

A FRESH VISION FOR SPRINGFIELD

BY: *Madison Moser*

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and Government is a club that simulates what it's actually like to be in Congress. This is the second year that Woodlawn has had a delegation. On December 7th, Woodlawn's delegation traveled to Belleville to attend "Pre-Leg II." Here the group presented in their respective bill groups. Woodlawn has four different bill groups: Lance Wenzel,

Joel Hayse, and Alex Beckham are representing the bill supporting drug testing for welfare. Jaid Burkett, Aumalie Murdock, and Lauren Harris are proposing a way to make college tuition free. Madison Moser, Chase Hollenkamp, and Payton Groennert are fighting to limit discrimination practices within adoption procedures. Last but not least, Rhett Ellis, Nikki Decker, and Reagan Webb are proposing rumble strips in the middle of the interstate.

At Pre-Leg, all Woodlawn bill groups are separated into different committees where they present their own bill and get to hear the bills of surrounding schools. During this procedure, the groups get to hear criticism and support. At the end of hearing the bills, the committee votes to pass or fail the bill, and then they vote to prioritize the bills. Everyone's goal is to get first priority. The Woodlawn delegation brought home some good priorities. Moser, Hollenkamp, and Groennert's bill received second priority. Wenzel, Hayse, and Beckham received third priority. The bill of Burkett, Murdock, and Harris earned fifth priority, and the group of Ellis, Decker, and Webb got sixth priority.

TOP TEN ARTISTS OF THE decade

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| 1. Beyonce | 5. Drake |
| 2. Kanye West | 6. Nicki Minaj |
| 3. Adele | 7. Lady Gaga |
| 4. Taylor Swift | 8. Katy Perry |
| | 9. Arcade Fire |
| | 10. Kendrick Lamar |

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DID U KNOW



CHASE HOLLENKAMP, BLAKE MCKAY, LANCE WENZEL, AND FELICITY MCKEE WERE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED AS ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS. CONGRATULATIONS!

Upcoming EVENTS

FEB. 5TH

Girls Basketball Senior Night

FEB. 14TH

12:00 Dismissal; Teacher In-Service

FEB. 17TH

No School; President's Day

FEB. 21ST

Boys Basketball & Cheer Senior Night

20 THINGS IN 20

BY: *Jaid Burkett*

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matter where you are in life, it is never a bad idea to look for ways you can improve your life. As the New Year has quickly come upon us, the time for improvement has never been better. In 2020, you can

take the initiative to apply a few of the items on this list to your life for its betterment. You may be surprised at the changes that ensue.

1. It is better to be honest upfront, rather than to lie and apologize later
2. You are in control of your happiness
3. The security you need in your life can only come from you
4. Accept responsibility for your behavior
5. The world is constantly changing and we have to be willing to change along with it
6. Look for a challenge rather than immediate relief
7. Our lifetime offers us unlimited opportunities for spiritual growth
8. We hold the key to peace within ourselves
9. Don't ignore your emotions, but realize feelings aren't facts
10. Sometimes it takes getting away from things to see it for what it really is
11. Embrace other points of view
12. Stop answering calls you don't want to answer
13. Give compliments to those you feel truly deserve them
14. Stop dedicating yourself to changes that you are only making to satisfy others
15. Don't count calories, just eat until you feel better mentally or physically ill
16. Unfollow people that you don't know on social media
17. Don't spend time with people who hold you back
18. Alone time is good
19. Learn to forgive yourself
20. Treat yourself to the thing you have been wanting

