

Newspaper Page Design



THE ASSIGNMENT

For this contest, you will design the front page of the next issue of your newspaper, *The Sunflower News*. The page's size is 17 inches tall and 11 inches wide. This is issue 5 of volume 76 of the newspaper being released on April 26, 2017.

The page will contain three elements:

- One package will tell the story students who traveled to India
- Another package will tell the story of the student production of a new play
- Finally, you should refer the reader to a story about a new science study center at the school

You should include story, photos and captions below, along with whatever other coverage you design using the research and words provided. It is not necessary to use all of the images, all of the captions, all of the story or all of the "facts" provided. One or both stories can "jump" to inside pages of the paper, provided that you design "jumplines." And information from the stories can be used to create alternative coverage, like infoboxes, etc.

However, you should be sure to promote the science study center story.

Other images can be included if the images are created by the News Page Design contestant. No information should be included that isn't provided here.

Use whatever design, software and photography skills you have. While page designing allows – and encourages – the creative use of images, entries should avoid the use of copyrighted images not held by the contestant, except those provided here.

DESCRIPTION

You are a member of Sunflower High School's journalism staff. Your editor has asked you to design a newspaper front page.

SCHOOL INFO

Name: Sunflower High School

Location: Clinton, Kansas

Mascot: Mighty Buffalo

Enrollment: 800 (grades 9-12)

School colors: yellow and brown

Yearbook: The Sunflower

Newspaper: Sunflower News

Contest Info

This is a digital submission contest.

Students must not request help or advice from any person other than the KSPA staff at staff@kspaonline.org.

All work must be solely that of the contestant.

Download images for all three page elements

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Story Package #1: Dance

by Stanley Jared

Four Sunflower High School teens traveled to India in January on a mission to the Piyali Leaning Center. They were accompanied by the school's founder, North Clinton resident and Sunflower Rotary Club member Deepa Biswas Williams and fellow Rotarians Linda Johansen and Brad Fieldhouse.

Along with Williams was her daughter, Reena. The local students were Owen Andersen, Keller Haws, Ruth Beckmen and Lauren Fieldhouse. Brad Fieldhouse and Johansen were the chaperones.

"To see how much these students love education, to see how much they want to learn -- it made me appreciate my own education so much more," said Beckmen, a Sunflower Hig School sophomore and the youngest of the group.

Two hundred and thirty students are educated at the school, located in Piyali Junction, which is 30 miles from Kolkata, formerly known as Calcutta.

Haws, a student at Sunflower High School, collected school supplies for the students at Piyali and went on the trip as his Eagle Scout Project.

"I want to see what's out there and help these students. I want to make a difference," he said prior to departure. "I've been told that in Sunflower County, we live in kind of a bubble."

That turned out to be an understatement, according to Johansen.

Each morning, she and the team spent a two hours in traffic that included cows, goats and motorcycles and pedestrians, to get to the school to work. Once there, they taught dance, worked on a cleanup project, shared the classrooms and lunch with the students and visited student homes for a better understanding of life amid poverty.

Those home visits were the most memorable part of the trip for Beckmen.

"It was really interesting how proud the students were of their homes despite how humble they were," she said.

The Payali students made such an impression on her, Beckmen is determined to go back for a visit as soon as possible.

This was Johansen's second visit to the Piyali Learning Center, which Williams founded in 2003.

"Our most difficult challenge, however, was our last day at school with

these beautiful and brilliant little girls," she said. "Tears were flowing freely from all of us as well as the students and teachers. We all were emotionally and physically spent and our lives were forever changed from this extremely rewarding experience. I know our entire team felt enriched and will carry the students and teachers from Piyali close at heart forever."

Photos for Story #1

2017KSPAstate_NewsPageDesignIndia1.jpg :: Owen Andersen, far left, Keller Haws, second from left, Ruth Beckmen, third from left, and Lauren Fieldhouse, third from right, pose with other volunteers during their trip to Piyali. Photo courtesy of Lauren Fieldhouse

2017KSPAstate_NewsPageDesignIndia2.jpg :: Sunflower High School senior Lauren Fieldhouse works with other volunteers in Piyali to create a game in a parking lot at the school. Photo courtesy of Lauren Fieldhouse

Story #2

By Harriet Gentry

A secret wife locked in the attic, a marriage between a wealthy lord and his ward's governess, and a mysterious red bedroom, haunted by the protagonist's dead uncle — these are some of the exciting scenes that will come to life in Sunflower High School's production of "Jane Eyre."

Based on the famous novel by Charlotte Brontë, "Jane Eyre" tells the story of an orphan girl who becomes a governess at Thornfield Hall, run by the mysterious Mr. Rochester. At Thornfield, Jane falls in love with Rochester. Soon the two become engaged, and on the day of their wedding, Jane discovers that Rochester is actually married.

Sophomore Josiah Billingsley plays Mr. Rochester, the master of Thornfield Hall.

"This is a great story of what love means, really," he said. "It breaks the age barrier, the society barrier — she's poor, he's high up — so it really shows how powerful love is. So if you want to see a good love story and a strong-willed and independent woman then come to this play."

