

# THE ENVIRONMENTAL ENQUIRER

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## THE CLOSING OF A CHAPTER

*By Luke Waugh (Grade 12)*

This moment is especially meaningful to me. April's newsletter marks the final edition of the 2024–2025 school year and the closing chapter of my high school journey. As I write these words, I find myself reflecting deeply on the countless meaningful learning experiences and, even more so, the many triumphs our club has celebrated along the way. Words cannot fully express the depth of my gratitude to the peers, faculty, staff, and



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community members who have poured their time, energy, and belief into our club's mission over the past two years. Your support has not only sustained us but also inspired us. Thank you for being part of this remarkable journey. As I prepare to pass the torch, I do so with great hope and confidence in the club's future. I trust that the next generation of leaders will continue to build upon this foundation, pursuing excellence with the same passion and purpose that have brought us this far. The best, I believe, is still ahead.

Mrs. Goss and her classroom on a nature trail



## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

*By Gabby Buckley (Grade 12)*

Our special staff spotlight this month shines on Mrs. Goss, a special 2nd-grade teacher over at the EPS. Her mission to create an environmentally friendly classroom started in Wisconsin at the beginning of her teaching career. She has successfully followed her career path, positively impacting hundreds of kids. Her class started collecting paper to recycle, and brought it out to the bins each week, with it eventually expanding to recycling cardboard, plastic, and aluminum, which is part of the district's regular trash collection. She also enjoys taking her students out on nature trails that were previously founded by former Superintendent James Rubush.

Her goal is to take advantage of the woods by the schools and to influence the children on the importance of going green. She recommends cutting back on the amount of stuff people buy to reduce waste and to educate the youth of America. She is eager to encourage the kids to continue working to make their world a better place, by preserving nature and the natural beauty of the world which stems from their childhood imagination and passion. Mrs. Goss's teaching on going green is a refreshing reminder to kids to take care of their world and take time to stop and enjoy its beauty.

## STUDENT INTERVIEW

*By: Hannah Clark (Grade 11)*

This month, I interviewed Kimmie Franklin, a senior at EHS. Franklin said, "One of my favorite things about environmental club is our mission to not only improve the environment at our school, but to educate people about environmental issues and how they can help. I also love the newsletters and the social media posts that bring awareness to the environment and our club."

"In college, I plan to help the environment by continuing to recycle and use sustainable things like a reusable water bottle. Also, I will always make an effort to pick up any trash I see on campus."



*Photo from Kimmie Franklin*



The Limestone Greenway in the southern part of Bloomington. Photo by: Chris Rall

## MONROE COUNTY NEWS

*By Chrislyn Miller (Grade 12)*

The city of Bloomington is undergoing a new plan to deal with climate change. The report was recently completed and adopted in April 2025. Julie Thomas, the President of the Board of Commissioners has said, “While the Environmental Commission made great strides in addressing issues related to climate change, with the Resiliency Commission, the focus can shift to specific, targeted actions which will benefit all of the residents of Monroe County.” The plans are put in place to address environmental issues, and the officials who are in the position to help are ready to tackle climate change. This update is significant, not only for Monroe County but for the state of Indiana as Monroe County is the first county of the state to take the step towards resilience plans. Though this may seem small, this is a huge step towards resolving climate change.

## STATE-WIDE NEWS

*By Meri Crowe (Grade 12)*

According to the Indiana Forest Alliance, the Buffalo Springs Restoration Project is “the largest and most destructive project in the history of the Hoosier National Forest.” This project would have severely damaged Indiana forests, logging 5,000 acres and burning more than 15,500 acres of public national forestland. Many Indiana residents are raising their voices to show concern. Thankfully, Governor Mike Braun is urging that the USFS withdraw this project and instead focus on completing the Hoosier National Forest Management Plan. This plan sets conditions on forest projects to ensure they are done in accordance with regulations and it determines the effects that it might have on the environment.



*Governor Braun*



*Photo of  
high school  
Earth Day  
marchers in  
Oakland  
California*



Photo by Michael Downs (Teacher Bishop O'Dowd High School)

## NATIONAL NEWS

*By Kylie Miller (Grade 10)*

Earth Day takes place on April 22nd every year, and there are many ways that people celebrate it in the United States alone. This year marks the 55th Earth Day celebrated and many people celebrate by acknowledging the earth and what it provides for them. There are marches to protest pollution and influence corporations to reduce their negative environmental impacts. On Earth Day, people from all walks of life stand together to try to save the earth before it is too late. One way you can help conserve the earth for the next generation is to be mindful of the materials you are using and make sure they are disposed of correctly. Happy Earth Day everyone!

## GLOBAL NEWS

*By Xander Frye & Addy Hash (Grade 12)*

Two major aviation companies, Evolito Limited (UK) and Flying Whales (France), are partnering to create an electric, heavy-cargo airship. The LCA60T airship is around 650ft long and can operate between roughly 1,000 ft and 10,000 ft in altitude. It will be able to move and drop off cargo without landing. The flexibility provided will hopefully transform disaster relief and significantly cut down the costs (40-50%) and emissions (0 direct emissions) of normal heavy-cargo transport. The companies hope they can transport machinery and help install renewable energy sources in places with poor infrastructure. The airship will take its first test flights in 2027, with full operation targeted in 2028.



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