

The Red and Gray

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Track Coach Seaman

by: Hannah and Sydney

Mrs. Seaman has been a track coach for 14 years. Her first 9 years were spent as an assistant helping coach the High School track team before becoming the head coach for three years. Since being at Minford, she has coached the Junior High track team for five years. When we asked Mrs. Seaman what she enjoyed most about coaching track, she answered, "I think with track, more than any other sport, there is a spot for everyone. I love helping them find their 'spot' on the team and seeing them have fun." Mrs. Seaman said that her husband inspired her to become a track coach. While her husband was coaching, she was always at the track. "The more I was around the sport, the more I started to learn and love it!" We also asked Mrs. Seaman if she participated in track in school, she said. "No, I went out for the track in 7th grade and quit before the first practice was over. I was very nervous and apprehensive. I thought everyone knew what was going on and what the events were called and that I was the only one confused. I thought, 'What is the 400? 400 laps?! I'm out of here!'"

Upcoming Events What's Up Next?

by: Brody

April

17th- 2 hour early dismissal
17th- Track Meet @ South Webster
18th- 22nd- Easter Break
22nd- Track Meet @ Portsmouth
23rd- Classes Resume
23rd- Desco Deposit Day
24th- Track Meet @ Valley
24th- 25th- Science Testing
29th- Track SOC @ Minford
29th- 30th- Math Testing

May

3rd- Desco Deposit Day
6th-10th- Faculty and Staff
Appreciation Week
9th- 10th- Civil War Camp
14th- 18th- 8th Grade Trip

Mrs. Rolfe More Than a History Teacher

by: Juniper

The eighth grade trip, OMUN, Civil War camp, Youth and Government, history day, cheerleading, volleyball, fundraisers, the Red Cross project, and the candy cart are all things that we take for granted in our school. We rarely stop and think about all of the hard work, time and effort that is behind all of these amazing activities. Mrs. Rolfe is much more than an 8th grade history teacher. She is a doer, a believer, an organizer, an achiever, and she is behind all of these activities. She believes in the work that she does. She believes in

changing students' lives by providing them with opportunities that they will remember forever. "I want to give you guys [students] as many experiences while in school to help you grow in different ways whether it's an educational experience, the experience of travel and seeing new places. Showing you [students] that there is a whole world out there for each and every one of you. Go find it. Always remember where you come from but there's a whole world out there, go see it." says Mrs. Rolfe. Mrs. Rolfe does these things for us because she loves teaching and helping students to grow and learn. She doesn't do these things to go above and beyond, she does them because she sees it as part of her duty as a teacher. Giving student the very best experience possible while helping them learn and grow along the way, shaping us to be the very best that we can possibly be. We are beyond thankful for Mrs. Rolfe and everything that she does for us.

Falcon Fortune Reminder

by: Juniper

This year's Falcon Fortune will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2019. The event will take place at the SOMC Friends Center. The grand prize will be \$5,000. Tickets for this event are no longer on sale.

sisters

Hi Sisters! Sister 1,2 and 3 here, and welcome back to the Sisters Article! We're here to review the MAC Boom, Boom, Bloom collection, The James Palette and Brush Set, and the Anastasia Beverly Hills Dewy Set Setting Spray! All of our information is from personal experience or official reviews! The whole purpose for this article is to inspire girls, and to use our love of makeup to help them! We hope you enjoy our product reviews(;

Hi Sisters! Sister 1 here, to tell you about the MAC Boom Boom Bloom Collection. This limited edition collection for spring includes a Prep + Prime Fix+ spray, 2 Highlighters, 5 lipsticks, 4 lipglasses, and an eyeshadow palette. Each item in the collection is cherry-blossom scented. The lipstick shades include a variety of pinky mauves and a red mauve. The lipglasses include shades that are light pinks and wearable mauves. The Prep+Prime Fix+ spray smells like cherry-blossoms. It helps to soothe, refreshes, and hydrates skin, set also prolong the wear of makeup for 12 hours. The highlight powders come in two shades one shimmery light pink and the other a shimmery golden orange to complement all skin tones. The eyeshadow comes with 9 unique warm neutral shades offering countless shade combinations. There are three shimmer shades, three matte shades, and 3 pearl shades.

