



Youth of Today
Hope of Tomorrow



Exposure to the Medical Field



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Throughout my involvement in the sports medicine program at my school, I have had the opportunity to meet two incredible women. These women are orthopedic surgeons: Dr. Barbara Bergin and Dr. Kelly Cline. Through personal connections with Dr. Bergin and Dr. Cline; my athletic trainer Dr. Kris "Doc" White was able to organize the program to expose students to orthopedics. Doc White created this program to teach students how to be comfortable with communicating with doctors as well as exposure to powerful women working in male-dominated fields. Dr. Bergin and Dr. Cline agreed to visit and teach us to encourage students to go into the field of orthopedics. As a participant in this program, I have been able to meet the orthopedic surgeons and learn what they do. I have learned about bone structure and adjustments, and heard many stories about having to fix various injuries. It was interesting learning that the surgeons have worked with nu-

merous ages varying from infants up to elders. From their most recent visit with us, they shared that each injury is different, as no individual is exactly like another. During the session, we compared human bones to animal bones that were brought in for a demonstration. I enjoyed viewing and comparing the bone structure as we discussed the similarities in function and operation. One particular story that I remember is when we discussed bone adjustments. An individual was portrayed with one leg shorter than the other. To assist in this, a device is used that reduces pain, scarring, and infection risks that are associated with lengthening a leg. Replacing an external brace that involves pins inserted through the skin, a magnet-powered rod is inserted entirely within the bone. To extend the bone, the patient adjusts the brace to move the ends of the bone half a millimeter further apart, approximately two times a day to reach the desired length of the bone. I learned a lot from Dr. Bergin and Dr. Cline, and I hope that this program continues and grows in the future. Exposure to the medical field is important. It is important to teach young women that even if a field is male-dominated; it does not decrease our capabilities to be involved.

Graduation



by Madison Roberts
Nehemiah Christian Sch

person graduation at my school. I'm so excited. I get to read a speech that I'm a little nervous to read. I'm moving up to the fifth grade which means more school work. I love to see all the graduation students. The very best part is school is officially out for the summer.

Congratulations to the Class of 2022. May we all continue to reach for the stars in our future!



Entertainer Josephine Baker



by Tyler Allen
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On June 3, 1906, Freda Josephine McDonald was born in St. Louis, Missouri. Her parents, both entertainers, performed throughout the segregated Midwest often bringing her on stage during their shows. Unfortunately, their careers never took off, forcing the young Baker to seek for odd jobs to survive. If she was unable to seek out work - she would often dance on the streets collecting money from on-lookers. Eventually, her routine caught the eye of an African American theater troupe. At the age of 15, Baker ran off and started to perform with the group. She also married William Howard Baker. During this point, she took her husband's family name and dropped her given name becoming Josephine Baker. Ms. Baker flourished as a dancer in several Vaudeville shows, which was a well-liked theatre genre within the 20th century. She eventually moved to Big

Apple City (New York City, New York) and took part in the celebration of Black life and art now referred to as the historic Harlem Renaissance period. Some years later her success took her to Paris. Ms. Baker became one of all the foremost sought-after performers thanks to her distinct dancing style and unique costumes. Although her audiences were mostly white, Baker's performances followed African themes and elegance. In her famed show *Danse Sauvage*, she danced across the stage in an exceedingly banana skirt. When Hitler and also the German army invaded France during warfare II, Ms. Baker She joined the fight against the Nazi regime. She aided French military officials by passing on secrets she heard while performing before the enemy. She transported the messages by wind (airplane) by writing with invisible ink on music sheets. After a few years of performing in Paris, Ms. Baker returned to the United States to make a comeback to her career and was able to perform for a final show for her fans. She later died on April 15, 1975 of a cerebral hemorrhage at the age of 68 and was buried with full military honors.



Mother's Day Weekend



by Aiden Loyden
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For Mother's Day - my Father, Mom, brother, sister, and I went to Louisiana. I had a great time seeing my family. On Friday, May 6, 2022, I stayed home, and then I went shopping with my Mom, Grandma, sister, and aunt. Afterwards, we went to a restaurant. There, we saw our cous-

ins sitting a table away from us. On Saturday, May 7, 2022, I cleaned my Mom's car and did yard work with my Grandpa. I had to carry mulch bags and get excess grass out the old mulch. Afterwards, I went to my cousin's re-past. I had so much fun. I saw a lot of my cousins, too. I hung out with my big cousin Noah. On Sunday, May 8, 2022, we told my Mom and Grandmother "Happy Mother's Day!" then left after my grandparents went to church. I had so much fun and I hope that everyone had a Happy Mother's Day.



Being A part of the Beautillion



by Lacey Johnson
Connally High School

Recently, I was granted the grand opportunity to participate in this year's Beautillion. The Beautillion is an annual event held by Jack and Jill of America, Inc. The program originated in 1981 and has gradually developed throughout the decades to the profound event it is now. I would advise any Jack and Jill member to take advantage of the experience. Everything about the event gleams in graciousness. To say I'm simply excited would fail to capture the enthrallment I feel to partake in such a wondrous program. I deem the Beautillion to be the ultimate passageway to adulthood. Being involved in such a program grants me access to an opportunity of advancing my character through educational activities and brotherhood. It's an opportunity I couldn't bear to miss, a lavish experience that I would be greatly blessed

to partake in. An aspect of Beautillion I most admire is the transformative development it offers young men. A fair amount of youngsters, including myself, engage in unhealthy habits that serve us to no benefit. To me, the transition from boy to man is rooted most profoundly in the combatting of negative habits with the welcoming of more proper routines. This is what the Beautillion is renowned for, bringing young men together to develop themselves. This program offers a smooth, lustrous pathway to success; both in life and character. Although the Beautillion is mostly known for its luxurious closing ceremony, the educational events scattered throughout it deserve equal praise. The conquest of serving young men is furthered by advancing them in a variety of ways through these activities. The Beautillion's devotion to progressing its participants is one of the many factors that contribute to its immense attraction. Not only does it input significant effort into creating the final ceremony, but also towards bettering our youth in an internal manner.

Earth



by Kyrie Williams
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Remember, I said I wanted to be an astronaut. I am studying about the Earth in science. The earth is shaped like ball, not a flat circle. It has two poles located at the top and bottom of the earth. The top one is called the North Pole, the bottom one is called the South Pole. They are the coldest parts of the Earth. The hottest part of the Earth is the equator. It is the imaginary line that runs along the fattest part of our earth. That explains why certain continents are hotter than others. Our continent of North America is located between the North Pole and the equator. That is the reason we do not have nei-

ther extremely hot nor extremely cold weather the majority of the time. Our weather is between hot and cold due to our location on the Earth, unlike South America and Africa that have parts of their continents located directly on the equator where it is extremely hot. On our Earth, we have seven (7) continents and five (5) oceans; I can name them all from memory. The Earth is constantly moving around the Sun. It makes a complete circle around the Sun one time every year, which is 365 days. The Earth also turns around once every 24 hours. It also turns on its axis while rotating around the Sun; this is how we get our seasons - Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer; due to the positioning of the Sun at a particular time during the rotating process. This is because the Sun is in different places at different seasons of the year. I have learned a lot but I still have a lot more to learn.

