



The Prowl

Chapman High School

Principal: Matt Davis

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Spartanburg District One to hold Rhythm of Joy Prom

The Rhythm of Joy Prom will be held at Swofford Career Center on March 28 from 5-7 p.m.

The event is a joint effort between Chapman and Landrum to provide a night of fun for students in District One with special needs.

Superintendent Mark Smith said the idea originated from his time in District Six.

"We had a similar event for our special needs population, and they called it the Razzle Dazzle Ball,"

he said. "I thought it was an amazing idea, but I wanted us to come up with our name."

The name came from the family of Avery West, a Chapman student who died in September. Not only was her middle name Joy, but she was known for sharing joy with everyone she encountered.

Freshman Jianna West, Avery West's sister, said she appreciates both how the dance was named and the dance in general.

"I think that it is a really sweet idea and a great way

for people attending to have a place where they can go and feel comfortable and just an overall good time," she said.

Chapman and Landrum student councils are decorating, Swofford culinary students are preparing food and cosmetology students will make sure everyone looks and feels their best.

The Cliffs at Glassy Outreach provided \$5,000, and Thomas & Sons Tuxedos is providing a generous discount on all suits.

The result of this

collaborative effort?

No student will have to pay to attend.

Student Council adviser Brittney Feagan said she thinks this prom will be a special night.

"I feel like it just gives them a day," she said. "We have Senior Night for gen-ed kids, and we have all of these things -- prom night, homecoming dance and things like that -- but we don't have anything special for the special ed department. I think this is one of those things that can be special for them."



Local pro wrestling organization provides explosive alternative to major promotions

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Pro wrestling fans don't need to shell out big money for WWE tickets when there's pro wrestling in Boiling Springs for only \$10.

Explosive Pro Wrestling, or EPW, is a professional wrestling company that is located in Boiling Springs at 112 Builders Ct.

One of the wrestlers in EPW is Luke Fury, who is from Boiling Springs and grew up with EPW.

"Wrestling for EPW is honestly one of the coolest things I do," he said. "I grew up in EPW. The first time I got in their ring I was two weeks old, so it all means a lot more to me than the average guy who works there."

Another wrestler who works in EPW is Fafo Mean. He says performing brings him happiness.

"It's really exciting walking into the ring with a bunch of adoring fans feels like home, and it brings me complete joy," Means said.

Fury believes EPW can be entertaining for a small-town community for a cheaper price tag.

"EPW and professional wrestling as a whole are very beneficial to small towns like Boiling Springs and Inman," he said. "Some folks aren't exactly able to afford a WWE or AEW event when they come to town. We offer affordable and entertaining professional wrestling for the whole community."

Means believes that EPW can bring a higher level of excitement to smaller towns.

"EPW is the best thing that has happened to these small towns," he said. "Everyone is always thrilled to be there."

Fury wants EPW to get involved with the Inman and Boiling Springs communities.



"In the future, I'd like to see EPW get more involved with the community with different things," he said.

"I would honestly just appreciate it for people to just give it a chance. It's one of the greatest forms of entertainment in the world, and it being in my hometown, it means so much more to me."

Means would like to see EPW expand beyond Boiling Springs.

"I would love to see EPW traveling in the future," Means said.

EPW runs from 8 p.m. to roughly 10 p.m. every Friday night. Concessions are available.

Senior plans a year in Croatia before college



photo courtesy of Fred Brown
Gwenvivere Brown (left) and Fred Brown (second from left) pose with family during a recent visit to Croatia.

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Most seniors take the traditional college route, usually going to a two or four-year college right after graduation.

Some, however, take a different approach to college.

Early graduate Gwenvivere Brown is heading to Croatia, a country in Southeastern Europe, this summer to spend a year connecting with family who live in the area.

Brown said they're excited for the opportunity.

"It will be a nice time to bond with family I don't really know that well," they said. "I can also connect with my culture since I'm taking Croatian lessons."

Brown hopes that time in Croatia will give them a chance to explore Europe.

"I'm going to have a lot more opportunities to travel," Brown said. "I'm also going to see if I can go to different countries like Germany and Spain."

Brown believes this decision is the right choice.

It also makes sense because visiting Europe for both academics and vacation is a family tradition.

After his own high school graduation, engineering teacher Fred Brown, Gwenvivere's father, spent a year in Belgium as an exchange student. His family hosted exchange students as well.

Since marrying his wife, Kristina, who he met in Croatia, Fred Brown and his family have visited the country, and other European countries, often.

"It's just been something that has always meant a lot to us, meeting new people and seeing new places," he said.

Chapman students observe Lenten season

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Lent, a Christian observance celebrated by many Christians throughout the world, began on March 5, Ash Wednesday.

The observance lasts 40 days, and the purpose is to prepare Christians for Easter.

Traditionally, Christians who observe Lent have

chosen something to give up for those 40 days as a way to honor Jesus' 40 days in the desert. In recent years, taking something on rather than giving something up has become more popular.

Some Chapman students are among the Christians observing Lent.

Junior Ryan Kate Smith is doing many things throughout this time: giving up meat, fasting every Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., doing

the daily rosary, reading the Bible and going to adoration and confession.

"I want to get closer (to God)," she said. "Jesus fasted 40 days in the wilderness. I can't do 40 days, but I can at least do 12 hours for 40 days."

Freshman Alisson Santiago-Coronel is giving up gossiping, swearing, unhealthy habits and unhealthy foods.

"To me, Lent means

making my promise to God since I'm using what he gave us in the world, instead of using the bad, unhealthy things," Santiago-Coronel said.

Senior Kadin Horton has chosen to give up putting heat on her naturally curly hair. For her, Lent evokes the thought that God provided and took his time creating everything carefully, so no one should try to drastically change or avoid that.