Hi Sisters! Sister 2 here, and I'm here to review the James CharlesXMorphe palette and brush set! As many of you know, James Charles is the biggest beauty influencer on youtube, and is the face of the Sisters

Community. James was the main inspiration for the Sisters article, and is the main reason the three sisters love makeup as much as we do! A few months ago, James partnered with Morphe to make the "Unleash Your Inner Artist" palette and brush set. The palette is filled with 39 glamorous shades that range from matte, shimmer and metallic. The palette is full of natural to rainbow glam shades that will work for any eye look imaginable. James also partnered with Morphe to create the James Charles brush set! The brush set features 34 brushes that have a brush that will fit all of your makeup needs! The palette retails for \$39 USD and the brush set retails for \$149 USD. I recommend this palette for any girl that wants a fun, glamorous makeup palette!

Hi Sisters! Sister 3 here to talk to you about Anastasia Beverly Hills Dewy Set Setting Spray. This a vegan, cruelty-free, water based formula product. It has a refreshing coconut-vanilla scent that helps seamlessly blend products together. The objective concept of this product is to help give your skin a more healthy-looking glow while also giving you that natural dewy effect. This can either be used to help apply your makeup smoother or to refresh your skin as you need. This product may seem like it will go on with a shimmer or sparkle, but don't worry, the shimmer is only on the bottle to add packaging affect. On the Anastasia Beverly Hills website, this product is reviewed a 5 out of 5. A website review said, "I've tried many setting sprays and none are as great as this one! The smell is amazing and the finishing look is flawless."

Gamer Guys

Days gone

Days Gone is third-person single player survival horror game set in a post-apocalyptic open world developed by SIE Bend studios. You play as Deacon St. John a former outlaw-turned-drifter and bounty hunter. You have to fight to survive against freakers mindless zombie like creatures. Days Gone is exclusive to the PS4, and when it's released the cost will be \$60.

Our Thoughts

We give Days Gone a 8.5 out of 10 it will be a fantastic game just from looking at the previews it has amazing graphics, a great plot and these are only a few reasons we are really excited for these game to release.

National Holidays

by: Doyle, Sarah and Jacob

April

- 12th- National Licorice Day
- 13th- International Plant Appreciation Day
- 14th- International Moment of Laughter Day
- 16th- National Stress Awareness Day
- 17th- Blah, Blah, Blah Day
- 18th- National High Five Day
- 19th- National Garlic Day
- 20th- Volunteer Recognition Day
- 21st- Kindergarten Day
- 22nd- Earth Day :)
- 23rd- Take a Chance Day
- 24th- Pig in a Blanket Day
- 25th- World Penguin Day



Wings Award Grant Wheeler and Sadie Hatfield

by: Juniper and Isabella

In this edition of "The Red and Gray," we will be highlighting two students. The first is Grant Wheeler. Grant is a phenomenal student, athlete, leader, and person. He is a member of baseball, basketball, soccer, leadership alliance, and the quiz bowl team, while also keeping a 4.0 GPA. Grant says that his main inspiration is his mom. "My mom, she is deaf. It is hard sometimes, and she pushes me through." He goes on to explain that his mom is a great inspiration when he is faced with obstacles. Grant says that he lives by his favorite Bible verse, Philippians 4:13, "I can do all this through him who gives me strength." Grant's positivity, strive, and friendliness are truly motivational. Our second Wings Award is Sadie Hatfield. She does track, soccer, and basketball. She is also member of the 4-H group "Scioto Wranglers" and her church's youth group. She says that 4-H has helped her become more patient and develop goal setting skills. Sadie says, "My dad is my biggest inspiration because he is a leader and he motivates me." Sadie considers herself to be a leader because she is nice to people and talks to them. She believes that students can make our school a better place by being nice and not excluding people. Sadie is kind and caring to everyone.

