

# Speak Life means to help live

Out of even the darkest tragedy can come a shred of light.

The recent teenage suicides in the surrounding community have inspired a group of people to found an organization to assist individuals who may feel isolated or alienated from the people around them.

The Speak Life Project, founded by Chico Goodpaster, is an organization inspired to “speak life into an otherwise silent world”.

By teaching of the love of Christ, the Speak Life Project is attempting to show people that no matter what obstacles they are facing in the world there is always someone to care for them.

“This project began with the suicide of a young man and our desire to show all kids that there is hope. People do care,” said Goodpaster.

The daughter of founder Goodpaster, junior Jerica Goodpaster, says that the organization wishes to, “...show people who feel left out that there is still someone willing to care for

them.”

The group does this by having events such as the Traditional Christmas Dinner, which will occur on December 18 at the Friends of Jesus Fellowship church for a select group of people unfortunate enough to not be able to have a Christmas dinner at all.

The temporary board of directors, including members Chris Lindley, wife Michelle, Toni Perkins, and website designer Michele Strotman, meet every other Monday (generally the second and fourth of each month.) At these meetings, they discuss the community, work to create bylaws and discuss exactly what an official Board of Directors would consist of. These meetings are open to the community.

The Advisory Council, a group comprised primarily of teenagers, meet every other Tuesday (the first and third of each month) to pitch future events and hold conversations about the project in general.

Anyone is welcome to come to the Advisory

Council meetings as well, and any teen feeling depressed or socially isolated is more than welcome to attend. These meetings occur at 6:30 p.m. at the Friends of Jesus Fellowship church and are designed to provide people a haven and place where they can be accepted no matter what.

Goodpaster has many hopes for the project.

“We want this to be the best center of its kind (or any kind). We hope to offer programs and events that meet the kids right where they are in their lives journey.”

This growing group of people have proven that out of the ashes of any tragedy, the spark of an idea can ignite, and if successfully carried out, can spread like a wildfire and inspire others to follow in their footsteps.

This is the Speak Life Project. Those already involved would you would get involved too.



## Taking sides: Hoop or the Endzone?

High school football season is now over, leaving a football-loving fanatic like me without plans on Friday nights.

I never before considered myself much of a basketball fan, but recently I've acquired a love for the game. All the intensity and aggression from the football games is present, but it's a present in a different way. There is no tackling or linemen battles, or huge piles of players battling for the fumble, but there is a lot of in your face action and every basket made is an adrenaline rush all over again.

Thankfully, I'm blessed with a little bit of both worlds now. What I miss about Friday nights is still available on TV every single Sunday and Monday night in the form of the NFL, and I get my live-action sports fix at

the basketball games usually held on Friday and Saturday. It's perfect. A diehard sports fan like me couldn't ask for anything more. Something is still missing though.

What I miss most about the football games is probably the casual atmosphere. I could just stand by the fence and watch the game and, if the action lulled, turn around and talk with my friends for a while. When the game picked up and a team got in the red zone, I'd turn around and watch the magic happen. At the basketball games, you just sit there and watch the game, or if you are in the cheer block you scream your lungs out and support your team with all you've got. It's either one or the other.

There's no real problem with this, but it does make me miss football

season. I guess a man can't have it all, and there's nothing really to complain about besides that. Both sports' teams show a lot of heart and both sports have incredibly entertaining games to watch.

Football is slow-paced for the most part, which makes the big plays something of a spectacle. The constant variation between pass and run adds some spice compared to basketballs constant running back and forth down the court. This makes basketball a very fast-paced game to watch but the scores are just as intense to witness.

Both sports, though different in their own ways, are both loads of fun to watch. I'm proud to be a fan of both basketball and football and even prouder to be a Paoli Ram.





Senior Devin Rutherford

is done with school after this year like...

Senior Remington Gill



who goes by his middle name like...

Sophomore Morgan Burkhardt



who plays volleyball with

Junior Chelsea Shupe



who has Mr. Page sixth period like...

Senior Joey Stillwell



who has French 1 with...

Freshman Devin Durbin

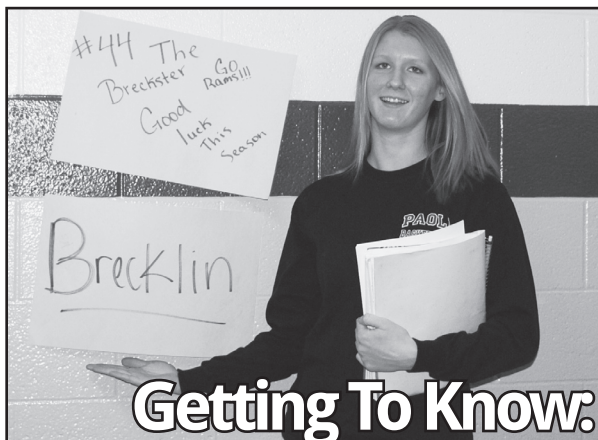


who plays basketball with...



Senior Devin Rutherford

Connected by Wes Phelps



## Getting To Know:

Meet:

*Heather Clark*

The sport I play is:

*Basketball*

In my free time I like to:

*watch Glee + sleep*

I work at:

*Tiny Tots daycare*

I shop at:

*everywhere*

My biggest pet peeve is:

*When my clothes aint color coded in my closet.*

One thing people don't know about me is:

*I hate tiny food*

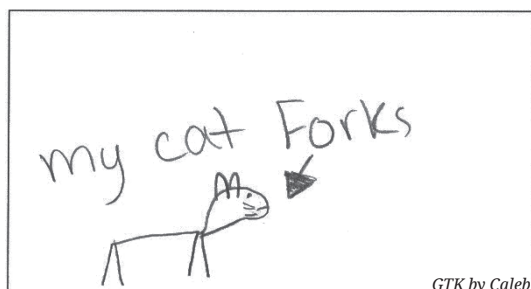
If I could be a celebrity I would be:

*Hannah Montana*

My Favorite band is:

*Big Time Rush*

Draw something that is important to you:



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