits," she said. "I also look at some nerdy things too." Pinterest has something for everyone. Future wedding plans. House designs. Vacations. Crafts. Pinterest shaped student futures one pin at a time. "My life is completely planned," Megan said. "I know what I will be cooking in my dream kitchen and the color of the walls to match the headboard of my bed in my bedroom."



Sometimes, we stand as up as FIGHTERS for the causes we believe in. MALLORY BRONNER

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TECHNIQUES (2017) THOMAS JEFFERSON HS FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ALEXANDRIA, VA



WHAT WOOD BEECH DO Junior Beech Wayland brings the forest indoors with his constructive hobby

It's a symphony of chainsaws and belt sanders, sawdust flying as you work. You're outside, milling lumber and building furniture in your own backyard so that even inside you can keep the forest with you.

For junior Beech Wayland, woodworking was a learned talent, but one already in his DNA. "My whole family woodworks. My dad woodworks, and my grandpa is a woodworker too. I figured I'd better learn just because it's a really handy thing to learn," Wayland said.

"I try to mill my own lumber so the lumber cost is free. We have a little chainsaw and we went online and bought a mill, an attachment that you stick on your chainsaw, and it makes a straight cut so you can rip though boards," Wayland said.

Wayland has constructed numerous large structures, including a bed, nightstand and a treehouse wired with electricity. The treehouse in particular provided Wayland a great challenge to tackle. "I like building stuff so much I thought it would be a really fun project to do and it'd save me hundreds of thousands of dollars," he said.

Woodworking could later become more than a hobby for Wayland. "I eventually want to build my own house and sell furniture."

"It's fun, it's effective and it's very handy," he said. "I get a lot of satisfaction out of it."

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Photo By Faith Witcher // 2. PRAISE GOD!

// Senior Anastasiya Popova // Oct. 12 //

Second Slavic Bantist Church // Popova

sings in her church's choir during Harvest

celebration. // "Church is an amazing

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BY FAITH WITCHER Senior Nerissa Crisostomo converts to Islam during over summer break and finds her passion in her new Islamic faith



3. SSBC CLIQUE // Junior Lina Kopchuk // Oct. 12 // Second Slavic Baptist Church // Seniors Irina Brutsky-Stempkovsky, Ruf Solovyev and Kopchuk hang out after church service. // "We enjoy church because we can worship our Lord and hang out with friends." // Photo By Jamie Hughes // 4.GOD'S MUSIC MAKES ME HAPPY // Senior Madison Boskovich // March 14 // East Parkway Church // Boskovich laughs while practicing chords for an upcoming service. // "I love being able to use the gift God gave me to praise him with beautiful music." // Photo by Faith Witcher



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TITANIUM (2015) ANTELOPE (CA) HS

meet the team...



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PUTTING COMPETITION

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Carly Jackson and sopho-

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"We decided that putting

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Bryson said. "Kayla and I ended up winning, but we

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Bryson (right) waits to putt.

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player from North felt bad and tried to do the same thing. Her ball ended up hitting the tee marker and came back almost hitting her in the head. The girl from East felt a lot better." Carly Jackson, 11

"For one of our tournaments we decided to tie-dye golf shirts to wear. Our coach, Mr. (David) Sciupider, thought we all looked stupid and called us hippies. He even gave us hippie names, and mine was Moon Unit. I

wasn't doing very well in the tournament and I was upset, but he cheered me up by telling me that all the karma in the tie-dye polo was wearing off. He was just joking, but it made me feel bet-

Olivia Springer, 11

"Goofing off as a team light-

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> PLACING HER BALL, junior Olivia Springer (bottom left) prepares for a putting drill. "Being part of such a great team was a privilege. All the girls got along and we became good friends." Springer said. "It was easy to have a good time with these girls."







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"At the start of the season, we knew we all wanted to improve our scores from last year and finish better at regionals," sophomore Kayla Sciupider said. "The standards to qualify for state got way tougher with our competition this year."

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