The show is being directed by Sunflower High English teacher Jamie Benedict. According to Benedict, the students have been working on "Jane Eyre" since the beginning of February. The show is scheduled to open on April 8.

A self-professed "Jane Eyre" fan, sophomore Josie McPhail plays Rochester's ward, Adele, and the younger version of Jane while she lives with her aunt and goes to boarding school. Her older sister, senior Julia

McPhail, plays the titular character. While this is not the first time that the sisters have acted together, Josie said that it's been fun to play the younger version of Jane.

"We're so much alike already. When I'm playing young Jane, I try to look at Julia and see how she reacts, and put that [reaction] in my young Jane so people recognize they are similar in the way they react to things," Josie said.

Julia said that Jane has been a challenge to play. On one hand, Julia said that Jane stays true to who she is.

"She also knows her place and is respectful. She's reserved, but she also has spunk hidden deep down," Julia said. "She's a little challenging [to play] because I need to find a medium between the two. I've never played a character this challenging."

To try to get into Jane's head, Julia watched the 2011 movie starring Michael Fassbender and Mia Wasikowska. Similar to her sister, Julia also studied other characters such as young Jane and Mr. Rochester, including how he reacts to some of her lines.

"I tried to take aspects of young Jane and put her still into 18-year old Jane, and study those two characters together so that I can really get into that character," Julia said. "She changed, but she didn't change that much; she just matured."

Billingsley calls Rochester a puzzling man and character to play.

"His past is kind of disturbing. He was tricked into marrying his wife, and when he meets Jane he doesn't tell her about that," he said.

He added that there's also a major age difference between Jane and Rochester — around 20 years. Despite his faults, Billingsley believes that Rochester is a good man.

"He has the biggest lines — monologues," Billingsley said of the character. "He's so puzzling when he's talking. You don't know if he's serious or if he's grumpy or happy. He's got to be the best character though, I think."

Benedict said this year she looked for a drama production, following comedies in recent years such as Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest." The challenge was to find a play with multiple female roles and fewer male roles.

"One of my students suggested doing 'Jane Eyre,'" Benedict said. "So I looked into it and I found an adaptation that I thought would work."

In Sunflower High's version of the play, all of the actresses except Julia will

play two roles.

She added that it was a good challenge for the students to act in a drama versus a comedy. "I think it's different for them because they've done a lot of comedies in the past. So they really have to dig deep. It stretches their abilities, which is good because it makes them think."

There will be three performances of "Jane Eyre," including Friday, April 8, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, April 9, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, April 10, at 1 p.m. Tickets can be obtained for free at Sunflower High until April 6. Tickets can also be purchased at the door for \$2.

Photos for Story #2

2017KSPAstate_NewsPageDesignJane1.jpg :: Senior Terry Liberty walks through a forest of human trees during the dress performance of the musical 'Jane Eyre.' Terril starred as Jane Eyre in the production. Photo by Ted Braun

2017KSPAstate_NewsPageDesignJane2.jpg :: Senior Terry Liberty belts the final notes of her solo during the musical performance of "Jane Eyre." Photo by Ted Braun

2017KSPAstate_NewsPageDesignJane3.jpg :: Senior Terry Liberty, who played Jane Eyre, and senior Henry Ulterman, who played Edward Fairfax Rochester, stand together onstage before their kiss in "Jane Eyre." Photo by Ted Braun

2017KSPAstate_NewsPageDesignJane4.jpg :: Senior Katie O'Keefe, right, curls junior Wilma Nelson's hair before the "Jane Eyre" dress rehearsal April 1. Willnauer played the role of Mary Ingram in "Jane Eyre," Sunflower High School's fall musical. Photo by Ted Braun

2017KSPAstate_NewsPageDesignJane5.jpg :: Sophomore Danielle Carter was Young Jane in the musical "Jane Eyre." The show was Daugherty's first Sunflower High School production. Photo by Ted Braun

Promotion of story inside (Teaser)

2017KSPAstate_NewsPageDesignMath1.jpg :: Junior Carly Thomas works with chemistry teacher Sara Kimberling on her homework in the science hub. The science hub always has at least one science teacher present to help students when needed. Photo by Peter Barton Read about how the school won a grant to create the science hub in the Academics Section, on page 4.

SUBMISSION

The 2017 State Contest will again use Better Newspaper Contests (BNC), for submission.

- **On March 26**, the system opens for students to submit work.
- Digital submission entries will be due on **Wednesday, April 26 by 11 p.m. Central Time**. (This is a change from the previously published date on the KSPA calendar.)

SPECIFICATIONS

The design must be uploaded to the KSPA online submission system according to these specifications:

- The pages should be saved as a pdf of 25 MB or less.
- The page should be 17 inches tall and 11 inches wide (vertical). The designer can decide to bleed images off the page or maintain an external margin.
- When you submit your design, you will provide your name and school name but this information should not be contained in the design of the design itself.
- The design may be black & white or color.
- The design must be uploaded by **Wednesday, April 26 by 11 p.m. Central Time**.

Failure to follow these requirements will result in disqualification.