Motivational

by: Sarah, Doyle and Jacob

"Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."

-Confucius

"You're only a fool if you give up."

-Aladdin

"Anything I've done that was ultimately worthwhile initially scared me to death."

-Betty Bender

Civil War Camp

by: Lauren

On May 10th, 8th grade Falcons will be participating in "Civil War Camp." This camp hosts fun activities for the students to do all day, while also teaching students about the life and conditions of the Civil War. You have the option to stay overnight at the camp, the kids will make their own tent, or sleeping in a sleeping bag. The students will have to supply their own silverware, as the teachers will supply the food.

Student Voice

by: Jeriah

I asked five, 6th-8th grade students the following questions:

"Do you like school lunch? Is there anything you would change?" Here are their responses:

Q. Do you like school lunch?

S1: "I love school lunch, it offers a nutritional diet option."

S2: "Its kinda a 50/50 some things are really good but some aren't as good."

S3: "The chicken nuggets are my favorite."

S4: "Nah, I pack my lunch because I don't really like school lunch, I'm just super picky."

S5: "I don't eat school lunch."

Staff Spotlight

Mrs. Rideout

by: Autumn

Maybe you have seen her friendly face as you walk through the Minford hallways. Mrs. Rideout ia a first year teacher at Minford Middle School! Mrs. Rideout teaches third and fourth grade language arts, math, science, social studies and life skills. Before coming to teach at Minford, Mrs. Rideout taught at the Vern Riffe School for four years and at Valley Elementary for two years. When asked, "How has your experience been at Minford?" she responded with, "I love being able to teach at Minford! I'm from Minford and it truly has been a dream come true to be able to teach at such a wonderful district."

Mrs. Rideout is married to her wonderful husband Dustin and they are expecting to have a baby girl in September! Out of school, away from all the chaos and clutter, Mrs. Rideout enjoys shopping, traveling (especially to the beach), reading and spending time with her friends and family.

Proud Falcons!

by: Isabella

Congratulations to Megan Hickman for tying the Minford Middle School record in Pole Vault, with a jump of 6'. She accomplished this at the Huntington Ross track meet. Good job Megan!



Turf Project A New Addition

by: Juniper

The school recently announced "The Turf Project." Our football field has been coated in mud and holes, making it almost unusable. Resurfacing the football field with synthetic turf will make the field safer for athletes of multiple different sports throughout the year. The new field will create a better practicing and playing environment for athletes in football, band, cheerleading, and soccer. On the school website there is a link to the informational donation page that makes donating to this project easy. The goal is to complete the project by August 1st. The school is very excited to announce this project and hope that you can help in making this a reality.

Album Charts

by: Tyrell

when we all fall asleep, where do we go- Billie Eilish

Victory Lap- Nipsey Hussle

thank u, next- Ariana Grande

Honky Tonk Time machine- George Strait

Death Race for Love- Juice WRLD



Behind the Scenes 8th Grade Trip

by: Vaeh

Each year, the eighth grade students go on a end of the year trip, but most younger students don't know the details. At the end of seventh grade year, Mr. Nelson will ask his students where they want to go for their upcoming eighth grade trip. Mrs. Rolfe puts all of the suggested destinations into consideration, and she picks the final trip. The trip is always packed full of tourist attractions and different destinations, leaving no time for free time, and a lot of time for fun. However, the trip is very pricey. Throughout your eighth, seventh, and even sixth grade years, you can participate in almost all of the fundraisers, making it very easy to raise the money. Even though the trip is expensive, it is very fun and memorable. However, not just anyone can go. Throughout the year, you have to keep up good behavior, and you have to try in all of your classes. The eighth grade trip is an important, fun, and memorable part of your eighth grade year, so it is important to keep up the good work so that you can go.

