

Maycomb meets Thrall

Ketteman immerses freshmen readers in classic “To Kill A Mockingbird”

Confused drivers stared as they passed the large group of students sitting outside the abandoned Chevrolet dealership downtown.

To get a feeling for the small town setting of Harper Lee’s novel, Mrs. Hannah Ketteman’s English classes walked downtown to begin their reading.

“I think it’s really neat that Mrs. K gave us the opportunity to dive into the topic and compare our surroundings to Maycomb’s,” Claire Robinson said.

As part of her hands-on approach,

Ketteman also gave students bars of soap to carve like the character Boo Radley did and transformed her classroom into a courtroom where students acted out Tom Robinson’s trial.

Students were amused watching their classmates play the book’s characters.

“Trevor was a very good Mayella,” Emma Kramer said. “He did a dumb southern accent and wore a red apron.”

Her classes used a website called Post Secret to anonymously post prejudices and help them realize that the problems faced in

the book are still alive today.

“At first I thought that as time goes on prejudices would exist less, but it showed that they’re still here,” Emma said. “It opened up your eyes because if those prejudices are in a group of kids, it scares you to think what would be in a group of adults.”

Ketteman hopes the book helped students understand that things they say and do are important.

“It teaches them that it’s up to them to make a difference in people’s lives,” Ketteman said.



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giving back. Seniors donate plasma for NHS blooddrive

1. Watching the nurse intently, Tiffany Grumbles, 12th, endures her first donation experience. “I’m scared of needles so I was nervous,” Tiffany said. After the donation, she admitted it wasn’t as bad as she expected, and she will gladly do it again. 2. As the nurse preps her arm for the donation, Katie Miles, 12th, thinks ahead to the many lives she could save. “I like getting the phone calls that I helped so many people,” Katie said. If student’s blood or plasma donations are given to people in need, they receive a phone call thanking them for their donation. 3. Emily Price, 12th, angrily waits to be released by the nurses after attempting to give blood. “The inexperienced nurse kept questioning the blood drawing process, and he messed up and collapsed my vein,” Emily said. Even though her experience wasn’t the most pleasant, she plans to give blood again.

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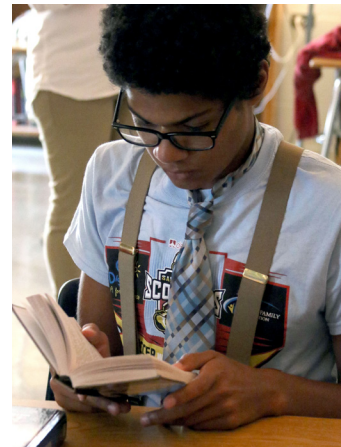
Out on the Town

To get a feel of the small town setting of "To Kill A Mockingbird", Claire Robinson, 9th, and her peers read along with Mrs. Ketteman at the old Krieg Brothers dealership in downtown Thrall. "Thrall is an old town, and so is Maycomb," Claire said. "They're both in the south so they have the same type of atmosphere." Mrs. Hannah Ketteman dressed as the main character, Scout Finch, to begin reading the book. *Photo by Markell Irvin*



Shaping Fiction

Landrie Waid, 9th, carves a heart into the bar of soap. "It helped me visualize the little boy and girl being carved into the soap," Landrie said. The carving helped students understand the difficulty that the character Boo Radley went through. *Photo by Shay Hill*



Outside the Book

Portraying defendant Tom Robinson, in a mock-trial, Dante Reed, 9th, follows along with the court case in the book. "It's more appealing to me when we do these activities and go outside," Dante said. *Photo by Shay Hill*

submerge.

5th Quarter offers post-game fellowship



Before knowing he was safe, Christopher Ontiveros, 6th, takes a dive headfirst into third base while playing water slide kickball at 5th Quarter following the Milano football game on Sept. 11. "It was fun because it was slippery and hard to do," Chris said. "I would rather go to 5th quarter than go home." Thrall First Baptist Church hosted the event after home football games for grades 6-12. *Photo by Lilly Chandler*



Hands-on Faith

As a first time prayer group leader, Markell Irvin, 12th, lets his nerves fade away as he begins to discuss the Lord's Prayer. "We broke it down into four sections, and then I explained what it actually meant," Markell said. See You at the Pole this year had a total of 180 participants.