Fun Facts Did You Know?

by: Brody

- Walt Disney actually had musophobia, or a fear of mice and rats.
- On average, Americans as a whole eat 18 acres of pizza a day.
- The first food eaten in space was applesauce.

Caleb Miller Small Town Boy Becomes Big-Time Artist

by: Sydney and Autumn

If you do not know who Caleb Miller is by now, then you do not know how talented he is. Not only is he $\frac{1}{2}$ of King Calaway, he is the youngest member of the band, and the lead guitarist. If that isn't crazy enough, he is a small town boy, and one of our very own, from Minford. Caleb has been an instrumentalist since the age of four; he has been performing gigs since he was in elementary school. By the age of 13 years old he was balancing his schoolwork and working as a session guitarist. He plays everything from country, metal, rock, blues, and more. Since January 7th, when they signed with BMG/BBR Music Group, Caleb and King Calaway have been traveling all over the country performing at multiple stages and stadiums as well as opening for multiple country music artists. On May 3rd, Caleb and the rest of King Calaway open for Garth Brooks in Minneapolis at the U.S. Bank Stadium. On Thursday, April 11th, Caleb became part of the PRS guitar team. PRS is a guitar company, that designs guitars and works with a variety of artists and influencers. Caleb is a senior at Minford High School and is finishing his last year online while living in Nashville. He manages to juggle his career and schoolwork very well, which isn't an easy task because he is traveling and performing all over the country. Minford is beyond proud of our small, hometown boy, Caleb Miller, chasing big-time dreams.

Isabella Fitch Talented Young Artist

by: Amelia

Minford's very own, Isabella Fitch, had her art showcased during parent conferences. Isabella Fitch, an 8th grader at Minford Middle School, has been drawing since she was 3 years old. Isabella credits her father for her love of art. Isabella's father, Nathan Fitch, who is also a very talented drawer, painter and sculptor has inspired Isabella to pursue her passion for art. Isabella's art usually consists of realistic-like celebrities that she draws and shades with prismacolor colored pencils. Isabella is a super talented young artist with a bright future.



Robotics Congratulations

by: Jacob

On Friday, April 12th Minford Middle School participated in the county Robotics Competition at SCCTC. The 7th grade team consisting of, Isaac Porter, Walker McHenry, and Jeremiah Smith, came away with the victory.

Library A Hidden Treasure

by: Lee

The library. A wondrous place open from 7:30 to 3:30 welcoming students to take books and read them for their own pleasure. The selection in the library is vast; holding twelve genres to select from. But wait, there's more. Books aren't the only thing the library has to offer. It also offers high quality teaching and computers used for research. Mrs. Shoemaker and Mrs. Riffe work together to teach the students the history of books, as well as how to research and organize books. The library can be as important as a classroom, and teaches important skills just the same. The ladies always welcome students to visit, so take some time and say hello.

8th Grade Trip

by: Sarah

The infamous eighth grade trip is quickly approaching! May 14th is under a month away! The last trip payment date was April 5th. Tickets have been purchased. Buses have been arranged. Hotels have been booked. Roommates have been chosen. Along our nearly 24 hour round trip, we will be visiting Hershey Park and Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. During their stay in New York, they will be viewing a Broadway show rendition of the classic Disney film, The Lion King, The Empire State Building, The Statue of Liberty, and many other interesting things to be seen in passing. Let's wish the 8th graders safety and a fun time on their trip!

Free Physicals

by: Juniper

Free physicals for the 2019 - 2020 school year have been scheduled. Physicals will be held on May 10, 2019. Physicals are mandatory for school affiliated sports and can sometimes be expensive. If you plan of playing a sport in the 2019 - 2020 school year, this a great opportunity to get a free physical. Physical forms will be given to students at school shortly.

Happy Spring Break